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## Spreading the Word

September 2019

### **Louie Will Be Gone for Three Weeks in September**

Louie will combine vacation and study in Scotland and England

### **But worship at RPC is left in good hands**

Sept. 8 - Colleen Earp - Student at Union Seminary in Virginia

Sept. 15 - Clayton Rascoe - Director of Massanutta Conference Center

Sept. 22 - Elizabeth Hopkins - We welcome Elizabeth back to the pulpit.

### **Please Give These Folks a Fine RPC Welcome**

### **Sunday School Format for September**

We are taking a break from lectionary text to look at some subjects that we find to be interesting. We hope you might drop by and join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

### **September**

- 9/1 Inside Jesus' Judaism
- 9/8 Near death experiences part 2
- 9/15 Spiritual journey
- 9/22 Christians Disciplines
- 9/29 Do You Believe in Miracles?



**Sunday Morning  
Adult Study**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jane Andrews	1
David Cameron	1
Ross Hasson	1
Laura Coleman	4
Dana Bond	7
Billy Gatewood	9
Keith Smith	10
Sue Fulton	13
Kyle Patterson	13
Pat Humphrey	14
Chuck Carson	15
Toni Roby	16
Gloria Beddow	17
Patricia Zirkle	17
Judy Deavers	18
Jim Wright	18
Nancy McIntyre	20
Connie Underwood	20
Nellie Koon	23
George Bonheyo	25
Louie Andrews	26
Lee Goodrich	30



## Louie's Musings:

Fifty years ago I declared myself a history major. I was far more suited to major in ping pong or the consumption of Coca-Cola but those majors were not listed in the catalogue at King College. Why history? I loved the story of Camelot. Before Richard Burton wooed Julie Andrews on Broadway I was fascinated with the Knights of the Round Table. My favorite was Sir Galahad. He was the purist of all the knights and the one who began the search for the Holy Grail. As a child, all my friends were playing Cowboys and Indians. I pretended to be a Knight of the Round Table. So it made perfectly good sense that at the ripe old age of 19 I would declare my major to be English History in order to continue my search for truth.

I was a second semester Junior before someone told me the story of Camelot, and Arthur, and even sweet Guinevere was a myth. Three years of education down the drain and it was too late to change majors. So I hunkered down to learn tales of royal families from Wessex, to Normandy, to Plantagenet, to Lancaster to Tudor. On finishing college, my dream was to travel to England and learn further of the Alfred's, Edward's, John's, Henry's and Elizabeth. But my plans were put on hold by my draft number and life experiences which sent me to Central America rather than Hadrian's Wall.

On Labor Day, Deb and I will finally make our pilgrimage to Great Britain. We plan to see the great cathedrals, romp through the heather, look for Nessie, walk across the bridge at St, Andrews, play hide and seek at Stonehenge, and follow the footsteps of Chaucer and Shakespeare. I plan to write about my adventures in a group of essays titled *Searching for My Youth among the Ruins*. But between you and me, the real reason for the trip is to find Camelot. It has got to be more than "just a story".

STW NEWSLETTER :

The deadline for submitting articles **electronically** for the **October** newsletter is **Monday, September 23**.

JAMIE HEARD

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## From the Stewardship Ministry Team

Our thanks go out to those who participated in our "Eliminate the Debt" initiative. We have received 35 responses for pledges that total just under \$50,000 and we estimate that by the end of the year we will have our loan balance down to around \$85,000. At this point the loan will be converted to a term mortgage with fixed monthly payments that will be very manageable.

The responses we received include 8 new donors whose names will be added to our pictorial book dedicated to the generosity of all who have participated in this endeavor. The book will soon go to press but it's not too late to order a copy. The price will be exactly what the church's cost is and we estimate that to be between \$25 and \$30.

Just as a reminder, there are some folks who made pledges 3 years ago with outstanding balances. If you are not sure where you stand on your pledge, and would like to honor any remaining balance, you may contact our treasurer, Roger Fulton at (434) 361-0030 or [rfulton.rff@gmail.com](mailto:rfulton.rff@gmail.com). As with all contributions, the information is held in the strictest confidence.

### Annual Art Show

- It will soon be time for the annual RPC fall art show. The art will be on display during October and November. Bring your art work to the church on Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m.
- Each artist may submit one piece. We will accept a variety of medium such as: paintings, drawings, photography, prints, fiber, and needle works. Submissions must be ready to hang by having a hanging wire or bracket on the back.
- A sign up sheet will be available to indicate the following information: your name, title of the art work, and the medium.
- Tags will be made for the show based on these facts. The tags will not show price information.
- You may retrieve your art on Sunday morning, November 24.
- If you have questions, contact Roger Elliott.

### Knitting Ministry

The knitters are making baby hats! These cute little hats will be donated to Martha Jefferson Hospital for newborns. If you would like to help with this project, join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the library.

*Submitted by Nancy Clark*



# Youth News

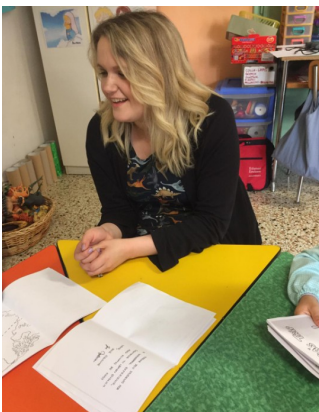
On Sunday August 18, 15 youth and their parents met at Lake Monocan for a Back to School kick off party. The youth will meet on Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 in the youth room downstairs to discuss mission trips for the upcoming year. Please join us!



