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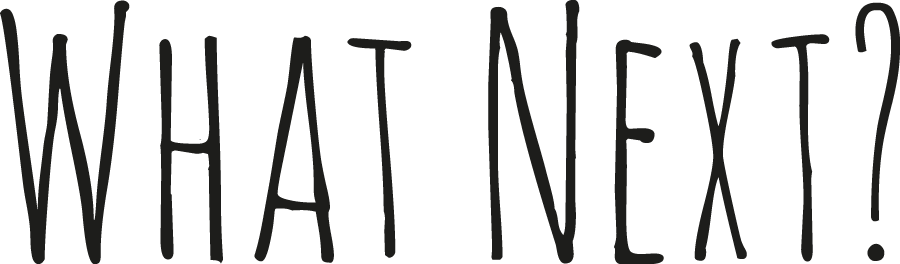
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THE COLUMNS

**June 2023, Volume 61, Issue 6**



The time has come, good people, when we begin to consider this important question. Of course, there are various ways to answer this.

For example, there's **Property & Maintenance.** Here's what to look for in the coming months:

* New Roof
* New HVAC Units
* Consolidation of church operations in Sanctuary building

Then, there's the **property transfer to Fishburne**. Here's what needs to happen:

* The property work outlined above
* An Asbestos inspection
* Presbytery concurrence

In **the Preschool,** some things we need to do include:

* Find a director to succeed Nate Rudin, who has graduated and is beginning his nursing career at Augusta Health
* Address other personnel needs
* Bring classroom(s) into compliance with regulations concerning outside exits

We also need to follow up on ideas for **our life together**, including:

* Wednesday Night Dinners
* Bible Study
* Sunday School/Christian Education

And finally, there's **my contract,** which expires August 31.

* Do we renew?
* If so, for how long?
* Full time or part time?
* Any changes to duties & responsibilities?

Quite a lot for one summer, eh?

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**A Message from our General Presbyter**

During the presbytery meeting on Saturday May 20th, I gave a report about the state of the presbytery. It probably should have been noted that this was only part one – a glance at statistics and trends. Boiled down, we currently have 97 churches with 74 of those churches having 100 members or less. Fewer new pastors are coming into the system while more are retiring. So, we need to be looking at old/new models for doing ministry. I even suggested a circuit rider.

But I realize that before we can really talk about different models of how to do ministry, we need to be able to articulate what our ministry is. How is it that we are living out our calling from Christ? Is it that we hear the Holy Spirit nudging us to get out and do? Until we wrestle with these questions and know how to focus our calling, will we know what kind of pastoral leadership we need.

And our congregations will have different callings – one may need to focus on hunger issues, another on the welfare of children, another on aging ministries, another on world mission, another on home mission and yes, some will need to be thinking about their legacy as membership wanes.

This summer, let us all be reflecting on what it is to live into our calling in Christ. Let us think how God wants us to use our gifts and talents to share the Good News of the Gospel. Let us listen for and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let us imagine what we can do and together we can find the way to do it!

We are here to help.

Blessings,

Bronwen

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Waynesboro Second Church

Beginning Monday, April 3, 2023, Second Presbyterian, Waynesboro began hosting Augusta Health’s Mobile Primary Care Clinic the first Monday of each month from 10:00 – 2:00. Below is brief information about these clinics.

During these clinics in April & May the doctor saw average of 8 patients, the nurses an average of 9 and many folks attending our free lunch meal program (Disciples’ Kitchen) received a bag of groceries provided by the Community Outreach and Partnership Group at Augusta Health. When necessary, those receiving care may also receive follow-up calls from the hospital, referrals for additional care and assistance with other needs. These clinics are not solely for those attending the meal program. They are open for anyone needing medical care assistance.

Clinics this summer will be on Monday, June 5, Monday, July 3 and Monday, August 7.

◊ Health consultations with a doctor for adults

◊ General medical problems, medication refills and medical checkups

◊ No health insurance required.

Submitted by: Linda Fields

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**of HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 197th Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery**

**May 20, 2023 – Third Presbyterian Church, Staunton**

Associate General Presbyter TE Nancy Meehan Yao led the yearly review of our *Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy* and the *Background Check and Boundary Training Policy.*

TE Jaci Smith Patman, interim pastor at Hermitage PC, preached an engaging sermon entitled “The Church at the Crossroad”, challenging us all to “commit to your adventure with God!”The offering taken is to support scholarships for women entering ministry at the Terfa Jarso Seminary in Ethiopia, a seminary in our partner synod in Ethiopia.

