

# McAllister Messenger

January 2023

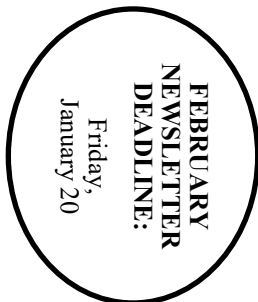
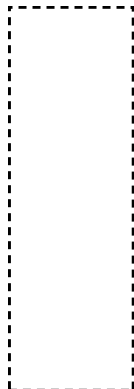
## A Word From Your Pastor— The Ten Resolutions

A new year has arrived and we are making our resolutions. Let's make a list of new year's resolutions that are based on the Ten Commandments. In order to do that, we will have to reframe most of them from the negative to the positive. (For example, "do not kill" becomes "preserve life." Here is what this list of "The Ten Resolutions" looks like.

10. ("Do not covet") We resolve to respect one another's property and to be happy with what we have.
9. ("Do not bear false witness") We resolve not to lie and to tell the truth in all situations.
8. ("Do not steal") We resolve to respect one another's property and to give generously from what we have.
7. ("Do not commit adultery") We resolve to be faithful in all relationships.
6. ("Do not kill") We resolve to respect life and to work to preserve life in as many ways as we can.
5. ("Honor your father and mother") We resolve to respect all of our elders and to value the wisdom and the faith of those who have gone before us.
4. ("Remember the Sabbath Day") We resolve to take time for holy rest, time to honor God and refresh ourselves for service in God's name.
3. ("Do not take the Lord's name in vain") We resolve to use our speech for praising God and for the building up of other people.
2. ("Do not make idols") We resolve to use our work to honor God. Everything we do will be done for the sake of God's glory.
1. ("You shall have no other gods before me") We resolve to worship the one true God and to do everything we do for the sake of God's glory.

You can see how the making of these Ten Resolutions makes a pattern, with certain themes weaving in and out of them. If we can commit ourselves to following these resolutions, we will be off to a great start in 2023. Have a blessed new year!

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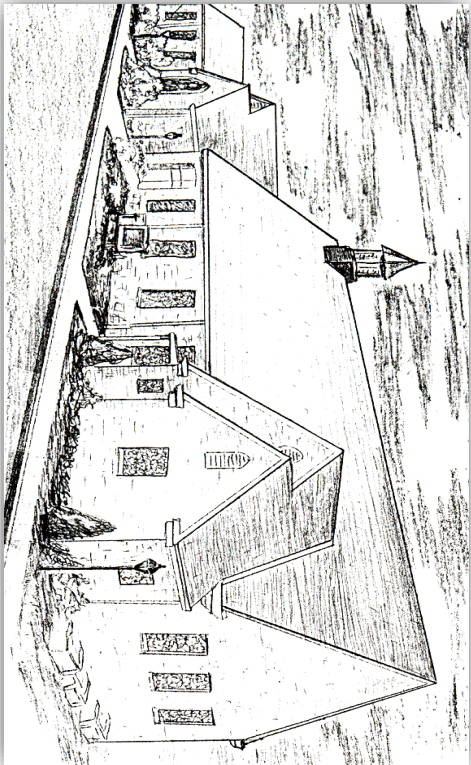
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### Presbyterian Women:

Circle #3 ~ January 10th ~ 5:30 (church)

Circle #4 ~ January 11th ~ 12:30 (church)

### **NEXT SESSION MEETING\*:**

**Sunday, January 15, 2023: after worship**

(\*installation of newest elders, Class of 2025)

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready in the church Fellowship Hall (located behind the Sunday School podium on the pew bench). If you have not done so already, please feel free to pick them up during office hours, after meetings/worship, or call the office to make other arrangements. Thank you.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** needs volunteers beginning the week of Monday, January 30th into February. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Marshall or Donna Fox @ 540-962-3889. Also, **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!** to the volunteers that delivered meals for 2022. The League of Older Americans appreciates Ed Gibson, Harry Casey, Larry & Gail Washburn, Bob & Leta Bartley, Marshall & Donna Fox, Jim and Marlene Faidley, Bucky & Doris Mottern, and Debbie Mottern Bennett.

