



# NOVEMBER APC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



***Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.***

## **-2 Corinthians 8: 7**

This verse is part of the larger context of 2 Corinthians 8, in which Paul urges the church in Corinth to give generously in support of his ministry to the poor. In this text he harkens back to God's provision of manna for the Hebrew people as they wander the wilderness, writing, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little (vs. 15)." If you remember the story of the manna come down from heaven, you remember that God gave just enough each day, and that any extra they tried to hoard would go bad. The lesson being, you can't store up God's generosity. You can't experience abundant provision in isolation. Abundance, by its very nature, must be shared.

The word "manna" came from the exclamation of the Hebrew people when they saw the heavenly bread. "Manhue?" they asked, which means,

"What is it?" The Israelites, not unlike us, were used to operating from a place of scarcity. They didn't understand abundant, unpredictable, no-strings-attached, generous provision. Sometimes we don't understand it either, but as people of faith we must try, because the gospel message depends on it.

From the beginning of time God establishes all things in abundance, creating an entire diverse beautiful world from nothing and declaring it "good" over and over and over again. And indeed it is good, because God is good—a message that we are called to share with our brothers and sisters in all that we do, which is what Paul is touching on in the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians. How believers use their resources -- time, money, talents, and attention -- is a reflection of

what they believe about God and God's actions in the world. How those resources are used preaches a message to others. Paul wants the Corinthians' actions to be a reflection of the gospel in which they believe.

This stewardship season we are called as people of faith to remember God's goodness in all things, particularly in God's constant faithful provision. God has richly blessed our church this past year through your generosity, and in turn our church has been able to richly bless our community and the world—through Coats & More, Little Dresses, Operation InAsMuch, the food pantry, the clothing bank, the backpack program, Two Cents a Meal, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, the New River Community Action emergency fund, and so many more ministries.

When we excel in generosity, God's love is preached throughout our community and the world more powerfully than any words could ever manage, so together let us pray: Loving God, help us to trust in your daily provision for our lives and for this world. Help us experience your abundance by excelling in generosity, that our lives would witness to your unending love.

Amen.

*Love, Pastor Allison*

FAIRLAWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Pledge for 20\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, and Giver of all ---  
ed from Him, and  
--- during the

I WELCOME  
coming year,  
For Current Expenses  
and Benevolences \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For Capital Improvement  
Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge cards will be collected during the Worship Service on Nov. 15. The Worship Service will be followed by the Loyalty Dinner.**



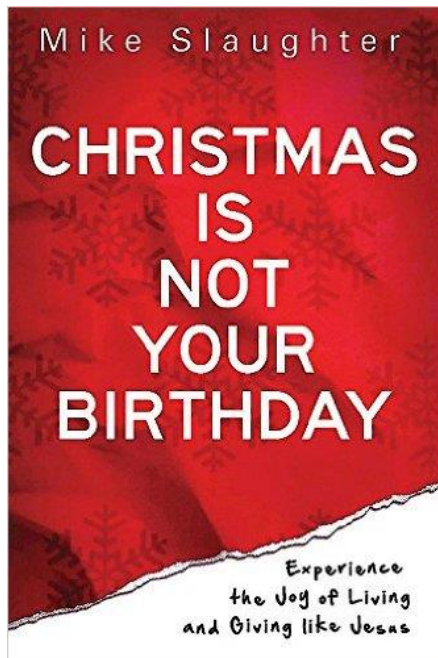
**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 15 at the end of 11am worship for the purpose of presenting the 2016 budget and approving Pastor Allison's Terms of Call.

