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The Columns *Online*

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[Shenandoah Presbytery Moves to Massanetta Springs](#)

Former offices will become low barrier shelter.

"It is with great joy and in thanks to God that we can announce the sale of the Presbytery office building is complete!"

The presbytery Facebook account shared the news earlier this month that the City of Harrisonburg has purchased the 6,730-square-foot building that has housed the presbytery offices for many years. The city will use \$700,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to pay for the former funeral home at 1111 N. Main Street, along with nearly four acres of land. After renovations, it will become the Shelter and headquarters of Open Doors, the non-profit engaging the local community by providing



Former Presbytery offices.

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Presbytery Office to become homeless shelter. *Continued*

shelter, compassionate support and access to services for people who are homeless. The purchase will put an end to the era of Open Doors shifting from one temporary facility to another. Most recently, the shelter has operated out of the building that once housed Red Front Grocery in Harrisonburg, and the D-Hub, a structure erected to serve as a temporary dining hall on the campus of James Madison University.

The debate over shelter for those experiencing homelessness has been going on for years. Last fall, the Harrisonburg city council made a permanent shelter a top priority for the use of the \$23.8 million the city is receiving in federal ARPA funds, which Congress approved, in part, to help cities make up for lost revenue during the pandemic. In addition to the \$700,000 for the site's purchase, the city will use ARPA funds for any renovations or construction necessary for the space.

Ashley Robinson, director of operations for Open Doors, has said the main goal for the relocation was to find a space central to downtown Harrisonburg, one that could serve the needs not just of Open Doors and its guests, but of other organizations in the community. For more information on Open Doors, please go to their website, <https://www.valleyopendoors.org>.



The Open Doors temporary shelter in the old Red Front Supermarket.



The D-Hub at James Madison University.

Liturgist this week: Warner Sandquist
Scripture lessons: Psalm 1
Luke 14:25-33
Sermon: Half-built faith.

Worship Info for September 4

As we do every month here at FPC, we open September with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The special music for this week's service is a communion favorite - the spiritual *Let Us Break Bread Together*. But as Miles Mark Fisher notes in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States* (1953), the hymn originally "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 music for the opening hymn, *How Happy Are the Saints of God*, was composed by William Knapp (1698-1768). A glover by trade, Knapp worked other jobs (like many musicians of his time and ours) while serving as an organist in the towns of Wareham and Poole; he also served as parish clerk in Poole. Knapp named the tune WAREHAM after his hometown, publishing it, along with many others tunes, in *A Set of New Psalm Tunes and Anthems* in 1738.



Knapp.

The text to the closing hymn, *Take Up Your Cross, the Savoir Said*, is set to music by Freeman Lewis (1780-1859).



The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

The American composer compiled and published a book of camp meeting hymns and other sacred pieces in 1813 called The Beauties of Harmony. Like Knapp, Lewis worked at a variety of jobs, serving as a traveling school teacher, a writer and a surveyor. Among his non-musical projects was helping find a route for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

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The Big TRAINING Event

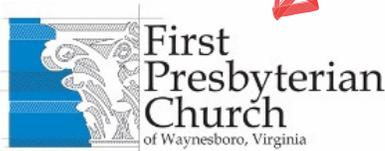
Saturday, September 10, 2022, 8:30 am—3:00 pm
Massanetta Springs Conference Center
Cost \$20

8:30–9:30	Registration in Stewart Hall
9:30–9:45	Welcome and Announcements
9:45–10:30	Workshop A: choose one A1 Clerk of Session training - How are minutes best and properly recorded? What needs to be included in the Session minutes? Minutes of other meetings? Annual report? Led by Rev. Bronwen Boswell, Stated Clerk and General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery A2 Treasurers' training - What are the duties of a Treasurer of a congregation? How do I record/transmit transactions? What information do I share with the Session and the congregation, and how? What are best financial practices? Led by Heather Carter, Funds Administrator, Shenandoah Presbytery
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–11:45	Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper
12:00–1:00	Lunch in Massanetta Dining Room
1:15–2:00	Workshop B: choose one B1 Serving as a Commissioned Ruling Elder - A discussion of the process, joys, and growing edges for CREs- either already serving in a commission or preparing for one. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Bob Osborne. B2 PW 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath - An overview of the Horizons Bible Study, written by Rev. Dr. Carol M. Bechtel. Led by Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao
2:00–2:15	Break
2:15–3:00	Workshop C: choose one C1 The Ministry of Ruling Elders - In our baptism, we have received the Holy Spirit, which equips us for ministry. The ministry of the Ruling Elder is foundational to our understanding of life in the Presbyterian Church. This training is for elders both seasoned and new. Led by Rev. Bronwen Boswell and Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao C2 Mission and Evangelism: best practices for today - What are best mission practices? How can we join in what God is already doing in the world, seeking co-development and companionship? Led by Cindy Corell, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker to Haiti
3:00	Closing Prayer

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Our Worship Channels

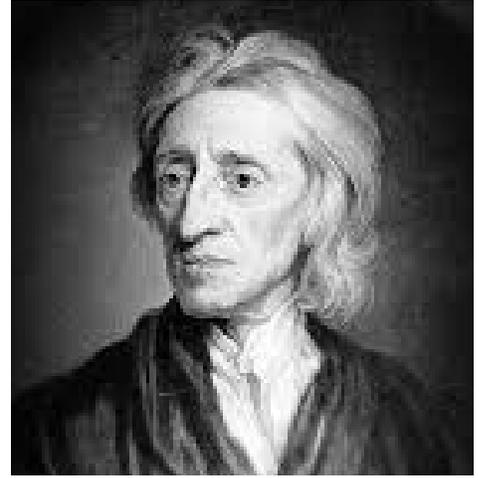
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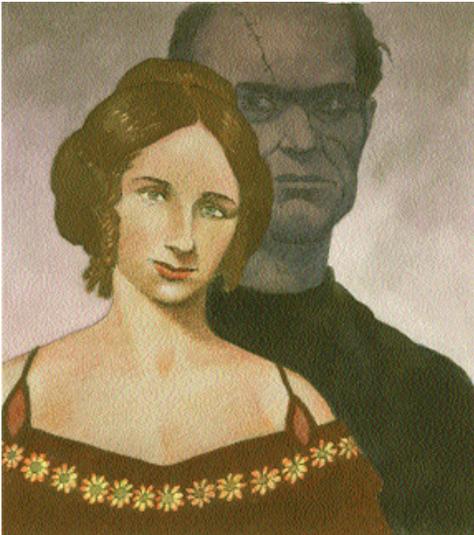
This Week in History.



More than 250,000 attend the March on Washington, where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. makes his *I Have a Dream* speech.
August 28, 1963



Political Philosopher John Locke
born in Wrington, England
August 29, 1632



Author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
born in London, England.
August 30, 1797



Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a high-speed car crash inside a tunnel in Paris, reportedly after being pursued by photographers.
August 31, 1997



Armies of the Third Reich invade Poland, starting World War II.
September 1, 1939



The Great Fire of London begins in a bakery near the Tower.
More than 13,000 houses were destroyed in three days,
but only six were killed.
September, 1666



The Treaty of Paris is signed by Americans Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolution.
September 3, 1783