

McAllister Messenger

October 2024

A Word From Your Pastor ~ “My Favorite Hymns”

Reformation Sunday is coming up on October 27. This is a day when we celebrate our heritage as churches of the Reformation, of the time when leaders like Martin Luther and John Calvin broke away from the Roman Catholic Church and formed new denominations.

As part of our Reformation Day celebration, we will be having a hymn sing. Here are three of my favorite hymns which I hope we get to sing:

1) No. 262 Holy, Holy, Holy. This was a childhood favorite of mine. I have always loved the powerful chord structure and melody. The words are pretty impressive, too, as it outlines the three persons of the Trinity. I especially love the words of the fourth verse: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.” It is always exciting to hear a congregation soar to the high notes as it belts out this line.

2) No. 374 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go. This is a slower, more subdued hymn. The beauty of it is subtle, as it outlines the many ways that we receive God’s love. I especially like the third verse: “O Joy that seekest me thru pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.” The striking image of the rainbow emerging from the rainstorm brings me comfort and joy every time I sing it.

3) No. 1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. One can see why the makers of our hymnbook decided to put this hymn first. Set to the tune of Beethoven’s famous “Ode to Joy,” this powerful hymn soars with lyrics about the glory of grandeur of our Lord. I especially like the way the final verse closes: “Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.” When sung to begin a worship service, one cannot help but be roused by these inspiring words.

Those are three of my favorite hymns. What are some of your favorites? What makes the music so powerful and the words so inspiring? Please let me know what some of your favorites are, and hopefully we can include them in our hymn sing on Reformation Sunday.

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Covington, VA 24426



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- 1 Van & Brenda Walker
- 3 George & Cindee Stinnett
- 6 Shane & Missy Reid
- 8 Danny & Debbie Rodgers
- 11 Gene & Gail Wood
- 12 Stacey & Amy Bishop
- 16 Stacy & Kelly Patterson
- 17 Howard & Pam Poague
- 20 Greg & Lisa Dickson
- Kevin S. & Laura Young
- 25 Howard & Lora Thompson




REGISTER TODAY!



WORSHIP LEADERS




 Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler <small>Associate Professor of Bible and Director, Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation, Union Presbyterian Seminary</small>	 Rev. Dr. Amantha Barbee <small>Senior Pastor, Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC</small>	 Rev. Samuel Son <small>PC(USA) Manager for Diversity and Reconciliation</small>
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Visit pcusa.org/jesusandjustice to register.

Oct. 18-20, 2024 | Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus: 5141 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210 | Free to All

Does God care about injustice? Yes! At the conference, you will explore the connection between faith and justice. It is important to go to church, but it is more important to be the church. Faith means little without action (James 2). To follow Jesus involves a commitment to care for others and to act on their behalf. Anytime anyone is mistreated, God is mistreated.

The PCUSA Advocacy Offices (Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in DC and Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations) are hosting our second annual Jesus and Justice Young Adult Advocacy Conference on the campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC October 18-20, 2024. This is a conference that is 100% free for participants. Our goal is to connect young adults in the ecumenical community doing advocacy work through worship, fellowship, and shared action. You can find more details in this article from Presbyterian News Service: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/registration-open-for-the-pcusas-young-adult-advocacy-conference/>

CEDEPC

Peaks & CEDEPCA

Dinner with CEDEPCA*

5:30pm

Sunday, October 13
 Salem Presbyterian Church
 41 E. Main St.
 Salem, VA

Join us for a delightful evening of food and fellowship as we share with representatives from our Mission Partner of 38 years, CEDEPCA

RSVP: Teresa Auldridge
 tauldridge@gmail.com

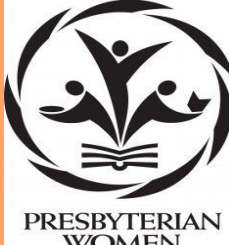
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



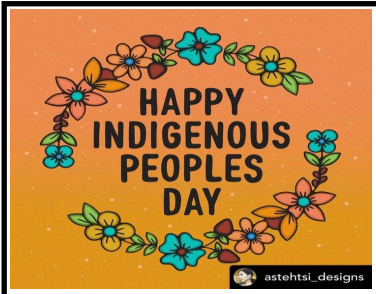
Circle 3— Tuesday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Circle 4— Wednesday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m.

