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VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal
Presbyterian Church

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are about to celebrate July 4th. And I can't help but see how people are so troubled with our nation right now and choices being made that they are taking down their flags and refusing to celebrate. We easily become clouded by the small world in which we live. Don't get me wrong, there are a great many things wrong around here lately, but we like to push the blame on politicians and lawyers instead of taking a long look at ourselves.

Freedom. Years ago in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, we declared our freedom from a nation that was making choices for us instead of with us. And when that paper was signed, we as a nation, began a journey we are still on today.

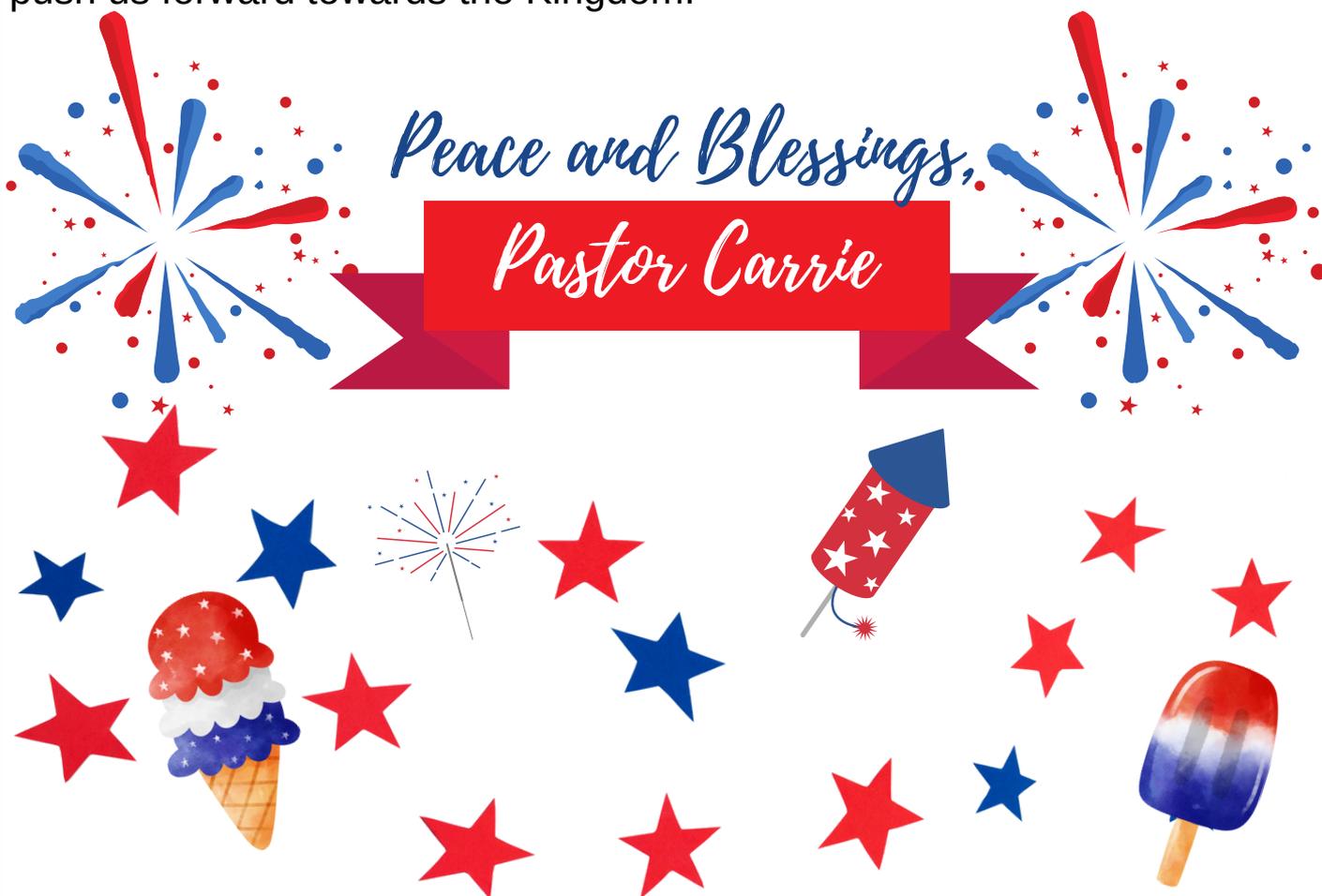
That journey, much like our own faith journeys, has taken twists and turns, sometimes it even feels like it has taken a U-turn. We have made choices, as a nation that have harmed others and choices that have given peace and prosperity and hope to more than we can count. And part of that beginning was a separation of church and state, so that people, like you and me, could worship freely without persecution – and for that I am grateful.

