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Give to our Pentecost Offering

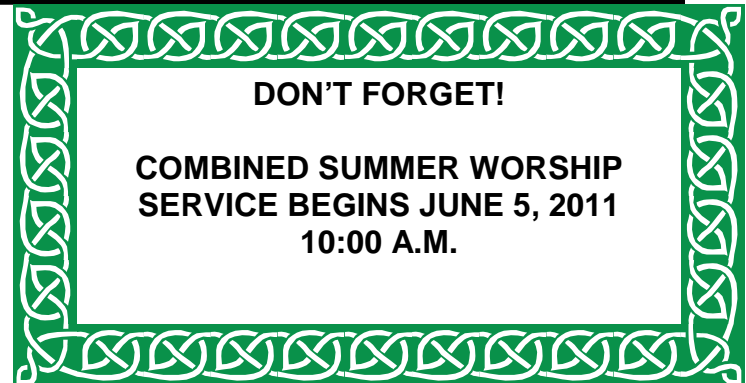
The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (June 12, 2011). It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. In the past, RPC contributions have been to CASA.



The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

PNC News Corner

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is going full steam ahead. To date we have received over 25 self-referred Pastor Information Forms (applications). The PNC is carefully reviewing these in late May and early June. Additionally, through Carson Rhyne at Presbytery, we will soon be receiving names of "matched" candidates. These are candidates who have referred through the denomination's Church Leadership Connection because they have listed skills and interests that match closely with the skills and interests we listed in our Church Information Form. The PNC is meeting weekly to identify our top choice candidates and will soon be following up with phone and in-person interviews. The PNC has been advised that even after a candidate is chosen and accepts the position (possibly several months from now), due to giving notice wherever they are now, and getting the various church and presbytery approvals, it may be several more months before the candidate may begin at RPC. The good news is that we will have Mary Jane longer!



Benefit Concert and Guatemala Dinner

Save the date! On Sunday, June 5th, come to Rockfish Presbyterian Church to hear Marie Borgman's band *Chamomile and Whiskey* in concert to benefit the Guatemala Mission trip. A benefit dinner will follow prepared by mission trip participants with a program led by Mary Jane Winter about our Presbyterian mission in Guatemala and what our team will be doing. The concert will be at 4:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 5:30.

Six college and/or high school young adults associated with RPC and four adults (including Mary Jane) will be going on the trip which is scheduled from July 9 through July 17. The funds raised from this event will be used to support travel and expenses. Come listen to fabulous fiddle, old-time, Irish, eclectic music and learn more about our mission engagement in Guatemala.

Father's Day Cookout in the Pavilion

Following the worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, all are invited to a cookout in our pavilion. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by fathers. Others please bring coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, other favorite sides and fruit or other dessert.



Volunteer fathers bearing grills are requested. Please contact the church office or lantha (361 2073; witur-key@cyberwind.net) if you are willing to do this.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Bargelski	05
Victor Schrider	06
Harper Grace Lawrence	08
Ginny Simpson	08
Patti Turnbull	08
Lynne Carson	12
Jim Clark	12
Greg Frahm	12
Ed Dinwiddie	16
Margaret Martin	16
Abby Carr	17
John Gurr	17
Kristen Nicks	21
Sarah Collins	22
Agnes Schrider	24
Linda Wilk	24
Carter Eggleston	26
Perry Hopkins	28
Maddy Bridge	29
Katherine James	29
Bert Lampert	30

July Birthdays

Richard Gentry	06
Nancy Gatewood	08
Matt Clark	09
Joe Steele	10
Alice Fortune	12
Julia Grammer	14
Ruth Layne DeBruin	15
Les Crowell	17
Betty Mattice	17
Herb Stewart	18
Diana Garland	20
Karen James	27
Dan Schablein	27
Caroline James	28
Jen Martin	30



THIS PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Dear Church Family,

The summer months are upon us. In June our worship service moves to 10:00 a.m. and provides the opportunity for the whole congregation to worship together. Your presence is important! We often have visitors who are in the area. Please speak to those you don't know. They could be church members who attend a different service, or they could be visitors coming for the first time. Our summer schedule allows us to strengthen our life as a community and at the same time to extend a gracious welcome to others. Dress is casual so come as you are! We will use both orders of worship during the summer months, and both the choir and first service musicians will share their gifts of music leadership.

Please remember your regular giving of time, gifts, and resources during the summer months. They are critically important. Church life and mission are ongoing, and we need your support, your presence, and your prayers.

