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The COLUMNS



First Presbyterian Church
Waynesboro, VA

First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro is a community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God's grace.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:45 AM—Communion Worship Service; Barksdale Room

11:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service; Sanctuary

Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday - 8:00 – 2:30

Thursday – 8:00 – 4:30

Friday – Closed

Each weekday I turn on my car radio to listen to my favorite on-air personality, Kimberlea Daggy (on listener-supported radio WMRA 90.7), so Kimberlea's measured and melodic voice may bring me up to date on the latest news and happenings around the Shenandoah Valley. But every now and again, as I settle into my daily routine, that same voice will start asking me to give money for WMRA's latest pledge drive! Are you kidding me? Here I am trying my best to stay informed and expand my cultural horizons and Kimberlea has the audacity to start hitting me up for cash in the privacy of my own car! The nerve of some people! I would change the station, but commercial radio is so awful nowadays. At least Kimberlea's sales pitch respects my intelligence...

All kidding aside, it is very important to support your local public radio station and I give Kimberlea much credit. It's not easy to ask people to donate their hard-earned money, and this is the part of the job public radio personalities and pastors share in common. Folks in the church don't particularly enjoy being bothered by such matters either. I mean, here we are trying to expand our spiritual horizons by giving thanks to God, while celebrating the faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ, and yet the subject of stewardship always rears its ugly head. Pastors face the challenge of figuring out how to underscore the urgency of stewardship without causing people to turn off and stop listening. No pastor likes to talk about money. Like you, we much prefer to spend time and energy speaking about faith in God, the need for justice, Christ's love and grace, etc. etc., and not matters of fiscal responsibility. (Fundraising must have been in the fine print of the ordination agreement.)

The subject of stewardship brings out an ironic contradiction in this one, holy, catholic and apostolic church: Although we are taught by scripture to forswear all attachments to wealth and money, the fact of the matter is that the church depends mightily upon financial support for its mission ministry. And the funniest part is that this is nothing new! In his letters Paul is constantly appealing to others to support the church community. The Book of Acts speaks extensively of the financial practices of the early church. Even Jesus and his disciples relied upon the hospitality of others to support Christ's ministry.

So how do we address this strange contradiction? First, we must reorient our thinking on the subject of stewardship. Christians should always warn against the empty, self-serving pursuit of wealth. Wealth must be as God has intended it—as a means and not an end—another tool we use to fulfill our calling to serve others. Of course God wants us to be successful; of course God wants us to provide generously for our families. God even wants us to have fun with the fruits of our labor—yet still, we must do so while bearing in mind the one from whom such blessings originate. All that we have, all that we do, and all that we are, belong first and foremost, to the Lord, our God.

Second, it is important for us to remember during this Thanksgiving season how stewardship is a means of offering gratitude for all God has already given us. We could not exist without this creation that sustains us. We would have no guidance without the scriptures or the Holy Spirit. We would be lost and alone without knowledge of God's faithfulness and loving kindness. And if these gifts were not enough, most of all, God has already given us the ultimate gift in the One in whom God's fullness dwells. As the church we are led by Christ's teaching, inspired by his humility, and redeemed by his self-sacrificing love and grace—a gift which, understandably, exceeds all earthly price.