*Dear McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the 2022 Highlands Christmas Mother program. We could not serve our community at Christmas nearly as well without the help of good friends and supporters like you.*

*You have "Become That Someone" to the local families in need this Christmas, having helped provide them with gifts and food that they might have a loving and memorable Christmas day.*

*May God bless you and your family with love.*

*With much gratitude,*

*Mary Asma  
2022 Highlands Christmas Mother*

# JANUARY IS ALSO...



*Happy "77th" Birthday, Dolly!*



## Notes From Pastor Jim

There are several special days on the church calendar in early January:

**\*January 6** is Epiphany, the day when we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem to worship the newborn Christ. This day is the official end of the Christmas season.

**\*January 8** is “Baptism of the Lord” Sunday. This is the day we remember the time when Jesus went out to the Jordan River and was baptized by John the Baptist. We will be celebrating Communion this year on “Baptism of the Lord” Sunday.

**\*January 15** is the day we ordain and install our new elders. We will welcome a new class of elders to the Session this day and will have a special ceremony to recognize them during worship.

\*A reminder that we have “**Children’s Church**” offered each Sunday during worship. The children go down stairs after the children’s sermon for a snack and a Bible lesson. Children’s Church is intended for those children who are too old for the nursery but have not yet reached the first grade.

\*We hope to have a **Confirmation Class** this spring. If you child or grandchild is in the sixth grade or above and has not yet been Confirmed, please let me know. The Confirmation Class looks at the beliefs and the traditions that make up our church faith, as well as what it means to be a church member.

## January BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Devin Tucker  
Becky Redman
- 4 Byron Faidley
- 5 Joyce Bartley
- 7 Brandon Rowan
- 9 Patsy Parker  
Deborah Rodgers  
Kinley Uzzell
- 10 Andrew Hill
- 13 Danny Hill  
Terry Thompson
- 14 Buddy Young  
Susan Givens
- 16 Tracie Wegman  
Kassie Young  
**Rev. Jim Moss “50”**
- 19 Buzzy Riley
- 20 Terri Carper  
Leslie Downer  
Grady Haynes  
Gates Haynes
- 23 Shirley Thompson
- 26 Tamara Hill  
Evelyn Scruggs-Amos
- 28 Jean Bartley  
Carol Bush
- 31 Gavin Haynes

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Wayne & Diane Barksdale
- 14 Chuck & Jean Bartley
- 23 Tyson & Tara Uzzell
- 24 Bob & Leta Bartley



## IN THIS NEW YEAR 2023:

### Live in Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

### Praise God – 1 Peter 1:3

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

### Be New – Ephesians 4:22-24

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

### Give Control To God – Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

### Live For The Moment – James 4:13-15

“Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

### Allow Growth – Hebrews 12:10-11

“They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”





# FLOWERS & GIFTS

## Given in Memory...Honor



### Poinsettias in Memory:

*Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Landis, Sr.*

by Clyde Landis, Jr.

*Jack, Helen, Jesse, Brian, Richard, Jonathan,  
Wallace O'Connor;*

*Ashley Hepler; Bobby Wilhelm; Trucky Lemon*  
by Their Family

*Virgil & Nita Bartley; Jack & Ethel Downer*

by Rick, Alan, & Marc Downer & Families

*Percy & Beulah Newcomb; Raymond & Alene  
Rice; George & Joy Noel*

by Bobby Rice Family, Nick Noel Family,  
Barbara Noel

*Nita & Virgil Bartley; Richard Akers*

by Chuck & Jean Bartley & Family

*Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Hayslett, Sr.*

by The Hayslett Family

*Annie & Harry Stinespring; Teresa Powell*

by June Anne Cooke

*Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Mary Back; Mr. & Mrs.*

*Walter H. Walker*

by Van & Brenda Walker

*Virgil & Nita Bartley; Jack & Ethel Downer*

by Richard & Priscilla Downer

*Family Members* by Marshall & Donna Fox

*Berkley Key; Gil & Loressa Poague*

by Pam Key

*Bonnie Rice*

by Gary Rice & Family

*Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Poague;*

*Mr. & Mrs. Homer S. Welcher; Tallie Miller;*

*Doris Ann Miller; Libby Riley;*

*Peggy Redmon*

by Lee Ann Poague

*Mr. & Mrs. Powell M. Leitch, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs.*

