



***From the Pastor***

**Finding Joy In the Work**

Along my journey, church members have taught me most of what I know about ministry. This is about a person who taught me something at just the time when I needed it.

Her name was Mary Bane Rudolph. I met her during my seminary intern year in Jacksonville, Florida. She was in her 40's about then, and the Director of Christian Education at a Presbyterian church across town. I don't remember how we met, but during that intern year she took a real interest in me. I was working in a low income, inner-city neighborhood, with a church that had never had a seminary student before.

I remember having lunch with Mary Bane about half-way through the year. I guess I was complaining about the struggle of the work, and the troubles in the neighborhood, and about how hard it was to get the church more interested in the people who lived around them. She interrupted my complaint after a while, and she said "Charlie, tell me what feeds you? Tell me what gives you joy in your work?" I was stunned. I did not know what to say. No one had ever brought that up before. I did not even know it was a category in the Christian life. I knew about duty and responsibility, and commitment. I did not know much about joy or about being nurtured by the work.

That next summer, Mary Bane brought the youth group from her church to our inner-city congregation to help us run vacation Bible school. Together we had a great time, and her teens had a great time – and I think Mary Bane did, too.

One of the ways we find God's call in our lives is to find those things that feed our souls, that nurture that deep sense of God's presence in our lives. Yes, the things that bring us joy teach us something about God's will. It may sound selfish, and it would be if that was all there was to it. But without that nurture, that joy, we soon dry up and blow away.

I hope that you are finding those places, both inside and outside this congregation, that feed your soul.

***Rev. Charlie Summers***

**Ice Cream Social**

In our continuing attempt to get back to normal activity, we have planned for the 2022 Ice Cream Social. The date will be July 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM. Come for plenty of ice cream, toppings, nuts, bananas, and other goodies, and a chance enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. Bring the kids and grandkids; everyone is welcome.

Many years ago, when this summer event first began some of our members enjoyed making their own ice cream. So, let us once again invite anyone who is so inclined to make some homemade ice cream and bring it along. Please let Bonnie and Rich Kowalski (804-745-8740) and we will have a special table set up for you.

*Rich Kowalski*

**Church in the World****Pentecost Special Offering**

“We plan and God laughs” is identified as a Yiddish proverb, the title of a book or two and the headline of multiple online articles meant to help people navigate periods in life when personal plans seem to disintegrate in front of our eyes. When we hear or read the proverb, it can be difficult not to nod along, especially when the phrase encapsulates something most of us have experienced: a perfected resume or proposal sent, but no word back; a flawless itinerary dissolved by the smallest delay; an event set to begin, upended by a storm; a setback or an entirely “new normal.”

As much as we might nod along, or wince at our own experience, the proverb points us in the other direction, too. And if not the proverb, Scripture certainly does.

In the Book of Jeremiah, the tone and task are predominantly focused on God’s judgment, but then Jeremiah shares the statement: “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans ... to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). These words were sent by the prophet Jeremiah to the Israelites who had been taken into Babylonian exile. These striking, comforting words reminded them that, despite their experience of the present, God’s gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. “We plan and God laughs”? Perhaps. But it is just as possible that “we plan, and God imagines a future with so much more.”

At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” initiative, as well as local organizations, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

**Southminster Scholarship**

The youth and young adults in our congregation have been blessed by the generosity of former and current members who contribute to our Scholarship Fund, helping our young members with college expenses. All eligible Southminster youth are encouraged to apply for the Southminster Scholarship.

Applicants must be confirmed members of Southminster and attend at least two worship services or church-sponsored events each year. (The Scholarship Committee will offer grace on the participation requirement due to the extraordinary circumstances of 2021.) Applications and guidelines will be available at the church and will also be mailed to eligible students. If you think you are eligible and do not receive this mailing by the end of April, please contact the church office at 804-276-1749. Applications are due by June 15, 2022.

**Leadership & Planning**

**Congratulations, Rev. Mary Bielen**

Mary Bielen was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on May 8, 2022 at her home church, First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. She was the D.C.E. for that congregation for thirteen years. Congratulations, Rev. Bielen!

**Facilities**

**Recycle You Plastic Jars**

Brown Pearson is collecting pint and quart-sized plastic jars to make carpenter bee traps for Camp Hanover.

If you have jars that you'd like to contribute, please leave them in the designated bin in the Fellowship Hall.

<p><b><u>Presbyterian Women</u></b></p> <p><b>Ruth Circle</b> June 7th at 2:00 PM Conference Room</p> <p><b>Anna Circle</b> June 7th at 6:30 PM Debbie Greenberg's residence</p> <p><b>Martha Circle</b> <i>On hiatus until September</i></p>
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## Bible Fun Week- Now Enrolling

“Round the world or just down the street, make peace with everyone you meet”. This quote is taken from this year’s program, “PASSPORT TO PEACE” developed by the Shine Curriculum. This year our Bible Fun Week Program will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This program is open for toddlers to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Older youth are invited to volunteer and will surely benefit.

