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The Eusebia Sower



Blessed are those who trust in the Lord . . . They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

(Jeremiah 17:7-8)

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TO GROW IN AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Wellness: Body, Mind, Spirit



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN

(All meditations & sermons by Dr. Mounger, unless noted otherwise; Elder of the Month Sherry Hedrick.)

AUGUST



Aug. 3. 8th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:45 a.m.- Holy Communion, "The Healing of the Nations" (Revelation 22:1-5).

11:45 a.m.- Brief (about 10 minutes) Service for Wholeness for those who linger.

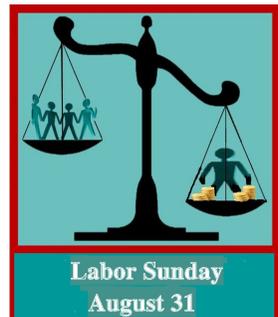


Aug. 10. 9th Sun. after Pentecost. 10:45 a.m.- Hayley Pierpont shares moving encounters with God and human beings experienced on her Mission Trip to Guatemala with other Queens University students!

Aug. 17. 10th Sun. after Pentecost. 10:45 a.m.- Guest preacher the Rev. Harold O'Bannon, "God's Rule, Our Hope" (Daniel 7:1-14).

Aug. 24. 10:45 a.m., 11th Sun. after Pentecost. 10:45 a.m.- "Have You Joined a League of the Decent?" (Luke 18:9-14).

Aug. 31. 10:45 a.m., 12th Sun. after Pentecost. LABOR SUNDAY- "Whatever Became of the Sabbath?" (Mark 2:23-28); Liturgist this Sunday LeRoy Paulsen.



Labor Sunday
August 31

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND VERBAL SUPPORT Eusebia's two newest ruling elders **John Mechler** and **Connie Olschewske**, who were ordained to this holy office on Sunday, July 27, and installed in the Class of 2016.

GUESTS FROM FAR AND NEAR—SOME OF THEM, IN 18TH-CENTURY, REVOLUTIONARY WAR COSTUME--FLOCK TO EUSEBIA'S SPECIAL CEREMONY ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE JULY FOURTH!

When children and youth of Eusebia placed small 13-starred, “Betsy Ross” flags on each of the known graves of the 15 Revolutionary War veterans interred in our cemetery, Tennessee President of the Sons of the American Revolution Claude Hardison, Jr., and SAR Chaplain Dr. John Wakefield both declared that they knew of no other graveyard with so many warriors for American independence!

Members of SAR and DAR chapters from as distant as Abingdon, Virginia, and Chattanooga stayed for our special “Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Nation” that followed.

Two notable Eusebia graves of patriots are those of Joseph Black, Sr. (1745-1825), who founded Black’s Fort in Virginia, the first English-speaking community west of the Blue Ridge, that later became the town of Abingdon; and John Cusick (1744-1816), who was to become Black’s brother-in-law and who, fighting at the major Battle of King’s Mountain (1780) with John Sevier’s “Sharpshooters,” shot dead, out of the saddle, the British commander, thus leading to a big patriot victory. This led eventually to Cornwallis’ surrender at Yorktown a year later, and U.S. independence.

Since this event we’ve learned of at least a 16th Revolutionary War vet buried at Eusebia, whose grave is unmarked and unknown, Warner Martin, who died in 1808.

(Most photos are by LeRoy Paulsen.)



Unidentified “patriot” in period costume gazes at Revolutionary War vet’s grave in Eusebia’s cemetery, June 29.



Eusebia Church youth Janna McMurray places “Betsy Ross” flag at graves of her patriot ancestor Samuel McMurray (1750-1821).



Church members, guests at flag decoration of Revolutionary War veterans’ graves, before our June 29 service of worship.



Procession into the sanctuary to the hymn “America the Beautiful.”



BRING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO OUR VERY SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, AUG. 10!

In 10:45 a.m. worship **Hayley Pierpont**, daughter of our congregation and of **Ron and DeAnn**, and sister of **Laura**, will share some of her amazing experiences on her recent mission trip to Guatemala.

With eight other students from PCUSA-related Queens University, Charlotte, N.C., she went to the Central American country to work in schools and Christian projects to assist especially impoverished children.