NEXT SESSION MEETING

October 20, 2023

~ following worship service ~
 ~ a congregational meeting is being planned for early fall ~

The church office will be CLOSED Monday, October 14th in observance of this holiday.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS!!!!

Members George and Cindee Stinnett have a new home address:
 1418 W. First Street
 Kill Devil Hills, N.C. 27948



Prayer Concerns

Betty Amos	Carol Bush	Leta Bartley	David Blankenship
Kenzie Cline	Joyce Clark	Carol Bush	Vicky Broosue
Dreama H. Jenkins	Lisa Dickson	Sandra Capps	Allen Broughman
Richard Law	Clarice Halsey	Janice Downer	Jean Casey
Wade Leech	Jimmy Henderson	Robert A. Jackson	Joyce Clark
Brenda Linkenhoker	Robert A. Jackson	Nick Leitch	Orlando Clark
Jeff Lowe	Sandy Price	Maria Necolau	Dennis Harmon
Bob McAllister	James Rice	Family & Friends	Danny Hill
Melvin Persinger	Debbie Rodgers	of football players	Butch Kemper
Pam Poague	Dayton & Penny Stone	recently deceased	Todd Loving
Sandra Reynolds	NRV Tigers baseball	by heat/head injury:	Heather Mabry
Jewell Tincher	players (car crash):	<i>Cohen Craddock, 13 (WV)</i>	Cletus Nicely
Van Walker	<i>Aden Hunter, 16</i>	<i>Robert Gillon, 15 (FL)</i>	Jolonda Pendleton
GA shooting victims,	<i>Caleb Sartain, 16</i>	<i>Leslie Noble, 16 (MD)</i>	Theresa Perdue
family and friends	<i>Connor Whitaker, 16</i>	<i>Caden Tellier, 16 (AL)</i>	Tom Perkins
Unspoken Request	<i>Johnny Anderson, 16</i>	<i>Jayvion Tyler, 15 (VA)</i>	Sandy Sayre
		<i>Samaj Wilkins, 14 (AL)</i>	Joe Corbett Family

Shut-In; Military & Missionaries

BRIAN CENTER: David Lynn, Bonnie Patterson
THE SPRINGS: Andy Howell
SCOTT HILL: Phyllis Lynn, Sarah Mays
THE GLEBE (Daleville): Patsy Parker
CARRINGTON PLACE: B.R. Rupert, Jr.
BRIDGEWATER HOME: Jean Broughman
TOCKWOTTEN (Rhode Island): Shelby Rock
SHUT-IN: Bob & Leta Bartley, Ricky Cooke, Betty Gibson, Dolly Whitehead
MILITARY: Olivia Bryant, Aiden Downer, Chris Whitehead
MISSIONARIES—Tom & Judy Harvey, Kurt Esslinger & Hyeyoung Lee



Constant Need

Midge Akers, Ben Baker & family/friends, Jerry Ballengee, Rob Bennett, Cassie Bowles, Jimmy Brown, Linda Caldwell, Brittany Campbell, Harry & Jean Casey, Luke Crawford, Barry Daniel, Leslie Downer, Mark Dreszer, Barbara Flint, Renee Young Gann, Sam Hale, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Lori Isaacs, Wendell & Judy Jones, Carole Lemon, Bebe Marshall, Pearl Miller, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Denise Pillow, Linda Ratliff, Anita Rice, Pat Smith, Angie Sponaule, EthanThompson, Buddy Vass, Greg Vess, Stephanie Wells, Shirley Wickline, Gwen Wolfe, Linda P. Wolfe, **Non-believers, First Responders, Our Nation, Our Troops & Government, Ukraine & Russia, Middle East**

Justice & Mercy Commission
Racial Equity Subcommittee

EXPLORE

Richmond VCA

...AND BE TRANSFORMED...!

OCT 10-12

RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE
and the
JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION
are committed to exploring and responding to the intersectionality of structural racism, systemic poverty, and Church vitality in America.

