



The Breath

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



There is a new movie out called "Hidden Figures" which tells the true story about Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughan, who worked as "human computers" at NASA, when the space program was in its infancy. Since computers were just starting to be used, these ladies were assigned to collect flight data and verify whether the new computers were correct or not, and in some cases the computers were not correct.

The main character is Katherine Johnson, (a Presbyterian) who had amazing math skills and showed technical leadership to a group of white male engineers, who were not sure what to think about this "African American female genius". Katherine did the calculations for the 1961 trajectory flight for Alan Shepard who was the first American in space. In 1962, she verified the calculations for fellow Presbyterian John Glenn, who was the first American to orbit the earth. In fact, Glenn trusted Johnson's calculations for his flight more than the computer because she had found earlier errors with some of the computer calculations.

Katherine is also known for her trajectory calculations for the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, which was the first human voyage to the moon. She also had a vital role in making adjusted calculations which enabled the Apollo 13 crew to make a safe return to the earth after experiencing problems. In her later career at NASA, she worked on the Space Shuttle program, and encouraged students to pursue careers in the fields of science and technology.

Katherine Johnson went to work at NASA shortly after that agency started hiring African Americans and women, and from 1953-1986, her computations influenced every major space program from the Mercury launches through to the space shuttles, and as a result of her work, she was awarded the "Presidential Medal of Freedom". In May, 2016, the new Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility was dedicated at the NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA.

Katherine is 98 years old, and is a long-time member of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA, where she has served the church in many capacities.

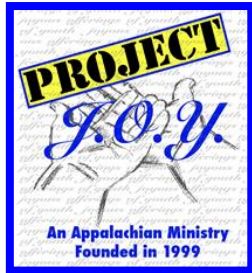
It has been said that Katherine Johnson is "a true space hero, but one of the people you rarely hear about" unless you read the book or see the movie called "Hidden Figures". (Information from the Presbyterian News Service)

Isn't it amazing how God works in mysterious and wondrous ways!

And that is the Good News!

Pastor Jimmie

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	2 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study – 7:00	3 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 George Harper	4 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 George Harper's 80th Birthday Celebration – 12:00
5 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Worship Service 1:00 WALK – 5:00	6 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	7 Jimmie – out of the office Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin Kathy Ware	8 Jimmie – out of the office Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	9 Jimmie – out of the office Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study	10 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	11 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
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The Faces of Harlan 2016 – Part 3

As a group of volunteers we are constantly reviewing what we are doing, why we are doing it, what can we do different or better, and most important; what does God want us to do? Here are a couple of answers to the last question. We gave out over 1200 pair of underwear. Terry Culp was wearing a donated lap shawl around her shoulders, when she spotted an elderly lady in a wheelchair. Terry took the shawl off and went up to the lady and asked her if she would like it. She said yes and Terry helped her position the shawl in her lap. So why do we go 250 miles away when there are people close that need help? The simple answer is because this is what God has called us to do for the last 18 years. As someone said, “we are helping to take pressure off the working poor.”

It is more than that. The prayer requests continue. Pauline and Toney Roberts was a couple from Baxter, KY, whom Richard Oyaro had prayed with, that I met, talked and prayed with. They had been married for twenty years. Prior to that Pauline was a single mom, with young daughters, and Toney was a drug dealer. Pauline prayed that God would send her someone that would take care of her and her three daughters. Toney had a sixth grade education and had been shot twice during drug deals. God brought them together. Pauline told Toney that he would have to give up drugs entirely to be around her and her daughters. God took drugs away from Toney and God has humbled them both. One can see thanksgiving and praise in their hearts as they speak. It was a great blessing to see God work in these two people. They also asked prayers for Jason Maggard who is a 32 year old heart transplant recipient. Jason acknowledges the miracle of God, but he does not walk with God daily. Barbara Mullins was with Pauline and Toney and she asked for prayers for guidance and direction in her life.

Kathy Crouch has four grandkids that live with her. Two of her grandkids have babies as well as very little income. She asks for job opportunities and wisdom.

Harlan seems to be an area where there is a distinct line between the “haves” and the “have nots”. This distance seems to be getting greater. Mike Howard, Elder



Birthday Reception

Jennie Harper would like to invite the PLPC family to an 80th birthday reception for George on Saturday, February 4th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the church.

