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Spreading the Word

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October 2 - Combined Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Stewardship Emphasis Season



One of the strengths of Rockfish Presbyterian Church is our generosity and outreach to our community and beyond. This generosity is demonstrated in many ways:

- Our volunteer service
- Our donations of food, backpacks, linens, toys etc.
- Our sharing of financial resources

While this generosity is demonstrated 365 day per year, traditionally, we emphasize our stewardship during the fall of the year by making pledges to share the gifts that God has given. This pledge is not a contract but a recorded promise that we make to ourselves and to God. It is from these pledge totals that the Stewardship Ministry team develops our church's operating budget for Session approval. The promises we make financially have a direct bearing on all of the church's missions of giving and service.

During the month of October we will be placing special emphasis on our stewardship and we hope you will be prayerfully considering generously sharing with others the many gifts that God has provided you.

Here's what you can look forward to:

1) Stewardship Commitment Sunday is November 6. This is when we will make our financial promises by returning our pledge cards during worship.

2) A letter will come to you from the Stewardship Ministry Team toward the end of this month highlighting our ministry at Rockfish and looking ahead to some of the things we hope to accomplish next year. Pledge cards will be included.

3) In worship, on several Sundays prior to Commitment Sunday there will be a "minute for mission" to also highlight various aspects of our church's mission.

Again we hope you will be prayerfully considering generously sharing the many gifts that God has provided.

The Stewardship Ministry Team

****Saturday, October 29, 2011****

**BRIM Annual
APPLE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
at RPC 8:00 - 11:00am



\$7 per person for a delicious breakfast of apple pancakes, homemade fried apples, sausage, and beverage. Funds raised go to help those in need in our community through the Blue Ridge Interfaith Ministry (BRIM). Questions? Call Karen James (434 249-1729) or e:mail her at moiwoo@yahoo.com .



**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Osborne	02
Dana Ogilvie	03
Katie Cameron	06
Samantha Cunningham	07
Norm Fenton	07
Sheila Robinson	07
Annie Mae Rose	07
Patricia Frink	09
John Armstrong	13
Ron Mattice	16
Terry McIntosh	16
John Savides	19
Marylee McIntosh	20
Amelia McCulley	21
Bill Heard	23
Desi Armstrong	24
Brian Day	24
Jim Martin	26
Drew McCarter	28
Peter Beddow	29
Olivia Ellis	31

Mission or Missions

We in the Presbyterian Church speak of Mission, not “missions.” Why? Because there is only *one mission*. It is God’s mission, not ours. We join with God and participate in God’s mission in the world. How do we do this? We have many ministries. We have many mission partners, mission programs, mission initiatives, mission outreach efforts, but they are all part of one Mission.

We used to think of mission as what the church did, as the work we did in the world. We have come to understand that Mission is about God. We are called to discern where God is at work in the world and to join God there. “It is the mission of the Son and the Spirit through the Father that includes the church.” (Jurgen Moltman). We certainly speak of Mission Ministry Opportunities. We are proud of the many ways we seek to respond to God’s call to witness and service. Please pick up a copy of the excellent brochure on the table in the narthex that describes the many ways Rockfish Presbyterian Church seeks to engage in God’s mission.

Mission is more than the activities we engage in, as important as these specific ministries are. Mission is not a program area of the church. Mission is the *purpose* of the church. It includes all that we do to embody the Kingdom of God. Many years ago, Presbyterians expressed this larger Mission to which we are called as “the Great Ends of the Church.” This description begins our *Book of Order*, “the proclamation of the gospel; the nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God, the maintenance of divine worship, the preservation of the truth, the promotion of social righteousness, and the exhibition of the Kingdom of God to the world.”

What a great statement of the Mission of the church! We carry out that mission through ministry teams that engage in every aspect of our church’s life so that all that we do may glorify God and serve God’s purposes whether it is the use of our building, our worship and music, our nurture of our children, our care of one another, or our outreach in the community.

As we begin our season of stewardship, we have the opportunity to envision in every area of our church’s life how we can further God’s mission with new energy, joy, and commitment for God’s people here and in every place.



Welcome to our newest members:

Judy Blooms, Bob and Annie Mae Rose and new affiliate members:
Frits and Pat Wybenga

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It's Time for the Annual RPC Art Show

The Fall art show will be on display during October and November. Bring your art works to the church on Saturday, October 2, from 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. Each artist may submit two pieces. We will accept a variety of art media, such as, paintings, drawings, photography, prints, needle works, and wall hanging crafts and, in addition to our known talents, we are really hoping to get work from those who haven't exhibited before.



