

# THE COLUMNS



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*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

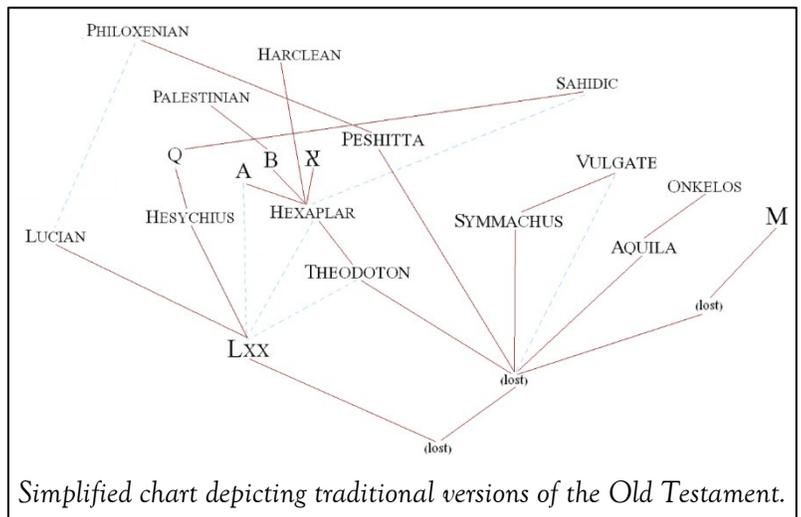
8:45 AM-Communion Worship Service, Barksdale Room  
11:00 AM-Worship Service, Sanctuary

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 - 2:30  
Thursday - 8:00 - 4:30  
Friday - Closed

Once, while I was leading a Bible Study on the Book of Daniel, some in the class noticed how several stories such as “Bel & the Dragon”, “Susanna & the Elders” and “The Prayer of Azariah & the Three Jews” were absent in our version of the Bible, but are nevertheless present in Bibles from Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian traditions. Some of you may have also noticed that there are quite a few other texts like this in the Old Testament. Whereas Protestant traditions regard these stories as “apocryphal” (from the Greek **ἀπόκρυφος** [*apokryphos*] meaning “obscure”), non-Reformed traditions still hold them as canonical, that is to say, having just as much authority as any other text in scripture. So how did this happen?

Although Christians universally hold the Word of God as sacred, the history of how the Bible arrived in its modern form(s) is exceedingly complex. Throughout history, individual Christian (and before them, Jewish) communities would gravitate toward texts and translations they found relevant to the needs of their particular community, or which reflected their values and priorities. Many ancient words and phrases prove difficult to translate outside their time and culture, so whereas some might choose to translate a given word or phrase as “X”, another may prefer to translate it as “Y”. Still others may opt for “Z” (even “Q”, “B” or “H” in some cases). Over time, given all these competing traditions, we basically end up with a hodgepodge collection of translations, each one differing somewhat from the next.



Bearing that in mind, let us return to the question at hand: Why does the Roman Catholic version of the Old Testament differ from the Protestant one? As it turns out, Catholic and Protestant Bibles have arrived from two slightly different historical and cultural traditions; therefore, there exist significant differences between the two versions. There are obvious variations in grammar, language and style. However, the most notable difference is in what each considers canonical. As I mentioned, there are several books in the Catholic Bible which are absent in the Protestant version. Those are *Tobit*, *Judith*, *Wisdom of Solomon*, *Sirach*, *Baruch*, *Letter of Jeremiah* and *I & II Maccabees*. As with Daniel, there are also additions to Esther (just in case you couldn't get enough).

Many centuries ago, there was an ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament known as the **Septuagint**. The name comes from the Latin *versa septuaginta interpretum* meaning “translation of the seventy elders”—a reference to the seventy Jewish scholars who allegedly completed the translation sometime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE. It was not until Augustine of Hippo (354-430) that the volume became referred to more generally as the “Septuagint”, identified by the common abbreviation LXX (seventy in Roman numerals). According to legend, it was King Ptolemy II Philadelphus of Egypt (309-246<sub>BCE</sub>) who commissioned the translation for use by Alexandrian Jews, who did not speak Hebrew but were fluent in Koine Greek, the common language of the Eastern Mediterranean at the time. Other variations of this legend maintain that there were in fact seventy-two scholars, six from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Work on the text began in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and was completed sometime before 132<sub>BCE</sub>.

