For several months the Session has been engaged in a discernment process about where God is leading our congregation to move in the future. This process began with the questionnaire sent out to all of you. We received from you valuable input about your joys and concerns about the church and what you value most about who we are. In concert with our finance team we have also been monitoring the budget and long term trends that have made it more difficult to carry out our ministries and programs. Finally we have sought to listen to God’s Spirit speaking in us, between us, and through us about where God wants us to be. Ruling Elder Rob Libbert has written a brief description of the emerging mission paradigm that we believe now represents the beginning of a new chapter for Elkin Presbyterian Church. Our banner is “Feeding Body and Soul.” Please read Rob’s description in this issue and pray over it. If you do, I think you will become as excited about this new direction as I am. I am confident it will be one that can engage every member of our congregation for there are many, many different entry points, many ways to connect to this theme. Let me tell you why I believe this.

First, the church does not simply have a mission. God’s mission has a church. God’s mission in the world has a church as an instrument to carry out that mission. Very simply, we are following Jesus by feeding hungry people. This vision that the Session has been discerning is profoundly “missional.” It is our attempt to orient our church life to becoming instruments of God’s mission in the world. There is no other reason for the church to exist. We believe being sent out on God’s mission is the key to staying vital and finding a level of sustainability.

Second, many members of our church are serving the larger community in very significant leadership roles. In volunteering for service organizations or even working as elected leaders we are as individuals very community minded. But collectively, as a congregation, it has been hard to answer in a few words the question: “What is the mission of EPC?” With this focus on Feeding Body and Soul, each one of us knows what we are about as a church. Yes, there are many other things that we do that do not exactly fit underneath this banner-vision statement. But we anticipate that every committee and every member will be able to join in a unifying synergy as we identify ways to connect with and add this three-year mission focus. Toward that end we invite you to an all-church planning session on September 17 at 4:00-5:30 pm. Whether you are currently on a committee or just interested in learning more about how you might plug in, please join us as we begin to put legs underneath this mission focus.

Finally, this focus of “Feeding Body and Soul” allows us flexibility to support existing ministries and to explore new emerging ones. As Rob mentions, we could re-energize our relationship to TRI-C for example. And we could organize food drives for some of our local schools where we know there are hungry children. And we could explore the possibilities with new emerging partnerships with groups like “Living Waters,” the hydroponic farm that is seeking not only to get fresh food to children but to teach our young how to grow it. One the most exciting models for the new emergent church for the 21st Century is being called “farm church.” These are communities of faith that recognize that agriculture and growing food is the foundation of a healthy society. Our church could enter that conversation going on across the larger church. The possibilities are endless. And, of course, it is not just the body that we seek to nourish but the soul as well. Our commitment to quality worship, fellowship, and education will remain constant.

In the weeks ahead and certainly in our fall stewardship campaign, you will be hearing more about all this. I am sure that the excitement your Session and Pastor feel about this will be contagious for us all. God be with us as we begin this new chapter.

Yours on the journey,

Stuart
As a young child raised in a Presbyterian family and church I was regularly exposed to the stories of the Bible. And none made more of an impression on me than the story of the Garden of Eden. My lively imagination was captured by this beautiful vision of an earthly paradise and as a boy, quite honestly, I was stirred by the love story of Adam and Eve, naked in the Garden. And now so many decades later, that fascination has not dimmed. As a student of the Bible, as a preacher, as a human creature wrestling with what it means to live in God’s world, I still ponder the mystery of our origins as portrayed in Genesis. Never before have I had the opportunity to work through this story in a sustained way with my community of faith. This is what I intend to do over the next six weeks in this preaching series on the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2-4.

