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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**

Pastor’s Hours Monday -Thursday 10-2:30 Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 – 2:30

 Thursday 8-4:30

 Friday-Closed

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Autumn has long been my favorite season. Long before I had read The Great Gatsby or attended a high school football game, I was captivated by piles of falling leaves in brilliant shades of red and yellow, by the buckeyes we collected in the nearby cemetery, by the crisp aroma of coal fires, the damp mustiness of the earth, the chill in the morning and evening air. Later, Fall meant the exciting trepidation of a new school year: new opportunities to succeed *and* fail; to learn, both in and out of class; to make friends (and perhaps an enemy or two).

As the years have gone by, my relationship with Autumn matured. It's no longer the excitement of the new that captivates me. It's the *transition,* the change one can see all around: trees and mountains coloring, temperatures cooling, that golden shift in sunlight at this time of year, reminding us life is dynamic, ever moving, ever changing.

I find it interesting in the end how Fitzgerald turned convention on its head by seeing rebirth, new life not in the Spring, where one expects it, but in the Fall. In Gatsb*y*, Jordan Baker argues *against* the disappointing sameness of life as exemplified in a tense, sultry summer day, contrasting it with the refreshing movement of the days and seasons - each one providing an opportunity for something new and different, if only in a small way. I pray this autumn will be refreshing for us all, and that the new shoots of life we sow might continue to grow and deepen over the coming days and seasons.



Patrick S. Pettit, Interim Pastor

**MUSIC NOTES FOR OCTOBER**

 Autumn is upon us, and with it, clear skies, crisp air and cooler temperatures. The season also brings more people inside, and that has coincided with the uptick in coronavirus cases in our area. With that in mind, we continue hearing small ensembles and musicians during the anthem/special music, providing music that serves God while protecting one another.

 The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday, and the music on October 3rd underscores the celebration. The introit is the spiritual *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees.* Miles Mark Fisher notes in Negro Slave Songs in the United States (1953), that, originally, the hymn “relates hardly at all to holy communion. It seems to have been a signal song of Virginia slaves during the eighteenth century who used it and similar ones to convene their secret meetings.”

 The opening hymn is *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*, a 21st century text set to a 19th century tune. Rev. Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007) penned the text in 2005. The music was originally part of the *Sacred Harp* tunes, published in 1844. The harmonization was created by James H. Wood (1921-2003) in 1958.

 For the Special Music, Cathy Cunningham will play *Shall We Gather at the River,* composed in 1864 by Reverend Robert Lowry. The harp arrangement was created by Frank Voltz (b. 1957), a multi-faceted musician based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In addition to harp, Voltz also plays piano and organ and composes and arranges music.

 The service concludes with the postlude, *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether,* written by Harold Friedell (1905-1958) for a communion anthem in 1945.

 The anthem for the second week of October will be a hymn by Joseph Hart (1712-1768). Hart began writing hymns at the age of 45 and did so with earnest until his death eleven years later. *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* is, perhaps, Hart’s most famous hymn. It is set to the tune *Restoration,* one of many included in the collection *Southern Harmony,* assembled by William “Singing Billy” Walker in 1835.

 For the third week of October, members of the choir will sing *All Praise to Thee* by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). Tallis was one of the few musicians, along with William Byrd, to serve both Catholic and Protestant monarchs in 16th century England, including Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. *All Praise to Thee* is one of nine tunes Tallis contributed to Matthew Parker’s *Psalter,* published in 1561. The tune is sung in a canon, also known as a round, aka “Row, row, row your boat.”

 We will hear Paul Jones sing on October 24th. He has shared his gift of music multiple times, and we are blessed to hear how the Spirit moves through him.

 The final Sunday of October happens to fall on All Hallow’s Eve. Be that as it may, we will celebrate All Hallow’s Day, or All Saints Day, remembering those who have passed over the last year. The special music will be the opening movement of *Le Tombeau de Couperin,* composed by Maurice Ravel (1875-1937) between 1914 and 1917. Ravel wrote six pieces in memory of friends killed in action during WWI. Ravel dedicated the **Prélude** to Jacques Charlot who was a godson and cousin of music publisher Jacques Durand. Charlot served as a lieutenant in the French army and was killed on March 3, 1915.

