



Big Cove News

June 2014
Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

From the Pastor ~ Pentecost and Youth!

“From my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.”
(Psalm 71:17)

It’s commonly said that the youth of today are the future of the PC(USA), but if you’ve spent any time with our youth here at Big Cove Church, or in our Presbytery, you may be inclined to argue the validity of that statement. Instead, you may feel as I do, that our youth are actually the church’s present. They are involved in Christian Exploration, in fellowship, and in mission, serving both within and without our church. They are our blessing and they give me great joy!

Sometimes we talk about “investing” in our youth, referring to gifts and time made to support them, but the meaning can become lost in hyperbole. Yes, these “gifts” will no doubt pay off in the future, but the impact of tithes, time, and talent can make a difference right now, especially within our own community.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit’s coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible. The Pentecost Offering is one such tool for transformation.

This offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When we give to the Pentecost Offering, we help bring God’s transforming, redeeming love to **children at risk**, guide and **nurture young people’s growing faith**, and **provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders**—all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Forty percent of the Offering stays within our own congregation to support ministries that help children at risk, such as the Children’s Home, the Care Center, and the Children’s Clinic. That forty percent may also be used for a mission project for our youth. The remainder is sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support other programs that help youth and young adults and advocate for children at risk. You can check out their work at:
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/how-promote-pentecost-offering/>.

Since 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than **8 million dollars** to care for our youth. This is your invitation to be a part of that sharing this Sunday, June 8. Make checks payable to Big Cove Church and designate Pentecost Offering. On behalf of youth everywhere, thank you!

Blessings ~ Rosemary

PS. Wear **RED** on Sunday, June 8! The Spirit’s sailing in!

June Elder on Call
Christie Finley

Pastor
Rosemary McMahan

Parish Associate
Houston Hodges

Administrative Assistant
Mary Hooper

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Christianity Uncorked

We will kick off the new outreach program, Christianity Uncorked (for Spirited Discussion), the first Tuesday of the month starting June 3 from 6-7:00 pm. There will be at least four sessions through summer.



The location is a little unconventional being in a local pub, Carson's Grill at the corner of Hwy 431 and Sutton Road behind the gas station. We will have current topics and how they relate to Christianity. These are open discussions, not studies.

The first topic will be Atheism: A Christian Response. If you have any atheist friends please ask them to come share a brew with us and join the conversation.

Also, in preparation for the meeting, please read "Atheism: A Christian Response" from *The Thoughtful Christian* which has been sent out via e-mail and will be sent out again Monday June 2.



Continuing to Pray With the Holy Spirit - for 40 days

Thank you for your faithfulness in participating with this Community of Christ in the Daily Prayer reflection from Joan Gray's book, Sailboat Church. The forty days continue through June 12. A prayer guide will continue to be posted each day on the church's Facebook page. For those without Facebook, seven daily reflections will be sent either with mailed mid-week reminders or in an e-mail near the beginning of each week.

These reflections are part of Gray's "Guide to Forty Days of Prayer." These prayers may be prayed individually, as couples, or as a family.

Be sure to be in touch with each other and with Pastor Rosemary about the fruits of this time of prayer.



Kids to Camp - an Outreach opportunity

In May and June, Big Cove will be partnering with Covenant Presbyterian to help send homeless children from the Huntsville area to Camp Maranatha for a week. The effort will kick off with a Minute for Mission this Sunday, May 4.

Details will be provided in the weekly updates and Sunday bulletins, so keep your eyes and ears open for ways you can participate!

It's almost here!!



**SONWEST ROUNDUP
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 23-27

from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**Four year olds through rising 5th graders are
welcome to attend**

**Register by June 16 at www.bigcovechurch.org
and see link**

Items still needed for decorations:

**Anything Western: blankets, rugs, saddles, hay
bales, stuffed animals, play horses, hats, play gun &
holster, etc.**

Please drop off under the stairs starting in June.



2014 Christmas Cards



to benefit the Presbyterian Home for Children

2 each of 5 designs per package



You can order Christmas cards from the *Presbyterian Home for Children* and support this worthwhile cause at the same time.

To celebrate our 10th year of selling Christmas cards featuring the artwork of children, we are offering a box of our 5 most popular designs. Each package contains 10 cards, 2 each of 5 designs. Each features a different greeting and a verse of scripture. The name of the child who drew the artwork is on the back.

