



THE COLUMNS

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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

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 - 2:00

Video Broadcast July 12 until further notice

Friday - Closed



MUSIC NOTES



In these unsettling times, we can derive great comfort in the knowledge of the love of God. No matter what the circumstance, God is always with us, caring for us and loving us. It is with heavy, but grateful hearts that we wish our sister Mary Frost and our brother Bill Bare a blessed eternity with God. May Holly and the rest of the Frost family, and Polly and the rest of the Bare family, find peace in knowing that Mary and Bill are resting in the arms of the Lord.

What a pleasure it is to record music in FPC's magnificent Sanctuary for the online services. Craig Cavanaugh is a master videographer and editor, as he combines separate video and audio tracks, along with various photos, into the services that we enjoy on the website. How fortunate we are to have Craig in our midst!

We open the month of August with the parable of Jesus feeding the 5000. The music will "feed" us as well, with the hymns *Break Thou the Bread of Life* and *Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken*. The anthem on 2 August is by Lt. Colonel Dwayne Milburn, with whom Roger worked at St. Matthew's in Pacific Palisades, CA. Lt. Col. Milburn served as associate bandmaster for the U.S. Continental Army Band (Fort Monroe, Virginia,) The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" (Washington, DC), and the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus (Heidelberg, Germany). He commanded the Army Ground Forces Band, Atlanta, Georgia. Among his military honors are the President Benjamin Harrison Award, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the NATO Medal. *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus* is part of a mass composed by Lt. Col. Milburn in 2006 for St. Matthew's choir while Roger was Parish Organist.

For the second week of August, we welcome back our resident pianist, Charles Simpkins. Charles will play a prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach for our special music. (And when our choir returns, you'll hear Charles sing the lowest notes in the bass section!) Our hymns for that Sunday will be two "oldies but goodies:" the American folk hymn *How Firm a Foundation* and *Precious Lord*.

On the third Sunday of August, we will sing a hymn brought to our attention by choir member Karen Fielding. A few years ago, prior to the Kirkin o' th' Tartan service, Karen suggested we sing *The Summons*. The text of Christ's call for us to follow him is set to an old Scottish tune called Kelvingrove, which meld together beautifully. The

other hymn for that service will be *Stand By Me*, composed in 1906 by Rev. Charles Albert Tindley. The special music for 16 August will be played on the recorder and harpsichord.

The music for the 23 August service features our spectacular soprano, Kathy Brown. Her father, Tom Bellamy, has mentioned numerous times how much he loves to hear his daughter sing, especially Albert Hay Malotte's setting of *The Lord's Prayer*. It remains one of the most famous settings of the Lord's Prayer ever since its composition in 1935. The hymns will celebrate Christ as the foundation of the church: *The Church's One Foundation* and *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*.

For the final Sunday of August, we welcome back violinist Jake Roege. He has played at FPC many times, including several *Lessons and Carols* services as well as solos during the summer. Jake and Roger will play a duet for violin and organ by Josef Rheinberger. Also, on 30 August will be the hymn *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*.

We continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the music program during this strange time, and we look forward to the next chapter in the life of FPC!

Blessings,

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

1. Pastor Retires
2. Moderator appointed
3. Presbytery meets with Session and describes procedure for moving forward
4. Two Committees formed: Interim Pastor Search Committee and Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Team
5. PANDEMIC hits and Committees are "on hold"
6. Committees reactivate and services of an Interim Teaching Elder are secured as of September 1, pending approval by Presbytery on August 4
7. CAT Team swings into action - congregational survey prepared and sent out to congregation to be completed between July 20 and August 14.
8. Results of survey will be compiled, and results reported to Session for evaluation

Please do your part and help us plan our future by completing the survey!
For information or assistance, contact the Church Office (949-8366)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a **Called Session Meeting** via Zoom on July 5, 2020, for the purposes of 1) hearing a report from the Interim Pastor Search Committee and 2) to discuss opening our Preschool.

Preschool: Bruce Bosselman led a discussion about opening the Preschool. A meeting had been held with the principal and teachers and an Opening Plan formulated. Summer Camp will run July 13-September 4 and regular Preschool will begin September 14. Hours are 8:45-12:00 or 7:30-6:00 for Extended Day. After extensive questioning, the guidelines were tweaked.

Session approved that teachers must wear masks indoors. For Summer Camp only, a refund credit shall be given if a child is sick and cannot attend. Parents/guardians will sign a "Covid19 Pandemic Release and Hold Harmless Agreement."

