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Spreading the Word

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Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011



Easter Offering

We Are One....

"When they call to me, I will answer them." Psalm 91:15



A favorite hymn states "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord." and concludes with the words "And they will know we are Christians by our Love." We have the opportunity to show we are one and that we express our love to others through the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering which will be received at Easter.

This is one of the four offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA). Funds received through this offering are distributed in three major categories (32% each): Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program. The remaining 4% goes toward alleviating homelessness.

We have been so richly blessed and there is so much need throughout the world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has sent \$100,000 to relief efforts in Japan from funds raised last year through the One Great Hour of Sharing. There will be need for much more. Please consider prayerfully your response to this year's OGHS. We are one; will they know us by our love?

Rockfish Presbyterian Church will receive the OGHS offering on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Disaster Assistance for Japan

If you desire to make a contribution directly to disaster assistance for Japan beyond the One Great Hour of Sharing offering you may make a check payable to Rockfish Presbyterian Church and write Japan on the memo line. A check with the total from the congregation will be forwarded to the correct account of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Food Baskets for Easter

Again this year, RPC will provide Easter food baskets to families in need in Nelson County. Members and friends have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of needy neighbors by contributing food, energy and financial resources. A list of food items desired is listed below. Food needs to be brought to the church narthex by **Sunday, April 10**. With the rising costs of food, monetary contributions are especially needed to purchase those items which are perishable. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or given to a member of the Mission Team. Please mark your checks for Easter Baskets.



A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who can help packing or delivering the completed baskets on Saturday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Shopping List:

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| Canned Yams | Onions (3# bag) |
| Canned Vegetables | Potatoes (5# bag or boxed potatoes) |
| Canned Fruit | Pasta, Rice or |
| Gravy | Macaroni and Cheese |
| Jello or pudding | |
| Candy – remember it is Easter | |

You Are Invited!

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Celebrate the Resurrection

At 8:30 and 11 a.m.

An Easter Brunch will be served between services.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jamie Heard	03
Francesca Nicks	05
Betty Dinwiddie	06
Carolyn Fletcher	06
Liz Leukroth	06
Stu Armstrong	07
Bill Howard	09
Bill McIntyre	09
Katie Coleman	10
Marianne Lampert	17
Jack Murphy	18
Hayley Osborne	22
John Holcomb	23
Marcia Winfield	24
Pam Snyder	27
Herb Batson	30



THIS PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE:

It came as no surprise in the mission study that Rockfish Presbyterian Church sees itself as a warm, friendly congregation that is welcoming of all. Our gifts for hospitality offer a caring fellowship, and also extend out from this congregation into the community and beyond with a deep commitment to mission. Rockfish is a church that places great emphasis on worship and music, rooting its life in the Reformed tradition of Word and sacrament. It embraces the artistic gifts of the congregation and especially a variety of music and music leadership. Worship at Rockfish is strong, engaging, and participatory. It is enhanced by the beautiful, light-filled space and excellent acoustics. For me it is a great joy to lead worship here where God’s Spirit is truly present in this place and among this people.

While there are occasional “low Sundays,” worship attendance has continued to be strong. I have listened to many reflect on the fact that this congregation offers two services of worship, an initiative that was begun over 12 years ago to help the congregation to grow. It is not quite accurate to call one service “traditional” and one service “contemporary.” Both services have traditional elements and both services are contemporary. Both services invite significant participation, include lay leadership, and welcome the gifts of others. Perhaps a better way to distinguish between the two services is that one service is more “casual” and one is more “classic.” At the 8:30 service, the dress is more casual, the bulletin is printed in a more informal manner, and there are fewer liturgical elements. Those leading the music sit in the congregation and move to the front, or the back, of the sanctuary when it is time for their leadership. The service at 11:00 provides a classic Presbyterian order of worship, an order that is found in the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship and is similar to the order of worship of other denominations. As I have listened, it is clear that the two services meet different needs in the congregation. For some it is the time of morning that is the determining factor. For others, it is the style of the worship service or the music. Some welcome a more informal order of worship, and others prefer a service of worship that is classically Presbyterian.

