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June 2020 Newsletter

As we make our way into the third full month of this season of social distancing, I want to tell you how much I miss seeing all of you. Harriet, John, Karen, and I have been as busy as ever doing the work of ministry, but the work is altogether different now that the halls of this church building are quiet and empty. We miss seeing you here just as much as I know you miss coming.

This morning, the staff sat down together and, led by Harriet, we talked about Jesus' holy idea of "abiding." We read from 1 John 4, a passage that reflects the same man's words from the gospel of John chapter 15, where Jesus gives us not a parable but an allegory—a new way to talk about how we are connected to Jesus. "I am the Vine and you are the branches." Much more than a metaphor or any other sort of imagery given to us through one of Jesus' parables, the allegory of "Jesus the Vine" and "we the branches" invites us into the truth of God's relationship with His people and our relationship with one another as members of God's family. We are connected. Always. With Jesus at the center—our Lifeline.

Let this picture of the Church from Jesus guide and comfort you, especially as we move into another month of being a church apart from each other. As a healthy vine spreads out branch by branch by branch, winding its way across many different spaces, we, who are Christ's church, make our way along in our different and sometimes scattered directions. But we are one connected living body, each of us guided and fed from the same Vine, all of us gaining our life and borrowing our vitality from the One God who unites us and connects us even in our scattered directions, and abides with us, and us through Him. And by this abiding, He ensures that we will always have our life together.

What to Anticipate About Future Gatherings

We are eager for the moment when we can be in each other's company once again. I want to share with you where things stand right now. As of the time of publication, we've yet to hear from Governor Northam about when the ban on gatherings of 10+ people will be lifted. Session will meet on the first Sunday after that threshold is lifted to discuss the notion of re-opening the church building for gatherings. With the safety and well-being of our congregation as our paramount concern and top priority, the Session of TSPC will gather at that time to discuss how best to manage a reopening. As there are many parameters and many unknowns involved, we ask for your prayers, your patience, and your understanding as we discern the way forward. Be assured that even as we long to return to normal, the staff and Session's top concern is to make our way forward safely and responsibly.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Patrick

Special Dates

- Sunday, June 7 - Trinity Sunday
- Saturday, June 20 - First Day of Summer
- Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day



GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of William Edward McClain
 from his sister and brother-in-law
 Frank and Faye Lisle

In Memory of Becky Conyers and Fred "Buddy" Stone
 from Bill and Dot McElroy

In Memory of Lisa Cashatt
 from Lester and Ann Clark
 David and Debby Graham
 John and Anne Reed
 Barth and Sharon Estes
 Katherine Crew
 Board of Directors, Administration & Staff of Augusta Health
 John and Arlene Barban
 Paul, Holly, Heather and Hilary Dietz
 N.E and Alice (Hailey) Stout
 Bill and Dot McElroy
 Drew Cashatt



Attention High School Seniors and College Students - Deadline Extended

TSPC scholarship applications are now available on the Church Website. **All materials are due for consideration to the Selection Committee by July 15.** Completed applications must be mailed to the Selection Committee.

TSPC Selection Committee
 30 Tinkling Spring Drive
 Fishersville, VA 22939

If you have any questions feel free to contact Elaine Campbell at (540)649-4259 or es2campbell@gmail.com.



The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Conference takes place on July 17-19. For information and to register, visit the website at www.midatlanticmen.org.



Due to the COV-19 pandemic, the June 2020 *Concert by the Spring* has been cancelled. Our Fellowship Ministry will continue to watch for the phases of our state reopening in the hope of possibly having the July concert. We know that we will have to make modifications if the way is clear to have the concert. Please stay safe and stay well until we can be together again.

Faith in Action Mission Camp Canceled for 2020



After much speculation, news updates and consultation with the church staff and Christian Education ministry team members, we sadly share the news that this year's Faith in Action Mission Camp will not take place. With Massanetta Springs and Montreat conference centers canceling summer conferences and many local summer events being canceled, the precedent to do likewise appeared to be the best course of action. The decision to cancel this summer's camp was also based on the restraints the mission sites had to have in place due to the pandemic, which greatly limit our ability to be able to serve with them at this time. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to planning next year's Faith in Action Mission Camp.

Grace and peace,

The Adult and Children's Christian Education Ministry Team

Due to Covid-19, this year's Summerlee Mission will take place in our community through outdoor projects: siding installation, roofing, exterior painting, deck repairs, wheel chair ramp construction, and landscaping. More information will be released regarding the kitchen crew, trash crew and kid crew. The planning team is exploring options for the kitchen crew to serve with Disciples Kitchen and

potentially have the kids crew help with light landscaping jobs with their families. Consideration for the safety of participants is also being discussed (providing protective gear and monitoring mission participants health). Please contact Curtis Foltz (curtisfoltz@ntelos.net) by June 1 if you know of projects in the area or if you would like to participate.

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WHAT IS MASSANETTA SPRINGS DOING REGARDING CORONAVIRUS?

