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Spreading the Word

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**June 30th — Combined 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Ordination and Installation of New Elders
followed by our Annual Congregational Picnic**

There is so much going on here at Rockfish - and it is exciting! But sometimes when you are spinning lots of plates you drop one or two. Last week I was opening my church email account on my personal computer and a big screen came up saying your computer has been frozen for your safety. Call XYZ to unlock - Microsoft. Well, I knew that was a bad idea so I googled the Microsoft helpline to get some advice. Well that was a mistake. I escaped one hacker and encountered another. I have since learned hackers buy advertisements that list things like this and give false numbers. Stupid me gave hacker number two the ability to see my computer called team viewer. I have since learned this is a legit app so the computer does not recognize a problem. Luckily I balked at giving out any financial info and they did try to ask in several ways. Geek Squad has cleaned up my computer and I did not lose money but I feel so personally violated. Every password has been changed, even my Wi-Fi has been checked. Yet, I have no doubt that the dark web now knows more about me. Yuck.

It made me think about these people who do these things. Where is their moral compass? I consider that I need to pray for them - that is what we should do of course. But man, that is difficult. What a world we live in that we are all so vulnerable. (By the way, be careful what you open from me now via email just in case. I will NEVER ask for money or gift cards. Just call me if you find something strange.)

At this point in my week I was hating all things digital but I had already signed up for a class on "AI and the Pastor" given by a pastor I know. Isn't that interesting timing? It was fascinating. And I also found it scary. Deep Fakes are so easy; I guess turning back time is not a possibility so learning to live safely in this world is our only alternative.
































In conclusion, I need to submerge myself in nature - God's creation! Or spend time with real human beings. Or create art. Or read. Ahhh... There **IS** so much wonderfulness in this world.

May the Lord hold us all in the hope of His Gospel,





























~Pastor Inger

P.S. For fun I am going to use CHAT GPT to write my **Inger Inklings** using this prompt: "Write a newsletter article on how it feels to be hacked and the Biblical response as a Christian."

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

										
	Sue Schivley	05								
	Ginny Simpson	08								
	Nancy Johnson	11								
	Allison Bell	12								
	Jim Clark	12								
	Greg Frahm	12								
	Abby Carr	17								
	Patti Heggie	17								
	Linda Heuer	18								
	Linda Wilk	24								

July Birthdays

	Carl Deavers	03	
	Carol Lemons	05	
	Jane Shafferman	07	
	Matt Clark	09	
	Joe Steele	10	
	Steve Winston	10	
	Wendy Culberson	12	
	Lee Corder	13	
	Julia Grammer	14	
	Kelley Alexander	16	
	Diana Garland	20	
	Sandi Winston	26	
	Karen James	27	
	Gene Varnadoe	27	

Ingers Inklings - written by CHAT GPT (Holy Cow, says the same thing as I wrote but actually more professionally. Don't worry I will not be using these programs to do my sermon writing or other writing. I would find that an offense to God and His trust in me and also lacking in the movement of the Spirit.) But here it is....

Title: Facing Hacking with Faith: A Christian Perspective

Dear Friends,

In our digital age, the word "hacked" has taken on a new and terrifying significance. It's no longer just about a breach of online security; it's an invasion of our privacy, our trust, and sometimes even our identities. The feeling of being hacked is akin to having your home broken into; it's violating and deeply unsettling. But as Christians, how should we respond when faced with such a violation?

Firstly, it's important to acknowledge the emotional toll of being hacked. It can evoke feelings of anger, fear, and vulnerability. Your personal information, perhaps even intimate details of your life, could be exposed to strangers. It's natural to feel violated and overwhelmed.

However, as Christians, we are called to respond to adversity with faith and resilience. The Bible offers guidance and comfort even in the face of such challenges.

One such example is found in Psalm 46:1-3, which says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." This verse reminds us that even in the midst of chaos and uncertainty, God is our stronghold. We can find refuge in Him, knowing that He is in control even when our security feels compromised.

Moreover, we are encouraged to respond to wrongdoing with forgiveness and grace. In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus teaches us, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." While it may be challenging, extending forgiveness to those who have wronged us, whether it be a hacker or otherwise, is an essential aspect of our faith.

Practically speaking, being hacked can also serve as a reminder to prioritize our security measures both online and offline. Just as we lock our doors and take precautions to protect our physical belongings, we must also take steps to safeguard our digital assets. This may involve using strong, unique passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, and staying informed about the latest cybersecurity threats.

