



First
Presbyterian
Church
of Waynesboro, Virginia

The Columns -Online.

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Lunch and Discussion

After more than a year of social distancing and virtual meetings, we will gather this Sunday to break bread together, celebrate our common life and talk about the future. Worship will be followed by a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary, where we will consider a change to the bylaws regarding the size of the session, and act on the report of the Nominating Committee. (A potential change regarding the Board of Deacons may be discussed at a later date.)

We will then adjourn to the Fellowship Hall, where we will dine on barbequed brisket, pork loin and sides, while engaging in a discussion on *Mission* - one of the pillars of the church's ministry. This is only the first of several discussions that will clarify the ministry of FPC, and help determine the direction of the pastoral search.

You are strongly encouraged to join us July 18th for food, fellowship and fundamental conversation. Every voice needs to be heard, and each of us has need to hear them.

COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
from the Virginia Dept of Health.

Augusta County:	-2.8
Harrisonburg	2.1
Staunton	4.0
Rockingham	3.9
Waynesboro	<u>18.3</u>
Average/100K	4.5

As of June 21, 70% of Virginia adults have received at least one dose of vaccine - more than ten million doses so far.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Ruling Elders of First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro sitting in Session, have called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 18, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to act on two recommendations, as follow:

A MOTION. That the Bylaws of First Presbyterian church be amended to establish the size of the session at six Ruling Elders, arranged in three (3) classes of two (2) persons each.

Rationale. The current size of the congregation places an undue burden on the discernment of the Nominating Committee, and on the most active members of the congregation. Requiring fewer officers to serve each year will provide more opportunities for rest and refreshment within the candidate pool.

Implementation:

- The Class of 2022 is composed of three (3) Ruling Elders, who will serve until June, 2022.
- At this meeting, one (1) Ruling Elder will be elected to the Class of 2023, serving a **two-year Term**, and two (2) Ruling Elders will be elected to the Class of 2024, serving full **three-year terms**. The session will have six members.
- Next year, one (1) Ruling Elder will be elected to the Class of 2023, serving a **one-year term**, and two (2) will be elected to the Class of 2025, serving full **three-year terms**. The session will have six members.
- In June 2023, two (2) Ruling elders will be elected to the Class of 2026, serving full **three-year terms**. The session will have six members.

A MOTION. From the Nominating Committee: That the congregation elect *Colleen Cash* to serve as Ruling Elder in the Class of 2022; *Terry Crickenberger* and *Jean Hashagen* be to serve as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2023; and *Bill Pannill* to serve as Trustee.

Presbyterian camp land in Oklahoma returned to Cherokee Nation

One of the first missions to Native Americans in the United States is seeing a new beginning. Set in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, the Dwight Mission - first mission to the Cherokee people west of the Mississippi River - has been transferred to the Cherokee Nation. Originally established at the request of *Tahlonteskee*, Principal Chief of the Western Cherokees, the mission was founded in 1820 near Russellville, Arkansas. In 1829, the Mission moved to Oklahoma, following the relocation of the Western Cherokees known as the Old Settlers. The Mission provided education and Christian instruction until the Civil War; it later served as a boarding school for Native American children before becoming a Presbyterian Camp and conference center.



As a camp, Dwight Mission was “serving a dwindling Presbyterian population in the state of Oklahoma and facing significant competition from other camps,” said William “Bill” M. Wiles, who serves on the Dwight Mission board and is treasurer of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. “We’re honored to have the property back,” said Travis Owens, director of cultural tourism for Cherokee Nation. “The presbyteries have been great stewards of the property over the years, but the connection to Cherokee Nation dates back to the early 1820s.” While exact plans are still being developed, “we want to pay respect to the history of the site in some way,” Owens said. “We envision the space being used as some type of camp and conference center,” with the possibility that it could still be used for some Presbyterian camp sessions. “We’re excited to have the land back in our possession and to honor that shared history.”

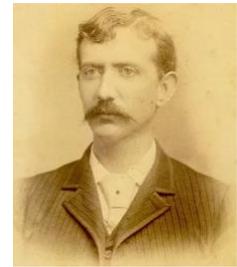


Music Notes for this week.

This Sunday features two hymns that are near and dear to the hearts of many. The text to the opening hymn, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, was written in 1923 by Thomas O. Chisholm with music by William Runyan. *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* became popular through its use by Billy Graham, who often sang the hymn on his international crusades.



Runyan.



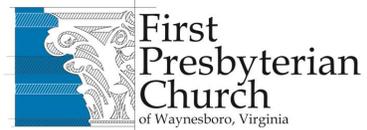
Chisholm.

It is well With My Soul (When Peace Like a River) was written in 1873 by Horatio G. Spafford after his daughters perished in a shipwreck. His friend, Philip P. Bliss, composed the music specifically for Spafford's text. Spafford later moved to Jerusalem and founded an American colony in the ancient city.

Diane Kingsbury will play organ this week, as Roger and Kimberlea will be away celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary!

Our Worship Channels

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"Eugene, you've shared the same prayer request for 47 years. Now either forget about it, or buy yourself a pony!"

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