The Septuagint was widely used around the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE, being quoted frequently in the New Testament, particularly in the letters of Paul. Early Church Fathers such as Tertullian, Origen and Athanasius (who taught in Alexandria) also made extensive citation of it in their writings. The Septuagint served as primary source material for Jerome when he translated the Bible from Greek into Latin to create the **Vulgate** in 382. Even though Jerome translated the Old Testament from the original Hebrew, he was influenced by previous Latin translations of the *Vetus Latina* (“Old Latin”) which drew heavily from the Septuagint. Plus, the biblical scholarship of his time drew almost exclusively from the Septuagint as well. Still, there are some texts from the Septuagint that were not included in the Vulgate, including *III & IV Maccabees*, *I Esdras*, *Odes*, *the Prayer of Manasseh*, *the Psalms of Solomon* and *Psalm 151*. Jerome’s work would eventually become recognized as the official from the Latin *versio vulgate*, or “the version commonly used”, a testament to its popularity.) The Septuagint would also serve as the basis for translations of Syriac, Armenian, Georgian and Coptic (Egyptian) versions of the Christian Old Testament, while the Greek-language Eastern Orthodox Church maintains the untranslated Septuagint as their authoritative Old Testament text. However, each of these traditions varies slightly on which books from the Septuagint were considered canonical.

As the Protestant Reformation got underway in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, there was a concerted effort to translate the Bible into the common languages of Western Europe in order to make scripture more accessible to laity. Given that the Vulgate was already a translation of a translation from Hebrew to Greek to Latin, the scholastic traditions of the Reformation insisted upon bypassing the Septuagint in favor of (what they considered) a more reliable source. Many of these early Reformers settled upon what is known as the **Masoretic Text**. The Masoretic Text (recognized by the abbreviation “MT”) was developed in Palestine sometime between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries. In the days before the printing press, all transcribing was done by hand and was therefore vulnerable to producing errors which would be reproduced in all subsequent copies, and so on, and so on. Scholars known as the Masoretes were renowned for their ability to produce accurate texts with minimal errors (relatively speaking, of course).

When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German in 1534, he used the Masoretic Text as his source, excluding the Old Testament Books that were not found within its pages. Luther surmised that the provenance of these texts was too unreliable for them to be considered canonical, so he set them aside in a collection which he labelled the “Apocrypha”. (In fact, Luther expressed a desire to add a few New Testament texts to this collection as well, but he never followed through.) Leaders among other Reformation traditions quickly followed suit. The 1560 Geneva Bible also relegated the extra Septuagint texts to the Apocrypha, as did the English King James Version which followed in 1611. As far as our own Presbyterian tradition is concerned, the *Westminster Confession* of 1649 basically confirmed what was already common practice in Protestant circles at the time, declaring, “*The books commonly called Apocrypha, not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the canon of the Scripture;*

*and therefore are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be any otherwise approved, or made use of, than other human writings.” [6.003]*

There you have it! Confused? Join the club! Anyway, I hope that information at least provides some answers. Bear in mind that this is only scratching the surface when we talk about the complex origins of biblical scripture. As always, knowledge is power, and a firmer understanding of the more human aspects of scripture can aid us in seeing the divine ones with greater clarity. Through all this infinite complexity and variation, perhaps we can appreciate even more the many mysterious and intricate ways in which the Holy Spirit is at work among us and within us as well!

*“But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any other living being, but in order that the interpretation may be known to the king and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.”*

*– Daniel 2:30 (...our version)*

Grace & Peace,

George



**Message from The Shenandoah Press, April 2019**

From: Associate General Presbyter—Nancy Meehan Yao

We arrive at April, half way through Lent. The days are getting longer, the wind, perhaps, a little warmer. But there is still a long way to go, a long road to travel, to Jerusalem, and the cross, and the empty tomb. A way filled with parades, and jeering crowds, confusion and betrayal. Even though there is more light in the sky, the world seems to be getting darker. But the promises of our Risen Lord are steadfast and true.

Below is a section of Ann Weems’ poem, “See, Follow, Believe”. May you find peace and joy at Easter, and always.

“Easter comes. The shroud that covered the world is destroyed; for our God has swallowed death. We shall no longer look for him among the dead. He calls to us to follow, to believe in our hearts that the people of this world will someday love one another. Really Love one another. If we believe we know that that is not a naive hope, but God’s promise. We shall not die, but we will live in him who died for us.”

