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THE BIRD'S NEST

Finally! Spring seems to have sprung after several weeks since its official beginning date. There were a few days which gave us the impression that the wonderful seasonal prelude to the much anticipated summer may be more that just delayed. Yes, there were signs - the buds on trees, the green shoots of spring flowers and the greening and growing of grass. But the chilled temperatures and ice and snow still continued as if those indications could be a cruel April fool's joke.

Why the worry and wish for a rise in temperatures? Because this past winter has been hard for many, both health-wise and impacting our attitudes more than usual. There was sickness, a loss of loved ones and a malaise which affected everything from our hope and faith to the loss of energy needed to accomplish tasks, carry out responsibilities, and maintain relationships. As one person said using a familiar cliché, "this winter, my get up and go seems to have gotten up and went!"

So, on this day when the sun is shining and the temperatures have risen above the benchmark of spring, 70 degrees, it appears we made it! Things are looking up and, although still busy with work and family obligations, our church family is increasingly being about the work of the church. The youth group has grown both spiritually and in number (18-20) as they make plans for a mission trip this summer. We are planning to host a Baccalaureate Service for Patrick Henry High School. Vacation Bible School, with adult Bible study on the Lord's Prayer planned, work on a new directory is progressing nicely, and the choir and worship committee are keeping our worship services fresh and meaningful, and foreign mission activities are in the works. The Holy Week Services plus the rise in temperatures have created a momentum and a positive feel to our church as it emerges from the doldrums of the recent winter past.

Let us be thankful to the Holy Spirit's breath of fresh spring air , and I thank all of you for your prayers, presence, and commitment that continues to sustain and bless our beloved Old Glade Church. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance."

(Song of Solomon 2:11-13)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- April 5 – Hayley Williams
- April 6 - Tammy Martin Allison
- April 7 – Eva Lynne Crabtree
- April 8 – Barbara Henderson
- April 14 – Seth Gentry
- April 15 – Janet Lester
- April 15 – Noah Cole Hill
- April 20 – Abigail Johnston Aiello
- April 22 – Jackson Hardy
- April 22 – Elizabeth Henderson
- April 24 – Irene Ryburn
- April 26 – Sonny Porterfield
- April 28 – David Potter
- May 1 – Leslie Peterson
- May 2 – Alison Blevins Hubbard
- May 3 – Lee Brannon
- May 12 – Darrell Cline
- May 13 – Chloe Potter
- May 19 – Mindy Miller
- May 20 – Tim Bird
- May 21 – Lucy Alexander
- May 22 – Betty Stovall
- May 22 – Kelsey Ann Capparelli
- May 23 – Daniel Cline
- May 24 – Josh Shaffer
- May 25 – Colleen Buchanan
- May 25 – Ann Bird
- May 27 – Ruth Ann Arington

ANNIVERSARIES

- April 13 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson
- April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner
- May 16 – Mr. and Mrs. Richie Thomas
- May 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill
- May 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tallman

Please save Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels for Niz Barker. Place in basket in narthex.

Sunday School Update

- March 3, Attendance 26, Offering \$21.00**
- March 10, Attendance 33, Offering \$27.00**
- March 17, Attendance 37, Offering \$24.00**
- March 24, Attendance 16, Offering \$16.00**
- March 31, Attendance 26, Offering \$22.90**

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COMMITTEE.....Thank you to all the folks who donated eggs, candy and their time for the Easter Egg Hunt. About 650 eggs were donated. The 33 children who attended had a wonderful time. Thank you!

A special thank you to those who helped prepare, serve and clean up after the Community Easter Sunrise Service.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Choir Practice - *Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00.*

Youth – *Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

Circle #3 – *Tuesday, April 9th, at 2:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.*

Presbyterian Men’s Prayer Breakfast – *Sunday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m.*

Pennies for Hunger – *collected during worship on Sunday, April 28th.*

Patrick Henry High School Baccalaureate Service – *May 19th, time to be announced.*

Vacation Bible School *has been re-scheduled to the week of June 17-21.*

We warmly welcome our visitors
Amanda and Ally Crosswhite
Ro’dah Brown
Lydia Landis
Patrick, Martha, Adrienne, Piper and Locklan
McBride
Pete and Margaret Beattie
David and Abby Aiello
Dave Tassone
Joel and Jessica Chance
Jayden and Courtney Wheeler
Diana and Grayson Blackburn
Terri Brown
Robert W. Hunter
Kelsey Capparelli
Stuart, Mary, Luke and John Stovall
Taylor and Mila Kirkland
LeAnna Crabtree

If you, a friend or loved one is shut in and would like communion to be served, please contact the church office or Rev. Bird.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE is challenging the congregation to donate 2,013 cans of soup during the year 2013. The soup will be split between Glade Spring Food Bank and Faith in Action. Place your donation in basket in narthex. Our current total is 262!