While in Genesis 1, the cosmic poetry soars with the litany of the seven days of creation the story; in Genesis 2 revels in the drama of dirt. It is the mysterious story of our primeval origins. It is a simple story as stories go, so writes the theologian Phyllis Trible. Just three short scenes and four major characters; a single location and a single time; an easy movement from beginning to end; sparse in its descriptions and explanations; riddled with ambiguity, embodying tensions and hints and guesses. It compels a multitude of interpretations. Accordingly, the task of the preacher or the hearer of the story is not to eliminate this mystery, but to illuminate it. Genesis 2ff tells a story in which we are reminded that we live in God’s world and not a world of our own making. We are part of a creation that we share with other creatures, but this story probes the human part of this creation. It seeks an answer to why humanity is so, well —“problematic.” Why we are such a problem to ourselves, to God, and to the rest of creation? This story offers light on how we have become alienated from our original goodness, from our fellow creatures, alienated from the Creator who is the source of who we are.

Genesis 2 offers a truth that is in a category all by itself. This story is not I believe intended to be a description of the literal facts of history. I do not believe in one man named Adam and one woman named Eve who existed at a point in time. But nevertheless, I take this scripture very, very seriously as the story of our origins. And it seems to me that this story of the Garden of Eden does not seek to pose as science or to make claims about the physical universe that are only properly made by scientists. Genesis is finally a story from a gifted story teller, passed down from generation to generation around campfires and hearths. Probably more ancient by centuries even than the story of the seven days of creation in Genesis 1. It finally became Holy Scripture to the people of Israel at the darkest moment of their history. While they were in exile in Babylon, where they were forever being indoctrinated into the founding stories of the gods of that brutal empire, I consider this one of the miracles of salvation history, that Israel could tell this story in the midst of the crisis of exile when every other pillar of their faith had been taken from them: a sense of being a sovereign people, of having a land of their own with a temple where God dwelled in their midst. This crisis of exile impelled them to tell again their own story of the Creator of the universe. And so we have it today as Holy Scripture for us with the authority we give to scripture to shape and form our vision of human destiny.

To come fresh to this story we might best detach ourselves first from every interpretation we have ever heard about it. Let’s step back for just a moment from the heavy doctrinal overlay of original sin and the fall, from the ways in which the church has blamed Eve or Adam, the serpent, or even God for all that has gone wrong in a good creation. The themes heard afresh of this story move in so many directions that the story is diminished if we try to reduce it to one single meaning, or doctrine, or idea. There is no easy summary. The telling and retelling of the story gives us permission to imagine different meanings and to gather our own impressions. It is okay to be thrilled by this story, or disturbed. But it is a story if we are willing to wrestle with that can provide us with a deep theological vision of human destiny in this wondrous creation. I look forward to this preaching series. And I hope you will join us.

Yours on the journey,
Stuart

Upcoming Worship: “The Garden of Eden”
A Preaching Series on Our Primeval Origins According to The Genesis Story

September 3: The Ground of Being (Genesis 2:4b-8, 15)
September 10: The Tree at the Center of the Garden (Genesis 2:9-17)
September 17: Adam and Eve - A Love Story Gone Awry (Genesis 2:18-24)
September 24: The Fall into Freedom (Genesis 3:1-13)
October 1: Expulsion from the Garden (Genesis 3:14-22)
October 8: Original Sin as Sibling Rivalry (Genesis 4:1-16)
The Session held our final strategic planning meeting August 20th at Wakefield Farms. This was the third and last strategic planning workshop the Session has held with the goal of defining and focusing the future strategic direction and mission of the church. As a group, we left excited and energized about the future of the church. The Session will share our full proposal and plan during the Stewardship Kickoff, but we’d like to share a brief preview here. Early on in our planning process we identified the need to identify and develop a theme we can focus on as an organization. We felt very strongly that the mission, theme and goals of the church should align very closely with the interests and talents of our members. After much discussion about both the history and the future of the Church, the Session unanimously agreed to focus our future efforts around the theme of “Feeding Body and Soul.” After defining our Mission as an organization, we felt we needed to identify a way to “operationalize” the goal of Feeding Body and Soul. We decided that in order to have the most impact, it will be important to focus our collective efforts as an organization around a single mission goal or organization each quarter. Further, we determined that it made sense to continue to focus on mission goals and organizations the Church and our members are already contributing to via their talents, time and support. To that end, our first organization/mission goal for Q4 2017 will be Tri-C and the Elderly; we will follow that with a School Food Backpack mission in Q1, 2018; Living Waters in Q2 and Habitat/Ark/Grace Clinic in Q3. During each of these times of focus, we will be asking our committees to align their activities to these areas of focus when possible. We are looking forward to sharing more details as we work through our communication plan, but if you have any questions or input, please don’t hesitate to contact Stewart or any member of the session.

