



*Rev. Burnetta Armour*  
***Pastor's Ponderings***

**Sometimes, You Have to “Let It Go”**

A few years ago, my mother-in-law and I were driving around Oglethorpe County, Georgia. She was taking me to see one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in Northeast Georgia, a church founded just 10 years after the birth of our nation. It was a church that was born out of a mission to the Native Americans, a church that birthed a Presbyterian seminary that still exists today, and a church that stood proud among its Baptist neighbors. As we drove by the white clapboard church with its peeling paint, we noticed that the church doors were opened. My mother-in-law and I decided that this was our opportunity to see the interior of this fine old church, so we went in. When we walked in, we noticed three people sitting in the front pew and a person standing in front of them. We had interrupted their session meeting. Those three people sitting in the pew were not just the members of session, but the last three members of the church. The person standing was their Executive Presbyter, who had come to moderate the meeting. I found out later that the Executive Presbyter had just told the session that “You never know when a Presbyterian minister might walk through your doors.”

The members of the church were gracious and gave us a tour of the church. They showed us the balcony, which was not for overflow visitors, but for the slaves to sit because they could not sit with the white members of the congregation. They showed us the walls of their narthex that were lined with portraits of pastors past. As one of the life-long members of the church proudly told us the history of this Presbyterian church, my heart broke. This church had lived in the past so long that they no longer had a future.

It wasn't long after our visit that my mother-in-law told me that the church we had visited had been closed. The community created a fund to repair the leaking steeple and other structural issues that threaten to destroy this old, old building. The community is currently continuing their work to restore the church to its

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***We VIEW Life  
 through the Cross***

**First Presbyterian  
 Church**

Rev. Burnetta Armour  
*Pastor*

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## *Pastor's Pondering*

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former glory and resurrect it as a place for the community and reminder of the proud Presbyterian history of the county.

The problem with this historical church is that it couldn't let go of its past to embrace its future. That leads me to wonder: What are we holding onto as individuals that get in the way of us embracing God's future for us? Maybe, it's the insults and bullying we received as children that we still bear in our hearts. Those statements that told us that we weren't good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, or worthy enough. Maybe, it's some past hurt that still stings today. So, often, we can't embrace the good thing God is doing in our life now because we are clinging too tightly to something from our past. You can't reach out for something when your hands are already full. If we are to grow as individuals, then we need to let go of the weight of our past that we might embrace the hope of our future.

This is true not only for us as individuals, but for us as a church. In the words of Elsa from the Disney movie *Frozen*, sometimes you have to "Let it go", let go of all that binds us to our vision, our plans, and our ideals in order to embrace what God has in store for us as individuals and as a church. What is our church clinging to that gets in the way of God's plans for us, for our future? Are we clinging to our past, the early and exciting days of our ministry, when we were a start-up church meeting in an old restaurant? My sisters and brothers, the more we cling to our past the less able we are to embrace our future. We will never be the church that we were when we first started 26 years ago, but what we can be is who God is calling us to be here and now. We must let go of a vision of what was and embrace a vision of what can be. We must be willing to risk failure, to make mistakes, and to trust that God can use it all to the glory of His name in the building of His kingdom.

*Peace and Love in Christ*  
*Pastor Burnett*

## Sermon & Scriptures for the SUMMER

This summer we will be focusing on the Gospel of Matthew and what it teaches us about growing in our discipleship. These are the Scriptures and Sermon titles for the month of August to the first Sunday of September.

### AUGUST

**8/6/2023—10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

*Dinner for 5000+*

**8/13/2023—11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

*If I Could Walk on Water*

**8/20/2023—12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 15:(10-12), 21-28

*Crumbs From Your Table*

**8/27/2023—13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-23

*Who Do You Say I Am?*

### SEPTEMBER

**9/3/2023—14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-28

*Viewing Life Through the Cross*

**FREE**



**VALET PARKING**  
**Every Sunday,**  
**starting at 10:45 a.m.**

## Don't Miss Out

Everyone is invited to the

### **Thanks Y'all BBQ**

on **August 5 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. PW will supply the food, and entertainment is planned. One activity requires that everyone bring a baby or childhood picture of themselves. You may bring it that evening or place it in an envelope in the collection basket in the Narthex. Be sure your name is on the back of the picture so they can be returned to you.

