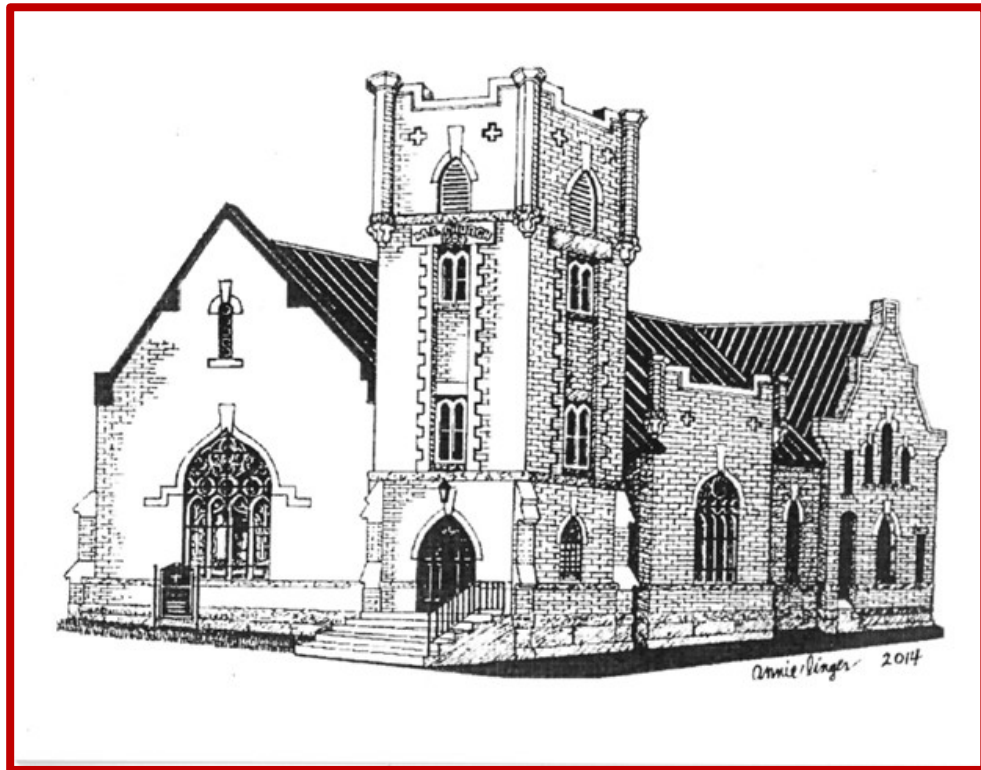


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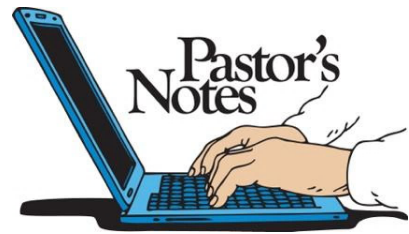


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Newsletter

PASTOR'S NOTES

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.



Can you believe we are in the month of July already. That means that Nettie & I have been here in Weston for a full year! When we moved in, it was really hot, just like its been this Spring & start of the summer. We remember being surprised by the parade that went right in front of our house. We also really enjoyed the fireworks that we could see from our back porch. This weekend, we will be able to sit out on our lawn chairs and watch the parade again. We have truly been blessed by everyone in our time here. Y'all have been so gracious and good to us. We knew going in that God had really prepared a place for Nettie & had brought her back to her alma mater. We also knew that God would place us in a good spot, a compatible spot, a church that would accept "a Yankee from up north," and welcome us into the fellowship of their church. We have moved into so much more than just a "good spot." We have found new family here at St. Matthew church and the community of Weston. Thank you everyone!

We have come a long way in a short year. I arrived, and we were short a number of officers and key leadership positions. Just about everyone who was asked to fill a position or move to something else agreed to serve. That was impressive. We started an ambitious Bible Study with the plan to read through the whole New Testament. We took a short break for Advent and started in the new year. We completed our study by Easter. Our Advent & Christmas Eve services were beautiful and well attended. As were the season of Lent and Easter.

We were truly blessed to have the choir sing from September through May. Having special music just makes our times of worship special. Thank you, Keith and choir members for sharing your gift of music with us all.

We've had some really great fun & fellowship events like the Welcome Dinner, Christmas Dinner, the Chili Cookoff, Mother's Day & Father's Day brunches, and I'm really looking forward to our Dessert Competition on July 19.

