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## A Message from our General Presbyter

What brings you joy? What is it that puts a smile on your face, a spring in your step and warms your heart?

Is it the gathering of family around the table? Or does that really stress you out? Is it the time to sit with a good cup of coffee and read a good book? Is it hiking in the mountains or canoeing a river? Is it voices together raised in song? Is it volunteering at the food pantry or neighborhood school?

I could go on and on, but you understand, what is it for you that brings you joy? I ask because I know that many of us are feeling weary from the ongoing concerns of the pandemic. What we hoped this fall would look like has not happened, at least not completely. While there are somethings we are doing, not everything is back – nor should they be. We continue to live in a time of big change and that is tiring.

Therefore, I request that you take time and find the things that bring you joy and cultivate them – in whatever way you can. Because God created us and called us good, and our lives should reflect that goodness.

When we feel the joy that comes from dwelling in the gifts that God has given us, family, friends, service, then our lives will show the love of God with all we meet – and isn't that a blessing. A blessing and a joy in which we give thanks to God.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone,

*Bronwen*



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## Stated Presbytery Meeting Nov 16

The 191st Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Please mark your calendars and watch for registration information, along with the Handbook for the Meeting. Be sure *all commissioners* receive the information.

## Zoom Practice Session Nov 10

For those new to Zoom, new as a commissioner to presbytery, or those who need a refreshment of the instructions, we will be holding a Zoom practice session on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. Watch for emails.

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The Genealogy at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel is a list of saints and fore-mothers and fathers. Many of us have heard those lists, and called saints to mind, as we remembered and celebrated their faithful witness on All Saint's Sunday earlier this month.

We are standing in the shoulders of giants, we sometimes say. As a Presbytery, we are able to fulfill many mission and ministry requests and to live out our calling of being a community of Christ for worship, nurture and mission, through the generous gifts of those faithful servants.

You know many of the names, in the endowed funds this Presbytery has: The Lyle Moffat grant, The Bulle Fund for Education and Training, and the Bernice Hiatt Fund and the Sam Ramsey Fund, both for Foreign Mission. Perhaps you have not heard of the Barnabas Fund, a help for congregations with emergency church building needs, which is now under the care of the Committee on Presbytery Administration. As well, there is the Presbytery's Emergency Fund for Pastors, to cover needs for leaders that are not met by other funds.

Through the years, through faithful stewardship, many of these funds have grown. But it is not enough to simply, even if thankfully, receive the funds created by others. You can join in this blessing.

What you might not know is that all of those funds are able to receive donations. You may make donations to them at any time; or may name them as recipients in your estate planning, and in your will. We have one faithful retired Teaching Elder, who annually contributes to the Barnabas Fund, to help care for colleagues in ministry. These funds are not part of the operating budget; rather, they are expressions of our care for the world, and for each other, as the Holy Spirit calls us to do.

At Thanksgiving, many of us take time to thank God for all God has provided. The end of the year is a time when many of us review our finances, plan for the future, and prayerfully consider how we will share what God has blessed us with, with others. I hope you will consider donating to these funds, or others, administered by the Presbytery, for the building up of the church and its leaders.

For information about making donations to any of these funds, please contact Heather at the office, at [bookkeeper@shenpres.org](mailto:bookkeeper@shenpres.org)

Blessings  
Nancy



## Advent Lectionary Discussion Group

This Advent begins Year C, for those who are lectionary preachers. The texts, from Luke, may interact with the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy in ways that are easy, or ways that struggle to reflect those themes. Or maybe you aren't using those themes at all.

This group will be a group primarily for discussion about the texts, with a short background on each of the Gospel texts, and how we might preach them, given the contexts in which we live and minister.

We will meet for 2 hours, via Zoom, on Saturday, November 20, 9-11 am.

To register, please fill out the [form here](#), or use the "Advent Discussion" link in the red bar on the [Presbytery website](#).

## Painting Fun at Union Church

*submitted by Candace Farthing*

We enjoyed a painting class after church at Union Presbyterian on October 10th. I led the class and there were 8 in attendance.

