

Under Our Roof

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, VA

July 2021

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.
(Psalm 1:1-2, NRSV)

The opening Psalm is called “The Two Ways”. The writer presents to the reader the idea that there are two ways to live one’s life. One either walks in the way of God or in the way of the wicked.

Those who follow the law of the Lord are described as trees planted by streams of water. As we follow Jesus our roots are embedded in the ways of God. We stand tall and strong. When I read this it inspires an image of the maple tree in the yard where I grew up. It has stood in that yard for some 60 years, tall and strong. It has weathered many storms of wind and rain; and still it stands.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, trusts that they have deep roots that help them stand tall and strong. The winds and storms of life may batter us around, but they do not defeat us. We know that God calls us to do great things in God’s name.

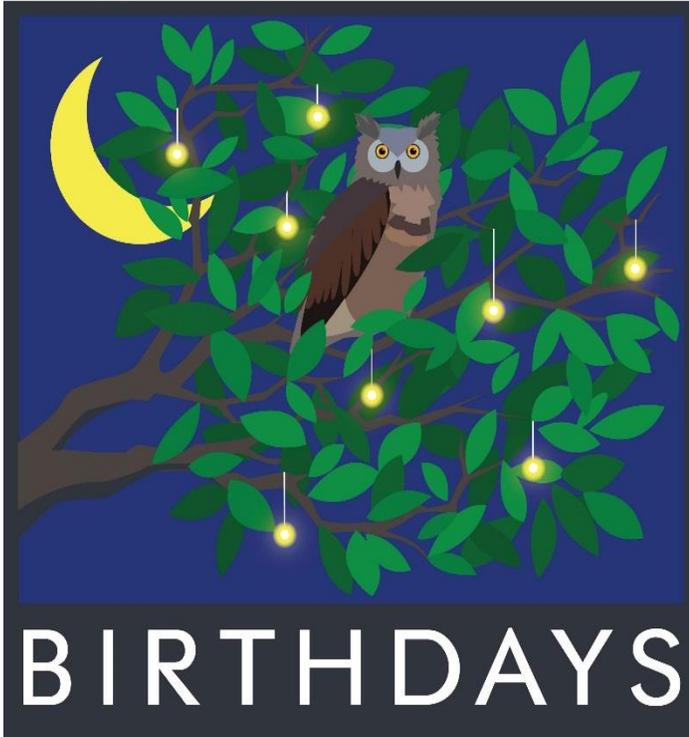
The other way is the way of the wicked. These are those folks who have only a human, earthly perspective of life. In trying to be independent of God’s influence on life, they turn to worldly standards to measure success. They turn inward as they go about life thinking only of themselves. The psalmist says that they are like chaff which is blown about in the wind, scattered.

We are humans who live in a world that distracts us and draws us away from God. And sometimes we falter, sometimes we struggle, sometimes we sin. God knows that we are not perfect. But what this Psalm tells us is that God watches over us, guiding us in the better way of being. And when we do sin, we turn to God in repentance so that we are forgiven.

What we learn from this Psalm is that as God’s chosen people we are to focus on what God wants from us. We need to focus on Jesus’ 2-part commandment to love God with all our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In showing this love we can walk in the way of the righteous.

Pastor Susi

J U L Y



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Pastor Susi's Schedule!

Now that I have settled in, I would like to share with you my schedule and contact information.

Typically, I am in the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. I say typically because this will vary as I attend meetings and visit with folks. My days off are Friday and Saturday. This does not mean that you cannot contact me in the evenings or Friday and Saturday if you have a pastoral emergency.

I am always available on my mobile phone at 540-958-3941.

We are Looking for Ushers

If you are willing to serve as an usher on Sunday mornings and for special events, please contact the church office to express your willingness to serve.

Call (540) 962-2195

Save the Date!

**Sunday School July 18, 2021 Virtual Visit by
Brazil Missionaries Tim & Marta Carriker**

Please plan to virtually join the Sunday, July 18th Sunday School hour to meet/get reacquainted with the mission work of Tim and Marta Carriker in Brazil. Tim and Marta last visited us March 15, 2016 where we learned of their Bible translation work being used to facilitate mission work by many others.

Please see the attached for an overview of their lifelong mission work and current activities.