Committee on Presbytery Administration recommended a gift of $325,000 from the sale of the presbytery office building to the Massanetta Springs capital campaign “Building a Place for All”. It was approved enthusiastically. {Editor’s note: Shenandoah Presbytery headquarters are now housed at Massenetta Springs Conference Center.}

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry introduced Kimberly Shank, a new candidate under our care for ministry.

The Committee on Relational Ministry recommended allowing the Middletown congregation to sell the Cedar Creek Chapel. Motion passed.

General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Bronwen Boswell shared statistics and trends concerning churches and ministers in the presbytery as well as nationally asking that we think about different models and ways of being church going forward.

Committee on New Church Development made two recommendations for the Community Cup, the new worshipping community in Martinsburg. Both passed.

Moderator TE April Cranford led the commissioning service for RE Tina Glenn for the Goshen Church.

The amendments to the Book of Order that were pulled from the February meeting were debated and voted upon. All passed. The amendments to the constitution have now been passed by the majority of the presbyteries and the new Book of Order will be available sometime in July.

--Bronwen Boswell, Stated Clerk

**Image result for free clip art one great hour of sharing**

**Our offerings totaled $1877.00.**

**Stated Session Meeting, scheduled for May 9,**

**was not held. Next scheduled meeting is June 13.**

**MUSIC NOTES FOR JUNE**

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful area, with the glory of God’s creation growing all around us! Our area of the Shenandoah Valley sports the most diverse deciduous forest in the world, and in it, we see the incredible range of flora and fauna created by our Lord - much to our delight!

The first Sunday of the month celebrates the Holy Trinity. We will praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Scripture and in song. The opening hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy,* is the very first selection in our hymnal*.*  This stirring hymn will conclude with an arrangement created by Roger decades ago. The closing hymn, *Come, Thou Almighty King,* was composed by Felice di Giardini (1716-1796). The Italian composer honed his violin skills playing in theatre orchestras before he hit his teens! Giardini played violin throughout Europe, eventually settling in London, where he directed the Italian Opera and led the orchestra. While in London, Giardini played for Johann Christian Bach (the youngest son of Johann Sebastian Bach), who ran a successful concert series in the British capitol. Giardini composed music in various genres, most notably in opera and chamber music.

The second Sunday of June looks to our Lord and Savior for healing and strength. One of the hymns will be *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*.The text, written by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), is set to the tune Restoration. The music dates from the early days of Colonial America. It was included in The Easy Instructor, a singing manual published in 1801. That collection formed the basis for Southern Harmony, 335 songs assembled and printed in 1835 by William “Singing Billy” Walker. Southern Harmony remains in print to this day, relatively unchanged since its subsequent publication in 1854. For the special music on 11 June, Celia Daggy will play viola. She is spending much of the summer in the Valley and will play with the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival 11-18 June.

Father’s Day falls on the third Sunday of June. Through music, we shall honor all the fathers in our congregation, as well as “Our Father, who art in heaven.” In praise of our heavenly Father, the introit will be *Faith of our Fathers,* the opening hymn will be *This Is My Father’s World* (Terra Beata)and the closing hymn will be *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* (Rest).

For the last Sunday of June, we will sing praise to God with the joyful hymns *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* as well as Beethoven’s exuberant *Hymn to Joy,* taken from the final movement of the composer’s monumental Ninth Symphony.

Finally, Roger began the month with a First Friday Organ concert, followed by a light luncheon. We are so grateful to First Presbyterian Church for supporting this series over the last five years. The summer affords Roger a break from these programs, which will resume in September.

Blessings –

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy

**FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT**

June 1, 2023 – 12:15 p.m.

followed by a light repast in the Barksdale Room



**FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES FLAG**

**FLAG DAY, JUNE 14**

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating from before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions like those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United Sates are the following:

* Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777, states “Resolved. That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.”
* Act of January 13, 1794 – 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
* Act of April 4, 1818 – 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state.
* Executive Order of President Taft, June 24, 1912 – established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangements of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
* Executive Order of President Eisenhower, January 3, 1959 – provided for arrangement of stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
* Executive Order of President Eisenhower, August 21, 1959 – provided for arrangement of stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

**WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways. They adhere to be a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Reformed Theology

What are human beings created to do? Reformed theology says that human beings are to “know God and enjoy {God} forever”. Theology is a way of thinking about God and God’s relation to the world. Reformed Theology evolved during the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

In its Confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God’s sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed Tradition:

* The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation.
* Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God.
* A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God’s creation.
* The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God. (*Book of Order,* G-2.0500)

Church Government

(To be continued in July *Columns.* Information from Presbyterian Mission Agency.)

