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# Radiance Community Church

## Good Work

As I write this article, I'm sitting in the airport in St. Louis waiting on my (twice delayed) flight home from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly. My heart is full after three days of worship, learning, and connecting with friends old and new. This year's General Assembly theme was "You Belong Here." I am grateful to be part of a fellowship that is working to be a place of belonging, where everyone is welcome. We spent the week reflecting on what radical hospitality can look like. We celebrated the work of missionaries, some of whom have been in the same place for 10, 20, and even 30 years, sharing God's love and sharing life with their neighbors in Danville, in Thailand, in Eastern North Carolina, and around the world. We commissioned 11 chaplains and pastoral counselors to serve in hospitals, hospices, and the military. We heard sermons that challenged us to stand for the oppressed and to rely on Jesus as our foundation, our focus, and our center. I attended workshops on being a generous congregation and on moving from compassion to action in ending hunger. I was inspired by other churches doing creative things to live into God's mission for their congregations and uplifted by conversations around meals at the Racial Justice and Baptist Women in Ministry lunches. Good things are happening with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and I am proud that Radiance has chosen to be part of that good work!

We have good work to be about right here in our community, too! This month, we've invited Colonial Presbyterian Church, Grandin Court Baptist, and other local congregations to join us in a week of loving our neighbors, focused particularly on food insecurity and hunger. The Ministries Council has planned a great week for us. All the details are in this newsletter, and I hope you will plan to be part of at least one activity. As Revelation 7:16 promises, when God's kingdom comes fully, "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst." Until that time, let's do our part to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, by meeting the needs we see around us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Melissa



## pray for one another

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Cheryl Nicely, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
- Those with cancer including Linda Dwyer, Billy Foutz (Debbie Foutz' father), Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Barbara Kern, Susan Chambers Lasher (friend of Mary Ellen Gearhart), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist & Linda Dwyer), Lolly Quigley (friend of Amy Grant, Dabney Ward, & Louise Conner), Betsy White (Joyce Waugh's niece), Carolyn Young
- Sally Crawford, continuing rehab at home
- Dalton Burgess, who has cellulitis
- Mary Shirley's son-in-law, Craig McCown, with multiple fractures in his ankle

### **Love Your Neighbor" Mission Week: July 27- Aug. 2**

It's time to love our neighbors & follow Jesus' example by feeding the hungry, right here in our community. We have multiple opportunities, both daytime & evening, for you to serve our neighbors!

Along with the events listed below, we will be working in the Giving Garden at Our Lady of Nazareth.

- **Sunday, July 27** (Time TBA): Cookout at The Suites by The Least of These Ministries. Join us as we host a cookout at The Suites by TLOT and get to know their guests.
- **Monday, July 28**, 9 am-12 pm: Quality assurance/food sorting at Feeding SW Virginia. You must be 13 or older to participate.
- **Tuesday, July 29:**
  - 9 am-12 pm: Sorting/packing supplies for Pathway Kids at Presbyterian Community Center
  - 6 pm: Preparing food for The Least of These Ministries (we'll be cooking in the church kitchen)
- **Wednesday, July 30**, 10:30 am-1:00 pm: Preparing & serving lunch for Least of These Ministries (we'll be cooking in the church kitchen & then transporting the food and serving it at the TLOT building on Luck Avenue)
- **Thursday, July 31**, 12:30-3:30 pm: Distributing food boxes at Manna Ministries at the Rescue Mission (ages 10 and older)
- **Friday, August 1**, 1-4 pm: Quality assurance/ food sorting at Feeding SW Virginia
- **Saturday, August 2**, (time tbd): Packing food bags with Rise Against Hunger. This activity is perfect for all ages. There are jobs that can be done while sitting down, and there are tasks that children can easily do.



## **Radiance Giving**

**Giving:** Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the offering plate during the service, via mail, electronically through your bank or our website, <https://bit.ly/givingrcc>

You may also donate by scanning our QR code:



### **Spiritual Formation Opportunities**

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 am.
- **“The Story Continues” Summer Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. 1 Peter 3:15 tells us that we should “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Join us in the picnic pavilion at Colonial Presbyterian Church (or the Radiance Fellowship Hall in case of rain) as we study the faith stories of people in the Bible and learn how to write and share our own faith stories as God continues to work in our lives.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation Group:** Weds at noon, in person and on Zoom: (<https://bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy>). This summer, Rev. Steven Harris is leading us in a study of Ezra and Nehemiah. An audio recording of the study is also available each week. You can find them here: <https://bit.ly/rccpod>.
- **Young Adult Bible Study:** This summer, our college students and young adults are invited for monthly food, faith, & film nights at Pastor Melissa & Ric’s home. Our next gathering is July 10.



