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A Message from our General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Fall is here and we are all back into our schedules of worship and Sunday school, choir practice and committee meetings. I want you to stop, look and listen.

Take time to look around at what is happening. Look at the community, the families that make up your neighborhood, the congregation and your family. Look at the faces of those around you, at home, at work, in worship and in the day to day transactions of life.

And listen, to what is being said. Do you hear a tired voice, an excited one, someone lost or alone? Then ask yourself – What is God Already Up To? Has God placed someone in front of you that needs a word of encouragement, a hug, a listening ear? Has God placed an opportunity for your congregation to help out in the community or in the world? Have you noticed something different about someone or a situation that you need to ask about? How is it that you are hearing God in your life and how God wants to use you – yes You – to share the kingdom of God?

I think that sometimes in our memories of all that we have been a part of in the past and our joy in those memories, we forget that truly God is not finished with us yet and that we still have things to do – mission to be a part of, prayers that need to be said, smiles that need to be given, love that needs to be shared. We may not be able to do what we once did in the way we use to do it, so look around for what we can do and in a different way.

What is God Already Up To? Let's find out and join the journey!

*Blessings,
Bronwen*



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In my office, I have crosses hanging on the wall- crosses from all over the world.



From Ireland, the Cross of St. Brigid, who made the cross out of the rushes on the floor, while caring for her ailing father.



From Mexico, from time in seminary spent learning about how the church functions in that society.



A cross from the Holy Land, made out of olive wood.



A cross from Ethiopia, from our time spent with our partners in Illubabor Bethel Synod.




And then there is something that isn't a cross, but a sticker: This is the sticker I passed out at the last Presbytery meeting. It is a reminder that Jesus doesn't look like most of us, that Jesus, as the Confession of 1967 reminds us, was a Palestinian Jew. All of these, the crosses and the sticker, are reminders to me that God's saving work and love are far bigger than us, bigger than our congregations or our Presbytery; that God's love knows no bounds, and so our love for others should not, either.



PS if you would like a copy of the sticker, email me. I have lots.

Blessings- Nancy

As mentioned in a recent email, the Presbyterian Planning Calendars are now at the presbytery office. If you have not done so already, you may pick up your order during our regular office hours—Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

2019-2020 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

The Big Event was a BIG Success!

People from all over our Presbytery joined at Massanetta Springs on Saturday, September 14 to worship, learn, eat and have fun!



Stephanie Patterson, PW staff, joined us as keynote speaker and workshop leader. Her sermon was "Words of Love: Do Not Kill". Her workshop highlighted the differences between racism and prejudice.



We had our Mission Fair with many exhibitors

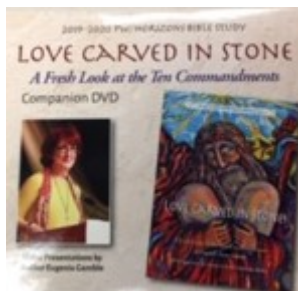


The Celtic Harp class, led by Virginia Bethune, played Ode to Joy for our afternoon worship.

The 2020 PW Horizons Bible Study Love Carved in Stone, by Eugenia Gamble.

This is a great Bible study for everyone- not just Presbyterian Women. Looking at the 10 Commandments as 10 Words, given by a loving God may be a new way to experience this Scripture.

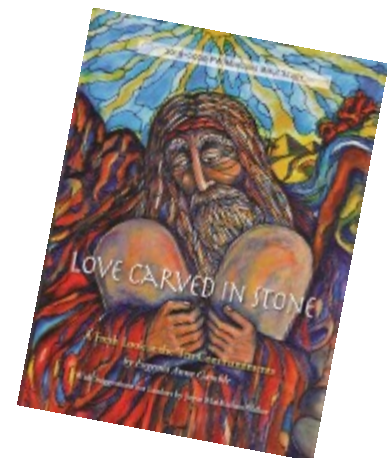
The Resource Center has some items to help or expand your reading in this area:



DVD of Eugenia Gamble talking about the 10 Words



reference books about these scriptures



For these resources, and more, contact the Resource Center at Massanetta, or the Presbytery office.

Church Newsletters Wanted



If your church has a newsletter, send it to us. We want to hear your news! Please add the Presbytery to your mailing list.