Above is Hayley with two elementary students near beautiful Lake Atitlan in the volcanic highlands. Among many other things, the group assisted in remarkable work by Christians in *La Limonade* ("Lemonade"), Guatemala's worst slum, located in a ravine of the capital city.

A question for Hayley and for all Christians: in view of the dangers to children in Central America, and especially the perils that they face en route as many, often alone, flock now to the U.S.A.'s southern borders, what should be the response of us *Norte Americano* followers of Christ?

Do the words of Jesus in Mark 9:37, 42 apply here? And the words of Emma Lazarus at the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired your poor . . . ;"?

Or is the whole question simply "unspiritual" and just controversial "meddling in politics?"

--Dwyn Mounger, Interim Pastor



1 July 2014

Your service of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Nation was very appropriate for celebrating our country's birth and remembering the 15 Patriots who rest in the Eusebia Cemetery. We are so thankful for those men who fought to gain our freedom and independence.

We are especially thankful to find the final resting place of our forefather who established Black's Fort in Abingdon. Our DAR Chapter is named for Joseph Black, Sr.

We were so proud to participate in your worship service. Thank you for inviting Black's Fort DAR to share your service. We appreciate the pictures you shared.

Hopefully, some of our members can participate in your service in 2015.

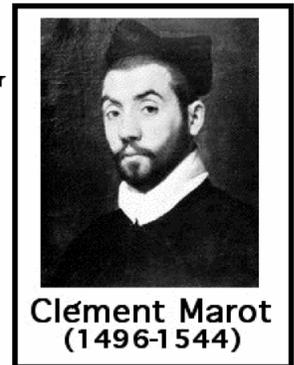
Carol Graybeal, Regent
Black's Fort DAR

I know that when I pray, something wonderful happens. Not just to the person or persons for whom I'm praying, but also something wonderful happens to me. I'm grateful that I'm heard.

--the late poet Maya Angelou

Verse by Clément Marot
Leader of the 16th-century French Renaissance, poet, Huguenot (Protestant), author of Genevan and French metrical paraphrases of the Psalms:

*Le laboureur à sa charrue,
Le charretier parmi la rue,
Et l'artisan en sa boutique
Avec un psaume ou un cantique,
En son labeur se soulager.*



Clément Marot
(1496-1544)

The farmer at his plow,
The wagon-driver on the street,
And the artisan in his shop,
In his toil, cheers himself
With a psalm or a hymn.

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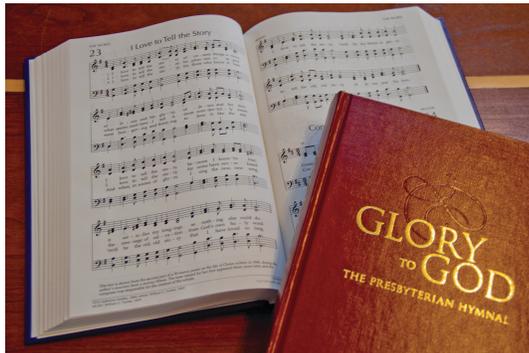
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In our ongoing drive to purchase for use in our worship copies of the excellent, new hymnal *Glory to God*, we've given \$542.

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A generous Eusebia member, who prefers anonymity, will match your monetary gift.

Glory to God, with 853 hymns, includes virtually all of those in the two hymnals that we now must juggle in worship, plus many others—including new but theologically sound, inspiring "praise hymns" and newer but easily learned ones from around the world!



EUSEBIANS JOIN PARADE CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

On the hot evening of July 2 three members of our congregation joined the Presbytery of East Tennessee's contingent—mainly from Maryville and Knoxville—in a march to Knoxville's Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where they heard inspiring talks by veteran Civil Rights activists Rabbi Israel Dresner and Dr. Dorie Ladner.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act ended legal segregation of the races in the U.S.A. Above, holding Presbytery sign are Eusebian **Connie Olschewske** and **the Rev. Eugene Thomas**, of Rocky Springs PC(USA). Eusebian **Tim Crawford** is back row, far left.

A thank-you note for assisting in the celebration was received from Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero.

(photo by Dwyn Mounger)