



Newsletter June 2023

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WILL



Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16)

As we welcome summer and a time when the seasons once again change. It's like we are emerging from a slumber, little cicadas, dormant as nature designed, now awaking to see the world anew. Let us look with new eyes like children with worship and wonder. Let us appreciate God's goodness and take loving account of God's grace. Appreciate the privilege of simply being alive and total the costs of those we can now only remember. Precious is each life and as God's children we must remember our responsibility to proclaim this truth. To shine now, more than ever the biblical truth of redemption and salvation. Rise above the conflict and confusion of the world and proclaim the cross! Proclaim the blood of Christ to a dying world. Regardless of HOW we worship, WHERE we worship, just Worship and wonder at the glory and goodness of Christ !

May God Continue to Bless you and Keep you

Christian Education Department News

Get ready, mark your calendars. We will need all hands on deck to pull off our annual Vacation Bible School. Each year Christian Education Dept. works hard to provide a great VBS for our own church kids and the whole community. The adults who help to plan and implement and support this event are greatly blessed in

many ways. There is a place for everyone who is willing to volunteer to help.



We will have exciting Bible based dramas each night, craft activities, recreation games, music

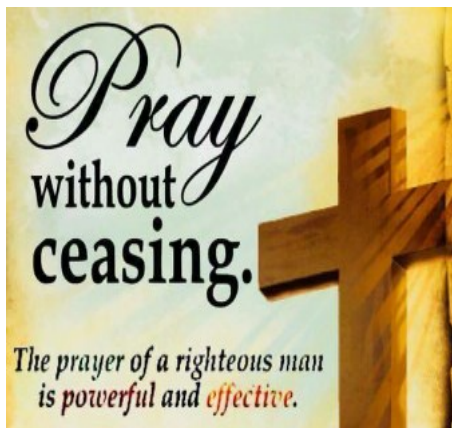
and refreshments and whole lot of fun! Plans are for classes for ages 3-12 and possibly an adult class! Please make your plans to be a part of this great week—

AUGUST 14-18, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Happy Summer to All!!

Gina Artz, Christian Education Team

We always need more volunteers to make this year's Sunday School a success.



Leo Ruffing's family - please continue to pray for Mike, Erin, the family and friends after Leo's peaceful passing to heaven on May 8th.

Sandra Rhoads is recovering from foot surgery.

Gina Artz's sister Mary Beth-had successful surgery on May 15th and is recovering well at home. Please pray for continued healing during her follow up treatments.

Virginia Stroud- has moved to Harmony Home, room 108. Please pray for comfort and ease of adjustment with the move, she would love cards and visits!

Cecelia Stevenson's sister Deborah Tillarn and Rennell Manning need prayers for chronic illnesses, diabetes, and the challenges being faced during this trying time. Prayers needed for Cecelia as she goes through these times with them.

Alice Langston is homebound, as she battles mobility issues. She is doing well but calls, cards, and prayers are appreciated.

Allen Powell appreciates your prayers as he is undergoing further tests and treatment for cancer.

Betty Lou Cummings battles with mobility and strength. Prayers and calls appreciated.

Janice Cubberley – Please pray for her as she adjusts to her recent move to be closer to family. Calls are appreciated.

Judy Harman– She continues to recover at home after surgery and is still receiving PT. Cards, calls and prayers appreciated.

Sherry Meyer's parents have moved again and have many health concerns. Please pray for them all!

Terry Hill—Had another fall and injured her right knee. Prayers, cards and prayers needed.

Sung Lee– son of Chung Anderson, is battling issues from a diabetic complications. Please pray for Sung and Chung as they navigate through this challenging time.



Living Water

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22

Water is essential for all living things. Plants, animals, people...water is a vital component for survival. Just as water holds great significance and importance in our everyday lives, water also has great significance in the bible. Water represents life. Water also serves as a symbolic representation of purity, cleansing, and renewal through Baptism. A symbol of protection, as shown by the great flood of Noah and the parting of the Red Sea and a symbol of God's divinity, when Jesus turned water into wine and walked over the Sea of Galilee.



Your Spirit: Water cleanses the soul, washes away sin, and provides an opportunity for birth...or rebirth. Allow the holy spirit to cleanse your soul and purify your heart. Provide an opportunity for God to water the seed that he has planted within you so you may flourish. Allow Him to be your gardener so he can provide you with the water of life for spiritual growth and development so you may continue to prosper.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.” Psalm 138.8



At some time watering your life, you might have found yourself having to redo something, restart something or simply reboot! Maybe a project is not really going the way you thought it would, or a relationship is not where you thought it should be...or you experienced more and more obstacles in your path. At these moments, you might have said, “What do I do now, Lord?” “Where do I go from here?”

