

McAllister Messenger

October 2022

A Word from Your Pastor ~ Changing Seasons

Fall is here! Last week, we welcomed the official beginning of autumn on September 21. Then, this past week, we woke up to cooler temperatures that are a sign of the season. It is now sweatshirt weather. Soon, we will be enjoying all of the other telltale signs of the season, including the changing of the leaves to their brilliant fall colors.

As the season changes, it is a good time to remember the seasons that come and go in our lives. No period in our lives last forever. Just as summer always gives way to fall, and then fall to winter, one period in our lives always gives way to the next.

Children grow up and move out of the house. A job comes to an end, and a new one begins. Retirement arrives. Loved ones pass. It seems that we are always in the midst of one sort of transition or another.

These changes can be difficult. Sometimes, it's hard to let go of one season of our life and to welcome the next one. Other changes, however, are welcome. We look forward to some of the transitions that a new season brings.

As we deal with change, one thing that remains constant is the presence of God. We are told in Hebrews 13:8 that "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever." No matter what season we might find ourselves in, we can always turn to Christ for comfort, guidance, and hope. We can always rely on the wisdom of Scripture.

So as we pull on our sweatshirts and admire the changing colors of the new season, let us give thanks for the abiding presence of our Lord. ~Jim

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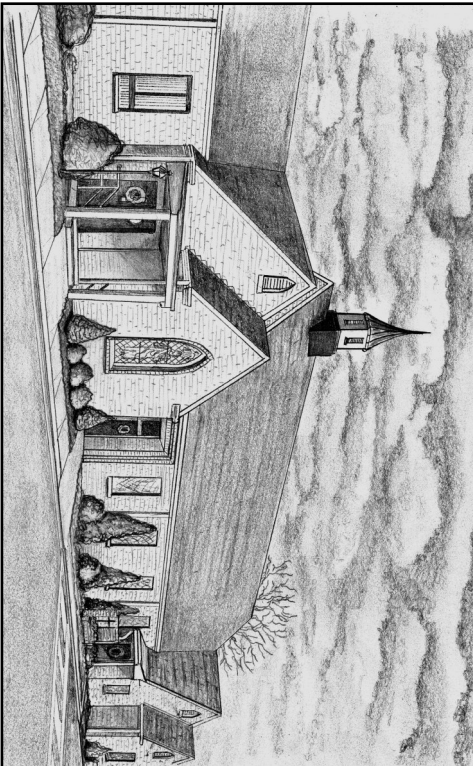
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Happy Autumn To:



BULK RATE
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Covington, VA
Permit No. 67
Non-Profit Organization





- 1 Gail Wood, Harry Tingler
- 4 Gary Rice
- 10 Danielle Conner
- 11 Heather Young Johnson
- 12 Olivia Sponaugle
- 13 Danny Rodgers
- 15 Makenzie Shifflett
- 17 Chris Rice, James Bush, Jr.,
Sabrina Yox
- 20 Rhoda Hill
- 21 Samuel Poague
- 28 Diane Barksdale, John Bush,
Lisa Sponaugle
- 29 Dolly Whitehead
- 30 Gail Washburn
- 31 Charles "Woody" Whitmer



- 1 Van & Brenda Walker
- 3 George & Cindee Stinnett
- 6 Shane & Missy Reid
- 8 Danny & Debbie Rodgers
- 10 Mark & Shirley Thompson
- 11 Gene & Gail Wood
- 12 Stacey & Amy Bishop
- 16 Stacy & Kelly Patterson
- 17 Howard & Pam Poague
- 25 Howard & Lora Thompson

Notes From Pastor Jim

- * Because of the impending tropical storm weather, the church picnic scheduled for October 2 was canceled. We plan to reschedule it as an indoor fellowship meal later in the fall.
- * There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 9th, immediately following worship in order to elect the nominating committee for 2022-23. This committee will come up with a slate of nominees for elder that the congregation will vote on.
- * The children of the church will be having their annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 23rd from 5:00-6:00pm. Join us for games, snacks, and a costume contest.
- * Sunday, October 30 is Reformation Sunday. We will be worshipping with other area Presbyterian Churches at Clifton Forge Presbyterian Church at 11:00am. There will be no worship service at McAllister that morning. We will have Sunday school and then carpool over to Clifton Forge for the combined worship service.