If you have a digital version, send it to: shenpres@shenpres.org or if you only have a paper version send it to: 1111 N. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.



New Resource Center Book

September 12, 2019

Pastors and Ministry – S02 (Silver; Preaching Aids)

Title: **Preaching the Hard Sayings of Jesus**

Authors: **John T. Carroll & James R. Carroll**



Peace & Global Witness Offering
World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2019

BECOME A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

What is a Matthew 25 church?

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

How the vision unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

We invite you to join us on this journey! Become a Matthew 25 church. [Click here to find out how.](#)

Hedgesville is Happening!

Blessing Box Installed at Hedgesville

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9



A Blessing Box has been permanently installed on church property of Hedgesville Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the Blessing Box is to help folks get through the day, the night, or the weekend when they find themselves in a pinch. The box will be a community support project, encouraging folks in the community to help keep it stocked with nonperishable foods and personal hygiene products. It was created and installed by the youth of HPC and the Mountaineer Disciples Group, a Bible Study group of cognitively challenged adults that meets weekly at HPC.



Volunteers prepare to serve Chicken and Ham Pot Pie Dinners to hungry guests. (L to R) Shirley Rutherford, Susanna Hartness, Marsha and Wayne Ross.

Hedgesville to Hold Free "Taco Bar"

Jesus said "You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16b

Hedgesville Presbyterian Church is tackling HUNGER one meal at a time by holding Free Community Dinners. On Tuesday September 24th, HPC will host a third dinner: All-You-Can-Eat "Taco Bar." Earlier this summer, two Community Dinners were held: Country Pot Pie and a Spaghetti Dinner. Both dinners were well attended, feeding not only the physically hungry, but those who hunger for fellowship as well.

Love Your Neighbor Clothing Giveaway

"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor." Luke 3:11

For more than 10 years, Hedgesville Presbyterian Church has held an Annual Free Clothing Giveaway in October called the "Love Your Neighbor Giveaway." Clothing and small household items are collected from the community, sorted by size, and piled high in the pews. It is held during Hedgesville Heritage Days every year, which is Saturday October 12th this year. Everything is free to the community and all are welcome. For many local residents the Giveaway supplies their clothing needs for the entire year. Adults take their time to sort through the clothes while volunteers help children "shop" for themselves and their siblings. Many go home with garbage bags full of clothes, and everyone, including the volunteers, go home





What Time is Worship? Who is Your KCC?

The Shenandoah Presbytery is updating our website. We want to confirm our information is correct before we do that.

Please send the following information to Donna Lanaghan at shenpres@shenpres.org. Thank you so much!

Church Name
Church Address
Church Phone Number
Church Office email address
Church Website (if applicable)
Worship Time(s)

Pastor Name
Pastor email address
Pastor Phone Number

Key Church Communicator (KCC) Name
KCC email address

Winchester First was the first church to respond to this request last month. Thank you!
We need EVERYONE's information to be confirmed. Please send yours now!

shenpres@shenpres.org

"And Who Is My Neighbor?" SALT November 8-10, 2019



"And who is my neighbor" is the question Jesus was asked by an expert of the law in reference to the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus answered with the story of the Good Samaritan. We are going to explore the topic of neighborliness and interfaith friendships at Massanetta Springs' SALT conference this November 8-10, 2019. We are located right in the middle of the Shenandoah Presbytery in Harrisonburg VA.

SALT (Serving And Learning Together) is our annual fall retreat for high school students, college students, and adults to come together in fellowship and focus on discipleship, learning how to better live out our faith in the world. The conference includes keynotes, workshops, worship, music, small groups, evening recreation, s'mores, and more!

This year's theme draws upon Luke 10:25-37, the story of the good Samaritan. Have you ever asked yourself, who is my neighbor and what does being a good neighbor mean? We will explore the topic of "interfaith friendship" through our keynotes, music, workshops, and small group discussions. Our keynote speaker, Matt Hartley, leads the Interfaith Center at University of North Florida in Jacksonville, and will be bringing his wealth of experience and insight to this conference!

Visit our website for more information on our leadership, workshops, and registration.