RESTART, REBOOT, REDO

Is your spiritual growth getting the nutrients it needs from the sunlight (word of God) and water (cleansing of the spirit) it needs to grow? Are you supplementing (fertilizing) the soil in which your seed is planted by reading devotionals, receiving and/or sharing testimonies, and fellowshiping with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Are you in the “right” stage of your spiritual growth? Are you being patient and allowing yourself to grow inch by inch? Your spiritual journey is a personal quest that is filled with exciting but sometimes confusing times. God has provided you with the necessary tools to help your growth-use them and remember, there is not a set timetable, deadline, or due date for your growth. In your relationship with Jesus Christ, you will continue to grow your seed. And if you feel like you must restart, reboot, or redo...it is okay. Jesus Christ is right beside you every step of the way.

Let's continue our journey of growth and spiritual growth together.

Love in Christ, Kelly Collins



Dear Friends and Family,

This past year has been full of transition updates for the Traders. As most of you know at Bates Creek in May of 2022.

On December 20, Mom had a stroke at the University of Kentucky hospital and was there in January. She remains there. She hasn't spoken yet. Her arms and legs were affected. While she remains active in bed and help her sit up part of each day, she does have a feeding tube going on around her. She has a feeding tube.

My Dad's Alzheimer's Disease appears to be improving. He lives in the cottage and gets most of his meals across the street. He usually goes to the church service onsite on Sunday.

Disciple's Women (CWF)

Summer is Here!

Yes the weather is getting warmer and school is almost out and some are making vacation plans. The efforts of our Christian Women's Fellowship continues throughout the year with a variety of projects. All women of all ages are invited to participate in any or all of our ministries.

We will have our June gathering at Gina Artz's home on June 13th at 6:30 pm and we will have a cook out and each gal is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. We will have a mini-study and plenty of fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, June 3rd we will sponsor a Community Yardsale from 9- 2 pm. You may reserve your own table to be able to sell your own items for a small donation, or you may donate items to the church and they will be sold and all profit goes into funding for mission and outreach. On June 18, we will help Membership Dept. with sponsoring a Cook Out and Fun for Father's Day . There will be games, cornhole , and lots of good picnic foods. Plan to come and bring friends to help celebrate and welcome summer!

Our next service project will be helping sponsor Tools For Hope on June 18. The money raised for this outreach is to buy farm tools, seeds for vegetables and fruits, and even farm animals. People in third world countries will be taught how to grow crops and farm animals, in order to prevent hunger. We are so blessed in this country, please give generously to this effort.

We are hoping to sponsor a Women's Banquet this summer and recognize our Woman of the Year. Please pray that we can provide this special event soon. God bless you all.

Gina Artz, CWF President



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Park View's Drive Thru Food Panty

May 3, 2023	111 Families
May 10 2023	112 Families
May 17 2023	130 Families
May 24, 2023	143 Families
May 31, 2023	136 Families

This could not happen without
all dedicated volunteers!



Food pantries are life-changing, life-saving organizations for people who face hunger every day. Government benefits do not always cover the rising cost of food, and many families or individuals who are unable to afford food regularly do not qualify for public assistance.

Food pantries fill in the gaps where people would otherwise fall through the legal system's cracks. With the help of food pantries, people who would otherwise struggle to find their next meal are able to have healthy, wholesome food – and therefore, better able to work, attend school, and live happy lives.

What a blessing that God is using Park View to have such an impact on the community!

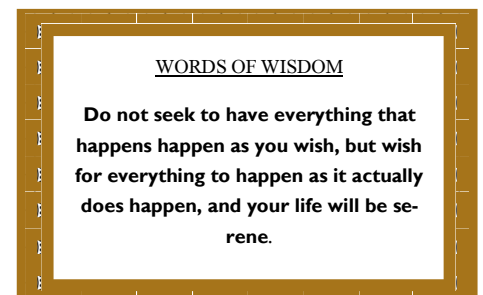
June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 Community Yard Sale 9-2
4	5 Board Meeting 7pm	6	7 Food Pantry 9-2	8	9	10
11	12	13 CWF cookout at Gina's 6:30p	14 Food Pantry 9-2	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Cookout after church	19 Junteeth	20 Primary Election Day	21 Food Pantry 9-2	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Food Pantry 9-2	29	30	



