

AUGUST

newsletter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SYLVA

“Our mission is to make disciples who love Jesus Christ, love the church, and love their neighbors as themselves. We invite you to join us for weekly worship and special events throughout the year.”

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Friends,

What is your mission?

If you had to write a mission statement for your life, what would you say?

I've been reflecting on these questions recently for two reasons. First, the latest *Mission: Impossible* movie came out in theaters last week, and I'm eager to see it. Second (and more importantly), I've just returned from a continuing education trip that focused on this very topic: mission and the church. During my time away, I met with seven other pastors to read through the work of the 20th century missionary Lesslie Newbigin. Newbigin was adamant throughout his ministry that mission is not tangential to the gospel, but at the very heart of the gospel. Jesus, after all, came on a mission to rescue us, and Jesus has commissioned us to make disciples in his name. The church, therefore, doesn't *have* a mission; the church *is* a mission – a “joyful participation in Christ’s ongoing life and work,” as our Presbyterian *Book of Order* says.

If you're wondering what your personal mission in life is, look to the Lord. Look to Jesus. He already has a mission statement for you, and he invites you to share in that mission with other people in a community called “church,” for the life of the world.

Starting at the end of August, I will preach four sermons on the topic of mission, focusing specifically on our mission statement at First Presbyterian Church: “To make disciples who love Jesus Christ, love the church, and love their neighbors as themselves.”

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This statement has its roots in Jesus' conversation with a teacher of the law in Luke 10. We will study Scripture and break the statement down week-by-week to consider how God is leading us on mission together in Sylva and beyond. I hope you'll join us.

Finally, I want to remind you that our Cornerstone capital improvements campaign is up and running. Please see Judy Henderson's "Dollars and Cents" article for an excellent update, and visit www.sylvapres.org/cornerstone for more information. We need your help to take the next step.

Yours in Christ,

Blake

CHURCH UPDATES

DOLLARS AND CENTS

Our Cornerstone Campaign is slowly gathering momentum. The Session has asked the Capital Campaign Task Force to see how much money can be raised between now and the end of the year to reduce the amount we may have to borrow. The goal is \$300,000 which seems like a monumental sum but by the grace of God, we are starting with about \$70,000 -- \$30,000 was a memorial gift to Capital Improvement made in late 2015 and \$40,000 is money we have saved over the past several years that came in as regular giving and has been reallocated to the Cornerstone Campaign. Since the project was announced, we have raised \$7,870. We have had several informational sessions given by the Capital Needs Task Force and they will again be sharing the vision at the September Family Night Supper on September 5th

We will be asking for gifts, and pledges both large and small from current members and friends and former members who may want to contribute. And there will be fundraising events soon that I will share in the next newsletter. I hope you will be praying about how you can help. Wherever you fall on the financial spectrum, you can be a part of this. We have a special church focused on learning more about Jesus and how He wants us to love each other and reach out to our community. We are blessed!

In His Service, Judy Henderson, Co-Treasurer

OFFICE UPDATE

Starting Monday, August 20th, the church office hours will be changed from

9:00am - 3:00pm to 8:00am - 2:00pm.

CHURCH UPDATES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Can you believe summer is almost over?!? I always embrace the summer to the fullest, as it is the time my family and I can relish in each other's company to no end. As sad as I am that summer is coming to a close, I can't wait to get our new year started! Here are a few notes:

PROMOTION SUNDAY:

It is time for our children and youth to be moved up to their new Sunday School classes! Our Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 19th. We will start with breakfast at 9:45 AM and then meet our new (or maybe the same) Sunday School teachers.



FAMILY NIGHT: Due to a personal conflict, our new family night will be re-scheduled for Sunday September 22nd. It will still be board games and pizza so come on out!

Interested in volunteering for the children's program?
Contact Courtney Umphlett at FPCSylvakids@gmail.com

Courtney Umphlett

CHURCH UPDATES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE

Presbyterian Women will be hosting the
Annual Memorial Dinner for all women of the church
on August 16 at 5p.m. at the home of Dottie Thornburg.

All women are invited to join the celebration and memory of our sisters
saints who have gone before us.

Please R.S.V.P to **Sylvia Smythe**, 828-507-9531, so they know how to prepare.