Interim Pastor Search Committee: After describing the search, chair Bruce Bosselman reviewed the Presbytery of Shenandoah PC(USA) Contract with a candidate for Interim Teaching Elder. Session approved the contract effective September 1, 2020, to September 1, 2021. The signed contract will be forwarded for action by Presbytery's Committee on Pastoral Transition which meets August 4.

Session held a **Stated Session Meeting** via Zoom on July 14, 2020.

Session approved the request of Dave and Helen Schurz to transfer their membership to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg, VA.

Approximately 37 WARM clients are staying at the Day's Inn. Jen Jones will chair a FPC effort to provide their breakfast for one week.

Jen provided a detailed recap of the online June General Assembly. The major emphasis was on racial injustice.

P&M Committee continues to research repair/replacement of the church boiler.

The refrigerator in the upstairs kitchen needs replacing.

FPC Sunday worship services are available on the church website. Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman preaches weekly and the music is coordinated by Roger and Kimberlea Daggy. The liturgists change weekly. Craig Cavanaugh continues to record services.

The CAT Team has formulated the survey which will be available online and on paper. Window is July 20 - August 14. Results will be tabulated and interpreted after which the CAT Team and Session will meet together.

Session approved Bruce Bosselman as commissioner to the Zoom Presbytery meeting on August 22.

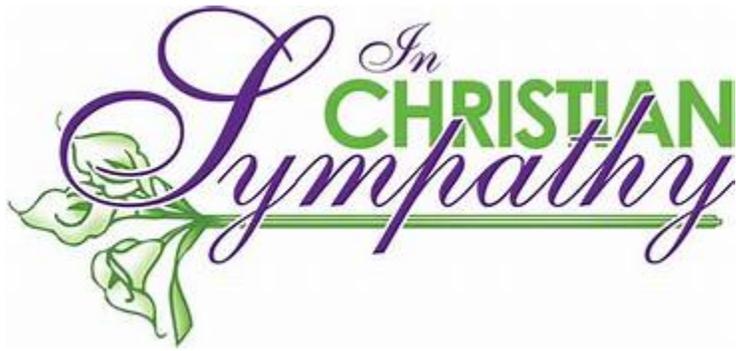
FPC will take advantage of the new Friday advertisements in the News Virginian.

The Scholarship Committee Report was submitted.

All Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, We know that you are good, that you are trustworthy, that you are generous, that you are loving and that you are holy. Those attributes describe a God in whom we put our faith. But Lord, right now we face a double pandemic; one pandemic virus infects our health and is permeating our world; another is a virus of racism and bigotry that permeates our nation. Violence in our world reflects a broken social contract in our country. Our hearts are aching and confused. We need you now more than ever. We lament the lives lost. We cry out that you might heal our land from the many viruses that are plaguing us. May we have the strength to act in ways that reflect your love for us. May we be willing to sacrifice our lives for others. Be with us. Heal us. Hear our prayerful cry. Amen

(courtesy of First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, San Pedro, CA)



Our sympathies to the family of Mary Frost who died on July 7, 2020.

Christian sympathy to the family of Barbara Herrington Baum, past 50-year member, who passed away in Johnson City, TN, on July 23.

Our sympathies to the family of Bill Bare who passed on July 27, 2020.



We want to thank Colleen and so many in the church who sent birthday cards to Dad for his 90th birthday. He heard from many members and at last count had received 167 cards! The cards blessed him beyond measure, and he really appreciated the efforts people went to send well wishes! Our family is thankful for you and for the body of Christ.

In gratitude, Cheryl Poland Mallett



Dear Friends,

For the past year we've had our niece, Sara Verwymeren, on our Kneeling Notes. Last June, at the tender age of 37, she was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. She completed treatments earlier this year, and after a CT in April, was told that everything is clear and stable. So she celebrated her 38th birthday on May 1st cancer free! Thank you all for your prayers, concern, and support. God is good!

Jean, Don, and Jeanne Hashagen



“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatsoever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is an excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8“

Greetings from the Preschool,

First Presbyterian Church Preschool, your Preschool, re-opened on July thirteenth, two thousand and twenty! It took the talents and ponderings of many brothers and sisters of the First Presbyterian Church family to make the re-opening a reality. I believe the decision to re-open to be an honorable and just one - one that preserves the purity that each child who attends our Preschool embodies. At the moment, not many children have rejoined us for the summer, but it is evident First Presbyterian Church provides them a place and opportunity to experience what is lovely about life.

