



PCR Post

A Newsletter of the Presbyterian Church of Radford

From the Pastors

August 12, 2021

Dear PCR Family,

It seems like we blinked and suddenly it's back-to-school season! The time is going by quickly for us, and from conversations we've had, it sounds like it might be going by quickly for you, too.

Since the summer is a 'slower' time in church life, we (your pastors) have been trying to visit some of you before the baby arrives. We won't be able to visit *everyone* before then, but if you're interested, give us a call or send us an email and we'll get it on our calendar! This is our contact info:

Kelsey: (540) 505-0420, pastorkelseyhf@gmail.com

Peter: (540) 505-0422, pastorpeterhf@gmail.com

These visits are always the highlight of our week!

So, what else have we been up to? Well, we took the better part of a day to plan out worship for the upcoming liturgical year. There's only so much that can get done in a day, but we did do an overview of all the scripture passages for the year, and we chose which ones we will be preaching on. It's always interesting choosing scripture ahead of time, because we have no idea what the future holds, but somehow the scripture is often quite relevant to whatever is going on in our community life!

We were also pleased to call a session meeting a couple of weeks ago to hire Dr. Qianni Yang as PCR's new pianist. We have more about her later on in this newsletter, so stay tuned!

Peter continues to work with the UKirk committee to make plans for the new school year. The RU club fair will be on August 27th, so we would appreciate your prayers over that event! We hope that we can find those students who want loving and affirming spiritual support as they explore what it means to follow Christ as a young adult.

Kelsey has been working with Leonard, our new Director of Music, to help him get oriented here at PCR. Thankfully she knew where the key was to the music room with all of the bells! We will have anthems in worship again starting August 15th, and both the choir and the bell choir will be starting up in the fall as well.

On a personal note, we were blessed to welcome Kelsey's whole family for a weekend. You may have seen them in church, or the back of her dad's head on the worship video... We had to change the camera set up after that! Oops. Anyway, we had a wonderful time introducing them to Radford and to you all.

That about wraps up this month's letter! We're gearing up for September, and we're looking forward to spending more time with you all at the ice cream social!

Your Pastors,
Peter and Kelsey

Welcome to Our New Pianist!

We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Qianni Yang as our pianist! Qianni earned her Bachelor of Piano Performance from Wuhan Conservatory of Music, and then went on to get a Master of Music from Boston University, and a Doctor of Music Arts with a focus on piano performance from the Ohio State University. She is particularly skilled in playing with sensitivity, expressiveness, and excellent technique. Qianni has performed all over the world, from China to Italy, to Carnegie Hall in New York. She has also served as a judge in a variety of music competitions, and she has taught piano to adults and children alike.

Qianni began at PCR on August 8th, and we are looking forward to enjoying the gift of music that she brings. If you would like to listen to her perform, check out her YouTube channel at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFZZSydePF5kBQpWCUQ_k3w/featured

Alternatively, search “Qianni Yang” on YouTube and her channel should come up!

