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A Moderators View

As I sit here thinking over the last few months, I feel very blessed. No. 1, because I have been very healthy and No. 2, I still work 1 day a week when so many are out of a job and may never have one to return to. Also, while doing my normal 7:00 am shopping I came upon the one person that has caused me much grief and sadness. This person said Good Morning and I responded, then looked up. Imagine my surprise, but I smiled and spoke. GOD does work in mysterious ways. (Maybe did not recognize me in my mask??? Lol)

I continue to study the Bible with the Y via internet. The minister sends the lessons each week and although it is not as spirited as being in a group and hearing the different takes on a particular verse, never the less I have the opportunity to call or e-mail the pastor and ask questions or verify a point.

We have been forced to start doing things differently. Some of which people find hard to accept, such as masks and social distancing. I have had to be a little forceful in the office with men who for whatever reason do not think the rules apply to them. BUT the good news is this too shall pass and I think we will be better for it all.

And on a sadder note Mary Kay Stanberry former PW Moderator of the Abingdon Presbytery and also former member of Mid Atlantic Synod has passed after a long battle with cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers.

I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you Isaiah 41:13

In Christ's Service, Darlene Mason, Moderator

NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

NEXT SUNDAY, July 12 at 10:00 am (note the earlier time). Please bring your own lawn chair - we coordinate appropriate spacing.

2. Please bring and wear a mask when you leave your car in order to extend care to each other and also those with whom we come in contact later in the day and week (we will also have masks available should you forget yours).

3. A bulletin will be emailed prior to Sunday morning - you may print your own or use an electronic device to view and follow the service. If you are not able to do so, you will still be able to participate.

4. We will be ordaining and installing elders in a way that honors both our need to maintain social distance and our support and acceptance of this class of congregational leaders.

5. Please watch your email for changes due to weather. e to avoid some of the heat) we will begin gathering for 'worship in the parking lot.'

Submitted by
Pat Armstrong

NEWS FROM IVANHOE AND WARDENSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thought I would share what Ivanhoe and Wardsville Presbyterian Churches have been doing. Most of our services have been on-line with Pastor Joel. Since June 7th, some of Ivanhoe's

Sunday School and Worship services have been done outside the church under some trees. There has been limited attendance so far. Wardensville has had Parking Lot Church Worship Services since June 7th.

Since Duffey United Methodist Church in Moorefield has been closed and having on-line services, my daughter Kelly has begun some of what she calls "River Church" Bible Studies. She leads a study by the beautiful river at Brighton Park in Moorefield. My husband Allen and I attended Sunday evening and were so blessed by sitting there by the gently flowing river. All we were required to bring was a Bible and a lawn chair. Social Distance was observed. The group started with only a few and has grown to 20. This is both wonderful and risky, but I think there are those who are just tired of the lack of fellowship and meeting together and are willing to take that risk for certain priorities. It seems that everything is risky at this time, whether it be go for groceries, or to a doctor appointment.

I sure have missed everyone on the PW Coordinating Team and hope and pray that you will stay well, body, mind and soul.

Blessings and Prayers to all,
Connie Wood

NEWS FROM MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE ARE STILL HAVING OUR BIBLE STUDY. IT IS ON FACEBOOK EVERY WED. EVENING AT 6:30 PM. WE ARE IN GENESIS CHPT. 17—VERY INTERESTING.

WE ARE HAVING DRIVE IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AND THERE IS GOOD ATTENDANCE. WE HAVE BETWEEN 36-55 PEOPLE. IT IS NICE TO BE BACK TOGETHER. STACY HAS BEEN PREACHING ON JUDGES.

SHIRLEY LILLY, ONE OF OUR OLDEST MEMBERS, WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 99TH BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY, JULY 12. WE ARE ASKING FOR PRAYERS FOR ANNA REY-RODE, A YOUNG LADY AT CHURCH. SHE IS HAVING REAL BAD SEISURES AND HAS

BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. SHE HAS A SERVICE DOG WITH HER ALL THE TIME. IT HAS SAVED HER LIFE SEVERAL TIMES.

WE ARE HOPING THINGS WILL SETTLE DOWN SO WE CAN GET BACK TO LIFE AGAIN.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE CIRCLE YET.

SHARED BY SARAH LANGE MODERATOR

HOW MASSANUTTEN PRESBY HELD VBS

Today is Wednesday, July 15 - and I'm excited to share our 2020 VBS-at-Home opportunity: Compassion Camp. Today is the first of a four part, weekly program that will be sent out Wednesday mornings, through August 5th.