*Richard J. Dreszer;*

*Frances & Burdette Rupert*

by Andrew & Elizabeth Dreszer

*Earl "Trucky" Lemon*

by Carole Lemon

*Teresa*

by Joe & Pat, Craig & Leslie, and Joey

*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Elizabeth &*

*Pete Necolau; Nancy & Carl Nicely*

by Maria P. Necolau

*Theo & Ruby Craft; Roscoe Craft;*

*Curtis Craft*

by Donna, Jeremiah, Lauren & Cheston Walker

*Libby and Lucas Riley*

by Paul Riley Family

*Dr. Matthew H. Menefee, Jr.*

by Pearl Miller & Family

*Past Members*

by Larry & Gail Washburn

*Lang Gilbert*

by Wanda Gilbert & Family (wife & children)

*Bill & Janet Gurd;*

*Matthew W. Rodgers*

by Danny, Debbie, David, Shannon,

Hayden & Mason Rodgers

deadheaded? I wonder if they're drought tolerant? Deer resistant? (In the last decade spent gardening out Potts Creek, I've learned that the answer to that one is pretty much always a resounding 'No!'). By the time I get around to placing an order, I've usually considered whether I'm actually likely to start hundreds of tiny seeds indoors weeks before the planting season begins. At that point, I'm usually back to a few packets of my old standards, which if you've ever grown them, you know why they're old standards. Prolific annuals like cosmos, zinnias, and marigolds and hearty, stalwart perennials like peony, coneflower, and rudbeckia are productive and varied enough to keep a gardener's vases full all summer long with ample for sharing.

I've always loved peonies and remember them fondly from mom's cutting garden when I was a child, but In recent years I've become absolutely enamored with them. Thankfully, Andy, my chief engineer of digging, also loves them and was nonplussed early this fall when I told him that I'd ordered another seven varieties. With recent purchases, I've made an effort to choose peonies with strong stems and varied bloom times so that we can enjoy their flamboyant, fragrant flowers in the garden and on the table even longer. Paired with the ones we dug from mom's garden and some which have been recommended by gardening acquaintances, we now host quite a collection. Which brings me back to the purpose of winter. I was reading in one of my gardening magazines just this afternoon that one shouldn't "overprotect" some plants in the winter garden, such as peonies and spring blooming bulbs like daffodils and tulips. They need the cold to force them into dormancy so that they can build up strength to bloom vibrantly in the spring. So this winter, I'm choosing to "think" like a daffodil. I intend to allow myself a little time of dormancy so that I might awaken stronger and more vibrant in the spring. Who knows? Maybe I'll be even more colorful come April! I'll let you know how it goes . . . I hope that you, too, might find some respite and time for regrowth and restoration in the quiet and chill of the coming months. Happy 2023!

~Beth

## Musical Minute:



By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox the Alleghany Highlands is forecast to be at normal or even above normal temperatures for this time of the year. Daytime temperatures in the 50s will be a far cry from what we experienced over the Christmas holiday just days ago. It was so cold McAllister's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were canceled out of concern for the safety and health of our congregants. The bitterly cold temperatures and biting wind were unpleasant at best and at worst, deadly for many across the country. Looking out the window at the gray, sleeping landscape over those days I found myself considering winter—its purpose, its effects—and what we can learn from it. I've always loved the winter season and find it to be a restorative time of reflection and even growth. I can hold this opinion in large part because I am blessed to spend winter in a toasty, warm home. Still, after the hustle of summer and fall and the increased activity of the holidays, January's imminent, inevitable approach always feels like sinking into a cozy, favorite chair after a tiring long walk on a windy day.

