



THE SCROLL

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From Rev. Rob Watkins:

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
—Psalm 122:1

It has been a great experience to be back among folks with our outdoor worship at the Community House. An inescapable part of being church is being church together. We are communal by nature, a family through faith, and led by Jesus into the practice of love which really cannot flourish in isolation.

The Session has approved outdoor worship through Labor Day, so we will be at the Community House for the time being on Sunday mornings. Please continue to wear masks, practice distancing, and work to be sure everyone will be as safe and well when they leave as when they arrive. We are asking folks to use the uppermost entrance into the grounds (the one nearest Galloway Road) and officers will direct you to parking. Water and pop-up tents will be provided, but please bring your own chairs and you may bring your own shelter to add to our shaded area. I am so glad we can be together in this way, adapting and adjusting to an altered world.



I am also recollecting something from my family past. My dad's first church in the Shenandoah Valley met in a 250 year old brick building dating back to colonial times. They had no air conditioning. When it got really hot, they chose to move outdoors because the building would be too warm to worship in without everybody, including the preacher, falling asleep! Christians around the world meet in outdoor settings every week, even when not in a pandemic. We are connecting to our siblings in Jesus in a new way, realizing what a wide and varied community we actually are.

Tentatively, we are looking to moving back on campus the Sunday after Labor Day, but much, much planning has to happen first. Pray for our leaders and world that we can continue to be together. Realize that being together is dependent on our care and compassion for one another. Find the blessings in a new way of being.

Special Prayer

Elizabeth King	Warner Marshall	Charley Moon	Ann Brown
Kenneth Helms	Reese Untz	Fred Treadway	BJ Knox
Deane Davis	Frank Cartner	Vance Reid	Ricki Grubb
Sylvia Buchanan, sister of Debbie Killian		Bernice Martin	Jackie Triage
Debbie Killian	Barry Hinson, brother in law of Perry Deaton		Mark Johnson
Cathee Griffin, sister of Kim Helms		Bill Marcus, brother of Jean Thomas	
Margaret Covington	Linda, aunt of Justin Alford		Bill Sweet, father of Pastor Alison
Ron Stanley, brother of Faye	Adam, Lois Spradley's grandson		Annette Moss and Craft family

We pray for national and world leaders, the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, their families, and those who are deployed:

Col. Cristina Moore - LTC Rob Byars - Austin Powers (Nat. Guard) - Major Trevor Sutherland (Air Nat. Guard) - STG2 Hunter Holland - Master SGT Rick Treadway - SGT Malcolm Allen - LTjG Morgan Whitmore and Lt. Alex Busch

Sunday School Opportunities

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Sanctuary Building, Downstairs

Nursery
Ages 2,3,4 & 5
Grades 1st & 2nd
3rd & 4th

PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Activity Building

Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8
High School (9-12)

ADULTS

Education Building

Morrison Class
Spencer Class
Activity Building
Baucom/Craig Class
Garrison-Martin Class
Listening to Your Life
New Life

JUNE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sunday School	\$0
Worship Offering	\$49,272.67
Online Giving	\$15,565.00
TOTAL Offering	\$64,837.67
Total Offering YTD	\$267,790.89
Total Expenses YTD	\$321,237.98
Under for Year	\$53,447.09

THANK YOU! Hi church of God, I am writing to thank you for providing meals and snacks to my family this school year at University Meadows Elementary School. It was a blessing to receive and we are very grateful for you thinking of us in these times of need.
Parent from University Meadows.

Pastor Alison's Care Corner

I've been thinking a lot lately about friendship, that enduring relationship between two persons in which we know the other and are known ourselves, known and celebrated and cherished and loved. Friendship brings out the best in us, even as we want the best for our friend. In deep friendship, we tell our stories and our friend listens without critique. Friendship stands the test of time. Joan Chittister says that friendship is *more spiritual than social*, and I would have to agree.

That friendship *is more spiritual than social* means that in friendship two souls are profoundly connected. To say that friendship is *more spiritual than social* implies that friendship goes beyond simply being together, meeting for coffee or going shopping or taking a walk together. That friendship is spiritual means that we remain deeply connected to the other whether we are with them or not. Have you known this type of friendship?

During these months of sheltering at home, I've come to realize just how much I need friends. Just hearing the voice of a close friend leaves me feeling nearly instantly connected and not alone. When I hear the voice of a good friend on the other end of the phone, I feel instantly known. Somewhere there is a saying, maybe you've heard it as well, that to have even a single deeply close friendship over the course of a lifetime is a gift. And it's so true. The sense of connection that a deep friendship provides feeds us and nourishes us. True friendship brings out the best in us, even we we bring our the best in our friend.

God did not create us to be alone. In the Garden of Eden, God saw that the first human being needed a companion, a partner, and so God created a second human being in order to meet that deep need for connection. "God saw that it was not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." (Genesis 2:18).

Joan Chittister says that, "friendship is as important to the married as to the single, to the elderly as to the young. It is about being deeply valued, reverently respected, loving tended and warmly received." We need each other. We need each other perhaps now more than we ever have for we cannot make it through these days - or through this life, for that matter - without profound human connections.

Let us give thanks to God for our friends.



Dear MCPC Family,

It is with great sadness that I announce my resignation from MCPC Preschool. I have had a wonderful 6 years as preschool director and will very much miss the preschool staff, MCPC members, and especially the preschool children and families. I have accepted a position as a kindergarten teacher at another Christian School at which I will have fewer work hours and summers off, which will be a great fit for my family, but I will carry the wonderful memories of my time at your welcoming place of worship with me forever. I am leaving the preschool ministry in the VERY best hands with Kristy Maddux. She is a treasure and no one cares more about the preschool ministry than she. I am available if I can ever be of help to anyone! I'll miss you all!