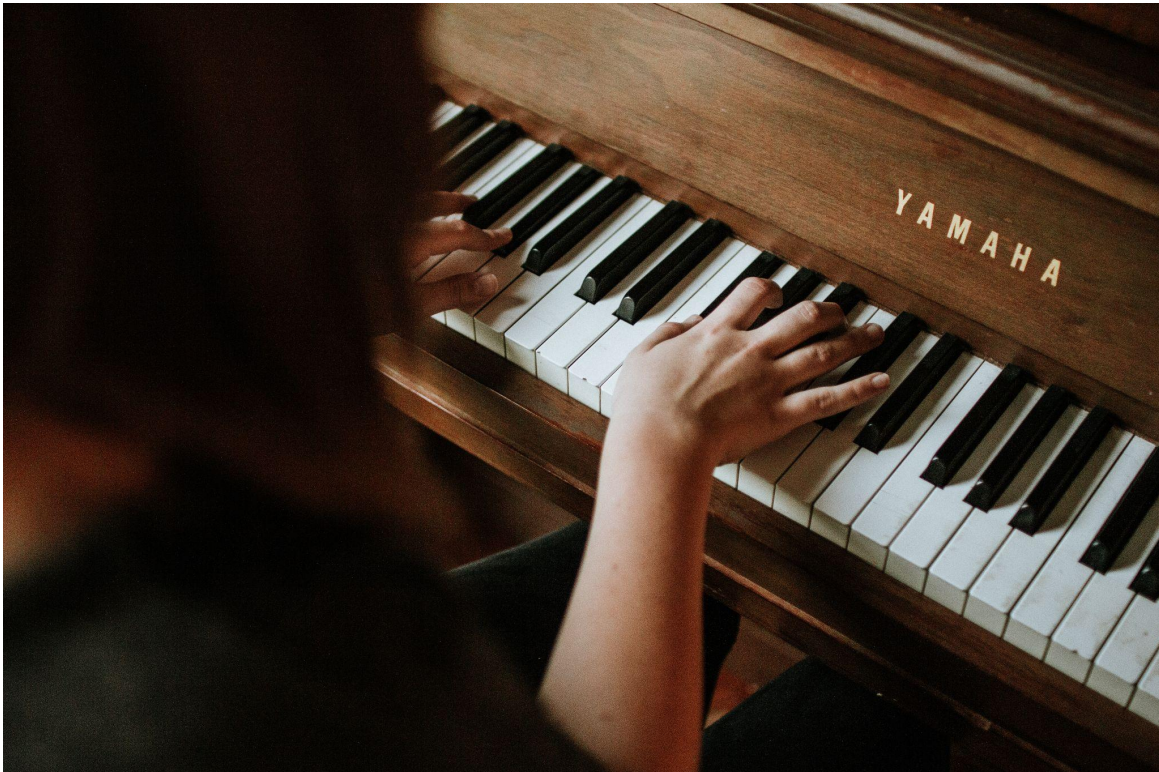


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AUGUST EVENTS



Baby Shower

*Saturday August 21st, 2-4pm
at the Radford Recreation Center*

Please join us for a baby shower for Kelsey and Peter!

They are registered at:

- Babylist Gift Registry [babylist.com/kelsey-hawisher-faul](https://www.babylist.com/kelsey-hawisher-faul)
- Target Gift Registry [target.com/gift-registry/gift/baby-hf](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/baby-hf)

Ice Cream Social

Sunday Aug. 29th at 6pm

The Fellowship Committee welcomes everybody back to our first potluck event since the pandemic. Bring homemade or store-bought ice cream, cookies, or toppings to share, and enjoy dessert and fellowship together. To keep everyone safe, especially unvaccinated children, the food will be dispensed by fully vaccinated, masked, and gloved committee members.

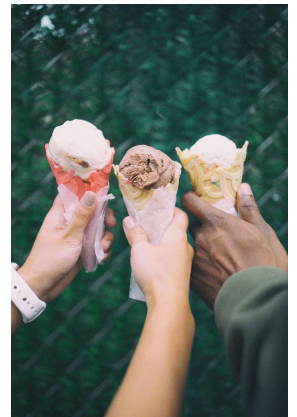


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All Committees Meeting

Following the Ice Cream Social at 7pm

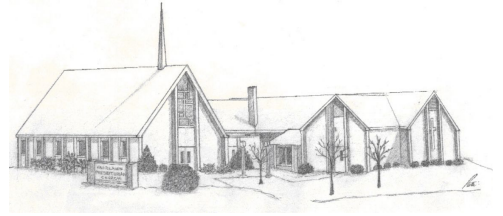
After the ice cream social, please stay for the All Committees planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Members of committees are encouraged to attend to plan events for the coming year.

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COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER...

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church 75th Anniversary

*September 12th - Worship at 11am
followed by a meal*



We've been invited to celebrate Fairlawn Presbyterian Church's 75th anniversary! There will be a special worship service at 11am, followed by a meal in their fellowship hall. Save the date - more details to come!



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Choir & Bell Choir

Choir begins on September 12th! If you're interested in being part of the choir and leading worship through song, email Leonard, our Director of Music, at lwekesa@radford.edu. He will also be getting the bell choir back together, so let him know if you're interested in that as well.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Sunday school starts on September 12th, and we need teachers for:

- children's church,
- the children's Sunday school class
- the junior/senior high class

Ideally, teachers would be able to alternate with 2-3 other volunteers, each teaching one month at a time. That way, we can carry the load together and volunteers would still be able to participate in adult Sunday school and in worship during their 'off' months. Curriculum is provided, and if you need support in preparing to teach (especially if it's your first time), your pastors are happy to help.

Please prayerfully consider if teaching Sunday school is something to which God is calling you! Email Pastor Peter at pastorpeterhf@gmail.com or call/text him at (540) 505-0422 if you are interested.