

*Church of Floyd*

The Pastor's Corner


Dear friends,

Last Monday was my day off. I have a confession to make—I didn't leave my apartment all day long, I didn't talk to anyone on the telephone, I didn't text, and I didn't check email. I read some things for pleasure, I watched a bit of television, I avoided the news, and I took a nap. You see, what I really longed for that day was solitude. I wanted to avoid the images of war and the hateful comments of people who try to divide us rather than unite us. What I truly wanted was **peace!** And, yes, I found it by being alone with God.

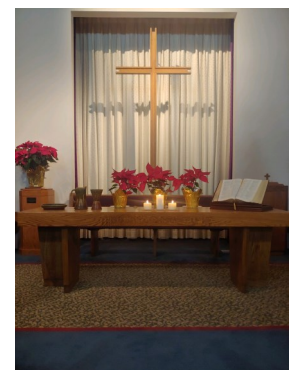
Now don't get me wrong. I had deep thoughts about the people in Ukraine and Gaza who cannot find that peace. My heart ached at the thought of innocent adults and innocent children whose lives have been turned upside down by people in power who seem to have no soul. I could never fully get away from what is going on in the world around me, because my faith in a loving God will not allow me to be uncaring and unsympathetic to the plight of others. The images of suffering haunt me, and well they should! I am a follower of Jesus Christ, after all, and war and hateful speech and the sowing of division are not a part of his teaching. Quite the contrary.

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers and to love one another. So even in solitude, I cannot avoid the sense of urgency in proclaiming the true message of Jesus! I can avoid television, the telephone, and email, but I cannot avoid the way the Spirit of Christ has molded my heart. It is within that wonderful presence of the Spirit, however, that I can find peace. It doesn't cause me to be oblivious to suffering, and I am well aware of what is happening around me. But I can find personal peace and purpose because of Jesus Christ.

The world needs to understand this kind of peace. Jesus taught it and he lived it. There are numerous examples in the gospels where Jesus "withdrew from the crowds and went up on a hillside to pray." He was confronting suffering and grief; he was challenging powerful leaders who wanted to silence him; and he was inspiring crowds who wanted and needed a message of hope. But in the midst of all of this, he found peace in solitude with God the Father.

To bring things back to our contemporary world, I found an article about two people several years ago who were running for a seat in the Vermont state house of representatives. They were a woman and a man competing for the same seat, coming from different political parties. She was named Lucy, and he was Zac. As the true story goes, at the end of a vigorous public debate over the issues, they asked the moderator for a few extra minutes—not to make partisan appeals to the voters, but rather to make a little music. Lucy grabbed her cello, while Zac picked up his guitar. The audience was thrilled and loudly cheered with appreciation! You see, Lucy and Zac had agreed early on in their campaigns that they were going to be civil and treat each other with respect throughout the race. They both loved music, and they agreed this would be a nice way to end their debates—on a pleasant, harmonious note.

In the words of Jesus: **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."** (John 13:34-35) Amen!

Pastor Bob

April

April Brings New Beginnings and Redemption!

April holds a special place in the hearts of Presbyterians as a season of renewal and spiritual growth.

April represents a month of new beginnings, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness. Just as spring brings forth new life after the cold of winter, Presbyterians view this season as a time of redemption and spiritual renewal. It reminds believers of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which brings hope and the promise of eternal life.



APRIL

Grace

1	II Corinthians 12:9	16	Acts 15:11
2	Ephesians 4:7	17	Romans 5:8
3	Romans 11:6	18	II Timothy 2:1
4	Hebrews 4:16	19	II Peter 3:9
5	Ephesians 2:4-9	20	Romans 1:1-5
6	Romans 6:14	21	Isaiah 40:31
7	James 4:6	22	Acts 6:8
8	John 1:14-17	23	Hebrews 13:9
9	II Corinthians 1:12	24	II Corinthians 9:8
10	Titus 3:7	25	II Thessalonians 2:16
11	I Corinthians 15:10	26	Acts 20:32
12	II Peter 1:2	27	I Peter 5:10
13	Romans 3:20-24	28	Romans 4:15-17
14	Titus 2:11	29	Romans 5:1-2
15	Ephesians 1:6	30	Revelation 22:21

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Grace

God's grace, a divine gift freely given and undeserved, is at the heart of Presbyterian theology. As a Presbyterian, I find profound meaning in this concept.

We believe that God's grace is bestowed upon us without any merit. We are rooted in God's grace, and our gratitude naturally follows. We embrace God's grace, recognizing that it transforms our lives and calls us to live in gratitude.