Opportunities for single or combined worship services, as we had on March 27, or as we will have in the summer, provide an important opportunity for fellowship and to see friends who ordinarily worship at a different time. Several of these occasions are scheduled throughout the year. All studies on church growth and development show that two services enable a church with a small sanctuary to grow, certainly a goal of this congregation. In recent months, most of our visitors come to the 11:00 service. While some have later chosen the 8:30 service, most have remained in the later service. Let us continue to invite others we know to join us for worship. Most people come to a new church because someone invites them. Let that person be you!

Mary Jane

STW NEWSLETTER :

JAMIE HEARD

The deadline for the **May** newsletter will be **Monday, April 25th**.

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2011 Summer Mission Trips

Charlottesville Area Presbyterians

This summer join God's people from Presbyterian churches in our Charlottesville Area on one of two summer mission trips.

Ministry in Mexico

The first trip, to **Reynosa, Mexico on the Mexican border, June 25--- July 2, 2011**, is coordinated by Faith Ministries, the Presbyterian mission organization with which we have worked on summer missions for the past 10 years. Mission team members will work alongside church and community members and the family in need to build a small concrete block home. Total costs will be approximately \$500-\$1000 per person, dependent upon amount of fundraising.

Facebook: Reynosa Mission Trips <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=173049642737428>

Registration fee: \$100 payable to Faith Ministry, due with application submission

Local contact persons for information:

Leaders for the Mexico Mission Trip:

Will Dinwiddie: wadinwiddie@gmail.com

Kristin Jones: stirlinggirl@gmail.com

Orientation Meeting: There will be an organizational meeting on May 7th at Rockfish Presbyterian in the Pavilion.

This trip is open to anyone 14 years of age and older and is on a first come – first served basis.

Ministry in SW Virginia

The second trip, set for **July 24 to 30, 2011, is to the Appalachian** coal field region of the southwest corner of Virginia. Team members will participate in a ministry of home repair and improvement coordinated by a local community ministry. Fellowship and worship enhance these transforming faith experiences. Diane Biesecker and Greg Govan are the Trip Leader. Total cost is \$135 each, plus travel and food expenses.

Local contact persons for information:

Leaders for the SW VA Trip: Greg Govan, Cove Presb. Church, (434) 823-2627, gggovan@gmail.com Diane Biesecker, dianebiesecker@gmail.com (434) 242-6110

Registration fees: \$135 per person. Deposit of \$75, payable to Blue Ridge **Presbyterian Church**, Due May 1, 2011 and sent to: Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6566 Spring Hill Road, Ruckersville, VA 22968 Marked: **SW VA Mission Trip**. Balance of fees is due July 1, 2011 and will be paid to Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. Marked: SW VA Mission Trip

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com#!/group.php?gid=114481518582351>

Orientation Meetings Initial meeting:

Sunday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church; second meeting July 17, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church.

This SW VA Mission Trip is open to anyone ninth grade completed and older, or middle-schooler's with a participating adult family member. Area Churches assist with construction expenses. Group members will be responsible for their transportation costs. Registration deadline is May 1 for SW Va. Balance of fees is due July 1, 2011 and will be paid to Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. Marked: SW VA Mission Trip.

**ANNUAL MISSION FUNDRAISER
YARD/BAKE SALE**

May 21st 8am-12noon

Save the Date

Reynosa Mexico

I am a huge fan of the Western genre. I especially enjoy those Western movies that depict that era of American history with some accuracy. It was because of Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove epic and Cormac McCarthy's novels that I started to pay attention to the border between our nation and Mexico. It is a history filled with border raids, smuggling and scalp bounties. Our recent history in the area is no exception.