By purchasing cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children, you will receive a high quality card at a reasonable price while supporting an important ministry to the children of Alabama. The proceeds will make a difference in the life of a child.

Cards ordered before August 15, 2014, will be delivered in September. Cards ordered after August 15 will be delivered as long as they are available.

You may order online at the PHFC website www.phfc.org

OR mail a check for \$15 per box (includes shipping) with the order form below to
PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

P.O. Drawer 577
Talladega, AL 35161

Presbyterian Home for Children Christmas Card order form

How many packages? _____
(10 cards per package)
x \$15.00 each (includes shipping) _____

Ship cards to: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Order now through August 15 for cards to be delivered in September.



Important Dates in June



- June 3- Christianity Uncorked**
- June 8-Pentecost Sunday-wear RED!**
[Pentecost Offering Collected]
- June 14: Men's Bible Time 9:30**
- June 14-21: General Assembly**
- June 15: Father's Day**
- June 23-27: SONWest Round Up VBS**
- June 27: Goodtimers' Event at First Presbyterian Church**

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Events:

(summer schedule)

- Sunday Worship, 9 am and 11 am**
- Wednesday Meditative Yoga: 9:30-11 AM**
- Wednesday Night Choir Practice: 7-8 PM**
- Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM**

Happy June Birthday!

- Gary Indihar on the 1st
- Geno Pinczewski on the 5th
- Savanna Harris on the 9th
- Linda Wheeler on the 11th
- Shirley Jones on the 13th
- Brenda Copeland on the 14th
- David Lilly on the 15th
- Pat Hodges on the 20th
- Becky Marshall on the 22nd
- Sherry Sakovich on the 22nd
- Alex Indihar on the 27th
- Wyatt Smith on the 27th
- Pat Lutz on the 30th

Happy June Anniversary!

- Jeff & Vicki Irons on the 2nd
- Tim & Pat Burke on the 5th
- Tennent & Diane Lee on the 11th
- Michael & Neva Beasley on the 12th
- Kevin & Connie Wilson on the 14th
- Jaye & Nancy Bass on the 26th
- Bruce & Melinda Harvey on the 27th
- Glenn & Linda Wheeler on the 28th



*Please Note July
Newsletter deadline:
June 24*

Financial Corner

For April 2014

Receipts:	\$13,361.00
Operation Expenses	\$16,314.76
<i>(Includes payment of annual insurance premium - \$4,890.00)</i>	
Donations to the Children's Home:	\$178.76
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$880.00

We collected \$925 for *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

Any questions relating to the above may be addressed to Diane Lee, Bookkeeper, or any of the current elders.

~Worship Leaders for June~

9AM Worship:

	<u>June 1</u>	<u>June 8</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>June 22</u>	<u>June 29</u>
Greeter	Renay Nunn	Vicki Waldrop	Ryan Pepper	Sean Pepper	Daniel Waldrop
Host/Hostess	Merrie Duncan	Michele Pepper	Christie Finley	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey
Worship Leader	Don Barnhart	Tom Jones	Nancy Bass	Christie Finley	Ross Rutledge
Power Point	Katrina Pepper	Gary Indihar	Sylvia Romero	Debbie Book	Kirk Finley

11 AM Worship:

	<u>June 1</u>	<u>June 8</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>June 22</u>	<u>June 29</u>
Usher	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz	Janet Pinczewski	Jane Rutledge	Gary Bass
Worship Leader	Mickey Sharp	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Tennent Lee	Pastor
First Reader	Mike Feehan	David Lilly	Connie Sharp	Tom Bell	Kathy Barnhart
Second Reader	Tennent Lee	Hartwell Lutz	Mickey Sharp	Todd Worthington	Neva Beasley

Care Center Pick Up

<u>June 1-7</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>June 8-14</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>June 15-21</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>June 22-28</u>	Gary Bass
<u>June 29-July 5</u>	Gary Bass

WAVE Team

Jeff & Vicki Irons
Hartwell & Pat Lutz
Jane Rutledge
Connie Sharp
Linda Wheeler

On Fri. 6/27 at 11:00, the "Good timers" at First Presbyterian Church are hosting a story-telling session by *Joe Berry*. A country dinner will follow. Big Cove friends are invited to participate. Cost for the dinner will be \$15.

If you are interested, write a check to First Presbyterian Church with "GT627 on the "For" line and get it to Pat Lutz in time for her to turn them in before June 23 or call First Presbyterian about how to make a reservation.

A flyer with more information is attached to this e-mail!

