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RALLY DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 Worship at 9:00 AM - Chapel | Worship at 11:00 AM - Sanctuary Breakfast at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall - Catered by Scratch Biscuit Company. Let's celebrate the start of the fall season and learn about the many new Christian Education opportunities before us.

Children's Worship & God Alive

Children's Worship

There will be a Children's Worship Workshop for those interested in becoming Children's Worship leaders on Sunday, September 18 at 12:15 PM (following the 11:00 AM worship service) in the Fellowship Hall. This fun and informative experience will be led by Lisa Goad. Lunch will be provided!

God Alive

God Alive is a unique mid-week children's ministry for elementary school-age children that meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. God Alive provides children with opportunities to learn the concepts of the Bible through a thematic based curriculum that deepens young people's faith through fellowship, play, music, mission, and creative expression.

The God Alive Kick-off is on Wednesday September 14 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM in Ms. Leigh's backyard (2728 Tillett Road). This year's God Alive theme is "*Do Not Be Afraid*."

Look for more info about the God Alive year in your 2022-2023 Christian Education Booklet coming in the mail.

RCPC Youth Kickoff

RCPC Youth Kickoff is Sunday, September 11! Parents and Youth join us at 10:00 AM for Sunday School Kickoff in the Fellowship Hall and again at 6:00 PM-8:00 PM for Youth Group Kickoff.

This year we're thinking about Patterns of Disciples - we'll explore this through Sunday School, Youth Group, Youth Choir, and even things like regular acolyting shared by all in youth group.

At Youth Group Kick Off - Parents, Youth, and Youth Advisors will share a meal together. We'll get to know our Youth Advisors, you'll receive your Youth Calendar, learn about our themes and summer trips, and opportunities for parents to plug in and volunteer. Youth will have acolyte and crucifer training while parents are filling in forms, saving big dates, and volunteering to serve. Parents - bring your calendar with you! Can't wait to get started!

Adult Small Groups

Our Adult Small Group lessons are based upon the Sunday sermons and scripture. Being a part of a small group is an experience rich in personal connection and spiritual growth. In small groups we discuss what is shared in worship, therefore the experience of worship is more deeply ingrained into our minds and hearts.

Small Groups resume the week of September 12. Be thinking about what small group you are interested in joining. All are welcome!

Monday 10:30 AM– 12:00 PM – Facilitator: Andrew Whaley, room 201 or Pastor's Porch

Tuesday 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Facilitator: David Dixon, parking lot

Tuesday 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM (women's group) – Facilitator: Jennifer Bryant and Anne Moore, in various homes (Contact Anne or Jennifer if you are interested in joining)

Wednesday 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Facilitator: Leigh Sackett, room 102

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Pat Wade
 Lauren Britt
 Carole Banks
 Debbie Reynolds
 Jane Powell
 Jeff Bossert
 Kathleen Carroll
 Susan Clark
 Daniel Owen-O'Quill
 Sue Basham
 Alton Knighton Jr.
 Lillian Alexander
 Henry Fox
 Hannah Hertz
 Megan Brown

20 Cecilia Hanslik
21 Carter Naff
Colton Naff
Frank Plecity
Isabella Swanner
22 David Hollingsworth
23 Sara Catherine Knappe
26 Eddie Hornick
27 Mac Snead
28 Alex Abbott
Emma Kate Shaver
29 Anna Favor
Bill Haynie
Laura Jane St. Clair

Special Anniversary Wishes:

Brian & Donna Britt on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on September 13.

Joe & Susan Clark on celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on September 25.

Young Adults - Save the Date!

You are invited to a dinner on Leigh Sackett's famous back deck on Friday, September 23 at 6:30 PM to discuss young adult ministries. You will be receiving a formal invite soon!

FAQs for Isabella Surrounding Her Wedding & a BIG THANK YOU!

Are you changing your last name?

No, I'm remaining Fagiani. We all already had to learn how to spell one difficult last name!

Are you moving?

Nope - the address in the directory is still correct.

What is Jonathan doing for work?

Jonathan followed me to Roanoke! Jonathan just celebrated his one year anniversary working as the Pastor at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton and his one-year anniversary as the Evangelist for the Wild Goose Worshiping Community in Bonsack.

We're grateful for all the support we've received as we've both worked to make Roanoke our home!