- There will be no June Middle School Conferences
- Netta Day Camp - The start date may be delayed; we are waiting on more information before making a final announcement
- Mission @ Massanetta - We are reaching out to non-profit partners to determine if any level of Mission at Massanetta will be possible
- Bible and Church Music Conference - TBD
- Guest Groups - We do not anticipate being able to welcome guest groups back to campus before June 26

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

High School Senior Recognition

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’”

(1 Samuel 7:12)

“Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither, by Thy help, I’ve come.”
(from the familiar hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

In a season typically marked with many milestones of achievement and maturation, Youth Sunday Senior Recognition stands as an ‘Ebenezer,’ a spiritual waypoint in a young person’s life marking the completion of high school and a moving toward adulthood within the community of faith. The Hebrew people marked moments along their journey in such a way, making commemoration of important events and significant trials they’d faced and overcome. Today, we are proud to recognize our graduating high school seniors and establish our own “Ebenezer” within these pages.

It is an unusual season of milestones, however. 2020 has become a year filled with missed experiences, canceled plans, and disappointing finishes. As we watch our sports evaporate, our live performances cancel, and our schools shutter for nearly the entire spring semester, we’ve also seen our high school graduates miss out on many of the most important social and spiritual experiences they had anticipated for so long. From prom to spring sports, senior showcase performances to beach week, spring break to graduation itself, this year’s seniors have taken quite a loss on the traditional experiences so many of us took for granted at their age.

However, this class of graduates has something no other class has ever had: an experience like this international pandemic has not happened to any living generation, and these students get to be the first in modern history to begin adulthood in such a new world. Full of challenges and difficulties, this strange new social and economic landscape will also be full of opportunity and promise for the class of 2020. What will not be different for them is the God of Creation who holds each of these precious youth in His hands. God’s faithfulness is still as sure today as it was in the past. God’s grace is still the currency in the economy of the Kingdom. God’s love is still the law above heaven and earth, and ever shall be. Though the world around them may seem strange to those who have long since graduated, the same faith that sustained previous generations is able and ready to sustain these amazing young people.

As we take a moment in the midst of these times to celebrate and acknowledge a milestone of achievement for our high school seniors, we also recognize that just as every class before them and every one to come, they are each unique and precious in God’s eyes. Take a moment to look into the face of each of these amazing young people and remember you are looking at a reflection of the image of God when you do.

In God’s Service,

John M. Dull, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church High School Class of 2020

Tom Branham

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend The University of Northwestern Ohio or The Apprentice School in the fall.



Matthew Heidel

- Stuart Hall School
- Will attend The College of William and Mary in the fall to study International Relations and Music.



Grace Habel

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend Blue Ridge Community College in the fall with plans to become an elementary school educator.



Ryan Ingersoll

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend Virginia Tech in the fall to study Engineering.



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Hadleigh Katzenbach

- Homeschooled
- Will attend John Tyler Community College in the fall.

Amaya Kinley

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend Blue Ridge Community College in the fall, studying Forensic



Rafe Shumate

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend Virginia Tech in the fall as part of the Corp of Cadets and studying Wildlife Conservation.



Gabriel LaGrua

- Wilson Memorial High School
- Will attend Virginia Tech in the fall to study Business.



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020



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| 1 | Liz Fisher | 10 | Keith Phillips | 20 | Gladys Allen |
| 2 | Bill Cornish | 12 | David Batton | | Kathie Brandt |
| | Melissa Patrick | | Lynne Dubinski | | Frank Decker |
| 4 | Rachel Moffett | | Clyde Shrewsbury | | Grace Morris |
| | Andrea Haley | 14 | Chris Meade | 22 | Lisa Bradley |
| 5 | Neelye Kochanowicz | 15 | Gail Hite | | Kim Moffett |
| 6 | Joe Williams Jr. | 16 | Nate Simmons | | LaVonna Wolfe |
| 7 | Nancy Deitz | | Hannah Brown | 23 | Lynn Amos |
| | Mark Haley | | Hunter Brown | | Hollie Matthews |
| | John Wimmer | 17 | Lucy Holland | 24 | Doug Boxley |
| | Jean Toman | | Jerry Horn | 25 | Anna Brule |
| 8 | Drew Cashatt | 18 | David Quillen | | Sue Ervin |
| | Merle Fisher | | Rafe Shumate | | Nicole Hutchinson |
| | Chance Snell | 19 | Liz Stone | 26 | Maxine Yancey |
| | Rhonda Beyeler | | | 29 | Kathy Jencks |
| 9 | Carrington Williams | | | | Taylor Houff |
| | | | | 30 | Colin Houff |

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- ✓ The deadline for submitting items for the **July** newsletter is 12:00p.m. on Friday, June 12.
- ✓ Send your brief announcement for the weekly take-home by 12:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

When writing announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please keep in mind the five W's:

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?

Answer all of these questions in your announcement, and you can be sure that your news will be heard. Please send your articles to office@tinklingspring.com or place your information in the secretary's mailbox in the workroom. All submissions are subject to editing.

Because of time constraints, submissions for the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter received after the deadline will appear in the next publication.

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If you have not been receiving church emails for Sunday worship service and Sunday school, or if you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the church office (540-8850746 or [office@tinklingspring.com](mailto:office@tinklingspring.com)).



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