Join other members of **PEAKS PRESBYTERY** on a three-day, two-night pilgrimage to Richmond VA to learn of its involvement in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the Civil War and broader VA history

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF
HISTORY & CULTURE



American
Civil War
Museum

Total Cost: \$190 per person
(includes lodging, meals, and transportation while in Richmond)

Registration and \$50 Deposit:
Due in the office by
Sept. 6

(Remaining \$140 due Sept. 19)

In Richmond, travelers will lodge in the historic

RICHMOND HILL Christian Fellowship Retreat Center, followed by days of touring, learning, and meals



Register Here

Or see the Events tab on the website

for further information:
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Justice & Mercy Ministry

Justice & Mercy Commission

Join Us!

POVERTY,
BY AMERICA

MATTHEW DESMOND

BOOK STUDY

Peaks
Reading
Together

The United States, the richest country on earth:

**Has more poverty than any other advanced democracy?*

**Allows one in eight of its children to go without basic necessities?*

**Permits scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets?*

MON
OCT
7
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28

12PM - 1
OR
6PM-7

WHY...?

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PASSCODE: 489354



On the four Mondays in October, together, let's explore these and other questions of poverty in Matthew Desmond's book, "Poverty by America," and be encouraged to make a difference

Deaths

Ernest P. Bailey
David Allen Brown
James A. Defibaugh
Isabelle D.H. Gaines
Dreama N. Simpson
Geraldine Utley
Bennie L. Wolfe

Hester Brown Alston
Virginia T. I. Biggs
J. "JC" Crawley, Sr.
Gomer D. Holestin
Nellie Hostetter
Loduska May
Lula F. Landis Rice
Rodney L. Wallace
Margaret N. Whiting
Mary B. Whitmer
Joshua R. Wilkerson

Virginia T. Biggs
Martha Ann Bowers
Louise Campbell
Kathryn Sherman Craft
Melissa Pullen Fields
John W. Graham, Jr.
Frances Johnson
Mary "Sally" Martin
Carlos L. Ryder, Sr.
Carol Lynn N. Shanks
Neldria Vacey

Daryl W. Burkholder
Dana Burt
Gloria G. Campbell
Hubert T. Cauley
J.E. "Joe" Corbett
Billie F. "Bill" Goin
Nancy Hubbard
"Frankie" L.S. Reid
Sandra C. Wilfong

Gifts & Appreciation

✠ To McAllister Church: A gift in memory of Joe, Sr. on his birthday, August 25th, 1934, and all the other saints who have died and were members of McAllister. It is also in honor of former church choir member, Bonnie Patterson, whose birthday is also August 25th. Bonnie's favorite hymn is "Blessed Assurance". Bonnie is in the Brian Center—Room 101. Have a blessed day.

In Christ,
Dorothy Wimer

With Deepest Sympathy & Comfort



The McAllister Church Family extends prayer and our sincerest condolences to:

✠ Pam Key on the loss of her sister-in-law, Louise Campbell.

✠ Anyone having recently experienced a loss.



Notes From Pastor Jim

- ◆ We are having a special lunch on Sunday, September 29. The lunch will give thanks to Karen and John Chichester for donating the playground and fence behind the church. Soup and sandwiches will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself!
- ◆ Sunday, October 6 is World Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament alongside churches from every nation around the globe.
- ◆ The youth and children will be visiting a farm and pumpkin patch on Sunday, October 6 following worship. Stay tuned for further details.
- ◆ October 27 is Reformation Sunday. We will be joining with the other Presbyterian churches in our area. We will start with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30, then have a hymn sing in the sanctuary at 9:45. Reformation Sunday worship will be at 11:00.
- ◆ The youth and children’s Halloween Party will be on Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for games, treats, and a costume contest.
- ◆ Choir practice has resumed and meets each Tuesday at 5:30 pm. We are always looking for new choir members and would love to add your voice.
- ◆ Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. We are studying the book “The Most Extraordinary Life” by Bob Rognlien. Please let Rev. Moss know if you would like a book (434-738-8841).