**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

**You're invited to our five week Advent Bible study that will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting November 25<sup>th</sup>, the last Wednesday before Advent. We'll study primarily Old Testament passages that prophesied the coming Messiah and prepared the way for Jesus's birth in that stable in Bethlehem. Taught by Pastor Allison.**

## Read With Me!



This month, in preparation for Advent and the coming Christmas season, I am reading Christmas Is Not Your Birthday: Experience the Joy of Living and Giving like Jesus by Mike Slaughter. The back cover reads, "This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us. In five short, engaging chapters, Pastor Mike Slaughter inspires readers to approach Christmas differently, and be transformed in the process." There are copies in the library if you'd like to read with me. And if you do join me, please let me know so we can be in touch! -Pastor Allison



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### New neighbors?

The Outreach Committee would like to welcome newcomers to the Fairlawn community. If you are aware of anyone who has recently moved into the community, please provide whatever information you have to the church office.




### Treasurer's Report

October– Undesignated* income	\$12,207
October– Expenses	\$11,969
*Pledges, loose offering, Sunday School, undesignated memorial, etc.	
As of 10/31/15:	
Undesignated Balance in General Treasury	\$ 5,989.82
Balance in Special Projects Fund	\$ 1,685.89
Balance in Money Market Account	\$18,015.92



## Offertory Prayer



Nov. 8	<i>Sonya Jennings</i>
Nov. 15	<i>Sibby McPeake</i>
Nov. 22	<i>Diane Patty</i>
Nov. 29	<i>Irene Wright</i>
Dec. 6	<i>Lynn Alderman</i>
Dec. 13	<i>Alice Buford</i>

Money Counters for November:  
 Various helpers and Betty Mitchell

Money Counters for December:  
 Butch Buford and Betty Mitchell

## Nursery Workers



- Nov. 8 Barbara Duncan and Judy Ruben
- Nov. 15 Crystal Gray and Carolyn Simpson
- Nov. 22 Anne Greene and Sue Snow
- Nov. 29 Angie Hall and Margaret Spradlin
- Dec. 6 Sonya Jennings and Annette Weddle
- Dec. 13 Terry Kimbleton and Sandy Weeks

### 2¢- A-Meal Offering

<b>October</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 218.00</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 291.25</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$ 2219.46</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>\$ 3441.19</b>



## DOOR GREETERS

- Nov. 8 Lynn and Kathy Alderman at front  
Steve Mick and Diane Patty at back
- Nov. 15 Carolyn and Tom Foxworth at front  
Glenna Childress and Barbara Duncan at back
- Nov. 22 Bob and Michele Adkins at front  
Lynn Burris and Sonya Jennings at back
- Nov. 29 Bob and Jane Coalson at front  
Iris Altizer and Carolyn Simpson at back
- Dec. 6 Buster and Sandy Weeks at front  
Janice and Stan Burke at back
- Dec. 13 Shirley Roby and Luther Weddle at front  
Becky Agee and Barbara Duncan at back



### NOVEMBER

11	Tom Foxworth	14	Whitney Gray
12	Bob Adkins	15	Allen Weddle
13	Kristy Stoots		

### DECEMBER

1	Angie Hall	4	Jason Hughes
2	Holly Neal		

Our Average Attendance for  
 October 2015 was 97.5  
 as compared to 90 in October of 2014.



# SESSION DIGEST

At the Called Session meeting on October 18, 2015, the Session approved the baptism of Mallory Ann Swisher, daughter of Melissa Sumner Swisher and Shawn Swisher, during the 11:00 Worship on October 25, 2015 and the use of the Fellowship Hall for a reception following the baptism.

At the Called Session meeting on October 26, 2015, the Session approved the proposed 2016 budget.

At the Stated Session meeting on November 2, 2015, the Session:

- 1) Approved the recommendation of the Shepherding Committee to place
- 2) twelve active members on the inactive list.
- 3) Approved the recommendation of the Mission Committee to hold the
- 4) Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5) Called a Congregational Meeting on November 15, 2015 during the 11:00 Worship Service for the purpose of presenting the 2016 budget and approving the Terms of Call of Rev. Allison Unroe.