~ Rob Libbert

Mission Focus

In keeping with our “culture of generosity” our new focus for the upcoming year as approved by session will be a much inclusive outreach in a variety of areas to and from our church, to our community, and to the world. I hope that you will stay alert to announcements in the following weeks so that you will find your place to serve and help our church to continue and improve our mission work.

As a member of Session and Chair of the Mission Committee, I am excited about the newly designed “all inclusive” mission opportunities for ALL of us. All of the plans that the Mission Committee had are still alive. We have not eliminated any of our previously planned work, but may be looking at focusing on them at a different time in the upcoming year.

Presbyterians are pioneers in service, our missions define us. Christian education and education in general is a valued practice for us. As we start a new school year can we turn our thoughts to the mission of our Public Schools-a place where education is offered to all regardless? As many of us recall our school days, let us reflect on the challenges that our students, teachers, school administrators and school systems take on as they/we fulfill this need for an education. At pcusa.org you can learn about our Presbyterian resources, “Educate A Child/Transform the World” as well as our Presbyterian platform on “Disrupting the Pipeline to Prison.” Please pray for our schools and their leaders, and let’s be a team player in the education game on every front.

As we peek into the October calendar, we will focus on how we at EPC can become “a pillar of the church” as we work towards Peace and Social Justice. Check it out at pcusa.org.

I am always thankful to the pioneers and trailblazers who have orchestrated our Presbyterian mission in the world and in our community and look forward to our future of service at EPC.

Remember Our Big Red Tub for Tri-C

Tri-C’s requested item for September is toothpaste. With the beginning of a new school year approaching, Tri-C clients, like many of us, are experiencing extra costs at this time of year for school supplies, clothes, etc. Let’s help these families better cope by donating non-perishable food and toiletries to our big red tub in the narthex. They are also accepting Bibles to give out to clients.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY 2017
You're Invited!

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast!
Where: Elkin Presbyterian Church
When: Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.

This is our celebration of Sunday School each year as we recognize last year’s teachers and get ready to start a new year with new studies. We hope everyone will come out for breakfast, and stay for Sunday School! There are classes for everyone, no matter what your age or preference. Here’s an overview of what we have in store for this year:

⇒ **Preschool**: Tiffany Reece and Kathy Neumark will be teaching our littlest church members, helping introduce them to Bible stories and start to grow their faith. This class meets in the second room on the right as you come in the Sunday School hall from outside.

⇒ **Explorers**: First through sixth graders will be in the Learning Temple, and we have an exciting new curriculum for this year. We will be following the lectionary texts for Fall of 2017, which focuses on the stories of Jesus in the book of Matthew.

⇒ **Youth**: Our youth group is also starting a new curriculum this fall. With a strong focus on our reformed theology, they will get a chance to tackle subjects such as who actually wrote the Bible and how it was organized, all with fun videos and great discussion topics.

⇒ **Adult**: We have two great adult classes to choose from. In the Parlor Class, Shelby O'Toole leads a Bible study each Sunday from the Presbyterian Curriculum, *The Present Word*. Down the hall, Shane Atwood also leads a lively discussion group, focusing on the Bible’s text and working through short passages each Sunday.

If you’re looking for a way to get involved with the church, Sunday School is a great place to start. If you’re interested in doing more than joining a new class, we’re always looking for people to help lead our children’s and youth classes. These classes are taught on a rotating schedule, so if you want to teach one or two Sundays a quarter, we are glad to bring you on board. To find out more about teaching, contact Karen Alley at 336-957-8596 or karenalley3@yahoo.com.

I hope that you will make Sunday School a part of your Sunday morning routine. We don't have pancakes every Sunday, but there's always coffee and doughnuts! Come grab a cup of coffee and enjoy Bible study and fellowship with good friends.

~ Karen Alley

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Members Welcome!

