

The Gleaner

Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Piedmont, WV

May the Lord be with you.

I like to play chess. I'm not very good at it so I play against the computer where I can dumb down the skill level to give myself a chance. My problem is that I'm not smart enough to see more than one or two moves ahead. I start down one path only to find myself in a trap—or worse. I have discovered recently, however, that I have much greater success if I play according to principles. A solid defense and a reasoned offense have led to more victories. Even if I can't anticipate what is to come, playing by principles keeps me always in a position to weather the storm.

Perhaps it is also a good practice to live and work according to principles. We certainly cannot anticipate what is to come in life since there just isn't the constraint of a clear set of rules so principles help to keep us on the solid rock, as Jesus put it.

We learn these principles in the stories of God's people which teach us who God is and who we are. We learn that even the best of people are still deeply flawed, sinful, and given to self-deception. And yet, God is still with us. We are not alone. God is active in our lives, even when we can't see it. We learn that in the midst of all the uncertainties of life we should simply obey God. This means love: Love God, love each other, and love our neighbor. We should gather together for worship and fellowship. We should teach our young ones in the faith. We should heed the experienced wisdom of the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. We should care for those who can't care for themselves. We should point out Christ wherever Christ is at work in the world.

As you live in obedience, may God bless you with peace amidst the troubled storm.

Tom

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Dates to Remember

- ~ **Sundays 9:45 AM**
Sunday School
- ~ **Sundays 11:00 AM**
Worship
- ~ **Wednesdays 6:30 PM**
Choir Rehearsal
- ~ **2nd Tuesday 10:00 AM**
Presbyterian Women Meeting
- ~ **2nd Saturday Noon**
Church Women of the Tri-Towns Meeting
- ~ **1st Sunday**
Food Pantry Collection
- ~ **August 21**
Worship and Picnic and Piedmont Pool
- ~ **August 31**
Choir Rehearsal Resumes
- ~ **September 11**
Sunday School Begins
Coffee Hour after Church



July 5 Olivia Bostic

July 10 Sarah Evans

July 20 Bob Lupton

July 27 Mike Hartman

August 10 Wayde Evans

August 17 Brian Shay

August 22 Shawn Harbaugh

August 22 Barbara Murphy

August 26 Lawrence Cook

September 2 Wendell Spitzer

September 7 Cindy Scheermesser

September 23 Bryan Hartman

September 26 Mike Niland

September 29 Steve Brandlen



Tonia Brandlen
Erma Landis and Family
Peggy Boal

Floretta Kelly
Kermit and Francy Becker
PPC Ministry
Virginia Metcalf

John Michael, Christopher, Bryan, Mike, and Debbie
Hartman

Glynna and Shawn Harbaugh
Orphans and Missionaries in Belize

Hannah Rawlings
Caregivers
Jim Wilson
Ernie and Carol Kelley

Our country, our leaders, & our troops
Tom's father, Dick Forbes
Theresa Wolford

Ginny Flick
Mary Brandlen
Nina McCarty
Lawrence, Gloria, and Lauren Cook
Paula Swayne
Laura Nell Hill
George Tasker
Jack & Tess Tasker
Darlene and Denise Spitzer
Our Ethiopian Partner Synod
Illulabar Bethel Synod
Sandra Chilcote

Please let Laurie know of any prayer requests or information for the next Gleaner. It will be distributed towards the end of September. Thank you!





If you're not already worshipping with us in person, please stop by. We'd love to celebrate with you, pray with you, and welcome you. You can always join us online at www.piedmontpresby.org. Sermons are streamed live each Sunday starting at about 11:00 A.M.

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” Joel 2: 12-13

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