



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

It seems our congregation is experiencing an emphasis on missions and outreach of late!

We were blessed this past Sunday to hear of our denomination's work in several countries where you may help serve by participating in short-term opportunities. I hope that you were encouraged about the work in Mexico, Spain, Wales and Scotland and that you might consider going someday. Keep Sheila Osborne, our World Witness representative who was with us on Sunday, in your prayers as she coordinates the efforts of our denomination in the area of short-term service.

You have already heard about Ed and Lynn Limon's trip to Mexico this July to lead music camps with the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). You will find information in the pages of this newsletter telling you how you may contribute financially.

Kelly Limon, Ed and Lynn's daughter, will be going away on her own service trip this summer. She has travelled with her parents in the past, however, this year she will be participating in a missions internship on her own in Honduras. Kelly will be partnering with another gal from the U.S. and they will be serving alongside of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) during June 20 and July 26. We will hear more from Kelly on Sunday, June 5 during worship as she shares with the church during a Missions Moment.

The Session, working with our Missions Team has met with Kelly and we want you to help us send her on her way! Kelly's 5-week trip will cost approximately \$2,700. She has some funds already committed and we want to help her reach her full goal. Will you partner with her and help her raise the needed \$1,400 of additional funds? You may send your gifts to Mission to the World Donations - P.O. Box 2589 - Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Please note her account number #14265 in the memo line and all gifts will be directed to her ministry support needs.

Kelly was raised in our congregation and is completing her undergraduate education at Montreat Anderson College in Black Mountain, North Carolina. In addition to her studies, she plays soccer for the school. As she looks forward to how the Lord will use her life, this trip will certainly serve as a shaping influence for her. Please pray for Kelly this week as she has travelled to Atlanta to participate in training for her upcoming trip.

On Sunday, June 5, our Missions Team will be hosting our annual Missions Emphasis Sunday. Drew and Lauren Goodman, along with their 3 children, will be with us that day. Drew is a minister from our Presbytery serving as a missionary pastor at a local church in Wales. You might say he is "borrowed" by the church there. At 9:45 AM that day, the Goodmans will present their work to us during the Sunday School hour. In worship, Pastor Goodman will be preaching about the redemptive meaning of Christ's healing ministry for us today, as it points us to His redemption on the cross, giving us hope in our own suffering. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served during worship as well.

After worship, there will be a congregational lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stay over for the meal, which will be provided by the Hospitality Team, and enjoy fellowship with one another and the Goodman family.

After the meal, we will celebrate the Jubilee Birthday, an annual opportunity we participate in with our denomination. The Jubilee Birthday was first observed on the 50th anniversary of the denomination sending its first female missionary out to serve. This fund, raised each year as the Jubilee Birthday is observed, supplements the support of two female missionaries from within their denomination. Uniquely, it supports 2 females who have their own ministry and not one that is shared with a spouse.

Please consider setting aside some funds other than your regular tithes and offerings and you may make the donation at lunch on Sunday, June 5. You may donate cash or write a check to the church, noting Jubilee Birthday in the memo line. We will have a basket available for your gifts.

Blessings to you!

MISSIONS SUNDAY & CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Mark your calendars for NEXT Sunday, June 5. Drew and Lauren Goodman will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Goodman will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about their pastoral ministry in Wales. They serve through the denomination's World Witness agency and serve the evangelical church in Wales. Karen Hoke will be coordinating the meal.

YOUNG AT HEART

We were blessed with 19 attending Young at Heart yesterday, May 24. Thanks to all of the wonderful cooks. See you in September!

LIMON MISSIONS FUND

Want to support Ed & Lynn Limon's trip to lead Music Camp in Mexico during the month of July? Your prayers and financial contributions are appreciated! Please make your check payable to First ARP Church and note in the memo "Limon Mission Trip". You may drop your check in the offering plate or mail to the church address. All funds are tax-deductible and will be used for this ministry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

May

29 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Social

June

5 Lord's Supper
5 Missions Luncheon
6-9 General Synod
6 Men's Lunch
16 Stated Session Meeting
19 Father's Day

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Wright	6/4
Heather Hayes	6/6
Kevin Hutelmyer	6/8
Steven Cobb	6/16
Kelton Christopher	6/17
Audrey Sneed	6/17
Judy Bernhardt	6/18
Aaric Newton	6/21
Kasey Burwell	6/23
Kristen Carter	6/23
Lainey Childrey	6/23
Helen Parks	6/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Travis & Kristen Carter (3)	6/1
Jim & Lola Knox (60)	6/8
Stephen & Kathryn Crotts (43)	6/16
Bryan & Mandy Crotts (17)	6/19
Grady & Patricia Pack (61)	6/19
Bryan & Karen Jones (29)	6/20
Doug & Mary Jane Glass (36)	6/28

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We welcome Laurene Howington to the staff at First ARP! You may reach her at the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Her email is finance@firstarpburlington.org.

Nursery:

May 29: Dot Hutelmyer & Vicki McPherson
June 5: Carol Erb & Macon Baird

Counter:

May 29: Bill Haynes
June 5: Bennett Richardson

Deacon Duty:

May 29: Stephen Robinson
June 5: Glenn Owens

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