Please join us for an evening of good food and fellowship and sign up in the Upper Narthex so we can prepare enough food.

**The Presbyterian Women**  
*invite Y'all to the*  
**Thanks Y'all BBQ**  
 An evening filled with delicious food,  
 entertainment, and great fellowship.  
**Saturday evening, August 5th**  
**6:00 pm**  
*Please sign up in the Narthex*



## Buildings & Grounds

*Hugh Walters*

A big THANK YOU to Phil Baughman, Roy Ficklin, and Gary George, for helping me trim the shrubbery around the church! Many hands make a job so much easier.



*Thankfully these bushes came back to life after the hard freeze last winter.*

A closet has been set aside to house floral arrangements and other items. Storage space is badly needed so every corner is being used.

## Wednesday Night Supper August 16 / 5:30 p.m. Ice Cream and Games

Please join us on August 16 for an evening of fellowship and fun. **BYOS – Bring Your Own Sandwich** and we will provide **homemade ice cream!**



After supper we will enjoy a time of fellowship and fun as we visit and play games, Phase 10, MahJongg, or bring a game of your choice. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please sign up in the Upper Narthex.



# Special Music During July

The month of July is like a vacation for the Choir as they have no rehearsals during the month and they do not sing as a group. Instead, we are privileged to have special music each Sunday.

A quartet of Melody Thomason, Barbara Chambers, Dick Frost, and David Arvold, performed a medley of patriotic favorites to help us celebrate July 4. Needless to say it was a wonderful presentation of our favorite songs.



On July 9, Nancy Webber shared her singing talent, singing *He Hideth My Soul*, and gave a brief history of the blind lyric writer, Fanny J. Crosby. Thank you, Nancy.



Sunday, July 16, Our Three Guys delighted us with their rendition of a Willie Nelson song, *I Thought About You, Lord*. Thank you Charles Massingale, David Arvold, and James Geiger for sharing that with us.



Sunday, July 23, Cheryl Cook and Rachel Ficklin combined their musical talents in a medley of favorite hymns: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, Who Is on the Lord's Side?*, and *He Leadeth Me*. It was one more Summer Sunday full of music and song at FPC. Thank you, Rachel, for filling in for James while he was on vacation.

## REMINDERS of UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 29, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Freedom Park .....Back to School Bash
- July 30, Sunday Afternoon, 2:00 p.m. .... "Footloose" Play in Habersham \$#
- August 5, Saturday Evening, 6:00 p.m..... PW Thanks Y'all BBQ \*
- August 15, Tuesday Afternoon, Noon .....Presbyterian Men's Luncheon
- August 16, Wednesday Evening, 5:30 p.m. .... BYOS and Homemade Ice Cream \*
- August 18, Friday Afternoon, 1:00 p.m. ... ONEsies Luncheon at Longhorn (Cornelia) \*#

\*Sign up in Upper Narthex    \$Purchase tickets online    #Carpooling available

# Point of View

Jean Kelly

## On Leaving Cleveland

I came to Cleveland in 2012, for family reasons, and in 2023, I am leaving Cleveland for family reasons. For those of you who have not heard, in mid-August I am moving to Arkansas with my oldest son and his wife, joining my youngest son who is already living there. My mailing address will be in the 72554 zip code, which is Mammoth Spring; the nearest town to my new home is Hardy. It is about 117 miles from Little Rock and a small town remarkably like the Cleveland area. There is a Presbyterian

Church, a Chamber of Commerce, a library, a Walmart, a Verizon store, a McDonald's, and the nearby Mammoth Spring and State Park which attract visitors year 'round. Internet willing, I have promised the Session that I will serve as FPC Communications Elder until the end of my 2023 term. I will be your first "Remote" Elder! I plan to stay connected to all of you and our church via cell phone, text, email, Facebook, and Zoom ... and, most importantly, through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your friendship and support, I will miss seeing you in person. This is not goodbye: it is just the beginning of a new chapter. More details to follow!




Jean Kelly

## At The Attic

Saturday, July 15, the ONEsies had a wonderful lunch meeting at The Attic in Clarkesville. We always have fun when we're together!