AVERAGE SEPTEMBER '24 SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:



Sincerest Thanks

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank the circles, Sunday School classes and individuals for all the cards we have received. Also, thanks to Pastor Jim for the visits to our home and to see Danny in the hospital ICU. Thank you Pam and Lee Ann Poague for delivering us meals from church dinners. And a special thank you to Dot Wimer for the many cards and phone calls.

We miss being there in person, but we worship with you watching the service on Facebook. Thanks to Andy for all of his time in bringing this service to us.

Our church has always been blessed with these “hidden” members who get things done—things that others do not think about. Hidden members such as these polish silver, get communion ready, decorate, manage Facebook, clean up, etc.

We love McAllister and consider it our home and each one of you our family. We so miss the fellowship with everyone. May God have special blessings on each of you. Please keep us in your prayers, as we pray for you each day.

In Christian Love,
Rhoda & Danny Hill

NATIONAL
**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH**
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15
**Let's
Celebrate!**

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS
PARTNERING. EMPOWERING. SERVING TOGETHER

YOUR BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE... HAVE YOU HAD YOUR ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM??

For every **1,000** women who have a screening mammogram

100* out of the 1,000 will return for additional mammogram and/or ultrasound due to something seen in the initial mammogram

20* out of the 1,000 will find what was seen in the imaging is likely not cancer and return in 6 months to keep watch on the finding

5 out of the 1,000 will be diagnosed with breast cancer

*This will be lower for women who have had prior mammograms and higher for women who are having their first mammogram.

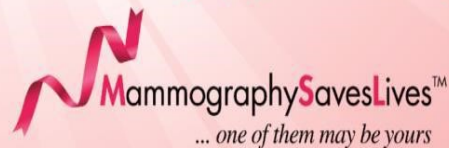


When breast cancer is found this way the **cure rate is very high**

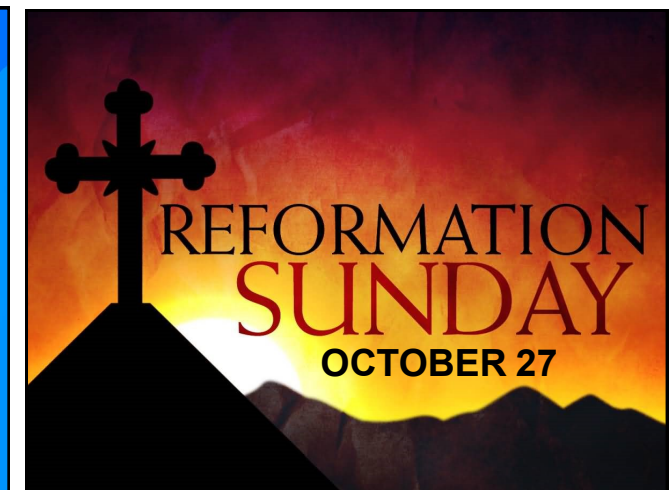
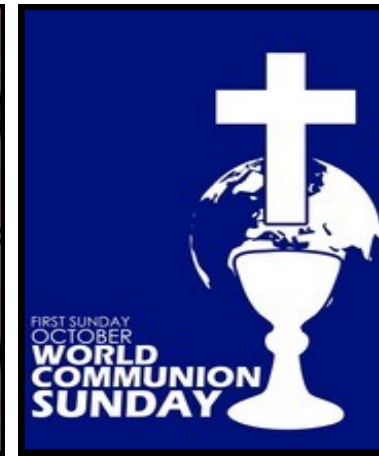
61 out of the 1,000 will have the additional imaging and find nothing is wrong

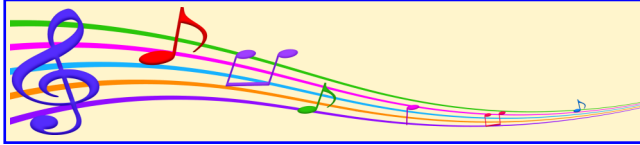
19 out of the 1,000 will have a minimally invasive needle biopsy

To learn more about the benefits and risks of annual mammography, visit MammographySavesLives.org.



