



The Messenger

Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter
Celebrating 198 Years of Ministry

July 2026

From the Pastor,

"To present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life." Romans 6

Paul reminds us that sin no longer owns us, because we are now held by grace. And grace, as Scripture shows again and again, is never something we earn. It is God's unmerited favor—His surprising, undeserved, joy-filled gift.

I love the legend of St. Francis and St. Clare walking through the snow, weighed down by gossip and misunderstanding. When Francis said they must part, Clare asked, "When shall we see each other again?" His answer: "In summer, when the roses bloom." And suddenly—roses burst forth from the snow. Grace is like that: roses blooming in winter, beauty where we expected only cold.

We pastors frequently offer St. Frances Prayer. But what if we prayed it not just for our personal benefit, but also for the benefit of being a blessing to others. Receive this reworked prayer.

**Lord, make me a vessel of the grace
You've already poured into me.**

Where You have shown me mercy, help me offer mercy. Where You have forgiven me, teach me to forgive. Where You have met me with patience, let me be patient with others. Where You have spoken peace into my spirit, let me speak peace into troubled hearts.

**Where I have received Your light, let me carry that light into
places of shadow.**

Where You have comforted me in sorrow, help me become a comforter. Where You have lifted me when I was low, guide me to lift someone else.

**Lord, help me choose understanding over judgment, listening
over reacting, and hope over despair.**

Let the grace that flows to me never stop with me— but move through me, multiplying in the lives I touch.

For it is in giving that we discover how much we have received.

It is in forgiving that we remember how deeply we are forgiven. And it is in dying to self that we rise into the fullness of Your life. Amen.

In Hope,
Rev. Webster

PRAYER LIST

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

Cookie Daniel, Edward and Elsie Almand
Kathy Pegram, Jane Browder, Johnny Moore
Ray (Bones) Covington, Paula Jo Morgan, David and
Beverly Hite, James Edmonds, Charles Hudson, Jr., The
Wallace Family, Billy Wilkinson, Bobby and Donna Kay
Northington, Bruce and Vonnie Thompson, Danny &
Edna Moore, Larry Way, Virginia Chavis, Blair Liggett,
Alice Carol Watson, Denise Gibbs, Cindy Moore, Eddie
Callahan, John Ragsdale, Kenneth Slaughter, Rev. and
Mrs. Earl Pinchbeck, Becky Daniel, Pamela James,
Richard Maddox, Rose Jenkins, Nick Whisenhunt, Alice
Carol Maitland, Barbara Green, Our Leaders and Troops,
Stacy Harrison, Heather Wallace, Rosetta Bryan, Frank
Barnes, Cindy Moore, Rose Jenkins, Our Graduates,
Heather Leigh, Jeff and Tammy Caldwell, Lari Lamb
(Steven's father), Craig Stewart (Pastors' nephew),
Residents of Venezuela.

Family of:

Mark Walsh, Betty Cox, Betty Sue Barnes. Brooklynn
Michelle Porter-Brooks, Bryant Lafoon, Brenda Griffin,
William Marker, Richard Thomas Hite, Dot Coley
Vincent Coley, Constance Smiley, Mike Mason

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our Vacation Bible School will be held on July 25th from 10 to 3 p.m.
We'd love to welcome your child for a time of Bible stories, crafts, music,
games, and good food. Our theme this year, "Sharing Lunch," is about the
boy who shared his lunch with Jesus — a beautiful reminder that God can
do big things with small acts of kindness, and a focus on sharing. Our
guest guitarist will lead the music.

New school supplies will also be given to each child in attendance.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER
IS JULY 20**

**REGISTER AT
PERSEVERANCECC.ORG**



Our volunteers are caring and excited to help your child learn, laugh, and
make new friends.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Summer Break No Bible Study	2 Board Meeting @ 7	3	4 
5 SS@10 Worship @11 Wear Red, White, & Blue No Choir Practice	6	7 SS Feeds the Ruritans	8 Summer Break No Bible Study	9	10 General Assembly	11 General Assembly
12 SS@10 Worship @11 Choir Practice @ 6	13	14	15 Summer Break No Bible Study	16	17	18
19 SS@10 Worship @11 Choir Practice @ 6	20	21	22 Summer Break No Bible Study	23	24	25 VBS 10 to 3
26 SS@10 Worship @11 Choir Practice @ 6	27	28	29 Summer Break No Bible Study	30	31	



Gale Edmonds (3rd)
Bernice Thompson (9th)
Luke Daniel (10th)
E.C. Foster (11th)
Becky Fowler (13th)
Wyatt Daniel (14th)
Robbie Hawthorne (14th)
Gordon Turner (14th)
Betty Mae Daniel (15th)
Margaux Blue Lail (15th)
Debra Crenshaw (18th)
Rosetta Bryan (18th)
Mary Balarzs (20th)
Ginger Daniel (23rd)
Jonathan Webster (29th)
Margaret Moore (31st)

Take the One Year Challenge!

