



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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## "ORDINARY" TIME

Beginning the day after Pentecost, the church calendar begins its longest season of the year: Ordinary Time. After the past six months of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter; and given that it coincides with the beginning of summer; it can be easy to think of "Ordinary Time" as "vacation time," or "back to our regularly scheduled lives time." But that would actually miss the opportunity that Ordinary Time gives to us, a gift the Early Church recognized in making this the longest season of the year.

Philip Reinders writes, "With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel, allowing it to take shape in our daily living, making connections between Jesus' story and our lives." (*Seeking God's Face*, pg 431)



To that end, we begin this season with a brief look at the book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is a masterful book that, at first glance, can seem like a pessimistic pile of skepticism and futility. But in reality, it provides an opportunity to wash us clean of our pretensions and false spiritualities that keep us from knowing Jesus as He really is and following Him as closely as He invites us to do. After a 3-week break, we'll then take a deep dive into a book of the Bible to see how God's word is as applicable to our lives today as it was when it was written, 2,000 years ago. Speaking of that 3 week break...

### **"Where'd Pastor David go?"**

Due to an unusual and unexpected confluence of events, the Session has been kind enough to grant me 3 Sundays off in a row, June 24 - July 8. Over those three weeks, I'll be heading to the EPC General Assembly meeting in Memphis, celebrating my parents 50th wedding anniversary with our extended family in North Carolina, and heading back to St. Louis to preside over the wedding of one of the youth from our time ministering there. I'm looking forward to each of these events, but know that I'll miss worshipping and partnering with you all in mission and ministry over that time as well. While I'm gone, you will be blessed with the opportunity to hear the Word of God expounded by our own Michael Babcock and Bob Mills, as well as Lowell Sykes. With their excellent preaching, you'll hardly have an opportunity to know that I was gone!

*Blessings, Rev. David Garrison*

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 9 Judy Reyburn
- 14 Marge Mills
- 16 Jennifer Mann
- 19 Albert Garrett
- 21 Kaleigh Bennett
- 25 Garrett Mann



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Jonathan & Britt Bryant 2011
- 10 Jeremy & Robi Vandevander 2013
- 12 Don & June Hedrick 1960
- 15 John & Margie Seal 1956
- 22 Albert & Bobbie Garrett 1951
- 26 Bobby & Debbie Irvine 1971
- 28 Bob & Marge Mills 1980



**JUNE ATTENDANTS**

- 3 Marge Mills/Ron Reyburn
- 10 Linda Lange/Judy Reyburn
- 17 Debbie Irvine/Sandy Stafford
- 24 Barbara & Ernie Baker



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Bonnie Wine due to the death of **Roger Buchanan**. Roger had been a

member of Northminster since 2006 having served as elder and a faithful member of the Fellowship Class. Known by the musicians in the area for his vast musical talents, he graciously shared his music with us at church events. Roger's faithfulness and dedication to our church will be greatly missed.

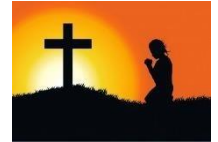
**FIRST SUNDAY**

**COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLES FOR THE MONROE BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**

Can't bring your donations on the first Sunday? Leave your items any time in the receptacle in the foyer area. Your monetary contributions are appreciated as well.



*I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV*



**Prayer requests:**

**Betty Reed** is recovering well after back surgery. She was back in church recently!

**The Leddens' grandchildren, Keith & Denna Crumrine** and children are in New Guinea for 1 year to help build a church.

**Doris Eden** has had surgery for a broken hip and is now at Guggenheimer Nursing Home.

**Larry Irvine** is in need of surgery in the near future. **Alice Sales** has begun a series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

**Bob France** has been in Lynchburg General Hospital. **Dot Stinnett** is at The Elms. She loves hearing from you. Address: 2249 Murrell Rd., Lynchburg.

**Bobby & Albert Garrett** appreciate your prayers for their health. Being homebound, they look forward to phone calls and visits.

**Susan May** asks that we keep her and the group with her in Burundi in prayer.

**Andrew Brunson**, a missionary in Turkey, was falsely imprisoned in that country over 18 months ago. Please pray for his release.

**Families in Elon and Lynchburg affected by the recent tornado on April 15.**

**All active servicemen and women.**

**Law enforcement personnel, first responders.**

*Remember others who cannot be with us in church:* **John and Dick Collins, Margaret Watts, Dot Rucker, Doris Eden, Bob & Marie France.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Morning Circle:**

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, June 5 at 10 a.m. Their study is "A Love Worth Giving" by Max Lucado. June Hedrick is the study leader.