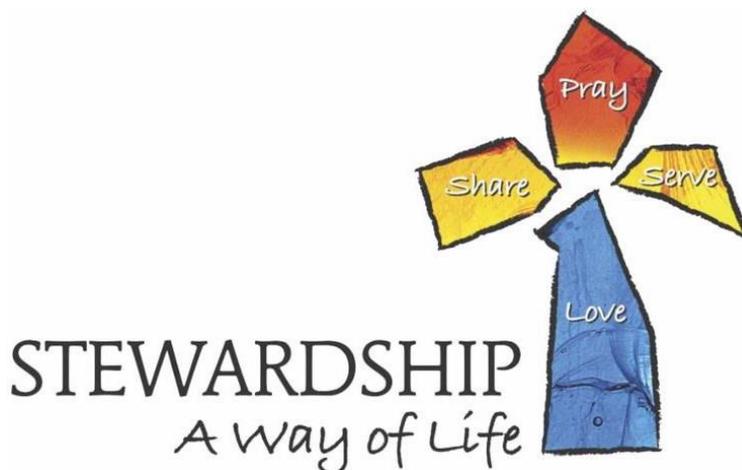
Of course giving can be difficult for many people. Whether it is the rising cost of healthcare, an unexpected setback, changes in employment or other odds and ends, it's not always possible to support the church in the manner we might wish. However, let us also be reminded that money is not the only means of stewardship; we must be generous with our time and talent as well. There is always work to be done, whether it is maintaining the physical grounds of the church, participating in a mission project, or merely engaging in the day-to-day life and fellowship of First Presbyterian Church. There will always be a need, and as I often remind folks, a check is nice, but it is a poor substitute for being present.

With that in mind, I would like to once again echo Billy Bare's invitation to join us for Stewardship Commitment Sunday, this November 19 at 11:00. It's no secret that great things are happening every day at First Presbyterian Church. We are blessed with a top-notch music program, enlightening educational opportunities, a supportive and dedicated Preschool, fun and informative fellowship events, beautiful facilities, as well as meaningful mission projects which serve people in our community and around the world! (I hear even the preacher's not half-bad either!) These blessings we enjoy as a community of faith are a direct result of your beneficence, and for this, I would like to say thank you! We are particularly blessed with a congregation which proves again and again to be generous, welcoming and eager to serve.

Let's keep up the good work for this coming year!

"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." —I Timothy 6:17-19

Grace & Peace,
George





November Music Notes

The month of November opens with another First Friday Noontime Concert and Lunch. Roger Daggy will present a program on our fantastic 1893 Woodberry and Harris pipe organ on Friday 3 November. The concert will begin at 12:15 and last approximately half an hour. Following the program, please join Roger in the Parlor for a light luncheon. Bring your friends!

We welcome Dr. Paolo Steinberg to our Sanctuary on Sunday 12 November. The JMU Professor of Piano played a concert at First Pres in August, and those in attendance were so touched by his musicianship that they asked if he could play on a Sunday morning. Dr. Steinberg is a man of deep faith who attends Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg. He will play piano during the anthem and offertory at the 11:00 service on the 12th.

Our wonderful choir will continue to enhance our worship experience with music composed in the 20th century. On 5 November the choir will sing Eugene Englert's *O Holy Banquet* for our communion service. Englert composed the piece in 1976 and also translated the ancient text, *O sacrum convivium*. Sunday 19 November is Stewardship Sunday, and the choir will reprise the anthem they sang for last years' service, *Treasures in Heaven*, written by Joseph W. Clokey in 1941. The last Sunday of the month, which falls after Thanksgiving, is the final Sunday of the church year. The choir will celebrate Christ the King on Sunday 26 November with Peter Aston's 1978 setting of Psalm 96, *O Sing Unto the Lord*.

Thank you for your continued support of the music program at First Presbyterian Church!
Roger and Kimberlea Daggy



We would like to take a moment to once again express our gratitude for the wonderful show of support we received through our card and gift certificate presented to us at our fellowship dinner on Oct. 25. We will look forward to making use of it quite soon! The act of ministry would be impossible without the encouragement of good people such as yourselves. We are truly blessed to be among you!

Grace & Peace,



The Children had a great month in October learning about apples, going to the library, visiting with the Waynesboro Fire Department and dressing up for Halloween. They also learned about Scotland, thanks to a great presentation by Mark Henderson the week of the Kirkin' o' th' Tartan service.

In November the children will learn more about letters, numbers, and shapes. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with art work, etc. and begin learning songs for the Christmas Program on December 14 at 6:30PM.

Please walk through the Preschool hallways when at church and enjoy the creative, fun art work the children have produced, guided by our wonderful teachers.

The children and staff of the Preschool give thanks to all of you and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a Stated Meeting on October 12, 2017.

