



BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH e-Newsletter

AUGUST 2026

August Celebrations

Birthdays

August 3 – Sandie Stinnett
August 4 – Patsy Simmons
August 5 – Cappie Hull
August 10 – Linda Freeman
August 12 – Susan Murray
August 13 – Derek Simmons
August 15 – Amy Frayer
 – Robin Sullenberger
August 16 – Lenny Jackson
August 20 – Holden Chambers
August 21 – Larry Simmons
August 27 – Lauren Mason
 – Linda Sherman
August 31 – Fred Frye

Anniversaries

August 5 – Bucky & Norma Reynolds
August 9 – Bill & Mary Lou Cox
August 12 – Robin & Sherry Sullenberger
August 18 – Brit & Heath Chambers
August 22 – Jessa Fowler & Chris Swecker
 – Rev. David & Teri Hindman
August 23 – Mark & Cindy Swecker
August 27 – Jeff & Betty Gail Hiner

Prayer List

Barbara Hevener, Karen Hartman, Gallan Malcolm, Mike and Lisa Jamison,
Judy Skeen, Bill Harman, Pat Lowry, Miles 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.

Leading Our Worship in August

August 2: Reverend Chris Scott

August 9: Will Cox, Lay Leader

August 16: Reverend Adam White

August 23: Reverend David Hindman

August 30: 5th Sunday Hymn Sing,
11am at Monterey Presbyterian Church



Mark Your Calendars:



Sunday, August 9: Annual Ice Cream Social at 5pm at Monterey Presbyterian Church. Hot Dogs, Picnic foods, Chips, Drinks and Ice Cream will be provided!

Many in our congregation have a special connection to and help support Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Last week, ground was broken for a new housing facility named in honor of the Rev. Dr. Paul K. and Irene Hevener Buckles, parents of Miriam Helmen.

Miriam's daughter, Mollie Sallette, was able to attend the ground breaking ceremony on Wednesday July 22nd.



Massanetta Springs Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Wednesday, July 22, a groundbreaking ceremony, with worship, prayers, Scripture and shovels, was held at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, for the new accessible housing center, named the Rev. Dr. Paul K. and Irene Hevener Buckles Center.

For more information, see Building a Place for All: <https://massanettasprings.org/bpa>

The Beulah Presbyterian Women recently completed Lesson 4 of their Bible study, which explored the familiar parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11–32. The lesson reminds us that God's grace and love are given not because of what we do, but because we are God's beloved children. It also challenges us to consider whether we are willing to celebrate with joy when those who have been lost are found.

To deepen that reflection, Rev. Bill Cox has written the message that follows. The Beulah Presbyterian Women have asked that it be shared with all newsletter readers, and hope you find it both meaningful and encouraging.

PRODIGAL, EXTRAVAGANT

By Rev. Bill Cox

This year's Presbyterian Women's Bible study is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Lesson four is "The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent."

It's about Jesus' story that is often called "the parable of the prodigal son," but it's also about a prodigal elder brother and a prodigal father. Prodigal means "extravagant." The younger son's rebellion is extravagant, his brother's resentment and anger are extravagant, and the father's love for both is extravagant.

The lesson writer decided to be extravagant, too, by changing the story. She retells the parable so the younger son becomes a daughter, the brother a sister, and the father a mother. That's really extravagant.

But she's making a very important point: Daughters as well as sons can rebel, sisters as well as brothers can be resentful, and mothers as well as fathers love.

Our sins can be extravagant, but no matter who we are or what we do, God's love is much greater – prodigal love, extravagant love.

The story ends with rejoicing, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Jesus told it so our resilience, joy, and identity in Christ would be just as extravagant.





The Hevener Family held a reunion at the Church at the Old Oak on July 5.

Pictured above left are Barbara Hevener, Barbara Barry, Mollie Salette (Miriam Helmen's daughter), and Susan Barry. Pictured above right are Barbara Hevener and Mollie Salette.



Christmas in July was celebrated at Beulah Presbyterian with a Family Movie Night sponsored by Beulah Presbyterian Women. The evening featured snacks, door prizes, and Cappie Hull's lively portrayal of "Dolly Parton," complete with a tin can microphone inspired by Dolly's childhood performances.

Guests enjoyed Dolly Parton's *Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love*, a heartwarming film about young Dolly's Christmas adventures and the special gift she helps create for her family. Door prize winners were Vernon Simmons and Ardis Stephenson. It was a fun and inspirational evening!

Many of our youth had a fantastic week attending and working at 4-H Camp. Camp attendees and staff included Cash Chambers, Wren Cox, Marley and Rowen Hindman, Lauren Mason, and Lucy and Karl Sax.



Jessica Rogers experienced a change of scenery and some quality time with daughter, Mary Anne, on a recent visit to Wyoming.



Mary Anne will be in Wyoming until August 17 and would love to get mail from home!

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The Warner family enjoyed a trip to Holden Beach, NC where they delighted in sunshine, sand, and celebrating Levi's 16th birthday.





Claire and Lucy Sax travelled to Dublin, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland before joining the Highland Girl Scouts' visit to London and Paris.



Sisters Ava Frayer and Samantha Meyerhoeffer ventured to New York City and then joined mom, Amy, and sister, Hannah, in a visit to Harpers Ferry, WV.