

Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

June 2023



BIRTHDAYS

- June 4 – Mary Anne Rogers
- June 7 – Sharon Brock
- June 12 – Ruby Swecker
- June 14 – Corbin Swecker
- June 24 – Holli McVeigh

ANNIVERSARIES

- June 4 – Mike and Tomi Herold
- June 16 – Mike and Donna Bedwell – **50 YEARS!**
- June 16 – Jim and Linda Sherman
- June 18 – Geoff and Jennifer Cox
- June 19 – Steve and Jessie Rogers
- June 23 – Wanda and Mike Evans
- June 26 – Mary and Doug Gutshall
- June 28 – Vernon and Gail Simmons

Garland Dever had a wonderful birthday celebration in May. All four of his children, along with their families, were in attendance. Pictured below with Garland and Lillian are Gene Dever, Betty Gail Hiner, Gloria Oelke and Tom Dever.



PRAYER LIST – Marlene Reynolds, Mike Armstrong, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Garland and Lillian Dever, Barbara Hevener, Becky Magee, Amy Vaus, Mike Humphries, Ruby Swecker, Carlton Hull

Christian Sympathy to Julia Blanchard and family on the death of her father, Richard Smith. Cards can be sent to the Blanchard family at: P.O. Box 503
Monterey, VA 24465

Bill and Mary Lou Cox led a joint worship service for both churches at 9:30 am last Sunday at Beulah. Bill preached a powerful sermon for Pentecost, as well as served communion. If you weren't able to attend in person, it is available online. Here are a few photos, including Mary Anne Rogers reading a Bible verse in Spanish.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 3, Pizza Fundraiser - Mary Anne Rogers and Cash Chambers will be going on a 4-H Dominican Republic service trip this summer. Help their effort to raise funds for the trip by helping yourself to delicious pizza on Saturday behind Big Fish.

This is a great way to support our youth as they help others.



Sunday, June 4 – “End of the School Year Bash” honoring our graduates”. Lunch will be provided immediately following the worship service that begins at 11:15. Maple BBQ chicken, sides and dessert will be served. Eat inside the fellowship hall or outside in the pavilion. Please plan to attend as we celebrate our graduates at Monterey Presbyterian. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 11 – A “Clean out your Freezer” meal will be served at noon at Beulah. What a great way to discover and share those hidden gems lurking in your freezer. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day

Monday, June 19 -Juneteenth - Our newest federal holiday, Juneteenth National Independence Day, is celebrated every year on June 19 to mark the end of slavery in the United States. For Federal employees/offices, it will be observed as a Federal holiday.

Wednesday, June 21 – The first day of summer and the session of MPC will meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00.

Sunday, June 25 – 4 cents a meal offering will be collected, in addition to the regular offering.

*One of our church family members, **Sandie Stinnett**, will be back in Highland from mid-June through mid-July, and maybe even a little longer. While back in Highland she hopes to spend time visiting and catching up with lots of people.*

Pulpit Supply in June

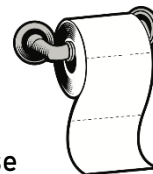
June 4 – Chris Scott

June 11 – Bronwen Boswell – Communion will be served at MPC

June 18 – Adam White

June 25 – Tim Allen

Our local Food Pantry continues to need paper goods, particularly toilet paper. A table is up in the Fellowship Hall at MPC and all donations are welcome, even one roll! When the table is full, we will load up and deliver to the Food Pantry, then continue collecting until the table is again full.



If you see paper goods on sale when you are shopping, consider picking up something extra for those that need help right now. We appreciate your support of this ongoing ministry.

LOOK AT THIS LINEUP – Some of the Highland FFA officers elected for next year are:

- *Mary Anne Rogers – President (The youngest president ever elected in Highland)*
- *Eli Moore – Vice President*
- *Autumn Warner – Secretary*
- *Hannah Meyerhoeffer – Treasurer*
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WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!





The clean up elves have been working at MPC. If you look at the back of the sanctuary you will notice that the file cabinets and other paraphernalia have been removed. Brit and Anna Chambers then created an inviting place for children to sit during worship and Lyla and Corbin Swecker are already enjoying the space.



Julia Blanchard and Tate Dunn represented our respective churches at the May 20 Presbytery meeting in Staunton. Our general Presbyter, Bronwen Boswell, gave a very enlightening “State of the Presbytery” report. Here is a brief synopsis from the June newsletter:

During the presbytery meeting on Saturday May 20th, I gave a report about the state of the presbytery. It probably should have been noted that this was only part one – a glance at statistics and trends. Boiled down, we currently have 97 churches with 74 of those churches having 100 members or less. Fewer new pastors are coming into the system while more are retiring. So, we need to be looking at old/new models for doing ministry. I even suggested a circuit rider. But I realize that before we can really talk about different models of how to do ministry, we need to be able to articulate what our ministry is. How is it that we are living out our calling from Christ? Is it that we hear the Holy Spirit nudging us to get out and do? Until we wrestle with these questions and know how to focus our calling, will we know what kind of pastoral leadership we need. And our congregations will have different callings – one may need to focus on hunger issues, another on the welfare of children, another on aging ministries, another on world mission, another on home mission and yes, some will need to be thinking about their legacy as membership wanes. This summer, let us all be reflecting on what it is to live into our calling in Christ. Let us think how God wants us to use our gifts and talents to share the Good News of the Gospel. Let us listen for and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let us imagine what we can do and together we can find the way to do it! We are here to help.

Blessings, Bronwen

What a season for the Highland Rams, finishing with an 11-11 record, and playing part of this spring with only nine players on the roster.

This county is so proud of these young men and their coaches. They worked hard, often juggling track and baseball practice. They never gave up and they never gave in!

A special shout out to Eli and Ethan Moore, who have participated in every sport. Ethan graduates this year, but not before heading to the Class 1 state championships at JMU this Friday and Saturday after winning the Class 1, Region C title in shot put last week.



Even on an overcast day, it is always sunny on Lupine Lane, a special garden created by Donna and Mike Bedwell to honor Donna's mother, Mabel Terry, who loved the beautiful spring flowers.



Meghan Defibaugh graduated with honors from Staunton High School on May 27. Pictured with her is her proud dad, Bo Defibaugh, and her best friend, Chloe.

Meghan plans to attend Community College this fall and go into the medical field.

**Our 2023 graduates in Highland County
High School – Ethan Moore
Middle School – Anna Chambers
Holden Chambers
Jack Herold**



More pictures to come after graduation

Come celebrate our graduates this Sunday at MPC with a special worship service followed by lunch



Michael, Tomi and Jack Herold travelled to a family wedding in May. Jack had the unexpected honor of participating in the ceremony as ring bearer.

In the words of the late Mary Sweitzer, "and a good time was had by all".

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Hannah



Autumn and Eli



Prom Royalty includes Eli and Autumn



Colton, Eli and Ethan