

April 2024

Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Believing, Belonging, Becoming and Branching Out

Grace and Peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Happy Easter! May you and your loved ones live into the joy of the resurrection and the assurance that God in the person of Jesus Christ has made all things new!

What could be more appropriate as we gaze on the beauty of the red buds and delight in the perennial spring dazzle of daffodils than to turn our thoughts towards creation. **April is Care of Creation month**, and as we have contemplated humanity's disorder and misuse of creation this Lenten season, we remember that in Matthew's Good Friday account, at the moment of Jesus' death, "the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom, and the rocks split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised." (Matthew 27: 51-52)

The events of the crucifixion and resurrection seem cosmic in scope. The crucifying chaos and misuse of creation embodied in the wood of the cross and the metal of the nails used to maim are overcome by a love that resurrects from the dead. That love transgresses our propensity towards violence, brings order back to life, returns creation to its former purpose of sustaining, creating, and facilitating new life... In April, we celebrate that death does not get the last word, and God has made all things new in and through the cross. And, so we will observe **Care of Creation Sunday on April 28th**.

In preparation for that Sunday, the worship committee would like to invite members of the congregation to bring an object from creation that exhibits God's grandeur (a crystal, shell, a bird's nest) to display on tables in the narthex starting on Sunday, April 21st, and they will remain on exhibit for a couple of weeks.

The focus of the month will culminate in the blessing of the animals on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Please bring your dog, cat, bird, lizard, or other "beast", and the Rev. Kaylee Godfrey Hilston and our youth will bless them!

Don't miss it!

Leigh





CPC Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will eat at Chang Thai on Thursday, **April 4** at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to Brent Eaton at brent_a_eaton@yahoo.com, by text to 336-865-2524, or by calling the church.



Golf Fellowship

Golf fellowship will resume on Saturday, **April 6**. Tee times TBD. 12 spots are available. Contact Art Blackwood (art.blackwood.3@gmail.com) for more info.



Party Bridge

Join us for fellowship and bridge at CPC! **April 9 & 23** at 1:00 pm in the parlor. For more information contact Carolyn Haggerty at 336-391-8117 or Susan Allred at 336-671-0104.



Cookies and Lemonade

Plan to stop by the after the worship service on Sunday, **April 14** as the congregational care committee hosts cookies & lemonade.



Christian Creations

We are off to a good start in 2024! We have so much talent in our church! Knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross stitchers, and sewers!

Please join us on **April 11** at 11 am (immediately after the Thursday morning Bible study).



The Ruth Circle will meet on **April 16** at 10 am in the church parlor. We will have refreshments and fellowship, complete our study of Philippians, and then make plans for our annual picnic celebration. If you would like to join this group of women call Frankie Muse at 336-766-9950 for information or visit the group in the parlor.



Our next **men's breakfast** is coming up! Join us on **April 20** at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited, please scan the QR code to RSVP or visit <https://clemmonspresby.flocknote.com/signup/161738>.



The deadline to submit articles for the May newsletter is **Wednesday, April 24**. Please send articles to cpc@clemmonspresbyterian.org.



Blood Drive

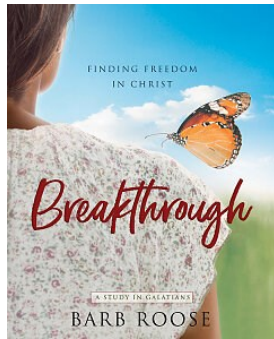
Our next blood drive is Thursday, **May 9** from 2:30-7:00 pm. For an appointment you may contact Sam Boger (336-830-4034 phone/text) or sbogert262@gmail.com. You may also sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or on the Red Cross donor app.

Christian Education

Thursday Women's Bible Study

In April, the women's Thursday Bible study will wrap up their study on "Practice Joy," from the *Follow Me* curriculum.

When that study is over, they will start a new topic on April 25! This study is called *Breakthrough: Finding Freedom in Christ* by Barb Roose. This author is familiar and loved by the women's class, and this new material should be no different. What is it about? "In this six-week Bible study of Galatians, Barb Roose shows us that even the believers in the early church struggled to let go of rule-keeping and performance in order to embrace God's free gift of grace."



