



BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

SEPTMEBER 2026

September Celebrations

Birthdays

September 1 – Sherry Sullenberger

September 2 – Stone Chambers

– Dyer Jackson

– Heather Scott

September 10 – Bill Cox

September 12 – Mary Winters Blanchard

– Olivia Cox

September 14 – Troy Baxley

September 18 – Esther Scott

September 20 – Mark Swecker

September 24 – Allen Armstrong

September 26 – Mary Lou Cox

Anniversaries

September 15 – Kevin & Mary Angela Moomaw

September 21 – Anthony & Laura Warner

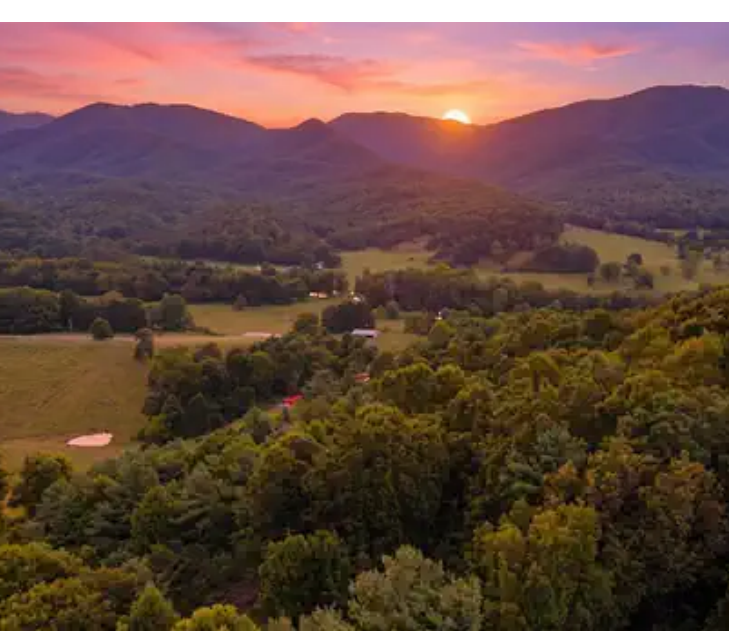
September 29 – Lloyd & Kim Bird

Prayer List

Michael Bedwell, Karen Hartman, Jo (Ann) Jennings, Gallan Malcolm,
Mike and Lisa Jamison, Judy Skeen, Miles Johnston, Cary Johnston, Casey Ralston,
Joe and Ruby Simmons, Miriam Helmen, Carol Furr, Becky Magee,
Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Ray Mueller,
Bill and Mary Lou Cox.

We pray for healing, peace, love and a spirit of unity for our country and the world.

Keep in prayer and sympathy, the family of Barbara Hevener.



Leading Our Worship in September:

Sunday, September 6: Will Cox, Lay Leader

Sunday, September 13: Reverend Chris Scott

Sunday, September 20: Reverend Adam White

Sunday, September 27: Reverend David Hindman

Barbara Jean (Klein) Hevener

Sep 12, 1928 — Aug 20, 2026

Our church family mourns the loss of Barbara Hevener, who passed away peacefully at her home in Monterey on August 20 at the age of 97.

Barbara was a longtime member of Monterey Presbyterian Church and a familiar and much-loved presence in our congregation and community. After moving to Highland County in 1985, she became deeply involved in the life of the area, sharing her time and talents generously with others.



Barbara was an accomplished artist who studied at Skidmore College and Parsons School of Design. She especially enjoyed watercolor painting and creating one of a kind lampshades. Her love of art also led to her involvement with the Highland County Arts Council, where she served on the board. She also served on the Highland County Public Library Board, was a member of the Monterey Garden Club and Meals on Wheels, and enjoyed playing bridge and Scrabble with friends.

Barbara will be remembered not only for her creativity and many contributions to the community, but also for the friendship and fellowship she shared with those around her. We are grateful for the years she was part of our church family and for the quiet ways she enriched the lives of others.

She is survived by her children, Mary Elizabeth Hevener and John Hevener and his wife, Terri; granddaughter Sophie Hevener; and great-granddaughter Malyshka.

We hold Barbara's family in our prayers and give thanks for her life, her friendship, and the many gifts she shared with our church and community.

Mark Your Calendars:



Sunday, September 13: The Highlands Community Orchestra will offer a free concert at The Highland Center at 7pm on September 13 featuring music from four classic musicals : The Sound of Music, My Fair Lady, South Pacific, and Fiddler on the Roof. All are invited to support the musicians within our community and church family.



Monday, September 21: Monterey Presbyterian will host another 'Slices and Scripture' on Monday, September 21. Come at 5:30pm for fellowship and a pizza dinner and stay to hear Paul's letter to the Romans read aloud. All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Chris Swecker at 540-830-2016 or chrissweck@gmail.com



Congratulations to Rev. Bill and Mary Lou Cox who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on August 9th!



Lucy Sax and Tate Dunn enjoyed sharing artwork from CreARTivity Camp at the Sip and See event on August 8th.



As the ninth month of the year, some Christians associate September with spiritual fruitfulness, pointing to the nine Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) outlined in Galatians 5:22-23.

On August 16, Lyla Swecker and friend, Evie, helped decorate Monterey Presbyterian with flowers and handed out small bouquets with the assistance of Donna Bedwell.

Finding Joy

The 2025-2026 PW Bible study took Beulah Presbyterian Women on a journey through the New Testament, focusing on stories about Mary Magdalene, Mary “of a certain village”, Jesus being tested, The Prodigal Son (Daughter), the gift of the woman who was poor, the woman who was bent over, and more. These lessons helped the group see that it is through our identity in Jesus Christ that we can be resilient and find real and lasting joy.

To celebrate the joy we find through Jesus Christ, the Beulah Presbyterian Women invited all ladies to come together for a joy filled evening of inspiration, fellowship, creativity, fun and refreshments on Thursday, August 13th. Participants enjoyed the displays and trying their hand at painting. The evening ended with the group joining together to create a masterpiece! The results of their team work were surprising and delightful.

“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”
Nehemiah 8:10



Church members enjoyed dinner and homemade ice cream at Monterey Presbyterian's Annual Ice Cream Social on August 9. Guesses about this year's mystery ice cream flavor abounded - potato? oatmeal? - but the real mystery ingredient was plantain!