<https://massanettasprings.org/programsarchive/salt>

Save \$20 per registration when you register by October 7.



Keep the Bucket Brigade Going - Disaster Kit Collection at November Presbytery Meeting! Keep the Bucket Brigade Going - Disaster Kit Collection at November Presbytery Meeting!

To meet the needs of an increasing level of natural disasters across the country the Disaster Preparedness & Response Team (DPRT) will collect completed disaster kits at each meeting of Presbytery. This program continues with the next Presbytery meeting at Opequon. The Disaster Preparedness & Response Team (DPRT) delivered 236 disaster kits to Church World Service (CWS) so far this year.

CWS and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) always have need for more cleanup buckets, hygiene kits and school kits. The tropical storms and hurricane flooding is well underway and the CWS warehouses need to be replenished. Our response is to step-up our kit collections from a few times a year to every meeting of Presbytery. This means that you can have kit-making parties at anytime across the year! Besides delivering kits at Presbytery meetings, you can always bring completed kits to the Presbytery Office in Harrisonburg. There are beautiful hand-made school kit bags at the Center that need to be filled.

There are currently three types of kits requested by CWS. The contents of each kit are strictly specified to ensure there is no spoilage and each kit is consistent in content and size. There is a CWS processing fee associated with warehousing and shipping each kit that can be donated also (Hygiene & School kits: \$2, Buckets: \$3). If your church wants to donate the cost of assembling kits in lieu of doing it yourself, you can write and send a check to Shenandoah Presbytery with CWS Disaster Kits in the memo line. All of the specifics including the inventory lists can be found at: <http://cwskits.org>

Please bring your assembled kits to the next meeting of Presbytery on November 19 at Opequon Presbyterian Church. There will be volunteers on hand to assist you as needed. You can bring cash or checks (see above) to cover the processing fee too, but please **do not** put those donations in the kits. You can contact DPRT member, Carolyn Thalman, if you need more information (cjthalman@comcast.net, 540-336-1126).

Thank you for being part of this vital ministry to help those in need near and far. Stay tuned for more announcements as we approach future Presbytery meetings.



Wee Kirk Conference at Montreat

Wee Kirk is just for leaders of small membership churches. The conference offers four tracks to fit your needs. All the tracks include communal worship and plenary sessions alongside the track-specific workshops. Join us this October for three days of encouragement, community, and growth with fellow small church leaders.

Choose Your Track:

1. The **Barnabas Track** is a specialized track for pastors and CRE/CLPs and their spouses who are serving in their first call. *This track begins a day early on Sunday, October 20.*
2. The **Missional Track** will explore, "Who is my neighbor and how am I to love God by loving my neighbor?" In this workshop, we will address this key question and attempt to answer it together with you. We invite you to be a part of this discussion as we discover new challenges and opportunities for the church.
3. The **Spiritual Formation Track** will be a time to intentionally and transparently open yourself up to the healing and restorative power of the Holy Spirit. Using the tool of the Enneagram, we will explore our individual tendencies, attractions and blindspots, and then discover Christian principles and disciplines to promote personal healing and keep us grounded in truth.
4. The **Retreat Track** is for those who simply want to enjoy the fellowship of other believers in the beauty of Montreat. It includes all the worship and plenary presentations with abundant time for prayer, recreation, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

<https://montreat.org/events/wee-kirk-2019>



200 The Presbyterian OUTLOOK

1819 - 2019
CELEBRATING OUR PAST, ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE.

The Presbyterian Outlook magazine celebrates its 200th anniversary this fall, and you are invited! **Saturday, October 5, 2019, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond.** Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary's keynote address: "Flesh in the Word: A Presbyterian outlook for our time," and Dr. Ted Wardlaw, President of Austin Theological Seminary's keynote address, "Navigating between 'amen' and 'no': The dilemma and promise of *The Presbyterian Outlook*," will challenge and inspire. Registration required by September 30: pres-outlook.org/Outlook200 Join us for a time of celebration and inspiration!



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JUST LET ME KNOW WHO WAS HERE FIRST AND I'LL GET THE PAPERWORK STARTED



Nearly 1 in 5 adults lives with a mental illness. Chances are, it's someone you know.

Mental Health First Aid Training

You can help.

Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.

