

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

# MESSENGER

AUGUST



2018

A new school year promises new adventures, challenges and friends — as well as new classes,



homework and lessons. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson:

Savior, teach me day by day  
love's sweet lesson to obey,  
sweeter lesson cannot be,  
loving him who first loved me.

The hymn “Earth and All Stars,” based on Psalm 148, invites all creation to praise the Lord. Some people love Pastor Herbert Brokering’s all-encompassing lyrics; others appreciate calling earth, stars, plant life and weather to sing to the Lord but find it far-fetched to urge engines, steel and hammers to do so.

The song’s fifth verse and part of the sixth make it especially popular for school-year kickoffs:

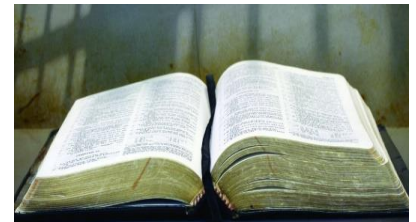
Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! ...  
Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Whether or not you find the hymn poetic, it reminds us that God gives us the ability to learn. Factual

knowledge and critical thinking need not impair faith but can strengthen it.

## Studying God’s Word

**August 5:** As the sun burns hot these days, set our hearts on fire with enthusiasm for your Word and for serving the world in your name, Jesus.



II Samuel 11: 26- 12: 13a; Psalm 5: 1-12;  
Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35

**August 12:** God, as students prepare to go back to school, remind us all that your Word “is useful for teaching” (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — year-round! May we never stop learning the truth of your powerful love!

II Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;  
Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2; John 6: 35, 41-51

**August 19:** Despite all the despair and hurt in the world, with the psalmist I “put [my] hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and ... full redemption” (Psalm 130:7, NIV).

I Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14; Psalm 111;  
Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 5: 51-58

**August 26:** “How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!” (Psalm 84: 1, NRSV). I rejoice in Your presence!

I Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;  
Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69



12<sup>th</sup> Jenny Summerfield  
 15<sup>th</sup> Mylah Jade Dryman  
 16<sup>th</sup> Archie White  
 19<sup>th</sup> Greg Pelfrey  
 20<sup>th</sup> Cindy Brummett  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Metcalfe  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Daisy Peden  
 24<sup>th</sup> Angel Harold  
 31<sup>st</sup> Molly Sublett Dryman



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**SESSION REPORT**

Hilda Osborne, Clerk of Session

- Communion was served to 35 participants on Sunday, July 15, 2018.
- Next Communion will be served on World Communion Day, October 7, 2018.
- Vacation Bible School was a success, with a total of approximately 35 children attending during the week.
- Jim suggested that we start planning a Block Party. During discussion, it was decided that it will be called a Community Party. It is to be held on Saturday, September 15. Funds will be used from the Second Mile Mission Fund, not to exceed \$500.
- The Congregational Care committee continues to encourage everyone to send cards to and be in contact with those listed in the bulletin each week.
- Visitation is set for Wednesday, July 25, 6:00pm. Emphasis will be placed on contacting families whose children attended VBS. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
- The "We Remember" series for the newsletter has been discontinued.
- The Love Kitchen is doing fine with attendance increasing.
- James has found "dusk to dawn" lights for the outside of the church. He will install when weather permits.
- New lights for the Fellowship Hall are in. Steve will contact Brian Treadway to coordinate the installation.
- Toilets in the women's restroom in the basement are in need of repair.
- The financial report for June was presented. No corrections.
- Jerry is working on designated memorial funds and coordinating with family members on how funds should be used.
- Family Promise of Roane County has requested to use our church facility to meet on August 14, 2018, at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in learning more about Family Promise and its plan to assist homeless people is encouraged to attend.
- Dannise will be on vacation August 2, 2018.
- The church has received a request for help from Kim J., a mother of three young children. She needs basic items for her kids, as well as some house-hold and paint items. Hilda has talked with her and learned she has attended our church in the past. Items request will be posted, and the congregation will be asked to assist if they can.



28<sup>th</sup> Justin & Keri Phillips  
 31<sup>st</sup> Rusty & Kathy Dryman

**Prayers for Our**

**Shut-Ins & Military**

Carolyn Gill	Jerald Dixon
JoAnn Glover	Nate Mankel
Carolyn Pemberton	Maeghan Redmon
Ruth Bayless	Jesse Scarbrough
Terry Newman	

**College Students**

Olivia Metcalfe	Suzanne Tackett
Erica Willett	

Please let us know if you have a college student we can add to our list/



**Lee Ann Caughron**  
 Wanda Queener  
**Dakota James Green**  
 Freddy & Linda Brummett

**Danny Ray Vance**

Freddy & Linda Brummett

**Rachel Robinette**

Jo Belle Masters	Wilametta Treadway
Ginger & Karen Treadway	
Marta Breaux	Ann Hiegel
Greg & Linda Treadway	
Geraldine Wallick	
Freddy & Linda Brummett	

- The renter of the Manse has been approached about putting the Manse on the 2018 Christmas Tour of Homes and has agreed.
- The Manse is in need of flooring replacement in the kitchen. The renter has offered to install it if the church will pay for it. Motion to reimburse the renter for purchase of flooring was made by Jerry, seconded by Jim; motion carried. Jerry will talk to renter to ensure flooring is a type that is suitable for a kitchen.
- Members of Session were chosen the Nominating Committee. Jonathan Foust and Brian Garner volunteered. Motion was made to appoint Jonathan and Brian to the Nominating Committee by Jerry, seconded by Jim; motion carries. Jonathan will serve as chairperson of the committee.