If you are interested in becoming a part of our Membership Committee, please contact me at vdinkins_fitforlife@yahoo.com or at 336-374-8214 I would love your input on welcoming new members into our church family, as well as ways to support our congregation.

God Bless,

~ Vicky Tysor
EPC Men’s 2017 Retreat

Twelve EPC men reviewed the history of leadership in their lives during their 2017 Retreat on August 25-27 at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Center near Laurel Springs in Alleghany County. In attendance were Sam Bishop, Nick Carpentier, Robin Chandler, Woody Faulk, Andrew Mackie, Dr. Andras Neumark, Jim Poinexter, B. D. Reece, Wayne Stone, Pastor Stuart Taylor, Van Whitaker, and Chris Willingham. Dr. Neumark organized the event and served as its photographer. This year’s theme was “Leadership.”

On Friday evening after dinner, Pastor Stuart Taylor led the group to remember the time when we became aware of the leaders in our lives. Our first leaders were our parents, teachers, and pastors. Many of us continued receiving training in the Boy Scouts, in school sports, and on-the-job training in business in business, education, government and the military. We discussed what made effective leaders and what did not. On Saturday morning, we discussed leadership experiences in our lives as fathers and in our occupations and volunteer groups.

We took time off to explore the campground and its surrounding trails on Saturday afternoon, and had fellowship at the Freeborn Restaurant in Laurel Springs. On Saturday night, the group viewed Invictus, a 2009 movie about a black man and a white man who worked together to unify the new nation of South Africa. The time was 1994, after apartheid ended and Nelson Mandela was elected the first president. Mandela, played by Morgan Freeman, worked with Francois Pienaar, played by Matt Damon, the captain of the Springboks national rugby team, to win the 1995 World Cup of Rugby against almost impossible odds. The movie showed how the commitment of both men led them to use their intelligence, imagination, and leadership to overcome challenges to achieve a common goal. It was an inspiring film.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, the group discussed the movie and reviewed what we had learned about leadership during the retreat, which affirmed the value of a retreat for exploring important topics apart from our busy lives. Another value of a weekend retreat is that strangers became friends and mutual support increased. To close the retreat, Pastor Stuart Taylor led the group in a celebration of The Eucharist.

We’re already looking forward to returning to Laurel Ridge Conference Center next year for our fifth annual men’s retreat, and our third consecutive year there. Laurel Ridge Conference Center, one of the most attractive settings in this area, is about 2,000 feet higher in elevation than Elkin, and where the thin fogs blowing across the campground are actually clouds. The management and staff at Laurel Ridge helped make the retreat more relaxing and enjoyable -- Tise Lodge was ready when we arrived; and the delicious meals prepared in nearby Higgins Hall added value to the weekend. Our goal for the future is that more men will attend next year to enjoy “a mountain place set apart for forming disciples of Jesus Christ who live and learn in community to serve in the world.”

Future Plans

Additional social and work gatherings for the Men’s Group are also being planned. We will not continue to have our fourth Sunday morning breakfast meetings on a regular basis. Instead we are planning on getting together from time-to-time at different locations with no specific programs in mind, just to get to know one another better. We will, however, continue to have some formal meetings for spiritual enrichment and help with community activities, as well as assist other committees where and when needed here at EPC.

~ Andrew L. Mackie

Volunteers Needed - Cycle NC

Cycle NC, an annual cross-state bicycle ride, will be spending the night in Elkin on Sunday, October 1st. This group will be camping in Elkin Municipal Park and about 200 riders will be eating Sunday dinner and Monday breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to approximately 8:00 and Monday morning from 5:00 to approximately 9:00 to help set-up tables, bus tables, and clean-up. A caterer will be providing the food. If you can help, please call Sam Bishop at 336-526-2237 and leave message, or email samdbishop@yahoo.com and let him know what hours you can help. Thanks.

~ Sam Bishop
PRESBYTERIAN (USA)  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS  

“You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the “GAP — Give, Act, Pray.”