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STW NEWSLETTER :	The deadline for submitting articles electronically for the August newsletter is Wednesday, July 24.
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Ingers Inklings- written by CHAT GPT (continued from pg. 2)

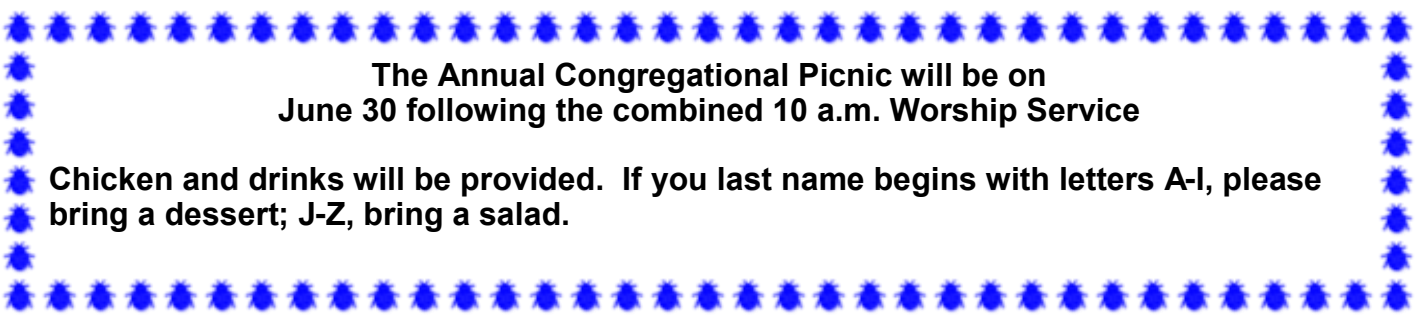
Lastly, being hacked can prompt us to reflect on our relationship with technology and the digital world. While these tools offer incredible opportunities for communication, productivity, and connection, they also come with risks. It's essential to maintain a healthy balance and not allow our online presence to overshadow our real-life relationships and experiences.

In conclusion, being hacked is undoubtedly a distressing experience, but as Christians, we can find solace and strength in our faith. By turning to God for guidance, extending forgiveness, and taking proactive steps to protect ourselves, we can navigate the challenges of the digital age with grace and resilience.

Blessings,
[Your Name]

Wow- What a crazy world we live in now!!

~Pastor Inger



The Annual Congregational Picnic will be on
June 30 following the combined 10 a.m. Worship Service
Chicken and drinks will be provided. If you last name begins with letters A-I, please
bring a dessert; J-Z, bring a salad.

Youth News



Celebrating with joyful hearts by filling 100 bags for hungry children in Nelson County on Mothers Day Sunday

For the month of May the children filled 100 bags of food for the Nelson County Food Pantry. They were joined by veteran bag packer, Sophie Ogilvie who just finished her first year of college. A baby bunny also joined in the packing from the window—thank you to Sally Bryant for rescuing the bunny!!



I want to thank you and the church for the wonderful donation of food that was provided to our office! The deputies appreciated every mouthful!! The cards from the Youth Choir have been the highlight! I've hung them on the wall in the office. The community support that we have received has been incredible!

Thank you, again!
Sheriff Mark Embrey



Grounds Ministry Team

A big "Thank You" to Mike Chambers and the Cemetery Team for all the work done to clean-up, repair, and improve the cemetery grounds.



We have hired Creation Appreciation to improve the cemetery lawn (upper and lower), and they also removed the leaves. Aaron Harris is mowing and trimming. Bobby Solar is taking care of tree pruning and trimming, as well as addressing any tree health issues.

There are still several smaller grounds tasks that need to be done (e.g., weeding and mulching). I'm happy to talk with people about areas that need attention. I'm generally not available for set workdays but I'm happy to communicate over email/text and/or meet at the church to talk about what needs to be done. I'd also like to hear about any areas that you feel need attention.

I am putting together a history of the RPC grounds plantings. If you have any information about certain plantings, I would love to hear from you. I know there was a lot planted after the 1990's addition was completed.

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Borgman
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Mission Ministry

BACKPACKS! School is over and it's time to think about...BACKPACKS for the preschoolers in Nelson County for the 2024-2025 school year. Rockfish has 40 potential spots for preschoolers and Tye River has 48. Final numbers of actual preschool students enrolling are not yet known. School starts August 8, 2024. The backpacks will be needed by July 31, 2024. Your committee will do the shopping but we need your donations. We have historically been spending approximately \$25.00 per back pack including the book. Inflation may bring the cost up so please allow for \$30.00. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated! Make checks payable to the church with "Backpacks" written on the memo line. Thank you!!!

Session Highlights (05/21/2024)

Moderator Rev. Inger Manchester called the Session meeting to order at 7:00 pm with prayer. Elder Susan Luscomb opened with devotion and prayer. Prayers were asked for Jerry, Sally, Ron Culberson, Linda Baker and Candy for the loss of Linda's mother, J.J.'s interview at Martha Jefferson, Jeffrey, Inger's son, who has an offer on a house.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Inger Manchester reported the Board of Rockfish Enrichment Center has received approval to open its planned respite center in September. She made a Motion to approve the use of RPC as a respite site for the Rockfish Enrichment Center. Approved. Motion to cancel the July Session Meeting. Approved. Motion to have a single service June 30th for Ordination/Installation of new Elders and hold the Church Picnic. Approved. The picnic will be held at Buddy Martin's cabin.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Approved minutes of Stated Meeting 4/16/24.