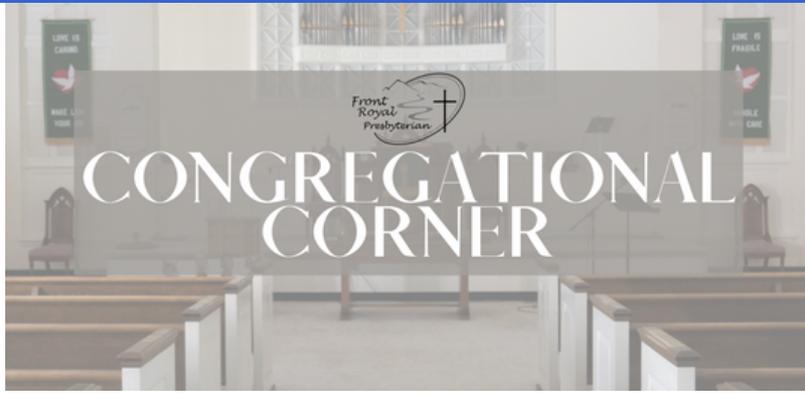
Freedom for us as Christians takes it to a different level. We are not only free in the literal sense, but we are also freed from our sins, our past, our mistakes, and bad choices. In the baptismal waters, we are cleansed and sent out to do good works, forgive others, forgive ourselves and make

tomorrow better than today.

And in those waters of baptism, we also find that we are not alone, but part of a larger family of Christ. We are charged with caring for one another – regardless of race, political affiliation, gender, age, geography, or any other excuse we might put in the way. No longer can we pass the blame on other people, politicians, lawyers, immigrants, the wealthy and powerful or a host of others. We must take ownership in this life of Christ, turn our own hearts towards Christ and in so doing we work towards the greater good of all of God's people in order that we might be visions of the Kingdom of God to come.

Ours is a high calling. It is a lifetime appointment towards an uncertain future at times. There is no promise of security or wealth, or a monument built in our honor. The one promise we can hold firm to is that we are not alone. As divided as everything around us is right now, the unity we have in the family of Christ will remain, of that I have no doubt. And this July 4th, I'll give thanks for those that founded our great nation and even more, I'll give thanks for the good and gracious God that continues to push us forward towards the Kingdom.





CONGREGATIONAL CORNER



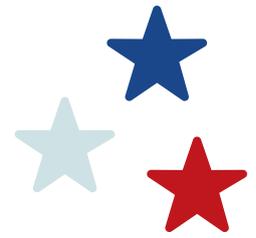
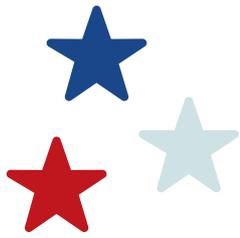
OFFICE CLOSED

FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY



Please be patient with staff and office hours, Pastor Carrie will be working remotely on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons to help her parents in Winchester. She can always be reached via email; cell phone or Misty can reach her.





SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS



Counters needed!
We are in need of people that would be willing to stay after church one Sunday a month to count donations and prep them for deposit. If you are able to give 30 minutes a month, please let Misty or Pastor Carrie know.

Baby Blessings



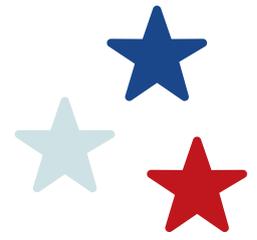
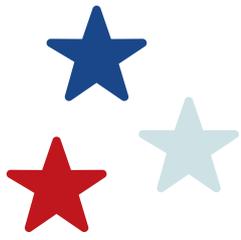
TWO SWEET LITTLE
peanuts
ARE ON THEIR WAY



Congratulations to Lisa Venable on the birth of her grandson, Ridge Alexander, born on June 21!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TWINS BABY SHOWER HONORING
LYNNE ONDISHKO AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 17TH.





BAPTISMS



We welcomed Usi and Jared Mix into our Front Royal Presbyterian Church family on Sunday, June 26th and had the wonderful opportunity to baptize their three children – Liam, Kellan and Callum and niece Natasha.



Sunday, July 17- Wednesday, July 20



at Marlow Heights Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please use [this form](#) to sign your child up for Vacation Bible School put on by your local downtown churches: Marlow Heights Baptist Church, FBC Front Royal, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Front Royal UMC, and Calvary Episcopal Church. If you have more than one child, please fill out a form for each child.