In spite of this, because of this, I continue to try to carry the light of this church there. I have made dear friends in Reynosa, Mexico. I plan on visiting them again this year as a representative of our church, and once again I am inviting those willing to brave the frontier to join me. Several have already raised their hands to go. Anyone interested can contact me and attend our meeting at the Pavilion on the seventh of May at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Will Dinwiddie 434 263-6757
wdinwiddie@gmail.com

Pastor Nominating Committee News Corner

Meeting once or twice a week, the PNC has completed the Church Information Form (CIF) describing all aspects of our church. The Session approved this document and it will be sent to the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the James in mid-April. If approved, our CIF will be computer matched with potential candidates. Additionally, the CIF will be posted so that candidates across the U.S., who may not have been a match through the computer process, may view it and apply.

Interested applicants will submit Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) which will be reviewed by the PNC. The PNC will be hard at work reviewing the PIFs as they arrive. Exciting times! Please keep the PNC in your prayers.



Rebuilding Together

Scheduled for April 30

Last Saturday I visited a charming woman named Donna Simpson. She lives in a single-wide trailer and suffers from MS. She has trouble getting around, lives on disability and may be bound to a wheelchair in the next few years. Like many trailers, hers was not built to withstand harsh weather and decades of occupation. Her home needs some love and presents us with many opportunities. The roof needs cool-sealing, windows and small sections of floors and walls need patching. An addition needs to be pulled down and replaced with a wheelchair ramp. Lots of jobs for skilled and unskilled alike. We will work together on Saturday, April 30, to make a difference by rebuilding together.

If you're interested in volunteering contact me or Frankie Brooks 434 977-3027

If you're interested in trying to feed the skilled and unskilled, contact Kristin Jones 434 962-7360
stirlinggirl@gmail.com

Thank You,

Will Dinwiddie 434 263-6757
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Thank You's

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers for my dad, Robert Stuckey, over the last 4 years. You've been a wonderful support for him and our family.

Pat, Frits Wybenga and the Stuckey Family

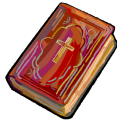


I would like to thank everyone in the church for their prayers, cards and phone calls following my surgery.

Dana Bond

Session Notes

3/15/11



The Session meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Moderator and Interim Pastor Rev. Mary Jane Winter. Elder Nichols opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotional reading. Joys/Concerns were shared including for those affected by the earthquake in Japan and the unrest in the Middle East. The minutes of the 2/15/10 stated meetings were approved as corrected; also approved was the email vote of 2/24/11 to approve the combined Ash Wednesday service with Tabor PC in Crozet on 3/9/11. Elder Nichols presented the February 2011 financial statement. Elder Frink gave a Commissioner's report of the February 19 meeting of the Presbytery of the James. Elder Nevill's Commissioner's report was in the last newsletter. There was no New Business or recommendations from Ministry Teams. The Moderator asked MT chairs and liaisons to give an update on the MT. In the Pastor's report the Moderator shared her reflections on the need for two services at RPC based on the "mission survey" meetings. The first service offers a more "casual" service while the second service provides a more "classic" service, modeled on the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. Offering two services provides a choice of different worship styles and different times, and in this way meets the needs of many in the congregation. Opportunities for combined services are also important. She noted that the majority of the visitors since she has been at RPC initially come to the second service. She has met with nearly all of the Ministry Teams. The moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy R. Nevill, Clerk

Easter Brunch

Can you help? Our celebration of Easter at Rockfish Presbyterian Church includes an Easter Brunch between services with a delicious menu of a breakfast casserole, fresh fruit mix, and cinnamon rolls (or hot cross buns or coffee cake). Can you serve as a kitchen coordinator? Or bring one of the menu items? Can you help with either setting up tables and place setting or with taking down tables and cleaning up? Please add your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex. This is a special event but it takes all of us!

Senior Luncheon

On March 24th, we had a delicious ST. PATRICK'S DAY luncheon at RVCC. The menu consisted of Corned Beef with roasted Cabbage and roasted Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread and Chocolate Ice cream Cake. Everything was prepared by Karen Asher, Val Batson, Pat Frink, Liz Leukroth, Ila Porter, Anna Mae Rose and Pattie Wiggins.