This class gathers in room 206 at 10:00am on Thursdays. Please contact Char Holloway by email at holloway42003@yahoo.com holloway42003@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Children's Church: what is it?

Children's church is a special time for children in 1st grade through 5th grade to learn about the Bible during worship service. They will leave worship at the designated time with their teachers and head down to the nursery wing for a lesson. Parents can pick them up following the service.

We also have a new group, "mini" children's church that is for friends ages 3—kindergarten!

It takes place at the same time as regular children's church but is geared toward a younger audience. Each week we will teach a new Bible story and make a craft.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

From April 7 to the end of the academic year, children's Sunday School will be gathering at 9:15am instead of 11:00am. This will be a trial to see if this time works better for all involved.

Please consider serving in our nursery! Even once a quarter!

To serve in our nursery, you must have completed our child protection policy training as well as filled out the form for a background check. This may seem daunting, but we have made this as accessible as possible by offering the training on our website, which you can complete at home! Please consider taking this training, as this is the best way we can protect our children at church. Visit our website, and check under the "ministry" tab to find the policy. You can also follow this link <https://www.clemmonsbyterian.org/protection-policy.html>.

Music Makers!

Open to all children
2nd through 6th
grade

The Music Makers plan to gather for 15 minutes following worship each Sunday to prepare beautiful music to share with the congregation. This group will also meet on Wednesday evenings following supper!



Joyful Noise!



This group is for ages 3 through 1st grade and also gathers on Wednesday evenings!



Group of Youth—Grades 6-12

GOOTH Happenings

GOOTH is short for “Group of Youth.”

GOOTH is a community of faith for young people that worships, learns, grows, serves, and plays together.



High Ropes and High Fives

In an effort to try new things and work on our team building skills, our youth group went to a high ropes course at Crossnore in Winston Salem! We challenged ourselves to try new things, cheered each other on, and helped each other out. Even our grown ups had a blast!

This trip was well worth it, and is hopefully a memory they wont soon forget.



Great job to our very own Bryce McPherson, who earned his Eagle Scout award this year and had his ceremony on March 23rd.



Do you have questions about GOOTH?

Contact our youth director Kaylee Hilston by email at khilston@clemmonsprebyterian.org or by text at 336-517-7227

Or email our youth elder Shannon Spencer skspencer1@gmail.com

Are you receiving weekly GOOTH emails and text messages?

If not please let Kaylee know ASAP so she can fix that!



April 7: GOOTH EATS dinner @ Cugino Forno (5:30pm)

April 14: Hiking at Pilot Mountain (1:30pm)

April 21: Bible study night (hiking rain date)

April 28: Blessing of the Animals (4:30pm)

**in lieu of GOOTH Eats, plan to come to Wednesday night dinners and we can sit together!*

Missions

Lenten Project Update:

Week 1—Meals for Morgan: Donations filled the Meals for Morgan food closet, sufficient for the remainder of the school year.



Week 2—SECU Family House: 61 welcome bags

Week 3—Senior Services: 92 bottles of body wash, hand Soap, & soap, 47 bottles of hand and body cream; 52 boxes of denture cleaner & adhesive; and 167 tissue packs.



Week 4—Pennies for Hunger:
\$433 collected!

Week 5—Samaritan Inn:
33 containers of coffee , 31 Bags of Sugar



Week 6—Art Supplies for El Buen Pastor: results to be announced

Week 7—One Great Hour of Sharing: results to be announced

Hammerbird Run

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. One Mile Walk/Run

8:30 a.m. 5K Walk/Run



The Habitat Hammerbird 5K is back! Support Habitat's efforts to help families attain the dream of purchasing a quality, affordable home. Participants run or walk past numerous homes that Habitat has built and see first hand the work we are doing to help solve the affordable housing crisis in Forsyth County.

Start and finish: Kimberley Park Elementary School, 1701 Cherry St., Winston-Salem, NC.