DEACON UPDATE



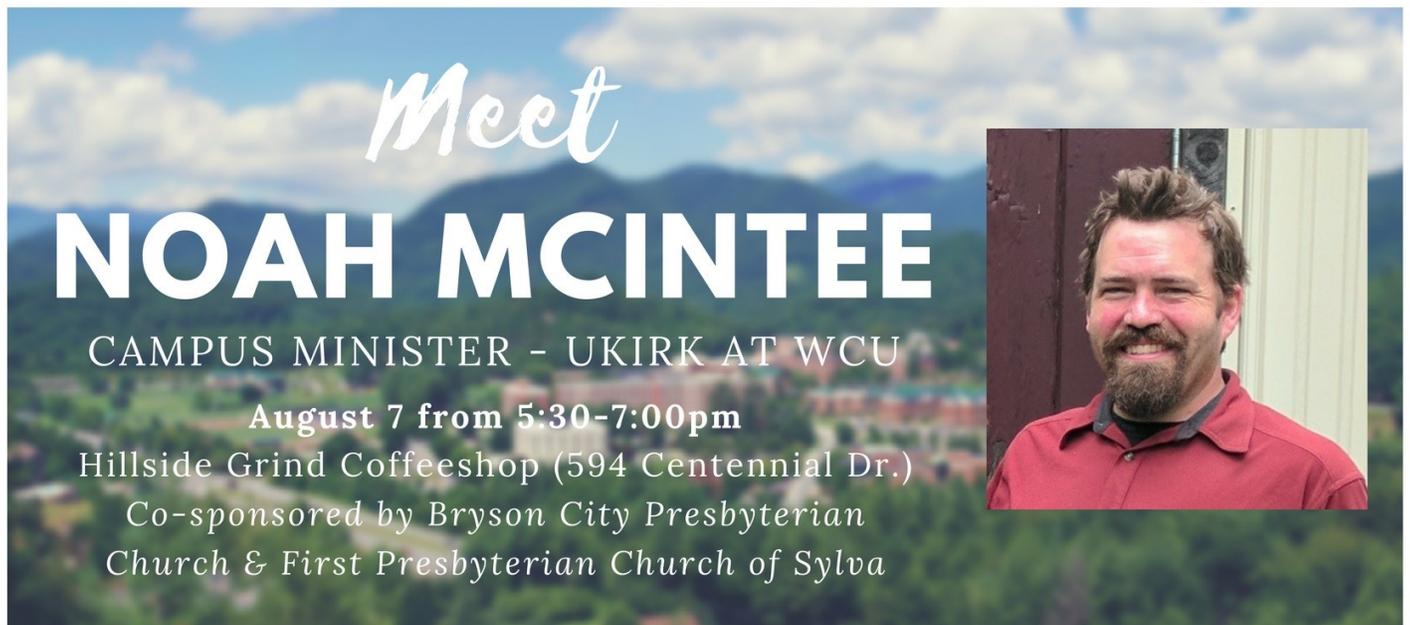
COMMUNITY INFO

Benefit Concert for Black Mountain Home

The 15th annual benefit concert for Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families will be held on **Sunday, August 5 at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Franklin**. FPC-Franklin will match the first \$1000 in donations. A reception will follow. Hope that you can attend.

United Christian Ministries

United Christian Ministries needs ramen noodles and canned fruit. As always, we can they can use any type of nonperishable food, household or personal items such as detergent for dishes or laundry.



Meet
NOAH MCINTEE
CAMPUS MINISTER - UKIRK AT WCU
August 7 from 5:30-7:00pm
Hillside Grind Coffeeshop (594 Centennial Dr.)
Co-sponsored by Bryson City Presbyterian Church & First Presbyterian Church of Sylva

Join us for a special meet-and-greet time with **Noah McIntee**, the new pastor of the UKirk Campus Ministry at Western Carolina University. This will take place on Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30-7pm at Hillside Grind Coffeehouse (formerly Cullowhee Presbyterian Church). Come meet Noah and his family and enjoy some light refreshments.

COMMUNITY INFO



WORKDAY

Saturday, August 11

8am - 2pm

On Saturday, August 11, we are having a workday at UKirk / Hillside Grind and we need your help. From 8am - 2pm we will gather at 594 Centennial

Dr to work on the inside and outside of the building doing jobs that require many willing volunteers but not necessarily any specialized skills. You don't have to be here the whole time and you don't need to bring anything or be skilled in anything - you just need to come! You can do this!

We'll put out a spread for lunch and hope you will be able to stop by for some amount of time in order to help, to see the place, and to visit with folks from other churches that are all joining together to help.

Below is a basic list of jobs that we need to work on, followed by a list of equipment & materials which are available, and those which are still needed.

Planning is always easier with information so if you can come, or if you can organize a group from your church to come, and especially if you can bring some equipment, send an email to Noah (noah@ukirkwcu.org).

(Please see the next page for a list of jobs, inside and outside, as well as the equipment that they have and need.)