The Administration & Outreach Committee has been divided into two sub-committees (P&M and Personnel). They also have responsibility for Communications and the Chair of this committee is the Chair of the Church Nominating Committee. The committee is awaiting estimates to repair office technology systems.

Budget & Finance reported that a Stewardship Letter and pledge card will be mailed well in advance of Stewardship Sunday on November 19.

A Potluck Dinner will be held on October 25 with an offering to be received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

MOTION: Session approved giving the congregation an opportunity to donate women's and children's body wash for Disciples' Kitchen clients at Christmas.

MOTION: Session approved a Taize Worship Service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, led by Myra Chapman. Also approved was an Offering of Baby Paraphernalia (no clothes).

Cary Bennett and Betsy Ruehl attended workshops on “Child and Youth Protection Policy” and “Disaster Preparedness” at the Big Event on September 16 at Massanetta Springs.

Joe Molenda, representing FPC, will participate in Men Who Cook benefit for WARM on October 21.

All Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.



*Charles “Charlie” Newman Baker
May 23, 1922 - October 9, 2017*

CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 15. at 6:00. We'll provide turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls, and cranberry sauce. Please bring a side or dessert to share. We ask that you RSVP no later than Thursday, November 9, so that shopping be done on the 10th to give the turkeys time enough to thaw. There will be sign-ups in the Sunday bulletins, or you can call the Church Office (949-8366).

If you would like to help with the dinner, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Or you can call or e-mail Jean Hashagen at 447-0334 musicalpooch17@gmail.com. Still plenty of jobs available!

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***COLUMNS* Mailing List**

Anyone unable to pick up the monthly COLUMNS at the Church the beginning of each month may request that the newsletter be mailed to them. Please remember to give your new address to the Church Office when you move. We do not want you to miss any of the Church news. Just contact the Church Office (949-8366 or church@firstpresway.com)

Sermons, bulletins and many Columns articles can be found on the church website: firstpresway.org

Deadlines: COLUMNS: 20th of the month **Bulletin:** Wednesday



PW---Presbyterian Women- will meet on November 14th -- at 10:30 for Bible Study. The lesson will be *In Community with the Living Word*---Lesson Three-- about the concept of the living word as the next stone in our structure. The sturdiness of the word of God is seen as a supportive element in the life of a faithful community.

Lunch will be at 11:30---menu will be Italian Wedding Soup, Quiche, Apple Muffin and Lemon Meringue Pie. Lunch is \$10.75 (includes tax). Those planning to eat must have reservations to Ruth Kelley (337-2665) by November 8th.

(Attendance at Bible Study without staying for lunch is certainly an option).

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

The Faith & Fiction Book Club will meet in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 16. Elle Mae Epes will provide devotions and Ruth Kelley will lead discussion of New York Times best-selling author Beverly Lewis' novel "*Sanctuary*".

Set in Lancaster, PA, where the author grew up, it is a captivating story of betrayal, friendship and choices faced when trust is shattered.

This author of over 80 books is known as a Christian fiction writer whose stories are often set in Amish country. This novel was co-authored with her husband David. Parents of three grown children, they live in Colorado where they enjoy hiking and biking. They describe themselves as avid musicians and fiction "bookworms".

“NEW” MEMBERS
March 19, 2017

Stephen “Steve” Doherty

709 Pine Avenue, Waynesboro

msdoherty48@yahoo.com (540) 221-2935 (h) (914) 610-1307 Birthday - March 9

By Reaffirmation of Faith

Steve began singing (tenor) in the choir before he joined the church, and he and wife Sara hosted an all-together Breadbreakers at their home. Elected to Session Class of 2020, Steve is a magazine editor/artist. They are parents of two grown children.

Anne “Annie” Harris

1080 Fairway Drive, Waynesboro

AnneSharris@comcast.net (239) 919-2881 (c) Birthday - May 8

By Reaffirmation of Faith

Annie was introduced to First Presbyterian Church by neighbor members. Retired, she is the mother of two grown children.