Kerri Miner

August 1, 2020

We have a new electronic sign, drive by and check it out!



Our outdoor services are going well and being well attended. Please join us if you can, either in your chair or in your car. As of now, we will continue to hold them at the Community House through Labor Day.



Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

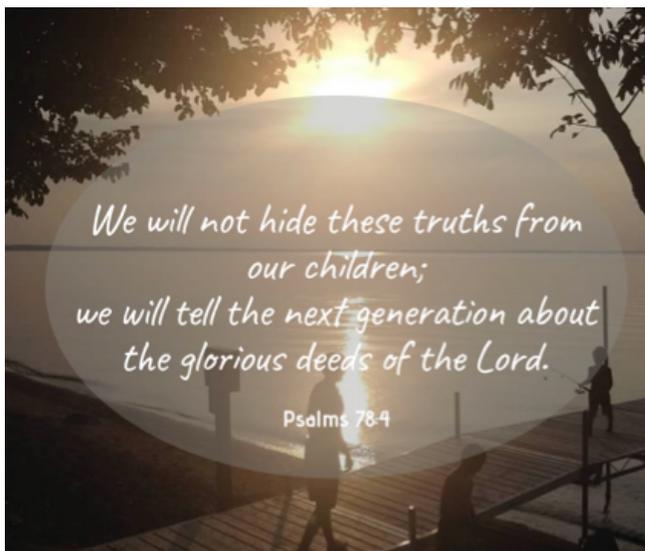
Hello everyone!

It was such a blessing to me to get to see so many of you during the month of July at our Montreat events and outdoor worship. It has been so strange to not be seeing everyone each week over the last few months, especially since I am still in my first year of being a part of the Mallard Creek community. It is stranger still to know that we did not get to go on any summer trips together in my first summer with you all. I grieve for what we lost this year, just as you all do.

As we look ahead to a new school year, I know there is a lot of uncertainty, discomfort, and frustration out there among our parents, teens, and kids. I think a lot of us thought the worst of the virus would be over by now, but that has obviously not been the case. Along with the Youth & Children's committee, I am working on a plan for Youth Club & Teen Fellowship for the year that will balance safety and well-being. Especially since many of our kids will be attending school online only, I know how important it is to their mental health and emotional well-being to interact with their peers at church. I also know how important it is to their spiritual life to be able to learn about the love of Jesus in a safe environment.

With this in mind, I ask for your prayers and your compassion – that whatever we decide, you will receive the news with grace and empathy. Know that your Y&C committee are doing their best to provide a safe and meaningful curriculum and schedule for the coming months. I ask that all the adults in our church model for our teens and kids the way to respond to an ongoing crisis within our world and community – with compassion, understanding, and respect. After all, the only way through this is through it together.

Blessings, Andrea



Session Highlights

1. Approved letter to the session outlining the changes in procedures due to COVID-19 and MCPC Preschool Opening September 8, 2020
2. Received as information the Kristy Maddux has been offered the open position of MCPC Preschool Director
3. July 27th 6:00-8:00 Teen Event for rising 9th & 10th graders
4. July 29th 6:00-8:00 Teen Event for rising 11th & 12th graders and recent high school graduates
5. Approved recommendation that Outdoor Worship should continue through Labor Day
6. Recommendation that the church office remain closed and that staff continue to work remotely
 - a. The church facility will remain closed for all gatherings and in-person meetings.
 - b. Meetings should continue virtually
7. Reminder that the MCPC Assistance Fund is available for members and non-members who may be in need
8. Reminder of on-line offerings and traditional offering (via US Mail) during the time of limited in-person worship activity
9. June Financial Report
 - a. June 2020 collections were \$14,180 more than June 2019
 - b. YTD 2020 collections were \$17,368 less than YTD 2019
 - c. June 2020 collections were \$16,788 more than June expenses
 - d. YTD 2020 collections were \$53,447 less than YTD expenses
 - e. Capital campaign receipts to date \$1,905,317.79
 - f. To pay our 2020 budget we need to average \$62,628 per month
10. August Session Meeting will be August 25 at 6:30pm in lieu of August 18

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September Birthdays</h1>						
		1 Martin Oehler Brian Wasko	2	3 Doug Martin Will Busch Jake Crapster Cole Scholand	4 Karen Trimble Jason Alexander	5
6 Kathleen Crosier Ernie Jones Kathryn Beard	7 Ginny Brooks Leigh Johnson Melissa Helms	8	9 Bernice Martin Charles Kimrey	10	11 Shirley Allen Lois Spradley Al Kumnick Shawn Watkins Lewis Smith Joshua Baker Carlene Clark	12 Barbara Walker Penny Louya Anye Ndingwan
13 Sarah Alexander Alice Oehler Michael Kostrzynski	14 Brodie MacNeil Caroline Johnson	15	16 Sheri Rose	17 Alec Trimble	18 Carl Hatton	19 Gary Walker Candace Greenly
20	21	22 Michel Lapalombella	23 Nancy Garrison BJ Knox Ronnie McKay Jeb White	24 Noah Rodden	25 Cameron Mitchell Alexander Snyder Kathy Robinson	26
27 Benjamin Baker	28 Bebe McGee Sydney Oehler Caitlin Rainstein	29	30 Sue Bishop Ben Oehler			



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"Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who bear much fruit."

Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am

The Rev. Rob Watkins
The Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins
Mrs. Andrea Thomas
Mr. David Barnaba
Mrs. Kristy Maddox
Mrs. Cathy Marlor
Mrs. Shawn Watkins

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Director of Music
Preschool Director
Financial Secretary
Administrative Assistant