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Musical Minute

Here's a question for you. What's white, green, and sometimes red, maybe 4 inches tall, occasionally fierce-tempered, with an insatiable appetite for something sweet, and oh—it weighs about as much as a marshmallow (0.1 to 0.2 ounces in adulthood to be exact)? If you guessed *Archilochus colubris*, or the ruby-throated hummingbird, you'd be correct! These fiery little birds are one of God and Mother Nature's finest collaborations.

We've spent much of the summer admiring the tiny ruby-throated hummingbirds outside our windows and on our front porch. While we always see hummingbirds in the summer, this year we've had them all day, everyday, thanks to the ornamental salvia in hues of red, fuschia, and blue, and various basil varieties I potted up for our back deck. There's a sugar water feeder, too, for good measure. For all of their beauty, agility, and diminutive size, they are unlikely warriors, scaring the daylights out of us when we're on the deck with a morning cup of tea or coffee—screaming around our heads and squealing like a miniature out-of-control motorcycle careening around a tight corner, all this commotion in pursuit of a second intruding hummer bold enough to attempt a sip of nectar from a favorite bloom. What attitude! We marvel at the speed of their aerial acrobatics, their ability to fly backward and to hover, and simply the thought that something so miniscule can survive and seemingly thrive with so many larger birds and other predators around. I read on one website that a hummer's brain makes up 4% of its body weight and that it remembers every single flower and feeder it visits. If this is true, it would explain the accusing glare we get when we hang a fern where a begonia hung the year before!

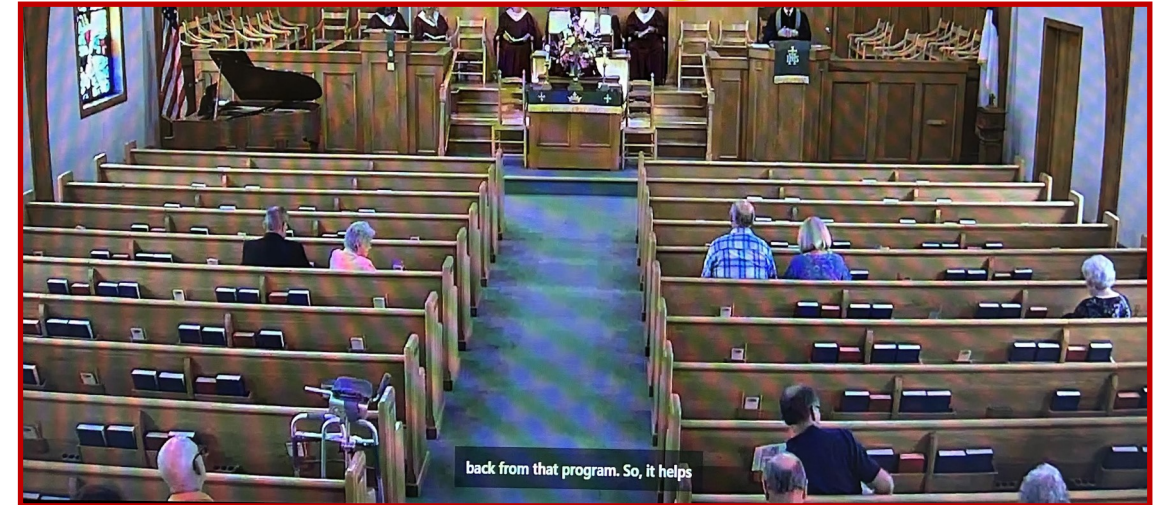
I had an acquaintance in Lewisburg, WVA, who had the opportunity to witness the miraculousness of these feisty avian friends from an even closer vantage point when he spotted a nest outside one of his dormer windows while checking his gutters. In order to avoid disturbing the nestlings, he'd take a mirror and hold it outside the open window so he could observe their development. He was delighted one day when he was treated to the sight of their first clumsy attempts at fledging. He said they looked like feathered nickels as they rose, hovered, and settled back into the nest.