Jennifer “Jen” Jones

424 Kirby Avenue, Waynesboro

jenbuckjones@yahoo.com (434) 882-3259 (c) Birthday - October 18

By Reaffirmation of Faith

The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Jen was elected a deacon, Class of 2020. She and husband Paul were married in 2004. She is self-employed as a graphic design artist.

Joe Molenda

301 Arch Avenue

joemolenda@ymail.com (804) 873-9582 (c) Birthday - October 4

By Reaffirmation of Faith

Another welcome addition to the choir (bass), Joe participates also in Breadbreakers. He represented FPC in the Men Who Cook competition in October to benefit WARM.

July 30, 2017

Richard Curry

846 Shawnee Road, Waynesboro

(540) 949-7555 (h) (540) 430-0090 (c) Birthday - November 29

By Reaffirmation of Faith

Richard married Jeannie Thomas in 2009. He has been attending FPC regularly and most of us thought he was a member! He retired from Curry’s Frame Farm.

Margie Hartley

Edmund “Buck” Hartley

313 Stonewall Drive, Waynesboro

(540) 221-4697 (h) (804) 731-5155 (c) Birthdays - she August 24, he March 22

By Certificate of Transfer from Westminster PC, Waynesboro

Margie and Buck are both retired, she from IBM. Married in 1961, they feel very much at home at First Pres. They are the parents of two grown sons.

Phyllis Bare Poluito

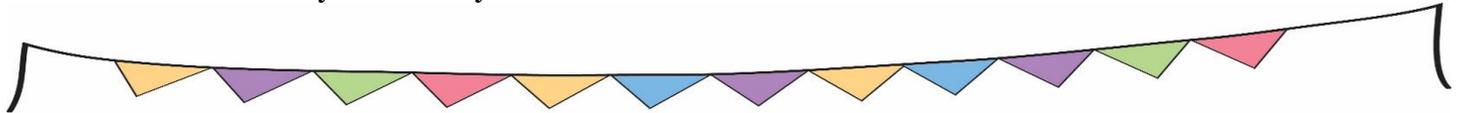
660 Walnut Avenue, Waynesboro
(540) 943-6053 Birthday - February 18
By Reaffirmation of Faith

The daughter of long time members Bill and Polly Bare, Phyllis was brought up at FPC. She is an In-House Clinical Research Associate. She and husband Paul were married in 1982. She is the proud grandmother of Miley who attends children’s Sunday School with Amber Brown.

Judith “Judy” Tomey

Arnett Tomey
113 Queens Court, Waynesboro
(540) 942-2176 Birthdays - she December 27, he February 27
By Reaffirmation of Faith

Judy retired from the Waynesboro Public School system and Arnett fom Haney’s Pharmacy. Married in 1962, Arnett first joined FPC in 1984 and Judy in 1993. For years they sat in the balcony with Arnett’s brother Harley and family.



WELCOME
Glad you're here!



- 11/6 Betty Johnson
- 11/9 Betty Barksdale
- Maxililian Daggy
- 11/25 Herb Griffith
- 11/29 Richard Curry
- 11/30 Mitch Lawrence
- George Chapman
- Virginia Quillen

11/30
Joe Earhart & Terry Crickenberger

A HEAD'S UP ON LOCAL TUTORING

The people working at William Perry Elementary School are excited about what we are doing. Beth Crickenberger's leadership is wonderful, and the teachers are likewise working hard to see that we have appropriate materials for each child. Our church participants are Polly Bare, Sandy and Tom Bellamy, Myra Chapman, Terry Crickenberger, Jeannie Curry, Don and Jeannie Hashagen, Charlie Poland, Helen Schurz, Joyce Tipton and me.

Some are working with students during the school day, pulling them one at a time from classes for individual help. Others are helping after school with math in the computer lab or with reading and math one-on-one in the cafeteria. There are many tutors also from First Baptist and from Rotary as well as those who heard by word of mouth what was happening. The children are precious, and the workers dedicated. I never in my wildest dreams could have foreseen the scope of this worthwhile effort!!

