

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



... From David's Desk

"A New Church Year!"

Patsy's beloved older sister, Monty Leitch (1950-2016), who was lovingly called Auntie Monty by her nieces and nephews, was—as many of you know—a great writer. At this time of year she would sometimes in her newspaper article reflect with great affection upon “the first day of school”. As a little girl, or even as a high school student, Monty loved “the first day of school”! She loved the smell of new erasers and pencils, the feel of crisp new spiral-bound note books and the experience of Mama taking her shopping to prepare for the new school year. Monty loved school because: she loved to learn—about everything!

Let's capture Monty's great spirit and love for learning by approaching our “first day of a new church year” (Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023) with excitement and a child-like joy and love for learning.

From September through November, our sermons will be based upon texts taken from Matthew 16 through Matthew 25. Read and study all of The Gospel According To Matthew. Our adult Sunday School Class will begin a study of Matthew on Sept. 10. Join us! Let's learn together about Matthew's account of the “Good News” of Jesus.

Lyn Burton will be continuing her Bible Study: “Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible”, each Tuesday of the month, at 2 pm in the fellowship hall of FPC. The next woman in the Bible to be studied will be Ruth, to be followed by Elizabeth and Mary in preparation for Christmas. A different volunteer leader will be chosen for each meeting. There is a study-guide. Please see Lyn if you need a book.

If you feel called to participate in “hands-on” mission work, please talk to Paul and Ginnie Phillippe. Paul is our Missions Committee chairperson. He and Ginnie have been serving for years at the Botetourt Food Pantry based in St. Mark's Episcopal Church's adjunct building. Additional volunteers are often needed.

Speaking of “hands-on”, like any “older” church building, our historic church building is in constant need of repairs here and there. If you have “the skills” and “willingness”, talk to Fred Coots, chairperson of the Property Committee. A little extra help is always appreciated!

Of course, there are other aspects of the church's worship and service. Pay particular attention to the special musical offerings as will be outlined by our gifted music director/pianist/organist, Lori Turner, in her adjoining article. I will write about other committees next month.

Till then, let us capture Monty's spirit and love for learning and doing as we enter into “a new church year” at our beloved Fincastle Presbyterian Church!

Peace in Christ

David

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...from Lori's "Keyboard"



The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." Colossians 3:16 NRSV

This year, at Fincastle Presbyterian Church, we have embraced psalms, hymns and spiritual music through a variety of gifted musicians and instruments. A favorite quote of mine from my college days reads, "For the heights and depths no words can reach, God gave us music, the soul's own speech." Since last December we have enjoyed the handbell music of our very own "Back Street Ringers", special Christmas Eve music from David, Eric, Cameron, and Olivia, the rich solo voices of Lynne Bolton and Evie Hewey, gospel favorites from David Austin and his guitar, community hymn sings with Fincastle Mennonite Church, sacred hymns played by the Botetourt Ensemble on brass and wind instruments, majestic organ music played by Mary Sowder, Amazing Grace played on Lori's Concertina "squeezebox" at the service by the creek, and our Sunday congregational hymns sung with "gratitude in our hearts" while being accompanied by the parlor grand piano, which has been passed down through generations.

Music is an integral part of worship, Christian fellowship and community outreach at Fincastle Presbyterian Church. We have had a rich year of singing praises to our Lord. As we prepare for a new church year let us look for more opportunities to share our talents while also inviting others to share their talents in worship and fellowship.

Feel free to share your ideas about more ways we can integrate music and guest musicians into the spiritual life of FPC. I can imagine the fellowship hall being a wonderful space, in the fall and winter, for a monthly "coffeehouse" opportunity to gather and share music, poetry and art with our local community. Can you picture it? What are your ideas? Open your hearts and minds and embrace the endless possibilities of music at FPC!



September 10, 2023

Grandparents Day



The flower, "Forget-Me-Nots" is the flower of National Grandparents Day.

Ed Shuey—Paternal Grandparents and Maternal Grandparents



Our Grandparents

Verna Shuey—Paternal Grandparents and Maternal Grandparents





More Grandparents

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*Patsy Dickerson and Cathy Goad—
Maternal Grandparents*



