

Welcome Home! Come Walk With Us!



# Northside

# NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

March 2018

Blacksburg, Virginia

## ***From Disciplines A book of Daily Devotions (2017)***

Read Romans 12:1-8

Many point to the megachurches of our era as the superstars of our faith movement. The average megachurch will usually run more than one thousand in attendance each week. These churches fall in the categories of multimillion dollar budgets, multistaff ministries, expansive programming, and an international reach. These churches are important to God's reign and provide great ministry throughout the world.

However the average US church has about seventy-five to one hundred people in attendance each week. These smaller congregations meet weekly, dutifully living out the Great Commission in their own right. All vital congregations minister faithfully, serve responsibly, worship creatively, and share obediently.

Paul suggest that the members of the church at Rome "be transformed" by the renewing of their minds. Christians, when shaped by the gospel of Jesus Christ, change the way they think. Behavior follows thinking. Paul also reminds the members of the richness of their congregations. He does this in the context of serving obediently, living humbly, and sharing freely. Paul notes the spiritual gifts at work in their church. He does not rank these or emphasize one gift more than the others. Paul encourages the Roman Christians to use their giftedness to become *more* of what they already are. Paul speaks in generalities concerning the gifts. While understanding the gifts is important, putting these gifts to use is much more important!

How has God gifted you? How are you using your gifts in our church and community? Are you more about "knowing" God's gifts or "using" God's gifts? What shifts might you need to make? How have you conformed to this world? What transformation are you seeking today by your renewal in Christ?

***God, help me not to discount my gifts! May I seek ways to serve your church and your people faithfully. Amen.***

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

11:00 A.M. – Sunday School

### USHERS

Mar. 4: Sandi Webster &

Lucian Robinso

Mar. 11: Steve Cole & Marshall Chaney

Mar. 18: Sue & Ernie Bentley

Mar. 25: Hunter & Sandy Hancock

### FLOWERS

Mar. 4: COMMUNION

Mar. 11: COMMUNION

Mar. 18: COMMUNION

Mar. 25: PALM SUNDAY

### Officers On Call

Feb. 25-Mar. 3: Marshall Chaney,

540-320-8083

Mar. 4-10: Steve Cole,

540-953-0434

Mar. 11-17: Sue Bentley,

540-651-3170

Mar. 18-24: Bruce Harper,

540-231-4360

Mar. 25-31: Paul Ruzsler,

540-951-0123

**\*Promises may get friends, but  
it is performances that  
keeps them.**

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MARCH**

**Mar. 4:** Ex. 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Cor. 1;18-25  
John 2:13-22

**Mar. 18:** Jer. 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12, Ps. 119:9-16  
Heb. 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

**Mar. 11:** Num.21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3  
Eph. 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**Mar. 25:** Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Phil.2:5-11  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

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**FEEDING THE FLOCK AT UKIRK – CAN YOU HELP?**

**Meals are needed for our UKIRK students on April 3.  
If you can help prepare meals please contact Mary Lough or sign up on  
the sheet in the narthex.**

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

Thanks to everyone who contributed canned soup, fruit, vegetables and other needed items for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The total collections from Northside for the Interfaith Food Pantry came to 383 pounds. They calculate donations into monetary equivalents and our food amounted to a \$663 value. In addition, there was a \$30 gift card and other donations of money. **Congratulations for our generous support to the local community.**

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Any enterprise is built by wise planning,  
becomes strong through common sense,  
and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

**Proverbs 24:3-4**

We should make plans –  
Counting on God to direct us.

**Proverbs 16:9**

### **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: March 8, 2018**

The women of Northside will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month for Bible Study. We are studying the book, “**Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews**” by Melissa Bane Sevier. Rev. Linda will be leading this study which begins at 1:30 pm in the old kitchen at the church. Refreshments are served and all women are invited!!!

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### **HELP NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?**

Would you be interested in helping us with our sound system during services?