Thank you to those who came out on March 16th to help clean up the cemetery and the church. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We welcomed Catherine "Catie" Olivia Robinson into the membership of Old Glade on Easter Sunday, March 31st. We also congratulate Catie upon the successful completion of the confirmation class.

Ryan Conklin
Mike Blevins
Ronnie Blevins
Bea Mason
Brion Ferratt
Craig Taylor (in Afghanistan)
Don Haynes (brother of Harry Haynes)
Norma Arnold (friend of Carolyn Gentry)
Scott Rasnake (brother-in-law of Bonnie Ballinger)
Madeline Wagner
Eleanor Mahaun (mother of Steve Johnston)

THE 2013 FLOWER CALENDAR is now being developed. Contributors can remember a loved one or celebrate a special event with a gift of flowers for the church during the upcoming year. Please call church office or Henrietta Umberger.

DO YOU HAVE PICTURES from events at the church? If so, please get them to Damon Lester to be put on the website. If they are prints, you may give them to Damon or leave in the office. You may email them to Damon at damonmlester@gmail.com or give them to him on a usb/flash drive. He will retrieve the pictures and return it asap. Thanks for your help!!!!

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRAYER LIST –**

Alice Porterfield
Eleanor Hutton
John Williams
John Robinson
Eleanor Williams
Marie Henderson (mother of Jay)
Truman Wyatt (brother of Ruth Colston)
Jeff Sweat
Brooke Duncan Monahan
Daryl Henegar
Jennifer Thompson
Carrie Lamie (sister of Sarah Helton)
Tim Simpson
Nola Ann Rosenbaum
Jewel Osborne
Charles Holliday
Jason Waters (nephew of Alice Porterfield)
Hannah Bolton
Verna Elizabeth Stephenson Schmidt
Margaret Orr
Shirley Overbay
Molly Haynes
Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William Moore)
Ruth Sheffield
Jacob Ritchie
Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis Wagner)
Juanita Baggett
Carolyn Gentry
Kathy Dohman
Gary Wallace
J. G. Lester
Linda Parsons
Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)
Rusty Cline
Dr. Robert Lominack
Daryl Phillips

MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY SIMPSON

**REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR
PRESENCE AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR
DAUGHTER, GWENDALYNNE COSTELLO,
TO BRIAN JAMES HARVILLE ON FRIDAY,
THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY, AT SEVEN
O'CLOCK, OLD GLADE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, 33234 LEE HIGHWAY, GLADE
SPRING, VIRGINIA**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE BRISTOL
TRAIN STATION.**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 25, 2013
BY EMAIL TO GCSIMPSON229@GMAIL.COM
OR BY CALLING DEBRA SIMPSON
AT 429-5250.**

(invitation posted on bulletin board outside office)

Listed below is a summary of church committees and their responsibilities and duties. We would like to have all participate in the work of a committee. Please know that you do not have to be an "official" member of Old Glade. All those who worship at Old Glade are encouraged to sign up for a committee

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Property

- Maintenance, repairs, supplies
- Oversight of monthly bills in cooperation with Budget and Finance
- Organize clean up days
- Oversee, evaluate and recommend wages for sextons, cemetery maintenance workers

Christian Education

- Sunday School curriculum and operation
- Vacation Bible School
- Bible Studies
- Special services or workshops
- Youth/Nursery

Worship

- Sunday and special services
- Workshops and liturgical services
- Altar committee oversight
- Prayer meetings (when held)
- Communion dates and communion for shut ins
- Works with choir director, organist and choir
- Lay participation

Personnel

- Oversight of clerical and ordained staff
- Policies
- Evaluations
- Salary recommendations
- Hears and mediates complaints from congregation and staff
- HR functions

Shepherding

- Maintain directory
- Cards to sick and shut ins
- Prayer chain – phone and computer
- Meals for sick and grieving
- Track congregational attendance
- Work with groups in church

Budget and Finance

- Monitors financial status
- Investigate best purchase practices
- Oversight of treasurers
- Stewardship promotion

Outreach

- Local, national, international needs
- Support schools
- Ways to network with organizations to help
- Apple butter/fund raisers
- Support local care (food bank/habitat,etc.)
- Emergency needs church and community

Hospitality

- Set up and arrange for meetings and meals
- Purchase food as necessary for events
- Cook, wash, clean following meals

Altar

- Liturgical calendar with paraments
- Communion set up
- Flowers
- Baptism set up
- Easter and Christmas (lilies, poinsettias, Christmas tree, candles, window treatments, etc.

