



Northside NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

July 2019

Blacksburg, Virginia

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

You may have seen in the news the story of the father and his autistic son who attended the Evensong service at King's College in Cambridge. The non-verbal son loves music, and was responding with squeals and laughter—yes, they were loud. The pastor of the service had an usher ask the family to leave.



The father wrote a letter to the pastor, asking whether the Evensong was a concert for an audience, or a worship service for God. Which choice is made is important for how those in the congregation understand their role.

I think the removal of that family shows a misunderstanding of worship, and it is appropriate to share a reminder. When we come to worship, the situation is different from a concert or a play. In those events, the "congregation" is the audience, and the singers/preachers/readers/actors are "performing" for their entertainment and enjoyment.

In worship, **GOD** is the audience. The "actors" are you, sitting in the congregation. Your job is to praise and worship God. The preacher/singers/liturgists/ musicians are there to help YOU do what you need to do appropriately. As the father wrote in his letter, "Worship is primarily intended to glorify God . . . at which my son's expressions must surely be pleasing to God, the experience of other worshipers being secondary."

Friends, when we come to worship, we need to be aware of what we are doing. We are not attending a performance. We are not there to make sure everything goes perfectly. We are not there to eliminate distractions. We are there to worship God with our work in the worship service. We are there "to glorify God and enjoy God forever."

Peace,

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

11:15 A.M. – Sunday School

USHERS

July 7: Steve & Rosemary Cole

July 14: Ernie & Sue Bentley

July 21: Hunter Hancock &

Sandy Hancock

July 28: Joe & Kay Hunnings

Officers On Call

June 30-July 6: Clark Gaylord,

540-641-1439

July 7-13: Steve Cole,

540-953-0434

July 14-20: Lucian Robinson,

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July 28-Aug. 3: Clark Gaylord,

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**Today's troubles are so often yesterday's unsolved problems.*

**Yesterday was the end of the line for a negative train of thought.*

**Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.*

-Will Rogers

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JULY

July 7: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Gal. 6: (1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 21: Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Col. 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 14: Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Col.1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 28: Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Col. 2:6-15 16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Prayer Request Station

The Worship Committee recognizes the need for many to want prayers offered in a more private and confidential manner than simply calling them out or having them announced during the worship service. Therefore, a station has been placed in the *sanctuary*, with cards to be filled out at any time during each week for specific requests. On Sundays after worship, members of the Session and the Deacons (who are tasked with confidentiality) will take the cards and offer those requested prayers during the following week. For further information or if there are any questions, please contact Linda.

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. Thank You!

“Who Really Did It?”

A preacher once entered a Bible study class while the lesson was in progress to ask the children some questions. The first question was, “Who broke down the wall of Jericho?”

An answer came back, “Not me, Sir.” The preacher, shocked at the answer received from the child, turned to the teacher and asked, “Is this usual as a standard for this class?”

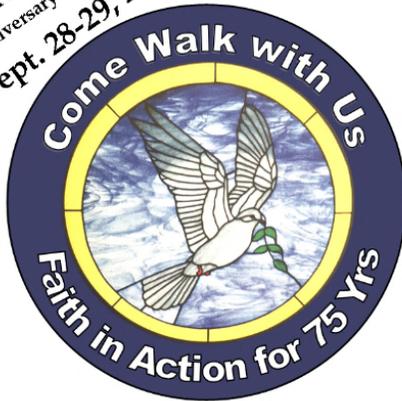
The teacher answered, “This is an honest boy, and I believe him. I really don’t think he did it.”

Leaving the room discouraged, the pastor sought out the Sunday School Superintendent and explained what had just happened. The Superintendent replied, “I have know both the teacher and the boy for a long time, and I personally don’t believe either one of them would do a thing like that.”

By that time, the pastor was heartsick and disgusted and reported the matter to the church board. The board members discussed this matter among themselves and, after coming to a decision informed the pastor, “We see no need for getting all disturbed about a little thing like this. We will pay for whatever the damages were and charge it to upkeep.”

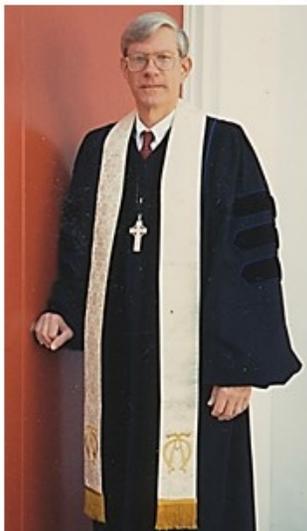
Northside Anniversary NEWS!