The end of December brings some respite from the seemingly never ending delivery of catalogs urging us to buy things for ourselves or others that we may not even need. Get free shipping on \$99.00, buy three tops—get one free, order before December 23 for delivery by Christmas Day! Buy, buy, buy! As December winds down, the catalog contents of the mailbox transition from Christmas merchandise and must-buy gifts to something truly valuable—seed and plant catalogs! In that respect, winter is the time to plan and scheme. Andy can tell you that when it comes to seed catalogs, my winter garden dreams are always more ambitious than the time I'm willing to spend tending the garden when the temperature and humidity soar. The colorful garden catalogs that arrive in deepest winter are always dogeared as I swoon over new plant introductions and admire tried and true garden classics. "Look at those unique cosmos! Who knew zinnias came in that color?! I've never grown those before. Do they need to be

## Poinsettias in Honor:

*Maria Necolau* by Callie & Kinley Uzzell

*Richard & Priscilla Downer*  
by Rick, Alan, & Marc Downer Families

*Our Children, Grandchildren &  
Great Grandchildren*  
by Jean & Harry Casey

*Beth & Andy Dreszer*  
by Chuck Bartley Family

*Paul "Buzzy" Riley; April Rowland*  
by Andrew & Elizabeth Dreszer

*Callie Uzzell and Kinley Uzzell;  
Margaret Griffith*  
by Maria Necolau

*Becky & Doris Mottern*  
by daughters Debbie, Cindy, and Amy

## Monetary Gifts In Memory Of:

*Gerald W. Gibson, Sr. & Stacey N. Gibson*  
by Betty Gibson & Family

*Norwood, Dana and Barry Tingler*  
by Dianne Tingler Mahan

*Arnold Hostetter, Jr.* by Bob & Vicki Gerow

*Family & Friends*  
by Bob & Leta Bartley & Family

*Kitty Carson, Teresa Powell, Ruby Stull,  
Lang Gilbert, Travis O'Rourke*  
by Diane Tingler Mahan

*Ray Hamm*  
By Richard & Bonnie Blum

*L. Wallace and Elsie Miller*  
By Shirley Graham and sons

## Christmas Cheer Contributions:

*Van Walker*  
*Diane Tingler Mahan*  
*Joe & Pat Martin*  
*Richard Lee Memorial Fund*

*Frank & Susan Sponaugle*  
*Gary Rice*

*Gary & Diane Walker*  
*Howard & Pam Poague*  
*Danny & Rhoda Hill*  
*Richard & Priscilla Downer*  
*Paul Riley*

*Debbie & Danny Rodgers*  
*Gus & Becky Hayslett*  
*Lee Ann Poague*

*Marshall & Donna Fox*  
*Harry & Jean Casey*  
*Anita & Bobby Rice*  
*Clyde Landis, Jr.*

*Dorothy Wimer*  
*Beth & Andy Dreszer*  
*Cindee & George Stinnett*  
*Jerry & Lynn Whitehead*

*Bob & Leta Bartley*  
*Chuck & Jean Bartley*  
*James & Amy Hoover*  
*Shirley Graham*

*Buddy & Margie Young*  
*Lee & Lelia Fadley*  
*Gina Tingler Family*  
*Amanda Webb Family*

*Paula Stull (in memory of Harvey &  
Ruby Stull)*

Sympathy

Memorials & Gifts

Keeping in Touch

McAllister Church extends sympathy and prayer to the families of:

**Etha Hayslett, 103** — *member, mother of Gus Hayslett*

**Gay Nell Parker** — *member, mother of Molly Parker*

In memory of **Elmer & Charlotte Keyser** by:

*~The Keyser Family*

In memory of **Gladys & Olen Bennett** by:

*~Camilla Bennett Cabaniss*

In honor of **Harry & Jean Casey (for COPE)** by:

*~Elizabeth Casey*

*~Rick Casey*

In memory of **Etha Hayslett** by:

*~Chuck & Jean Bartley, Dorothy Wimer, Larry & Gail Washburn, Vera Bostic, Frank & Susan Sponaugle, Ms. Alice Shawver, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Marshall & Donna Fox, Michael & Mary Ellen Taylor*

For COPE Food Pantry: In memory of **Etha Hayslett** by:

*~Paul Riley, Jim & Marlene Faidley, Howard & Pam Poague*

*I hope everyone is doing great this year. I've been in Rhode Island for almost a year now, arriving the first of March (2022). I get to see my daughter, Carrie, almost everyday. I even go to visit her family, three cats, and dog. I am doing well at Tockwotton. The food is excellent. I enjoy most of the activities, especially when I get the opportunity to take part in the chorus activities. I do miss seeing my VA friends, but enjoy your calls and cards.*