A few of our regular members couldn't attend but we were delighted to have Betty Goswick back with us. We said adieu to Amanda Rice who moved to Quincy, Florida, mid-July. We will certainly miss her but we hope she will be very happy in her new home.

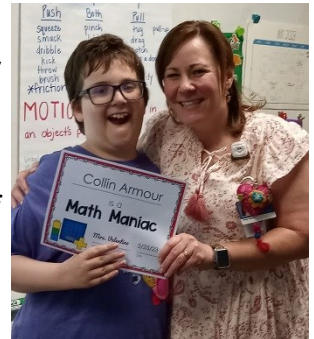
 The ONEsies received a membership pin with a smiley face, of course. All enjoyed a delicious meal, and have selected Longhorn Steakhouse in Cornelia, for our August Meeting. Save the date, **Friday, August 18, at 1:00 p.m.**





# Youth ... Our Future

*We were remiss in not recognizing the special award Collin Armour received at the end of the 2023 school year for his achievement and proficiency in Math. Needless to say, we are all very proud of his accomplishments, so be sure to congratulate him, even if it is a little late.*



*Special thanks to Lily Geiger for her leadership of Coffee and Conversation over the last two years. Sunday, July 9, was her last Sunday to lead the group. Lily will be leaving for Davidson College in August, and we wish her Good Luck and God speed.*



*After spending a month in NYC, Sebastian writes, Studying acting in New York at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts summer acting intensive was an incredibly transformative experience. From the moment I stepped into the vibrant city, I could feel the electrifying energy that fuels the artistic community. The Conservatory's rigorous curriculum pushed me to explore the depths of my creativity, honing my craft through intensive workshops, scene study classes, and practical exercises. The renowned faculty members, who themselves had impressive careers in the industry, provided invaluable guidance and imparted their wisdom, nurturing my talent and pushing me to reach new heights.*



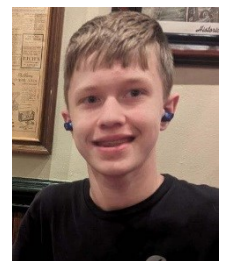
*Special thanks to Josalynne Wiley for the wonderful fans she made for the Cookout in the Pavillion on July 3. Each table had several of the beautiful handmade fans for use during the hot July weather.*

*Thank you, Josalynne, for sharing your talents and for your generosity. And thank you for continuing to acolyte on Sunday mornings.*



*Emily Hassell is busy getting ready to start college. Congratulations to Emily for being invited to participate in the Leadership Academy at GCSU (Georgia College and State University. Best of Luck, God Speed, and have a wonderful year.*

*Charley Geiger has been stepping up to the plate filling in as acolyte as needed and helping with the cameras and the sound board for the Sunday morning live-streaming. Thank you, Charley.*



*Trey Hassell, recently graduated from high school, and has decided to take some time off before continuing his education. He is undecided as to a career path and we congratulate him for his wise decision. How many 18 year-olds know what they want to do in life? Very few. Best of luck, Trey! When the time comes, you'll know the answers.*



# Presbyterian Women

*Elaine Wiegert*

## PW NEGA PRESBYTERY AUGUST WORKSHOPS

Ladies, please plan to join your sisters in Christ from across the Presbytery on **August 19<sup>th</sup> at Commerce Presbyterian Church** for our Annual Workshops. We will all be introduced to the Horizons Bible Study for 2023-2024, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. After the joint session, you may choose between four workshops: Making Prayer Beads, The Spirituality Center, Painting a Blue Ridge Sunset, and a book discussion on *Be the Bridge. Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison. The Prayer Beads workshop will be conducted by the Knit and Stich ladies from our church and the painting workshop will be conducted by our own Cheryl Cook.

Registration forms are available in the Upper Narthex. You can also just e-mail your registration to Elaine Wiegert at:

[emwiegert@gmail.com](mailto:emwiegert@gmail.com).