Boys Home FALL WISH LIST:

- *bath towels, twin-size sheet sets & bedspreads
- *NEW bed pillows
- *tissues, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes
- *dress socks (tan & navy)

If you would like to donate, please drop them in the front church office. If the door is locked, simply leave in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall on the couch with a note designating the donation is for Boys Home. Thank you in advance.

***Always know that we sincerely regret any error or omission in this publication. Please contact our office at 540-962-2675 with any corrections or updates. Please leave a message if necessary as voicemail is checked several times per week. Thank you for your patience.

Prayer Concerns:

Paul Linkenhoker	Linda Caldwell	Erin & Levi Bartley
Yvonne Hall	James Crawford	Joyce Emerson
Mike Paitsel	Evelyn Crowder	Vance & Kathy Gibson
Pat & Joe Martin	Evan Groves	Donna Gilbert Gill (TX)
Shirley Wickline	Brenda Linkenhoker	Samuel Hale
Terry Ayers	Rhonda Mayberry	Jennifer Hannah & family
Leta Bartley	Milton McGrady	Bryce Hicks
Larry Wickline	Cindy Morgan	Linda & Jackie Keyser
Great Britian	Rev/Mrs Dennis Nicely, Sr.	JoAnn Land
The Royal Family	Shelby Rock	Margie Leavine
9-11 families & friends	Jennifer Schaffer	Colton Poague
AHS Students & Staff	Mindy Selleck	Margie & Buddy Young
Carter Wickline Family	Grayson Siers	Donovan Beirne Family
	Leeanna Tyler	Harvey Dobbins Family

*Elected, Appointed
Officials
United States & Our
Troops
Ukraine & Russia
Taiwan & China
Non-Believers
Students/Teachers/WRE
Flood/Hurricane Victims*



MILITARY— Kristopher Hoffman, Colton Poague, Chris Whitehead

MISSIONARIES— Tom & Judy Harvey, Kurt Esslinger/Hyeyoung Lee

BRIAN CENTER— Louise Humphries, Bill Lockhart, David Lynn

SCOTT HILL— Phyllis Lynn, Sara Mays

SPRINGS NURSING CENTER— Andy Howell

TOCKWOTTON (R.I.) -Shelby Rock KERRINGTON PLACE-Larry Whitmer

SHUT-IN—Joyce Bartley, Jean Broughman, Etha Hayslett, Bonnie Patterson, Martha Wilhelm

CONSTANT NEED—Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, Bob & Leta Bartley, Gary Bartley, Linda Bogar, Matt Bowser, Harry & Jean Casey, Luke Crawford, Patty Crosier, Leslie Downer, Betty Gibson, Evan Groves, Barbara Flint, Derwood Garrett, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Lori Issacs, Wendell & Judy Jones, Donald Kelley (missing) & family, Pearl Miller, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Travis O'Rourke, Patsy Parker, Denise Pillow, Ethan Thompson, Buddy Vass, Larry Whitmer, Shirley Wickline, Dot Wimer, Joey Wimer, Linda P. Wolfe, Buddy Young

DEATHS

Donovan Beirne	James Hamm	Sharon Ferguson	Edgar Gaines
Sybil Hoover	Debbie Hiner	Jake Harless	Marilyn Huntley
Tracey Leach	Paul Jamison	Alma Watts	Ruth "Lou" Nicely
Richard Mathieu	Julia Mahaney	Robert Wykle	Loren Reese Chaplin
Ellen McCoy	Freddie May, Sr.	Roddie Black	Mary Jane Cronise
C. "Ray" Sprinkle	Ralph May, Sr.	Ann Deligt	Connie Harris
Betty Jean Tolley	Roy Sheppard, Sr.	John Dobbins, Jr.	Dottie Nicely
R. "Bob" Weikle	Leatha Stewart	Sue Ergenbright	Brandon Powell
Julia C.R. Bradley	Queen Elizabeth, II	Rev./Dr. James Glover	Scott Ross
Andrew Conner	Sue "Tootsie" Byers	Ellen Hayslett	
Gerald Griffith	Mollie Clark	Ronnie Huffman	

We apologize for accidentally omitting Circle #2 from our newsletter update last month. Thank you to Dorothy Wimer for bringing it to our attention and submitting this informative note for us.

“Circle #2” (Betty Gibson—moderator) has not been able to meet for various reasons over the past couple of years. Despite, it has continued a “Greeting Card ministry”.

Since January 2013 to present, we have mailed TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED, EIGHTY-TWO (2,482) cards with 1,533 of those being addressed and mailed by Travis O'Rourke. When I spoke with Travis recently, she mentioned having a sore hand— possibly “writer's cramp”??