COMMUNITY INFO

Inside Jobs

- Replace light bulbs
- Clean dead bugs out of light fixtures
- Clean windows & screens
- Clean front glass doors
- Clean out & wipe down all cabinets
- Clean out & wipe down pantry
- Organize all the to-go containers & lids
- Inspect, repair, replace, tighten all wing nuts on all metal chairs
- Build shelves for underneath front bar counter
- Mount divider in Men's Room between urinal & sink
- Install, mount, and wire two light fixtures

Outside

- Clean windows & screens
- Clean front glass doors
- Cut / trim limbs hanging over sidewalk in front of rental house
- Cut / trim limbs obstructing visibility on street sign
- Pull vines from all hedges, bushes, and ornamental plants
- Power wash front patio
- Fill in pot hole at driveway / sidewalk junction
- Organize the storage space under the stairs to the PT office
- Replace hardware on hammock poles
- Square the front doors so they don't stick
- Remove all playground equipment
- Check fence and prepare for use as a dog park



Equipment Available

We've got a fairly wide assortment of hand tools, a drill, and basic hardware.

We've also got plenty of cleaning basics: soaps, detergents, rags, etc...

We've got a ladder, brooms, and a mop bucket

We've got all the hardware and bulbs from the list above

Equipment Needed

Landscaping equipment: loppers, clippers, pruning saw, pitchfork

Woodworking tools (for building those shelves) but we do have a pile of scrap wood that could be searched for useable material

Power washer

COMMUNITY INFO

In the Fall

All ladies are invited!

Women's Community Bible Study will start a Fall Study on
Wednesday, September 5.

We will study Priscilla Schirer's "Armor of God."

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Join us for this 7-session Bible study!

Women's Community Bible Study is a non-denominational Bible Study open to all ladies. Childcare is provided. We meet from 9am – 10:30am at First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please contact Joyce Pope at joyce_pope@hotmail.com or 828-631-9496.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the fall!

COMMUNITY INFO

In the Fall

We are excited to host **Richard Burnett** as our special guest speaker and preacher this fall. Richard is an ordained Presbyterian pastor, former professor of theology at Erskine College, and current director of *Theology Matters* magazine. He will present on the topic of the Protestant Reformation.

Schedule

Saturday, September 8

5:30pm– Evening Session in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 9

9:45am – Combined Sunday School with Dr. Burnett in Fellowship Hall

11:00am – Worship with Dr. Burnett preaching in Sanctuary

Please contact the church office to reserve childcare and for more information.



The Protestant Reformation:
Why It Happened and Who Should Care

DR. RICHARD BURNETT, GUEST SPEAKER

• September 8-9, 2018 •
First Presbyterian Church of Sylva
All are welcome!
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August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30p Family Night Supper	2 7p Choir	3 3p Pilates	4
5 9a Christian Ed. 8:45a Diaconate 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Service	6	7 9:30a Garden Club 9:30a Watercolor 3p Pilates	8 2:00p Staff Mtg.	9 7p Choir	10 3p Pilates	11 Ali Large – FH reserved Jessica Morgan – FH reserved
12 8:45a Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Service 12:15p Finance Comm. Mtg.	13 6p Session	14 9:30a Watercolor 3p Pilates 7p Soaking Prayer	15	16 7p Choir	17 3p Pilates	18
19 9:45a Rally Day, Sunday School Kick-Off 11a Worship Service	20	21 9:30a Watercolor 3p Pilates	22	23 7p Choir 7p Jackson County Golf Club	24 3p Pilates	25
26 8:45a Mission Comm. Mtg. 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Service	27	28 9:30a Watercolor 3p Pilates	29	30 7p Choir	31 3p Pilates	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

call to worship

8/5 Cyndie Royce

8/12 Pat Mikula

8/19 Donna Mason

8/26

prayer of illumination / scripture reading

8/19 Bob Porter

coffee fellowship

8/5

8/12 Besan Nash, Nancy Zachmann

8/19 Bruce & Judy Henderson

8/26 Steve & Marlies Owens

flowers

8/5 Will & Besan Nash

8/12 Leon & Evelyn Bennett

8/19 Bob Porter & Robin Porter

8/26 Pat & Brenda Hill

ashers ^{AND} greeters

8/5 Nancy Zachmann, Mary Gelbaugh

8/12

8/19

8/26

family night supper

8/1 Doug & Doris Cody, Tom & Jae Crawford

**If you can serve in any of the
open spaces, please email or
call the church office! Also,
please be sure to sign-up for
the next month!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

8/1 - Jim Smythe
8/2 - Heidi Buchanan
8/2 - Becky Lindsay
8/2 - Sarah Thompson
8/8 - Kyleigh Porter
8/10 - Lynda Parlett
8/11 - Margaret Hale
8/15 - Courtney Umphlett
8/15 - Olivia Collings
8/18 - Judy Pearson
8/23 - Megan Owens
8/24 - Steve Parlett
8/24 - JC Porter
8/25 - Caitlin Cody
8/26 - Joe Hutchinson
8/28 - Brenda Holt

Anniversaries

8/10 - James & Judy McManus
8/13 - David & Shelly Cathcart
8/14 - Tom & Melanie Tabor
8/15 - Dave & Dottie Whitesides
8/19 - Bruce & Judy Henderson

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in future newsletters, please send the information to Emily in the church office.