I'm looking forward to our Combined Summer Worship time. I think it will be wonderful to have everyone in worship together. There really is strength in numbers when it comes to worship.

I can't wait to see what has in store for us next!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jeff <'///><





SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR JULY 2025

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Communion			Guest Preacher
Acts 5: 12-26	Psalms 25: 1-10	Psalms 27: 4-9	
Acts 5: 26-39	Luke 10: 25-37	Luke 10: 38-42	

NEW SUMMER HOURS ANNOUNCED



Pastor Jeff will be in the office Monday through Thursday 9am- 1pm. Pastor Jeff is always available by cell phone at (315) 705-7982, or you can leave a message on the office answering machine (304) 269-2428.

Beginning July 6th Sunday School and Worship Times

will also change. **Sunday School** will begin at 9AM, typically concluding around 9:45AM. Worship will be at 10AM, typically concluding at 11AM.

The plan is to go back to our regular schedule in September of **Early Worship: 8:30-9:15AM, Sunday School 9:30-10:15AM, Livestream Worship 10:45-11:45AM.**



OUR NEIGHBOR ITEMS OF THE MONTH



Our Neighbor Items of the month for July are Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Dish Soap, and Tune Fish. Please leave items in the bin marked "Our Neighbor" in the annex hallway of our church or deliver them directly to Our Neighbor Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RECIEVES NEW SHAWLS

Pictured are Kaelyn Williams and the 4 Shawls she has crocheted for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. She spent roughly 11 hours on each shawl. They are absolutely beautiful, and they have been prayerfully dedicated during our worship services. The people

who receive each one will have a tangible sign of God's Presence and healing power covering them. Thank you, Kaelyn, for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful ministry.



FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

We enjoyed a great brunch for **Father's Day**. On **June 15th**, the women of the church hosted a brunch to honor all our Dads & Grandads upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone came to celebrate and enjoy a delicious meal of biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, fruit, and muffins. Here are a couple pictures of the food, fun & fellowship:



PRAYER LIST

Ginger Bailey, Scott Walker, Eleanor Kafer, Glen Brown, Sue Caufield, Mike Stout, Janie Tenney, Vickie Heater, Aidan Linger, Amy King, Becky Westfall, Betsy Martin, Bob Bennett, Brad Montgomery, Carol Haan, Dave Lewis, Ginny Lamb, Greg Vance, Mary Anne Lamb, Jimmy Bailey, Joan Hinzman, Jordan Heckert, Julia Bragg, Karen Rathbun, Pat Reckart, Shirley Burkhart, Sue Brannan, Ruth Macbeth, Robert Lockhart, Phil Rastle, Marvin Murphy, Amanda Brown, Jim Stutler, Barbara Forinash, Sam Bailey, Cindy Osborn, Jim Turner, John Goodwin Sr., C.D. Cole, Bruce Stafford, David Parks, Lucille Hicks, Luke Roselli (MacBeth), Robin Burrough, Vickie Alderson



If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call the office at 304-269-2428

POSITION AVAILABLE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Part time, hourly, hours & pay negotiable.

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant knowledgeable in Office and Financial Software, ability to interact with people, and keep a busy office schedule. This is a part time, hourly position. The salary and hours per week are negotiable. Interested candidates should contact the office by email at stmatthewweston@gmail.com for further information and a full description of the position.



DESSERT COMPETITION



Join us Saturday July 19 from 2-4PM for our first Dessert Competition. This is a time for us to gather for food, fun and fellowship. It will be similar to our Chili Cookoff in that folks are encouraged to make and bring their favorite dessert to share. Everyone will have the chance to sample each delectable creation and then vote on their favorite. The winner will receive the coveted “golden spatula” and

be able to keep it in their possession until the next competition. If you have any questions, or would like to enter your recipe in the competition, just contact Pastor Jeff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Worship

Sunday July 6, Sunday School 9 AM, Worship 10 AM

UMW

Tuesday July 8, at 1 PM

Sewing Group

Tuesday July 15, at 1 PM

Desert Competition

Saturday July 19 at 2-4 PM

Community Meal

Saturday July 26, at 4PM

**Virginia Negley's
100th Birthday**

First Week in July

Her Address: Windy Hill Village
17024 Veterans Memorial Highway
Kingswood, VA 26537