As you did today - each week you'll receive a link (see below) that includes a story from Scripture, an activity or two to help us explore the story, ways to reach out to others, some simple yoga poses, and music to help reinforce what we're learning.

At times there will be materials you can pick up from the church to help with activities: like this week! There are packets of fun, printed, colorful paper to help you and your family make birthday cards to share with our newest 'Centenarian' (though you can also use what you have at home). The packets are available in the glass entry way at the church. You're welcome to use these supplies for other projects, too! And, if you'd like to see the full download of materials, let us know and we'll share that with you.

In addition to this, there will be special 'guest stars' sharing a favorite VBS memory (check out today's video to find out what Carol Lown's FAVORITE VBS activity was when she was a child...you might be surprised!)

If you have one you'd like to offer...let Compassion Camp Director, Sarah Lopacinski, know!

Submitted by, Pat Armstrong

NEWS FROM BUNKER HILL PRESBYTERIAN

Bunker Hill continues to have alternative worship opportunities with FaceBook, YouTube, email, virtual communion, etc. We have not met back in the sanctuary yet for worship nor Sunday School in the classrooms in the hall. 2 outside services at our pavilion are planned for August though. We are keeping in touch with a Wednesday Pastor message, zoom gathering call/video on Tuesdays, card sending and Shepherds tending their Flock with phone calls, as well as a drop off food items for the local pantry drive. We miss getting together, but know precautions such as these are what will help stop the spread of the virus. Loving your neighbor is the most important aspect of ministry and one we choose to continue to practice during this pandemic.

Many Blessings!
Vickana Norton

SHARES ABOUT MOSSY CREEK

Mossy Creek Presbyterians have daily devotionals by our minister, at noon and at evening.....We also are now able to meet outdoors on the lawn for Sunday services which are also placed on facebook.....we have enjoyed these services as we at least get to see each other although not able to shake hands or give hugs but we know we are together and worshipping God.....

Shared by,
Patricia Wichaël

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON SHARES

Third Presbyterian Church resumed services June 28, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall. sitting in individual chairs spaced 6 feet apart although families may pull together.

There are no bulletins and no song books. We wear face mask for the most part although some do not.

The food is still collected for the hunger program. There are no activities but the prayer chain keeps everyone informed.

SHARED BY
DARLENE MASON

NEWS FROM PW SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAUNTON

The PW of Second Presbyterian Staunton continue to seek donations for 2 programs. One is the support of Martha's Meals on Wheels. This program delivers meals to those in need 5 days a week and they have continued to serve their clients even through the COVID pandemic. The second is the Salvation Army's school supply drive. PW are collecting requested items for students such as pencils, paper, crayons, erasers, etc. Those who are unable to shop and buy the school supplies may make a monetary donation to our PW to help purchase the needed items. They will be delivered in early August.

Our congregation continues to meet through a live streamed worship service each Sunday. The pastor is also providing a daily devotional that is live streamed through our Facebook page. Both are available whenever someone wishes to view. Our Dog Church services have also not taken place for several months due to social distancing and good health practices. We are hopeful that both worship services and Dog Church may resume, with appropriate health cautions, in the near future.

Best wishes to all!
Pam Snyder

MASSANETTA NEWS

I don't know if you feel this is appropriate, but I know we did ask many on the PW CT to consider making a donation to the Great Community Give that was held in June 2020. This is a portion of a recent article that identifies how well Massanetta Springs benefited from this community funding opportunity. Some may wish to know how Massanetta fared, especially since they are

unofficially our “Synod Conference Center.”

From the Daily News-Record 7/24/20:

Faith-based nonprofit Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center has benefited from GCG since 2017. The organization provides opportunities of renewal, discovery and hospitality but has transitioned to offering respite and education while operations are reduced. Executive Director Clayton Rascoe said summer accounts for half of the nonprofit’s income, but the pandemic has left a hole in revenue opportunities, so GCG suddenly became a lifeline for the organization.

“It wasn’t a fundraiser we were dependent on for survival. ... We had originally planned for that to be the case in 2020, but when the pandemic forced us to essentially close, we pivoted our fundraising efforts to be able to use that for our most pressing needs of this year. This year we’ve been very, very dependent on the generosity,” he said. “That is going to sustain us for a couple of months.”

Individually, the nonprofit raised \$69,000 and received a \$40,000 match, so total funding amounted to \$110,000. This year, Massanetta Springs was a leaderboard winner, placing first for most dollars raised during GCG as a medium/large nonprofit, which was awarded with \$6,000.