I received text messages along with some pictures from participants. Here is a sampling of the comments –

“It WAS so much FUN! I have never painted, and struggled at first thinking mine had to be done exactly right, but after I relaxed I liked the way mine turned out... Sign us up for the next one!” – Pat Lawhorn

“It was also fun to see how different they came out”. – Pat Lawhorn

“This was so much fun, can’t wait till the next one”. – Has not given permission to use her name or quote yet.

“It was so nice to have everyone together! The afternoon was so much fun...the giggles, the food, and a new experience I would have never tried on my own. ...Can’t wait until we do another”. – Sherry Doyle

Thank you!!

*Candace*



# Annual Bazaar for Missions

Buena Vista Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 6th

8:00 am to Noon

**COME EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION!**

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

- Large assortment of handcrafted arts & crafts
- Gift baskets
- Holiday decorations
- Household décor – dishware, candles, prints

## BAKE SALE

- Homemade breads
- Cakes and Cookies
- Jams and Jellies
- Pickles
- Seasonal Treats

## VINTAGE QUILT RAFFLE



Drawing to be held at the conclusion of the Bazaar at Noon on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available before and during the Bazaar. Please contact the church at 261-6210 or see a church member for tickets. The quilt may be viewed at the church! You do not have to be present to win!!!!

Donuts and Coffee will be available for breakfast!

\*CORNER OF 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CHESTNUT AVENUE  
BUENA VISTA

Please join us at  
Woodstock Presbyterian Church for  
A Service of Installation on Sunday, November 7 at 4:00 PM  
as Shenandoah Presbytery installs  
The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer as Woodstock's next Pastor.

Presbytery Moderator Judy Hensley will preside.  
Union Presbyterian Seminary's Clay Macaulay will preach.  
Westminster's April Cranford will charge the newly installed.  
Woodstock's Malinda Johnston will charge the congregation.  
Service music will include Woodstock's Heart Strings dulcimer group  
along with a wide array of other musicians.  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

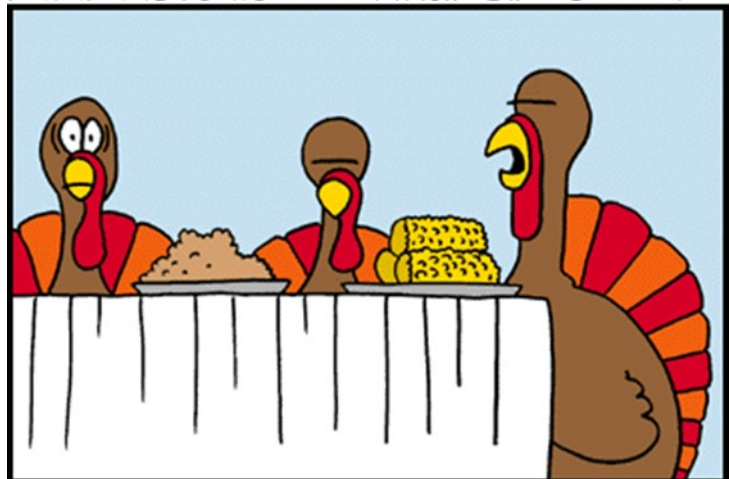
A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.  
Please mask and practice social distancing.

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THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL  
WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS

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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!

### November 2021

- 2 - CPT 10:00 am
- 6 - CMO 9:30 am
- 8 - CCVT 1:00 pm
- 9 - Staff Meeting 9:30 am  
at Presbytery Office
- 9 - MRMC 12:00 pm
- 9 - CNCD 3:30 pm
- 10 - CPM 10:00 am
- 11 - CRM 9:30 am
- 11 - Moffett Grant Committee 2:00 pm
- 11 - CRE Oversight 4:00 pm
- 17 - Shenandoah Press Deadline
- 18 - CPA 1:30 pm

### Other Dates

- 11 - Pastors' Meeting 12:00 pm
- 10 - Zoom Practice Session for  
Presbytery Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 - Stated Meeting of Presbytery 9:30 am
- 24-25 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 30 - PW Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

