



Northside NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

January 2020

Blacksburg, Virginia

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends,

I have a piece of paper wedged between the glass and screen of the window beside my desk. You may have noticed it and wondered. On windy days, it flaps and reminds me that it is there, but I often look at it and pray it.



It is a prayer by Anselm of Canterbury, a Benedictine monk, abbot, and theologian of the eleventh century. He became Archbishop of Canterbury. This is the prayer of a shepherd of the people, much as pastors of churches are shepherds of their people, and it means a lot to me.

Jesus, good shepherd, they are not mine but yours,
for I am not mine but yours, Lord, and they are yours,
because by your wisdom you have created
both them and me,
and by your death you have redeemed us.
So we are yours, good Lord, we are yours,
whom you have made
with such wisdom and bought so dearly.
Then if you commend them to me, Lord,
you do not therefore desert me or them.
You commend them to me;
I commend myself and them to you.
Yours is the flock, Lord,
and you are the shepherd.
Be shepherd of both your flock and shepherd. Amen.

Peace,

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. – Sunday School

USHERS

Jan. 5: Steve & Rosemary Cole
Jan. 12: Sue & Ernie Bentley
Jan. 19: Emanuel Frimpong & Marshall Chaney
Jan. 26: Kay :& Joe Hunnings

Officers On Call

Dec. 29-Jan. 4: Lucian Robinson,
540-558-8730
Jan. 5-11: Marshall Chaney,
540-320-8083
Jan. 12-18: Lucian Robinson,
540-558-8730
Jan. 19-25: Jane Jones,
540-250-1963
Jan. 26-Feb. 1: Bruce Harper,
540-392-3597

FLOWERS

Jan. 5: COMMUNION
Jan. 12: Sue & Ernie Bentley
Jan. 19: Caryl & Gail Gray
Jan. 26: Mary Rhodes

** A good conscience is a continual Christmas.*

**Conscience is that still, small voice that yells so loud the next morning.*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JANUARY

Jan. 5: Jer. 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Jan. 19: Isa. 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Cor.1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Jan. 12: Isa. 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matt. 3:13-17

Jan. 26: Isa. 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Cor. 1:10-18
Matt. 4:12-23

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.

BLACKSBURG INTERFAITH 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. Don't forget the food needs of people in our Community. Bring items to church and help fill our barrel. Monetary donations are also welcome. When writing your check to Northside, please designate "for the Food Pantry" or "Food Pantry Eggs" or "Food Pantry Milk".
Thank You!

**Congregational Meeting
October 20, 2019**

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. The meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:52 AM. A quorum was declared. The following members were nominated for Elders:

- Heidi Harper for a two-year term
- Emmanuel Frimpong, Drew Taylor, Joe Hunnings for three-year terms

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously elected.

The following members were nominated for Deacons:

- Sandi Webster for a two-year term
- Mary Lough and Rosemary Cole for three-year terms

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously elected.

The following member was nominated to serve on the Memorials Board:

- Kay Hunnings for a three-year term.

There were no nominations from the floor. Kay was unanimously elected.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 11:57 AM.

Linda Dickerson, moderator

Sue Bentley, Clerk

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Alex Chaney
- 2 Steve Conner
- 3 Matt McCoy
- 4 Janis Brown
- 8 Constance Hull
- Linda Jilk
- Aaron Teller
- Cynthia Sowers
- 14 Steve Cole
- 21 Mary Rhodes
- 28 Sandra Gaylord
- 31 Avery Jones



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

The World Needs Men and Women

-who cannot be bought*
-whose word is their bond*
-who put character above wealth*
-who possess opinions and a will*
-who are larger than their vocations*
-who do not hesitate to take chances*
-who will not lose their individuality in a crowd*
-who will be as honest in small things as in great things*
-who will make no compromise with wrong*
-whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires*
-who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it"*
-who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity*
-who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success*
-who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest of the world say "yes"*

Care Sundays

There's a new way for Northsiders to care for one another! 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.

ATTENTION: WOMEN OF NORTHSIDE

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, January 8, 2020
at 1:30 pm in the old kitchen!**

This year the women will be using the book, *“Love Carved In Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the old kitchen at the church. Rev. Linda will be leading the Bible Study again this year and we look forward to seeing you at this study. Pick up a study guide at the church office. **NO CHARGE** for the booklet this year. **REFRESHMENTS!!** All are welcome and we hope to see you there!!!!

To All Parishioners and Deacons of our Church:

A heartfelt “thank you” for your kind attention, prayers, visits, food, flowers and so forth, during the last 1 ¾ years of our dear Mom Noxie’s life when she resided at Kroontje Health Care Center. True Christian charity was shown in many ways by all, and it will truly be remembered as a final blessing for her from her church she loved.

The Gilmer Children
Tom
John
Debbie
Meg
Robert

Session Highlights / Stated Session Meeting December 15, 2019

The Session met at noon on December 15, 2019.

We were saddened to hear of Pollye DeHart's death on December 14. She was a long-time faithful member of Northside. The memorial service will be at Northside on January 4, 2020.

Steve Cole read a Thank You note from the Surge Ministries team who has shared our sanctuary this fall. We have had a positive experience with them with few concerns.

Bruce Harper was nominated to be the Session representative to the church Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be elected at the Congregational Meeting

on January 12, 2020. A person will also be nominated from the Deacons for the Committee. There will be five total members of the committee.

As of December 12, 2019, there were 35 pledges for the 2020 budget returned to the treasurer with a commitment of \$170,884 for the year.

Jane Jones presented the results of the survey of the congregation that was conducted in September by the Transformation Team. The first two categories in importance for individuals were Worship and Stewardship. The first two values for a transformed church should be Pastoral Care and Worship. The transformation team will present all of the survey results on January 5, 2020.

The Session thought the Joy Gift Dinner program was very creative and engaging. The photos on the church Facebook page were very effective.

We did not receive the WalMart grant that the Fellowship and Outreach Committee applied for to support the Community Dinners. Bruce Harper is looking into other grants.

We reviewed the items that will be on the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 12, 2020. The budget will be presented, the Annual Report will be distributed, the Church Nominating Committee will be elected and the pastor's terms of call will be voted on by the congregation.

Sue Bentley
Clerk of Session

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY:

- Jan. 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY (Church Office Closed)**
- 5: COMMUNION**
- 6: Community Dinner, 5:30 pm**
- 8: Women's Bible Study, 1:30 pm in old kitchen
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 12: 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering / Committees to Meet
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- 13: Community Dinner, 5:30 pm**
- 15: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 18: OFFICER'S RETREAT**
- 20: Community Dinner, 5:30 pm
Items for February Newsletter Due!**
- 22: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 29: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**

Check Us Out...

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