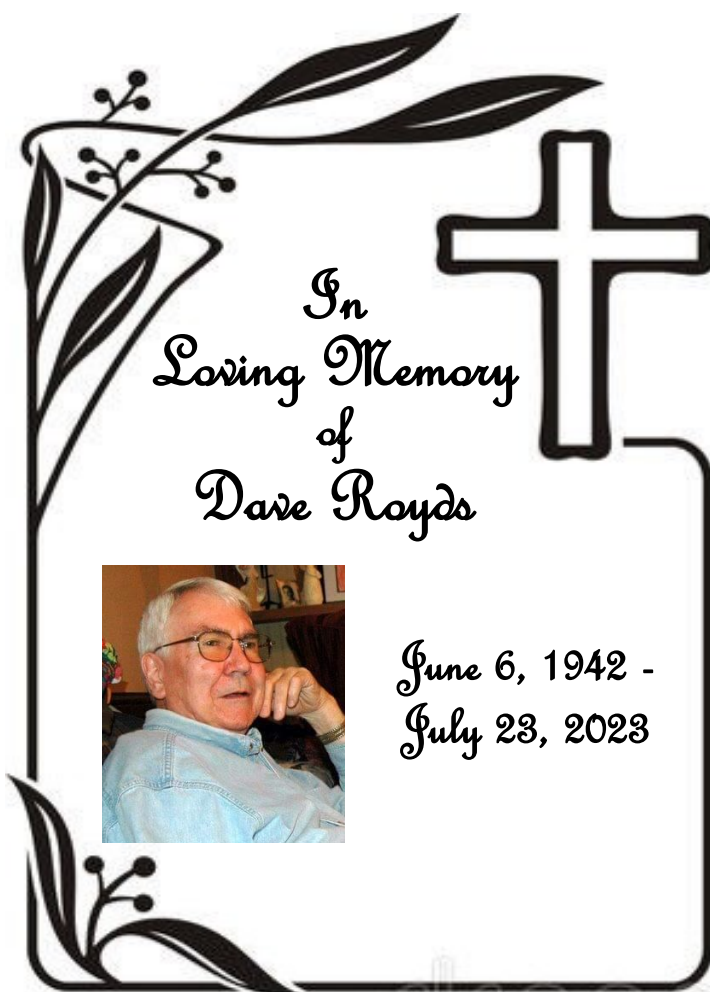
Hope to see you on August 19 in Commerce.

## PW NEGA JUSTICE AND PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Everyone is invited to the Justice and Peace Symposium sponsored by Presbyterian Women in Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

The Symposium: **Working Toward Justice for All** will be held on **October 14**, at First Presbyterian Church, Athens. Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator of the Self-Development of People Committee of the PC(USA) will lead the worship service. After worship there will be three break-out sessions: The Least of These, an anti-poverty workshop facilitated by Rev. Johnson and Margaret Mwale, a member of the

Self Development of People Committee of the PC(USA); Courageous Conversations: Showing the World What Hope looks Like Through the Church moderated by Rev. Andy Cook, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Augusta; and Welcoming, Including, Loving ALL God's Children, facilitated by Rev. Will Norman and Rev. Hailey Lerner, both from the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA. Registration Information will be available soon.





*Lindalee Walters & Elaine Wiegert*

## CT COMMITTEE MEETING

PW Coordinating Team will meet on **Wednesday, August 2, at 1:30 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Wednesday Bible Study.

## PW BIBLE STUDY

We will take a break during the summer and will resume on **Thursday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Fellowship Hall.

## PW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Several ladies have expressed an interest in attending the PW Bible Studies but are unable to attend on Thursday mornings. We continue to have a PW Bible Study on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m., prior to worship. No prior readings or study are necessary. We hope to see you on **August 20** for Chapter Seven, "Sabbath and Self-Care," in the small conference room off the Upper Narthex. This Bible Study will continue through October.

## KNIT'n'STITCH

**Knit and Stitch has a new day and time** to meet. We will meet every Wednesday following Bible study at approximately 2:00 pm, except the first Wednesday of the month. You are invited to participate even if you do not knit, since there are other projects involved. Any questions, please contact Linda Leslie.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, August 19, the NEGA PW Workshops will be held in Commerce.** Please see *article on page 7*. Registration is required and the forms are in the Upper Narthex. Carpooling will be available.