One hour of training is sufficient for anyone to learn how to operate the system. Alexis Chaney has taught us the basics of the system and we have prepared a short summary of the features that we use in manuscript form. She is present most Sundays to help us if something unexpected happens.

Please let us know immediately if you can help us in this way!!!

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### **Session Highlights February 18, 2018**

The Session met on February 18, 2018 and discussed the following items.

We approved a request from the Mission Committee to submit an application to “Two Cents a Meal” for supplemental funds for the Blacksburg Food Pantry.

The Deacons’ Care Lists were update and distributed.

Linda announced that she has been invited to give the homilet at the Easter Vigil at Christ Episcopal Church on March 31.

Our Worship and Study was based on Luke 9:18-27.

We noted the death of Don McClintock on February 4, 2018.

Sue Bentley, Clerk of Session

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS!**

- 2 Barbara McClintock
- 6 Ernie Bentley  
Dwayne Kittle
- 8 Libby Meincke
- 9 Marilyn Kreis  
Kurt Stephenson
- 13 Benjamin Orr
- 14 Ed Stoops
- 15 Jan Geyer
- 17 Pat Fullen  
Pat Kittle  
Mark Frimpong
- 28 Traci McCoy
- 29 Marilyn Rio



*If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!*

***HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

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***FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!***

Interfaith Food Pantry needs help in stocking their pantry. Please remember to bring food for the barrel in our hallway. Your help is greatly appreciated always, but especially at this time of year. Thank You!

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**UKIRK Update:**

Many thanks to all who supported our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-off! Over 90 happy chili tasters voted for their favorite chili, bought baked goodies, and bid on silent auction items. Our students raised over \$1800 to support their Guatemala trip and other activities. Thanks to all who so faithfully support this ministry.

## 92 YEAR OLD PREACHER

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson every learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials –The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me.... The only thing that would comfort was this verse.....

“Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, We are weak but He is strong-  
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.”

The old pastor stated, “I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children’s hymn ‘Jesus Loves Me’ (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best.”

“Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me”:

Jesus loves me, this I know, Through my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim, Still, He bids me trust in Him.  
(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME .. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I’ll go  
On through life, let come what may, He’ll be there to lead the way.  
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song..  
Telling me in words so clear, “Have no fear, for I am near.”  
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And life’s victories have been won.  
He will take me home above, Then I’ll understand His love.  
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.  
(CHORUS)

**GOD BLESS US ALL!!!**

(-Submitted by Andy Robeson)

***DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY:***

- March**
- 2: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
  - 4: Third Sunday in Lent, Communion, GIFT**
  - 5: Drum Circle, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**
  - 7: Lenten Supper, 5:30 pm** Blacksburg United Methodist Church,  
111 Church St. SE Speaker: Pam Phillips, Minister Universalist  
Congregation **“Those Without Resources”**  
**Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
  - 8: Women’s Bible Study, 1:30 pm**
  - 11: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS –Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Communion, 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering, Committees to Meet**
  - 12: One Night Bible Study, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**
  - 14: Lenten Supper, 5:30 pm** at New Life Christian Fellowship  
130 Jackson St. NW Speaker: Jennifer Fletcher, Associate  
Pastor, Blacksburg United Methodist Church  
**“Those Who Are Sick”**  
**Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
  - 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent/Communion, Session Meeting**
  - 21: Lenten Supper, 5:30 pm** at Unitarian Universalist Congregation,  
1301 Gladewood Drive, Speaker: Catherine Taylor, Pastor,  
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church **“Those Who Are In Prison”**
  - 19: Deadline for items for April Newsletter!**
  - 21: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
  - 25: Palm/Passion Sunday/Communion**
  - 26: One Night Bible Study, 7:00 – 8:30 am**
  - 28: Transformation Team Meeting, 5:30 pm**
  - 29: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:30 pm, Choir Cantata**
  - 30: Good Friday**

**Check Us Out...**

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