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A Message from our General Presbyter

Recently while I was at a meeting with a church to discuss the next steps in finding a new pastor, one of the Elders asked with a demeaning attitude -"Well, what do you do with all that money we send you? Why do we have to pay for the next step in the process?"

At times like that it's hard to know how to respond, because part of the



answer is that I am partly what you pay for - as is all the staff of the presbytery.

Kim, who can answer questions concerning figuring the Board of Pensions

and keeps perfect minutes for committees as well as the presbytery among many other things. Donna, who keeps the website up, has worked to make the new directory and sends out emails to all to keep us up to date on many things as well as prayer requests, not to mention figuring out how we were to have zoom meetings! Heather, who makes sure that our financial issues are all in order and has worked to make sure that we can get to the financial resources when necessary. Nancy, who has been on top of information regarding covid-19, coordinating the work of the Church Assessment Tool as well as the many committees she resources, and the pastors and churches she has helped.

Did you know that on any given day I might field phone calls from: pastors who are thinking of retiring, our lawyer, a committee chair, a session clerk either about minutes or how they need help in discussing delicate matters with the pastor or the organist or the custodian. And then there are the angry phone calls, denominational matters, background checks, meetings with sessions, congregational personnel committees, PNC's. Well, you get the picture - at least I hope you do.

Friends, our calling in Christ holds us in community and we, the presbytery staff, are part of your community. We hold you in prayer and will do all that we can to continue to resource the needs of your congregation, pastor and people. We thank you for your prayers and look forward to our continued work together. Happy Fall!

In Christ, Bronwen

P.S. October is pastor appreciation month - how might you say thank you to your pastor?

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- Monthly PW Bible Study
- New Members of Presbytery
- CWS Buckets & School Kits
- Church News
- Much more...

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Associate General Presbyter—Nancy Meehan Yao

Jenny Smith, pastor and writer, (<u>https://www.jennysmithwrites.com/</u>) writes that we have entered a second marathon.

Now, I am not a runner- I am more of an ambler, a stroller. So the idea of anyone running 26.2 miles—on purpose—amazes and impresses me.

But imagine, Jenny Smith writes, if you finished the marathon, and then the race director slapped a new number on you, and pushed you out to run...again?

Which is what life feels like now. That we have done our marathon...and We. Are. Done. We have pivoted, we have flexed. We have set up hybrid worship, we have spent more hours than we ever wanted to on sound and video editing. We have masked and social distanced, all for the love and health of others.

And here we are. Smith's suggestion is that instead of running this second marathon, we walk. Together. That we breathe, we rest, and we mourn the losses, and follow the glimpses of new life and innovation God is showing us, even in this time.

There are people who do multiple marathons- on purpose! One of the biggest pieces of advice for them, or for any runner, or for any of us, is to make sure you get enough rest and recovery. Your body and soul cannot be ready for whatever God is calling you to next, if you are not taking time for rest, for Sabbath, for renewal.

The prophet Isaiah says this: "....those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint." (40: 31)

My prayer for this Presbytery is that we may walk this journey together, taking time for rest, for refreshment, for joy and laughter, and for God.

Nancy

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

FOLLOW ME is the new curriculum from PC(USA). Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living is a thirty-six-unit curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

To learn more about the curriculum and view a sample of each component, visit our Follow Me webpage: <u>https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/15439/Follow-Me-Curriculum.aspx</u>. Watch our trailer on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY2WsitU xE

The first unit of this curriculum, Follow Jesus, is available to borrow, if you/your church/your CE

committee would like to see it. It is the "small scale bundle," designed for churches that might have multi-age Sunday Schools, but contains Adult resources as well. There are also worship resources available to order, but they are not contained in the small scale bundle.

Each 4 week curricula costs \$120 (for the small bundle). E-versions available for download, are \$120 per unit. The first and second sets are out and available through the PCUSA. If churches find this cost daunting or not doable, perhaps some churches could get together and share/swap resources, as the units are not tied to a particular time of the year.

The first unit, "Follow Jesus," available for review through the Presbytery office, is courtesy of the McMillin Resource Center. Contact Nancy Meehan Yao, Associate General Presbyter, at <u>assocgp@shenpres.org</u>.







Follow Jesus

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Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 continues, with the Delta variant. Variations in viruses are what viruses do. This is why we can get colds many times throughout the season: the virus creates variations, and we are susceptible to the new strain.