We support Tim and Marta Carriker's mission programs financially via our Church's annual budget and also in prayer. Should you like to make a designated gift to support this program, please send your check to the church office with a memo note of "program support for the Carrikers".

We look forward to your participation during this session.

If you are not on the email distribution for these virtual Sunday Schools, please let Pastor Susi know and she will add you the weekly list and you can participate via Zoom when you are able. The class begins at 9:30am Eastern with 15 minutes of socializing, then at 9:45am begins the lesson and in this case the visit by one of the folks whose mission work we support via First Presbyterian Church, concluding at 10:30am.

-- Mission & Service Committee

POP Community Block Grant Received for Safehomes

We are pleased to share with you that the Presbytery of the Peaks (POP) Community Block Grant that we submitted for Safehomes early in 2021 to help repair the porch of their building was funded at \$2,250. This is 75% of what was requested. This grant will be augmented from support from other organizations in the community to complete the project.

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Friendly Signposts



We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations, they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends who God has sent on our way.

Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

PROFILE: TIM & MARTA CARRIKER



Ministry:

Tim and Marta have served as Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. missionaries in Brazil in camp ministries, evangelism and new church development in central Brazil and southern Brazil from 1977-1984, in education, having created several mission training programs from 1984-1998 and serving as Assistant Pastor at the Independent Presbyterian Church of the Estreito in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina 2002 until his retirement in 2019. Currently Tim is involved in the InterFaith Rainforest Initiative Brazil.

In 1978, Tim married Marta, a Brazilian Christian composer whose songs are widely sung in churches and youth groups throughout Brazil. Tim, of American origin, naturalized in Brazil in 2002.

Tim was co-founder, Academic Director, Dean, and Professor at the Protestant Mission Center, five hours north of Rio de Janeiro between 1984 and 1992. This Center was the first institution in South America to offer long term training for mission service. Today, over 100 such programs exist in seminaries and mission training centers throughout the country. Through the influence of these programs the number of cross-cultural Brazilian Protestant missionaries has grown from about 300 in 1984 to over 34,000 today.

From 1993 to 1998 Tim was Professor of Mission and Evangelism at the Presbyterian Seminary of the South in the Bachelor of Theology and Master in Missiology programs. From 1997 to 1998 he also served as Chairman of the Department of Pastoral Theology (with master degree programs in Christian Education, Missiology, and Christian Counseling) at Mackenzie University, a Presbyterian university in São Paulo. From mid-1998 to mid 1999 Tim served as Director of World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and as Director-Elect of the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. In 1999 Tim and Marta returned to Brazil to serve at the Mission Training Center in Florianópolis, southern Brazil, Fortaleza Theological seminary in the northeast where Tim taught and coordinated the graduate program and various other schools as visiting professor. For the last 5 years he has served as Supervisor of the Continuing Education Program for the 800+ pastors of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil, missiological consultant for the same denomination and speaker at numerous national conferences in Brazil. Tim's interests are especially focused on the Biblical foundations for mission and the contributions of the social sciences to the development of local contextual theologies and to cross-cultural

communication. Marta has focused on the contributions of linguistics for second language acquisition.

Since 1984 Tim has taught 8 to 10 courses a year, spoken in numerous local churches, denominational and national conferences and developed missiological texts. He was the founding President of the Association of Mission Professors in Brazil and serves as a consultant for the Board of the Association of Cross-Cultural Missions in Brazil and other denominational and non-denominational mission boards in Brazil.



Family

Tim and Marta have three grown children and three grandchildren. He finds his leisure in longboard surfing (since 1967), hiking, gardening, carpentry, cutlery, leather work, cutting glass and picking Champagne corks off the beaches following Révellion (New Years Eve).



Publications:

Tim is the author of 14 books and 175 articles, the editor of 11 volumes, most in Portuguese. He is currently coordinating the production of the *Mission Study Bible* in English, published in Portuguese in 2015 and Spanish in 2017. He hopes to author a book on the Apostle Paul's missionary call, theology and practice.