This program is right on time as it is nevermore important to foster peacemaking skills as Christians. Five separate Bible stories are used to illustrate how children can respond and live as peacemakers as Jesus taught. Passport to Peace invites children to see every person as part of God’s family and every interaction as an opportunity for peacemaking. Passport to Peace is a reminder that the Love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions.

Come and join the fun. Sign up forms for children and volunteer forms can be found in the church Narthax or on the church’s website: <https://www.southpreschurch.org/bible-fun-week.html>. You may also contact Laura Pearson at phone: 804-387-3913, or by email: [laurapearson53@gmail.com](mailto:laurapearson53@gmail.com). **The deadline to enroll is July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## School Supply Drive

Southminster is partnering again this year with Chesterfield Mental Health Services to collect school supplies for students in our community. We will be collecting supplies throughout the summer. (Monetary donations to the School Supply Fund are also very welcome.) In mid-August we will gather to pack the supplies after Sunday worship, to be picked up by CMHS case workers. Stay tuned for more details about deadlines and packing. Please find a list of our needs below:

- Pencils
- Black Pens
- Red Pens
- Crayons (15 pack)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Erasers
- Ruled Paper (Wide)
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Colored Paper
- Elmers Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Backpacks for all ages

## Session Highlights

- Approved baptism of Joseph Swenck on July 10th by guest minister Rev Beth Wierman.
- Approved membership transfer of Deb Ellenberg to Swift Creek Presbyterian Church.
- The formation of a music concert committee was approved.
- Mary Stahl was elected commissioner for the June 14th Presytery meeting.
- Mission funds were approved for Rise Against Hunger event to take place in the Fall.

## Children and Family News

### **Chapel in the Woods**

Our summer outdoor worship service, *Chapel in the Woods*, held on the grounds of the church at 9:00 am, may be especially appealing to our families with children. Come and enjoy the natural surroundings as you worship with your family.

### **Church Nursery News**

Our church nursery is closed during the summer months and will re-open in September.

### **Search for a Child Care Provider**

We are searching for a child care provider, a paid position, to cover our nursery during our Sunday morning worship beginning Fall 2022. We are also looking for volunteers to assist the child care provider. [If interested, or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Rev. Mary Bielen, Covenant Pastor, at \[mary@southpreschurch.org\]\(mailto:mary@southpreschurch.org\).](#)

### **Summer Camp Experiences**

Are you and your family interested in children and youth summer camp experiences? Camp Hanover, in Mechanicsville, VA, a camp affiliated with our presbytery, offers a wide variety of day camp and overnight camping experiences for children and youth during June, July and August. Visit their web page for more information: <https://www.camphanover.org/summer-camp/>.

### **Children's Sunday School**

Our Children's Sunday School classes will reconvene beginning in September 2022. Classes are designed to be age appropriate and engaging for children in Pre-K through the 5th grade. If you are interested in teaching in our Children's Sunday School, or assisting teachers, please contact Rev. Mary Bielen, Covenant Pastor, at [mary@southpreschurch.org](mailto:mary@southpreschurch.org). No experience needed.

### **Confirmation Class**

We would like to offer a confirmation class in the fall. The class would be open to youth entering grades 8-12. If interested, or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Rev. Mary Bielen, Covenant Pastor, at [mary@southpreschurch.org](mailto:mary@southpreschurch.org).

## Directory Updates

**Clay & Debbie Spillman**

22 Stone Drive

Cumberland, VA 23040

## ***June Birthdays***

- 1 Jack Coryell
- 5 Bonnie Kowalski, Brady Paterson,  
Michaela Williams
- 6 Tod Bigley, Shannon Coryell,  
Jerry McCall
- 7 Byrd Harris
- 11 Marit Smith
- 13 Tracey Williams, Lora Anderson
- 16 Casey Adiele, Laura Schiller Toro
- 18 Bruce Jones
- 19 Dawn France, Harry Rowan, Alicia Willis
- 20 Jana Paterson
- 21 Barbara Flynt, Gary Smith
- 22 Pat Abbott, Moses Adiele
- 23 Evelyn Lopez
- 25 Eddie Pearson
- 26 Luca Cruciata
- 27 Bill Hevener
- 28 Cindy Ferguson
- 29 Jennifer Weddle, Vickie Adiele

## ***June Anniversaries***

- 1 Richard & Wanda Carneal (26)
- 4 David & Jennifer Williams (41)
- 8 Art & Ginny Williams (68)
- 10 Ron & Helen Raetz (44)
- 10 Ken & Kathy Brammer (42)
- 13 Ron & Debbie Crenshaw (36)
- 16 Ron & Mary Ann Hepp (49)
- 19 Gene & Sue Rhodes (46)
- 20 Frank & Joyce Grier (41)
- 23 Bruce & Christy Jones (43)
- 23 Charles & Lynda Reed (38)
- 24 Reggie & Ivy Stennett (44)
- 26 Jim & Jane Lewis (68)
- 30 Mark & Jana Paterson (21)

