



The Shepherd's Window

*We seek to love God through vibrant and meaningful worship,
and through the spiritual enrichment of our Family of Faith.
We seek to love our neighbors by reaching out to our brothers
and sisters at home and around the world.*

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Dear TPC Family,

It is hard to believe that it has been a whole year since we moved back into our sanctuary with a beautiful re-dedication worship service! Now our landscaping plan has become a reality and the recovery from that big ole oak tree falling on the church on October 3, 2015 is finally complete. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to help make our recovery a reality. It has been a whole church family affair as we have rebuilt, remodeled, and put our little church back together. Through all of it, our family stayed strong and resolved to be God's Church as a strong witness to the Love of Jesus in our corner of the world.

I pray that as we move past the physical rebuilding, that we will stay just as committed to being a visible witness to God's hope and promise for the world. There is so much pain and hurt in our world these days, from the many hurricane and earthquake disasters to the heartless crimes of terror like that in Las Vegas. If we keep Christ at our center, then we will reflect his light into the world as we work to eliminate things such as racism, hatred, sexism, gender bias, bullying, and the many other ways that we humans find to create divisions among ourselves. These divisions are not God's plan for us as community. May we, as individuals and community, strive to do good for God.

As most of you already know, this has also ended up being a time of program transition for our congregation as we have ceased operations of our Church Preschool. On September 29 the Session and Personnel Committee asked for and received the resignation of our Director. This was followed closely by the resignation of the classroom assistant over the weekend. This sudden staffing change has prompted the Session to close the Preschool for this year, as they didn't think that they could responsibly find a new director and assistant in a short timeframe. In coming weeks and months, the Session will be evaluating whether or not our church's Preschool program should continue in future school years. Please keep this process in your prayers as your church leaders seek God's guidance in this.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Paul





"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan."

Mark 1:9

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. ~ Is It In You?

Anti-Bullying Community Forum

Monday
October 9,
6:30pm

Taylorsville
Presbyterian Church
(Sanctuary)

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Parents, students, leaders, etc.

Hosted by Alexander County
Community Relations Committee

Members of the Alexander County Community Relations Committee will sponsor an Anti-Bullying forum on Monday, October 9, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event will be held in the sanctuary of the Taylorsville Presbyterian Church located at 279 Main Ave. Drive. Taylorsville (next door to Adams Funeral Home). The purpose is to form open dialog for our youth, teens and parents in an effort to combat the problem head on. The theme for the forum is RESPECT, IS IT IN YOU?

We cordially invite the youth, teens, parents and leaders etc. to attend this very informative meeting. It's free and it is open to the public! Together, we can make a difference!

CHURCH BAZAAR!!

The Women of Taylorsville Presbyterian Church are having a bazaar on Saturday, October 21 during the Apple Festival. We will be selling decorative items, seasonal items, everything Christmas including decorations, wrapping paper, boxes, even trees. Any household items are welcomed. No clothing will be accepted. Please price items before bringing them to the Fellowship Hall. Any items not sold by the end of the day will be donated to habitat. Items may be dropped off AFTER 2pm on Thursday, October 19.



First Wednesday is October 4th...

Dinner is at 6pm

Hygiene Kit packing and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance education will be after dinner. Please come out and join in this important global Mission Project!

Prayer Concerns...

Tom & Anne	Roger Lail
Abernethy	Kathy Little
Virginia Byrd	Ruby Little
Dena Collie	Debbie Matullo
Ethan DeJarnette	Ruby Merriman
James Ford	Leroy Mitchell
Jean & Alan Fox	Jo Morrison
Katie Foxx	Dick Perkins
Krystal Galloway	Steven Price
Barbara Hamby's Family	Julie Sebastian
Cindy Herndon	Danny Walker
Austin Hines	Summa West
Mark Jamison	Las Vegas Victims
Barbara Jenkins	Hurricane &
Paula Jolly	Earthquake Victims
Georgia Keller	

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

WOC is planning a covered dish dinner after service on Sunday, October 29 to show our appreciation for Pastor Paul & his family. Make plans now to attend & bring some of your favorite dishes to share.

**The Christian Crisis
Center collection
will be
RICE
for the month of
October**

Presbyterian Women

The WOC met Monday September 11 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall for the start of New Year. Pastor Paul introduced our new study book for this year, *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

Martha Schronce provided delicious refreshments

Our October meeting will be October 2 at 1pm in The Fellowship Hall, Rita DeJarnette will lead us on our 2nd lesson. All Women are invited to attend!

The 4th quarter of These Days

Devotionals are in the Narthex and hallway for you to pick up. These devotionals are provided for our church family in memory of Bill White.

A Memorial has been given in memory of Mimi Brown by Baxter & Patty Hayes.

A Memorial has been given in memory of Jay Clyde Fox by Martha & Larry Schronce

You are invited!!

Swearing In Ceremony for newest Attorney in our church family, Edward Hedrick V is on October 20 at 3pm in the Courthouse in Taylorsville. Please come support Edward at this important moment in his life. Congratulations to him and his family!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: 9:45 Church School	The CCC will be collecting Rice for the month of October		Each Wednesday @ 8pm, Narcotics Anonymous meets in Old Fellowship Hall			1
1	2 1:00 PW meet in FH Scout Court of Honor	3 FH Reserved	4 FIRST WEDNESDAY	5	6 TPC Church Family	7 Retreat at Camp Grier
8 George Holleman Preaching at TPC Camp Grier	9 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	10 FH Reserved	11 7:00 Adult Choir	12	13	14 FH Reserved
15	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	17	18 7:00 Adult Choir	19 Domestic Violence Vigil in Fellowship Hall 5:30-7pm	20 3:00 Edward Hedrick V Swearing In Ceremony	21 Apple Festival Bazaar Sale!
22	23 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	24	25 7:00 Adult Choir	26 FH Reserved	27	28
29 Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	30 NO SCOUTS	31				

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

4- Reita Bryant
 5- Ginnie Murdock
 5- Sharon Flowers
 7- Alvin & Mona Woody (*Anniversary*)
 8- Martha & Larry Schronce (*Anniversary*)
 8- Malinda Gryder & Gary Bebbler (*Anniversary*)
 9- Carole Rogers
 9- Diane & Van McPherson (*Anniversary*)

15- Van McPherson
 17- Laura Jamison
 18- Jan Barriger
 18- Taylor Campbell
 20- Kelsey Lail
 25- Zachary Moose
 25- Mary Ella Matheson
 29- Nikki Murdock
 30- Merle Kemp & Yvonne Miller (*Anniversary*)