*– Ann Weems, “See, Follow, Believe” in From Advent’s Alleluia to Easter’s Morning Light, Westminster, John Knox Press 2010.*

## From the Church Nominating Committee

6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’— Isaiah 6:1-8

God’s call of the prophet Isaiah forces us to consider our own call. This involves thoughtful and prayerful consideration of what leadership is, what leadership does and most importantly, what leadership requires. As the Church Nominating Committee begins its work to provide this congregation with a slate of officers for the Class of 2022, we invite you to consider how God’s Holy Spirit may be speaking to you.

Lay leadership goes to the heart of what it means to be Presbyterian. We trust how the Holy Spirit is at work in all God’s people, not just among a select group of elites. The election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees from among our congregation is an expression of our understanding of scripture and our Reformed identity as “the Priesthood of all Believers,” which in turn acts as our Christian witness to the world.

The process we use to call people into God’s service may not be quite as spectacular as the call of Isaiah, but even so, it operates according to the same principle. It is not a committee, the session, the clergy, nor the denomination who call people into God’s service; rather it is the real and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit working through the Christian community. And like Isaiah, we may possess plenty of excuses why we cannot serve; nevertheless, a persistent and insistent God lacks the courtesy of waiting until everything falls neatly into place for us. God brings people into the Lord’s service on God’s terms, not our own—such is the difference between simply volunteering and being *called*.

If not now, then when? If not you, then who?

The Church Nominating Committee asks that you prayerfully consider this question in the weeks ahead. If you believe God is calling you to serve First Presbyterian Church as an Elder, Deacon or Trustee for the Class of 2022, please contact a member of the Church Nominating Committee at your convenience. We are eager to answer any questions you may have.

In Christ,

The FPC Nominating Committee

Steve Doherty (Chair)

Roger Bryant

Mary Ann Maupin

Susan Johnson

George W. Chapman III (ex-officio)



## MUSIC NOTES

April opens with one of Roger's popular *First Friday* programs. Please come and hear our wonderful 1893 Woodberry and Harris pipe organ on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:15, followed by a light luncheon, lovingly prepared and presented by Joyce Tipton and Colleen Cash.

This month we conclude Lent and celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning! For the first Sunday of April the choir will sing the penitential anthem *O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercies* from the *Stabat Mater* by Giovanni Pergolesi, written weeks before the composer's untimely death at the age of 26.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, the choir will open the service with *Hosanna* by 20<sup>th</sup> century English composer William Mathias (who wrote *Let The People Praise Thee* for Prince Charles and Diana's wedding in 1981). We will have a special anthem that day: Kathy and Amber Brown will sing a setting of *Hosanna*, arranged by Joel Raney. What a treat it will be to hear mother and daughter sing together!

We will celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday morning with what has become a tradition here at First Presbyterian Church: **Hallelujah** from *Messiah* by Handel! The choir will also open the service with the *Easter Song* by Annie Herring. It is sure to be a celebratory morning!

The week after Easter the choir traditionally takes the day off. Fortunately, that date coincides with final Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra concert of the season. The WSO's music director, Peter Wilson, will play violin during the 11am service. We look forward to hearing him share his musical talents with us!

We cannot overstate the magnitude of our thanks for the diligent work of our choir. The donation of their volunteer time is greatly appreciated by both of us, as well as the entire congregation! We are blessed to be part of such a wonderfully supported music program here at FPC.

Grace and peace -

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy



### Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon Schedule 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 3	St. John's Evangelist Catholic 949-6145	Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe
April 10	Main Street United Methodist 942-1179	Father Rollo Castillo

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK  
PALM SUNDAY - April 14 11AM Only  
MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18 7 PM  
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21 11AM Only

Another successful Lenten luncheon here at First Pres! This could not have happened without the hard work from our volunteers and the wonderful folks from Glen Kirk Presbyterian church. Thank you for your help and contributions.

Joan Berry





# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



2019

### Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These three programs receive 35%, 36% and 32% respectively and work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people in over 100 countries with safety, sustenance, and hope.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and provides support for refugees.

**Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)** takes action to alleviate hunger, care for the environment, and attack the systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

**Self-Development of People (SDOP)** invests in communities in response to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Of the four possible PC(USA) annual special offerings, One Great Hour of Sharing is the only one our church promotes. The organization this year invites us with Isaiah to “become repairers of the breach” as we “share the love of Christ through ministries of justice, compassion, and joy.”

Envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be available in the bulletins on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so that you can place your offering in the collection plates. Contributions may also be made in the church office by designating OGHS as the recipient or online at [Presbyterian.mission.org/give-oghs](http://Presbyterian.mission.org/give-oghs).

**If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Lesson #8~“God with Us as the Holy Spirit”

April 9th at Summit Square

Primary Scripture~John 14:1-31

God who was incarnate in Jesus Christ is now present as the Holy Spirit. On the night of his arrest and the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus made a promise to his disciples. The promise is a promise of presence, but instead of “I will be with you,” Jesus tells the disciples that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them.

Lesson at 10:30 with Rev. George Chapman

Lunch at 11:30 (choose from the Tavern menu at Summit Square)

We **WELCOME** Ladies of the Church and their lady friends to join

POTLUCK DINNER  
April 24, 2019, 5:30 pm

We are pleased to have Dr. John “Brad” Langdon as our guest speaker. A short Bio and preview of his presentation are given below.

**“Endings and Beginnings Workshop”**

“Endings and Beginnings Workshop: Life Changes in Our Later Years” by the Rev. Dr. John Bradford (Brad) Langdon, D. Min., RN, M.S.N. The presentation will address opportunities and challenges created by the realities of our aging selves. Work life, major life events, spirituality, health, retirement and final preparations will be explored in the context of a life journey with God, God’s servants in scripture, and one another. This program was first presented to the Presbytery of Shenandoah during its meeting November 27, 2018, at Strasburg Presbyterian Church, Strasburg, Virginia.

**Biographical Sketch**

The Rev. Dr. Langdon is an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Shenandoah (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), serving the Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, Strasburg, VA, as temporary supply pastor. He is also retired from the Veteran Administration Medical Center, Martinsburg, WV, where he served for more than 10 years as a long-term care, palliative and hospice care registered nurse. He and his wife Mary Ruth reside in the Arden community of Berkeley County, near Martinsburg, where they live on the family farm with beef cattle, donkey and miniature horse. Brad also serves on the Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board. He is a graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College (A.A.), Pennsylvania State University (B.H.), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia at Richmond (D. Min.), the University of Virginia’s School of Nursing (B.S.N.), and Shenandoah University’s School of Nursing (M.S.N. in Health Systems Management).



A warm thank you to all who helped with the St. Patrick’s Day reception - a good time was had by all!

Looking forward to our next event on April 24, 2019

Jeannie Curry, Chair Congregational Committee

## UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20

Once again First Presbyterian Church will offer financial support for the continuing education of needy and worthy students in our community. Scholarships from the Church's Memorial Educational Fund are available for undergraduate, vocational training and nursing students. Some funds are available specifically for students pursuing teaching or religious careers. Applications will be available in the Church Office and online on Monday, April 1, 2019.

A Scholarship Selection Committee chooses recipients each year for varying awards depending on funding availability and the number of applications received. Scholarships are awarded as grants, not loans.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The Selection Committee must **receive** completed applications and all support information from applicants **no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019**. Applicants must also submit copies of their most recent high school or college transcripts with their applications. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions: Contact Holly Bennett at [hollybbennett@outlook.com](mailto:hollybbennett@outlook.com) or (943-9146)



### MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Dates for Disciples Kitchen are April 9, May 28 and July 23. We usually work once every six weeks, but some businesses now are helping and the schedule is somewhat different from the past.

Cynthia Hoover has applied for a grant from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to replace equipment. Renovation of our Food Bank is progressing. New workers are needed! Additional help to restock will be needed when the move takes place. Support our Eggstravaganza by bringing eggs to the Food Bank by April 11.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 21, or anytime near that date. Envelopes will be in the bulletins on both Palm Sunday and Easter.

People and women's magazines are the most popular at Springdale.

Tutoring at William Perry Elementary School is in full swing. After-school tutoring continues Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. until April 10.

A Committee Meeting will be held April 3.

~Betty Dixon

### FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

The Faith & Fiction Book Club will meet at 10:00 on Thursday, April 18, in the Parlor. Members are asked to choose a book by a local author and be prepared to give a short synopsis. Joyce Neufeld will lead devotions. Come join us!

