



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

Live service 11:00 a.m.
Simulcast at firstpresway.com

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday - Closed
Pastor: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LIMPING ALONG.....

At the end of November, *Colleen Cash*, our dedicated Administrative Assistant and active Elder, suffered a compound fracture of her ankle, requiring surgery. Church staff and dedicated volunteers have rallied to keep the church activities and building running as smoothly as possible.

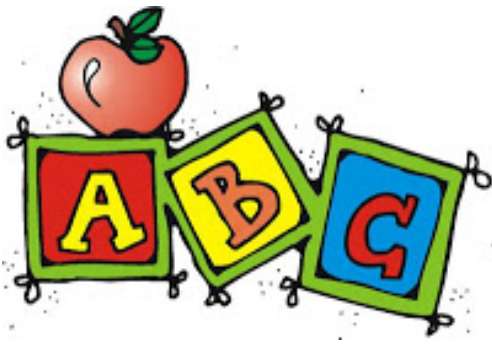
Let me single out a few special people who have stepped up during this time. First of all, our own interim pastor, *Patrick Pettit*, is one whiz on the computer. He has formatted both December and January *Columns* after the editor has formulated most of the articles and has provided the Sunday bulletins - all the while providing leadership in the pulpit and pastorally. *Colleen* herself has been on the phone with whoever is manning the office every single day. *Nate Rudin*, our Preschool Director, has stood in for *Colleen* with repair people and visitors. *Jean Hashagen* has dedicated two days a week working in tandem with *Colleen* on the computer. *Colleen* is able to do some work from home and with the help of her family she has come to work in the office twice in a wheelchair. Many other volunteers have manned the phones and answered the door during office hours.

We may be small but we are mighty – in heart and spirit. Please say “yes” if you see a need or are asked to help your church in some capacity.

We keep *Colleen* in our thoughts and prayers; boy, do we look forward to her return!

Betsy Ruehl

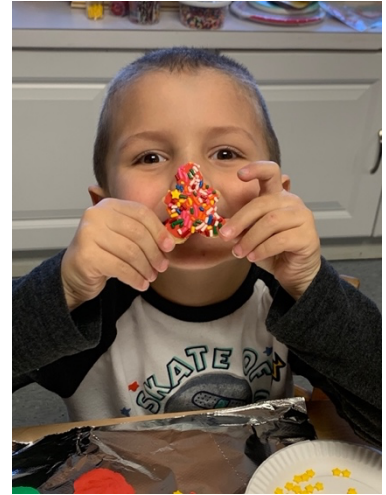
Special thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for the season!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

December was full of celebration with family and friends. All three classes enjoyed Christmas parties where they had food and sweet treats.

The four-year-old class baked their own cookies which they decorated with icing and sprinkles. We ended 2021 with our annual Christmas program. The children went out with a bang. We hope to continue our great progress into the new year. We come back from break on the 3rd and look forward to hearing all the wonderful stories about the children's Christmas break.



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with their families and friends.

Nate Rudin
Preschool Director

Happy New Year from the music department at First Presbyterian Church!

We hope you've had a lovely Christmas season. We are grateful to all who have contributed to music for worship services over the course of 2021. Look for an overview of the past year in the February Columns!

Blessings and peace -
Roger and Kimberlea Daggy



APRICOT BREAD AND GATHERED WORSHIP

Remembering the taste of home

Rev. Ken Rummer

When people ask about a food that makes the holiday official in my family, the answer I give is apricot bread.

I remember one grandmother for her orange bread and the other grandmother for her yeast bread, but my mother's baking specialty for Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve was apricot bread.

As a young child, I was appointed Greaser of the Pans. Later I was remembered as Sifter of the Flour. My favorite roll was Taster of the Apricots but it came with a warning:



Photo by Ken Rummer

too many apricots give you a tummy ache, and besides, we need to leave some of the bread.

Apricot bread is a quick bread like banana bread, but the chewy tang of the dried apricots, the sweetness of the sugar, and the exotic notes of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves give it a flavor all its own.