Also during the summer months, the congregation's Nominating Committee will begin meeting to prepare a slate of nominees for the office of Elder. Rockfish is governed by the Session which is composed of 12 elders in three classes. During this past year, presbyteries across the nation have been voting on proposed language in our church constitution, the *Book of Order*, regarding the standards for ordination for ministers, elders, and deacons. In the middle of May, the new language proposed gained support from enough presbyteries to become the new language of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and will be in effect in July. The new language reads,

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body (session or presbytery) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of the office (minister, elder, or deacon). The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

The nominating committee at Rockfish will begin seeking the names of church members with a deep faith, a heart for God and God's people, a calling to leadership and service, and a life that reflects the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to each of you! I look forward to seeing you.

Mary Jane

Pastor's Sermons

Although not posted on the web page, copies of the pastor's sermons are available. You may send her a request by email at mjwinter@comcast.net.

JULY STW: The newsletter is NOT published in July. If you need information sent to the congregation, please contact the office to put in the bulletin or send out as an email.

STW NEWSLETTER :
JAMIE HEARD

WEBSITE:

The deadline for the **August** newsletter will be **Monday, July 25th.**

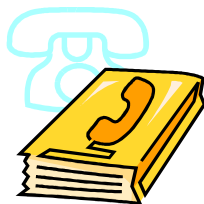
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Updated Pictorial Directory to be Published

Since it has been several years since the last RPC directory with photos was published, many RPC members and friends have been clamoring for an updated RPC pictorial directory. To begin the process, Diana Garland and Carolyn Fletcher will be taking photos throughout June, July and August. The times will be advertised on sign-up sheets in the narthex. Diana hopes to photograph members and friends according to the following schedule:



June 5th & 26th: New members and friends and all those who have never had a directory photo at RPC.

July 10th & 24th: Those with significant changes to family since the last photo directory was published.

August 7th & 21st: Anyone else who would like a new photo or cannot make the earlier dates.

The process will be less formalized than the last go round. No photo background or studio lights will be used, and Diana will NOT be posting the photos for sale on her website. The photos will be used solely for the purpose of the directory. Whenever appropriate, a person's photo from the last directory may be used - this is your chance to continue to look 5 years younger!

Please keep an eye out for the photo appointment sign-up sheets coming soon to a bulletin board near you! And many thanks to Jamie Heard for compiling the directory info and photos into a format we can print.

Concerts at Cove

The congregation is warmly invited to attend Wednesday night concerts at Cove Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. Each evening begins with a pre-concert lecture at 6:00 and a picnic support at 6:30. The cost is \$15 for concert only (\$10 for students and seniors). For lecture, supper, and concert the cost is \$25 (\$15 for students and seniors).

June 15 Mozart Horn Quintet and 20th Century Music for Clarinet and Piano—James Tobin, Linda Blondeland others

June 22The Heart Sings: Selected Vocal Works—Heather Hightower, soprano

June 29Four Hands, One Piano: Music from Mozart to Hindemith—Emile Blondel, Linda Blondel

Cove Presbyterian Church is located off Route 29 in Covesville, VA.

Senior Luncheon at RVCC

We honored our members who had served in the Armed Forces with a Memorial Day luncheon of curried Chicken Salad with grapes on a bed of greens, Cornbread Muffins and Strawberry Shortcake. The food was delicious.

Our decorations were in high gear with pictures and items brought in from the different branches of Service, which were very interesting to see. We of course had our lovely fresh flower arrangements which were taken home by the seniors to enjoy.

May's volunteers were Karen Asher, Carolyn and David Benn, Charlotte Chapman, Pat Frink, Jeanne and Dave Lawson. What a great job they all did! On that note, our next luncheon will be on June 23rd, the **fourth** Thursday of the month.

Submitted by Pat Frink

WE NEED YOU!!

This program has been very successful over the past 6 years, thanks to all our very faithful and supportive volunteers. At this point, the Mission Team needs two 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 procedure. Please call Pat Frink at 361-0050 to get the details.

Get Ready to Get Ready!

Soon your Nominating Team (Jane Andrews, Carolyn Fletcher, Anne Woods, Ralph Frink, John Stone, Bill Heard and Mary Jane Winter) will be calling for candidates to be elected Elders for our Session Class of 2014. Watch these pages in the future for more information and be thinking of whom you would like to see serve.

Please sign up to provide refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 service. There are opportunities in June, July and August. Thank you,

The Hospitality Ministry Team

The Whopping Big Yard and Bake Sale Over \$3000 Raised!