### **Worship Leadership Schedule**

#### July 6

- **Greeters:** Neal Kinsey
- **Scripture Reader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offertory Prayer:** Ric Scott
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Nancy Vest
- **Offering:** Jenna Dillon, Kathy Kinsey, Alyssa Viele, Brennon Viele
- **Deacon Counters:** Gordon Williams, Ray Templin
- **Communion Prep:** Janice Deyerle
- **Communion:** Janice Deyerle, Ellen Scott, Mary Harris, Joyce Short, Gordon Williams

#### July 13

- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Steven Harris
- **Offertory Prayer:** Nancy Burgess
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Mary Harris
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams
- **Deacon Counters:** Janice Deyerle, Joyce Short

#### July 20

- **Greeters:** Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
- **Scripture Reader:** Vicki Wray
- **Offertory Prayer:** Bobbie Hawkins
- **Children's Worship Leader:** M.J. Fanning
- **Offering:** Michael Krawchison, Ric Scott, Ray Templin, Vicki Wray
- **Deacon Counters:** Mary Harris, Becky Beard

#### July 27

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray
- **Scripture Reader:** Ric Scott
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Waugh
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offering:** Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Ray Templin, Becky Beard



• **North Carolina Zoo:** Come join the fun & celebrate God's creation with us as we go to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. We'll leave Radiance at 8:00 am this Wed., July 9, and we'll be back around 8:00 pm. Cost is \$15, plus money for two meals. Bring your water bottle!

• **Youth Food, Faith, and Fun:** Join us this summer for food (bring your dinner, and we'll provide dessert), faith (we'll use all 5 senses to experience God), and fun! Our next FFF gatherings will be Wed., July 23, and Sun., August 10, 6-8 pm.

**Also, mark your calendars for these fun adventures:**

- ◇ Passport Missions Camp, July 14-18
- ◇ Lake Day: Claytor Lake State Park, Aug. 6

### **Missions Collections**

• **Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting books (both paperback & hardback) and magazines for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

• **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community; food is taken as quickly as we can stock it. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors. Note: There is an updated list of needed items available on the table in the foyer.

# MISSIONS

## **Featured Dates**

<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Worship and Communion	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Monday, July 7</b>	
Admin. Council Meeting	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 8</b>	
Summer Bible Study	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 9</b>	
Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Worship	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	
Summer Bible Study	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 16</b>	
Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
Ministries Council Meeting	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 20</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Worship	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 22</b>	
Summer Bible Study	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 23</b>	
Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Worship	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
Summer Bible Study	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>	
Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>



### **Upcoming Meetings**

**July 7, 5:30 pm:** Admin. Council Meeting  
**July 16, 6:00 pm:** Ministries Council Meeting

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Dear Radiance Family,

It's hard to believe it's already been a month since my Radiance Community Church family gathered to help me celebrate the close of my years in full-time Christian ministry.

Far too much time has passed without me expressing my deep gratitude to each of you. Please know the delay in no way reflects the depth of my appreciation. I have never felt such love and kindness from those I treasure — not simply as fellow parishioners, but as dear friends.

Thank you for your words of encouragement, your expressions of thanksgiving, the many thoughtful cards, and generous gifts. I am truly overwhelmed with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your pastor. It has been the honor of my life.

Thank you, Radiance Community Church.  
Dr. Steven Pollard



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### **Sound/Video Volunteers**

Sound/Video Volunteers: With the installation of our new sound and video equipment, we are in need of volunteers to help during our Sunday worship time. Volunteers will be on a rotating basis and serve as a backup to our existing team. If you are interested, please plan to attend a training session following worship on July 13.



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- **Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship, Sun. August 24, 11:00 am:** We're getting out of our building and into the community! Join us for worship followed by a potluck picnic at Fishburn Park. The picnic shelter is right next to the parking lot & is easily accessible. There will be no service in the church building that day.
  - **Sunday Sundaes, July 20,** following worship: Let's celebrate National Ice-Cream Day with sundaes after worship! Wear "ice-cream" colors that day, and enjoy having dessert before lunch -along with some great fellowship! Let the church office know if you are able to make some homemade ice-cream to share.





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July 19

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