Shared by,
Pam Snyder

COLLIERSTOWN MOVES INTO PHASE II OF COVID-19

Collierstown Presbyterian Church and its members have adjusted the church’s ministry moving into Phase II of COVID-19 virus guidelines. A “drive-in worship” service became available to members and the community on June 28. Participants have the option of remaining in their vehicles and listening to the 9:30 a.m. service on their car radio or sitting in lawn chairs in front of their vehicles while wearing masks. The observance of the sacrament of Communion was done as a church family with the elements members brought from home on July 5. Special music has been offered by individuals and groups while children of all ages continue to

enjoy the time of discovery provided by Music director, Kelly Harris, and her canine puppet, Dee -oh-Gee. All services are being aired on Facebook live or on the YouTube channel for those continuing to social distance at home. A date for returning to the building for worship has not been determined.

The Collierstown congregation has continued to study and discuss God’s Word by using ZOOM to participate in a weekly Wednesday night Bible study. The group led by Rev. Kevin Channell completed a study of the book of Philippians in June and is currently studying Ephesians. The two Presbyterian Women Circles are preparing to begin the 2020-21 Horizons Bible study entitled “Into the Light – Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament” in September. Two Circle members participated in the PW’s Zoom Leaders Workshop led by the study’s author, P. Lynn Miller, in early June. Use of Zoom and YouTube teaching videos made by lesson leaders will be implemented as they were in April and May should Circles not be able to meet physically for study.

The Presbyterian Women did celebrate their Birthday as an organization in late May by sharing information through the church’s monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin inserts. Members mailed their offering in support of this year’s Birthday Offering. A record amount of \$607.00 was collected in spite of COVID-19.

The CPC Youth had the opportunity to provide concessions at a local estate auction on July 11 as a fundraiser. PW members assisted their efforts by donating baked goods to be sold. The group cleared \$500.00 that will be used to fund youth programming.

The Collierstown Church family will begin its annual “School Bag” campaign in August. In 2019 CPC sent 140 school bags to Church World Service filled with school supplies to be distributed to needy students in the United States and around the world. Each year PW member Louise Tardy makes the canvas tote bags and attaches a list of the supplies that need to be purchased and placed in each bag. Bags will be distributed on August 2 and are to be filled and returned on September 13. The church community will also be invited to participate in this effort. Despite COVID-19, CPC is committed to

providing needed school supplies to students whether studying at home or in the school building.

The centerpiece of the Collierstown ministry continues to be caring for and communicating with members of the congregation while reaching out to the community with the hope of the gospel message. Much of this work has been done independently by individuals and family units. Our monthly newsletter, mid-week emails, prayer chain, and card ministries by the two PW Circles and the Witness and Congregational Care committee have kept us connected and active. We long for corporate worship and fellowship but we take comfort in knowing we are not alone but are working together despite the COVID-19 crisis. We cling to God's promise in Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For it is the Lord your God who goes with you; He will not leave you or forsake you."

Submitted by:
Debbie McCormick,
PW Communications Coordinator

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

The 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, was mailed earlier this year for those who have a Horizons subscription. Copies may also be purchased through PW in Louisville at presbyterianwomen.org. This Bible Study was written by P. Lynn Miller, who was our Bible Leader for our 2017 PW Synod Gathering.

In this nine-lesson study, P. Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may

be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

The large print version features larger size type and is spiral-bound.

Several from our Presbytery PW participated in the online 2-hr. introduction and review of this Bible Study which was provided by Lynn Miller through our staff in Louisville. Rev. Nancy Meehan Yeo is also providing an introduction and review of this Bible Study for PW in Shenandoah Presbytery on September 19, 2020 from 10-11 a.m.. You may register for this event at:

shenpres@shenpres.org.

Multiple resources for circles and Bible leaders are available online at presbyterianwomen.org under Bible Study Products. This includes a DVD of the study, posters, etc. The Workshop for Leaders, written by Joyce MacKichan Walker, is a lesson plan for Bible leaders. It includes activities that explore and resources to support the 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, and is available at no charge.

Explore new and different ways to gather, even if virtually, to share this timely Bible Study with your PW. You could even purchase the DVD for your PW and share throughout the year if you are unable to meet in person or electronically. I have purchased all of the recommended books suggested to explore "lament." I will gladly assist anyone who is interested in looking for new and creative ways to participate in the upcoming Bible Study. I'm here to help as we wade through the challenges COVID has created. Blessings and peace to all!

Submitted by,
Pam Snyder, Leadership Coordinator SPWCT