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IN MEMORIAM



Leo George Ruffing, 91, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2023. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Catherine and Lawrence Ruffing. Leo was a Veteran of Korea. He started his service career in the Army in 1948 and then enlisted in the Air Force and retired in 1970. Leo graduated from Park College with a bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University with a master's degree, and Bethany Bible College with a Doctor of Ministry. Leo celebrated 65 years of sobriety and was a mentor to countless others on their path to recovery. After retiring from the military, he worked in the field of substance abuse for the Volunteers of America and later the US Navy. He spent many hours volunteering at the Oasis Social Ministry in Portsmouth and rebuilding homes in Gulfport, Mississippi after hurricane Katrina. Leo was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and University of Kentucky basketball. He loved reading and history and was an active member of Park View Christian Church.

Leo was the husband of the late Theresa A. Ruffing. He is survived by his five children, James Ruffing, David Ruffing and wife Kathleen, George-Ann Wood, Wayne "Scott" Ruffing and wife Cherry and Michael Ruffing and wife Erin; seven grandchildren, Whitney, Doug, Noah, Joseph, Caymon, Ellie and Nolan; four great-grandchildren and four brothers, Jack, Jim, Gilbert and Donald. In addition to his wife, Leo is also predeceased by four siblings, Larry, Betty, Lois and Alice.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Park View Christian Church, 3201 Western Branch Blvd., Chesapeake, Virginia 23321. Pastor Will Collins and Dr. Brian Ray will be officiating the service. The burial will be private at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Parkinson's Foundation, in memory of Leo.

CWS Tools

Bee the **change**



Jemal lives in a small rural town in western Georgia where many support their families through agriculture. Because of the changing climate and the deforestation, many people have struggled to make ends meet through farming and have decided to move elsewhere.

"We just need a very small amount of help to be able to stay here and not have to leave to find work elsewhere," shared Jemal.

That help came for Jemal when he received hives full of buzzing new friends. The training Jemal received through the CWS Tools program equipped him to be a successful beekeeper.

Jemal sells the honey from his hives and has been able to make enough money so he and his family don't have to move.

Beekeeping was the perfect solution for Jemal and can be for so many other neighbors around the world. It's less expensive than caring for livestock and can resist the effects of climate change.

Help pollinate the world with good and make an un-BEE-lievable difference in the lives of others by giving to your CWS Tools offering.



Something as simple as a small tool can help a family grow their own food. That's why our church supports CWS Tools. We are the type of people who care for our neighbors. With this mission offering, we know we are making a positive difference in many communities."

— REV. SAMANTHA, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with **good things**."

— PSALMS 107:9

Make an **un-BEE-lievable** difference

Your support of CWS equips families worldwide with the tools that they need to build stronger futures – literally. Here's how:



\$5
Beekeeping gloves



\$8
Hive tool



\$12
Bee smoker



\$20
Hat/veil combo



\$25
Protective suit



\$120
Beehive with bees

The Disciples Women will sponsor a special offering on June 18 to collect money for CWS Tools—a program focused on sharing life-changing tools with neighbors around the world as they build brighter futures for themselves and their families. Whether someone is rebuilding after a disaster or fleeing their home, when neighbors have access to life-changing tools, great things can happen. In any case, the idea is to give the tools that will make the individuals self sufficient. If you would like to know more about this program go to CWSTOOLS.ORG.

Carolyn Jones, Outreach chair



CWSTOOLS.ORG



**Revised Common
Lectionary Readings for
June 2023**

June 4

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalms 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-35
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Psalms 116:1-2, 1219
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



**Opportunity to Serve
at Park View**

Elders:

June 4

Bonnie Gifford and Andy Artz

June 11

Carolyn Jones and Sid Harman

June 18

Janet Sydenstricker and Gina Artz

June 25

Eleanor Collins and Mike Teft

Volunteers Needed:

Yard Work

Every Saturday 10am to 2 pm
See Andy or Kim for details

Sunday School Leaders
See Gina Artz for details

Food Pantry
Every Wednesday 9 am to 3 pm

June Birthdays



6 Melanie Witten
9 Trey Witten
10 Evette Diaz
13 Sarah Jones Carpenter
18 Ida Quiros
18 Riley Diaz
30 Jeremy Russell
30 Emmanuel Francois



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you and meeting your spiritual
needs. We are available by
phone, email, and Facebook**

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ments for online Sunday
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We are here for you!

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