Works must be ready to hang and accompanied by the following information: your name, title of art work and medium. Tags will be made for the show based on these facts.

This year we are also requesting doodles. If you are a doodler, clip out or give us a copy of a doodle or two signed by the artist and we'll put it in a doodle collection.

You may retrieve your art after the show during the week prior to Thanksgiving. If you have questions, contact Alice Murphy or Roger Elliott.

Is Coffee Hour Sign-up for You?

Now with the weather turning cooler, that nice cup of coffee or tea, enjoyed with friends and neighbors at Sunday Fellowship time, sure tastes good.

Although the coffee machine in the kitchen looks intimidating, with a few minutes of instruction, it is really very easy to operate. If you know where to look, which can be explained in a few minutes, the coffee supplies and paper goods are all there ready to use.

If you are thinking of signing up to help with providing snacks/cookies for coffee hour, and have never done so before, mention it to someone at Fellowship Time. We would be happy to pair

you up with an experienced host/ess or give you a quick and easy tutorial. Contact Pam Grammer at any time for more information. Thank you in advance for helping all of us to welcome people and enjoy each other's company!

PNC News Corner

The Pastor Nominating Committee has met with or will be meeting with the final candidates in the next few weeks.

It is the hope of the PNC that a call will be offered to one of the final candidates, with the details of the call worked out soon after that, in order that the candidate might meet with the examination committee of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry in November.

Once the Presbytery COM approves the call later in November, a Rockfish congregational meeting will be held. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to vote yea or nay to call the pastor the PNC recommends.

Many people have asked, "Do we get to meet the pastor before we vote to call the pastor?" The short answer is "We are not sure yet". Each candidate has a different current situation. The PNC will work with the candidate we hope to call to accommodate their availability and confidentiality needs. At a minimum, the PNC will present details about the candidate and answer any questions the congregation may have.

As always, thank you for your patience with the process. Please keep the PNC in your prayers.

Books Behind Bars

Carolyn and Tom Fletcher brought in a carload of books for Virginia prisoners. Hooray! Can anyone deliver them to Quest Bookstore in Charlottesville? If so, contact Olivia Ellis.

You will be our hero!

Senior Luncheon

Our September 22 Luncheon's theme was "RAINING CATS AND DOGS" which was a cute theme to use umbrella's along with cats and dogs. Everyone had fun with the decorations of bubbles and fresh flowers. The seniors loved taking home the flowers.

We had a wonderful hot meal of split pea soup, ham biscuits and apple crisp with vanilla ice cream. Everyone enjoyed the down-home cooking. This month's fantastic volunteers were Karen Asher, Val Batson, Pat Frink, Jeanne Lawson, Dave Lawson and Anne Wood.



Our last luncheon of the year will be October 27, which will have the theme of "Halloween". The signup sheet will be in the Narthex.

Senior Luncheon Program in Peril!!

We have only one more month for **three more people** to commit to help with the planning and buying of the food for only two luncheons each. You will have plenty of help to actually put the meal together, cook it and serve it. Karen Asher will lead us through the process when we have a meeting of the group. If you are interest but not ready to commit at this time, please do come to the meeting when it is announced, to learn more about what we do! Karen Asher has agreed to help us be successful by leading us through the procedures, etc.

The Mission Team pays the expenses of the food! Please look deep into your heart and know that this program is about to end, if you are not willing to step forward and help!

Submitted by Pat Frink

You Asked For It...

So Here It Is!

You remember we polled the congregation a while back on just what you would like our Adult Sunday Class to be like. Well the votes are in and we have come up with a great schedule for the Fall. Because you asked for shorter courses and more flexible topics we will offer four brief studies. Check out the results:



October 9 – October 23 The Mind of St. Paul with Roger Elliott. We believe what we believe about Jesus and The Way mostly from the mind (and the resulting writings) of Paul. Who was this guy and what right has he to tell us what to believe?

October 30 – November 13 Political Meaning of Christianity with Barbara Porter. With fall elections upon us we take a look at just how political is Christianity. Should we Christians remain silent if we see our government failing our Christian standards?

Advent: November 27 – December 11 Advent in Poetry with Roger Elliott. At this time of the singing of the angels we look to the poets who have "sung their words" to enriched our understanding of the coming of the Lord.

O.K. You Asked for It. Here it is. Won't you come and give it a try?