**Evening Circle:**

The women's evening circle will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. in the NewSong classroom. They are finishing their study entitled "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin. Linda Lange is the discussion leader.

The circle will be planning summer activities including the reveal of "secret sisters".

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We happily welcomed five of our youth to membership in Northminster on May 20.

**Kaleigh Bennett** will be 13 this month. She says, “I like reading, playing my saxophone, riding my bike, playing on my phone, and drawing. I like my pets and my favorite animals are cats.” Welcome Kaleigh!

**Meg Garrison**, Pastor David’s daughter, says, “I recently moved to Madison Heights after living in Hendersonville, NC. Before Hendersonville, I lived in St. Louis, MO, where I was born. While living in Madison Heights, I have joined flag corps and volleyball teams at Amelon Elementary School. But out of everything I have done this year, I enjoyed dancing at Seven Hills Dance Studio. Next year I will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Monelison Middle School.” Welcome Meg!

**Peter Garrison**, Pastor David’s son, says, “Since moving to Madison Heights, I have gone to Monelison Middle School and I became a member of NEPC last month. I enjoy playing video games, reading, and building LEGOs. I started a First LEGO League (a LEGO robotics competition) team at Monelison last fall, along with playing violin in the Lynchburg Junior Symphony. I also entered in an essay contest and won a trip to Space Camp, which is where I’ll be in June. Next year, I’ll be a freshman at Amherst County High School.” Welcome Peter!

**Jackson Moore** says, “I am a rising 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Dunbar Middle School. I’ve been attending Northminster my whole life and I am happy to finally be a member. I enjoy most all sports but especially baseball and football with basketball coming in a close third. I also love to play music, mostly bluegrass and country, but really I’ll play anything. I like to go to music festivals during the summer with my family. When I grow up I’d like to be a professional football or baseball player; but I think I’m going to be a music teacher if that doesn’t work out.” Welcome Jackson!

**Megan Aderholt** is a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Linkhorne Middle School in Lynchburg. Megan is actively involved in the Color Guard and Flag Corps of the E.C. Glass Marching Band. Additionally, she enjoys playing violin, crafts, cooking and her pets. Welcome Megan!

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

**Sat, June 16, 10am - Noon**



The Women’s Book Club will meet June 16 from 10 a.m. until Noon at Sherry Meng’s home. They are reading *Bathsheba (The Wives of King David)* by Jill Eileen Smith.

Like to read? You are welcome to join them. Please let Sherry know if you will be there.

**LION’S CLUB GLASSES COLLECTION**



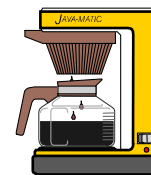
As many of you know, the Lions Club collects outdated eye glasses for reuse. Our church has decided to help in this effort by collecting

the old glasses and passing them on to the local Lions Club. A special box has been placed in the central hall of the church for this collection. We will leave it there about six weeks to allow church members the opportunity to easily discard these outdated eye glasses.

The Evangelism and Mission Committee appreciates your support in this vital effort to reach out those in need in our community.

**AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTIONS**

Our after-worship receptions are always an enjoyable time, as they give church members and visitors an opportunity to chat and get to know each other better in a welcoming, relaxed setting. We would like for there to be at least one reception every month. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, along with suggested dates and themes. June 3 the Missions Committee is hosting an ice cream social. June 17 the women of the church will honor the men with a Father’s Day reception.



Please consider signing up to host an after-worship reception!

The Fellowship Committee

**CONGRATULATIONS, BOB MILLS**

In early May, our own Bob Mills was recognized as an **Outstanding Adjunct Faculty** award recipient at the Central Virginia Community College’s annual Employee Recognition Awards presentation. This award acknowledges outstanding service of adjunct faculty members at CVCC who have consistently excelled in his/her work. Dr. John Capps, President of CVCC, read aloud the nomination submission, which included the following:

*I have known Robert Mills for over 15 years, having observed his professionalism and commitment to excellence in the classroom .... Robert is an outstanding faculty member who is highly deserving of this recognition. He is highly knowledgeable in his field and constantly works to stay abreast of new research and teaching methods. He approaches his work with the same dedication one would find in a full-time faculty member ..... Robert's classes in world religions have done extremely well..... he has the distinction of filling humanities elective courses that have not been offered for a while. His teaching is substantive but accessible, and his students are receiving an education that is the equal of any similar course at a four-year institution. CVCC is very privileged to have such a committed faculty member in Robert Mills, and I highly recommend him for this award.....*

Congratulations, Bob, for this honor!