As always, congregations and their Sessions bear in mind Jesus' words "Love one another, even as I have loved you." This includes taking action to protect the health of others.

In light of the Delta variant (and other variants to come), Sessions, congregations, and their leaders should be mindful to talk with their insurance carrier, and to observe local, state and CDC guidelines, as they decide how best to be a community of faith and worship.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Executive Order No. 79, issued by Governor Northam on May 28, 2021, says "Masks – Indoors and Outdoors. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older should cover their mouth and nose with a mask in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance linked here."

In the State of West Virginia:

"On Sunday, June 20, 2021, Gov. Justice announced that he has signed an executive order, officially lifting West Virginia's Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement for all residents, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings must still be worn where required by federal law. Additionally, any private business or school system can still require individuals to wear a face covering." This includes churches, which may require individuals to wear a face covering.

Here is the language from the CDC website, dated August 22,2021-<u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html</u>.

"People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission."

To determine if you are in an area of high or substantial transmission, see: <u>https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view</u>.

PW "ZOOM" Circle 2021-2022

This year, as many of us continue socially distancing, the Presbytery will offer the Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus," by Meryl Blair.

This Bible Study is for everyone: for those whose congregations do not have PW circles, those who cannot make the circles work with their schedules, to those who want an additional Bible study. The zoom sessions will be recorded, for those who cannot make the Tuesday evening time. You are free to join us for all 9 lessons, or to use this as a "make-up" for a particular lesson that you miss with your home circle.



What My Grandmothers Taught Me Lennes to the Nicore in Monther's Consultant of Lennes Ny warsaw

We will meet, via Zoom, on the last Tuesday of every month (except for December), at 7-8 pm. The study will be led by Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao, Associate General Presbyter. The dates are: Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Jan 25, Feb 22, March 29, April 26, May 3 land June 28. Mark your calendars now.

Hope you can join us! For more information, contact Nancy at <u>assocgp@shenpres.org</u>. To register, contact Donna at <u>shenpres@shenpres.org</u>.

190th Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery

The 190th Stated Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery was held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 via Zoom. To access the documents for the meeting, along with the video recording, please visit our website at: <u>https://shenpres.org/presbytery-meeting/</u>. We welcomed two ministers to the presbytery:



Rev. Keith Phillips, Co-Pastor at Massanutten Church



Rev. Ron Gilmer, Pastor at Woodstock Church

Davis & Elkins Presentation July 22, 2021

Davis & Elkins College (**D&E**) is a small private liberal arts college in Elkins, West Virginia.

The school was founded in 1904 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. It was named for Henry G. Davis and his son-in-law Stephen B. Elkins, who were both members of the United States Senate from West Virginia.

In 1903, the Rev. Augustus Houston Hamilton, Mary Ann's great grandfather, was minister of Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church in Steele's Tavern, Virginia, which had over 500 members at that time. Twelve years after Senators Davis and Elkins requested Lexington Presbytery's help to build a college, Rev. Hamilton asked Lexington Presbytery to reconsider its original denial. The Presbytery directed him to take a year off his ministry to raise the \$30,000 from Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries to be matched by the senators. Because of his work, he is referred to as one of the three founders, according to <u>Davis & Elkins College: The Diamond lubilee History</u> by Thomas Richard Ross. Mary Ann, accompanied by the



(I to r: Scott Goddard, VP of Development, Rev. Sarah Hill, Mary Ann Stripling, D&E President Chris Wood) Photo credit: D & E

Rev. Sarah Hill, current minister of Mt. Carmel, presented a picture and brief history of the Rev. Dr. Hamilton to the school. Mary Ann is hoping to raise money for an endowed scholarship in honor of her great grandfather.

A Story to Think About

Carolyn Thalman, Education Coordinator Shenandoah Presbytery Disaster PREPAREDNESS and Response Team

September is Disaster Preparedness Month.

I'd like to share two stories of a potential disaster with you. They tell a very different story of Preparedness and to me, the differences are striking.

Several years ago, as a member of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team, I was deployed to a tornado in Texas. As is our practice, my colleague and I worshiped on Sunday in a church in the affected area. It was a large, beautiful church in park-like setting with big trees surrounding the building. The sanctuary windows were clear glass, allowing the beauty of the setting to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary. As the service began, a weather front, just like the one that had caused the tornado several days before, came through the area. The wind howled and the trees outside the sanctuary blew and twisted in an alarming way. My colleague and I looked at each other and said, "Where's the basement?" as we looked around for a safe place to go. Fortunately, the front passed quickly and there was no tornado. After the service, we met with the Pastor and the Mission Committee to talk about how they could help their neighbors who had been impacted by the previous tornado. The first question that I asked the pastor was this: "What would you have done if the tornado warning sirens had gone off at 11:00 this morning?" He looked at me quietly for a minute and then said, "I don't know." They were clearly not prepared.

I shared that story at our Annual Conference. Afterward, another member of the team came up to me and told me this story.

I was visiting and worshipping in a church in another tornado prone area of the country. In the middle of the sermon, the pastor stopped the sermon and said, "We have a tornado warning. Everyone go to their assigned places." The congregation evacuated the sanctuary and moved to interior hallways and rooms in an orderly manner. Members assisted each other and visitors as they saw the need. In a few minutes the all-clear was sounded and the congregation returned to the sanctuary and resumed worship. Afterward, I asked about the interruption. I was told that an usher, knowing the potential for severe weather existed was monitoring the situation. When the tornado warning was issued, he signaled the pastor from the back of the sanctuary with a swirling finger motion and the plan was put into effect. Fortunately, in this case as well, there was no tornado.

But in both cases, if there had been a tornado, which congregation would have been less impacted by the consequences of the storm? Preparedness matters.

Preparedness matters for all congregations, not only those in tornado or hurricane prone areas of the country. What are likely disasters to strike churches in our Presbytery? Flooding? Fire? Ice storm? Hazardous waste spill? Is your congregation prepared?

Your Disaster Preparedness and Response Team can help. Please contact Carolyn Thalman (<u>cjthalman@comcast.net</u>) to learn how to get started.

Strong Ministers Grant

The application for the Fall 2021 Strong Ministers Grant is **due September 30**. Guidelines and application are available on the Presbytery website at <u>https://shenpres.org/strong-ministers-program/</u>.

Moffett Grant

The deadline for submitting Moffett Grant applications to the Presbytery Office is no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, **October 7, 2021**. The application is available through the Shenandoah Presbytery website: <u>https://shenpres.org/scholarship-grants/</u>.

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Clean-Up Buckets Are Needed

The hurricane season is with us. Reports of flooding are around us and it's time again to be faithful in our response. Clean-up bucket disaster kits are especially needed to help ease the stress of flooding disasters for those in the waters' path.

Let us join together again in support of Church World Service to provide these much-needed disaster kits. You may wish to send the funds in to purchase the supplies for some kits, or you can assemble the kits yourselves. The details about all kits can be found at the Church World Service Kits site at <u>https://cwskits.org/</u>. At this website you will find a list of contents and assembly instructions, the cost of each kit if you wish to purchase them, and where to deliver or ship the kits.

We have a **CWS Kit Depot** located within our presbytery at the Church of the Brethren District office in Weyers Cave, VA. This CWS Depot is now a year-round location and is open Monday – Thursday each week. You can make arrangements for delivery there by calling (540)447-0306. If you wish to deliver them, the address is 1453 Westview School Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.

Kits can also be shipped or delivered to the New Windsor, MD warehouse at: CWS, Brethren Service Center, 601 Main Street, PO Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776-0188.

Thank you in advance for helping those facing disasters right now.

Doug Sensabaugh, Co-Director Disaster Preparedness and Response Team

Louise Tardy Donates School Kit Bags



Louise Tardy from Collierstown Church brought by 200 bags that she sewed for the Church World Service school kits. She has been busy!

CWS needs kits all through the year, but the school bags are especially welcome at the beginning of each school year. Take up a collection at your church for school supplies and then assemble them and box them up. For a list of items for the bags, and packing directions, <u>click here</u>.

If you are interested in receiving some of these bags, please call the presbytery office. We will arrange for you to pick them up. Send a note to <u>shenpres@shenpres.org</u> or call the office at 540-433-2556. Thank you again for your gifts!



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Bridgewater Church Builds Little Library

To view the videos shown during Children's Sunday Worship on July 18, use these links:

Little Free Library Dedication Video: <u>https://youtu.be/AKrk-EPtVkc</u>

"What We Did in VBS" Video: <u>https://youtu.be/78kz1_uR85c</u>

To read the article from the Daily News-Record on Friday, July 16, click here: Bridgewater Little Library Dedicated To Delylah Simon | Local News | dnronline.com





A Big Thank You!

I want to take a moment to remind you of the great work your church is doing. Because of congregations like yours, responding to our neighbors in need during challenging times is happening. **Your support was felt during the recent flooding in Louisiana.** Rev. James Kirk who oversees national disaster response for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance had this to say:

Louisiana isn't the only place Presbytery of Shenandoah's support was felt. **32,290 kits and blankets** were shared with neighbors around the world.

Thank you for doing a great work through Christ!

Your participation in the CWS Kits program continues to bless the lives of so many. I hope you'll consider joining us in assembling kits again this year

Matthew Stevens Director of Congregational Giving



Dear Shenandoah Presbytery, members, and congregations,



In a season of change and uncertainties, the Presbyterian Hunger Program is thankful that God's love is faithful. We see it in the goodness of creation. We hear about it in stories of congregations connecting with their communities to offer assistance and to stand for justice. And we are thankful for each tangible expression of love that we are able to share in the United States and around the world because of gifts like yours.

Many typical activities have had to stop as the world works together to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The Presbyterian Hunger Program's partners have made adjustments to how they operate in this season. But even amidst the challenges, the mission of alleviating hunger and eliminating the underlying causes continues.

Recently we gathered information from a few of our partners who have offered training as part of their response to hunger and poverty in their regions. Not only are participants learning new skills and receiving tools that will help them put their training into practice, but often they are using what they have learned to coach others, so families, churches, and communities can all share in the fruit of their learning. (Yes, sometimes it's literal fruit!) The information and photos (attached) share examples of recent work in Madagascar, New York, Haiti, Uganda and Nicaragua.

In 2021, PHP has supported the work of partners in 22 countries. We continue to work so that people have more and better food, communities standing for justice know they are not alone, and people around the world are allowed to enjoy the healthiness of creation as it was meant to be.

Bless you for joining in this mission with us.

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Rebecca Barnes Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

Remember: You Can Now Pay Online

We now have online payments available on our website. Churches can pay their acceptances with a few clicks of the mouse.

To use this feature, point your camera at the QR code below, or go to the <u>payment webpage</u>.

If you have questions, contact Heather at <u>bookkeeper@shenpres.org</u>.

COMING SOON

Attention All Church Treasurers:

As of September 9, 2021 you will be able to electronically pay your entire church remittance online through Vanco. (currently only your church acceptance is eligible for electronic payments)

Go to <u>shenpres.org</u> and choose online giving on the red ribbon at the top.

More details to come.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

With gratitude for their continued and generous participation, we lift up the following congregations of Shenandoah Presbytery, who have given to One Great Hour of Sharing for at least 20 years!

> Charles Town Presbyterian Church Ruddle Presbyterian Church Hedgesville Presbyterian Church Tomahawk Presbyterian Church Lexington Presbyterian Church Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Moorefield Presbyterian Church Massanutten Presbyterian Church New Providence Presbyterian Church Romney Presbyterian Church Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Parish of the Valleys First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro Berryville Presbyterian Church Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church Union Presbyterian Church Falling Waters Presbyterian Church Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church Second Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro Smyrna Presbyterian Church **Opequon Presbyterian Church**

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We are here to support your congregations for the next 20 years!

800-728-7228, ext. 5047

UKIRK Harrisonburg Needs Leaders

UKIRK Harrisonburg is in need of caring leaders to work with our college students on a regular basis. We are supported by congregations in the Central Valley Mission Community and housed at Trinity. UKIRK meets Wednesday nights from 6-8pm, with an hour for programming (Bible study, worship, discussion) and then a shared meal. If you are interested in volunteering, or know of others who have the necessary gifts and skills to do so, please reach out to us at <u>ukirk@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org</u>. While we'd love to find volunteers willing to lead regularly, we can also work with occasional volunteers. Food will be provided, and volunteer expenses, including mileage, childcare, etc, will be reimbursed.



Connect Students You Know with UKirk at UVA!

Do you know any incoming or returning students headed to the University of Virginia? If so, the University Mission team at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville and UKirk at UVA is excited to welcome them (back) to Grounds!

The UKirk at UVA pastor and student leaders would love to connect with students and see how they can support them in their journeys of faith through an inclusive campus ministry and/or as a welcoming church community away from home. You can put them in touch with the campus ministry team directly at <u>ukirkuva@westminsterva.org</u>. They're also <u>online</u> and on Instagram and Twitter

(@ukirkuva), as well as Facebook (UKirk at UVA) and GroupMe.

Students are welcome to join Westminster for weekly worship Sundays at 11 a.m., with a young adult brunch after the service each week at the Common Grounds building on Rugby Rd. Westminster also offers regular gatherings for graduate and professional students, monthly service opportunities, yoga classes for wellness, coffee meetings for care and counsel, and congregational mentors for students who seek them.

Let Westminster and UKirk at UVA know how they can partner with you in bridging the college gap in baptismal vows for the students your church has helped to grow in faith, hope, and love!

Charles Town Church Seeks Director

Charles Town Presbyterian Church seeks a full-time Director of Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries. Any persons interested in applying for this position are welcome to read the job description <u>here</u>, and can contact the search committee at <u>jobs@ctpres.org</u>.

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Shenandoah University & Valley Health Fall 2021 Healthcare Conference

INTEGRATING SPIRITUALITY

Delivering healing and compassionate care for the whole person remains the primary mission of health care. Research demonstrates improved patient outcomes when spirituality is incorporated into medical practice.

With a shared vision, Shenandoah University and Valley Health are collaborating to offer this secondever spirituality conference. This full day, regional conference will provide the knowledge, skills and tools for addressing patients' spiritual needs in any health care setting. This event is great for health care professionals, students, providers, chaplains and clergy. Continuing Education Units are available for conference attendees. See su.edu/SUspirituality for the most up-to-date listing of CEUs.

Date: November 10, 2021

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost: \$99 (no charge for Shenandoah University students)

Location: Ferrari Room, Brandt Student Center, Shenandoah University (virtual options available)

Questions: SUspirituality@su.edu

Register at su.edu/SUspirituality

Additional conference support from the Winchester Medical <u>Center Foundation</u>

Keynote Speaker & Conference Topics:

- Harold G. Koenig, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University
- Hands-on workshops of using spirituality history assessment tools in practice
- Lessons learned from the COMD-19 crisis
- Understanding and supporting various patient faith traditions
- Spirituality across the continuum of care
- Understanding the healthcare professionals' own spirituality and self-care



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The Big Event Saturday September 18, 2021 9-3:30 "When Did We See you?" (Matthew 25:44) Massanetta Springs Harrisonburg, VA



Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington DC., will be our Keynote Speaker and Workshop leader.

Rev. Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben, Ret. Rear Admiral and current Chaplain to the United States House of Representatives will be our Preacher and Workshop leader.



The theme of the day is based on the words of Matthew 25: 44 "When did we see you, Lord?" as we continue to live into the vision and imperative of Matthew 25, share stories about our ministries, and discover ways in which the church can be about the work of Congregational Vitality, Eradicating Systemic Poverty, and Dismantling Structural Racism.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Registration 8:30-9:30

9:30 - Worship Begi	ns Rev. Kibben preaching, Matthew 25, celebration of the Lord's Supper
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:50 - Keynote:	Rev. Jimmie Hawkins - "We See Jesus When We See Each Other"
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch in Massanetta Conference Center Dining Room
1:15 - 2:00	Workshop A - choose one:
	~ Rev. Hawkins - "Faith Inspires & Informs Our Actions in the World" OR
	~ Matthew 25 Round Table Discussion
2:00 - 2:25	Break
2:25 - 3:00	Workshop B - choose one:
	~ Rev Kibben - "Leadership in Divided Times" <u>OR</u>
	~ Book Discussion on <u>Caste</u> by Isabel Wilkerson
3:00	Closing thanks and Prayer

NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions, on-site child care is not offered. For housing/camp sites and meals other than Saturday lunch, please contact Massanetta Springs directly: <u>540 434 3829</u> or email at: <u>info@massanettasprings.org</u>.



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Shenandoah Presbytery 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!

September 2021

- 6 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 7 CPT 10:00 am
- 8 CPM 10:00 am
- 9 CRM 9:30 am
- 9 CER 10:00 am
- 9 Pastors' Meeting 12:00 pm
- 9 CRE Oversight 4:00 pm
- 12 CMO 9:30 am
- 14 Staff Meeting 10:00 am
- 14 MRMC 12:00 pm
- 14 CNCD 3:15pm
- 15 Nominations 2:00 pm
- 16 CPA 1:30 pm
- 20 CCVT 1:00 pm
- 22 Shenandoah Press Deadline
- 23 Community Cup NWC 9:30 am
- 23 Pastors' Meeting 12:00 pm

More Dates

18 - The Big Event 9:00 am—3:00 pm at Massanetta Springs

28 - PW Monthly Bible Study Begins 7:00 pm

* Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held via Zoom.