**Thank you to all
who contributed
and participated in
the success of the
yard and bake sale.**

From time to time there have been articles in *Spreading the Word* that feature one or more church members as "the saints among us." The following article by Iantha Peterson continues that tradition of introduction.

**Introducing:
Jeanne and David Michael Lawson**

Jeanne Trout, a native Virginian, was reared in Roanoke with a brother and sister. Her father worked for Appalachian Power; her mother was a homemaker. The family was active in the local Methodist church. From an early age Jeanne wanted to teach young children. To this end she attended Longwood College in Farmville earning a degree in Elementary Education in 1965 as well as a marriage contract. Mutual friends arranged a successful blind date with Dave Lawson who attended nearby Virginia Tech. They were married in 1966.



Dave and one sister were born in Denver, Colorado. When Dave was nine years of age, the family moved to Lee County VA, home of his paternal Grandfather. Upon the death of Grandfather, Dave's father took over operation of the family dairy and tobacco farm. Dave's experiences on the farm led to his enrolling at Virginia Tech with a major in mathematics and intent to become a high school teacher. Before long however, he transferred to the Agriculture school, which led not to dairy farming but to an interest in research. After graduation, before beginning a Masters degree program at Tech, his first job was assistant County agent in Russell County. At this point scientific research became his ultimate career path, and he went to Cornell University where he earned his PhD degree in physiology in 1970. Following a short stay on active duty in the army, he received a research fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. He was later appointed to the faculty in the Department of Physiology. In addition to teaching medical students and others, his major research interests were endocrinology and the physiology of stress. Dave remained at Wayne State until his TWO retirements, the first in 2006. However, he was recalled to serve as interim Department Chairman until 2009 when he retired a second time.

As David pursued his career, Jeanne taught first grade in Virginia and New York. When two daughters and a son were born to the couple, she concentrated on giving the three a nurturing home environment. Her influence was profound: both daughters became teachers and the son an architect. When the youngest began public school, Jeanne resumed her career teaching kindergarten, first, second and third grades in Birmingham, Michigan until retirement in 2005. During this time, she earned her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education at Wayne State because her special love was for first graders whom she could teach to read.

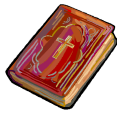
Vacations for the family usually involved camping, time at the beach, or at a time-share in Hawaii. To this day, with seven grandchildren under the age of seven, the tradition of gathering the entire family at a beach house for a week each year continues. Dave's favorite hobbies are fishing, woodworking, and writing poetry. He also volunteers at UVA serving on a research committee. Jeanne's favorite past-times are reading, knitting, and playing with grandchildren. She has college friends in Stoney Creek and has joined the Nelson County Garden Club.

Upon retirement, Jeanne and Dave drove through Virginia looking for the perfect view to site their dream house. They found it in Nelson County on Bryant Mountain Road. Elizabeth Hopkins met them when visiting a neighbor and invited them to come to Rockfish Church. And here we hope they remain!

In previous churches, Dave and Jeanne taught church school, led Bible Study and a youth group. Dave was also Chairman of the Welcoming Committee. Since attending Rockfish, Jeanne has joined the knitting group and volunteered at Rockfish Elementary School as a tutor. They also joined a Small Group.

Submitted by Iantha Peterson

Session Notes of the 5/17/2011, Stated Session Meeting



Session meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Moderator and interim Pastor Rev. Mary Jane Winter. Elder Fletcher opened the meeting with devotional readings and a prayer. Invited guests were Kathy Kristiansen and Allison Bell, who shared their faith journeys and were received as members by the Session, Allison on reaffirmation of faith and Kathy by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church of Philiptown in Cold Springs, NY. The Session greeted Kathy and Allison during a time of refreshments and then resumed business at hand.

In the Clerk's report, she noted that she had signed the Church Information form, which was a critical step for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and that she had sent an electronic note of condolence to Clete Pride after learning of the death of Ginny on 5/7/11. Pastor Mary Jane reported on the GA approval of Amendment 10A and the new Form of Government (nFOG) for the Book of Order. She gave an overview of the Belhar confession (that is to be voted upon at the 6/21/11 POJ meeting) with some history of it and how it fits into the PCUSA's Book of Confessions. Elder Nichols presented the April finance report with discussion. During new business Elder Elliott was elected as one of the two Commissioners to the 6/21/11 POJ meeting with two in-active Elders approved. Elder Hopkins was elected as an alternate Commissioner to this meeting.

The Hospitality Ministry Team reported that the ad approved at the April meeting of Session will appear sometime in June 2011 in the Crozet Gazette A to Z Newcomers Supplement. The Moderator asked for motions to approve 2 fundraisers the mission teams wish to have to offset costs of the trips. These were approved and discussed.