OUR PRAYER  
FOR  
FATHER’S DAY  
June 17, 2018



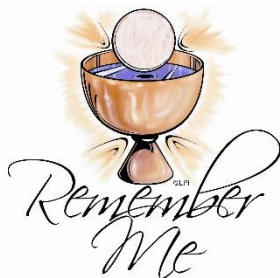
God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS  
IN AMHERST COUNTY**

NHN is celebrating one year since the opening of their Food Warehouse located off Elon Road @ 151 Mitchel Bell Road. The warehouse is open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays between 9 am – 12 Noon. They currently serve between 200 – 300 clients each Saturday! Thirty-five – 40 volunteers are needed to serve at the warehouse on these Saturdays.

NHN also serves free lunches on Wednesdays at Madison Heights Baptist Church and Thursdays at Amherst Ascension Episcopal Church. Learn more about volunteering or other ways to help **Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Amherst County** at their website:

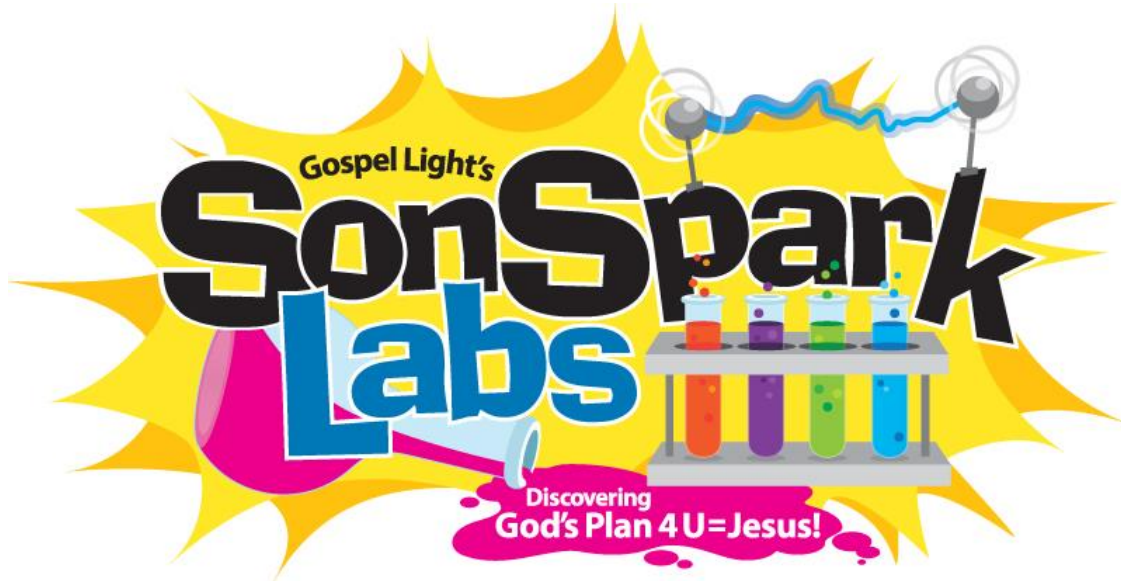
<http://www.nhnamherst.org/>



COMMUNION SUNDAY  
JUNE 3

We observe the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month.





**You'll Go Dimensional for  
SonSpark Labs VBS!**

**July 22-26**

**6-8PM**

This year's VBS is **SonSpark Labs**, a week of laboratory adventures and fun! Through their adventures children will discover God's Big Plan—2 MAKE Us, 2 BE WITH Us, 4 Us 2 KNOW Him, 2 SAVE Us and 2 LOVE Us 4-Ever! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks—all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn that God's learn that God's plan for everyone is Jesus!

SonSpark Labs can be an inspirational and exciting adventure for your entire family! Go to [www.npcmh.com/vbs](http://www.npcmh.com/vbs) for more information and to register today!

Interested in volunteering? We have a variety of fantastic opportunities for you to help out throughout the week - whether you can volunteer all week long, or only for one day. Contact Karey Garrison at 434-386-8869 for more information.

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<b>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>				
	<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Income	10,908	39,927	2,151	39,221
Expense	11,331	44,972		
Balance	-423	-5,045		

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**DAVID GARRISON, Pastor**

**ELDERS**

**Ron Reyburn, Clerk of Session**

**Judy Reyburn, Harry Rucker, George Brine**

**John Lange, Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins**

**Bob Mills, Director of Music**

**Liz Boothe, Organist**

**Sharon Bryant, Superintendent**

**of Sunday School**

**Vonnie Rucker, Secretary/Treas.**