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# Cooks Creek Courier



*A HUGE thank you to Kathy Lyons for her many years of caring for our little ones in the nursery. We wish her the best as she and her family relocate to Florida. Kathy's last day at Cooks Creek will be April 14th. Thank you, Kathy!*

## ***Upcoming Preachers:***

*April 7 ~ Gerald Harper*

*April 14 ~ Bill Reinhold*

*April 21 ~ Larry Hogan*

*April 28 ~ Bill Reinhold*

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	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
7	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons
14	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley
21	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Charlie & Shelley Newman	Charlie & Shelley Newman
28	Nancy Miller	Skipp & Robin Wallace	Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley

**Elders On Call for April:** Charles Newman (540-908-7145) and Tim Higgs (540-830-8941).  
If you have an urgent need please call an Elder On Call.



## Church Information

### Staff

Part Time Interim Pastor: Bill Reinhold  
Office Administrator: Sherry Stroop  
Music Director: Megan Zuhowski-Hartsell  
Organist: Teresa Simmers  
Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons

### Session

**Clerk of Session:** Mark Williams  
**Administration & Property:** Brenda Moyers, Brad Miller, Charlie Newman  
**Worship & Education:** Kate Dudley, Tim Higgs, Don Myers  
**Congregation & Community Care:** Larry Hogan, Beth Phillips, Fran Smith

### Church Contacts

Youth Advisor: Becky Pierce  
Cemetery: Brad Miller  
The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott  
Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller  
Historian: Nancy Myers

March Attendance		
	SS	Worship
3	24	76
10	36	71
17	36	76
24	29	77
31	30	108

*We are also thankful for those who faithfully watch online and listen via telephone.*

## Some Words on the New Order of Worship

~ Rev. Bill Reinhold



At its February meeting, the session approved a new order of service which I would like to try out for the next few months. It follows a pattern of coming together to worship, praising God, admitting all the ways we have failed to follow God this week, accepting pardon from God and responding with thanksgiving to God, and then forgiven and restored to the community of God's people, able to hear God's word for us anew. This listening to the Spirit of God is followed by a variety of possible responses to what we have heard.

*Liturgy* – what we do in worship – is Greek for “the people’s work” and our time together is designed to enable all of us to do this work of worship. If you will look at the bulletin format you will note that it is laid out in the following sections or acts.

We begin by **gathering together**. This gathering is not just any gathering of people to watch a sporting event, or even have a meeting. This is the gathering of the family of God and so we connect and reconnect with each other celebrating that God has drawn us together once again. But we have not just come together to enjoy each others’ company. We have come to **worship God** and remind ourselves and everyone else that no matter how many other things and people clamor for our attention and allegiance, we worship the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first words out of our mouths are ones of praise – both spoken and sung.

But even as we praise God we realize that not all is right. We have failed – over and over again – and so we **confess our sins** and our sinfulness to God, yes, but also to each other with the intention to do better – with the help of one another. Our confession is answered by a gracious word from God – not just from me, as pastor, but from the depth of our own spirit we affirm that God is a God of grace and mercy and forgives us. This pardon demands a response from us and so we praise God using the *Gloria Patri* (Praise the Father). Having been forgiven we no longer cringe in shame and guilt, but are ready, finally, to hear what God expects from us as we listen to words of scripture that remind us of God’s will for our lives.

Only at this point are we really ready to open our hearts to the **Word of God** for this day. We pray for the Spirit’s intervention in our minds and hearts so that this ancient, often difficult word may spring off the page and become alive to us. The word comes to us in a variety of ways – in the language of young people, in the words of our scriptures, in the voice of music through our choir, and in a prepared sermon.

The **responses to God’s word** can take a variety of forms. Each week we confess what we believe about God and our Christian life, we dedicate ourselves and our possessions to God’s service, and we hold each other and the whole world in prayer. We can also welcome new Christians to our fellowship with the *Sacrament of Baptism* and we can celebrate our new life together with Christ in the *Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*. And always we are challenged **to serve God** in our daily lives with the same energy and conviction with which we praised God during the time of worship and we go forth **being blessed** by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



**In March CCPC used budgeted funds to support First Step.** For over 40 years, First Step has been committed to providing free and confidential services to survivors of intimate partner or relationship violence who have experienced economic, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and/or verbal abuse, including but not limited to controlling behavior, isolation, threats, intimidation, gaslighting, stalking and dating violence.