In the month of April, we find beautiful Bible verses that highlight the concept of **grace**. Let these words inspire and uplift you: Enjoy reading these bible verses that celebrate the month of April and the grace that was shown.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

End of Year Program

TO CELEBRATE THE INAUGURAL YEAR OF

FLOYD CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS



9:45AM
UNTIL 1:00PM



FAMILY & FRIENDS
WELCOME

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FLOYD
169 NEWTOWN ROAD
FLOYD, VIRGINIA

EVENT INCLUDES

PRAYER, MUSIC, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS,
AND TACO POTLUCK .

Please sign up to bring a dish at TinyURL.com/FloydCCTacoPotluck

*Please contact FloydClassicalConversations@gmail.com for more details.

Hometown Highlight: Gospel Hour at The Floyd Country Store

THE FLOYD COUNTRY STORE



The Floyd Country Store served the community through most of the twentieth century. Although its origins are lost in obscurity it is known that in June 1910 a business called Farmer's Supply opened its doors in the building and the store has remained open ever since.

The store is an incubator for local heritage music and dancing. Year-round you can count on music and dancing every Friday evening, Americana music every Saturday afternoon and a traditional mountain music jam every Sunday. Many Saturday evenings we feature an old-time dance or concert. Some of the finest old-time musicians around turn up on stage at the store, enjoying the energy and enthusiasm of an audience that truly appreciates traditional music.

The Friday Night Jamboree happens every Friday, rain or shine, all year round. The first hour is gospel music and this is followed by two dance bands. We post our upcoming schedules as soon as they are available, so if you see an empty slot, check back soon for updates.



The Jamboree has limited reserved seating and is often standing room only, so come early for seat. Tickets for the Jamboree are sold online and at the door. We open our ticket desk at approximately 4:45PM after we have had time to move all the store fixtures out of the way and set up the chairs. **Stop by and join in with familiar faces dancing, playing and enjoying fellowship along with praising the Lord.**



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THE CHIMES

Men's Breakfast

The men meet every Wednesday
at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship
Hall. All are invited to join in
friendship, fellowship and food.



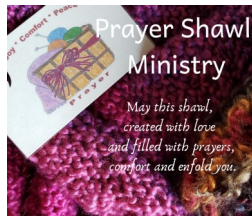
Food Banks Need You

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.



Let's Knit

The prayer shawl knitting group meets at
3:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of
the month, in the Fellowship Hall.
New participants are welcome. Patterns
and yarn are available.



Ladies Lunch - 1st Thursday of Each Month

Reminder that our monthly gathering
for food and fellowship is on the first
Thursday of the month at 12:00,
American Pie. Hope to see a great
crowd of Presbyterian women!



Presbyterian Women Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women meet on April 9th at 1:00 pm. All are
invited to attend!



Nursery Sign-up Sheet

A sign up-sheet is located in the
narthex for those that are willing
to help with the nursery.

Sanctuary Flowers Sign-up Sheet

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like
to provide flowers for a Sunday service.
(weekly, bi-weekly or monthly)



April Birthdays

4th - John Fite
8th - Sabrie Blevins
21st - Annelise Britton
Elizabeth Marshall
22nd - Marsha Peters
28th - Janice Shelor

April Anniversaries

5th - Kevin & Stephanie Blevins

If you would like us to add
(or remove) you to the birthday and
anniversary list, please let Jodi know.
Thank you!

Prayer Concerns

Skip Bishop
Joyce Blevins
Carol Brannon
Elijah Harman
Sherri Femrite
John & Betty Getgood
Luca Guardia
Anita Hubbard
Chris Peak



Ann Shank
Ricky Switzer
Candy Whitlock
Vestal Whitlock
Priscilla Whitlock
Don & Brenda Williams
Lauren Worley
The family of G.E. Peters
The family of Carol Conner

