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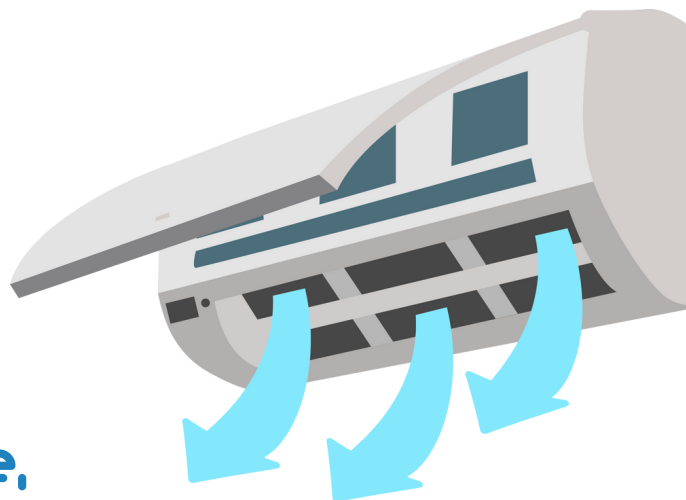
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Hot enough for ya??

You may have noticed the increased temperature in the sanctuary over the past several weeks. It's been a hot summer - a most inopportune time for the air conditioning to be broken. To make matters worse, Riddleberger Brothers, our HVAC contractor, is still waiting for the Carrier corporation to ship the equipment that was ordered in the spring. Just this week we received notice that its anticipated shipping date has been moved back to January, 2024.

We are working hard to address the situation: worship has been moved into the Barksdale Room, which is easier to cool, and we have secured ductless air conditioning units to help. But there is a learning curve to everything, and that includes keeping things cool.

You can help by staying hydrated, wearing light, comfortable clothing Sunday mornings, and keeping a positive mental attitude. Remember: we are all doing the best we can .



Until further notice,
we will gather for worship
in the Barksdale Room,
where we will **TRY** to make it cooler.



Presbytery's Big Event

Shenandoah Presbytery's Big Event this year will be on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Our conference theme is "Faithful Decisions in Difficult Times" as we consider Christians are called to join God's work in making all things new amidst 21st Century challenges.

This year we are excited to welcome speakers Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor/Publisher of the Presbyterian Outlook and author of the book **Necessary Risks: Challenges Privileged People Need to Face**, and Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of **Modernity, The Environment, and the Christian Just War Tradition**. They will lead us through worship, a keynote address, and afternoon breakout session; as always, informal conversation between sessions and during lunch should be a highlight of the day.

Registration opens at 8:30 am in Stewart Hall, with Welcome and Worship beginning at 9:30. Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch in the Massanetta Dining Room. After lunch, we will meet again in Stewart for 2 workshop/discussion times. There will also be an intentional space in the adjacent Calvin Room for quiet reflection/prayer during the day. Click on the links below:



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A 12-panel comic strip from the Calvin and Hobbes series. The panels show Calvin digging a hole, then a tunnel, and finally a large cave. He and Hobbes are in the cave, with Calvin asking "DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY IT IS?" and Hobbes replying "NOPE. WHY?"

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SERMON: "GRASPING"

This Week in History.



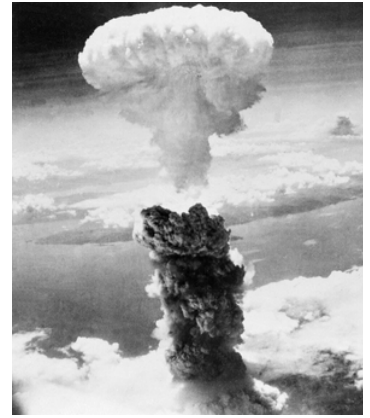
Margaret Gertrude Zelle is born in Leewarden, Netherlands. An exotic dancer and courtesan who took the stage name **Mata Hari**, she spied on behalf of Imperial German Army during World War I. Arrested by the French in 1917 for espionage, she was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. At her execution, she refused a blindfold and instead threw a kiss to the French firing squad.

August 7, 1876



African American explorer **Matthew Henson** is born in Nanjemoy, MD. He accompanied Robert E. Peary on seven Arctic expeditions over 23 years. He would be the first person to reach the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

August 8, 1866



A second nuclear device is detonated over Japan. An American B-29 bomber heading for the city of Kokura, would divert because of poor visibility to **Nagasaki**, where the bomb would kill an estimated 70,000 persons and destroy about half the city.

August 9, 1945

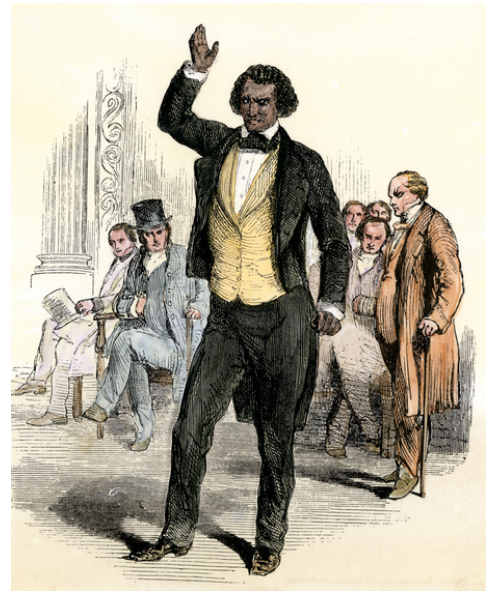


Herbert Clark Hoover is born in West Branch, IA. After a lucrative career as a mining engineer, he would lead the Commission For Relief in Belgium during World War I before turning to politics. Elected in 1929, he would be the 31st President, and the first President born west of the Mississippi.

August 10, 1874

Frederick Douglass, speaks in public the first time. During an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island, he gave a powerful, emotional account of his life as a slave. He was immediately asked to become a full-time lecturer for the Massachusetts Antislavery Society.

August 11, 1841



Pioneer film producer and director **Cecil Blount DeMille** is born in Ashfield, Massachusetts. In a career that spanned more than four decades, he would produce over 70 major films including *Cleopatra*, *The Ten Commandments*, and *The Greatest Show on Earth*.

August 12, 1881



British film director **Sir Alfred Joseph Hitchcock, KBE** is born in London, England. His suspenseful films included classics such as *The 39 Steps*, *Rebecca*, *Suspicion*, *Notorious*, *Rear Window*, *The Birds*, and *Psycho*.

August 13, 1899