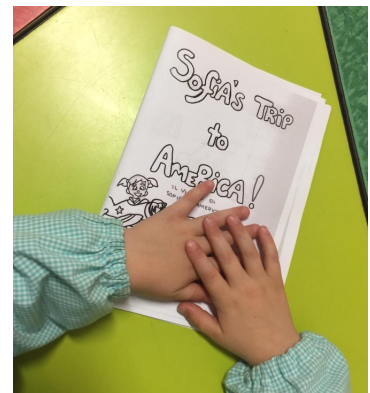
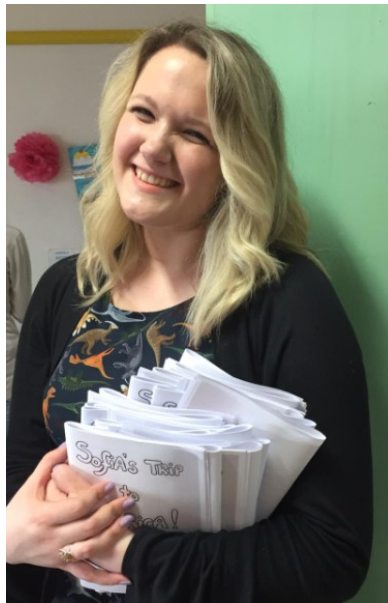
## Children's Food Pantry

With the filling of the children's bags completed, the next activity is always tearing down the boxes and taking them to the recycling center. Matthew Gentry filled his car to the ceiling while Dana, Ethan and Sophie cut, crushed and carried armload after armload to the parking lot.

When Zoe Ogilvie decided to backpack around the world it was a "no holds barred" kind of arrangement that left her feeling anything was possible. And everything was. In Italy she was given a chance to teach Asian immigrants English. She created a book called Sofia Takes a Trip to America. It was for a class of five-year olds, and they loved the book. Then Zoe was off again hiking and teaching whenever she could. As it was nearing time to return, she found herself in Prague teaching older students and having an incredible time with them. Returning home she headed for Ms. Irene's room to help her and found two more little ones about five years old. Today she is studying at the Curry School of Education at UVA on her way to earning a doctorate in Education. There's no stopping her now.



Zoe Ogilvie teaching English to 5 year old Italian students using the picture books she designed for them.





## Session Highlights for August 20, 2019

Moderator Rev. Louie Andrews called the Session Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Elder Wendy Culberson presented the Opening Prayer and Devotions. Joys and Concerns were shared. Prayers were asked for Susan Holland and family, Louise Cortright, Nancy Small, and Ginny Johnson.

### Clerk's Report:

- Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting 6/18/19.
- Approved changing September's Session Meeting date to 9/24/19.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Louie Andrews shared a personal story. Session approved supply pastors Colleen Earp (9/8/19), Clayton Roscoe (9/15/19), and Rev. Elizabeth Hopkins (9/22/19) for the weeks Rev. Louie Andrews is away.

Stewardship/Finance: Elder Wendy Culberson presented a positive financial report.

### Ministry Team Reports and Recommendations:

- Elder Ken Engebretson presented a recommendation for Perry G's to paint the Sanctuary late fall or in January, which was approved.
- Elder Phyllis Savides submitted a list of communion servers through the end of the year.
- Elder Dana Ogilvie presented a report outlining activities of our Youth, to include preparing and serving the July Senior Luncheon and a Back to School Swimming Party, and upcoming events (meeting 9/8/19 to discuss plans for upcoming year including a possible mission trip and food packing for the Children's Pantry on 8/25/19).
- Elder Bob Alpers presented a report outlining a Minute for Mission Sunday on 10/27/19 wherein folks representing our various missions will speak during both worship services and will be available in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour.

### Celebration and Gratitude:

We give thanks for:

- Elder Wendy Culberson's beautiful devotion.
- The bounty in our garden this year.
- Brian Alexander's news of obtaining a job at Veritas and also his ability to qualify and drive a boat at Smith Mountain Lake, a true answer to many prayers of the church.
- Cicero's quote that reads "Gratitude is the greatest virtue."
- The gift of patient family members.
- Elder Bob and Shirley Alpers celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 8/26/19.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING: Tuesday, 9/24/19 at 7 P.M.

Devotional/Opening Prayer: Elder Leslie Buchanan.

*Respectfully submitted, Sue Fulton, Clerk*



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship Five Cents a Meal Offering	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture	<b>5</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship	<b>9</b> 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture	<b>12</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship	<b>16</b> 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture	<b>19</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Packing Pantry Bags for Kids 10:00 a.m. Second Worship Emergency Relief Offering	<b>23</b> 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra <i>Spreading The Word Articles Due</i>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture 7:00 p.m. Studying the Bible	<b>26</b> 10-2 Senior Luncheon at the Afton Firehouse Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>27</b> Pantry Bag Packing 7:00 p.m. Movie Night	<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Distribution at Food Pantry
<b>29</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship	<b>30</b> 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra					