



# SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women

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## A MODERATOR'S VIEW

We have experienced a lot of changes the past 12 plus months, some good and some not so good but we have learned to adapt. Just when we think the Covid19 virus is under control we hear of a new variant the Delta. Even so, the light at the end of the tunnel appears a little brighter.

In a recent conversation with a neighbor, she told me that she bought an AK-47 and if anyone tried to get into her house, she would use it. I was shocked and without thinking told her that I did not believe ordinary citizens should be allowed to have military grade weapons. I was raised in a home where my father had guns for hunting so do not oppose the buying of guns. It seems that we live in a society that shoots first and asks questions later. There is no compromise. Another good and faithful servant went to be with the Lord on July 7, 2021. Linda Livick, Moderator of Shenandoah Presbytery from 2006-2008 was a very active member of Augusta Stone. Memorial Services were held on Saturday July 10, 2021.

We are called to go forth and spread the word of our Lord and Savior! What better time than the present to be ambassadors of the WORD. I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.  
Philippians 4/13

In Christ's Service  
Darlene Mason, Moderator

## THIRD PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON

We had a card shower for Dot Desper on her 97th Birthday.

A clean up day was held on Sat. May 15th. All the bushes and trees were trimmed as well as raking the leaves. A pizza lunch was enjoyed by all.

The ladies organized a cake and punch reception for Ashley Singleton, wife of Pastor Jacob on her graduation from JMU with a Nurse Practitioner degree.

People are slowly coming back to services. Hallelujah!!

Darlene Mason

## DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS MASSANETTA SPRINGS

Massanetta Springs is pleased to announce Colleen Earp will begin work as Director of Programs starting in mid-September 2021.

Colleen's call to camp and retreat ministry stems from her love of nature and its interconnectedness. She is passionate about creation care, including people, and finds being in community with nature and one another in a place apart to be the perfect setting to practice loving neighbors and enemies alike.

When asked why she felt called to this position, Colleen responded, "For years I've heard about wonderful community and deep faith formation at Massanetta Springs. I'm in awe of the long history of good ministry alongside the beautiful springs, and I'm excited to be a part of the story."

Executive Director, Rev. Clayton Rascoe, couldn't be more excited to be welcoming her. "Colleen's deep love of camp and conference ministry, her unique educational and

professional experience, natural curiosity, and genuine care for those she serves makes her a perfect fit. I am looking forward to working with and learning from her.”

Originally from New Jersey, Colleen grew up attending Camp Johnsonburg, later serving on summer staff. She first came to Virginia for college, earning a BA Geography from the University of Mary Washington. She went on to complete an MS Geography at Rutgers University. She spent several years teaching environmental geography courses, serving in a variety of youth and camping ministry roles, and volunteering in conservation fieldwork before going to South Louisiana as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). She returned to Virginia in 2014, serving on the director team at Camp Hanover and completing a Masters of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Before coming to Massanetta Springs, Colleen completed a year-long chaplain residency at UVA Medical Center.

Colleen is a member of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Activist Council. She loves the outdoors, and is looking forward to getting to know the forests, wildflowers, waterways, and trails of the Shenandoah Valley.

In her role as Director of Programs, Colleen will shape and oversee current programs and new program development. We hope when you are on campus this fall, you'll join us in welcoming her to Massanetta's ministry!

## GREETINGS FROM MT. OLIVE

We have had a very busy time but had fun doing it.

It's so nice to be able to fellowship with our Christian friends again. We are having our Sunday School again in the main part of the church as well as on Facebook it is well attended.

We are having our last Tenderloin Dinner on the 11 of June. This is the last one till Fall, Mary Howdyshell had dinner for the kids School. It's out for the summer. She had a water slide. Everyone enjoyed it.

The food was very good and the cake and homemade Ice cream was also very good.

Tom Holden And Stephanie Harris served Communion.

Our attendance has really picked up the last couple of Sundays.

Shared by Sarah Lange

## NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

We are excited to have a new co-pastor, Keith Phillips, who is coming to us from Kansas and will start his ministry with us at end of August. We will use the co-pastor model with Keith and Ann Pettit leading us. Excitement fills the air as we work together to serve God and his children. Ann has worked so hard and done a great job leading us during the pandemic and we are so happy she now has help. Keith has a heart for the Lord and community service and enjoys hiking, biking and has many interests and talents.

Our church picnic is being held on Sunday, July 18, immediately after worship. Fried chicken with many sides and desserts are on the menu and everything is being provided by the church committee for life enrichment and fellowship! It is a joy to return to this annual event and have good fellowship and good food as we enjoy each other.

About 10 of the ladies meet in a small group 2 times a month. We are studying *Growing Older Wisely*. This is really leading to good discussion and sharing of thoughts. We also enjoy good fellowship.

Hannah our youth director has been organizing so many fun youth activities. A group of youth enjoyed time at Massanetta Springs for middle school conference.

It is such a joy to be back in the sanctuary to worship on Sunday mornings. We have purchased and installed new equipment so our worship service can be live streamed and also two large screens in front of church where scripture and lyrics of hymns will be displayed.

Submitted by Pat Armstrong

## **NEWS FROM IVANHOE PRESBYTERIAN**

Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church celebrated a "Bring a Friend" Sunday on June 27, 2021. Also, four piano students played songs during the Worship Service., which brought additional people.

A total of 50 people were in attendance and women of the church served a luncheon. It was an enjoyable day for all!

We have been having in-person Sunday School and Worship for several weeks now, and most of the members have had Covid-19 shots., so members have the choice of wearing masks or not.

Our Ivanhoe Presbyterian Women met for the first time in over a year for in-person Bible Study. They decided to go ahead and finish the past year's study book "Into the Light" from Lamentations. When meeting once a month, this book will be done by November, 2021. We will then go from there for our next study.

The Grief Support Group met this past Tuesday with 8 in attendance. This was also the first in-person group meeting for over a year.

It has been so wonderful to worship and study with people in-person even though there are opportunities for Zoom services as well. We hope everyone is staying well.

Blessings,

Connie Wood, Vice-Moderator

## **BUNKER HILL PRESBYTERIAN**

Bunker Hill got back into the sanctuary for the first time in over a year on July 4th! We had a small amount for worship but it gets more or less each Sunday. We are wearing masks when singing, have hand sanitizer machines, no passing of the peace, no hugging but it is good to be back together in the building. We have requested those not vaccinated to wear masks but it is at their discretion to adhere. The church is not a building, but we are glad to be gathered there again. Choir resumes in August. Hall use is

back open but Sunday School has not started again yet. Bible Study has been delayed since the start of the covid restrictions and not started again yet. One step at a time!

We are doing a virtual VBS this year. No VBS held last year. A kit is prepared for each registered child with all items they need for the week, craft supplies and even snacks! They pick up the kit the Sunday before start, or the first day of the program. Then tune into the church Facebook page or YouTube page each day for the VBS Babylon experience that day. We did Babylon and Daniel a few years ago and decided to recycle and use all the materials again. It is like a new experience again for all involved actually! The kids and or parents can watch the VBS whenever they want. They could even do it a totally different time/week even. The story and scripture reading is pre-recorded for each day by our great VBS volunteers, along with a snack make, craft time, game time, songs all virtual to play and sing along to whenever they'd like. Our mission is C-CAP and food collection for the local schools backpack program. It is going to be a great week!

Submitted by,  
Vikana Norton

## **MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

While the circles at Massanutten were not able to meet in person during the pandemic, the evening circle did meet via Zoom each month, and it proved to be a great way to stay connected. Even though meeting in person is the ideal, Zoom provides a way to people to participate who may not be able to meet in person for various reasons.

Longtime PW member Ellen Blose provided a Bible lesson each month which was sent by mail with the monthly newsletter. The Coordinating Team was able to meet most months. Year-end activities included:

- June 7th Birthday brown-bag lunch and program in the picnic shelter. Two church members presented a program on Living Waters for the

World, and our church's participation. They have built a model of the water system which is a great visual aid in explaining how it is installed and how it works to produce clean water for drinking in countries like Guatemala. Living Waters for the World is the PW mission focus for this year.

- PW sent cards and gift cards to our college students - a reminder that we continue to hold them in prayer during end-of-year exam time.
- PW recognized the high school graduates during worship on June 6, and made contributions in their honor to charities they selected.

We look forward to our annual PW potluck picnic on August 23rd to begin the next year.

Thanks,  
Carol Lown

## **NEWS FROM THIRD PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON**

The CORE Committee met and decided to Resume Sunday School in September.

Also made plans to have a church picnic on August 28th.

We have adopted Beverley Manor School to donate school supplies and bottled water.

We are slowly returning activities that have been missing since January 2020.

We only closed church services from March 15th until June 1, 2020. For all those that did not feel comfortable meeting in fellowship hall there was the virtual service on Facebook.

Submitted by  
Darlene Mason

## **COLLIERSTOWN “KICKS OFF” SUMMER WITH CAMP DANIEL**

Summer got off to an exciting start at the

Collierstown Presbyterian Church as its doors were opened to “Camp Daniel”, a summer camp for children and youth that focused on the life of Daniel found in the Old Testament. Campers spent three days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, from 8:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. during the month of June engaged in Bible study, music, crafts, recreation, hiking, and community service. Each week a different aspect of the character of Daniel was explored and studied. Campers learned about courage, citizenship, charity, and creativity discussing its evidence in the life of Daniel and applying it personally to their own lives and families. Campers initiated a “penny challenge” in which the boys raised \$150.20 and the girls donated \$151.00 to give to Project Horizon, a local shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The PW and members of the congregation became involved also, donating personal hygiene kits, paper towels, trash bags, and dish detergent for use at Project Horizon. Under the leadership of Kelly Harris, CPC Music Director, campers enjoyed singing while they worked and made the “Camp Daniel Song” one heard at church, in the car, and at home. The entire camp, staff members, and parents traveled by charter bus to Washington DC on June 24. They enjoyed an unforgettable day at the Bible Museum. On Thursday, July 1 Camp Daniel welcomed families of campers, friends of the church, and the congregation to a closing program followed by a covered dish dinner for all. Campers sang songs and took part in activities conveying the camp experience. Each camper was recognized and presented with a certificate of completion by teachers Annabelle Smith and Martha Bodnar. Students were also given a personal copy of the Bible donated in memory of Nelson Hall, a church member and supporter of Week-day Religious Education.

The Presbyterian Women and the Collierstown Church family are now focusing on the PW’s annual “School Bag” campaign set to begin officially on August 1. Each year PW member Louise Tardy makes canvas tote bags and provides

lists of supplies to be purchased and placed in each bag. The filled bags will be returned to the church by August 29 to be distributed by Church World Service to needy students in the United States and around the world. The church community has also been invited to participate in this effort along with the Collierstown United Methodist Church that has partnered with CPC in the past.

Plans for the return of the Collierstown Annual Church Dinner continue to move forward. This year's event will be held on November 6, 2021. As of now the Annual Dinner will be a "take-out" event with meals being ordered and purchased in advance online or by phone prior to the Annual Dinner date. Patrons will have the opportunity to order meals indicating the number and type of meats requested and choice of potato. All side dishes and a cake dessert will be included with each meal. Since 1925 the Annual Church Dinner has been a wonderful way to extend hospitality to the community and surrounding area while giving the church family an opportunity to work and fellowship together. A bazaar containing baked goods, homemade soups, crafts, fresh vegetables, and seasonal decorations for sale will be held on the church grounds on Dinner Day. Proceeds from the day are used to fund PW mission projects locally and abroad.

The Collierstown congregation has continued to study and discuss God's Word by using ZOOM to participate in a weekly Wednesday night Bible study led by Rev. Kevin Channell. The two Presbyterian Women Circles are preparing to begin the 2021-22 Horizons Bible study entitled "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" by Merryl Blair. Both will meet in person at the church. The Night Circle will meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper followed by the Bible study at 7:00 p.m. The C & F Circle will gather at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday for the Bible Study followed by a hospitality time. During the height of the COVID-19 crisis the Night Circle began airing the monthly Bible study on Facebook Live and has decided to continue that practice. Originally intended for members who couldn't physically attend the study, the virtual attendance increased dramatically with participants joining the group from a multi-state area. The practice born out of necessity is now considered a great blessing for all. Those interested in being a part

of the virtual study are invited to join the Night Circle on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on the CPC Facebook page.

As summer draws closer to fall, we reflect on the many blessings we have experienced in the last two months . . . returning to our sanctuary for worship, singing together, taking the last Sunday of each summer month to worship outside on the lawn, enjoying Lemonade on the Lawn each week, having children in and outside our building laughing, learning, and sharing together. We are anticipating and are excited about worshipping together at nearby Lake Robertson on August 22 and enjoying our Annual Church Picnic. We have been a church family that had members recover from COVID but we have also lost members to the virus and to other illnesses. We have celebrated engagements, wedding, and graduations. Our greatest joy however has come from experiencing God's faithfulness each day in all circumstances. We stand secure with Christ's final words in our hearts from Matthew 28:27 - "and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (HCSB) PICTURES BELOW

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick,  
PW Communications Coordinator*



*Camp Daniel Camper*



## On The Lighter Side

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON!," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home