### ***Hunger Fund***

The months of July, August and September have been designated for the collection for the Hunger Fund in our church. The amount is 2 cents per meal, 6 cents per day for each family member for a total of \$5.52. This will be taken the first two Sundays in October. A large portion of this offering is used to help people in our own Appalachian region.

### ***JULY ATTENDANCE***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>SS</u></b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
July 1	12	30	\$ 1,277
July 8	11	31	\$ 724
July 15	14	35	\$ 740
July 22	19	50	\$ 780
July 29	15	34	\$ 455

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET**

	<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>Year-To-Date</u></b>
Receipts	\$ 4,610	\$ 41,090
Expenditures	\$ 7,570	\$ 52,030

### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**



The seven-branched candlestick represents the Holy Spirit and its seven gifts in the listing from Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and delight in the Lord. (By contrast,

the Hanukkah menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day Jewish holiday.)

### ***OT TRIVIA: How well do you know your Old Testament Bible?***

- Queen Ester was the wife of which King?  
A. David                      C. Solomon  
B. Pharaoh                  D. Ahasuerus
  - Where was Jonah commanded by God to go when he disobeyed and sailed to Tarshish instead?  
A. Ninevah                  C. Israel  
B. Eden                      D. Judah
  - Which of these books is NOT attributed to King Solomon?  
A. Song of Songs          C. Proverbs  
B. Ecclesiastes            D. Psalms
  - What is the longest book in the Bible?  
A. Isaiah                    C. Exodus  
B. Psalms                  D. Genesis
- King Ahasuerus is thought to be the Hebrew name for King Xerxes I.
  - God told Jonah to go to Ninevah but he disobeyed and boarded a ship for Tarshish. God sent a storm putting everyone in great fear. They asked Jonah for help and he told them to throw him into the sea. Immediately the waters became calm and Jonah spent time in the belly of a large fish (possibly a whale). The men “greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.”
  - The Book of Psalms is the work of David.
  - Psalms is the recognized as the longest book in the Bible but just in English. In Hebrew, Jeremiah is actually the longest book by word count.

### **BIBLE QUIZ**

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses                      C. Aaron
- B. Zechariah                D. Nathan





## Out Of Mind

“When My wife and I argue, she always gets historical,” a man said. “Don’t you mean hysterical?” his friend asked. “No, I mean historical,” the man replied. “She’s always bringing up the past!”

Forgiveness is tough when you can’t stop dwelling on wrongs and slights. If you have that problem, consider the 24-letter tongue-twister  
*issumagijoujungnainermik.*

Around 1739, Moravian missionaries faced a “lexical gap” when they tried to explain forgiveness to an Eskimo Indian tribe. Their language didn’t have an adequate word for the concept, so the missionaries had to create one using several existing Eskimo words. The result is a mouthful, but it’s a perfect expression of the true meaning of forgiveness.

*Issumagijoujuananaiermik* translates as “not being able to think about it anymore.”

## Just Come Near

Rev. Stuart Sacks was serving in Paraguay when Rafael, a Maka Indian, came and sat on his porch. Sacks, who’d been inside eating, went out to see what the man wanted. Rafael said, “Ham, henek met,” which means “I don’t want anything; I have just come near.”

The pastor, not understanding the significance of that statement, again asked what he could do for Rafael. But the answer was the same.

When Sacks later shared the incident, a veteran missionary explained it was Rafael’s way of showing honor. He didn’t need anything in particular; he just wanted to sit on the pastor’s porch. He found satisfaction and pleasure merely by being near him.

Sacks points out that the phrase “Ham, henek met” also reveals the heart of true worship. When the Lord asks, “What brings you here, my child?” we don’t need to mention or ask for anything specific. We can reply that we simply want to come near our God.

## Back-To-School Humor

Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!

Receiving new textbooks. One student to another:  
 “Pssst. How do you turn this thing on?”

Parent: “What did you learn today?”

Kindergartner: “Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.”

## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER: C

(See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	<b>7</b> <b>Back To School</b> 	8	9	10	11 Love Kitchen 5 pm Masons
12 Women's Cookout	13 Care & Fellowship	14 RMA Family Promise 6:30 pm	15 Session 7 pm	16	17	18 Presbytery Mtg.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Love Kitchen 5 pm United Methodist Ch
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Narcotics Anonymous meets each Tuesday 7:30 p Fellowship Hall				

**Contributions to MESSENGER are welcomed and encouraged !**  
**Contact Dannise at the office if you have items you would like to see included.**



# THE MESSENGER

## AUGUST CHURCH EVENTS

- 11<sup>th</sup> Love Kitchen hosted by the Masons
- 12<sup>th</sup> Women's Cookout
- 13<sup>th</sup> Care and Fellowship Mtg.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rockwood Ministerial Association Meets
- 15<sup>th</sup> Session
- 25<sup>th</sup> Love Kitchen hosted by United Methodist

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.      Worship 11:00 a.m.

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## SPECIAL DATES

- 7<sup>th</sup> School Starts
- 14<sup>th</sup> Family Promise Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting

## SESSION

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kathy Dryman	Hilda Osborne	Wilma Brummett
Jonathan Foust	Steve Osborne	Brian Garner
Jim Pelfrey	Geraldine Walllick	James Cox

## BACK TO SCHOOL



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