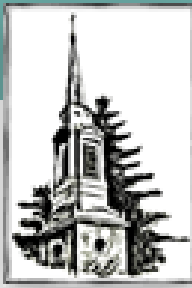


June



HENDERSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UPDATE 2026

Pastor's Letter:

Summer is Here! Summertime sees families going on vacation, people traveling, routines changing and a slowing down for some, a picking up for others. Hopefully, summertime brings time for rest, relaxation, and recreation.

Oftentimes, what can happen though is that followers of Jesus can fall into taking a break from Jesus during the summer holiday. People stop coming to church, take a break from Bible study, take a break from serving, and take a break from giving. We say, "I'm on vacation," as though Jesus is not Lord while we are on vacation...as if God has not been the one gifting us with vacation and calling us to rest.

So, as Summer 2026 begins, I want to encourage you in multiple ways!

The first is from your Session – We are entering the Summer of Outreach! We have a mission team heading to Costa Rica with our Church Plant Partners from Living Hope Fellowship. We are hosting church family and community meals on the 3rd Thursday of each month with a Table Talk presentation after dinner. We are combining services in order to give our music ministry a time of rest, while also bringing the church family together for a Summer Family Reunion – where you meet people you didn't even know were part of your church family. We are introducing new Small Groups and Sunday school classes. And we continue to serve with Reach Global within the community. It is a great time for you to prayerfully consider making this a summer of Spiritual Growth for you, your family and friends. It is also a great time to Invest in Others and Invite them to Church – the Summer of Outreach!

The second way I want to encourage you is using the words of Pastor and Author, John Piper. In a letter he wrote years ago to his congregation concerning this subject, he shared these powerful words.

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Upcoming Events

- **Finding Hope Bible Study**
through June & July,
Tuesdays from 1-2 pm
- **Mission Trip Fundraising
Dinner**, June 10th, 6 pm
- **A Summer for Outreach**
dinners starting June 18th
- **New Sunday School Class**,
beginning Sunday, June
28th, "Letting Hope In"

July Update Deadline



June 15th



Exodus 15:2a

*"The Lord is my strength
and my song..."*



Music

MINISTRY

Brighten Our Summer with Your Voice!

The sun is shining, the weather is warm, and our summer worship services are just around the corner.

We are officially looking for joyful voices and talented musicians to share special music with us this season!

Whether you want to sing a favorite hymn, play an instrument, put together a small ensemble, or share a unique musical gift, we want to hear you!

Keep the Music Alive:

Help us keep our worship services vibrant while the main choir takes a well-deserved summer break:

- **Share Your Passion:** It's a wonderful, low-pressure opportunity to share your musical talents with a warm and supportive community.
- **Flexibility:** Choose the Sunday (or Sundays!) that work best with your summer travel plans.

How to Sign Up:

Ready to bring some harmony to our summer? It's simple:

- The Sign-Up Sheet is posted right outside the Choir Room door!
- Just head over, find a Sunday that fits your schedule, and write down your name and what you'd like to share.

Questions?

If you have a song idea you want to run by us, need help finding a certain song, or want to work with an accompanist, please reach out to Linda at: dow@hendersonvillepc.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Rummage Sale
Aug 15th!
Donations
currently being
accepted.

Washcloths



Our focus this month is on washcloths. If each member of the church brought one package of washcloths and left them in the box in front of the church office, we would be off to a good start! Each shoebox gets a washcloth, so we are in need of many!

Here is one of the stories from Samaritans Purse. Samaritan's Purse is thankful for all our church partners across Ukraine. People are seeing Christians in action, caring for the physical and spiritual well-being of both adults and children.

"Everyone's life has been shaken, in the east as well as the west of Ukraine," said Halya, an Operation Christmas Child international field representative. "The war has brought a longing to hear God's Word to find peace. People's hearts have been softened."

"This is the time. We sense these are the last days," she continued. "We have to share the Gospel and have the zeal to preach it as quickly as possible and to use every opportunity we receive."

Please pray that God would give Ukraine's Christian leaders wisdom and vision to know how to minister to children during and after the war.

Homebound Members



Janet Briner

The Bridge at Lake Point Landing
334 Thompson St, Apt 236
Hendersonville, NC 28792

William R. Eadie

31 Woodlee Rd WSV, Apt 11
Staunton, VA 24401



Local Missions: Bruce Drysdale School

To the early disciples, Jesus' words meant beginning ministry in their hometowns and the surrounding region. For us at HPC, our nearest neighbors can include the homeless, families affected by Hurricane Helene, and a local school, Bruce Drysdale Elementary.