--Betty Dixon

MISSION REPORT

Our Food Bank served 100 in September. 77 meals were served by FPC volunteers at Disciples' Kitchen on September 26. Future dates are November 28 and December 28.

The residents at Springdale are most appreciative of the magazines from FPC. We'll continue to deliver as long as the magazines keep showing up. A box so designated is in the narthex. Magazines may be brought on Sunday mornings or during the week. If the postman delivers more greeting cards or calendars, big or small, than you can use, these items would be welcome as well.

Our CROP Walkers raised over \$1,300.

FPC sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance after the hurricane in Puerto Rico. Meal for WARM clients at Westminster PC, Meals on Wheels, body wash for Disciples' Kitchen Christmas gifts, and cookies for Fishburne cadets are on the Mission schedule.

PDA Out of Chaos, HOPE

At the October Wednesday Night Potluck Dinner, Rev. Chapman, Cary Bennett and I presented a program about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). This was precipitated by the Mission Committee's designation of an offering that night to benefit PDA. Cary and I had attended a workshop at Massanetta Springs on Disaster Preparedness in September.

When disaster strikes, folks rally 'round wanting to help. With the recent hurricanes and devastation in our own country and locales nearby, we are very much aware of the dire situations and want to do something. Our very own denomination responds to almost every major disaster, at home and abroad.

Presbyterian churches in disaster areas ask PDA for help. PDA is in for the long term and makes plans accordingly. They are just finishing up work in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina - which was 10 years ago!

How does PDA operate?

1. Focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
2. Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
3. Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.

4. Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response - United Nations, National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster, World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

Every Easter First Presbyterian Church offers members the opportunity to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, one-third of which goes to PDA. We just sent \$1,000 from our mission budget to help PDA in Puerto Rico.

You can make contributions on the PDA website. You can give money to a specific disaster or make a general donation. And I'm sure that Barbara in the Church Office would be happy to forward your gift, a check so designated. You didn't have to eat dinner and hear our presentation to support this worthwhile organization.

--Betsy Ruehl

CASH CAN BE BEST

An interesting article appeared recently in the Richmond Times-Dispatch entitled "Deciding How to Donate to Aid Disaster Victims".

Points of interest:

- Identify your values - what motivates you - "You pick the issue with your heart, and you pick the organization with your head".
- Decide How to Spend Your Time.
- Do Your Research. Cash Can Be Best - Money is often the most useful donation. Unlike goods, financial gifts have no associated transportation costs. e.g.. A \$20 pair of jeans would cost about \$165 to ship from Washington, D.C., to the capital of Honduras. That money could be used locally to buy 24 blankets or nearly 33,000 liters of water.
- Donations surge immediately after disasters, but donors should consider sustained involvement.

The latter really hit home for me since one of the most positive aspects of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in that they're "in it for the long haul".

--Betsy Ruehl

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- The humanitarian imperative comes first.
- Aid is given regardless of the race, creed, or nationality of the recipients. Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone.
- Aid is not used to further a particular political or religious standpoint.
- We respect culture and custom.
- We build disaster response on local capacities.
- We involve program beneficiaries in the management of relief aid and the recovery.
- We strive to reduce future vulnerabilities to disaster as well as meeting basic needs.
- We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to serve and those from whom we accept resources.
- In our information, publicity, and advertising activities, we recognize disaster survivors as dignified humans, not hopeless objects.

November Calendar

Friday, November 3

12:15 PM Organ Concert

Sunday, November 5

8:45 AM Early Communion Service Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

11:00 AM. Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Thursday, November 9

2-4 PM Food Bank

Sunday, November 12

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

11:00 AM. Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 14

10:30 AM PW Women

2:30 PM Session Room 208

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Thursday, November 16

2-4 PM Food Bank

Sunday, November 19 Stewardship Sunday

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 22

Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

8:45 AM Early Communion Service Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary



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