## ***PRAYER FOR EASTER***

*Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as Easter people trusting in your Redemption. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the grace to complete it.*

(Adapted from "New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book")

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

Colleen Cash, Commissioner to the Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting on February 13, gave a report. A representative from the Presbytery Foundation gave an impressive presentation on Stewardship. Theme for the year at Presbytery is anti-Racism. A vote was taken on constitutional amendments to the Book of Order.

Nate Rudin has been hired as Child Care attendant.

P&M Committee has decided that landscaping around the church must be simplified due to lack of church manpower and expense. Some flowerbeds and shrubbery will be converted to grass. The Wayne Avenue sign will be repainted and the shrub area beneath reconfigured. Spring weeding and mulching will take place on two consecutive Saturdays. Building security is a concern.

Lenten Luncheons are underway. FPC hosts on March 27, so no Wednesday Potluck will be held that day. A St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held in the Barksdale Room on March 17.

Session approved hiring a land surveyor to conduct a survey of the Beagle Gap Run property for which the Session commissioned the Trustees to explore the sale.

All Session Meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

## **PULPIT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Bill Bare, Cary Bennett, Ann Nelson, Betsy Ruehl, Connie Sachlis and Joyce Tipton. Ex officio: George Chapman and Roger Daggy

- The last meeting of the Pulpit Committee was on February 28, 2019.
- After much discussion and some clarifications, Committee voted 4-0 that Cary would draft a pulpit specifications (spec sheet) to be distributed to all craftsman detailing our renovation goals as follows:
- Remove stairs and make a single stairway to be placed at the rear of the pulpit.
- Reduce the height of the backsplash (or put a railing across the back) to no more than the height of the flat surface on the front of the pulpit.
- Narrow the pulpit depth by cutting approximately four inches off of the backside. This will allow the pulpit to go through the sanctuary doors without taking the doors off their hinges.
- Cover the current side stair openings with wood panels to match recessed panels on the front of the pulpit and extend the current moulding to the backsplash.
- Currently, we are waiting for proposals from three craftsmen and have identified two additional ones if needed.

## PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

Committee Members: Cary Bennett, Roger Bryant, Susan Elder and Danny Leech. Ex officio: Colleen Cash and Michael Griffith.

March was a busy month for the Property and Maintenance (P&M) Committee as follows. NOTE: Due to publishing deadline, some items (\*) which are assumed to have been completed before April 1, indeed, may not have been completed.

Completed items:

- Skyline Roofing finished repairs to “rubberized’ flat roof of education building.
- Landscaping plan:
- Several old, overgrown “plants/shrubs/bushes” were removed from the perimeter of the church building.\*
- Weeding of flower beds was completed on Saturday, March 30\*; mulching is scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, with assistance from Fishburne cadets.
- Annual fire extinguisher maintenance completed.
- Annual air conditioning maintenance was completed by Nelke Heating & Cooling.\*

Ongoing building activities:

- Final phase of Food Bank renovations are nearly complete.
- Fire marshal follow-up: Inventory of “stuff” (fire fuel as fire marshal described it) in church building is still in progress.
- Fellowship Hall kitchen renovation committee working on plan.

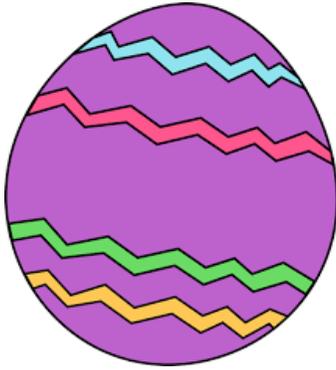
Ongoing grounds activities:

- Landscaping: Planning for replacement shrubs and lawn grass seeding to begin.
- Wayne Avenue sign upgrade should begin.

Future projects:

- Church security improvements
- Preschool security improvements
- Installation of donated metal roofing on garden shed
- Parking lot upgrades?
- Preschool playground upgrades?
- Comprehensive recycling program?
- Solar power possibilities?





## EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Let's provide our Food Bank clients with lots of eggs to color for Easter.

