

MEADOWS MESSENGER

Meadows Presbyterian Church • May 2026

Dear Meadows Family,

“Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship, the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship, the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world.”

PC(USA) Book of Order

Worship is foundational to Meadows. To this end and to the glory of God, Session gratefully announces the creation of *The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Pickell Memorial Worship Endowment*. This resource was made possible by a generous donation from the Pickell family, with the purpose provided (see below) by Charles’ son, Dr. Stuart C. Pickell, MD.

“The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Pickell Memorial Worship Endowment is established in gratitude for and in memory of the faithful ministry of Dr. Pickell, who served the Presbyterian church as a teaching elder for over seventy years. Worship stood at the center of his calling, and this fund is intended to support and enrich the worship life of the Meadows congregation.”

The fund is designed as a permanent endowment. The principal will be preserved, and distributions will come from the income generated by the fund. These resources may be used at the discretion of church leadership to support needs related to worship and the congregation’s gathered life before God.

Appropriate uses of the fund may include, but are not limited to, worship materials, liturgical resources, guest preachers or speakers, hymnals or other musical resources, paraments, seasonal worship elements, and other items that enhance the quality and vitality of the congregation’s worship.

It is the hope of the family that this fund will help sustain and enrich the church’s worship for generations to come, honoring Dr. Pickell’s lifelong commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the gathered worship of God’s people.”

Session enthusiastically accepted this endowment and affirmed its purposes by adding money from two existing designated funds. First, memorial gifts honoring Charles were transferred. Second, a substantial unspecified endowment created by a 1995 gift from two charter members was added to the Pickell Worship Endowment. The original donors' family enthusiastically supports this merger because worship and the uses of the Pickell Worship Endowment have been centrally important to the faith journey of their family since Meadows' inception. Session assigned the Worship Committee to oversee the uses of the earnings from this endowment including a year-end report.

Meadows deeply values both transformative worship and our memories of Charles Pickell's inspirational presence and life-long contributions. In this spirit, Session invites any who are so moved to contribute to *The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Pickell Memorial Worship Endowment*. To do so, indicate this endowment on the memo line of a check or on-line giving vehicle, with payment to Meadows Presbyterian Church. All such donations will be added to the principle of the Pickell Endowment.

In Christ,

Tom

Worshipping at Meadows

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| May 3 | Fifth Sunday of Easter, <i>Communion</i> Rev. Thomas Goodrich |
| May 10 | Sixth Sunday of Easter Rev. Thomas Goodrich |
| May 17 | Seventh Sunday of Easter Rev. Thomas Goodrich |
| May 24 | Pentecost Sunday Rev. Albert Connette |
| May 31 | Trinity Sunday Rev. Craig Goodrich |

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

MAY 2026 DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Committee meeting minutes for Session: Thursday, May 14th—8:00 am

June 2026 Newsletter articles: Tuesday, May 19th—8:00 am

There are quite a few water vessels on the shelf above the “lost and found basket” that have been left in various places. Please be aware that all items are disposed of at the end of each month from “lost and found” if not claimed. Also, the basket is for “lost and found,” nothing else. If you have clothing, shoes, etc. that you feel someone could benefit from, please take to Goodwill or a similar site.

MEADOWS MINISTRIES

There are a number of slots open for a number of ministries in the coming months. See below for dates available in each and if your heart is calling you, please stop by and sign up. Or you can call the office at 434.296.2791 or email Susan at office@meadowspc.org

Flowers

May 10th, May 17th

July 12th, July 19th

August 16th, August 23rd, August 30th

Fellowship Hour

May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 24th

June 7th, June 14th, June 21st

Blessings Box

June 14th —June 27th

June 28th—July 11th

July 12th—July 25th

July 26th—August 8th

Feeding the Flock

I recently came across a cookbook titled Feeding the Flock that was compiled in 2005 by the Women of Meadows. It has been so fun reading all of the “homemade recipes.” It also has a section on how to fold napkins. Beginning now, I want to share some of the recipes and “Helpful Hints” from this book periodically. May these be a source of spiritual nourishment and encouragement, as well as recipes to share with friends and family. If at any time you would like to browse through this cookbook, please stop by the office, take a seat, and enjoy!

“He satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s”...Psalm 103-5.

Susan Coiner-Pollard

“A lump of sugar added to water when cooking greens helps vegetables retain their fresh color”

Purple Cow Jumped Over the Moon

3 C vanilla nonfat frozen yogurt

1.5 t lemon juice

1 C reduced low fat milk

1/2 C thawed frozen grape juice concentrate, undiluted

Place yogurt, milk, gape juice concentrate and lemon juice in a blender. Process until smooth. Serve immediately.