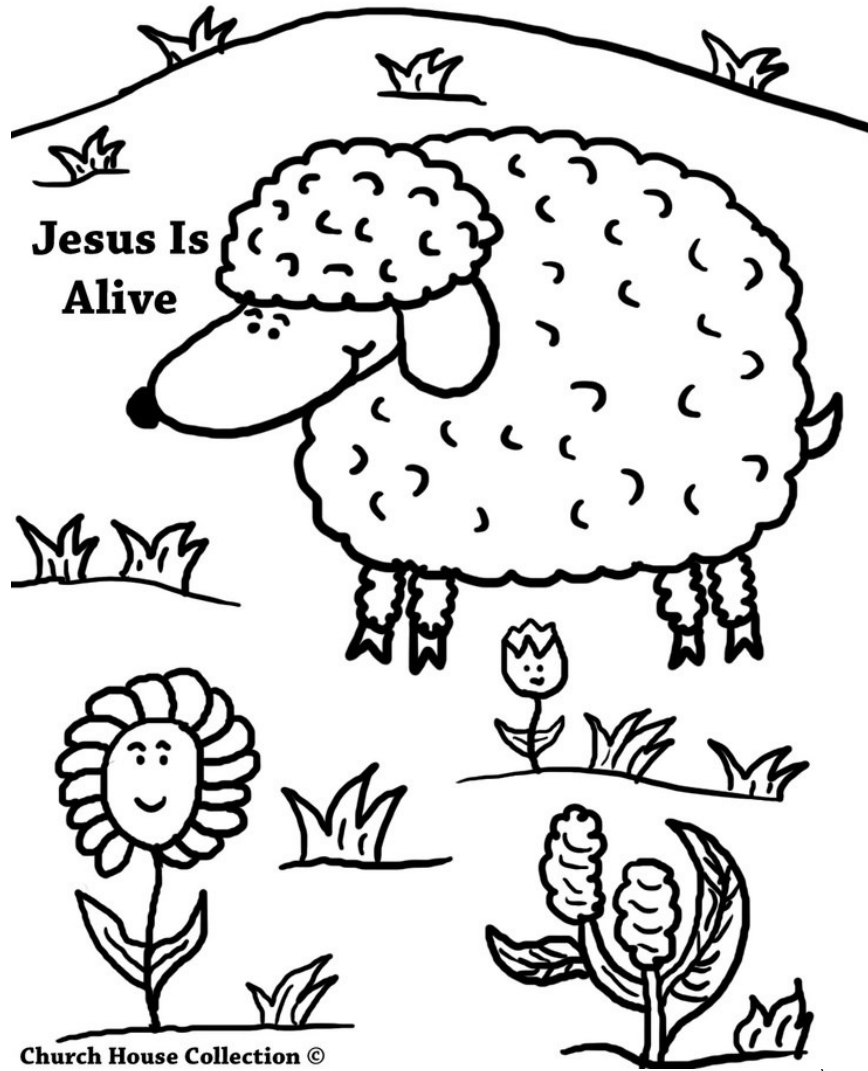
All in harm's way

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." – James 5:14-15

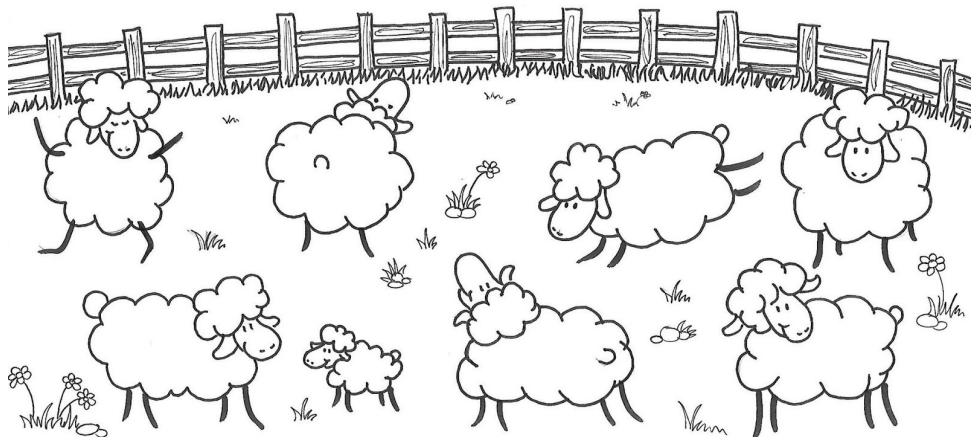
Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request?
Email Jodi or Pastor Bob to have your prayer request listed.
There are also prayer request cards and you may add to the Living Prayer Request board, located in the narthex.

Little Lambs Corner



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27





The Presbyterian Church of Floyd



Greetings from the Presbyterian Church of Floyd! We are a warm and welcoming community of faith, where we enthusiastically worship and serve our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our church was founded over 160 years ago by people determined to serve this community with the love of Christ, and that goal has never changed. Today the church is involved in numerous activities in the community benefiting all age groups of citizens, but most importantly, we are a place to learn and grow spiritually. Through Christian education for all ages, our music, our worship, and our fellowship, we feel the presence of Christ in our lives. We would love to have you join us!



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