*Peggy Davis — Maternal
Grandparents*



David Dickerson Paternal Grandparents



Sandy Gates Grandparents



Lori Turner Maternal Grandparents And Grandmother



*David Dickerson Maternal
Grandparents*



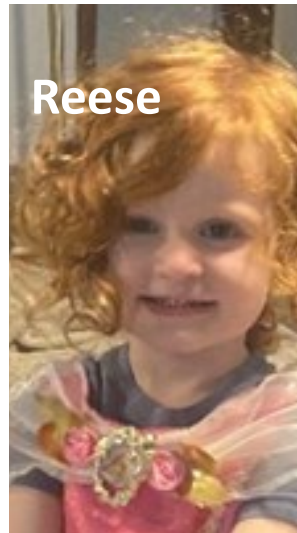


**Grandchildren of Kaye
and Alan Lowe—
Christopher and Lawson**

Our Grandchildren



Clair



Reese



Anders

**Grandchildren of
David and Patsy
Dickerson**



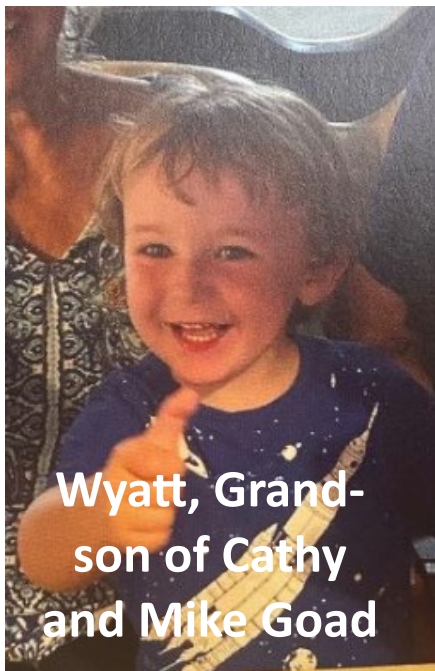
Cormac

**Grandson
of Verna
and Ed
Shuey**

More of Our Grandchildren



**Poppy Reese
and
Acadia Mae
Granddaugh-
ters of
Danette and
Tim Heinlein**



**Wyatt, Grand-
son of Cathy
and Mike Goad**



**Peggy Davis and her grandchil-
dren (1988) McKinley, Mor-
gan, Benton, Andrew, Hannah
and Kyle**

Even More Grandchildren



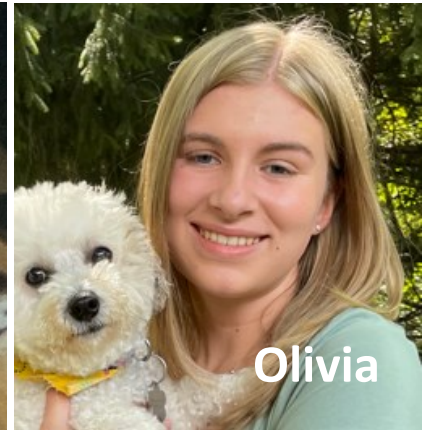
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Evan



Meredith



Olivia



Mason



Ethan

**Grandchildren
of Sandy Gates**

**Grandmom Lori
and Cedar**



3 or 4 Generations of Family



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Shasa—ggd

Slone—ggd



Recipes from Fellowship Time

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From the kitchen of Ginnie Phillippe— a copy of the cookie recipes that Lew Moore made and used in the boxed lunches for the 1990 Garden Club tour

Viennese Walnut Bars—Ginnie uses pecans instead of walnuts

Cream Cheese Pastry: Soften **1/2 cup butter** and **3 ounce cream cheese**. Beat together butter, cream cheese and **1/4 sugar**. Stir in **1 1/4 cups of flour**. Pat evenly over bottom of buttered 13x9x2 pan (sheet cake size). Sprinkle **1 cup chocolate bits** over pastry. Sprinkle **1 cup chopped English walnuts (or pecan)** over chocolate bits. Beat together **1/4 cup of butter**, **1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar**, **2 eggs**, **1 teaspoon instant coffee** dissolved in 1 teaspoon water. Add **1 cup flour**, **1/4 teaspoon baking powder**, **1/4 teaspoon salt**; mix flour, baking powder and salt together before adding to egg mixture. Beat together gently to blend. Spoon over chocolate bits and nuts in pan. Sprinkle with **1/2 cups finely chopped English walnuts (or pecan)**. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool, mark and cut into 2 x 1 1/2 inch bars. Makes 32.

Apple Doodle—*from the kitchen of Danette Heinlein*

Ingredients

- 2 17.5oz. package snickerdoodle cookie mix
- 1 cup 2 stick salted butter
- 2 large egg
- 2 21oz. can apple pie filling
- 6 Tbsp. caramel topping
- 4 tsps cinnamon sugar

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375F and spray an 9x13" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
 2. In a small bowl, mix together cookie mix, butter, and egg.
 3. Place half on the dough in small spoonful across the bottom of the prepared baking dish.
 4. Sprinkle dough with 2 tsp of cinnamon sugar.
 5. Spread apple pie filling over the bottom layer and add remaining cookie mix in small spoonful across the top.
 6. Sprinkle with the second 2 tsp of cinnamon sugar and top with a drizzle of caramel topping.
 7. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes.
- After baking, note, that the bottom layer of cookie dough will make a cream mix with the apple pie filling, not a solid cookie bottom crust.

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Homecoming 2023

Sunday, October 8, 2023

10:30 Worship Time

After Service: Family Potluck more information forthcoming

Please provide Danette names and addresses of former members that you would like to invite to the homecoming.

An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun,
Give us in all the struggle and sputter,
Our daily bread and a bit o' butter,
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for other's sake
Give us, too, a bit o' song,
And a tale and a book to help us along,
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise, and free,
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
'Til all men learn to live as brothers.