**CCPC also used budgeted funds to support People Helping People,** an ecumenical crisis ministry of churches and faith communities serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Virginia. The organization's purpose is to: coordinate services for people in need; partner with clients by helping them with assistance they may require; improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community.



**We are in need of additional people to help with our hospitality goodies on Sunday mornings.** One person is hosting this more than 3 Sundays almost every month. Everyone enjoys having coffee and goodies on Sunday morning but if we want this to continue we need help!! We would love to have 4-8 people who can rotate so no one person has to do it more than once every 4-6 weeks. For more information in what the responsibilities are please contact Fran Smith or Beth Phillips.

**Thank you for blanketing the world with love!!! We appreciate all who participated in the Church World Service Blankets+ program.**

**Please note the following contribution:**

In memory of Family Members; given by Carolyn Wampler



**Dear Cooks Creek Family,**  
**Thank you, everyone, for your many cards, prayers, donations, food, and phone messages during the loss of our daughter, Kelly. Your thoughtfulness and kindness was truly appreciated.**  
**Always,**  
**Teresa & Gary Simmers**

## Upcoming Events & Activities



- **Sunday, April 14—There will be a VBS planning/brainstorming meeting** right after church service. Anyone who would like to help with planning or who has any ideas about an event for this year is invited and encouraged to attend!



- **Saturday, April 20— Luncheon with special guest, Jeff Ishee**, radio personality. 12 Noon at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided! **Please RSVP by Sunday, April 14** at the Connect Table or by calling the church office at 540-867-5117.  
~ Sponsored by the C6 Team
- **Sunday, April 21—Please join us for breakfast 9:15—10:15 am!** We would love to see everyone come before Sunday School or church and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship!!  
~ Sponsored by The C6 Team



- **Also on Sunday, April 21—Youth, friends, parents, and church members are invited to attend a JMU Duke's baseball game!** Game begins at 1:00 pm and admission is free at Eagle Field at Veterans Memorial Park.

- **Yard Sale & Bake Sale** at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church, 7-11 am, Saturday, May 4. Gather your “gently loved” items for this spring event. Items can be brought to the church Sunday, April 21, Sunday, April 28, and Friday, May 3.



### SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sunday, July 7—Kick off Christmas in July Food Drive**
- **Sunday, October 6—Church BBQ Lunch after church**



**Nursery Coordinator.** We are looking for a kind, helpful, responsible person to provide a loving, caring environment for our youngest members and their families on Sunday mornings. Hours are on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Brenda Moyers at 540-820-4722.



### *Prayer Requests?*

If anyone in the congregation has any prayer concerns or needs please contact Phyllis Simmons.

[pmsimmons4041@comcast.net](mailto:pmsimmons4041@comcast.net)

540-830-4244 cell

#### **Please be in prayer for these folks:**

- Lynn America—cancer has returned
- Gary & Teresa Simmers on the passing of their daughter, Kelly
- Jim Suter—Knee replacement
- Johnathan Hasler—8 year - brain cancer
- Wanda Ritchie
- Aaron Evans
- Cindy Suter
- Jillian Shirkey & Family
- Gary Shell & Family—He is battling melanoma in the lung
- Jimmy Miller
- Gary Simmers, cancer treatment
- Dylan Heatwole
- Diane & JD's daughter, Brittany, and their grandson, Tucker





**Reading the Bible, taking time to pray, and attending church are ways we seek God's guidance. As you read the lyrics to the song SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS by Anne Wilson, take time to reflect on the importance of attending church, and always remember Jesus loves you! See you on Sundays at CCPC.**

**Click on the link to listen to the song:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQHmWleQeZA>**

Seven years old, third row pew  
John 3:16, something changed in me  
Red letters coming off the page  
Flooding my heart with amazing grace  
I knew then I believed  
And those roots run deep

Oh, I been through some faith shaking hard times, yeah  
But nothing's gonna make me forget

Every one of those Sunday sermons  
Every time that choir would sing  
I could hear my Savior calling, telling me how much He  
loves me  
No matter what the world throws at me  
I know His word is true  
It all started with heart stirring, spirit moving Sunday  
Sermons

Devil gon' try and take me out of that church  
But you can't take the church out of me  
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But you can't take the church out of me