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### UKIRK DINNERS

UKIRK is the name of the Presbyterian student group at Radford University. The Outreach Committee provides dinner for UKIRK on the third Monday of each month. The first dinner is scheduled for September 15. Four volunteers are needed to provide the food each month for approximately 15-18 people. We also need people to take the food over to the students and serve the food. Contact Judy Ruben (641-1639) if you are interested in providing food or can help take the food to the students.



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# Mission Committee



The Mission Committee is sponsoring our traditional Community Thanksgiving meal again this year here at the church. Our church sponsors a pot-luck meal where those in our congregation and their guests and members of the community can come together for Thanksgiving. This year the meal will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th, at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship and thanksgiving. In order to prepare, there will be a sign-up sheet on the side hall bulletin board. If you don't enjoy cooking, you don't need to bring a dish. For more information contact Alice Buford.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Thanks for your continued support of the food pantry. In October Cindy Wright took, 1 squeaky clean item and 50 food items to the food pantry.



## **Aluminum Tabs for Children's Home of the Highlands**



There is a plastic container in the narthex for tabs. The funds from the tabs support the school.



## **Riverlawn Backpack program**

If you would like to give, just put your donation in the "white" envelope and mark Backpack.

## **Boxtop and Printer Cartridge program**

Riverlawn Elementary School has discontinued the printer cartridge program, but Radford Schools are collecting them. So please continue to bring your boxtops and cartridges.



## **COINS FOR CARE**

The Mission and Outreach Committees are placing a **Coins for Care** container in the narthex to collect loose change to sponsor coin bingo prizes at Fairview and host a laundromat ministry. We would appreciate your dropping in coins when your purse or pockets are overflowing.

## **Radford Clothing Bank**

We completed another successful year at the Clothing Bank. The number of clients is steadily growing and every shift is very busy. Three RU students helped throughout the month and volunteers from other churches also helped. Five full weeks makes for a long time to staff each shift.

## **FPC IN COMMUNITY**

*Each month the Mission Committee will ask members in the congregation to share their volunteer activities in the community. Our church is so loving and gives so much to the community we wanted to let everyone know what is being done for God's children.*



Bonnie Sharousky is a member of the Pulaski County Christmas Store. All board members are very active in making Christmas brighter for the children of Pulaski County, who for various reasons would not have a Christmas experience.

Our season starts early September when we start the application process. As a board member Bonnie takes an active role by interviewing parents to determine if they meet the financial guidelines (food stamps or free lunch eligibility). The PCCS schedules six intakes for the parents to come for a face to face interview.

Thank you to all our FPC volunteers and to those who support the Clothing Bank with donations. In 2014, it took 6,000 volunteers hours to keep the Clothing Bank open. There are no paid employees. All the work is done by volunteers from 14 churches and the Board of Directors. It is a wonderful mission project for FPC to be a part of.

Part of the job description of a board member is to raise money to purchase presents. Every year we have a fund raiser and approach businesses to donate money and/or be a sponsor for this event. Bonnie is very active with this activity.

As all of the above events are happening, we are busy at the store preparing for parents to come shop. Bonnie is always at the store doing whatever is needed to be done. This can include cleaning, removing tags from clothing, stocking shelves and organizing to make our process more efficient.