Mr. Nate’s painting the ship that rests on the playground is a perfect embodiment of what is gesturally and visually lovely about life. Mr. Nate transformed the ship from an unremarkable shade of brown to shades of reds and blues. Mr. Nate has also filled the children’s tummies with nutritious vegetables from his prolific garden. Colleen arranged for a thorough cleaning of the Preschool facilities. Indeed, she and Caroleia were down on their hands and knees to be sure everything was sanitary.



Ms. Aimee, Ms. Lorene, Ms. Lynda, Ms. Carol, Ms. Patty, Ms. Nava, Ms. Diggs and Ms. Sonya have provided an environment that promotes learning, laughter, fun and structure that the children may not receive if not for Preschool’s reopening. The children have been learning about dinosaurs and sea animals. The children have continued to expand their knowledge of shapes and matching. The children have made crafts such as stingrays and even their own playdough. I’ve observed the children sitting on the rug (socially distanced), listening to carefree stories about bunnies and stories that educate them about COVID 19 in a way they can comprehend.



COVID 19 has changed many of the daily procedures and routines. We all wash our hands a lot and clean, clean, clean. You may have driven by the church on weekday mornings and seen Mr. Nate taking children’s temperatures and filling out their health assessments. Perhaps you have noticed signage encouraging social distancing, prohibiting anyone but students and staff in the Preschool, or requiring staff to wear a mask. Speaking of masks, I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms.

Cynthia Hoover for making the adorable and much needed masks for our students.

COVID 19 spawned a “new normal”. This “new normal” is at times challenging and frustrating and, at times, down-right hard. But COVID 19 also brought together many members of the First Presbyterian church family to ensure that our students still have access to “a solid, faith-based educational foundation”. And I think that what we have accomplished and continue to provide by reopening is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable.

God bless and stay safe,

Thomas V. Sheffey



Cynthia Hoover so generously donated her time and talents making face masks for our preschoolers. Check out the cute colors and fabrics.





Scholarship Report 2020-21

The Scholarship Committee corresponded by phone and email due to Coronavirus on July 8 & 9, 2020.

Committee: Holly Bennett, Chair; Mary Ann Maupin and Connie Sachlis.

Scholarship Name	Amount Available for 2020-2021	Amount Awarded
Lucy Coyner Scholarship	\$4,198.00	\$4,198.00
James Davis Scholarship	\$1,529.00	\$1,529.00
Memorial Scholarship	\$4,428.00	\$4,428.00
Lila Foster Teacher Scholarship	\$557.00	No qualified applicants
William Sheppard	\$124.00	No qualified applicants
Total amount awarded:		\$10,150.00

Award letters were sent July 10, 2020, with a response deadline of July 31, 2020, to accept their award.

Five Scholarships were awarded to:

Max Daggy - James Madison University (*Kimberlea & Roger Daggy's son*)
Faye Griffith- Mary Baldwin (*daughter of Michael Griffith, FPC Maintenance Technician*)
Joseph Kearney - VCU (*Westminster member; Waynesboro High School graduate*)
Nathaniel Rudin - Blue Ridge Community College (*FPC Preschool employee*)
Elizabeth Wood - University of Virginia (*Anne Wood's granddaughter*)

I want to personally thank the committee members for their time and effort. I am especially grateful to Colleen Cash for all of her administrative assistance throughout the academic year.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bennett



August 10 Bob Miller
August 3 Craig Cavanaugh
August 16 Nancy Hypes
August 24 Margie Hartley
August 25 Lillian Hryshkanych
August 26 Tom Bellamy

August 1 Mark & Pam Hammock
August 4 Lewis & Ruth Kelley
August 14 Warner & Linda Sandquist
August 17 Richard & Jeannie Curry
August 31 Ron & Carrol Smith

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is life, fight for it.

-Mother Teresa

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COLUMNS Mailing List

During the pandemic the newsletter is being mailed to members and friends. 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



Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence,
Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder

Friends and Family: Kaiser family (Anne Harris), Andy & Jean
Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds,
(Cunninghams), Nancy Vilain, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones),
Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant
(Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Sara
Verwymeren (Hashagens), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle),
Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr.
(Jen Jones), Jim & Pat Lewis (Sandy Bellamy), Bill Metzel (Joyce
Tipton), Grayson Coleman, Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash),
Marianna Callaway (Ruth Kelley)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC(USA) Regional
Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

August Calendar

Tuesday, August 11

2:30 PM Session Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 13

2-4 PM Food Bank

Friday, August 14

CAT Survey Ends

Thursday, August 27

2-4 PM Food Bank

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