

The Presbyterian Church of Floyd

The Chimes
February 2017



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Dear Friends,

It occurs to me that Valentine's Day arrives this month. Not that my mailbox will be overflowing, but I know that some of you use this traditional day to remember a loved one in a special way. I am glad! The world needs more expressions of love.

I was reading a very old love letter just the other day, and it caught my attention. Amongst all the hatred and division in our world, this old love letter really spoke to me. It says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)."

This letter was not written directly to me, but rather to a group of people in a place called Corinth, and it was from a man named Paul. His words seem to have authority—as if he knew a lot about love when he was writing this letter. And, indeed, Paul did know about love. This, of course, is the apostle Paul, the one whose life had been transformed by the love of Jesus Christ. Paul gave up a life of hatred and bigotry in order to serve his Lord with love. His transformed life was dedicated to spreading Jesus' message of love and forgiveness, and that message has transformed the world for over two thousand years.

During this month when we express love to others, let us also make an extra effort to express our love to Jesus. His love for us, after all, cost him his life!

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.*

--1 Corinthians 13:13

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Bob



Prayer Concerns

Susie Vest -- pneumonia
Brenda Bobbitt -- cancer
Mark Femrite -- cancer
Barry Smith -- cancer
Norman Hylton -- cancer
Janie Blanchard -- cancer
Lu Graham
Shirley Sowers -- cancer
Ruth Ingra
Charles Harman
Barbara Vest
Clyde Blackwell
Christian Saunders -- car accident
Jan McCloud -- recovering from back surgery
Ike Janney (Minnie's brother) -- Parkinson's disease and a stroke
Buddy Haney -- cancer

All in harm's way

A new flower chart for 2017 is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to supply flowers for worship service, please sign up. Blue Ridge Florist will deliver to the church for \$5.00 and flowers can keep up to 3 weeks. You may also bring in wild flowers from your garden or shrubs.

Singing at the Nursing Home

Come spread God's joy through song with us at Skyline Manor on February 28th at 6:30 p.m. And a big thank you to Jane and Vic Zitta for lending their voices and instruments to our January visit at the last minute!



Hats and Mittens Still Needed

It's felt like spring lately, but winter is still here! Please keep filling up the hat and mitten tree in the narthex so more kids can stay warm. And thank you so much for all the hats and mittens you've already given!

Food Bank Donations

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, both of which play a huge role in feeding our hungry neighbors.



Crayon Drive

The junior Sunday school class will have a crayon drive during the first half of February to support Presbytery of the Peaks high schoolers. Please bring any extra crayons of any size and color-- even broken ones-- to the collection box in the narthex before Sunday, February 12th. Again, any crayon or crayon fragment is welcome!



Church Directory Update

We're updating the church directory, so please take a moment to check the information we have and make corrections if needed. We will begin taking pictures after worship service on February 12th and during the weeks following, Wednesday - Friday, 10:00am - 12:00 pm.

Middle School Mini-Retreat

Any 5th, 6th, or 7th grader is welcome to come to the church on February 19th from 12:00 to 3:00 and learn about how we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" at a middle school mini-retreat with Rev. Jeff Binder from Presbytery of the Peaks. We'll have lunch and discuss the topic of our Christian identity! Please see Heather Barbieri with any questions.



Potluck Time!

There will be a potluck immediately following worship service on February 12th. At this time the Presbyterian Women will be collecting for Links of Love. Funds will go to residents at the Presbyterian Retirement Homes in Martinsville, Waynesboro and Sunnyside in Harrisonburg.



Senior High Retreat

The Presbytery of the Peaks Senior High Retreat for students in grades 9-12 will be on February 25th and 26th at Camp Bethel. Registration is due February 3rd. More information is in the narthex, and if you still have questions, see Heather Barbieri.



Women's Luncheon

The women's luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. at the Country Store.



Bible Study

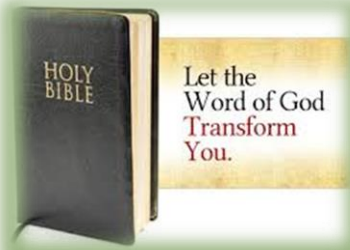
Bible study is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to study Scripture and discuss short sermons from a video series. Light snacks will be served

Prayer Shawl Knitting

The 1st & 3rd Mon. of each month from 6:30-8 pm in the fellowship hall. Beginners are welcome!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Mark Allen.



Upcoming Mission Trip

This summer the presbytery would like to help organize a summer mission trip opportunity for high school aged youth from **JUNE 25-30TH**. We have been invited to participate in a wonderful week of mission in Alleghany County where we would be helping in home repair and maintenance for those who are in need. What a wonderful way for young people to learn about serving others here within our very presbytery, and also learn some basic construction skills! The best part about this mission opportunity: it's FREE! The neighborhood churches are able help provide the tools, supplies, lodging, and even meals for this week of service at no cost to the mission participants!

I would like for this to be a presbytery-wide mission trip, but **I am in need of 1 or 2 adults to help lead this group**. Perhaps your youth group would like to participate, and you can serve as the 'critical mass' needed to help make this a success? Maybe your church has only 1 or 2 youth, but you are willing to serve as an adult leader for this trip? Once we get our adult leaders we will open registration for youth. Contact Jeff Binder for more!

February Greeters

- 2/5 -- Charlie, Lydeana, and Shayley Martin
- 2/12 -- Minnie West and Sherri Femrite
- 2/19 -- Perry and Candy Whitlock
- 2/26 -- Barry and Judy Sweeney

If you are unable to be a greeter, please swap dates with another member.

A new greeter schedule for 2017 can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2/1 – Bill Britton
- 2/2 – Lydeana Martin
- 2/6 – Brenda Williams
- 2/10 – Candy Whitlock
- 2/12 – Barbara Spangler
- 2/13- Betty Getgood
- 2/16 – Allen Vest
- 2/20 – Josep Ocampo



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