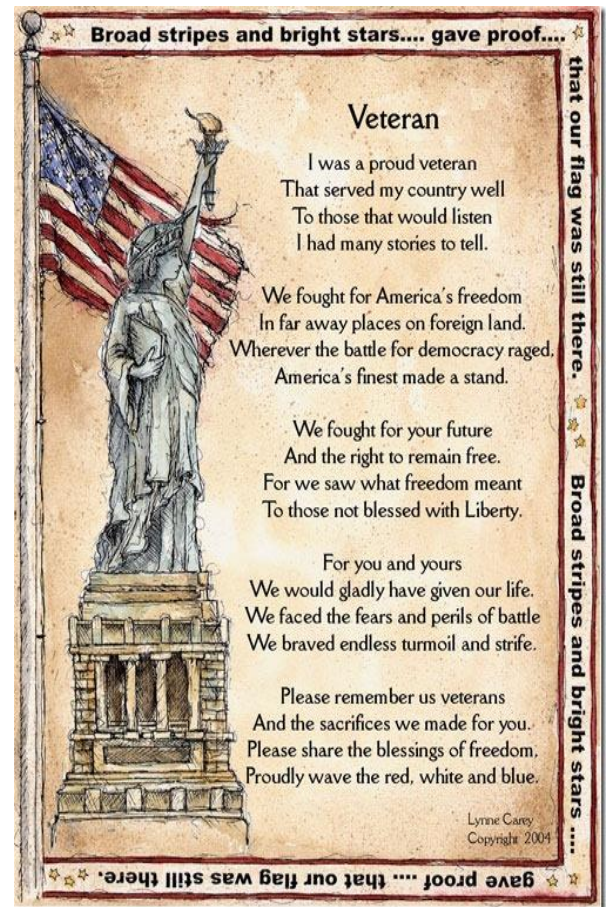
Bonnie will be at the store with other volunteers when the parents come to shop for items for Christmas items. She will be able to guide these parents to select presents as she knows what merchandise is available due to her previous time spent at the store.

Bonnie is a working partner in all the activities needed to provide these children with a Merry Christmas. No job is too small or too large. Her generous soul kicks in gear and makes a large contribution to the children of Pulaski County.





**Sunday, Nov. 15 is the Loyalty Dinner. The Church will provide meat, bread and beverages. If possible bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. All are welcome to stay after the Worship Service for the dinner even if you cannot bring something. We ALWAYS have plenty of food for all.**



## **WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS**

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.





# Presbyterian Women

## November 2015

If you have any news items that you would like included in the PW page, please let Betty Mitchell or Anne Greene know.

October Circle Statistics		
Circle #1		
Pati Roane		<b>Next Meeting Place:</b>
Attendance	9	Church
Budget Collected	\$105	<b>Hostess:</b>
Balance Due	\$677	Cindy Wright
Balance Over		
Circle #2		
Iris Altizer		<b>Next Meeting Place:</b>
Attendance	16	Church
Budget Collected	\$181	<b>Hostess:</b>
Balance Due	\$564	Jane Ellen Morris
Balance Over		
Circle #3		
Shirley Blevins		<b>Next Meeting Place:</b>
Attendance	9	Church
Budget Collected	\$142	<b>Hostess:</b>
Balance Due	\$590	Melanie Stephens
Balance Over		
<b>Totals</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>Budget Collected</b>	<b>\$428</b>	
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$1831</b>	
<b>Balance Over</b>		