*This summer I fell and fractured my femur, requiring surgery. I also had my pain pump replaced. To top it all off, I had some issues with my stomach producing too much acid, causing my intestines to be covered in ulcers. After weeks in the hospital and rehab I was able to go back to The Courtyard Memory Care at Tockwotton. I've made a lot of new friends here. It is nice to sit in my big chair and wave to my friends as they walk by or stop and chat.*

*I would love to hear from you. My phone number is 401-383-6520. My address is Tockwotton—500 Waterfront, Room 223 East Providence, RI 02914.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you all.*

*~Shelby Rock*

## Prayers

Pooh Jeter  
Gay Nell Parker Family  
Kenzley Hilton  
Jean Bartley  
Joyce Bartley  
Anita Boone  
Bo Gann  
Evan Groves  
Susie Hall  
Rosemary Keaton

Pam Key  
Jason Lawrence  
Virginia Montgomery  
Holly Nichols  
Jo Ann Noel  
Penny Stone  
Travelers  
Etha Hayslett Family  
David Brown  
Jerry Burks  
Elwood Cadd  
Robert Campbell  
Ruth Caul

Joyce Clark  
Ruth F. Fleming  
George Jefferson  
Marsha Lipscomb  
Patty Nicely  
Buzzy Riley  
Maryemma Shifflett  
Becky Simpson  
Travis Smith  
Tenny Stone  
Heather Williams  
Margie Young  
Jim Faidley

Temple Kessinger  
Charlotte Smith  
Pam Poague  
Shirley Wickline  
Joey Wimer  
Frankie Riley Family

*Non-Believers  
Our Nation  
Our Troops  
Government Officials  
Ukraine & Russia*

## Deaths

Bea Cash  
Rachel Cash  
Joe Grimm, Sr.  
Janice Johnson  
Wayland Laudermilk  
Gay Nell Parker  
Nancy T. Sams  
Darren F. Scott

Scharlotte Gibson  
Etha Hayslett  
Frank Hepler  
Jim Laughlin  
Kathleen O'Conner  
Lanier A. Pegram, Jr.  
Dot Simmons  
K. "Dondi" Smith  
Thomas Staton  
Paul Terry, Jr.  
C. "Gut" Twitty, III  
Ronald Waddell  
Marlene Wolfe

Glenn Cauley  
Lawanda Fitzgerald  
Glenna Hefner  
F. Margaret Nicely  
Jonathan Noel  
Shirley Ann Riley  
Emma "Trudy" Wright

Louise Crawford  
Monte Curtis, Sr.  
"C.J." Fridley, Jr.  
Ann Griffith  
Gary Grimes  
Nellie Gwin  
Shirley Morter  
James Kincaid, Jr.  
Paul Lacy  
Faye Landis  
Dennis Persinger  
Patsy Peters  
S. "Frankie" Riley, III  
Lloyd Smith, Jr.  
Donald Wilson



MILITARY - Kristopher Hoffman, Colton Poague, Chris Whitehead

MISSIONARIES - Tom & Judy Harvey, Kurt Esslinger, Hyeyoung Lee

BRIAN CENTER- Louise Humphries, David Lynn, Kara N. Asboth, Linda Ratliff

Anita Boone

SCOTT HILL - Phyllis Lynn, Sarah Mays, Mary Whitehead

SPRINGS NURSING - Andy Howell

TOCKWOTTEN (R.I.) - Shelby Rock

SHUT-IN - Joyce Bartley, Jean Broughman

CONSTANT NEED - Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, Bob & Leta Bartley, Gary Bartley, Linda Bogar, Harry & Jean Casey, Luke Crawford, Leslie Downer, Betty Gibson, Evan Groves, Barbara Flint, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Lori Isaacs, Wendell & Judy Jones, Pearl Miller, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Patsy Parker, Bonnie Patterson, Denise Pillow, Ethan Thompson, Buddy Vass, Shirley Wickline, Dorothy Wimer, Linda P. Wolfe, Buddy Young, Donald Kelley (missing)