Many people have expressed their appreciation and look forward to the monthly greeting. One recipient has kept each card they have received over the years.

Members of Circle #2 include Betty Gibson, Pam Key, Margie Young, Jean Bartley, Travis O'Rourke, Kathleen Loan and myself.

Special thanks to Betty Gibson (who had funds left over from when we were still meeting as a circle), Travis O'Rourke and Kathleen Loan for their financial support as well as others who have donated cards.

Recently, after mailing the monthly cards, our funds were depleted. A check came in the mail from one member and Marlene Faidley appeared at the door with cash from another. God is good all the time! ~ Dot Wimer



Join us on...

World Communion Sunday: October 2, 2022

Average September Sunday Worship Attendance: 61



McALLISTER CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP:

Saturday, October 15th @ 9am

~volunteers appreciated~



Memorials & Gifts

In memory of Patricia Whitmer:

Marshall & Donna Fox
Dot Wimer
Howard & Pam Poague
Andy & Beth Dreszer
Joe & Pat Martin

In memory of Susan T. Kennedy & “Jan” T. Armentrout:

Howard & Pam Poague

Our church family was saddened to learn of the passing of James Ray Hamm (Abilene, TX). His wife, Iris “June” Walthall Hamm, was raised in McAllister Church and often watches our livestream broadcast on Sundays. June always has the fondest remarks about her upbringing here. She is a surviving sibling of Wynona Walthall Hawkins Crush, member (deceased 2019). June Hamm’s address is:

**1018 Wolfe Road
Abilene, TX 79602**

Sympathy

McAllister Church extends sympathy and prayer to the family of:

Scott Ross ~ cousin of Debbie Rodgers
James Ray Hamm (Abilene, TX) - husband of June Walthall Hamm

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and continued monetary donations toward the Alleghany Highlands Weekday Religious program. This program is supported solely by donations and serves approximately 600 children annually in grades 2-5 in all of Alleghany County. We appreciate your continued support of the WRE program. ~Weekday Religious Council

Thank you all for the phone calls, cards, visits, as well as the goodies from Steve Craft and Buzzy Riley following my knee replacement surgery. We are blessed to have our McAllister Church family. God Bless You. ~Marshall Fox



*"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."
2 Timothy 4:2*



We remember the minister who raised us, the pastor who administered our wedding vows, the priest, pastor, or rector who oversaw the interment of our loved ones. They are part of our lives and hearts.

We have been blessed at McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church with a long line of teachers and servants of God. In this historic line of ministry we celebrate the Reverend James Edward Moss who came to lead this congregation in August of 2019. The Moss family joined us just before the beginning of an extraordinarily difficult time in America. Pastor Jim has proven to be "strong in the Lord." By the second week of the Covid pandemic he was livestreaming from his phone and finding new ways to connect with a church body with whom he had burgeoning, but little personal connection. He was persistent and proves to be consistent. He brings his very, very best in weekly sermons, Adult Bible Study, and commitment to any church activity. He leads us in our faith, encourages us to be better human beings, and enlightens our interpretation of God's word.

We are blessed to have the Moss family with us. Please thank God, every day, truly—every day—for Pastor Jim and Miss Margaret and pray for their growing sons, Benjamin and Samuel.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

12 Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.

13 Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. (NLT)

We are a church built on a rock. Pastor Jim lives on that rock and each week he gives us the opportunity to live there with him. Thank you, Reverend James Edward Moss.



to Adalynn Johnson who won 2 awards, **1st PLACE & GRAND CHAMPION**, showing two steers at the WV State Fair in August! Adalynn is a second grader at Callaghan Elementary. She is the daughter of Heather & Chris Johnson, granddaughter of Bridgett & Mike Young and the great-granddaughter of Margie & Buddy Young. Way to go, Adalynn!!



Our secretary, April Rowland, will be on VACATION Friday, Oct. 14 & Wed/Th/Fri, Oct 19, 20, 21.

She will be in on Saturday evening (Oct.22) to complete the Sunday bulletin. ✓

Shelby Rock Address Update:
c/o Tockwotton on the Waterfront
500 Waterfront Drive—Room 223
East Providence, RI 02914

Gay Nell Parker Address Update:
2147 Harding Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Samuel Hale:
3106 Kanawha Trail
Covington, VA 24426



Larry Whitmer (temporary):
c/o Carrington Place
290 Commons Pkwy
Daleville, VA 24083