

# Beulah and Monterey

## eNewsletter

August, 2023



### LEADING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN AUGUST

August 6 – Reverend Rock Ward (Communion at Monterey Presbyterian)

August 13 – Tim Allen

August 20 – Reverend Adam White

August 27 – Youth led service at Monterey

### AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

August 3 – Sandie Stinnett

August 4 – Patsy Simmons

August 10 – Linda Freeman

August 13 – Derek Simmons

August 15 – Amy Frayer

August 20 – Holden Chambers

August 27 – Linda Sherman

August 30 – Bo Defibaugh

August 31 – Fred Frye

#### Anniversaries

August 5 – Bucky and Norma Reynolds

August 9 – Bill and Mary Lou Cox

August 18 – Brit and Heath Chambers

August 22 - Jessa Fowler and Chris Swecker

August 23 – Mark and Cindy Swecker

August 27 – Jeff and Betty Gail Hiner

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**PRAYER LIST** – Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Mike Armstrong Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Garland and Lillian Dever

Christian condolences to the family of Carlton Hull, who passed away last week. A member of Monterey Presbyterian, his funeral was held at the church on Saturday, July 29, followed by a reception.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**Sunday, August 13** - The annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Monterey Presbyterian Church at 5:00 pm.

Ice Cream and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

#### STATED SESSION MEETING

**Wednesday, August 16**– Monterey's Session will hold a Stated Meeting at Beulah PC at 7:00 p.m.

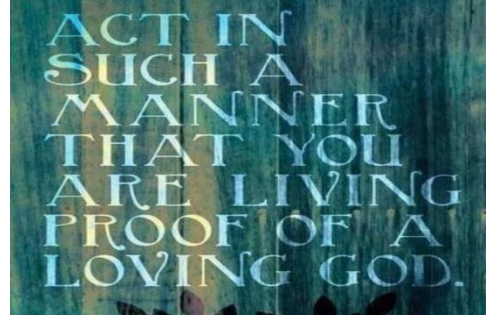
#### MILL GAP YARD SALE

**Saturday, August 19**, Mill Gap Ruritans are sponsoring a Route 84 yard sale. The Ruritan club will be advertising the community yard sale and anyone on Mill Gap Road, Meadowdale Road, Upper or Lower Back Creek Roads, or Valley Center Road is free to have their own yard sale. This is a good opportunity to support the Ruritan club and Mill Gap community.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

**Sunday, August 20**, immediately after church at Monterey Presbyterian. We will be exploring ways we can once again provide a music ministry in our church and community. All are welcome to join us.

Beulah Sunday School has transitioned from lessons in the sanctuary back to sitting round their beloved discussion style table. The class is pleased by the closer proximity to one another while studying God's Word. It allows for easy conversation, questions, and plenty of laughs.



## Kitchen Renovation begins at Beulah



Honoring a history of wonderful cooks at Beulah, the kitchen committee has decided to update it's space with new appliances and redesigned layout. This will assure Beulah is equipped to continue its ministry of meals and fellowship in the Mill Gap community. Julia Blanchard will keep us updated with new pictures as progress is made.

**MPC is forming a choir again and all are welcome to join us. Our first practice will be after church on August 20, when we will practice special music, as well as discuss a practice schedule.**



## What is CareEx?

CareEx is a research project funded by the National Institute on Aging that aims to understand the experiences of grandchildren, siblings, nieces/nephews, and step-family caregivers of relatives with dementia. CareEx uses telephone interviews to learn about family caregivers and their service use, needs and challenges. The findings of this project will be used to develop more effective services and programs to support family caregivers and enhance the quality of life of persons with dementia.

## Am I eligible to participate in CareEx?

You may be eligible to participate in the CareEx project if your relative with dementia does not live in an assisted living facility or nursing home AND you are:

- 18 years and older;
- Helping your relative with dementia with everyday tasks;
- The grandchild, sibling, niece/nephew or step-family member (any relationship) of a person with dementia;
- A resident of Virginia or surrounding states; and
- Having face-to-face contact with the person with dementia at least 3 days/week.

You must meet all of these conditions to take part.

## I'm interested. How do I join?

[Click on this form](#) if you are interested in joining the study or contact the CareEx team at 540-231-9250 or email us at [CareEx@vt.edu](mailto:CareEx@vt.edu).

► For more information go to the CareEx home page: [www.careex.isce.vt.edu](http://www.careex.isce.vt.edu)

► For answers to Frequently Asked Questions go to: [www.careex.isce.vt.edu/about-careex.html](http://www.careex.isce.vt.edu/about-careex.html)

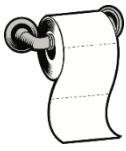
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## MISSION PROJECT FOR BEULAH AND MONTEREY



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! Bucky Reynolds will load up and deliver to the Food Pantry on August 7.

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.

### ***Pastor Nominating Committee Report***

As an employment process, the PNC's work is confidential, but it is also important to keep the congregations apprised of progress toward finding a new pastor. One of the tools available is the Church Leadership Connection website which matches our description of the churches' needs with potential candidates nationwide. When our Pastor Information Form was approved and put into the system, six matches were found. Five of those matches were considered good prospects and contacted. Unfortunately, all had either already accepted other positions, or were not interested. We will continue to monitor the website for future matches.

The PNC is placing an ad in the print and on-line formats of The Presbyterian Outlook. We are also establishing contact with several seminaries in the region to make our needs known to their students and recent graduates. In this way we hope to spread the word of our need for a pastor. It should be remembered that our previous pastor was found through personal contact from a member. Networking is important; if anyone has a thought about a possible candidate, let us know. And remember, nothing is more powerful than two strong congregations praying for God to reveal the good shepherd he is preparing to minister to this flock. Please keep this important work of finding a good shepherd in your thoughts and prayers.

## Summer Fun in July