Julie Joyce



LAST MONTH

WORSHIP NIGHT



EASTER EGG HUNT



UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY
03

Youth Group
4-5:30PM

MAY
10

Youth Group
4-5:30PM

MAY
17

Youth Group
4-5:30PM



MAY
24

Youth Group
4-5:30PM

MAY
31

Youth Group
4-5:30PM



Save the date!



Youth Sunday!

7 JUNE

"Charles' Corner"

"For the Living of These Days"

Stroking

The word *stroke* has different meanings to different people. When they hear the word *stroke*, some people conjure up thoughts of golf or tennis, while others think of illness, even paralysis.

But there is another meaning—to stroke another is to speak words of affirmation, appreciation, encouragement, caring, praise, love.

Yet how little we stroke others! Instead of accent the negative, identify faults and overlook virtues. We criticize, judge, accuse, reject, and put others down—often those dearest to us.

A study reported in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* some years ago demonstrated that persons receiving praise became more effective and accomplished greater tasks than those who were ignored or reproved.

A parent who praises will find improvement in the behavior of children. In fact, it has been shown that it takes more than a hundred affirmations of a child to overcome the effect of one criticism.

Performers respond to applause. Even preachers thrive on affirmation. They actually preach better when the congregation is open and receptive than when it is critical and negative.

Try it! See the good in others. Speak positively. Stroke them.

It's not a matter of speaking empty words, but of abandoning negative and self-centered thought patterns and affirming the talent, effort, and strengths of others.

Jesus did that constantly. He appreciated people. He drew them out. He enabled them through trust. He freed them with love.

Everyone responds to stroking.

Stroke someone today!

Committee Up-dates

Discipleship Committee

We will be recognizing graduates on June 7th. If you have received a degree in the last year and would like to be recognized, please let Eric Warren know (ericwarren72@gmail.com; 434-509-6604).

Sunday Streaming Services

Worship is looking for a few good people interested in learning how to stream Sunday morning services. We have several people currently participating in this ministry but we will be losing a couple of gentlemen because of graduation. You would serve approximately every 6-10 weeks. If you are not afraid to work on a computer, enjoy serving the church, and would like to learn a new skill, please contact Bill Pond, Angy Seago or Bob Bowen. Bill Pond will be doing all of the training that you will need. Angy Seago will do all of the scheduling. Please consider serving Meadows in this very important ministry so those unable to attend in person can continue.

The Co-Pastor Search Team

The long and winding road...The search is ongoing as the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee diligently seeks to connect with the most qualified candidates, trusting that the right individual will be revealed in God's time. Both in-person and virtual interviews are being held regularly, allowing for thoughtful questions to be asked, and answered, in this process. We remain confident that each step brings us closer to a successful outcome. Your continued prayers are appreciated as we acknowledge the sovereignty of God in all endeavors—"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

Habitat Saturday, May 9th

All who would enjoy helping others on a beautiful Saturday, please join us on Saturday, May 9 at 8:45 a.m. We are building houses and lives. The following month, we have another workday on Saturday, June 13. Contact Julie Joyce for more information.

Trip to Presbyterian Children's Home

The Outreach committee is inviting you to join us on a field trip to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands! We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and will return by 4:00 p.m. on May 4th. Meadows has been supporting the children's home for over 20 years and most of you have never been. The home is one in which neglected/abused children are sent, often times by social services. It is a warm safe home where children of all ages can thrive and learn a new way to live. Please join us! Contact Julie Joyce (434-960-6807 or bluebird1528@hotmail.com) by Saturday, May 2 to reserve your seat!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Vale Grady | 5/2 | Hallie Spencer | 5/12 |
| Hal Lippard | 5/2 | Kimberly Sloan | 5/13 |
| Harper Veliky | 5/2 | Ernest Anastasi | 5/15 |
| Patricia Morris | 5/2 | Bob Bowen | 5/20 |
| Bradley Pearson | 5/3 | Angy Seago | 5/21 |
| Emma Ray | 5/4 | Whitney Vale | 5/23 |
| Sally Pickell | 5/4 | Linda McCormick | 5/23 |
| Clinton Lees | 5/4 | Lindsay Goodrich-Komline | 5/24 |
| Andrea Foote | 5/4 | James Johnston | 5/25 |
| Sharon Stafford | 5/4 | Lynne Mills | 5/26 |
| Pamela Dunn | 5/6 | Sharlet Massie | 5/27 |
| Susan Coiner-Pollard | 5/7 | Jana Powers | 5/27 |
| Melanie Veliky | 5/9 | Baughan Roemer | 5/28 |
| Robin Jones | 5/12 | Peggy Shupe | 5/30 |
| Daniel Wood | 5/12 | Katherine White | 5/31 |



A MINISTRY COMMITTED TO PASSION FOR CHRIST, COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND GOD'S WORD FOR ALL

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