Approved minutes of Congregational Meeting 5/19/24.

Elected two Elders to serve as Commissioners for the POJ Stated meeting on 6/18/24.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Elder Dave Lawson presented the Monthly Financial Reports, Income and Expense Sheet, Balance Sheet. The church is in fine financial standing.

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS/MOTIONS:

- Elder Kate Humphrey Chambers (Worship Ministry Team, Chair Mary Hopkins) presented a Motion to have a single service on July 14 and July 21 at 10:00 am. Motion approved. (Rev. Inger Manchester will be on vacation).
- Elder Sandy Gallagher (Outreach Ministry Team) reported the open painting/crafts studio's first meeting was a big success. Group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-5 pm. Respite program is moving ahead. Hope's Legacy Fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 21st. "TJ and Sandy" conversation event will occur June 2, after church service.
- Elder Susan Luscomb (Christian Education Ministry Team) reported there is a need for a third person to help with the Children's Sunday School. Age groupings range from nursery, early elementary, 4th grade and above. Based on the ages of the children attending there will be a need for a confirmation class within a year or two. Adult volunteers are still needed each Sunday to insure there is sufficient supervision and safety. Parents have expressed a desire to participate in Adult Sunday School and Choir. There is also interest in a Christian Parenting Class and/or a more basic Bible Study class.
- Elder Ken Engebretson (Facilities Management Team) reported the SimpliSafe cameras have been installed and are up and running. Two new wall-mounted combination-coded lockboxes have been purchased and installed at the front and back entrances.
- Elder Kathy Kristiansen (Liaison Grounds Committee) reported planting grass under the cross will be undertaken this fall. The area now will be mulched.
- Elder Sally Bryant presented the following Motions: Motion to approve an additional week of vacation for Church Administrator, Jamie Heard, (increase from 2 to 3 weeks). Approved. Motion to commence this September the hours of each staff member of the Children's program be expanded from one hour to two hours each Sunday. Approved. Motion to hire a third person to help with Children's Sunday School this fall. Approved.
- Elder Joe Steele (Cemetery Ministry Team) reported they are waiting for a quote to repair the crumbling outer wall of the Cremains Garden and Creation Appreciation continues to treat the grounds.

We give thanks for: Rev. Inger Manchester gave thanks for Elder Ken Engebretson's years of service on Session. Elder Susan Luscomb gave thanks for Sunday's Pentecost service. Thanks for the young 21-year old man attending our services and his wanting to join RPC.

Rev. Inger Manchester closed the meeting in prayer at 8:00 pm.

Next Stated Session Meeting Tuesday, 6/18/24 at 7:00 PM, in the Library. Elder Joe Steele will have Devotions and Opening Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy LeGrow, Clerk





June and July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Five Cents a Meal Offering	3/1 2:30 Personnel Committee Meeting 4:00 Mission Team Meeting	4/2	5/3 10:00 Knitting and Nurture 11:30 Christian History Discussion 2:00 Where We Are Support Group	6/4	7/5	1 8/6
9/7 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 10:30 Packing Pantry Bags for Kids Five Cents a Meal Offering 5:00 p.m. Pub Theology at Brewing Tree	10/8 5:00 Stewardship Mtg (No meeting in July)	11/9	12/10 10:00 Knitting and Nurture 11:30 Christian History Discussion 3-5 Creating Art 5:30 The Chosen discussion and pot luck	13/11 3:15 Rockfish Ringers 5:30 Chancer Choir	14/12	15/13
16/14 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 10:30 Packing Pantry Bags for Kids 5:00 Pub Theology at Brewing Tree	17/15	18/16 7:00 Session Meeting Stated POJ Mtg	19/17 10:00 Knitting and Nurture 11:30 Christian History Discussion 2:00 Where We Are Support Group 5:30 The Chosen discussion and pot luck	20/18 3:15 Rockfish Ringers 5:30 Chancer Choir	21/19	22/20
23/21 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Emergency Relief Offering	24/22	25/23	26/24 10:00 Knitting and Nurture 11:30 Christian History Discussion 3-5 Creating Art 5:30 The Chosen discussion and pot luck Spreading The Word Articles Due	27/25 3:15 Rockfish Ringers 5:30 Chancer Choir	28/26	29/27 9:00 Food Distribution at the Pantry
30/28 8:00 Sunday Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Ordination/Installation of new Elders Church Picnic Emergency Relief Offering	29	30	31 10:00 Knitting and Nurture 11:30 Christian History Discussion 5:30 The Chosen discussion and pot luck			

Legend: Blue: June; Red: July; Black: June and July