5K Race Run/Walk Pricing:

Early Bird Price: Now through Saturday, April 6: \$30 (registration by April 6 guarantees we will have your size t-shirt on race day.)

Sunday, April 7 - Wednesday, May 1: \$35

Pricing for One Mile Run/Walk:

Early Bird price now through Saturday, April 6: \$20

Sunday, April 7 - Wednesday, May 1: \$25

Registration Web Site: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/WinstonSalem/HabitatHammerbird5K>

Personnel

As of January, Carolyn Brown has been easing the minds of parents by keeping CPC children safe, clean, entertained, and nourished for 12 years.

Leigh Wisner has been with CPC for 2 years. She began as the Transitional Associate Pastor and then accepted the role of Transition Pastor.

Thank you, Carolyn, for being the rock of our nursery. Thank you, Leigh, for guiding us through these times of change.

Worship

The worship committee will be conducting a lifesaving demonstration following our worship service on April 14.

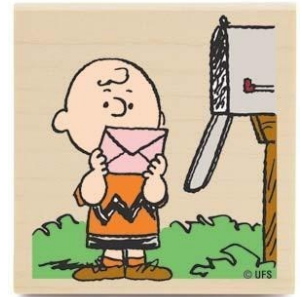
Demonstrations will be presented on using a defibrillator (AED), as well as information on [NARCAN®](#) and [LifeVac](#).

In the mail...

A Note From Rev. Patricia Greene

Thank you so much for the multiple ways you helped to make March 17th such a meaningful day as I reaffirmed my ordination vows. From your presence and love, to the beautiful stole, to the delicious cake, thank you! I am deeply grateful for the love and support I have felt and continue to feel. You are truly a special people!

Much Love, Patricia Greene



A Note From Natalie Lyons

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to my Ecuador mission trip. Because of everyone's generosity, I am excited to share that my goal has been reached! This trip would not be possible without your assistance and prayers. I am very blessed to have such a supportive and loving church family and I can't wait to update everyone when I return this summer! Love, Natalie Lyons

A Note From Libby McKee (Margaret Moore's daughter)

Good morning I am pleased to let you know that my Mother Margaret Moore, a long time member of Clemmons Presbyterian Church is well and living with me in our home in Ancram, NY. We discovered that we can tune into the services on YouTube and plan to be watching. I am sure Mama (who will turn 100 on May 20) would love to receive a note from anyone who remembers her.— Libby & Jack McKee

Address: 1348 County Route 7 Ancram, NY 12502.

A Note From The Maclins

The Maclins would like to thank God for all the prayers, help with household chores, medical equipment, meals, cards, and encouragement through Beth's two Monday surgeries and Bob's back pain. We are so grateful to have such a caring church family.—Bob & Beth Maclin

Welcome New Members!

PAT BUNGE is a retired counselor/adviser of 35 plus years at Guilford Technical Community College. The primary focus of her career was disability services. She has two adventurous adult children, Miranda, a PT who lives in Whidbey Island, WA and Michael, a wanderer who has been in the Peace Corps in the Philippines and taught English in China. He is currently planning his next adventure. Pat is ready when either call to ask, " Want to join me, Mom?".

Her interests include travel, small group activities , plants (indoors and out), walking, hiking, reading and spending time with friends and family. Pat looks forward to "settling" into her new community and church family.



DEBORAH (DEB) COLBERT was born and raised in Cleveland, Tennessee, but since 1990, I have also lived in California, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio. In 2004, we moved to Bermuda Run, NC, where I still currently reside. Our family relocations were not due to the military, but that of my late husband's career advancements in the appliance industry.

I have one daughter, Amy, who is married to Camron. They have given me two wonderful and smart grandsons, Andrew and William, and they reside in Clemmons.

I am employed as an in-house travel and event planner for an international company headquartered in Winston Salem. Previously, I have served prior congregations in Indiana, Ohio, and Advance, NC as the admin assistant to both senior and associate pastors.

I love to spend time with my active family – we often 'live at the ball fields'! I enjoy beautiful long walks, 'all things travel' and the arts: theatre, ballet, and the symphony, where I'm a faithful volunteer with the Winston-Salem Symphony. I'm active with the Humane Society of Davie County and a supporter of Storehouse for Jesus.