Bruce Drysdale (BDS) is one of our county's older public schools. The school population of 473 students comes from varied ethnic backgrounds and mostly lower income families. Approximately a quarter mile away, this neighboring school is literally at our backdoor! What an opportunity!

Our Session has pondered ways to minister to this school. Currently our Worship Director, Linda Boyles-Smith, is a part-time substitute music teacher at BDS. Linda approached our Local Mission Committee with a request for some needed items which are not funded by the school board or school resources. Local Missions requested and received approval from Session to provide \$2200 in funds coming from our Designated Local Missions fund. This money would be used to help make the below purchases:

Bruce Drysdale Needs:



- A "Buddy Bench" – a playground 6' bench used to alert staff and students that a child seated on the bench is feeling lonely and welcomes some attention.

- Shade cloth to cover student picnic tables at the rear of the building.
- Planters and garden supplies for a hands-on outdoor garden used for science projects

Local Outreach will also ask the congregation to donate items for lounge supplies (coffee, tea, paper products, and snacks) and teacher classroom supplies (pencils, notebooks, magic markers, tissues, etc.) to be placed in a designated BDS box. A detailed list of the specific items needed will be coming in the church update and future bulletins. The Fall school year begins early at BDS, the second week in July, so begin collecting the supplies and snacks now to bring to the collection bins.



BLUEGRASS BASH



Creative Beginnings

Art camp will be July 13-24 this year. Come have some messy fun with us and enjoy learning about Picasso, Van Gough and more!

Call the Preschool for more details. 692-3211 or pick up a registration packet at the Church office.



June Birthdays

Jonell Grier	June 1	Eva House	June 22
Isabelle Ashley	June 2	Carol Lyons	//
Emily Edmonds	June 7	Steve Spangler	//
Anne Ridings	June 8	Jeanne Beinert	June 23
Jack Dublynn	June 11	Monika Beck-Ragan	June 25
Janis Shane	//	Linda Hollis	//
Cheryl DeMonte	June 15	Mimi Jamieson	//
Tom Haynes	//	Diana Kostigen	//
Lorri Spangler	June 19	Conner Graves	June 26
		Roy Hathaway	June 27

A Summer **FOR OUTREACH**

You Are Invited:

What a wonderful time we had on May 20th with our church community dinner! Let's keep that spirit going with **A Summer for Outreach**.

Discipleship Committee is planning church dinners, followed by a brief presentation on a discipleship topic, on the third Thursdays of the month. So please mark your calendars now for June 18, July 16, and August 20 and plan to be with us.

On June 18 dinner will be at 6:00PM and Dwayne Durham will be presenting "Sharing Jesus." Signing up for these dinners will be very important so we know how many to cook for. More information about how to sign up will be coming out soon!

Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner

HPC will be hosting a Fundraising Dinner on **Wednesday, June 10th at 6 pm** to help support our **Mission Trip to Costa Rica** July 13-20.

The students and leaders participating in the trip will be providing and serving the dinner. To register, please mark the Friendship Pad or call the office at 828/692-3211 Ext 2 or send an email to office@hendersonvillepc.org





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Return Service Requested

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Here is my request: while on vacation...Be faithful to your church. If this is your church, love her. Support her with your prayers and your giving. People come and go during summer. That's good. God loves to see his people getting the rest and recreation they need. But don't go on vacation from Jesus and his people. Keep worshiping wherever you are, keep giving, keep praying, keep loving. God has amazing things in mind for us as we enter this next chapter together."

Finally, I want to encourage you with some amazing things God is doing in our midst...of the 30 people attending the first service, only 7 have been members. We are reaching a new group of people at the 9:00 am worship service. **Praise God for that!** We have seen God answer prayers for healing this year, as Dick House's cancer is gone and that surprised the doctors. **Praise God for that!** We have three new youth joining us on the mission trip to Costa Rica – slowly rebuilding the ministry with new students. **Praise God for that!** Let's continue to focus on all that God is doing in this place, Invest in new relationships, and Invite people to join us during the Summer of Outreach!

Oh, and make sure to join us on June 14 for a Good Ole' Fashion Hymn Sing at 11:00 am, as we kick off the Summer of Outreach!