*Have we missed your birthday or anniversary?  
Let the church office know: 804-276-1749.*

## ***June Schedules***

### **Communion Team**

June 5: Team 1: 9 AM & 11 AM (Unit)

### **Elder Greeters**

- 5 Anne Smith
- 12 Eddie Pearson
- 19 Jennifer Weddle
- 26 Mary Stahl

### **Ushers**

- 5 Dennis Stone, Chuck Greenberg,  
Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 12 Dennis Stone, Chuck Greenberg,  
Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 19 Laura Pearson, Dianna Scott, Frank & Joyce Grier
- 26 Laura Pearson, Dianna Scott, Frank & Joyce Grier

### **Facility Stewards**

- 5 Chuck Greenberg
- 12 Clay Spillman
- 19 David Huff
- 26 David Kirtley

### **Visitation Team**

- 12 Frank Grier
- 19 Frank Grier
- 26 Jan Belote

### **Food Closet**

- 2 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 7 Ann Potts, Melba Jolly
- 9 Cheriene McCall, Jane Tarter
- 14 Jane Williams, Frank Grier
- 16 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 21 Mary Stahl, David Stahl
- 23 Cheriene McCall, Jane Tarter
- 28 Rose Spradin, Margaret Hall
- 30 Shelley Murray, Jane Williams

## ***July Birthdays***

- 3 Bill Crawford
- 6 Earl Medicus
- 7 Debbie Crenshaw, Helen Raetz
- 8 Emily Pinchbeck
- 10 Asher Hollingsworth
- 13 Nancy Bare, Susan Edwards
- 14 Karen Stafford
- 15 Debbie Greenberg, Debbie Spillman
- 16 Nate Pearson, Dashed Roland, John Surber
- 18 Sue Rhodes, Susan Witcher,  
Colleen Chinnis, Brody Pearson
- 20 Adam Taggart
- 21 Betsy Zehner
- 22 Seth Willis
- 23 Bob Warren
- 26 Luke Pearson, Lil Price
- 27 Jane Conrad, Ada Park, Ann Schaffer
- 31 Ryan Ball, Adrienne Proctor

## ***July Anniversaries***

- 12 Jean & Larry Derrenbacker (55)
- 12 Andy & Star Lopez (10)
- 14 Eddie & Audrey Pearson (13)
- 25 David & ChiChi Huff (58)
- 26 Tim & Jennifer Weddle (36)
- 26 Jack & Lou Ann Daniel (47)

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## ***July Schedules***

### **Communion Teams**

July 3: Team 3: 9 AM & 11 AM (Unit)

### **Elder Greeters**

- 3 Robin Lapsley
- 10 Clay Spillman
- 17 Rich Kowalski
- 24 Anne Smith
- 31 Eddie Pearson

### **Ushers**

- 3 Matt Briggs, David Huff, Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 10 Matt Briggs, David Huff, Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 17 Kitty Bice, Rich & Bonnie Kowalski
- 24 Kitty Bice, Rich & Bonnie Kowalski
- 31 Pat Thomas, Kathy Liesfeld,  
Jerry & Cheriene McCall

### **Facility Stewards**

- 3 Dennis Stone
- 10 Eddie Pearson
- 17 Frank Grier
- 24 Howard Boughton
- 31 Jerry Davis

### **Visitation Team**

- 10 Kathy Liesfeld
- 17 Kathy Liesfeld

### **Food Closet**

- 5 Mary Stahl, David Stahl
- 7 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 12 Ann Potts, Margaret Hall
- 14 Cheriene McCall, Shelley Murray
- 19 Jane Williams, Melba Jolly
- 21 Jane Tarter, Margaret Hall
- 26 Shelley Murray, Frank Grier
- 28 Cheriene McCall, Rose Spradin

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**Return Service Requested**

**June / July 2022**



**Outdoor Worship**  
Begins Sunday, June 5th  
9:00 AM in the  
Chapel in the Woods

Traditional worship at  
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> Pentecost <i>Communion</i> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>6</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>7</b> Food Closet 2 PM: Ruth Circle 6:30 PM: Anna Circle	<b>1</b> 6 PM: Choir Party	<b>2</b> Food Closet	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>4</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN
<b>12</b> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>13</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>14</b> Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Food Closet	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>18</b> 8 AM: IPCN Party FH 7:30 PM: IPCN
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>20</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>21</b> Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Food Closet	<b>24</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>25</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN
<b>26</b> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>27</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>28</b> Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Food Closet		
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<b>3</b> Communion 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>4</b> Independence Day <b>Office Closed</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>5</b> Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Food Closet	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN
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<b>24</b> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>25</b> <b>Bible Fun Week</b> 10 AM: Balladeers 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>26</b> Food Closet <b>Bible Fun Week</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>27</b> <b>Bible Fun Week</b>	<b>28</b> Food Closet <b>Bible Fun Week</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Bible Fun Week</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN
<b>31</b> 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN		Notes <b>Bible Fun Week will take place in the building from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.</b>				