At some point – it might have been around the time I married – my mother wrote out her recipe for apricot bread on a three-by-five card. I have it in front of me now. It's a little worse for wear, creased and stained from regular use, and turning brown from almost half a century of baking sessions. But I can still read the added directions in my mother's cursive hand. And when I make apricot bread the flavor transports me to family gatherings past and present and to my place at those tables. Apricot bread, for me, tastes like home.

I've noticed that gatherings for worship can do that, too. Whether I'm online or in person, the old family recipe of song and prayer and Scripture and sermon and sacrament transports me.

Suddenly I'm a baby being carried forward for baptism. I'm a teen singing hymns to a jazz beat. I'm a nervous newbie preacher on the first Sunday in a new call. I'm a retired pastor no longer standing up front.

The dead appear. My parents are sitting in their usual pew, my grandparents are dressed in their Sunday clothes, and even the great-grandparents, dim in my memory, are part of the gathering. *Continued*

Apricot Bread, *continued*.

Somehow, I'm connected to a Christian meeting in catacombs and cathedrals, as well as to Christians yet to be born. I hear the voices of the gathered family of faith from the chair beside me and from the online screen, and I sense a deeper presence, like a whiff of perfume, like the hum of a dynamo – God, as a person you've always known but long to meet.

Gathered worship can do that. Its flavors offer transport. It takes me home. Green-pastures-and-still-water home. Holy-holy-before-the-throne-of-God home. I-will-be-your-God-and-you-will-be-my-people home. Wipe-every-tear-from-their-eyes home. In-Christ-a-new-creation home.

And what does home taste like:

Like semi-sweet grape juice from a small cup.

Like tangy bread from an old family recipe.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

As night fell on December 10, 2021, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken.

In the wake of the terrible and catastrophic storms, it is the role of the ordinary people of faith like us to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost

lost ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as the result of these tornadoes. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give, Act, Pray.

Gifts can be made online [HERE](#),
by phone at (800) 872-3282,
or by check to Presbyterian Church, (USA)
with DR000015 on memo line and mailed to
PC(USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Health and Other Concerns

The Legacy: *Mary June Cook*

Shenandoah Nursing Home: *Ruby Schwab*

Summit Square: *Lillian Hryshkanych*



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

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

Military: *Carson Craig, Jeremiah Henderson.*

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



January 6

Ann Epes

Michael Griffith

January 8

Bruce Bosselman

January 11

Jeanne Hashagen

January 24

Mary Jane Trimble

January 28

Celia Daggy

January 31

Randy Hypes

**The Stated Session Meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021
did not take place for lack of a quorum.**

Safety on board Airbus A320

FLIGHT 2022 INSTRUCTIONS

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022!
We are prepared to take off into the new year.



No smoking
Ne pas fumer
No fumar
सुसपाय माा करे
Απαγορεύεται το κάπνισμα
禁煙
禁止吸烟
禁止吸烟

Please make sure your
Positive Attitude and Gratitude
are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destruct devices:
pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment
should be turned off at this time.

Seat belt
Ceinture de sécurité
Cinturón de seguridad
सीट पेल्ट
Ζώνη ασφαλείας
シートベルト
安全帶使用法
安全帶使用法

All negativity, hurt and discouragement
should be put away.

Brace yourself
Rassemblez vos forces
Prepararse para el impacto
अपनी पेटी बस लें
Αόβετε θέση έτοιμότητας
お座り姿勢
安全带使用法
安全带使用法

Should you lose your **Positive Attitude**
under pressure during this flight,
reach up and pull down a prayer.
Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith.
Once your Faith is activated, you can assist
other passengers who are of little faith.

Oxygen
Oxygène
Oxígeno
ऑक्सीजन गैस
Οξυγόνο
酸素ガス
氧气使用法
氧气使用法

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off:
Destination – GREATNESS!

Escape path lights
Itinéraire de secours
Ruta de escape
निवास मार्ग बलिर्वा
Θύρα διαδρόμου διαφυγής
避難口
紧急出口指示
紧急出口指示

Wishing you a New Year filled with
new HOPE,
new JOY,
and new BEGINNINGS!
Stay blessed,
and welcome to 2022!



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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

Food Bank Thursdays

January 6, 2022
2:00 - 4:00 pm

January 13, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 pm

January 19, 2022
2:00 - 4:00 pm

January 26, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Session
January 11, 2:30 pm

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