Elder Carson brought a recommendation for the approval of the special offerings and appeals that are normally received but not part of the Mission budget (e.g. Five Cents a Meal, Emergency Fund, Thanksgiving Baskets). The recommendation was approved. Elder Grammar gave an update from the PNC, stating that Rev. Carson Rhyne, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the James, will meet with the PNC 5/18/11 to discuss the Pastor Information Forms (PIF) or applications that are being received by the PNC. Various announcements were made. The Moderator closed the meeting at 9:20PM with prayer .

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Nevill, Clerk

May Day in the Meadows Looking for God's Glory

And finding it at Maple Flats, a unique breeding ground for salamanders and newts, and home to many small, divinely created creatures you won't meet in town. No, they can't be found at Vito's, or The Devil's Backbone. You have to leave the village and head toward Sherando Lake and keep driving. That's where the kids went for their May field trip, forty-five minutes into the wilderness, all the cars packed with picnic lunches, rain gear, boots and waders to walk into the ponds, nets, white buckets to put marine life into for observation, magnifying glasses, microscopes, and tick spray.



It was a perfect spring day, and the company was good. The Sunday School families share a sweet friendship, their leader, Ryan Wender, a naturalist from Afton, is also a friend.



Imagine the scene: A student would announce a discovery; immediately the air was filled with shrieking and squealing in response to the



find and run to see it up close. What did they see? Tree frogs, cricket frogs, Spring Peepers, a worm snake, purple beetles, a pink Lady's Slipper, leeches, a ring-necked snake, a red back salamander, red elf and red spotted newts (same species, different stage), red spotted salamanders, hundreds and hundreds of tadpoles and



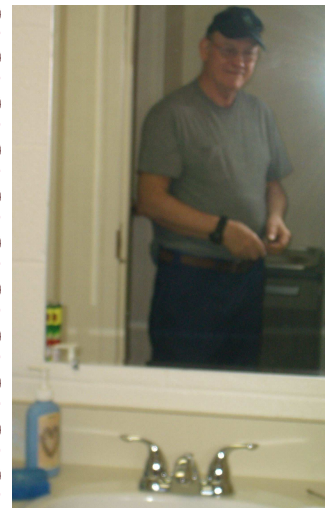
shrimpy water insects, a freshly fallen tree with its trunk chewed into a pencil point by beavers, soft moss and tiny wildflowers intertwined into a living canvas created by The Unnameable One, the Creator of us all. So much life! Imagine The Mind which created that life! The only way to leave that place was with promises of returning constantly repeated.



Submitted by Olivia Ellis

A big **THANK YOU** to the Building Team who maintains and keeps in good working order the HVAC, plumbing and electric; takes paper to recycling; manages the mice; and keeps the facility running in tip top shape!
 We love the new bathroom faucets.

From the RPC Staff



JUNE 2011

Every Wed June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina Devotion
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
 *4:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Every Thurs June 2, 9, 16 23 and 30
 Noon Men's Group Lunch
 **6:00 p.m. Children's Choir to Grades 4
 **6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Grades 5-6

***No Adult Choir June 8**
****Contact Kathleen Connolly to confirm**

Thurs June 2 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians

Sun June 5 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
Five Cent Meal Offering and Communion
4:30 p.m. Fundraising Concert and
5:30 p.m. Guatemala Mission Dinner

Wed June 8 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Sun June 12 **10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service**

Tues June 14 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Sun June 19 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
PICNIC FOLLOWS WORSHIP SERVICE

Tues June 21 All Day Presbytery Meeting
 Thurs June 23 10-2 Senior Luncheon at RVCC

Sat June 25-July 2 Reynosa Mission Trip

Sun June 26 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
Emergency Relief Offering

Tues June 28 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

JULY 2011

Every Wed July 6, 13, 20 and 27
 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina Devotion
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every Thurs July 7, 14, 21 and 28
 Noon Men's Group Lunch
 *6:00 p.m. Children's Choir to Grades 4
 *6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Grades 5-6

***Contact Kathleen Connolly to confirm**

Sun July 3 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
Five Cent Meal Offering and Communion

Wed July 6 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Sat July 9-17 Guatemala Mission Trip

Sun July 10 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Tues July 12 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
 Wed July 13 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Sun July 17 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Tues July 19 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thurs July 21 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians

Sun July 24 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
Emergency Relief Offering

Thurs July 28 10-2 Senior Luncheon at RVCC
 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians

Sun July 31 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service