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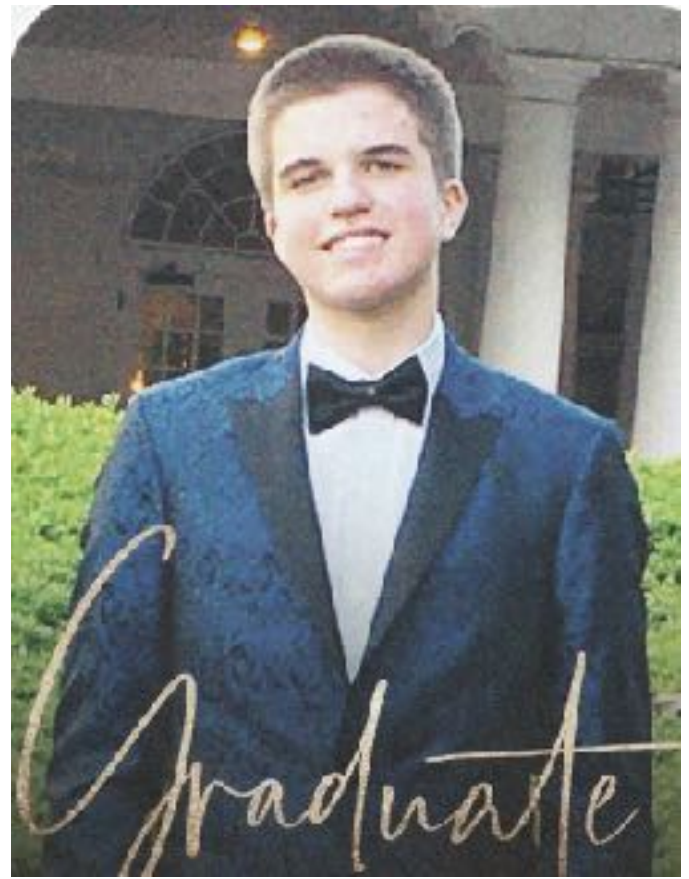
Summer 2023

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Patrick Peele (above), son of Dwayne and Debbie Peele and the grandson of the late Clinton and Kay Peele, graduated in May with his Masters in Science - Nutrition and Dietetics from Appalachian State University. Patrick was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when he was 13 years old and turned a life changing diagnosis into something positive. His personal experience and education will help so many others. Patrick and his fiancée, Britney Utt, are high school sweethearts and will be married in August.

Cooper Thomas (below), son of Melvin and stepmom Stephanie Thomas and Kelli B. Thomas, graduated from Union Pines High School on June 9. He will attend East Carolina University this fall to study sports advertising. Cooper is the grandson of Michael and Carol Thomas.



Session Notes

May 16, 2023

After an opening devotion from Moderator John Baker, Clerk Cathy McRae announced that a quorum was present and proceeded to business with the request from Josh and Traci Via for the baptism of Lainey Rae by Reverend Kathryn Dudley on May 21. The Session examined the Vias with questions from the Book of Order. There was a motion to approve the request and all agreed.

The Vias left and Cathy made a report from the Manual of Operations committee. Small changes have been recommended; she, Gene Frazelle and Cheryl Bacon will have a meeting and then present the revised manual to the Session.

Under Committee reports, for the Budget and Finance Committee, Gene reported that everything is going well. Three college scholarships of \$900 each were awarded this spring to high school seniors. This is part of the church's mission; Laura Younts, Jane Ethridge and Linda Seiberling are the members of the scholarship committee. Terry Keith suggested that we invite the scholarship winners to come to the Sunday service on June 4 or 11 to be recognized, as a means of expanding our mission work. Kathy Oldham was absent so there was no Treasurer's report.

Terry reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that painting was continuing; the back entry hall looks good. The sound system repair will be much less expensive than anticipated. Dawn Barber for the Fellowship Committee and Cheryl Bacon for Membership had no news to report.

Karen Keith said the Mission and Outreach Committee had chosen projects for tithing the Gilchrist money. Global projects included fishing nets, water pumps and chickens and the Ministry of Hope for healthcare in Africa. Local projects include a spaghetti dinner in September to support Friend to Friend, Teen Challenge, the Moore Free Clinic and Teen Workz. Linda Seiberling for the Worship Committee handed out a list of supply pastors for upcoming months and reported on the new floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

Terry said that the Pastor Nominating Committee had published the Mission Information Form approved by the Session online and received 24 matches the next day. Many of them were good candidates and will be considered by the PNC.

The Moderator had no report to make. The Session agreed to forego a meeting in July and with a closing prayer, they went out into the cool spring evening.

—by Cheryl Bacon