I would like to serve on the following committee(s)

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Name: _____

Best way to contact me: _____

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Bonnie Ballinger and her family upon the death of her father, Leroy Duff, and to Howard and Judy Stovall upon the death of his sister, Ruby Stovall Clark. Please remember both of these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church Church Directory Update

The Shepherding Committee is in the process of updating our Church Directory and Prayer Chain. Please complete and place in the attendance pads at the end of the pews. Or you can turn it in at the Church Office. Thank you from the Shepherding Committee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Month ____ (mm) Birth Day ____ (dd)

Preferred Method of Contact (check one): Home
Phone ____ Cell Phone ____ Email ____

25TH ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING of the Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at the Galax Presbyterian Church in Galax. Registration and Coffee is at 9:30 a.m. with call to order at 10:00 a.m.. Lunch will be served following meeting.

PLEASE SIGN UP on sheet on bulletin board or call to the church office with names of those in our church family who will be graduating from any level of education.

SESSION MEETING

The stated monthly meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the board room on March 10, 2013. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Jay Robinson, Patrick Buchanan, James Allison, Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon, Irene Ryburn, and

Reverend Tim Bird, moderator. Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk, was absent. Nancy Hagen represented the Deacons.

Call to Order

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Election of Clerk Pro Tempore

In the absence of the clerk, Lee Brannon moved, Patrick Buchanan seconded, that Michael Colston be elected clerk pro tempore. The motion passed.

Devotional

Patrick Buchanan gave a devotional.

Report on Youth Trip

The youth took a skiing trip to Beech Mountain. This trip was used to help the youth gear up for the mission trip this summer. About fifteen from our church and Meadowview Methodist Church attended.

Archive Task Force Report

The Archive Task Force plans to convert all of the church's records to a digital format. Members of the Archive Task Force are Jay Henderson, chair, Peggy Robinson, Steve Johnston, Sara Hutton-Tallman, and Damon Lester.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, James Allison seconded, that \$1000 from the Memorial Fund be used to pay for scanning of documents by the Presbyterian Historical Society and for purchasing of a printer/scanner/fax to be used by the Archive Task Force and for the Trustees (James S. Hutton, Jay Robinson, Jay Henderson, Frank Buchanan and Rebecca Debusk) to sign the signature access card for the safety deposit boxes at the Bank of Glade Spring, Branch of the Bank of Marion. After discussion, the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: James Allison moved, Clark Hutton seconded, that the minutes of the February 10, 2013 meeting be approved as printed. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

Applications for use of facilities:

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, Dirk Wilmoth seconded, that the applications for facilities use be approved. The motion passed.

Check off of contact made with senior members.

Minute for Minister

Rev. Bird discussed ideas shared at the recent Minister's Meeting in the Glade Spring community.

Rev. Bird discussed plans in progress for developing a weekly or daily inspirational email to be sent out to all members.

Catie Robinson will be confirmed on Palm Sunday during morning worship. The Session will meet at 10:40 a.m. on March 24 to examine Catie.

Old Business

Cemetery and church clean-up will take place on Saturday, March 15.

Patrick Buchanan will get estimates on waxing and finishing of bathroom and hallway floors in the educational wing of the church and the fellowship hall bathrooms and kitchen.

Patrick Buchanan will get estimates on guardrail for side parking.

New Business

Election of Commissioner to Presbytery:

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, James Allison seconded, that Rev. Bird be given permission to choose a former elder to serve as the commissioner to the Abingdon Presbytery Meeting at Tazewell Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The motion passed.

Committee Member Recruitment:

Members have completed interest forms for service on church committees.

Patrick Buchanan will check into setting the heat in the fellowship hall on a timer with a hold on the temperature setting.

Sessional Goal Committee:

The committee would like to continue Goal One from last year (bible study). Goal Three was to be more active in contacting senior members; the session was successful with this goal and will continue. Growth of the Sunday School was a goal from last year that was not realized. The committee will continue to work on goals for the session.

Next Meeting

April 7, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bobbi Ryburn moved, James Allison seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Rev. Bird closed the meeting with prayer.

SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE met recently with about twelve people in attendance. They are currently working to update our church directory. Please fill out the form and return asap.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEAD CALL TO WORSHIP, PLEASE LET ANN BIRD OR WORSHIP COMMITTEE KNOW. ALL ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE .

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Bob Stanberry and Property Committee for repairs made to the side door (same code) and to the single door at the mission building.