TOM NELSON was born in Raleigh and was raised in the Methodist church. Beginning at age 12 he worked in the family's home furnishings business on Saturdays, holidays, and summer vacation.

After completing studies in economics at NC State University he joined the Equifax Corporation where he held various executive positions working and living in various locations from Atlanta to Philadelphia. From 1978-1982 he was vice president of an affiliated company located in Winston Salem.

In 1989 he left the corporate world and relocated to Tampa Bay. There he owned a company focused on residential design and remodeling with a large showroom displaying products offered to clients.

He retired in 2009 and decided to return to Winston Salem. In 2014 he met Roxanne Wilson and they began attending CPC in June 2022. Cooking is Tom's lifelong hobby and he spends many hours daily enjoying related activities. He also enjoys daily long walks, reading, and the gym.



Welcome New Members!

ROXANNE AMES WILSON, was born and raised in Waterville, Maine. In 1979, she relocated to Hershey, PA to begin her career as a X-ray technician. She met her future husband soon after and relocated with him to Portugal for a couple years. They married on the Rock of Gibraltar in May 1981 and returned to the States (Atlanta, GA) in the fall of 1982 where they began raising their family, a daughter, Jillian (11/1982) and a son, Jacob (2/1987). Shortly after the birth of her first child, Roxanne became a Christian and a member of a Southern Baptist church where she was very involved in women's Bible study, children's outreach, and inner city ministries and much more. During these years she was an at home mother also involved in the children's schools and local community action groups. After relocating to Boston in Aug. 1996 she divorced in 1999. Roxanne returned to school to study computer science and secured a position in the IT help center at The Gillette Company.



In 2006, after The Gillette Co. was sold Roxanne was offered a project manager's position with a display & packaging company located in Winston-Salem to manage the Gillette accounts and has lived here for 18 years. Roxanne met her partner, Tom Nelson in 2014 and they began attending CPC together in June 2022, after being active members of New Philadelphia Moravian church and Parkway Presbyterian. Her adult children now live on opposite coasts and she has 2 granddaughters, Winnie (4/2014) and Abby (11/2017). She retired in 12/2020 and fills her time with gardening, birding, walking, reading, the gym, plays, concerts, church etc as well as lots of trips to visit with family and friends. She also cares for her Mom who has Alzheimer's disease and came to live with her and Tom in 12/2022.

Food Pantry Needs

The April CPC food donations will go to Clemmons Food Pantry.

The requested needs for this month are:

- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Baking goods (sugar, flour, pie mixes, etc.)

Clemmons Elementary donated 3,000 boxes of cereal, so cereal is not needed at this time!

eSpace Software Launches at CPC

We are starting to roll out a new software program that will allow the congregation and the community to more easily reserve space at CPC, request Zoom for a meeting, add an event to the church calendar and MUCH more!

One other feature is anyone can submit "work orders" for items that may need to be looked at around our campus (i.e. a burned out bulb in the restroom).

More info coming in the May newsletter—but for now check out the following links, which can all be found on the church website under the "CONTACT" drop down.

Our new church calendar can be found at www.clemmonspresbyterian.org/calendar

[Maintenance Request](#)

[Meeting Request](#)

[Facility Use Request](#)

Congregational Care

Congregational Care focuses on all members of our church family. Within congregational care, there are committees that care for specific populations within our congregation. For more information or to join any of these committees, contact the elders for congregational care, Susan Preston (susan.preston22@gmail.com) or Sandy Moffet (smoffet52@gmail.com).

