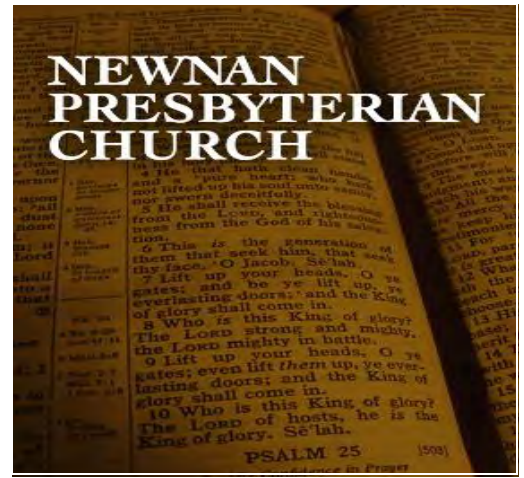




OPENING WINDOWS TO CHRIST



OCTOBER 2020

### Confirmation

*“Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Who is your Lord and Savior? Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you devote yourself to the church’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?”*



Until the spring of next year, these are the questions that the curriculum, “Big God, Big Questions,” will be guiding our Confirmands through. These are questions that we might all benefit from contemplating as we grow in faith.

The 2020-21 Confirmation Class has started! On September 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of very tired youth made their way over to the Calvin Center campus. The Confirmands of this class are Billy Eriksen, Matthew Eriksen, Paisley Hayes, Peyton Hayes, Paige Krauth, Evie Moss, Laine Moss, Alexander Rice, and Charlie Vasconcelles. As the day opened up, so did their minds. In the first few hours, there were no questions asked. By the end of the day, the questions were flying. The different ways that the group engaged with the Curriculum and one another were encouraging. I couldn’t answer everything, though I did encourage the youth to research the questions that weren’t answered (I’m sure they enjoyed having homework beyond whatever their schoolteachers assigned).

The Confirmands are not alone in this journey. There are the mentors who are partnered alongside them: Tim Bowyer, Jennifer Eriksen, Wynn Griffin, Dan Kazmierczak, Walter Krauth, Jon Moss, Chris Rice, Ashley Vasconcelles, and Kim Wise. They will be journeying with the youth and helping them to understand questions and choices that have affected their own faith life. I encourage each member of NPC to be a part of the Confirmand journey as well. They are a curious bunch and they will be made stronger in their faith by the support of each of us.

We will meet again on October 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by meetings on November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to hold Confirmation Sunday in late April. Please pray for our confirmands and their mentors as they embark on their faith journeys. *Tyler Brock*

### Worship Opportunities

Worship Guides are available by mail, email and on the website each Saturday afternoon.

Join us Sundays and Thursdays for in person worship or online on the [NPC Facebook Page](#).

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#### Thursday, Oct 1 | 7:00 pm

“The Authority of Jesus”

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. David Jones preaching

#### Sunday, Oct 4 | 10:00 am

#### Thursday, Oct 8 | 7:00 pm

“The Church’s Accountability”

Matthew 21:33-46

World Communion

Rev. Jones preaching

#### Sunday, Oct 11 | 10:00 am

#### Thursday, Oct 15 | 7:00 pm

“Building Faithfulness”

Exodus 32:1-14;

Rev. Tyler Brock, preaching

#### Sunday, Oct 18 | 10:00 am

#### Thursday, Oct 22 | 7:00 pm

“God’s Imprint on Our Lives”

Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Jones preaching

#### Sunday, Oct 25 | 10:00 am

#### Thursday, Oct 29 | 7:00 pm

“Committed to the Win, Win, Win”

Matthew 22:34-46;