Our gifts are urgently needed now to support the many communities devastated by Hurricane Harvey that struck the Texas coast last weekend, bringing lashing winds and rain. Harvey has brought historic flooding, submerging homes, churches, businesses and roads. Many are facing grief, uncertainty, and weary days. We have pulled together information from PDA’s webpage on how we can help support their emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Harvey. We can help with our financial support in a couple of ways: Give a donation in the offering plate, using the special offering pew envelope and designate it DR000169-Harvey, or donate directly to Presbyterian PDA, P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 or donate online to PDA @ https://pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift /gift-info/DR00169. We can help by putting together “Gift of the Heart” kits for our neighbors in the affected areas. Most needed are the Cleanup Bucket Kit and the Hygiene Kit. We are asking you to buy items from either list below and bring them to church fellowship hall by Wednesday, September 13. At our first Kirk Night on that Wednesday, we will begin to assemble the kits to be shipped to the designated Presbyterian USA Disaster Assistance Team. Let’s help those in need by standing in the “GAP.”

Cleanup Bucket - Value $75
1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid*  
5 — scouring pads  
7 — sponges, assorted sizes  
1 — scrub brush  
1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)  
1 — box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.  
1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.  
1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.  
1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 Clothesline, two 50’ or one 100’  
5 — dust 5 -masks  
2 — pair latex gloves (like Playtex)  
1 pair — work gloves  
1—24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)  
1 — bottle insect repellant (pump, drops, or lotion -- not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Hygiene Kit—Value $15
1 — hand towel (approximately 16” x 28” (no fingertip or bath towels)  
1 — nail clipper (Update: nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package.)  
1 — wash cloth  
1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)  
1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)  
1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)  
10—Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips

Cleanup Bucket : Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. *Some local fast-food restaurants are willing to give pickle buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets.

Hygiene Kit: Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.
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**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

September 01—Alicia Billings
September 03—Carolyn Smith
September 05—Karen Alley, Noah Willingham
September 08—Caroline Alley
September 10—Nancy Fulp, Brenna Myers, Andras Neumark
September 11—Don Garner

September 12—Howard Campbell, Kate Snow
September 17—Mary Ellyn Humiston
September 19—Pat Cosby
September 20—Carter Alley
September 24—Veronica Sellars
September 29—Lillie Brumfield

**SEPTEMBER MINISTRY OF THE MEMBERS**

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Benita Ford | Stacey Libbert  
Harper Lee Libbert | Shane Atwood  
Beth Garner | **Teresa Smith**, Chris, Maddie,  
Caleb & Noah Willingham |
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Courtney Snyder | **Zach Myers**, Jake Myers,  
Robert Myers, Sam Bishop |
| 24   | Will Gwyn                | Barbara Fulp | Tiffany Reece | Sam Bishop  
Randy Tulbert | **Will Gwyn**, Ken Hon,  
Larry Culler, John Prigmore |

**LOVE AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Church Family:**
Lowell Bushong
Howard Campbell
Bob and Joan Garwood
Veronica Sellars
Dewey & Jean York

**Extended Family:**
Owen Henning (Kate Carpentier’s Father)
Alice Lewis (Daughter of Joe & Pam Mickey)
Mary Mayhew (Linda Brown’s Sister)
Bettie Motsinger
Mary Gale Price

**Extended Care:**
Bob Garwood (Hugh Chatham Nursing Center)
Fran Greene
Linda Habershaw
Dewey York
Jean York (Hugh Chatham Nursing Center)

**Military Personnel & Families:**
Tyler Darden (Hunter Darden’s Son)
Richard Gwyn (Will & Lori Gwyn’s Son)
Christopher Habershaw (Bob & Linda Habershaw’s Son)

**OUR SYMPATHY**

‑ Jewel Brown and sons, George and Mark, upon the death of Reverend William “Bill” Brown on Saturday, July 22. Bill served as Pastor of Elkin Presbyterian Church from 1965 to 1988 at which time he retired.
‑ Kathleen Roberts and family upon the death of Preston on Monday, July 24.
‑ Ann and Ron Ashman and family upon the death of Ann’s sister, Mrs. Marilyn Weinberg, on Monday, August 14, in Belvedere, California.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers over the days and weeks ahead.