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Spreading the Word

Welcome as you are, where you are.

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Church

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Seeking to be Faithful Together

*Guidelines for Presbyterians
in Times of Disagreement*



from
Presbyterian
Peacemaking Program

Give them a hearing...
listen before we answer
(John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13)

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ;
 - we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,
 - we will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.
2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.
3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.

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*The Children's
Choir inspired
the crowd at
Hope's Legacy
Fall Festival*



**Speak the truth in love
(Ephesians 4:15)**

4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.

5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;

- *we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during or following the discussion.*

6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.

**Maintain the unity of the
spirit in the bond of peace
(Ephesians 4:3)**

7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.

8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;

- *we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.*

9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:

- *urge people of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously*
- *seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;*
- *be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;*
- *abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these Guidelines.*

10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

Mission Notes

The next Missions Committee meeting will be Monday, October 6 at 4 PM in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will have a guest speaker from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to share about their work in our local area. We will be planning for the Thanksgiving food bags and looking at the budget for 2026. Please join us.

Thank you to everyone who helped bake the **60 dozen cookies for Kairos prison ministry!!!**

Join us for the **Mission Fair on Sunday, Nov. 2**, in the social hall after both services to learn about the good work we support in our community. Tables and representatives from the mission groups will be here to talk about the nature of their organizations and their impact in Nelson County and the surrounding area.

Dana Ogilvie, Co-chair
Mission team



Youth Missions

The children's Sunday School class is requesting that the **congregation help them collect full size bottles of shampoo or body wash** to put in food bags for December. Each month the children fill 100 food bags with snacks for distribution to children at the Nelson County Food Pantry. There will be a collection box in the narthex. Thank you!!



Medical Equipment

Thanks to the vision and efforts of Ray & Nellie Koon, followed by Arlie Saunders, RPC is still maintaining the Medical Equipment Supply storage unit.

The unit cost has been donated. Please let Cheryl Borgman (caborgman@gmail.com) know if you or a neighbor need anything on this list. Thank you!

Looking for a place to volunteer?



Creative Works Farm is getting ready for **Christmas Wonderland**, their biggest annual **fundraiser for Camp LIGHT**, a summer camp for individuals with special needs and at-risk youth.

Volunteers are needed in October to help assemble candy bags for kids to use while helping Mrs. Claus decorate cookies – one of the fun activities for children at Christmas Wonderland.

Volunteers will work together, seated at a table at the “Diner” in the 1950’s “downtown” area of Camp Light, which is known as Adaville. The work will be easy and fun – **volunteers will place candies in a little bag (all provided) and seal it.** It will be a wonderful opportunity to see Creative Works Farm, the downtown area called Adaville, the horse barn and all of the other amazing things at Camp Light.

There are two afternoons in October that are open to volunteers from our church – **October 23rd and October 28th.** There are sign-up sheets with specific times for each day in the narthex. Sign up is limited to 10 people for each day, so if you are interested, sign up right away!

Learn more at www.creativeworksfarm.org
or contact Patti Heggie or Carolyn Frahm



Wool & Grace

We are knitting and crocheting small stuffed animals and children's blankets for the American Legion Project. They coordinate with the respite program to prepare comfort bags for children who come in contact with police and fire fighters in Nelson County.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Nancy Clark clarkfarm@verizon.net.



October Church Social

The October Church Social Evening will be at Kate Humphrey and Mike Chambers' home on **Friday, October 17**, starting at 5 PM. Address: 501 Bryant Mountain Rd., Roseland, VA 22967, in Beech Grove. Turn off of Rte. 664 across from the Four Seasons Realty office, cross the bridge over the South Fork, turn left onto Bryant Mountain Rd, then 501 is the 3rd house on the left up the mountain. Sign up in the narthex. The maximum number of cars we can park is about 12, so the guest limit maximum is 25 with car pooling.



September's Social at Jeri & Ken Engebretson's was a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun!