**Saturday, October 14, the NEGA PW** is presenting a **symposium on Justice and Peace**, at the First Presbyterian Church in Athens. Registration Information will be available soon. Carpooling will be available. *Please see article on page 7.*

**Tuesday, September 19, we are planning a trip to Clarkston, GA.** Carpooling will be available. Sign up in the Upper Narthex.

We will again have a booth at **Agrifest in Freedom Park on September 23**. Come join us and do some early Christmas shopping as we will have our merchandise available for sale.

## ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS

**Zoom Prayer Meetings** will be suspended for the summer. They will resume some time this Fall so keep watching for an update.

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## Saturday Morning Farmers Market

If you frequent the Saturday morning Farmers Market in Freedom Park you may see Susie Allen and Linda Leslie, or another PW



member, displaying our wares for sale. Although sales haven't been fantastic, the contacts made with the community have been well worth the effort.

Thank you, Susie, and others for helping our PW.





# PW goes to Smith House

Thursday, July 13, eight ladies drove to Dahlonega to go to the Smith House for lunch. Many had never been there before so it was a nice experience. Food is served family style and we had plenty to eat, including strawberry shortcake for dessert. We always enjoy an excuse to go out as a group and the fellowship and comradery is the best.



The Historic Inn was built back in 1898 by Frank Hall as a wedding gift to his wife Esther. The history of The Smith House goes back to 1884 when a gentleman by the name of Captain Frank Hall purchased an acre of land east of the Dahlonega town square to build a home. Captain Hall moved from Vermont to Dahlonega in 1868 after the civil war, to oversee local gold mills and machinery of the Dahlonega mines.

During construction of the home, workers discovered a gold and quartz vein under the building. Mr. Hall contacted the city fathers requesting mining rights but was refused. The mineshaft is still visible.



# Happy 90th, Beth Everling!

Tuesday, June 27, a group of 10 met at The Attic, in Clarkesville, to help celebrate Beth Everling's 90th birthday.



Beth certainly is a spunky 90 year-old and never misses an



opportunity to go out to lunch with a group, and she adds so much to the occasion. Happy Birthday again, Beth!



## Presbyterian Men

Bruce Morgan

Special thanks to Linda Leslie for her Pastry Wrapped Roast Pork, with garden fresh green beans, and sweet potato casserole, that she served for our July luncheon meeting. And to Rachel Romfro for her fruit and chocolate chip cake. The meal was delicious and we greatly appreciate you sharing your cooking talents with the men.

The pancake breakfast was very well attended and thanks to all who attended.

We'll meet again on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Hope you can join us.



Melody Thomason

# Our Cookout

We celebrated our country's independence by having a cookout July 3. It was a great success with about 50 people enjoying each other, and eating GOOD food! There was even a cool breeze making our time together pleasant.

Thanks to all who came and brought food, and thanks to Phil Baughman for volunteering to be in charge of purchasing and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

Thanks also to Jim Crawford and Bruce Morgan for also cooking the meat, and all those who pitched in to make it a fun day.

Thank you Josalynne Wiley for the beautiful fans you made to help keep us all cool.

We vowed to do it again!

**It was FUN!**



Fans by Josalynne Wiley.



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## Backyard Ministry

On Wednesday, July 12, Rev. Souvanh Touralack and his family joined us for dinner.

*Continued from page 10* Rev. Touralack is the pastor of the Backyard Ministry in Cornelia. An immigrant to the United States from Laos, Rev. Touralack ministers to the Laotian community in Cornelia. Rev. Touralack shared his faith journey with us and what led him to become an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). His congregation worships at the Mt. Airy Chapel, a chapel belonging to the First Presbyterian Church Cornelia. The Backyard Ministry is being supported by two grants from our denomination. At this point, funding is not sufficient to support a full time pastor and Rev. Touralack works full time as a security officer at North Georgia Technical College in Clarkesville. If you wish to financially support the Backyard Ministry, please mail your contributions to First Presbyterian Church Cornelia with Backyard Ministry on the memo line of your check.



Rev. Souvanh Touralack's family.



Burnetta brought special cupcakes so we could all celebrate Collin's 11th birthday. Plus there was a delicious lemon cake to devour.

### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our church will be joining other organizations in putting on a Back to School Bash for the children of our community. School supplies, food, and fun activities are on the agenda. This will take place **Saturday, July 29, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, at Freedom Park in Cleveland. Our role is to provide a Face Painting booth. We're looking for volunteers to make this happen.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We collected \$320.00 which will be sent to PC USA to benefit people around the world with Hunger Programs, Self-Development, and Disaster Assistance. Thanks for all who gave.

### FPC FOOD PANTRY

Our shelves are looking pretty bare. Help us replenish food to share with people who come to our church looking for help. We can use family sized items or individual items.

### THE GROWING PLACE PRESCHOOL

An Open House will be held **Friday, August 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** School will begin on Tuesday, August 8, with twelve 3- and 4-year-olds, and Miss Cara and Miss Adele, as teacher and assistant. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings will be more exciting because of this wonderful ministry.



### FIRST LUNCH — AUGUST 7th

Volunteers are needed.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Melody Thomason at [melodymagee@gmail.com](mailto:melodymagee@gmail.com)



- AUGUST 6 ..... Lily Geiger  
Jennie Geiger
- AUGUST 13 ..... Judy Massingale  
Charles Massingale
- AUGUST 20 ..... Penny Murdoch  
Bill Woods
- AUGUST 27 ..... Lindalee Walters  
Hugh Walters

## August

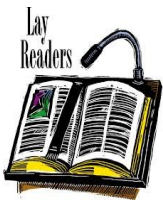
*Thank you all for serving.*



*Elaine Wiegert*

Coffee & Conversation will continue through the summer months, so please join us on Sunday mornings, at 10:00 a.m. During August, we will be discussing texts from Matthew, Genesis, and Exodus. The topics for discussion in August will be:

- AUGUST 6 ..... Matthew 14:13-21  
*You Give Them Something to Eat*
- AUGUST 13 ..... Matthew 14:22-33  
*Stepping Out in Faith*
- AUGUST 20 ..... Genesis 45:1-15  
*Reconciliation in Places of Exile*
- AUGUST 27 ..... Exodus 1:8-20  
*Unlikely Saviors, Creative Response*



## Liturgists for the Month AUGUST

*Becky Clark*

- AUGUST 6 ..... Lily Geiger
- AUGUST 13 ..... Becky Clark
- AUGUST 20 ..... Nancy Webber
- AUGUST 27 ..... James Geiger

*Thanks to all who serve so willingly!*

## August Birthdays

- BETH CHAMBERS
- TONY CLARK
- JEANIE GEORGE
- GAIL ROLLINS
- BETTY SMITH
- ERIC WALL
- ELAINE WIEGERT
- SEBASTIAN WILEY



*If we missed your birthday,  
please let us know.*

## Please Check Out the Sign-Up Sheets

Please take time, when you are in church, to check out the sign-up sheets located on the console in the Upper Narthex. These include most of the upcoming activities that need reservations, in order to prepare enough food, or make arrangements. Don't miss out on future fun events.

PLEASE

Please remember to wear your NEW name tags every Sunday. We want our guests to be able to learn who we are.

Happy August!

# From God's Garden

A very special "Thank You" to those who have contributed the beautiful flowers and displayed them to brighten the sanctuary for our Sunday Worship Services. These flowers add a bright spot and make our service feel special.



*These roses on July 2 commemorate the 62nd (and 63rd) Anniversary for Bernice and John Rogers. (You can have John explain the two anniversaries.)*

*This Sunflower arrangement on July 9 was in honor of ALL Volunteers who bring sunshine to all they meet and serve.*



*This basket of flowers on July 16 was donated by Elaine Wiegert in memory of Hans Jurgen Wiegert and what would have been his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



*The flowers on July 23 were to thank Hugh Walters and the Building and Grounds Committee workers for ALL they do around the church.*

If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the upper Narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating.  
***If you are willing to be a Flower Coordinator please contact the Church Office.***

## Session Scripts

*Bruce Morgan*

On Tuesday, July 18th, your Session spent seven hours in retreat discussing, planning, dreaming, and acting on the following. We:

- Learned about Systems Theory as it applies to the Church,
- Described our strengths and how to preserve them,
- Examined our past experiences and their application to the future,
- Rethought our mission,
- Constructed a timeline of our church history,
- Approved the June Financial Report,
- Established a policy to ensure no one is locked out of the sanctuary on Sunday,
- Discussed offering procedures, after-worship fellowship, and upcoming events,
- Set the **next meeting for August 20** and,
- Prayed for several needs in our church family.