Bring your cartons to the church during Lent. The Food Bank will be open April 11, but eggs can be brought to the church at any time. You can put them in the frig in the Barksdale Room kitchen if you don't feel like trudging up the stairs to the office.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Elizabeth Miller  
2 Ann Bryant  
3 Susan Johnson

8 Ann Nelson  
10 Cynthia Hoover  
12 Bill Phillips

23 Cary Bennett  
28 Mary Scott Miller



Condiments, Jelly, Jams, Personal Care Items

## Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

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Kings Daughters Nursing & Rehab: Carol Barksdale

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Stuarts Draft Retirement Center: Bertie Hammer, Rosalie Boyd, Mary & Holly Frost

Summit Square: Anna Carson, Aileen Kennedy, Betty Barksdale, Ray Quillen, Eloise Morris, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Harold Prettyman, Dick & Betty Huff, Nancy Garber, Arlene Moren, Mary Ultee, Bobbie Poland, Edie Lawrence, Linda & Warner Sandquist

Friends and Family: Kaiser family (Anne Harris), Andy & Jean Robeson (Cathy Cunningham), Wanda Braden (Cathy Cunningham), Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Jennifer Eskridge (Sandy Bellamy), Emersyn James (former Preschool student), Brittany Davis (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Carolina Obando (Jen Jones), Josh Scott (Anne Vest), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Steve Dowdy (Cathy Cunningham) Julie Altizer (Bruce & Kevin), Carl Callaway (Ruth Kelley), Ada Henkel (Bruce & Kevin), David Foster

Military: Jeremiah Henderson

## English as a Second Language in Mettu, Ethiopia

In 2004 Shenandoah Presbytery sent three college students and our university chaplain to Mettu, Ethiopia, to teach English to high school students for four weeks in the summer. This was a result of a request from our partner synod, Illubabor Bethel Synod, for help with English language skills, particularly from native English speakers.

In Ethiopia each student takes a qualifying exam at the end of 10th grade to determine if he or she will continue in a college preparatory program. At the end of the 12th grade another exam determines college admission. These exams are given in English and college courses are taught in English, making English skills mandatory for higher education.

In subsequent years we have sent a number of teachers to Mettu to work with students in the summer. Again this summer we hope to send a minimum of four persons from the Shenandoah area to teach for three weeks. An additional eight or nine days required for travel and sightseeing will complete the trip. No teaching experience is required, though we would love to have at least one experienced teacher included in the trip. Teaching will be five days a week, usually for about a half day, allowing additional time for planning and feedback within the group. Generally, two teachers work together with one class. Each class will have a translator (often a college student who has been through the ESL program) to help bridge language difficulties.

The group will stay in the Guest House at Illubabor Bethel Synod compound. Meals are served in a dining room and are “western friendly.” The rooms are private with private bathrooms. Generally, weekends are free for local visiting and church services on Sunday. Lots of time will be available to visit local congregations, the market place, coffee shops, and to see Synod sponsored projects like the Gore Home for Children, the Seminary and Bible School.

While in Addis Ababa there will be time to visit several museums and do some shopping. All in country expenses (travel, meals, rooms, etc.) are paid for by Shenandoah Presbytery funds. Each traveler is asked to pay for air fare to and from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and for necessary immunizations. Often churches and individuals help with this expense. All the former teachers have had very positive experiences with several developing long-term social media friendships with students, translators, and members of the Synod and Mettu Church staff.

We hope you will prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents this summer to go to Ethiopia and experience and learn about a very different culture. For more information please contact Pat Burslem, chair of the ESL committee (pburslem331@comcast.net) or any of the previous travelers to Ethiopia such as Nancy Mehan Yao, Doug Sensabaugh, or Bill Burslem.



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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](mailto:church@firstpresway.com))

*Sermons, bulletins and many Columns articles can be found on the church website: [firstpresway.org](http://firstpresway.org)*

**Deadlines: *COLUMNS*:** 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Bulletin:** Wednesday

## April Calendar

### Wednesday, April 3

12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon St. John's Evangelist Catholic  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Friday, April 5

12:15 PM First Friday Recital and Lite Lunch Sanctuary

### Sunday, April 7

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 Worship Service Sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 9

10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Summit Square  
2:30 PM Session Meeting Room 208

### Wednesday, April 10

12:00 AM Lenten Luncheon Main Street United Methodist  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, April 11

2-4 PM Food Bank

### Sunday, April 14 Palm/Passion 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 Worship Service Sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 16

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 17

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, April 18

10:00 AM Faith & Fiction Book Club Parlor  
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary

### Sunday, April 21 Easter

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 Worship Service Sanctuary

### Wednesday, April 24

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, April 25

2-4 PM Food Bank

### Sunday, April 28

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  
11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary  
3:00 PM Waynesboro Symphony

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