Rev Jones preaching

## Session Report

In some ways, 2020 just doesn't look like the headline news at NPC. After pivoting to adjust our worship, fellowship and operations for Covid 19, the Session has collectively hit the "reset" button. We spend a portion of each meeting envisioning the soon and distant future resulting in a lot of GOOD news! New members will be joining the church soon including 9 youth currently in Confirmation Class. Our newly refurbished handbells are a joy to hear in worship. Our garden has been spruced up for fall and is open to our community daily. Cliff Brock (Music Director) and Tyler Brock (Associate Pastor) continue to transition into their new roles adding much to our worship experience and carrying us through the week. While many opportunities to study and gather together have had to pause, new efforts like Pas-Touring, book studies, and Backyard Bible Studies are all in the works or in progress. The Session is working diligently with the Re-Opening Task Force to safely resume some of those paused opportunities like Sunday School classes and fellowship opportunities. Outreach Ministry has stepped up to fill new community needs of food from meals for school children to stocking the food pantry. David Jones has started his Doctorate of Ministry program. Technology in our sanctuary is being majorly updated for improved listening by those in our audience who are hearing impaired and for everyone near and far watching at home. We are operating in the green financially and should end the year well. The Preschool has strong enrollment and even added a first grade. Officers are in place for 2021 and Officer Training kicks off this Sunday. NPC has been established as a Closed Point of Distribution (POD) by local public health authorities and can be in place to offer medicines or vaccines to our church and preschool family. There is more good news all around that you will hopefully read about in the bulletin and see firsthand whether in person or virtually.

*Audrey Spragins, Clerk*

## Personnel Ministry Update | Nursery Attendants Needed

The Personnel Committee is currently searching to hire two nursery attendants to start immediately upon completion of requirements. Candidates need to be 18 years or older and will be required to complete the "Darkness to Light" program and pass a background check, as well as provide references. The positions will work 9:00am-11:00am on Sundays and 6:00pm-8:00pm on Thursdays caring for infants in the nursery and/or assisting the Children's Ministry Coordinator with "Young Disciples" time, as needed. Compensation is \$12.50/hour. If you know of a qualified candidate, please contact Lissa Rand at [lissa.rand@gmail.com](mailto:lissa.rand@gmail.com).

NPC staff performance reviews for 2020 will be completed prior to the end of October 2020, in preparation for goal setting meetings in January of 2021, and in conjunction with the organizational goals David will establish for 2021. The personnel committee is exploring and researching evaluation systems and processes, as well as organizing and updating all job descriptions, as necessary.

After much delay due to the pandemic, we are now able to establish a Zoom meeting with our Presbytery rep and NPC staff to discuss the new fringe benefit package previously approved by the Session. Plans are to host that meeting in early October.

*Lissa Rand, Elder, Personnel*

## Christian Sympathy

With faith in the power of the resurrection,  
the love and sympathy of NPC are extended to Lalla & John McGee in the death of Lalla's mother,  
**Tinha Anderson,**  
September 23, 2020.

## Expression of Gratitude

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during the time my dad was on hospice care and after his passing. It meant so much to me and my family.  
Melanie Harkleroad

## October Birthdays

1. Reynelda Dowe  
Art Schroeder  
Brady Taylor
2. Liz Camp;
3. Cheryl Simpson
6. Corinne Brass  
Conner Parnell
8. Steve Williams
9. Fay Hardy  
Nick Kantorczyk
10. Hatcher Edge  
Mary Anna Vincent
13. Trey Jones
14. Lee Abbott
15. Janet Flanigan  
Evelyn Martin
17. Carly Krauth;
18. Skin Edge V  
Mary Howard
20. David Bray  
Wesley Howard
21. Ann Beegle
22. Nancy Ballard  
David Martin
24. Susan Coggin  
Nan Newman
27. Jody Beckwith
29. Vicki Hunter
30. Jack Camp  
Janelle Ellis;
31. Jennifer Dreyer  
Dee Smith  
Winn Wise

## Youth Ministry

As we continue into the year, the youth will continue meeting together in small groups. This work has been encouraging in building relationships between youth who are not familiar with one another, but also for getting to know one another better.