And speaking of their nests—wow! I was inspired this summer to do a little reading about our neighbors just outside the window. Their nests are made of soft plant matter (“thistle and dandelion down” was one poetic description) and spider silk. (I suspect they also contain some fairy dust and perhaps a hair or two from the mane

“Moving Forward”

With a gentle “nudge” and a kind ask, our congregation has chosen to move forward towards the front of the sanctuary to reflect our truly active and engaged congregation. Just look at the difference in the before and after comparison photos below... WOW. Moving forward during Sunday worship is one way we hope to attract more people to come through our doors and join us. Thank you!

Before 😊



BUT AFTER... 😍



Pastor Appreciation—Thank YOU, Reverend Moss

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Our Pastor

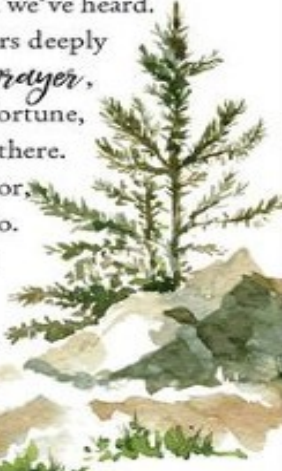
You *lead* our congregation by opening God's Word, and then you *live* your life reflecting all we've heard.

You *care* for others deeply and lift them up in *prayer*, and when we face misfortune, we know that you'll be there.

We really love you, Pastor, for *everything* you do.

And we thank God for giving us a *Pastor like you.*

© ANNE PETERSON



The only time a pastor should receive any praise,

Is when the bible is reflected in his ways.

A pastor is called by God and is used to feed God's flock,

Therefore, his faith should be as Jesus; solid as a rock.

He does not fear anything or anyone but the Lord,

When tempted he uses the word as a two-edged sword.

The flock should follow the pastor without question or doubt,|

They must be led by the Holy Spirit if they are expected to shout.

Amen, amen, to acknowledge that God's word is always true,

They back it up in their daily walk as the Holy Spirit

reveals to them what to do.

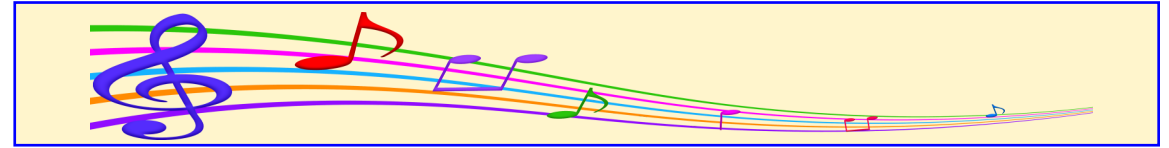
This is a pastor, who preaches the word without compromise,

in God's sight this is a pastor that is very wise.

Therefore, it is alright to encourage God's servant to stay strong,

while he continues to preach the gospel and bring sinners to Christ

where they belong.



of a unicorn . . .) Most hummer nests are only a smidge over an inch in diameter. It's the mother's job to build the nest and incubate the eggs. She forms the rim of the nest by pressing it between her neck and chest and then stomps down the material to form the bowl. The spider silk enables the nest to expand as the baby birds grow. Astonishing!

I know the remaining days with our iridescent friends are limited. The exquisite ruby-throats, North America's only hummer to breed in the east, will soon embark on their epic migration to warmer climes for the winter. They'll head out individually, not in large protective flocks. (Apparently they're not much for fellowship and gathering. Maybe that's why we Presbyterians see so few of them at potlucks . . .) These amazing, ferocious beauties will head to Mexico and Central America in search of sweet plant nectar and small insects. For many, their journey will cover 500 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, not even counting the miles they covered to get to the southern coast of the United States. (And they aren't even four inches from head to heel!) In the meantime, I'm taking every opportunity to enjoy them "up close." I'm looking forward to winter and I'd love to have some snow this year, but I'll be happy to see our feisty friends return next spring!

~ Beth



And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience.

OVERWHELM THEM WITH APPRECIATION & LOVE

1 Thessalonians 5:12



THE WALL THAT HEALS

COMING TO COVINGTON, VA:
OCTOBER 3, 2024 - OCTOBER 6, 2024

Our town is fortunate to have our town included on this wonderful exhibit tour.