 In other music news, the Waynesboro Symphony returns to the Sanctuary on October 3rd at 3pm. Every member of the orchestra is fully vaccinated, and they ask that all attending the concert wear a mask. Among the pieces will be Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *The Lark Ascending,* featuring concertmaster Wanchi playing solo violin.

 On Saturday, October 9th at 2pm, Roger will play a program for the Charlottesville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison, Virginia. The church houses an organ built in 1802 by David Tannenberg. It is the oldest organ in its original condition in the original location in the entire country! David Tannenberg built a number of organs for Moravian churches in Salem, North Carolina, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. From 1993-2001, Roger served as Director of Music/Organist at Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He will talk about interesting aspects of Moravian hymnody and play the historic instrument. The program is coincident with the day-long Germanna Fall Gathering at Hebron Lutheran Church. Information about other festivities is available at germanna.org.

 Finally, with the current cases of the coronavirus as high as they are, the *First Friday* programs will continue to be on hiatus. Rest assured that they will return when it is safe to do so!

 While we make our way through these continued uncertain times, even though we don’t know what’s ahead, it is comforting to know that God is always with us.

Blessings and peace,

Roger and Kimberlea





**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

Session held a Stated Session Meeting on September 14, 2021.

 Session unanimously approved renewing Rev. Pettit’s Interim Contract for one year – September 1, 2021-September 1, 2022.

 Commissioner Jen Jones reported on the Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting on Zoom August 28. She described the Big Event at Massanetta Springs to be held on September 18 with renowned speaker and guest pastor. (*A summary of that Presbytery meeting was included in the September* Columns.).

 26 are enrolled in Preschool. Carol Perkins is the new teacher in the 2-year-old class and Sonya Willey the new aide.

 Session approved a contract with Bat Management Services in Middlebrook to handle the bat infestation problem in the church building.

 An Interfaith Service of Remembrance, Comfort and Hope was held in the sanctuary on September 11.

 A Potato Bar Luncheon will be held following worship on September 19 in the Fellowship Hall including a CAT meeting on Finances led by Rev. Pettit. (*This event has been postponed due to the illness of the presenter.)*

All Session Meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

 --Betsy Ruehl, Clerk of Session

**FEED YOUR THOUGHTS**

**Ponder these “truism sayings” – Authors unknown**

* Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
* Character is much easier to keep than recover.
* To belittle is to Be Little.
* Kindness is hard to give away because it keeps coming back.
* If you want to be rich, count the things you have that money can’t buy.

**WAYNESBORO HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

 The Waynesboro Heritage foundation, founded in 1997, includes two museums: The Waynesboro Heritage Museum and Plumb House Museum.

 The Waynesboro Heritage Museum is located in a 1908 renovated bank building at the corner of Wayne Avenue and Main Street downtown, where the city’s history is being celebrated and preserved for generations to come. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9-5.

 In addition to permanent exhibits, a new exhibit opened on August 15 entitled “Beyond the Architecture – the Story of Waynesboro City Churches and Their People”. According to *The Heritage Herald* newsletter “I want to thank the city churches who were generous with their time as well as sharing their special artifacts, which are now on display in the exhibit….The museum has had many compliments from visitors who have let us know they had been unaware of how much the local churches are involved in our community and were thankful for all the new things they had learned during their visit.” Note: FPC is included in this exhibit.

The Plumb House Museum, located at 1012 West Main Street, is a two-story log cabin with outbuildings built c. 1802-1806. Open Thursday-Saturday 10-2.

This home was caught in the middle of the “Battle of Waynesborough” March 2, 1865. It was home to five generations of the Plumb Family from 1837-1994. Currently the Noland Heights Garden Club is turning a flowerbed in the kitchen court into an 1800’s medicinal garden.



**FALL FOLIAGE ART SHOW**

**Downtown Waynesboro**

**Saturday, October 9 – 10-5**

**Sunday, October 10 – noon-5**

**THE BIG EVENT**

**Massanetta Springs Conference Center – September 18, 2021**

 The theme of this year’s annual Big Event, sponsored by Shenandoah Presbytery, was based on the words of Matthew 25:44 “When did we see you, Lord?”. The goal was to discover ways in which the church can be about the work of Congregational Vitality, Eradicating Systemic Poverty and Dismantling Structural Racism.

 Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, was the Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader.

 Preacher and also Workshop Leader Rev. Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben, Rear Admiral, is current Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives. She is the first woman ever to hold this position. She retired as chaplain from both the Navy and Marine Corps.

 Attending the day’s activities from FPC were our two newest elders, Jean Hashagen and Terry Crickenberger, “old” elder Jen Jones and husband Paul, and the ubiquitous Clerk of Session.Not only did we have a chance to fellowship on breaks and over lunch, but we also had the privilege of meeting Pastor’s Pettit’s wife Ann, co-pastor of Massanutten PC, with her entourage.

 The highlight for me was listening to the Chaplain’s description of her role on site, on only her third day on the job, as the capitol was being attacked by insurgents on January 6. It felt as though we were witnessing history!

 Next time we travel to/from the Conference perhaps some of us should pay attention to our GPS. --Betsy Ruehl



 **Preschool Party**

 **Thursday, October 28**

 **Come and join the fun**



Dear Congregation,

 September brought in a new school year with many new faces. Preschool began on August 30th. The staff enjoyed getting to know their new students and the children were thrilled to be making new friends.

 Much is planned for October. The fall season will be the talking point of many of the room’s lesson plans. The Preschool will be taking their annual Pumpkin Patch Field Trip on October 13th. Troyer’s Fruit and Produce will play host to our preschool families. The Preschool will be asking for volunteers to hand out candy on October 28th as the children dress up as their favorite characters, superheroes, and creatures to celebrate Halloween.

 We are always delighted to receive aid and scholarships from anyone who wishes to donate. To sponsor a child or make a one-time donation, please email me at preschool@firstpresway.com.

 Thank you for your time and God Bless,

Nate Rudin

Director



 October 6 Jeanne Curry

 Mary Ann Maupin

 October 10 Charles Simpkins

 Nancy Geer

 October 11 Shirley Straka

 October 15 Lorain Kent

 October 17 Susan Elder

 October 18 Jen Jones

 October 21 Kevin Henkel

 October 22 Kimberlea Daggy

 October 26 Mark Henderson

 October 30 Anne Wood



 October 16 Paul & Phyliss Poluito



Collin Patrick Skinner arrived on Tuesday 9/7.  Collin is the son of Kristin and Sean Skinner, grandson of Don and Jeanne Hashagen (their 8th grandchild), and great-nephew of Jean Hashagen (her 12th great-baby).

Anna Braly Doyle arrived on Friday 8/ 27, daughter of Elizabeth and Simon, sister of Jonathan, and granddaughter of Richard and Jeanne Curry.



**Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:**

The Legacy: Eloise Morris, Mary June Cook

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Mary Ann Maupin

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Marianne Beck, Bill Bromley, Grace Measles (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Alissa Voils (Pam Leech), Phil Hashagen (Jean & Don), Erwin Berry (Joan), Claude Williamson, Marianna Callaway and Bay Kelley (Ruth Kelley)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

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



**CAT DISCUSSION ON FINANCES AND POTATO BAR**

**for 9/19/21 - Postponed**

**Rescheduled date to be announced**

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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](http://firstpresway.org) **Deadlines: COLUMNS:** 20th of the month

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**Saturday, October 2**

Waynesboro Symphony Practice

**Sunday, October 3**

Worship Service 11am

Waynesboro Symphony Concert 3pm

**Tuesday, October 5**

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Thursday, October 7**

Food Bank 6-8pm

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Sunday, October 10**

Worship Service 11am

**Tuesday, October 12**

Session Meeting 2:30

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Wednesday, October 13**

Preschool Trip to Pumpkin Patch

**Thursday, October 14**

Food Bank 2-4pm

**Sunday, October 17**

Worship Service 11am

**Tuesday, October 19**

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Thursday, October 21**

Food Bank 6-8pm

**Sunday, October 24**

Worship Service 11am

**Tuesday, October 26**

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Thursday, October 28**

**Food Bank 2-4pm**

Waynesboro Symphony Practice Fellowship Hall 7pm

**Sunday, October 31**

Worship Service 11am