October Birthdays

DANA OGILVIE 03

ALMA HELLER 06

DAVE WISLER 07

PACK DEANE 08

NORM FENTON 08

LANCE TORCOM 09

TIM HESS 11

MIKE THIBAUT 12

JOHN ARMSTRONG 13

WILLOW DOWELL 17

JOHN SAVIDES 19

ELLIOT DEANE 20

MAC LUMPKIN 21

AMELIA MCCULLEY 21

BRONWYN WHITE 21

BILL HEARD 23

KERRIE MANTHEY 23

SUSAN LUSCOMB 30

OLIVIA ELLIS 31



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Join us for worship

Sundays 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Adult Sunday School & Middle
School 9:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during
10:30 AM Service

Worship services are recorded
and available via [YouTube](#).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Emergency Relief offering 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult & Middle 10:30am - Children's Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 11:30am - Guatemala	29 10am - Respite Care 3pm - Guitar Circle	30 5:30pm - Tues Together	1 10am - Respite Care 10am - Wool & Grace 11:30am - Land of Israel	2 3:30pm - Rockfish Ringers 4:30pm - Children's Choir 5:30pm - Chancel Choir	3 10am - Respite Care	4
5 5 Cents a Meal offering Learn about RPC Pastor Leon, Haiti Outreach 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult & Middle 10:30am - Children's Sunday 10:30am - Worship	6 10am - Respite Care 2:30pm - Personnel Meeting 3pm - Guitar Circle 4pm - Mission Meeting	7 10am - Education Meeting 5:30pm - Tues Together	8 10am - Respite Care 10am - Wool & Grace 11:30am - Land of Israel	9 3pm - Worship Meeting 3:30pm - Rockfish Ringers 4:30pm - Children's Choir 5:30pm - Chancel Choir	10 10am - Respite Care	11
12 New Members received 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult & Middle 10am - Food Pantry pack 10:30am - Children's Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship Hour	13 Columbus Day 10am - Respite Care 3pm - Guitar Circle 5pm - Stewardship Meeting	14 9:30am - Outreach Meeting 12:30pm - Master Gardeners	15 10am - Respite Care 10am - Wool & Grace 11:30am - Land of Israel	16 3:30pm - Rockfish Ringers 4:30pm - Children's Choir 5:30pm - Chancel Choir	17 10am - Respite Care 5pm - Church Social	18
19 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Adult & Middle 10:30am - Children's Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship Hour 3pm - Trick-or-Treat Party @	20 10am - Respite Care 3pm - Guitar Circle	21 7pm - Session	22 Inger Out STW Newsletter articles due 10am - Respite Care 10am - Wool & Grace 11:30am - CANCELED - Land	23 3:30pm - Rockfish Ringers 4:30pm - Children's Choir 5:30pm - Chancel Choir	24 10am - Respite Care	25 9am - Food Pantry
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Click here to view a live version of the [RPC Calendar](#).

Inger's Inklings

by Pastor Inger



*...for you are
all one in
Christ Jesus*

When I was hired, one of the questions asked was, “Can I try to keep politics out of the church?” We are a ‘purple’ church that has as its greatest goal to accept ALL who desire to worship Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

That means we will not all agree on everything, and there are times where both sides of the aisle feel that their positions are not being heard or preached.

I am trying really hard to find a way forward as the world seems to be spinning faster and faster to divide us.

I quote Paul — Galatians 3:28 *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

How can this little church in Nellysford be an example of a community whose love and care for each other enables us to really listen to one another? To desire to hear the *why* of another viewpoint without making an assumption that we understand?

Where we can trust the unifying message of Jesus Christ to be the exact band-aid needed to hold us all together in this grieving world? The Good News. Where there is no ‘them’ but only an ‘us’?

It may be the hardest work we have ever done in the name of our Lord. To put ourselves and our ‘knowledge’ aside in order that we might love others better.

Perhaps WE were called for such a time as this. Trust the Story.

In the love of Christ,
Inger