We had decorations in green for St. Patrick's Day and actually had fresh flowers for the seniors to take home. We are looking forward to the warmer weather, so we can once again have beautiful flower arrangements!

Our next luncheon will be on April 24th and we will be celebrating Easter. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE YOUR EASTER DECORATIONS WITH US, BEFORE PUTTING THEM AWAY FOR NEXT YEAR. FRESH FLOWERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!!

This program has been very successful over the past 5-6 years, thanks to all our very faithful and supportive volunteers. At this point, the Mission Team needs new volunteers to switch off every other month with the current leaders of the two teams that put the luncheons together. The responsibilities are divided between the setup/decorating team and the meal preparation team. The leaders of the respective teams will work with new team leaders until they get the hang of the procedures. Please call Pat Frink at 361-0050 to find out how much enjoyment you get while spending very little time.

Submitted by Pat Frink

Please Help with the Thermostat Settings

Recently I went into the fellowship hall and noticed the room was extremely hot with the thermostat set on 80 degrees. This is a friendly reminder to everyone to adjust the settings back when the facility is unoccupied. During the heating season I recommend a range of 64 to 72 with 64 being the off use setting. During the warmer months we recommend an air conditioner range of 78 to 72 with 78 being the off use setting. When adjusting up or down it's better to adjust gradually until you reach your comfort level as a large increase will not heat or cool any faster.

Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our limited resources.

Arlie Saunders, Chairman, Building Ministry Team

Sunday School News

Nationally tested black belt prodigy John Grammer began his karate classes for Sunday School students in the Pavilion on Sunday, March 20, and it was deemed a great success, with both the students and their instructor excited about the next class on April 10.

Daffodils nodded in agreement alongside the Pavilion while the young marshal arts phenomenon stressed the importance of never using what they were to be taught as a way to show off, or impress others, never out of pride in their prowess, but rather only as self defense after all other measures had failed. He stressed the wisdom of walking away from a problem that did not have to be theirs, as well as the pitfalls of looking for a fight by being extra sensitive to comments and taking them personally.



"I just want to give back," John explained later in the day, a day which had already found him working with the younger students filling the 200 kids' food bags that were dispersed to Nelson County's hungriest children on March 26. John and his sister Julia have been a vital part of that program from the time of its inception when they were in middle school.

How fortunate RPC is to have such a wise one giving his time and foresight, talents and tenderness to our Sunday School students.

APRIL 2011

Sun	Apr 3	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Worship Service Adult Sunday School Second Worship Service Five Cent Meal Offering and Communion	Sun	Apr 17	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Worship Service Sunday School Second Worship Service
Tues	Apr 5	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Wed	Apr 20	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Lectio Divinia Devotion Prayer Shawl Ministry Second Service Choir
Wed	Apr 6	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Lectio Divinia Devotion Prayer Shawl Ministry Second Service Choir	Thurs	Apr 21	Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Group Lunch Children's Choir to Grades 4 Children's Choir Grades 5-6 Maundy Thursday Service
Thurs	Apr 7	Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Group Lunch Children's Choir to Grades 4 Children's Choir Grades 5-6 Early Service Musicians	Sun	Apr 24	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service Easter Brunch Easter Worship Service Emergency Relief Offering
Sun	Apr 10	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Worship Service Sunday School Second Worship Service	Mon	Apr 25	1:00 p.m.	Spreading the Word Deadline
Tues	Apr 12	7:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Tues	Apr 26	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed	Apr 13	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divinia Devotion Prayer Shawl Ministry Second Service Choir Mission Team Meeting	Wed	Apr 27	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Lectio Divinia Devotion Prayer Shawl Ministry Second Service Choir
Thurs	Apr 14	Noon 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Group Lunch Stewardship Committee Mtg Children's Choir to Grades 4 Children's Choir Grades 5-6 Early Service Musicians	Thurs	Apr 28	10-2 Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Senior Luncheon at RVCC Men's Group Lunch Children's Choir to Grades 4 Children's Choir Grades 5-6 Early Service Musicians