Gonna have my worries, well that's part of life  
But then I think of those stories 'bout what my God can  
do  
He's still moving like He did back then  
Born again people, can I get an amen? (Amen)  
We've all seen the proof  
He makes all things new

Even all those faith shaking hard times, yeah  
I never wanna stop remembering

Oh-whoa, those Sunday sermons

Jesus loves me  
This I know (this I know)  
For the Bible tells me so  
Jesus loves me  
Ain't no doubt (ain't no doubt)  
So I'm gonna keep on talking about  
Oh, yeah

Every one of those Sunday sermons  
Every time that choir would sing (that choir would sing)  
I could hear my Savior calling, telling me how much He  
loves me  
No matter what the world throws at me  
I know I'll make it through  
All because of those heart stirring, spirit moving Sunday  
Sermons

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Anne Wilson / Benjamin Glover / Jeff Sojka  
Sunday Sermons lyrics © Capitol CMG Publishing

## Outreach Ministry

### ***Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends***

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another.  
All of us can participate in this by reaching out  
with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer.

*"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."  
John 13:34*



#### **Lois Alexander**

1401 Virginia Avenue  
Crestwood, Cedar Room 101  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone: 540-564-3574  
Birthday: April 1

#### **Mary Ann Brown**

Bridgewater Retirement Community  
Unity Household Room 360  
302 N. 2nd Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812  
Birthday: June 1

#### **Dennis Early**

Bridgewater Retirement Community  
302 N. 2nd Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812  
Birthday: February 2

#### **Lois Frye**

White Birch Communities  
847 Oakwood Drive  
Rockingham, VA 22801  
Birthday: October 26

#### **Curtis Long**

6868 Mt. Clinton Pike  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone: 540-867-5127  
Birthday: November 23

#### **Evelyn & Jimmy Miller**

1401 Virginia Avenue  
Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone: 540-564-6527  
Birthdays:  
Jimmy—May 31  
Evelyn—April 24

#### **Jerry Miller**

4463 Mt. Clinton Pike  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone: 540-908-8316  
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Birthday: July 30

#### **Carolyn Pence**

c/o Ann Carol Pence  
2633 Partridge Trail  
Duluth, GA 30097  
Birthday: December 23

#### **Wanda Ritchie**

68 Cooks Creek Road  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone 540-434-1944  
Birthday: January 19

#### **Ann Rhodes**

624 Erickson Avenue  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
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#### **Pam Sonner**

229 Emerson Lane  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone: 540-217-0805  
Birthday: March 20

#### **Eddy Wampler**

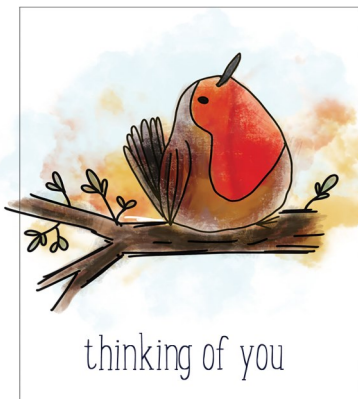
Bridgewater Retirement Community  
302 N. 2nd Street - Room 237  
Bridgewater, VA 22812  
Phone: 540-383-5653  
Birthday: September 15

#### **Helen Suter**

The Phoenix of Harrisonburg  
3607 Stone Spring Road  
Rockingham, VA 22801  
Phone: 540-214-6175  
Birthday: August 25

#### **Norman Smith**

3935 Sunnyside Drive, #227  
Sunnyside Retirement Community  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
Birthday: June 23