Christian Creations meets once a month, the 2nd Thursday at 11 am. (right after the women's Bible study). Come join us and share your talents. We knit, crochet, cross stitch, quilt and sew. We are open to other ideas. Bring something to work on while we chat and get to know each other. Contact Pat Luckett pmoonl@aol.com

Card Ministry: Our card ministry hopes to be an inspiration to those church members and their relatives/friends during illness and/or death. We pray that a card from the church family will serve as an inspiration to those who are ill and/or bereaved. We invite those who would like to participate in this ministry to join us by card purchases, making cards or making contributions for purchase of same. If you have the gift of card making, why not make a card(s) to be used for this ministry—it would mean so much to others. Contact Willie Garvin wdgarvin@bellsouth.net

Martha Ministry is a group of volunteers who collaborate to serve meals for CPC families during times of illness, death, and birth. They also coordinate the food and facilities for funeral receptions. Contact Susan Preston susan.preston22@gmail.com

Homebound Communion: This ministry calls homebound members a few days before the first Sunday of each month to ask if they would like communion brought to their home by a Pastor and an elder on the first Sunday of the month. If there are members who would like them to come, that information is then given to the pastor and the elder. If you would like to receive homebound communion, please contact the church office.

As **ride share** organizer, it's been an interesting experience. I've gotten to know members I haven't met before and it's been a growing experience. I feel like our volunteers feel the same way. Sometimes it's a happy experience and other times more reflective. Our members are experiencing all kinds of situations, and we are happy to lend a hand. Speaking of volunteers, we could use a few more if you are able. Some of our members need help with: getting to the grocery store, doctor appointments, rides to church or Wednesday night dinner etc. If you would like to join our team, please let me know. And, it's especially helpful if you can be contacted by text message. It helps me get back to the person in need more quickly. If you would like help, please contact Linda Showers by text at 336-416-5403.

Medical Equipment Room: We are extremely fortunate to have a well-stocked medical equipment room located in the 100 building. There are wheelchairs, bedside commodes, walkers and a variety of other devices. These items are available on loan to you, your family, friends and neighbors if the need arises. Contact Marilyn Bosley at bosley44@gmail.com or 330-647-3017 or contact the church office. We will be happy to assist you.

Casserole Ministry: A wonderful group of cooks (including our GOOTH!) prepares casseroles and soups which are placed in our church freezer for members to take for other church members, neighbors, or for themselves. If life is stressing you out, a casserole or some soup are always good remedies! If you would like to volunteer to prepare casseroles or soups, contact Susan Preston susan.preston22@gmail.com

AED (defibrillator): Join Char Holloway on April 14 after church in the atrium for instruction on the use & locations of the AED and NARCAN®. AED is short for "automated external defibrillator." It is used in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. NARCAN is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Steve Lowder will be providing instruction on the use of LifeVac, a device used in choking events. These are very important medical responses that all should be aware of.

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Stephen Ministry: Do you, a friend or neighbor need someone to talk with? The changing seasons of life can present so many challenges and can be tough to weather at times. Sometimes a caring, compassionate listener is just what you or others may need. Whether you are in crisis or just need someone to listen and provide empathy and care, our Stephen Ministers can help.

Stephen Ministers are well-trained lay people who support and extend and not replace, the care that pastors continue to provide. Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting—congregation members and nonmembers alike. Having a Stephen Minister does not mean you or a friend need mental health counseling, but rather that you may benefit from a caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages. The care you or a friend receive is confidential and is intended to help you cope better with whatever challenges you are facing.

If you or someone you know needs confidential care and support, Stephen Ministry is available. For more information, or to request a Stephen Minister, contact CPC today at 336-766-4631.

CPC Grad Connection: CPC connects with high school graduates not living at home through mailings throughout the year. Contact Ronda Cooper rondacooper766@gmail.com.

Elvis Makes A House Call

Word on the street is that CPC's resident Elvis impersonator, Allen Cooper, made a cameo appearance at the SECU Family House on Thursday, March 14 during their dinner hour. The guests there had an inkling that he might pay a visit, so they grabbed a bite to eat and took their seats in the dining room to await his arrival. And once again, Allen did not disappoint!



Dressed in his black leather attire (to match his hair), rings on every finger, plenty of scarves to present to his "favorites", Elvis performed solo to an audience of about 30 adoring fans. They clapped, tapped feet, and sang along with "Peace in the Valley", clearly their favorite. Allen/Elvis did a skillful job of reading his audience, and pulling them into his performance with warmth and compassion; not to mention that his singing was delightful!