**A great big THANK YOU to all who helped man the clothing bank in October.**

**Without you we could not have completed our goal of making sure that the clothing bank was open and ready for all.**


**Thank you again for all your hard work.**

**Next PW Coordinating Team Meeting is November 11 at 7:30**

Presbyterian Women			
Fairlawn Presbyterian Church			
Final Financial Statement			
October 1, 2014- September 30, 2015			
Beginning Balance	\$3,923.20	Designated Funds:	
		Coats & More	\$ 3,023.20
		Reps to Conferences	\$ 800.00
		Carry Over	\$ 100.00
			<u>\$3,923.20</u>
Income	\$5,513.70	Circles for Year	\$ 3,181.00
		Coats & More	\$ 955.80
		Least Coin	\$ 101.13
		These Days	\$ 82.77
		Thank Offering	\$ 462.00
		Birthday Offering	\$ 631.00
		Reps to Conferences	\$ 100.00
			<u>\$5,513.70</u>
Disbursements	(\$6,766.53)	Coats & More	\$ 2,602.51
		Reps to Conferences	\$ 493.00
		Thank Offering	\$ 462.00
		Birthday Offering	\$ 631.00
		Least Coin	\$ 101.13
		PW Presbytery Support	\$ 200.00
		Sunnyside (Links)	\$ 135.00
		Pres. Home Lynchburg	\$ 70.00
		PCHH	\$ 200.00
		Women's Resource Center	\$ 100.00
		Rad/Fairlawn Daily Bread	\$ 100.00
		Radford Clothing Bank	\$ 100.00
		Radford Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
		Honorary Life	\$ 95.00
		Memorial Gifts	\$ 60.00
		Missions	\$ 114.56
		Literature	\$ 512.25
		These Days	\$ 136.13
		Postage	\$ 49.00
		Miscellaneous (Gift Card)	\$ 54.95
		Social Expenses	\$ 150.00
		Flower Fund	\$ 300.00
			<u>\$ 6,766.53</u>
Closing Balance	\$2670.37	Nursery	\$ 135.55
		Coats & More	\$ 1,927.82
		Reps and Conferences	\$ 507.00
		Carry Over	\$ 100.00
			<u>\$ 2,670.37</u>

Presbyterian Women	
Fairlawn Presbyterian Church	
Sunshine Report	
October 1, 2014= September 30, 2015	
Total Giving	\$5568.72
Radford/ Fairlawn Food Pantry	\$ 170.00
Radford/ Fairlawn Daily Bread	\$ 100.00
Riverlawn Backpack Program	\$ 100.00
Little Dresses for Africa	\$ 282.00
Walk to Cure Arthritis	\$ 550.00
Canterbury House	\$ 270.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 180.00
PCHH	\$ 240.00
Gift Baskets	\$ 166.00
Gift Cards	\$ 300.00
Greeting Cards	\$ 10.00
Reception	\$ 49.72
Christmas projects	\$ 770.00
NEPAL	\$ 100.00
Pulaski Free Clinic	\$ 120.00
Help for individuals in need	\$ 150.00
Girl Scouts Animal Shelter Pro	\$ 50.00
Habitat	\$ 100.00
Taking it to the Streets	\$ 200.00
Scarves for Coats & More	\$ 140.00
PCHS Baseball Dinner	\$ 50.00
Juvenile Diabetes	\$ 100.00
Softball Team Snacks	\$ 23.00
Students vs Cancer	\$ 80.00
New River Community Action	\$ 300.00
Women's Resource Center	\$ 300.00
Pulaski County Christmas Store	\$ 284.00
Coats & More	\$ 324.00
	<u>\$5,568.72</u>

# November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Birthday Celebration 2 ¢ a meal offering Back Porch Worship 5:00 PM	9	10 <u>Worship Comm</u> <b>7:30 P.M.</b>	11 Bible Study 1 PM <b>CHOIR 6:15 PM</b> <u>PW Coordinating</u> <u>Team 7:30 pm</u>	12 Mission 11 AM Finance 6:30 PM	13	14
15 Back Porch Worship 5:00 PM	16 UKIRK Dinner	17	18 <b>CHOIR 6:15 PM</b>	19	20	21
<b>Community Thanksgiving Service Here</b> Back Porch Worship 5:00 PM	23	24	25 Bible Study 1 PM <b>CHOIR 6:15 PM</b>	26 Community Thanksgiving Meal 	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Back Porch Worship 5:00 PM	30					

# December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Circles <b>CHOIR 6:15 PM</b>	Christian Ed 6:00 PM Property Comm 6:30 PM		
6 2nd Sunday of Advent Birthday Celebration 2 ¢ a meal offering Back Porch Worship 5:00 PM	7 Outreach Comm 6:30 PM	8 Worship Comm 7 PM	9 Bible Study 1 PM <b>CHOIR 6:15 PM</b> Fellowship & Nurture 7:30 PM	10 <b>Newsletter ready</b> Mission 11 AM Finance 6:30 PM	11	12