McAllister Church lost three of our own during the Vietnam Conflict:

PFC. Gary Allen Burks
United States Marine Corps
(2/1/47—4/29/67)



Sergeant Charles Thomas Cooke
United States Army
(9/2/47—1/3/68)



First Lieutenant Gary Miller
United States Army
(3/19/47—2/16/69)



58,281

NAMES ON THE WALL

1,500+ SERVICE MEMBERS UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM THE VIETNAM WAR

8 WOMEN ON THE WALL

1968 DEADLIEST YEAR IN THE WAR

161 MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS ON THE WALL

23 yrs., 1 mo. AVERAGE AGE OF SERVICE MEMBERS ON THE WALL

15 AGE OF THE YOUNGEST SERVICE MEMBER ON THE WALL

400,000+

ITEMS LEFT AT THE WALL

43 SETS OF BROTHERS ON THE WALL

3 SETS OF FATHERS AND SONS ON THE WALL

246 MOST CASUALTY DEATHS FOR ONE DAY / JANUARY 31, 1968

Children & Youth Birthday Party - September 8th



McAllister Welcomes Paula Stull

McAllister Church received into membership Paula Stull on Sunday, September 1st. The ceremony was held during Sunday worship service. It was lead by Reverend Jim Moss and assisted by church elder Dr. Paul Linkenhoker.

Paula returns to McAllister Church, her first church home, by letter of transfer from Rich Patch Union Church.

After the ceremony, Paula said "It's good to be home." Welcome back, Paula! McAllister is delighted to have you back "home".

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ." -Colossians 2:2



REQUESTING THE WALL THAT HEALS

VVMF seeks sites that can provide a welcoming, quiet atmosphere: large enough to accommodate the components of *The Wall That Heals*, and that can be open to the public 24 hours a day, typically from Wednesday through Sunday.

Before, during, and after, VVMF staff work with hosting organizations to assist with program and event development to transform *The Wall That Heals* visit into a lasting impact for their community.

If your organization is interested in hosting *The Wall That Heals*, please visit www.vvmf.org/twth-request for more information.

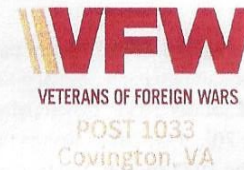
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF is the organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, The Three Servicemen statue, flagpole, and *In Memory* plaque.

VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. We honor the service of all, preserve the memory of those who died during the war and since returning home, and educate all generations about the lasting impact of the war.

VVMF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with **no government funding** — our programs, ceremonies and education efforts are **dependent upon your generous donations**. Please consider making a donation by going to www.vvmf.org or calling 202-393-0090.

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For more info, visit

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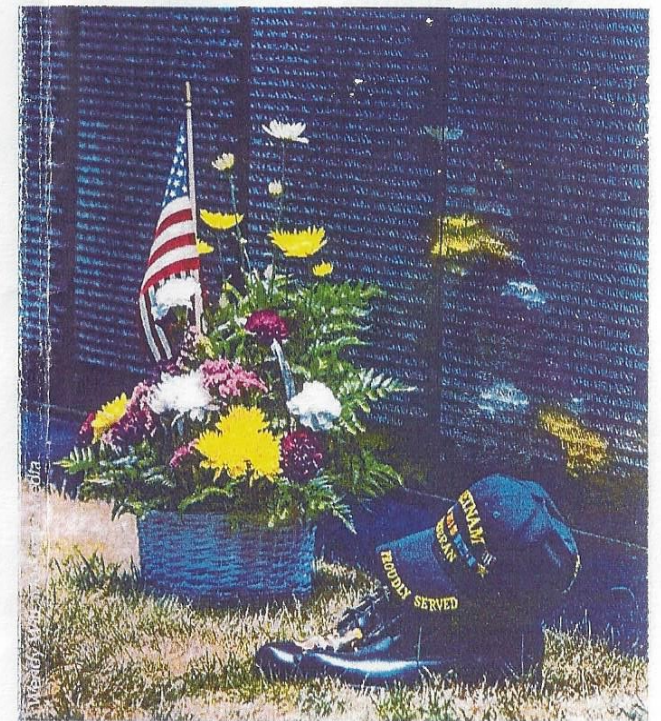
October 3 - 6, 2024

Jackson River Sports Complex

Covington, VA

THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER





Welcome to *The Wall That Heals*, the three-quarter scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit consists of the Wall replica and the mobile Education Center. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit is open to the public day and night throughout the visit.

