The Chimes

The Presbyterian Church of Floyd

January 2019

Dear friends,

It's time once again to talk about new year's resolutions, right? After all, we did such a good job of sticking with last year's list, so this year should be a breeze.

Seriously, I don't believe in new year's resolutions, because I figure anything that I need to change should be done at the time, regardless of the calendar. If we feel we are not getting enough exercise, for example, are we really going to be any better in January when it's cold than we would be in June when it's warm? I'd much rather hike in June than January. And if we aren't eating properly (too much ice cream, for example), will the calendar help curb the appetite and the cravings, or will we simply need to use self-discipline to affect the change in our eating habits? Frankly, I have found that the calendar doesn't have any effect on my seriousness about changing bad habits. Our desire to change comes from deep within us.

You have probably figured out by now where I am going with this. Yes, it has to do with our spiritual discipline—our desire to change our spiritual lives. Hopefully it is a desire and commitment to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In his book *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster offers us twelve spiritual disciplines that are designed to prepare us for a life that is hopeful, joyful, and fulfilled, all because we know God and rely on God for our daily strength and guidance. The twelve disciplines are 1) meditation; 2) prayer; 3) fasting; 4) study; 5) simplicity; 6) solitude; 7) submission; 8) service; 9) confession; 10) worship; 11) guidance; and 12) celebration. I call your attention to number twelve: celebration. Yes, after we have worked hard in strengthening our spiritual life through the various disciplines, we get to celebrate. Foster describes this as "a life of 'walking and leaping and praising God' (Acts 3:8)."

May you be blessed beyond belief in 2019!

In celebration of Christ's love,

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 2nd
Melissa Cantrell
Jodi Cromer

January 18th
Bennett Barbieri
Molly Koon

January 22nd
Wanda Hylton
Don Williams
Sue Osbourne

January 30th
Billy Cromer
Autumn Vaughan

January 6th
Don & Brenda Williams

January 13th
John & Betty Getgood

January 20th
Amy Helm & Marty Bishop

January 27th
Roger Thompson & Ann Shank

2019 Greeters & Sanctuary Flowers

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for a 2019 greeter schedule and sign-up sheet for sanctuary flowers.

The Sagebiel's

Neil & Sally Sagebiel
137 Long Bow Road
Waynesboro VA 22980

Please remember the posted speed limit on Newtown Road is 25 mph. Many residents walk to and fro along this road, as well as children playing. Remember to obey the speed limit, watch out for pedestrians, and together we can help keep Floyd safe for all!

December 23, 2018 Special Music

Allen Vest,
Bob Harrison,
John Fite &
Jodi Cromer

FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Young Life 2017

All data is for the 2016-2017 school year unless noted otherwise.

OUR MISSION

Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

OUR GOAL

To double the number of kids we reach around the world, as we implement our Forward priorities of **Deeper in Christ**, **Together**, **Innovation** and **Growth**.

OUR STORY

Since 1941, Young Life leaders have walked with kids and earned the right to be heard in an exhausting and exciting world. In **over 100 countries**, we know **more than two million kids** by name.

320,900 Kids *involved weekly around the world*

	AVG. KIDS WEEKLY AT CLUB	CAMPAIGNERS	KIDS IMPACTED
Young Life	91,800	45,110	**837,000**
WyldLife	39,750	15,070	**292,000**
Young Life College	8,980	8,110	**98,000**

Upcoming Events:
WyldLife goes to Rockbridge for Winter Weekend on January 11th-13th. The February Chimes will have lots of pictures!

Prayer Requests:
Pray for the students and leaders going to Winter Weekend and for their time processing the Gospel together.

Praises:
We have our first committee meeting this month with almost a whole new committee!

Contact **Trey Thompson** or **Carolyn Moorefield** for questions about Young Life.
Trey: 703-408-1538
Carolyn: 757-450-0327

Contact **Trey Thompson** or **Taelor Schackleford** for questions concerning WyldLife.
Trey: 703-408-1538
Taelor: 804-386-4954.

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.
MATTHEW 19:14

Pulaski Soup Kitchen
December 21, 2018

History:

The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC.

The early Romans used March 1 as New Year's Day. Other cultures used the autumn equinox or the winter solstice to mark the New Year.

1582 - The Gregorian calendar, which marks January 1 as the New Year, is adopted by the Roman Catholic Church.

January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward.

Traditions:

New Year's is the time when many people traditionally make resolutions to break bad habits or start good ones.

Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness.

Most New Year's traditions are believed to ensure good luck for the coming year. Many parts of the United States observe the tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

Auld Lang Syne:

"Auld Lang Syne" is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve and was written by Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788. The words auld lang syne mean "times gone by".

Times Square:

The first rooftop celebration atop One Times Square, a fireworks display, took place in 1904 and was produced by The New York Times to inaugurate their new headquarters in Times Square and celebrate the renaming of Longacre Square to Times Square.

The first ball dropping celebration atop One Times Square was held on December 31, 1907.

In 1942 and 1943, the ball lowering was suspended due to the wartime dimout. The crowds who still gathered in Times Square celebrated with a minute of silence followed by chimes ringing out from an amplifier truck parked at One Times Square.

The original New Year's Eve Ball weighed 700 pounds and was five feet in diameter. It was made of iron and wood and was decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs.

November 11, 2008 - A "new" New Years Eve ball is introduced. The ball is a geodesic sphere, 12 feet in diameter and weighing 11,875 pounds. It is built to withstand high winds and fluctuating temperatures. Waterford Crystal introduces a different pattern for each New Year's celebration.

Prayer Concerns

Jim Altizer
Lois Jean Cox
Tom Hammerstone
Louise Hayes
Buddy Haney
Sally Harestad
Martin Dean Hylton
Kenneth King
Janet Kromminga
Emily Nuckols
Tim Peters
Melinda Read
Joe Richards
Illeta Slusher
Lee Ann Carter Weitzenfeld
Janean Williams & family
Annie Ruth Wood
David Zitta

The family of Janet Allen Chin

All in harm's way

If you would like to add someone to the Living Prayer List, you may do so by adding them to the board in the narthex or emailing Jodi, office@pcfloyd.org.

The Presbyterian Women meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Ladies' lunch is on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30am and meets at Parkway Grille. All are welcome!

Bible study is held on Wednesday evenings at 5:3opm, in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend and learn more about His word.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is held every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Mark Allen.

Please remember to donate food to our local food banks. We have two collection tubs located in the back hallway, by the fellowship hall. Canned vegetables or fruit: dried beans, rice, peanut butter and any non-perishable food items are accepted. Tubs are delivered to Plenty! and New River Community Action.

New River Community Action

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