Education: Tim

1994, Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies at the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary
1987, Th.M. in Missiology at the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary
1978, M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
1975, B.A. in Religion at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte

Education: Marta

1998, Masters in Applied Linguistics, Universidade Estadual de Campinas
1987-88, 1993, Graduate studies in Language Acquisition and Cultural Anthropology, Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission
1982, B.A. in English, Virginia Commonwealth University
1978 to 1981, Undergraduate student in English, Universidade Federal de Goiás
1976 to 1978, Undergraduate student in Linguistics, Universidade Estadual de Campinas

SOUTH COVINGTON CARE PANTRY REPORT

STATISTICS

	<u>Families Served</u>	<u># of Family Members</u>
January 2021	101	339
February 2021	90	316
March 2021	60	217
April 2021	60	208
May 2021	58	206

We paid Feeding Southwest Virginia \$3,149.91 during the first five months of 2021. We received several items they purchased with donations to FSV, which they passed on to us at no cost. FSV also has had no frozen meat available for purchase for several months because of a driver shortage, and we had previously been ordering about 500 pounds per week. We have been relying on USDA frozen meat plus the meat donated to us on Saturdays and Sundays from Food Lion.

<u>Deposits</u>	<u>January thru May 2021</u>
\$1,801.00	Local UMCs
\$2,070.00	First Presbyterian Church
\$150.00	Gifts In Honor Of
\$250.00	Greenwood EPC
\$115.00	Alleghany Retired Teachers Association
\$2,150.00	Alleghany Kiwanis Club – Food Drive
\$750.00	VA United Methodist Conference Grant – 4Q
\$3,925.00	Donations from Individuals
\$11,211.00	TOTAL

BLESSINGS

- Sunshine Distributing began donating expired Little Debbie pastries to our pantry in January 2021. Through May, we have received 99 boxes of goodies, which our applicants are happy to receive.
- The Callaghan Charge has delivered 508 items plus a box of tomatoes.
- The Alleghany Foundation donated 3 rolling clothing racks plus clothing hangers for our clothes closet. Rolling them out on the lawn for shoppers has been a big hit! They also donated 2 shelving units for the Pantry.
- Since March 24, Aspen Hill Farms has donated 212 dozen eggs.
- Greenwood EPC donated 75 food items.
- ARP Church donated 188 food items.
- Christ UMC donated 10 items.
- Covington Bible Church donated 300 items collected by youth, who came to deliver the food.
- Granbery UMC donated 345 lbs. of food items.
- South Covington UMC donated 132 items.
- The Patterson Grandchildren donated 64 items, most of which were boxes of cereal.
- Individuals donated 222 items.
- The Alleghany Kiwanis Club donated 400 lbs. of food plus \$2,150 raised during their annual food drive.
- Many thanks to First Presbyterian Church for their faithful support of our mission in the Alleghany Highlands.

1 John 3:18: "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

Donations of cornbread mix such as Jiffy are always appreciated. Please don't forget to add this item to your grocery list!

We are indeed saddened by the departure of the Kang family, all of whom have helped us in the Care Pantry. Kim has faithfully come on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and has served as our "expert meat and cheese lady." We wish them the best as they begin serving First United Methodist Church in Timberville. Please keep them and the entire Care Pantry Team in your prayers. Blessings to each of you!

Linda Black for Your Care Pantry Team

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Sunday Worship Will Be Held In-Person and on Our YouTube Channel
 Devotions with Daniel Continue to Be Streamed on Our YouTube Channel
 Sunday School via Zoom – Contact Pastor Susi for an Invitation @pastor.susi.ennis@gmail.com

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	2 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	3 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
4 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Social Time, 9:30a Sunday School, 9:45a Worship, 11:00a	5 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	6 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	7 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a <u>Choirs</u> Handbell, 5:30p Chancel, 7:30p	8 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	9 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	10 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
11 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Social Time, 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Worship, 11:00a	12 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	13 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a W/M Comm. + Staff, 11a M/S Comm, 4p VOUCHERS DUE, 10a	14 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a <u>No Choirs</u>	15 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	16 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	17 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
18 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Special Visit: The Carrikers in Sunday School 9:30a Worship, 11:00a Session, 12:30p	19 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	20 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	21 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a <u>No Choirs</u>	22 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	23 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	24 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
25 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Social Time, 9:30a, Sunday School 9:45a Worship, 11:00a	26 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	27 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a VOUCHERS DUE, 10a	28 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a <u>No Choirs</u> Newsletter Items Due, 10a	29 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	30 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	31 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a

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