SAVE the DATE
Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 28-29, 2019



DID YOU KNOW... that Northside has had four full-time ministers and five interim ministers in our 75 years? During the earliest years, Blacksburg Presbyterian and Presbytery supplied the pulpit; then in the early 1960s Fred Currie had Northside as a charge with Roanoke Valley Presbyterian, as Wilkes O’Brien did later. Then in 1968 Wilkie became Northside’s first full time minister, succeeded in 1973 by Dick Vines and in 1985 by Hugh Springer. Linda Dickerson has served us for the last 20 years, all to the glory of God. Our interims—Dallas Stallings, Richard King, Don Talent, Shirley Larsen, and Kathy Carpenter have been further blessings, as has intern Rachel Sutphin.

Plan to join us in September for the 75th anniversary celebration of the founding of Northside.



Wilkes O’Brien
Upper Left

Dick Vines
Upper Right

Hugh Springer
Lower Left

Linda Dickerson
Lower Right

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Clark Gaylord
- 6 Evan McGrory
- 8 J.B. Jones
- 9 Louise Bloss
- 17 Brandy McGrory
- 24 Bruce Harper
Anne Kuykendall
- 26 Megan McCoy
- 29 Brook Stepenson
- 31 Phyllis Garnett-Deakin



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

Care Sundays

There's a new way for Northsiders to care for one another! Beginning February 20, on the third Sunday of every month, we'll have an opportunity during fellowship time to send a greeting card to a member who might particularly enjoy receiving one. The deacons will set up a table with addressed envelopes and appropriate cards, and you can add your name or message when it's convenient. This will be an easy way to keep in touch with people who aren't always able to be here in person—another way to show God's love.

Remember – Our food barrel, located in the hallway toward the parking lot, needs FOOD! Please remember to purchase extra food when you go shopping to put in the barrel for the Interfaith Food Pantry!!! Your help will be greatly appreciated by those who are less fortunate and look to the Food Pantry for help!

SUPPORT YOUR INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY IN JULY

The Mission Committee has chosen several food items that we would like to collect for the Food Pantry. These are foods we all use and are not regulars on the Food Pantry shelves. **Please bring** the food items listed below each week. Watch the bulletin board as we track our collection.

Week 1 - **Strawberry Jelly or Jam**

Week 2 - **Canned Greens** (kale, spinach, turnip greens, mixed greens, etc)

Week 3 - **Salad Dressings and Mayo**

Week 4 - **Cooking Oil**

As many of us are on vacations during the summer, you are welcome to bring any of these items any week in July. Financial contributions (in the form of a check made out to Northside and marked "Food Pantry Milk") for our milk fund are always appreciated! **Thank you in advance for supporting needs in our community.**

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP: The Session is proceeding with a contractual agreement with **Surge Ministries** to use the church for worship on Sunday afternoons during the academic year. Surge is a ministry, led by Jefferson and Rosa Jones, which works with students, primarily from Va Tech and Radford. They have been worshiping in Christiansburg, but wish to relocate in the Blacksburg area. We are excited about this new partnership in ministry. Please talk with Steve Cole or any Session member if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY:

- July 1: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**
- 3: Transformation Team, 5:30 pm**
- 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY (Church Office Closed)**
- 7: COMMUNION**
- 8: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**
- 14: 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering/ Committees to Meet**
- 15: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**
- 22: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**
- 24: Transformation Team, 5:30pm**
- 29: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**

HOW TO BE HAPPY

**Are you almost disgusted with life, little man?
I'll tell you a wonderful trick
That will bring you contentment, if anything can,
Do something for somebody, quick!**

**Are you awfully tired with play, little girl?
Wearied, discouraged, and sick –
I'll tell you the loveliest game in the world,
Do something for somebody, quick!**

**Though it rains, like the rain of the flood, little man,
And the clouds are forbidding and thick,
You can make the sun shine in your soul, little man,
Do something for somebody, quick!**

**Though the stars are like brass overhead, little girl,
And the walks like a well-heated brick,
And our earthly affairs in a terrible whirl,
Do something for somebody, quick!**

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