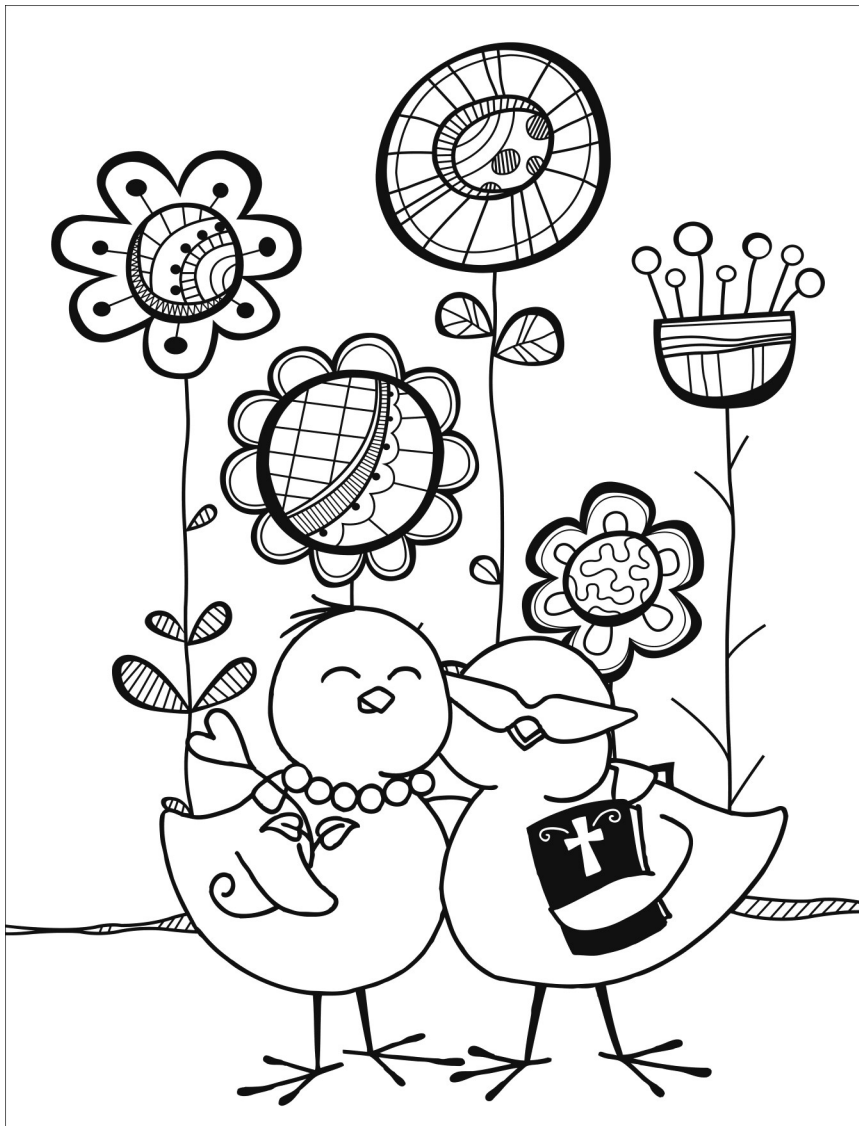
## Bible Quiz

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

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








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



# BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

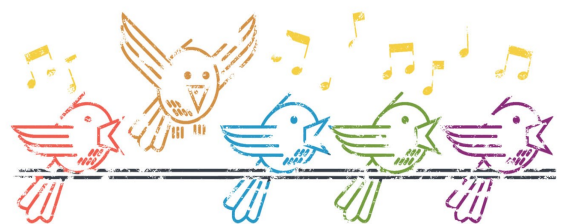
*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*

-  VIDEO \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 8:8)
-  LWO \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 102:6)
-  GEELA \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:31)
-  TOKRS \_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 8:7)
-  APROSWRS \_\_\_\_\_

“Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows



This is the day  
the Lord has made

## Calendar and Celebrations



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Church Office Closed	9	10	11	12	13
14 VBS Planning Meeting	15 May Courier Deadline	16	17	18	19	20 12 noon Luncheon with Jeff Ishee
21 9:15 am Church Breakfast 4 Cents A Meal Offering 1 pm JMU Duke's Baseball Game	22 Session Meeting	23	24	25 Food Pantry 4-6 pm	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 7-11 am Church Yard and Bake Sale



April  
BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Sydney Carrier  
Alexis Hogan  
Jana Miller
- 4 - Gannon Holsinger  
Michael Warner
- 5 - Patty Pence  
David Scott
- 6 - Collin Wallace
- 7 - Sara Phillips

- 11 - Tom May
- 12 - Mary Etta Cornett
- 15 - Megan Swope
- 16 - Charlie Newman
- 22 - Shelley Newman
- 23 - Whitney Eberly
- 24 - Evelyn Miller
- 27 - Deacon Miller
- 28 - Debbie Bosserman
- 29 - Luanne May
- 30 - Maeve Brown



April  
ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Bill & Becky Pierce
- 20 - Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
- 22 - Bret & Beth Phillips