July Reading Plan

July 1 — 1 Samuel 9
July 2 — 1 Samuel 10
July 3 — 1 Samuel 11
July 4 — 1 Samuel 12
July 5 — 1 Samuel 13
July 6 — 1 Samuel 14
July 7 — 1 Samuel 15
July 8 — 1 Samuel 16
July 9 — 1 Samuel 17
July 10 — 1 Samuel 18
July 11 — 1 Samuel 19
July 12 — 1 Samuel 20
July 13 — 1 Samuel 21
July 14 — 1 Samuel 22
July 15 — 1 Samuel 23
July 16 — 1 Samuel 24
July 17 — 1 Samuel 25
July 18 — 1 Samuel 26
July 19 — 1 Samuel 27
July 20 — 1 Samuel 28
July 21 — 1 Samuel 29
July 22 — 1 Samuel 30
July 23 — 1 Samuel 31
July 24 — 2 Samuel 1
July 25 — 2 Samuel 2
July 26 — 2 Samuel 3
July 27 — 2 Samuel 4
July 28 — 2 Samuel 5
July 29 — 2 Samuel 6
July 30 — 2 Samuel 7
July 31 — 2 Samuel 8

COOKIE SMILE POPS

Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon

What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.

31 Days of Prayer for July

July 1 — 1 Samuel 3:10
July 2 — Psalm 37:23-24
July 3 — Colossians 3:15
July 4 — Psalm 33:12
July 5 — Isaiah 40:29-31
July 6 — John 14:27
July 7 — James 1:5
July 8 — Psalm 147:3
July 9 — Psalm 91:1-2
July 10 — Ephesians 4:3
July 11 — Proverbs 19:17
July 12 — Micah 6:8
July 13 — Psalm 85:6
July 14 — Nehemiah 8:10
July 15 — Galatians 6:9
July 16 — 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
July 17 — 1 Timothy 2:1-2
July 18 — John 16:33
July 19 — Romans 12:2
July 20 — Colossians 3:14
July 21 — Matthew 5:16
July 22 — Jeremiah 17:14
July 23 — Philippians 4:19
July 24 — Romans 5:3-5
July 25 — Mark 11:25
July 26 — Matthew 28:19-20
July 27 — Psalm 67:6
July 28 — Hebrews 6:19
July 29 — Joshua 1:9
July 30 — Psalm 95:6
July 31 — John 15:5

Come Celebrate!

America 250

July 4th, 2026 ~ Lunenburg Court House

COME EARLY! 9:00 AM - Grounds open for fun! Family-friendly games, face-painting, mini car show, Tin Can Coffee Co. and June Bees Ice Cream.

LISTEN FOR MUSIC: 10:15 - Assemble on the front lawn of the courthouse for the program! Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM: 10:30 - Salute the flag, hear quotes from the Declaration of Independence, discover Lunenburg's Revolutionary heroes, honor our local veterans, and enjoy more music!

AFTER PROGRAM - GROUNDS OPEN UNTIL 1:00 PM for your enjoyment!

Happy Birthday, USA!
Make history! Be there!



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“He who sings prays twice.” St. Augustine

General Assembly 2026

Our General Assembly will be held on July 10-11, 2026. This year the assembly is online. If you want to attend this inaugural event (First time virtual), the cost is \$30. Please register [here](#).

From the Choir

We have lost several members of the choir in these past few years. Might you be willing to lend your voice? Choir practice is on most Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the calendar.
No try outs! Just a love of music and fellowship!

From the Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee has cards for members to give out to those in need of a church family. The cards list our service hours. Please see one of the members or look for the cards each Sunday on the organ bench.
Thanks to Taylor for designing and having them printed.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

**In Memory of Len Hawthorne, T.R. Wilkinson and T. Lloyd Hawthorne
Connie and Dennis Wilkinson**

**If you would like to send an offering to Perseverance, please send it to Perseverance
Christian Church, P.O. Box 157, Dundas, VA 23938. or give online at
[Perseverance Christian Church's website](#)**