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**MISSION/OUTREACH APRIL 2023**

* Ordered and received food from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank April 11 and 25. Volunteers assembled 20 pantry boxes for each order.
* Maintained temperature logs for refrigerators and freezers.
* Food Bank April 6,13, 20 and 27.
* Purchased eggs, bread, and margarine for Food Bank weekly.
* Updated weekly shopping list for extra options.
* Completed pantry inventory and report: Served 158 individuals for the month of April.
* Sponsored a new pantry in Waynesboro High School. Will start distributing food to WHS by Danny Woodworth in April. I have established a separate account (7611-1)
* Assistant Principal Melisa Cobb is overseeing the pantry. For the month of April five students received food for 17 family members. The WHS pantry is stocked for the remainder of the school year. Will resume deliveries in August.
* Disciple’s Kitchen: Note: the days have been changed to accommodate receiving order from Verona. New dates: May 30 and June 27
* May: Collecting individually wrapped toothbrushes for hygiene kits. Collecting chicken noodle soup for Food Bank.

--Cynthia Hoover, Mission Chair

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**JUNE NEEDS**

**Peanut Butter**



**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

**2023-2024**

The Scholarship Committee, Holly Bennett, Chair, Mary Ann Maupin and Connie Sachlis, met on May 4, 2023, to review this year’s applications. The total

amount allocated for the 2023-24 academic year is $18,940.00 from the following funds:

**Scholarship Name Amount**

Lucy Coyner Scholarship $7,733.00

James Davis Scholarship $2,817.00

Memorial Scholarship $8,155.00

William Sheppard $235.00

Lila Foster Teacher Scholarship No qualified applicants

**Total funds awarded: $18,940.00**

**Five students were awarded scholarships:**

Nathan Butler – Blue Ridge Community College

Paris J. Carter – Messiah University

Diana M. Forshee – Bridgewater College

Karalyn Rudin – Valley Career and Technical Center

Isai Zamudio – Piedmont Virginia Community College

*Nothing that is worth doing*

*Can be achieved in our lifetime;*

*Therefore we must be saved by hope.*

*Nothing which is true or beautiful or good*

*Make compete sense in any immediate context of history;*

*Therefore we must be saved by faith.*

*Nothing we do, however virtuous,*

*Can be accomplished alone;*

*Therefore we must be saved by love.*

--Reinhold Niebuhr

5 Jean Droughman

9 Pam Leech

14 Betsy Ruehl Colleen Cash

16 Warner Sandquist

24 Carol Powers

29 Bill Pannill Phyllis Hanna

1 Roger & Ann Bryant

9 Erwin & Joan Berry

13 Bruce Bosselman & Kevin Henkel

14 Bob & Mary Scott Miller

23 Bill & JoAnn Pannill

25 Art & Anne Johnson

28 Mark & Sandi Henderson

 **IN MEMORIAM**

**Walter “Walt” Lewis Flora**

**May 13, 1929 - May 5, 2023**



**LITURGISTS**

4 Bill Pannill

11 Betsy Ruehl

18 Jean Hashagen

25 Cynthia Hoover



Dear Congregation,

May brought the conclusion to the 2022-23 Preschool school year. 12 students graduated into kindergarten. We ended our year off with the Spring Program which was a true work of art as usual.

June 5 will be our first day of Summer Camp where we hope to continue the fun with various themes, crafts, activities, and field days. We are currently enrolling for the next school year.

Two boys sitting in a chair

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Nate Rudin

Director



A group of children in graduation gowns and caps

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A person and children walking in a church

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**Audio/Visual Technician**

Mr. Craig Cavanaugh

**Maintenance Technician**

Mr. Michael Griffith

JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

6-8 PM Food Bank

Friday, June 2

12:15 PM First Friday Concert & Lite Lunch

Sunday, June 4

11AM Worship Service

Thursday, June 8

2-4 PM Food Bank

Sunday, June 11

11 AM Worship Service, Terry Crickenberger, Preacher

Tuesday, June 13

2:30 PM Session Meeting, Room 212

Thursday, June 15

6-8 PM Food Bank

Sunday, June 18

11 AM Worship Service Father’s Day

Thursday, June 22

2-4 PM Food Bank

Sunday, June 25

11 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, June 27

Disciples’ Kitchen

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