Thank You

The linens and coats provided through Rockfish Presbyterian Church showed your support of our Hispanic neighbors and were much appreciated by those who attended the Hispanic Welcome Day September 18 at Rose Union Baptist Church.

As in other years these agricultural workers arrive in our area with very little. They are warmed both physically and emotionally by the friendship and concern represented by your gifts.

A big, warm thank you to all who participated.

Children Are Hungry In Nelson County How You Can Help?

More than half of the students at Tye River Elementary School are “food insecure” and face hunger on a daily basis – especially over the weekends and summer when free/reduced school lunches are not available.



A grass roots coalition of non-profits, churches, businesses, the NCHS Service Learning Project and interested individuals has developed a way to address this need. The Tye River Cub Care Package program will confidentially provide a package of child-friendly foods each Friday for consumption over the weekend. The organization hopes to have enough pledge support by October 20 to begin this program by Thanksgiving. In order to do this there is a need to raise enough money for the implementation of the program.

It will cost approximately \$200 per child to provide food for 52 weeks of the year. Your donation or pledge can make this happen. Won't you consider being a part of this worth program? Are you part of a group who would like to sponsor one or more students? Information about the program and pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex.

For more information about the program and how you can help, contact Mike Tapager at 434-263-8133 or tapager@aol.com

RPC Continues its Back-to-School Blessings

Sunday School Students gave out 327 children's lunch bags and 200 composition notebooks to Nelson County Pantry Guests last Saturday. Zoe, Sophie, Ethan and Dana Ogilvie drove from Afton Mountain to Lovingston right after an early breakfast to distribute all of the food bags from our Children's Pantry along with 200 composition books needed by students in elementary, middle and high school classes throughout



Nelson. Both were received with sweet smiles and happy eyes, a whispered 'thank you' and the long hope we would be back in October.



Session Notes

At the Session's stated meeting on September 20, the Session:

- Received three new members: Judy Blooms and Bob and Annie Mae Rose.
- Approved the schedule for the Stewardship Campaign with Dedication Sunday on November 6.
- Approved Roger Elliott to preach on September 25 while the pastor is away.
- Received the report on the Nominating Team regarding the slate of elders and trustee that will be presented for nomination to the congregation on Oct. 2: Elder nomination: Lynne Carson (second term), Walt Nichols (second term), Jane Andrews (first term), and Al Gale (first term); and for trustee: Sue Nichols (second term).
- Approved a request of Lynne Carson to communicate to the congregation an opportunity to support a new initiative to provide a weekend food supplement to children at Tye River Elementary School who do not get sufficient food.
- Heard an update from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

At the called Session meeting on September 4, 2011, the Session received Frits and Pat Wybenga as affiliate members.

Report from the Grounds Ministry Team

We celebrate the gentle rains that have been falling this past week, even though it may mean we have to mow twice a day next week, or else welcome meadow grasses and flowering herbs.

We celebrate the big, beautiful yellow and white mum Pat Humphrey planted on Dick's grave, and red mums she planted along the front walkway.

We celebrate the last three Sundays that found Margaret and Jim Martin walking arm-in-arm through the Sanctuary door, smiling at the million miracles that made that walkthrough possible.

One thing that binds and truly grounds this community of saints and lifts them into wholeness is the readiness for prayer each parishioner stands in, and their eagerness to share warm soup and bread.



We celebrate **Al Gale's** management and the yeoman's work of **Jim Clark** who was able to remake the storm damaged gully and woods into a park as pristine as Eden. He took out all of the stumps, even the giant one too big for lesser men to battle, moved refuse and stones to reduce erosion at the culvert (but needs each family to bring a pail of stones), bush-hogged and mowed, edged and refurbished the entire front of our refuge now ready to comfort any wanderer wearied by chaos in the material world.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 Combined World Communion Worship Service Peacemaking Offering Five Cents a Meal Offering	3	4 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	5 10:30 Knitting and Nurture 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir	6 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 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Grades 5-6 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians	7	8
9 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Second Worship Service	10 3:00 p.m. Stewardship Team Mtg 7:00 p.m. Mission Mtg	11 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg	12 10:30 Knitting and Nurture 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir	13 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 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians	14	15
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23 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Second Worship Service Emergency Relief Offering	24 Spreading The Word Articles Due	25	26 10:30 Knitting and Nurture 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir	27 10-2 Senior Lunch @ Afton Firehouse 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 7:30 p.m. Early Service Musicians	28	29 8-11 BRIM Pancake Breakfast
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