

The Columns *Online*

March 2, 2022 | Waynesboro, Virginia | *a newsletter supplement*



PDA Statement on Ukraine

We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations and individuals asking how they can help. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not - which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work.

We are hearing that the reformed churches in Ukraine and the region are also feeling called to join in the humanitarian response. PDA, therefore, anticipates that our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

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

Augusta County:	24.1
Harrisonburg	20.7
Rockingham	14.2
Staunton	26.1
<u>Waynesboro</u>	<u>22.6</u>
Average/100K	21.5

Level of Community Transmission



Music Notes.

Lent begins this week, and for the first Sunday of this penitential time, the service opens with a modern setting of the ancient prayer, *Lord Have Mercy*. It is one of scores of congregational hymns composed by Dr. Swee Hong Lim (b. 1963), who directs the Master of Sacred Music program at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Throughout this Lenten season, the congregation will sing this prayer for the Introit.



Lim.

The opening hymn will be *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*, also known as *On Eagle's Wings*. Michael Joncas (b. 1951) composed the popular hymn in the later 1970s. The song was first recorded in 1979, and it has since become a beloved hymn throughout Christendom. *On Eagle's Wings* has been sung during countless services, from internationally broadcast papal masses to the 2007 funeral for Luciano Pavarotti.

Our Worship Channels

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Liturgist this week: Jo Panill

Scripture lessons: Psalm 91
Deuteronomy 6: 1-11

Sermon: Can you spare some change?

19 Days 'til Spring

Lent 2022

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, Noon

Book Study- and Lunch

Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt

Wednesdays at Noon

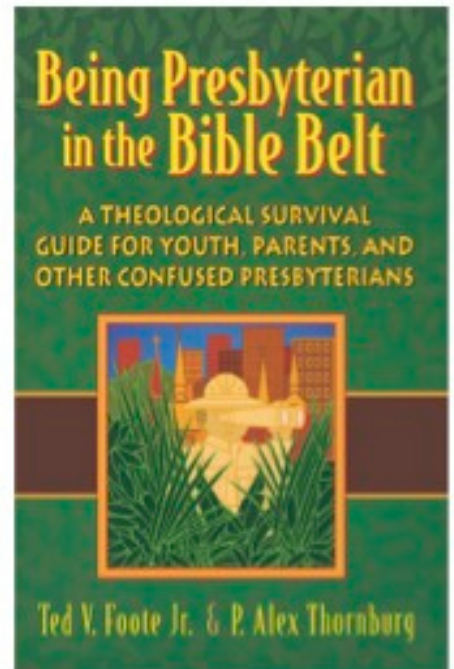
March 9 March 16

March 23 March 30

April 6

Maundy Thursday Simple meal with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 14, Noon

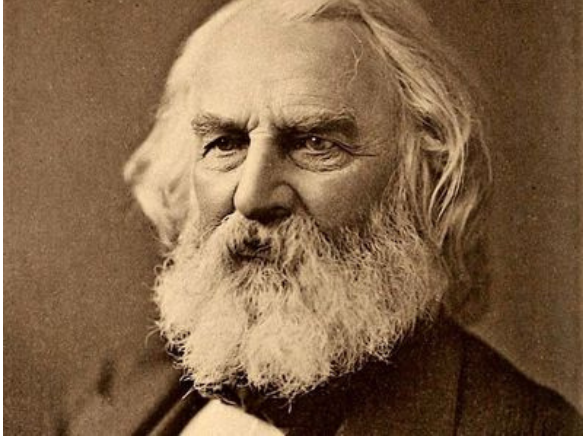


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This Week in History.



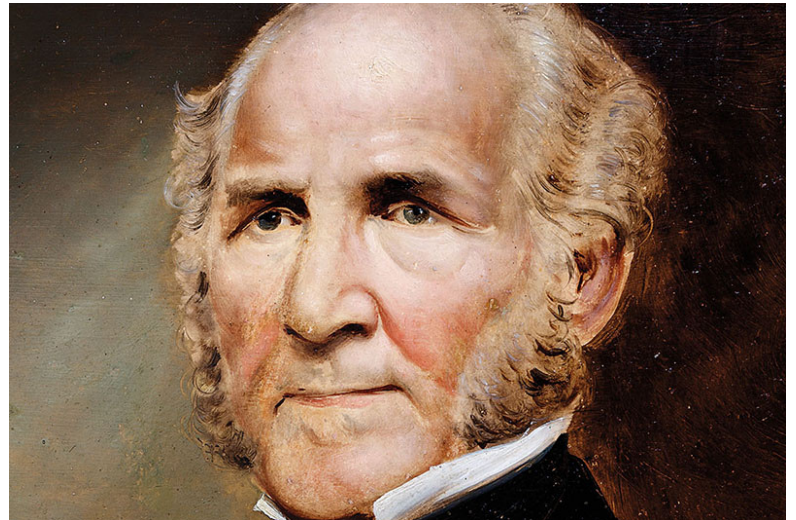
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
born in Portland MN
February 27, 1807



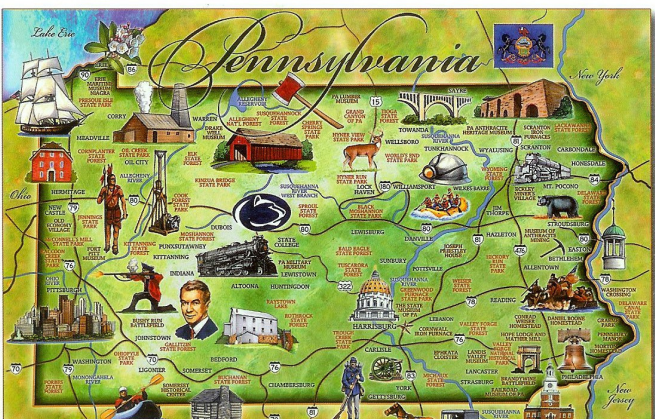
Experimental Naval gun explodes on U.S.S. Princeton,
killing 6, including the Secretaries of State and Navy
28 February, 1844



Peace Corps established
by President John F. Kennedy
1 March, 1961



Sam Houston born in Rockbridge County, VA
March 2, 1793



King Charles II grants to William Penn a huge
tract of land that became Pennsylvania.
March 4, 1681



The Boston Massacre: British Troops attack
crowd of Bostonians harrassing them
March 5, 1770