We're also grateful for all the prayers we received surrounding our wedding and all the celebration you have shared with us. Thank you to all who celebrated us with the Youth Shower in June and the Presbyterian Women's Shower in July. We're grateful for the recipes, our wisdom jar, and our nest egg. It was a joy to celebrate and share our love on these special days.

As you may have heard by now, our wedding was not quite what we expected (as we both caught COVID the week of). Yet, our wedding was a day in which we knew we were covered by the prayers of our church families which bolstered us through the changes, reminded us of our belovedness, and encouraged us to see God's grace in it all! That is a gift unlike all others. Thank you.

While we don't yet have official pictures back - enjoy this one our friends took.

Pump-A-Pint Fall Blood Drive

RCPC's Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for October 4 from 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM. RCPC has collected a total of 152 units during our first three blood drives this year. Let's see if we can't finish 2022 with an even 200 units! The October schedule is available on the Red Cross website at <u>REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG</u>. You are welcome to schedule an appointment or you can contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or email alexanderlj@yahoo.com) and she will gladly get you on the schedule! The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group would love to have you join the ranks of faithful donors here at RCPC. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved someone's life! Thank you for your continued support of this vital mission! Gratefully, Lillian Alexander - RCPC Pump-a-Pint Chair

Back Pack Food Program

The Hunger Mission team is looking for a few more volunteers to help with packing food bags each week. They assemble bags at Hurt Park Elementary School every Thursday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The work is easy and they typically share a lot of laughs and a great deal of camaraderie. Approximately 100 children carry our bags of food home for the weekends as a result. Please consider joining the Hunger Mission team. Email Nancy at nrtrussell@aol.com if you are willing and able to help us. Nancy can also be reached at 913-568-0459.





More information about our Christian Formation opportunities for all ages will be coming your way soon!



Third Thursday Evening Prayer Services

Mark your calendar to join us each month on the Third Thursday for evening prayer service at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will hear scripture, pray for the concerns of our neighborhood and world, and hear special music to connect us. Services are also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Our first guest musician is Justin Hall on cello on Thursday, September 15.

Fellowship Dinners

Fellowship dinners return Wednesday, September 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 PM. Menus and sign-up links will be available in early September, check the This Week @ RCPC for details.

Christmas Music

Have you ever wanted to sing in the Sanctuary Choir but never had the time to make an ongoing commitment? Well, here's an opportunity for you! The Sanctuary Choir will be presenting Bach's "*Magnificat*" along with other Christmas choral favorites with orchestra on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the RCPC Sanctuary. The time commitment is temporary. There will be a sectional practice each week for a different voice part that starts at 6:45 PM to 7:10 PM and the hour of choir practice will be focused only on Christmas Music. Mitch can also provide you with a recording of the pieces with your vocal part sung by a professional singer. If interested, please contact Mitch Weisiger, Director of Music at 540-343-5541.

Flower Guild

The RCPC Flower Guild offers to arrange flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to honor a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion on a specific Sunday, please contact Anne Currin at anne@ rcpres.org or call the church at 540 343-5541. The cost is \$80, which is for two arrangements placed in the chancel of the sanctuary.

Presbytery Earth Care Summit

Peaks Presbytery now has a Presbytery Earth Care Workgroup. We are made up of members of several congregations in the Presbytery which have Earth Care programs, and our goal is to encourage congregations in the Presbytery to strengthen their ministries of creation care! Toward that purpose, we want to let you know about a Presbytery Earth Care Summit that we are holding on Saturday, October 1 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are 3 locations for the summit including one in Roanoke at Covenant Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in more information or to attend, contact Abigail Pierson at armorris24@gmail.com.

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	TUESDAY		6 9:00 AM - PW Coordinating Team 10:30 AM - AA 4:30 PM - Small Group - Dixon 5:00 PM - Fellowship Committee 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 6:45 PM - Eagle Board of Review 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers	13 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:15 AM - Presbyterian Women 10:30 AM - AA 4:30 PM - Small 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 7:15 PM - Raleigh 7:15 PM - Raleigh 8:00 PM - Small Group - Bryant
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	SUNDAY		4 10:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)	11 Rally Day 9:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Sunday School/Rally Day Breakfast 11:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM - Youth Group Kickoff

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