

COLORS OF LIFE



Let me introduce you to my grandson Carter, who is now five and lives in Connecticut. Carter loves to be creative, cutting, glueing, coloring, painting. His parents signed him up for an art class. Here is a picture of Carter, at his first class. His teacher taped big pieces of paper on the wall and told the students to do their best to FILL the whole page with color. *Don't leave any white space*, she told them.

I think that is like how God calls us to live our lives. Fill up your days. Fill up your hearts and souls with goodness, concern for others, love for God, joy in living. Let the colors of the days represent the gift of Life, given to each of us by Almighty God.

That seems to be a pretty useful idea right here in January, when the calendar pages are so new. Let's find ways to fill those pages up: not with busyness, but with faith, hope and love.

FAITH in God, who holds all things in a loving hand.

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

January 13, 2019



CONGREGATION'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday January 27 after worship. Members will be able to ask questions about the budget, the pastor search, and we will elect a new Officer Nominating Committee. Officers and staff: Your annual reports are due next week: by Tuesday January 15 please!

PW EVENING AND MORNING CIRCLES – will be meeting this week on Wed. 16th at 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Thurs. 10th. The Evening Lesson is presented by Gay Gentry for everyone at the Wednesday Night Alive Program.

MYSTIC VOICES – will be play for us after church today. It is a free lunch with entertainment in Hambley Hall. Come along after the Service and enjoy a meal and wonderful entertainment.

FLEA MARKET - Hope is hosting a free neighborhood Flea Market 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday February 16th. Spread the word. Invite friends and neighbors to come out and buy or sell. Pull up out front and sell wares from your trunk. This is a Mission, Outreach, and Fellowship Ministries event.

“Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth.”

Lysa Terkeurst

HOPE for a better world, and for the people around us to know God and live well.

LOVE for the people and for the community God has given us. Love for ourselves, too, for we are loved by God. If loved by God then we should treat ourselves well.

I believe living that way will bring us a fullness of life, and a joy for what God has given us.

So here's Carter at the end of his class, having filled his page with color. Just see the delight on his face. Let joy and delight fill your face too.

For God loves you so much! And I do too.

Pastor Ginny



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YOUTH VALENTINE DINNER FUNDRAISER – is going to be held on Saturday 16th February at 6:00 p.m. in Hambley Hall. Decorating for the dinner will be done late Friday afternoon (15th) by Beth and I am sure she would welcome some help. The dinner is a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry and will help them attend a Summer camp and CedarKirk . So come along, bring friends and family, support a good cause and have a wonderful time.

DOINGS: The church will soon have a new sign, maybe even this week! Watch for it!

The sanctuary will soon have a new projector and screen, on the back wall, so the choir and the worship leaders can see what everyone else sees. Watch for that too!

The playground equipment is being repaired to be moved into the new fenced area. Watch for it! Join us in praying for all these improvements.

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sunday	01/13	11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Mystic Voices
		12:30 a.m.	B&G meeting after lunch
Monday	01/14	10:00 a.m.	Missions meeting R5
		06:00 p.m.	PNC R5
Wed.	01/16	05:00 p.m.	Session review of new deacons
		05:45 p.m.	WNA prepared meal
		06:30 p.m.	PW Evening circle
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday	01/17	10:00 p.m.	PW Morning circle
Sunday	01/20	11:30 a.m.	Deacons meeting R5