



June 2024



Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

Proverbs 8:10–11

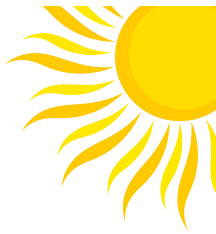
Wisdom is something that is difficult to define but many people seek. Yet, as much as we don't know, we know that true wisdom comes from God (As the proverb says "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." But we should recognize that the word "fear" here means honoring). While we should always seek to learn and grow in God, it is also important to have specific times when we are deliberate about learning and growing in our faith. Summer is a fabulous time to do just that. As the days grow longer and schedules may be a little more flexible, we can set aside specific time for our own reflection and faith development. We are offering several different opportunities to do that. Whether it is joining the 11:00 AM Wednesday coffee house Bible study or coming Thursday evenings for our book study everyone has a chance to learn and grow as a disciple. Also, Sunday mornings continue to be an excellent opportunity to grow in faith - with a New Testament Survey class in June and then an opportunity to learn more about the needs in this community in July. Also on Sundays we will have time for reflection and learning through our Summer sermon series. In June we will consider major lessons from the minor prophets. In July we will go "Beyond the Bumper Sticker" to reflect on those phrases we see on bumper stickers and the depth of meaning wrapped up in those short sayings. I invite us all to make a summer resolution to grow in Christ and in the wisdom that comes from God.

Pastor Leigh

Summer Prayers

As we enter into this summertime I invite everyone to lift in prayer our youth who are headed to Montreat High School and Middle School conferences and our adults and children who are going to Montreat Worship and Music. In addition let us lift prayers in thanksgiving for this community and all the ways we embody Christ and that we may continue to grow and worship and serve in this season. As we are reminded in James chapter 5:

Prayer is something powerful to be reckoned with.



⇒ **Coffee Shop Theology** at Noble & Main Coffee Shop on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

⇒ **Thursday evening Bible/book study** weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room.

Faith Development Upcoming Dates

- **Sunday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**--Cornerstone Class, 10 AM, Cornerstone Room - Pastor Leigh Jones is teaching a series on the New Testament.
- **Monday, June 3**--Faith Development Meeting, 7 PM, Session Room
- **Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26**--Coffee Shop Theology, 11 AM, Noble & Main
- **Thursday, June 6, 13, 20, 27**--Evening Bible/Book Study, 7 PM, Cornerstone Room
We will be discussing Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us, by Layton E. Williams. New and used copies are available at Amazon.
- **Sunday, July 9 - Saturday, July 15**-- Montreat High School Conference, Montreat NC
- Children's Sunday School is in recess until September 5.

Looking further ahead...

In partnership with Mission, Faith Development is planning an overnight Fall Service/Spiritual Formation Retreat Weekend on October 11-13 (Fri-Sun) in Blue Ridge. Individuals, couples, and families with children elementary-age and older are welcome to spend one or both nights, and everyone is invited to join us for a day of service on Saturday. Details will be shared as they become available. Everyone interested in joining us for this fun and exciting opportunity should contact Jean Gilliland or Jenny Brannan.



Ladies Night Out - June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

This month we will meet at Los Arcos, 1008 N. Tennessee Street Cartersville. All ladies are invited to join us for good food and great fellowship! Childcare will be available, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

FPC Book Club June 27 at 10:30am Cornerstone Room



This month we will be discussing Kristin Hannah's The Women, a novel about a nurse in Vietnam. Come join us. Everyone is welcome.

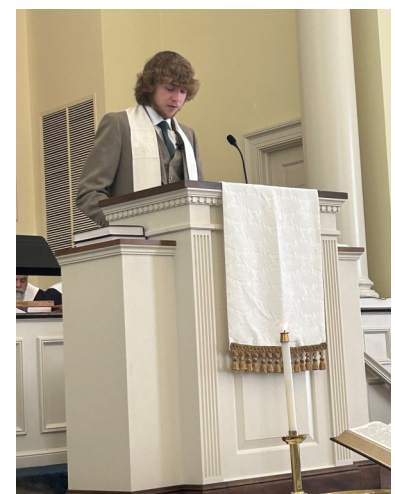
In August, we will begin streaming our worship service through YouTube as Facebook Live has made changes that make it difficult and sometimes impossible to stream directly through Facebook. This change will ensure a better streaming experience. Before then, we will share information about how to access the stream from YouTube and can offer some hands-on sessions about how to do so, if there is a need for those. For some time after the shift, the YouTube link will be posted on Facebook for those who are accustomed to going to Facebook. It will also be accessible through our website and directly through YouTube. Ultimately, this will offer a better online worship experience so we thank you for your patience as we work through this shift!

