

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

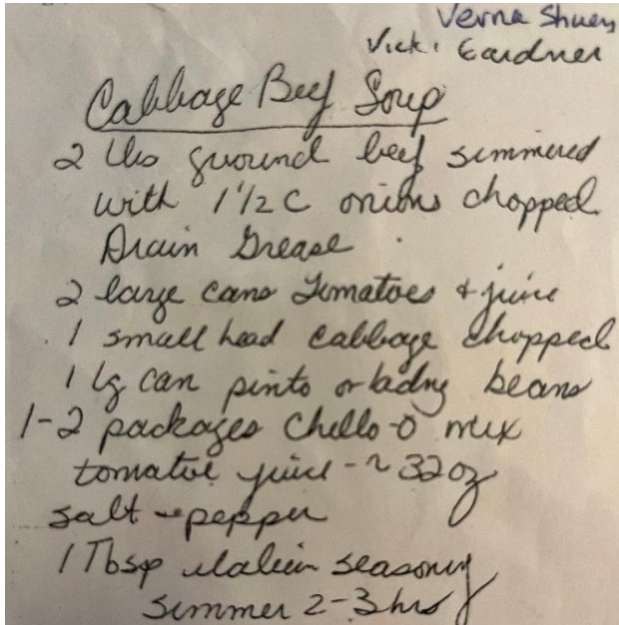


Rain is grace; rain is the sky
 condescending to the earth;
 without rain, there would be no life.
 -John Updike



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	World Day of Prayer 4	5	Presbytery Meeting 6
2 cents per meal 7	Grants Comm. 7 pm 8	Bible Study 2pm 9	10	11	12	13
Mother's Day 14	Worship Comm. 4 pm 15	16	17	18	19	Step Back Into History 9-2 20
21	22	23	4 pm Endowment 24	Session 7 pm 25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Yummy, Yummy Recipes Shared by the Congregation



Verna says that this recipe makes a lot so she frequently cuts it in half.



Squash Casserole – Lynne Bolton from her grandmother

(Recipe is for only 2 People. I multiplied the recipe by 4 and baked it in a Pampered Chef large rectangle baker.)

RECIPE:

- 2 small yellow squash washed and sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1/2 tsp of salt divided
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup Mayo.
- 2 full tsp sugar
- Pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed corn flakes
- 1 generous TBL melted butter

Heat oven to 350

In a small saucepan, heat squash, onion, and 1/4 tsp salt with water covering the veggies. Once it begins to boil, lower heat and let it cook for 2 minutes. Then drain. Meanwhile, whisk the egg, add Mayo and mix well. Add sugar and pinch of pepper and mix well. Then add the shredded cheese, and finally the squash mixture and mix all.

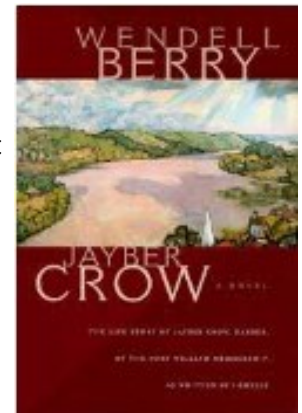
Pour mixture into a greased 2-quart baking dish. Combine crushed flakes and melted butter. Then evenly spread the flakes mixture on top of squash and bake roughly 25 minutes or when cereal turns light brown.



From David's Desk ~ Educational Leave '23

My educational leave this spring was centered upon my reading two books lent to me by two members of our church.

The first book is Jayber Crow, by Wendell Berry. By reading Berry's novel we follow Jayber, the central character, from his childhood to his "old age"; from the 1920's to the 1980's or so. We follow Jayber from his beginnings in the "richly imagined" community of Port William, a small town on the banks of the Kentucky River; out into "the world" of The Good Shepherd Orphanage and "the world of Pigeonville College"; and finally back into his hometown of Port William. We follow Jayber from his first love of books and the worlds that books can open to a young mind; to his first sense of calling into the ministry; and finally into his final chosen vocation as the town barber. It is as Port William's barber that Jayber truly ministers to his many, colorful neighbors and friends throughout his thoughtful life of integrity. There is also romance, sort of, in that Jayber as a mature man falls in love with a young woman whom he must adore from afar.



Of Jayber Crow the "Chicago Tribune" writes: "Vintage Berry, an elegiac tribute to the dignity and grace of ordinary people rising up human in an ever-more-impersonal world. It's about the redemptive power of love and community. And it's a masterpiece."

The second book is entitled The Second Son by Charles Saylor. It is a more fanciful novel that imagines what might happen if a person rose up among us who embodies many of the powers that our popular culture associates with Jesus Christ, Son of God (hence the title: The Second Son). I did not find this book as riveting as I found Jayber Crow, but I did appreciate a question that, I think, the book asks: "if there appeared among us someone who embodied Christ-like powers, would the world receive that person any better than it received Christ?"



The short answer presented in the novel is: "No!", which raises an important question to all of us who follow Jesus (the only Son of God): "do we see in Jesus the only Son of God, or do we take some offense in Him?"

My thanks to Fred Coats and Lyn Burton respectively for lending me Jayber Crow and The Second Son. Novel and short stories and essays can often be the means of God's grace to us. Read well and read often!

Peace in Christ,

David

EDITOR'S Notes: In David's sermon on April 30, he quoted the Westminster Shorter Catechism. I wanted to read the three questions he quoted again so it "could sink in". I found a pdf copy of the document on line so I "cut and pasted" these 3 questions. In my early Sunday School and communicant's classes (Edgar Mayes was my preacher at that time and we met in his apartment above Doctor Morgan's office), we studied the little pink catechism that didn't use such beautiful language. So I look up a Children's Catechism (again on line) and I found one with fewer words. I think that is the one I was introduced to. How about you?

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN An Introduction to the Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. Who made you?

A. God.

Q. 2. What else did God make?

A. God made all things.

Q. 3. Why did God make you and all things ?

A. For his own glory.



Sunday, May 7
During Worship Service
(Don't forget to bring your loose change to help feed the hungry)

World Day of Prayer— Thursday, May 4

This Thursday, May 4th, our nation will observe the "National Day of Prayer". Our church's sanctuary will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. that day for any member of our church or our surrounding community to come into the sanctuary to pray quietly. Our beloved music director, Lori Turner, has graciously volunteered to be in the sanctuary that day, at noon and the hour following, to play "quiet, meditative music" in support of our prayers. There is no "pre-set" agenda. Please feel perfectly free to offer up your silent prayers about any concerns that are weighing upon your heart and mind both for our nation and our world. Our Lord Jesus often sought out a "quiet place" to pray. Please take this special opportunity to follow in His footsteps and enter our sanctuary to pray as our Lord has taught us to pray, for God hears our prayers.



Thank you, your friend and servant in Christ, David

David and Patsy on "Educational Leave 2023" Topsail Island

(When I selected our "condo", I picked the one that showed a comfortable chair in the bedroom, so David would have a comfortable place to read and I could still move around the condo without bothering him.)

