

August 2025



Radiance Community Church

Church On A Mission...



*Sorting Food at
Feeding SW Virginia*



*Picking produce at
Our Lady of Nazareth*



*Cookout at The Suites by
Least of These Ministries*



Weeding at Green Valley Elementary



Working at The Presbyterian Center

This week we have been on a Mission... a mission to support our community. This week we held a cookout at The Suites by The Least of These Ministries, picked produce at Our Lady of Nazareth, sorted food at Feeding SW Virginia, sorted & packed supplies at the Presbyterian Community Center, cooked & prepared lunch for 100+ people at The Least of These Ministries, made bag lunches at the Rescue Mission, and there is still more work to do!

- **Friday, Aug. 1:** we will be sorting food a second time at Feeding SW Virginia (1-4 pm) and getting ready at the church for our Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, by unloading all the supplies into the church (4:30 pm).
- **Saturday, Aug. 2,** 9 am-1 pm will be a fun & exciting day of assembling food packages for Rise Against Hunger.

We hope you will come join us for our end of the week service opportunities in our quest to care for and feed people here in our community and beyond!

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, 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: Dalton Burgess, Linda Dwyer, Billy Foutz (Debbie Foutz' father), Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinsey's), Barbara Kern, Susan Chambers Lasher (friend of Mary Ellen Gearhart), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Betty Nevin (Betty Payne's friend), 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, recovering from knee surgery
- Mary Shirley's son-in-law, Craig McCown, with multiple leg fractures
- Ellen Scott, with back and hip pain
- Mary Harris, recovering from surgery
- John Pruitt and family, in the death of his mother

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.



Featured Dates

Sunday, August 3

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship and Communion	10:30 AM

Monday, August 4

Admin. Council Meeting	5:30 PM
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Tuesday, August 5

Summer Bible Study	6:30 PM
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Wednesday, August 6

Summer Bible Study	6:30 PM
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Friday, August 8

Youth-Claytor Lake	9:00 AM
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Sunday, August 10

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
(Back to School Blessings)	
Prayer Walk	11:30 AM
Youth-Food, Faith, & Fun	6:00 PM

Sunday, August 17

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Church in Conference	11:30 AM

Sunday, August 24

Outdoor Church Worship/Picnic	10:30 AM
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Sunday, August 31

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship and Communion	10:30 AM

Back to School Blessings and Prayer Walk: On Sunday, Aug. 10, our youth and children will help to lead worship and we will offer a special blessing to all those returning to school. Following worship, we will go to Green Valley Elementary School for a prayer walk around the school.



Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship, Sunday, Aug. 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.



Upcoming Meetings

August 4, 5:30 pm: Admin. Council Meeting
August 6, 6:00 pm: Ministries Council Meeting
August 17, 11:30 am: Church in Conference



Nadine	Minnix	August 14
Ellen	Scott	August 14
Sandra	Manetta	August 15
Gerri	Mills	August 16
Mark	Smith	August 18
Janet	King	August 25
Crystal	Dillon	August 31

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 & learn how to write and share our own faith stories as God continues to work in our lives.

• **Midweek Spiritual Formation Group:** The midweek Spiritual Formations class **will not meet in August**. During the month, Steven will be preparing for a fall semester class on Church History. This class will provide an understanding of how the church and Christian beliefs evolved from the first century on. The class on church history will run from Sept. 3 through Nov. 12.

• **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 August 7.



• **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 gathering will be Sun., August 10, 6-8 pm.

• **Lake Day:** Join us for a fun day at Claytor Lake State Park on Friday, Aug. 8. We’ll leave Radiance at 9 am and return around 6 pm. Pack your lunch and bring a water bottle (don’t forget your towel and bathing suit.). Cost to swim is \$5.

Worship Leadership Schedule

August 3

- **Greeters:** Neal Kinsey
- **Scripture Reader:** Joyce Short
- **Offertory Prayer:** Mary Shirley
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams
- **Deacon Counters:** Glenda Pollard, Becky Beard
- **Communion Prep:** Joyce Short
- **Communion:** Janice Deyerle, Linda Murray, Paul Howell, Joyce Short, Gordon Williams

August 10

- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offertory Prayer:**
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Nancy Vest
- **Offering:** Michael Krawchison, Ric Scott, Ray Templin, Vicki Wray
- **Deacon Counters:** Gordon Williams, Ray Templin

August 17

- **Greeters:** Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
- **Scripture Reader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Short
- **Children's Worship Leader:** M.J. Fanning
- **Offering:** Becky Beard, Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Ray Templin
- **Deacon Counters:** Janice Deyerle, Joyce, Short

August 24

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray
- **Scripture Reader:** Steven Harris
- **Offertory Prayer:** Janice Deyerle
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offering:** Jenna Dillon, Kathy Kinsey, Alyssa Viele, Brennon Viele
- **Deacon Counters:** Becky Beard, Mary Harris

August 31

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Mark Smith
- **Scripture Reader:** Vicki Wray
- **Offertory Prayer:** Ric Scott
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Donna Kester
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams
- **Deacon Counters:** Gordon Williams, Ray Templin

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From Our Sunday Morning Bible Study Director, Joe Durrer

As we get closer to fall, it's a great time to think about becoming part of a Sunday morning Bible Study! We have two co-ed adult classes, a women's class, a youth class, and a children's class. Our teachers are experienced and skilled, and they are eager to welcome you.

Our classes cover a variety of topics. One adult class follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Our other co-ed class does more topical Bible study (for example, grief and loss), our women's class is studying the book of 1 Peter, which speaks of hope and praise, for those being persecuted. Our youth are studying John's letters, and our children are learning about spiritual practices such as prayer and reading the Bible. There's something for everyone. Come join us!