Come and have birthday cake and wish George a Happy Birthday.



The Ladies of PLPC

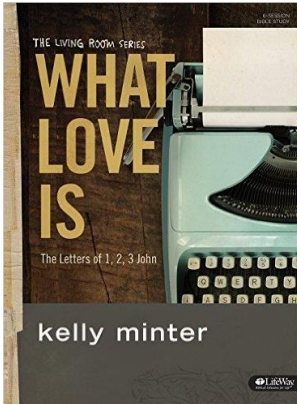
Dear Church family, I have finally gotten my legs working, so now I will try to get a thank you card off to all my wonderful friends at church for all the delicious food everyone brought to Dallas and me. Everything was delicious and we enjoyed it all so much. I apologize for my tardiness and wish so much that I was faster writing, but my heart was there for all of you and Dall and I enjoyed every bite. The Presbyterian women are marvelous cooks. Many thanks to each and every one of you. All our love and God bless, Dallas and Florence



Thank You from the Gothard Family

Dear PLPC family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, visits and meals. Our family truly appreciates everything you've done. You have made a very difficult time easier to bear. We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive extended family in our church. We have felt Christ's peace and love each day. Love, Lenna, Bill and the entire Gothard Family



Discovering 'What Love Is' and bringing the Luke study to an end in WALK

The Sunday WALK is set to finish its 7-week series with Kelly Minter titled "What Love Is" in February. The group meets weekly from 5-6:30 p.m. Feel free to join us for this DVD study on the 3 Letters of John. .

The Wednesday WALK group, meeting each week from 6-7 p.m., will finish its verse-by-verse study in Luke in February. Stay tuned for news about the next study.

WALK, in its seventh year, has grown into a supportive group of women who pray and care for one another as we each seek God's Will for our lives. For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at Crystal.caviness@gmail.com or 615.306.3401.



PLPC exceeds previous Kenyan school tuition sponsorships in 2017

Because of the generosity of members and friends of Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, approximately 90 children in Lower Bodoi, Kenya, started school a couple of weeks ago, the most students sponsored in a single school year to-date.

In Kenya, the school year is comprised of three terms that begin in January. Through Angaza Nuru, school tuition was provided for families who may not be able to afford the cost of sending their children to school, where school fees and uniforms are required for every student. Many of the students who were sponsored also received new uniforms, thanks to the PLPC sponsorships.

On February 12th, members of the Angaza Nuru team will share information during a mission moment about how the tuition fees have benefited individual students. You'll be inspired by the stories!



PLPC Ladies Retreat gathered more than 25 women for a time to #sparkjoy

More than 25 women met for the 6th Annual PLPC Ladies Retreat for a time to learn to #sparkjoy and #lifelifebetter on the shores of Percy Priest Lake at the YMCA Outdoor Center.

The weekend event gathered women of all ages as they discovered what the Bible says about

joy and how to find joy in their own lives. There was also a session on how decluttering may lead to a more joyful home!

Retreat goers extend gratitude to speakers Emily Martin, Cat Bradford, Valerie Barton and Marilyn McGovern. Also, many thanks to Florence Nkosi, Leesa Fields and Kathy Ware who shared during Sunday's worship. As always, we appreciate the musical gifts that Victoria Schneider shares with our group. We appreciate the planning team also, comprised of Leesa Fields, Marilyn McGovern, Valerie Barton and Crystal Caviness.

Make plans to join the PLPC women on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon for an outing to Thistle Farms in Nashville for brunch and shopping. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Thistle Farms Cafe is located at 5128 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37209.

Save the date for the 7th Annual PLPC Ladies Retreat: January 27 and 28, 2018 (fourth weekend in January).



Each Sunday, Room in the Inn serves a hot breakfast to residents of its homeless shelter as well as guests.

This month we are scheduled to work on Sunday, February 26th. As a reminder, PLPC has committed to volunteer downtown on the fourth Sunday of every other month. Our commitment falls on the even months, and work begins at 7:15 am. If you have never volunteered with this ministry, we would love for you to join us! If you are interested in participating, please see Laura Bradford or Mike Howard for more information.

If you are able to participate or if you have any questions about what is involved, please contact Laura Bradford as soon as possible at 615-223-9846 or laurap414@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your help and continued commitment.



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