

# BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2025** 

## **October Celebrations**

### **Birthdays**

October 7 - Thomas Moore

October 9 – Emma Herold

October 10 - Mike Bedwell

- Karl Sax

October 13 - Tomi Herold

October 15 - Sally Humphries

October 16 – Beverly Bradley

October 20 - Tim Allen

October 23 - Brit Chambers

October 24 - Tucker Mason

#### **Anniversaries**

October 6 - Donna Hooke and Roger Straub

October 7 - Claire and Erik Sax

October 22 – Fred and Linda Frye



# **Prayer List**

Casey Ralston, Jennifer Propst, Bill Harman, Caroline Sponaugle,
Cheyna Mason, Lauren Mason, Joe Simmons, Terry Bradley,
Miriam Helmen, Jane Jones, Bobbie Jo Gardner, Carol Furr,
Sarah Collins-Simmons, Patricia Donaldson, Miles Johnston,
Becky Magee, Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Ray Mueller,
Barbara Hevener, Bill & Mary Lou Cox, Amy Vaus, and
Miranda Redinger (daughter of Donna and Michael Bedwell).
We pray for healing, peace, love and a spirit of unity for our country and the world.

## Leading Our Worship in October

October 5: Will Cox, Lay Leader

October 12: Reverend Chris Scott

October 19: Reverend Adam White

October 26: Reverend David Hindman



#### **Take Note:**

**Sunday, October 5** is World Communion Day. Holmes Stephenson will serve communion at Beulah's 9:30am service and Tate Dunn and Michael Bedwell will serve communion at Monterey Presbyterian's 11:15 service. October 5 is also the last day that the Peace and Global witness offering will be collected.

**Saturday, October 18**: A fundraiser to support Weekday Religious Education in Highland County will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Turkey Dinners with all the fixings will be available for pick up behind the school beginning at 4:30pm on October 18. Freewill donations will be gratefully accepted.

Meal Train® for Amy, Evan and Lorrissa Vaus: After an amazing and courageous battle with cancer, Amy has been given the red light of no further options. With grace in her heart, she will spend her days at home surrounded by the love of her devoted husband, Evan, and their cherished daughter, Lorrissa. Though the journey has been hard, Amy's strength and spirit shine brightly, and her greatest comfort is found in the warmth of her family. During this time, let's wrap Amy and her family in all the love, kindness, and community support they so deeply deserve. You can learn about donation/support options here: https://mealtrain.com/5l4kg7

Monterey Presbyterian will again support **Operation Christmas Child** this holiday season which sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Packaging activities will take place sometime in early November. Stay tuned for more details!

Monterey Presbyterian is seeking a new member of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in the position or in learning more about it should contact Mike Bedwell.

The Shenandoah Presbytery has issued an invitation to serve victims of Hurricane Helene in North Carolina from October 16-November 1. See below for more about this wonderful opportunity to help others.





## Serve with Us in Western North Carolina

One year after Hurricane Helene, many families are still rebuilding their lives. Come serve with us October 26— November 1 in Western North Carolina as we support the ongoing recovery efforts.

Our Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Team has ten

spots remaining out of twenty. The participant cost is food (\$100) and transportation. Please register by Sunday, October 5.

Learn more about the trip at <a href="https://www.wp-church.com/post/wnc-mission-trip">https://www.wp-church.com/post/wnc-mission-trip</a>

Our trip meeting will be on Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting where folks can meet in Westminster or via zoom. A zoom link will be emailed out to all trip participants.

We are still in need of a cook. If you would like to serve in this way, please let us know.

Finally, many congregations have asked how they could support the trip construction costs. Our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) mission team is staying at Canton PC and will be working through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. In talking with their volunteer coordinator, Hannah Lloyd, I learned that donations for construction supplies may be made directly to WNCCUMC Disaster Ministries. Checks can be made out to WNCCUMC Disaster Ministries and mailed to the conference office (PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070). Please include a note that the donation is for Disaster Ministries.

If your church chooses to make a donation, please notify April Cranford of the amount donated so the information can be included in our presbytery summary report of the trip. Thank you.

Ready to sign up? Contact Rev. April H. Cranford at acranford@wp-church.com.



Monterey Presbyterian welcomed the community for 'Slices and Scripture' in September where we shared a simple meal and were inspired by hearing the Gospel read aloud.





O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

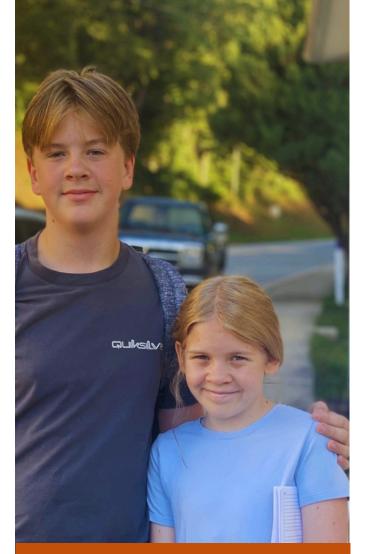
May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

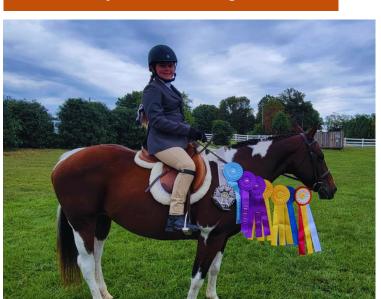
Amen.



September saw the start of the schoolyear for Highland County students. Pictured above are Karl and Lucy Sax on their first day of 10<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.



Bucky and Norma Reynolds recently enjoyed an evening out with some of their handsome grandsons.





Seventh grader, Wren Cox, earned a multitude of ribbons at the 2025 Virginia 4H State Championship Show.