## YOU are needed!

We all have the greatest respect for teachers and all the time, energy, and dedication they put in to teaching. We know not everyone is a "teacher" but if you have the desire, YOU CAN DO IT!

We need teachers for our young people for the upcoming Sunday School year. We need several volunteers who can teach just one Sunday a month, *OR* a volunteer who will teach each week.

The lesson plans are supplied via the KINDMIN Power Pack. If you are willing to do this, contact Elaine Wiegert or let Pastor Burnetta know. It will be greatly appreciated.

# One-Room School Houses

*Penny Murdoch*

As the school year is about to start again, we may want to take a look back on the old one-room school houses.

America was growing quickly during the 1800s, and most families lived in small towns or on farms. As a result, schools were built close to where the children lived and these schools were very small.

One teacher taught multiple grades, usually grades first through seventh or eighth, similar to our elementary schools of today. The younger students were seated in the front of the room, with the older students in the back, as they grew larger and older.

Many of these schools were a wooden-frame structure, about 20 feet wide by approximately 35 feet long, some with a metal roof. The floors were wooden and a pot-bellied stove provided the needed heat. These wooden schoolhouses were without running water, bathrooms, adequate lighting, or playgrounds

There were many one-room school houses used well into the early 1900's but most are now long gone, relegated to a simple page in a nearly-forgotten history book. Those still standing are now an integral part of historical villages. Here in Georgia, there are several that have been preserved.

The **Little Creek School** "one room school house" was one of 23 one-room, one-teacher schools in existence in 1871. It is the only remaining one room schoolhouse in Haralson County and one of a few in the state of Georgia.

According to [travel@exploregorgia.org](http://travel@exploregorgia.org) this was a traditional 19th century one-room school house, located in the rural farm community of Little Creek community of northwest



Haralson County, Georgia. This school room housed students and teachers until 1932, and was then consolidated with nearby schools.



The interior of the building included a raised area of 8' by 20' with the teacher's desk, and some student desks for individual instruction. A water bucket and dipper were available, and outside toilets were provided.

There were 1,016 people in one-room schools in the county in 1871. Little Creek ceased to be used as a school in 1932 with most of the students attending Steadman.



The closest one to this area is Mechanicsville School located in Norcross.

**Mechanicsville School** was built in 1900, not far from the Buford Highway. According to [Patch.com](http://Patch.com) records show that in addition to teaching, the teachers in these small school houses were required also sweep the floors, gather wood, and build fires in the pot-bellied stoves during the winter months.

This school opened in 1911 and was in operation until 1939 when Gwinnett County consolidated schools and constructed larger and better buildings.

In 1923, records indicated that two teachers taught 87 students for a six and a half months school year. This school



taught the children of the mechanics who worked and lived in the area, thus its name. The Gwinnett County Public School system currently owns the building. The little building is a treasure trove of history with its original desks and some of the other furnishings.

In 1900, there were more than 7,000 of these one-room schools in the state of Georgia, but today only a select few of them have been preserved.

Sources: *Flickr, LocationsHub, Patch.com, Travel@exploregorgia.org, Visitharalson.com*



**SUNDAYS**  
 Coffee & Conversation 10 am  
 Church Services 11:00 am In-Person and Online  
 Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY  
 PW CT Meeting In-Person/Zoom  
 PW Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Every Third Sunday  
 VALET PARKING available Sunday mornings starting at 10:45 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Join Us!</b>                      PW Sunday Bible Study                      Third Sunday</p>		1	2 BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person PW CT Meeting 1:30 pm In-Person & Zoom Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	3	4	5 
6 Communion and Worship Service 11 am and Online	7 	8	9 BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit'n'Stitch 2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship Service 11 am and Online	14	15 PM Luncheon Noon	16 BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit'n'Stitch 2:00 pm Wednesday Nite Supper 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm	17	18  <b>NEsties</b> LONGHORN in Cornelia 1:00 pm Carpooling leave Church 12:15	19
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