DATE:
Saturday, October 5th

TIME:
8:30AM-5:00PM

LOCATION:
Buena Vista Presbyterian Church
300 E. 14th St, Buena Vista, VA 24630

QUESTIONS:
540-570-2125

REGISTER:
www.racsfb.org

Free to the public, thanks to a grant from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Learn how to help someone in distress
Recognize symptoms
Practice a 5-step action plan

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to appropriate care.

Mental Health First Aiders learn to:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental illness.
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use.
- Interact with a person in crisis.
- Connect the person with help.

Who should take Mental Health First Aid?

- Employers
- Police Officers
- Hospital Staff
- First Responders
- Faith Leaders
- Community Members
- Caring Individuals



To: Shenandoah Presbytery newsletter
From: Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church
Date: 9/18/2019

Contacts: The Rev. Dr. Brad Langdon 304-886-9461
Maxine Caperton, Clerk of Session 540-465-5777

Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church invites everyone to come celebrate its 143rd Homecoming service on Sunday, October 13. The gospel group, Ambassadors of Joy, will kick off the event with special music at 10:30 a.m. A worship service at 11 a.m. will be led by the Rev. Dr. Brad Langdon, pastor at Mt. Hope. Special reflection upon the past year's activities and recognition of special guests will be included. A fellowship luncheon provided by the church will follow.

The church is located at 1778 Coal Mine Road, Strasburg, about two miles north of the Wardensville Turnpike. Call Maxine Caperton at 540-465-5777 for more information.

Supper and Speaker at Tabor Presbyterian Church

You are cordially invited to Tabor Presbyterian Church located in Crozet, VA. on Tuesday, **October 15th** for "Supper and Speaker" event. Supper will be served at 6:30* and the Speaker will begin at 7:15 pm.



The lecture/presentation: "Space Matters" will be presented by Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, the President and New Testament Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary. The topic is relevant and timely. Dr. Blount will invite those gathered to consider how understanding our "context" might help us to understand and consider the "context" of others, so that we might better engage and love our neighbors. [Click here for flyer.](#)

Kindly RSVP to Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle @ theministeronthemove@gmail.com or 434-327-7330 by Monday, October 7, 2019. *Free will offering will be taken for dinner.



FALL FESTIVAL

October 19, 2019
9:00 - 3:00

25TH ANNUAL

YARD SALE	APPLE BUTTER
ARTS & CRAFTS	BRUNSWICK STEW
LOCAL MUSIC	HOT DOGS & DRINKS
FULL FACILITIES	BAKED GOODS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
73 Sam Houston Way
Lexington, VA 24450



Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church

54th Annual Harvest Sale

372 Kyles Mill Road Mt. Solon, VA
Just off 42 south, toward Natural Chimneys

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Auction begins at 10:00am,
Food service begins at 9:00am.

Auction items will be a variety of homemade goods and services, produce, hay, apple butter, and everything from jewelry to wood!

Food includes but is not limited to: homemade vegetable soup, fried oyster sandwiches, ham sandwiches, pies, and so much more!



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A Community of Christ for Worship, Nurture and Mission

SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY is a covenant body where:

- CONGREGATIONS are empowered to be centers for mission
- PEOPLE OF GOD are equipped to be Disciples of Christ in a challenging world
- CHURCH LEADERS and members are nurtured and strengthened for service
- OPEN COMMUNICATION and information are used constructively and creatively to keep us connected

Dates to Remember!

October 2019

- 1 - CPT 10:00 am
- 5 - CMO 9:30 am
- 8 - CNCD 5:15 pm
- 10 - CRM 9:30 am
- 10 - CER 10:00 am at Resource Center
- 15 - CPC 10:00 am
- 15 - CRE Oversight 3:30 pm
- 16 - CPM 10:00 am
- 16 - Nominations 2:00 pm
- 17 - CPA 1:00 pm
- 23 - Shenandoah Press Deadline
- 29 - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm

Other Events

- 5 - Mental Health First Aid Training
at Buena Vista Church
- 13 - Baja Banquet
at Massanutten Church
- 13 - Seth Normington Installation
at Cooks Creek Church

* Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at
the office of Shenandoah Presbytery,
1111 N. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA.