During the month of October, we will be volunteering our help for the Samaritan Clinic's BBQ fundraiser on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be helping from 4pm-8pm at Dunc's BBQ. We have been asked to help pass out food and t-shirts and monitor the parking lot to keep it clean. Though the event has made necessary changes in light of COVID-19, the "show must go on" and we are happy to support it.

I have spoken with individuals with One Roof and Bridging the Gap who have mentioned that the work that they are doing has increased. I asked how the youth might be able to help with both organizations (you know, like sorting and shelving the 200 cans/jars of pasta sauce that NPC has collected). The papers are reporting that the needs of Newnan have increased, and we know that these organizations have been doing their part to serve.

Let's throw in some help of our own to keep them going!

## Children's Ministry Update

Hope you enjoyed the Kingdom Crates dropped off at your house last month! Make sure to let [Pastor Darcie](#) know if you want a crate in the upcoming months.

## Sisters of Service (SOS)

Join us for Circle Meeting Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm in Barrow Fellowship Hall. This fall, we are studying "Into the Light: Finding Hope in Lament" from the Horizons series. If you are interested, please contact [Gwyn Kozma](#). Books are \$12 each and available for pick up in the Church Office.

## Outreach Product of the Month | CEREAL!

During the month of October, we will collect breakfast cereal to help fill the shelves of One Roof and Bridging the Gap. Please bring boxes of cereal with you to church on Sunday or you may drop off your boxes on Sunday, October 25, between 11:00 am-1:00 pm, underneath the Barrow Hall portico.

## Newnan Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten

NPPK Tour of Homes | Dec 4 | 4:00 pm-9:00 pm

This year's tour will include the Greenville/LaGrange Street Historic Districts, and Central Baptist Church. Our Cornerstone Garden will be open for refreshments. Childcare provided in Barrow Hall. Want to purchase an ad in our Tour Brochure? Contact [bkookogey@newnanpres.org](mailto:bkookogey@newnanpres.org).

## QR Code for Giving

To support the mission Newnan Presbyterian Church, you may use your smartphone's camera to hover over this QR code. It will take you directly to the secure NPC website page where you may give electronically. Thank you for your generosity!



## Samaritan Clinic Annual BBQ

October 4, 2020.

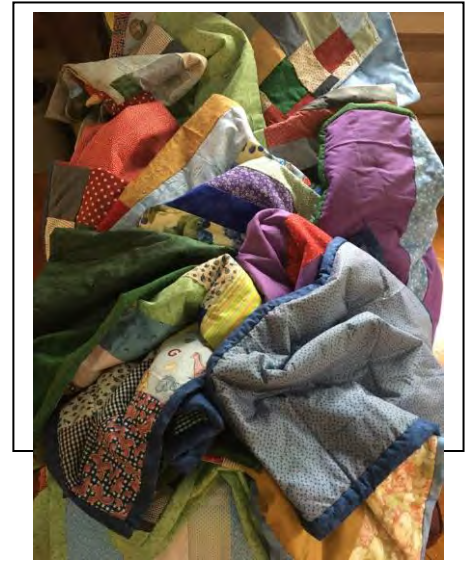
This year there will be a huge drive-thru in the old PAPP Clinic parking lot, with Dunc's BBQ and sides/adult beverages featured for each plate; live bluegrass music broadcast via live radio stream; the option to have BBQ and all the fixins' delivered to our sponsors and their guests at their own private party. "Pigs in masks" commemorative t-shirts, yard signs, and other fun touches available.

For tickets and t-shirts, see: [Samaritan Clinic BBQ](#).



## Lap Quilts Made with Love

There's nothing like a beautiful, handmade quilt to make you feel loved and cared for. Many of us have quilts that hold many memories, especially of the one who made the piece. Quilts tell a story. Beloved NPC and Sisters of Service Circle member Ruth Schroeder has created 23 beautiful lap quilts to be given to folks who need a little extra love during these days. Pastors David and Tyler will share these quilts with members. Ruth also gifted us with more masks. They will be available to those attending worship on Sundays and Thursdays.



# OUTREACH MINISTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST CEREAL!