The SECU Family House provides temporary affordable housing and respite to adults from outside Forsyth County who are seeking medical treatment at any of our excellent health care facilities. Some of the guests are there for surgery, some for chemo or radiation, some for pre-op and post-op check-ups, some for clinical trials. After a tiring day at one of the hospitals, a little entertainment goes a long way to warm their hearts and put a song on their lips.



Many thanks to Allen Cooper for making their day a little brighter, and to CPC for continuing to support the SECU Family House through its contribution of Welcome Bags, and through its members who volunteer their time and energy to serve there.

Columbarium Update

The columbarium expansion project began in March. We added 24 niches and the project should wrap up some time in April.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche the cost is \$2900 until the end of 2024. Please contact the church office for more info.



April Birthdays



Nancy Terry	1	Roger Harvell	15	Adalynn Cummings	26
Sam Spencer	1	Helen Baucom	16	Larry Welch	26
Agnes Thoma	1	Bryce McPherson	16	Charlie Stone	26
Samantha Aitken	1	Linda Eaton	17	Tyra Rice	26
Peggy Liner	4	Julie Liner	17	Susan Cain	28
Jim Calgaro	6	Christy Sherman	18	Melissa Switzer	28
Susan Garmyn	6	Torva Smith	19	Joyce Sweeten	29
Kathy Markley	7	Jim Speas	20	Don Huffman	29
Peter Simcik	7	Amanda Klinger	22	Andy Spencer	29
Sam Boger	9	Charlotte Swaim	24	Ryan McPherson	29
Dixie Sanspree	9	Lisa Sheehan	25	Ken Lynde	30
Tom Nelson	11	George Jensen	25		
Britt Perkins	12	Jane Cummings	25		

Clemmons Presbyterian Prayers

CPC Members to Remember in Your Prayers

Bonnie Nicol, Frank Smith, Steve & Sally Seawright, Bob Kisel, Jim Farlow, Gail Sellers, Alison Caputi, Charlie Stone, Bob & Beth Maclin, Steve Moss, Ken Lynde, Margaret Moore, Jan Royer, Kerry Mowery, Nancy Shelton, Ann Oates, Larry Gregory, Mary Brookwell, George Jensen, Patty Chidester, Ann Cuningham

Relatives & Friends:

Family of Barbara Ratzlaff (Nate Ratzlaff's mother)
 Callahan Oler (infant relative of Ben Wallace)
 Greg Fleming (Katie McDowell's brother)
 Terry Shuman (nephew of Sonja Jensen)
 Irma Jean Shelton (Agnes Thoma's friend)
 David Baker (Katie McDowell's friend)
 Kelly Belcher (Winn and Frankie Muse's friend)
 Kent and Jane Wold (Bruce Wold's parents)
 Heather McSwain (Roger & Cyndy Hartsfield's family)

The family of Patricia Fleming (Katie McDowell's mother)

Cathy Williamson (Carolyn Brown's sister)

Henry Hayes (Dave Westlake)

Beverley McPherson (Bessie Belcher's sister)

Bob Lingerfelt (Carolyn Brown's brother)

Jennifer Thomas (Carolyn Brown's niece)

Hiroyuki Koyama (Cyndy Hartsfield's daughter-in-law's father)

Special Prayer Concerns:

Peace, All Military Service People & their families, Salem Presbytery Hispanic Mission, CPC members seeking jobs, Rev. John McCall (the PCUSA Mission Worker CPC helps support in Taiwan)

**Please contact the church office
 (office@clemmonspresbyterian.org) with
 updates to the prayer list.**

Condolences to and prayers for:

The family of Nate Ratzlaff upon the death of his mother on March 26.



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
(Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:00 pm)

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*April 28, 2024
4:30pm
CPC front lawn*

Bring your family and pets for a short service of giving thanks for God's creations



ATTENTION

THERE WILL BE NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES ON WED., APRIL 3



Vacation Bible School
needs you!

June 18-21

Please mark your calendars and make plans to come volunteer or bring your children.

Sign ups are now live on the church website!

www.clemmonspresbyterian.org/vbs