

May 2021 Presbytery Highlights

Another zoom meeting but we seem to be getting better.

We celebrated with Nancy Meehan Yao as she has graduated with her Doctor of Ministry Degree. Congratulations Rev. Dr!

We viewed a presentation from the Shenandoah Living Waters for the World team. They shared the process of building and installing a filtration system to provide clean water. If you would like further information about joining the efforts, please contact Mac Sterrett at macsterret@comcast.net. To request a video presentation, contact Chris Hamilton hamiltoncp52@gmail.com or Doug Sensabaugh at cdsensabaugh@gmail.com

The offering taken up during worship was for Living Waters for the World.

Thank you to all who participated in making the worship service so meaningful for the meeting.

The Committee on Mission and Outreach shared a video of the Gore Home in Ethiopia, an orphanage that receives support from our presbytery. If you would like to know more about how to become a part of this mission, contact the committee (<https://shenpres.org/ethiopia/icare/>) .

Fletcher Hutchison, moderator of the Committee on Presbytery Administration thanked our churches for their continued support of the presbytery as a whole and shared some of the things that your dollars have helped with, especially in the pandemic. Thanks Again!

Save the Date! Saturday September 18, 2021, The BIG EVENT sponsored by the Committee on Educational Resources. To be held at Massanetta Springs from 9:00 – 3:00. Our keynote speaker is the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness on Capitol Hill. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation shared that \$18,000 had been given in Innovation in Worship grants to the churches of our presbytery. Congregations may still apply. CCVT also shared six reflective questions for sessions to ask as we come out of covid. 1. Have we represented Jesus well during the year? 2. Are we representing Jesus well as we move through and beyond these challenges? 3. What have we learned – and what are we willing to learn? 4. How can we better serve the people at home? 5. How well are we serving our online church members and visitors? 6. How are people hurting, and what can we do to help them? And a video from the Piedmont congregation was shared of the vital ministry they are engaged in. Thank you to those that put the video together it was great.

We granted honorably retired status to the Rev. Joan Wilson. Thank you for your ministry.

As of this writing the August presbytery meeting will be on zoom – with plans to meet in person for the November meeting of Presbytery.

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