From the Session:

At its meeting on May 21, the FPC Session:

- Called a congregational meeting on June 9 following worship for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee. Nominees include Suzanne Collins (elder), Becky Carr (deacon), Ben Jones (youth), Brac Panter (at-large) and Katie Godfrey (at-large).
- Approved a proposal from the Properties and Stewardship and Finance committees for repair and maintenance work on the brick around the sanctuary and to the Main Street sanctuary doors.
- Approved a proposal from the Memorial Committee to create a Memorial Urn Garden on church property.
- Approved a proposal from the Properties Committee to post signs in the parking lot warning that unauthorized vehicles will be towed and to notify the nearby spa business that its customers should park at the business.

Celebrating Worship in May





VBS Register Today & Volunteers Needed

VBS is coming to FPC this Summer!

July 8-12, 9 a.m. until noon

Register your Pre-K-5th Grader here>> <https://forms.gle/9qmkEwP9NXiAUBr7A>

VBS is open to all children in our community, and it is a time for kids to hear God's Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

Volunteers with all abilities are needed: teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc. There is a place for everyone at VBS! Nursery Care is available for our volunteers.

VBS Amazon Wishlist >>

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl_share



If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.



Artificial Christmas Trees Needed for VBS

We need to create a "forest" for VBS this summer, so if you are thinking about getting rid of an artificial Christmas Tree, or have one to loan to us in July, please let

andrea@cartersvillepres.org know. All trees are welcome, no matter the height, shape, or color.



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 19, we recognized 4 of our High School Graduates and 1 college graduate. All graduates and their families were able to join us in worship, and we prayed for them and celebrated with them. We ask God to equip them with all that they need to make a difference in this world. We ask you to continue to pray for each of them.

Montreat Donations Needed &

Write them Notes

- Support our youth going to Montreat (June 9-15 & July 17-21) by financially helping us with meals. We will graciously accept Ingles Gift Cards, checks (Montreat Meals in the memo line), or give online (<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/> note: Montreat Meals). Please give your donation to Andrea or place in the offering plate.
- Pray for our youth and leaders going to Montreat.
- If you would like to write notes to our youth going to Montreat, please email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to get a list of the names.



MONTREAT
CONFERENCE CENTER

June Birthdays

1	Karen Russell	22	Emily Ireland
2	Anna Godfrey	23	David Gregory
4	Elizabeth Watanabe	24	Georgie Russell
6	Paul Green	25	Wes Sullins
6	Eden Olson	26	Margie Vonnahme
6	Emily Godfrey	27	Tom Mendenhall
8	Molly Layne	27	Phil Bridges
10	Marilynn Devine	27	Susan Panter
10	Call Brownlow	30	Dylan Sanborn
11	Edward Shrader		
13	Karl Mosley		
15	Katherine Bowen		
17	Skylar Henderson		
18	John Herman		
18	Karen Rodgers		
21	Susan Ingram		
22	Terry Nelson		
22	Lynn Herman		



In June Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Becky Ferguson, Dede Hatfield (Preschool), Paige Lathem (Preschool)

Officers: Jean Gilliland (Session), Sheilah Simons (Diaconate)

Ministries: Mission & Service Ministry

Families: June 1-7: Nannette Enloe, Kathy Farnon, Vernon and Becky Ferguson, Walt Floyd, Rich and Rhonda Gaffoglio

June 8-14: Trey and Beth Gaines (Margaret, Meredith), Jessica Gardner (Patrick), Mark and Veletta Gebert, Jean Gilliland, Mary Gilreath

June 15-21: Candler and Susan Ginn, Craig Godfrey, Katie Godfrey (Anna, Emily, Sam), Paul and Joan Green, David and Sara Gregory (Megan, Ethan)

June 22-30: Patti Hall (Jake, Ezra), Mina Harper, Mary Hart, John and Lynn Herman (Ian), Lois Hill

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June Calendar

June 2

12:00pm - Inquirer's Group Meeting

June 3

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

June 4

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

June 5, 12, 19, 26

11:00am - Coffee Shop Theology @ Noble & Main

June 6, 13, 20, 27

7:00pm - Thursday Bible/Book Study

June 9

12:00pm - Montreat Music & Worship Meeting

June 9 - 15

Montreat Youth Conference Week

June 10

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

June 16

Father's Day

June 17

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

June 18

7:00pm - Session Meeting

June 20

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out @ Los Arcos

June 23 - 29

Montreat Music & Worship Conference Week

June 27

10:30am - FPC Book Club



11:00 AM

June 2 - 30 - Sanctuary

July 7 - July 28 - Fellowship Hall