THE WALL REPLICA

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, *The Wall That Heals* is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The Wall replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 140 numbered panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engraving of the more than 58,000 names along with modern LED lighting provide readability of The Wall day and night.

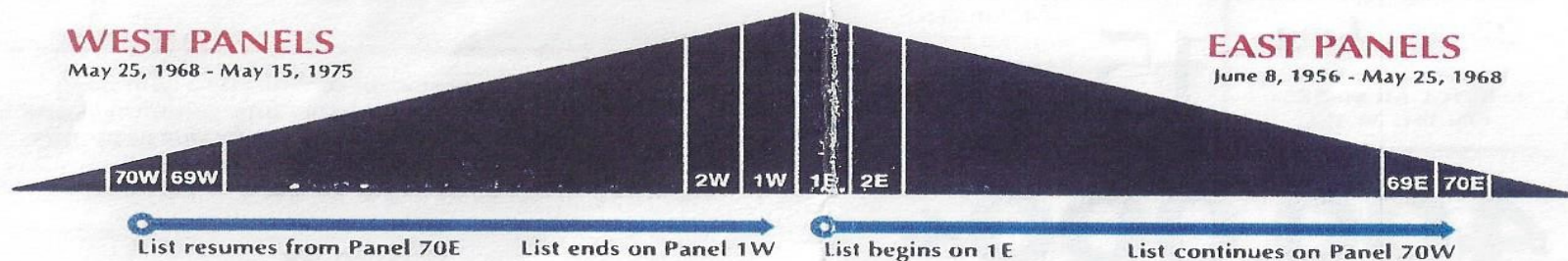
MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

The 51-foot trailer that carries *The Wall That Heals* transforms to become a mobile Education Center. The exterior of the trailer features a timeline of "The War and The Wall" and provides additional information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Additional exhibits give visitors a better understanding of the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the collection of items left at The Wall. Displays include:

- > *Hometown Heroes* – Photos of service members on The Wall who list their home of record from the local area. The photos are part of VVMF's *Wall of Faces* – an effort to ensure the faces and stories of those on The Wall will never be forgotten. Help is needed to find better photos. Learn more at: www.vvmf.org/thewall
- > Map of Vietnam

- > *In Memory Honor Roll* – Photos of Vietnam veterans (from the state we're on display) honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program which honors veterans who served in Vietnam, returned home and later died. A replica In Memory plaque is part of *The Wall That Heals* exhibit. Learn more at: www.vvmf.org/inmemory
- > A display of items representative of those left at The Wall in Washington, D.C.
- > Names on The Wall Directories – two directories allow for specific names on The Wall to be found alphabetically. A book is also available on site that features all 5,000+ *In Memory* honorees.
- > The Gold Star Bike – Donated to VVMF by the American Gold Star Mothers in 2012, the Softail Custom Harley motorcycle pays tribute to the mothers who lost sons to the Vietnam War.

HOW TO FIND A NAME ON THE WALL



Names are arranged in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day, beginning at the center with panel 1E (under 1959), down panel 1E, then moving right towards 70E, then 70W towards the center, and ending above the 1975 on 1W. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.

1. Find a service member's name and location on The Wall in paper directories or online at VVMF's *Wall of Faces* at www.vvmf.org/thewall or by downloading VVMF's The Wall app at www.vvmf.org/app

2. Panel numbers are on the bottom of every panel. Row numbers count down from the top of each panel. On the margin of every other panel are white dots every 10 lines. Count down 4 dots and you're on line 40.

Each name is preceded (on the West Wall) or followed (on the East Wall) by a symbol designating status.

- ◆ Symbol denotes that the service member is known dead or presumed dead.
- + Symbol denotes that the service member was missing or prisoner status when The Wall was built in 1982 and remains unaccounted for today. When a service member is repatriated, the diamond is superimposed over the cross.