VBS will take place Sunday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 20 at Marlow Heights Baptist Church (517 Braxton Road, Front Royal). The program will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.



HAPPY
4TH
OF JULY



Happy Humid Summer! I know you guys seem to be drowning in this heat, but the bugs are out and about and I'm one happy bat! It is a tad quieter around here lately, people on vacation – Edwards on their trip to Europe, Debbie Hunter visiting California, beach trips, boat trips – I've seen Randy Wertz and his crew out a good bit, and Misty even went to visit her in-laws. Glad she's back, everything runs so smoothly with her here, but Tracey Ramey filled in quite nicely, and her granddaughters are absolutely amazing!



I hear Lisa Venable is a grandmother – how can that be, she is so young and fit? But a proud grandmother she is to little Ridge Alexander ... and he is adorable.

Speaking of babies, did Pastor Carrie pinch little Callum when he was baptized? That was one unhappy boy! Liam, Natasha and Kellan were little angels in their white suits and dresses. What a glorious day to baptize 4 children and receive the Mixes in membership! Our family is growing here at Front Royal Presbyterian, I hear we have even more new members to go before session this month. You guys must be doing something right.

I missed seeing Pastor Carrie around for a bit, but heard she was helping care for family and I'm so thankful this church is so kind and understanding – family is important, I wish mine lived closer. And wow, not a bad replacement in the pulpit. That Joseph Plemmons can really sing! What can we do to convert the Methodist minister's husband to Presbyterianism? It can't be impossible, we got Mark and Donna to join the frozen church!



I do still miss seeing so many of my dear friends! It was so good to see Carolyn We here with Randy the other day – and I love her hats! Ron Harvey has been here every Sunday! That tells me that Ron knows where his family in Christ can be found, I think it is fantastic and speaks volumes about how you all care for one another. Althea is still progressing, but slower than she wants, I'm quite certain. I miss her beautiful voice in the choir, but am so impressed with Ruth, Jackie, Donna and Joan carrying on the melody.

Now, if only David will stop gallivanting around the globe and feel better from COVID we'll have a good bit of our choir back in worship.

Word has it that Lucas DuMez accepted a job in Seattle with Boeing as a packing engineer – sounds important. I know Alex and Debbie will miss having him around, but a free place to stay in Seattle next time I'm in that neck of the woods – I might have to go shopping for a new raincoat though.

Stay cool FRPC!





Tithes & Offerings

Members and friends of Front Royal Presbyterian Church can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our church [website](#). Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit our [website](#) to see how easy it is!

We would ask that you take some time to consider your gift to the church to continue to do the good work we have been called to do.

Unfortunately, many of our bills continue such as internet to broadcast services online, utility bills, food for our many feeding ministries as well as paying our reliable staff and maintaining the church building.

Please consider one of the many options of continuing your pledge, and if you are able to, give generously so that we might continue to feed and care for those among us.

- You may give at our 10:30 am Sunday service
- You may drop a check by the church office.
- You may mail a check.
- You may give online  **TITHE.LY** - it is a safe and secure site and is deposited into the church account. Innovative church giving
- You may sign up for auto pay through your bank.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Pastor Carrie** or our church treasurer, **Deanne McVey**.

Volunteers Needed

July



Dinner Together: August 25th

OH HAPPY DAY!

We have been awarded our requested amount from the Agency Capacity Fund Grant from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank! We are so very grateful for the award as it will cover all of the critical TO-GO meal supplies for the Dinner Together meal program!

Pending no cancellations, FRPC will no longer be the serving group for Dinner Together on July 28th. We will resume our normal 4th Thursday place in August.



Ben Lacy Compassion Center

As a result of your donations, we have been able to provide 13 Welcome Home Baskets to neighbors in our community emerging out of homelessness. The average cost to assemble each one of these baskets, at full price without your donations of new or lightly used items, is between 50-75 dollars each. With your help and donations, we have been able to make the baskets for about 20-40 dollars each.

We are seeking donations of:

- **Flatware for 4 People**
- **Throw Blankets**
- **Drinking Glasses for 4 People**
- **Dishes for 4 People**

Looking for other ways that you can help? Email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



Volunteers Needed



REACH Bag Delivery: July 24th

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, July 24th, immediately after the worship service. See Jill at the REACH/Missions table to pick up bags which will be available right after service until 2PM.



If you would like to volunteer to deliver email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



Backpack Buddies Summer Collection

JULY

July: Peanut Butter (No Glass Jars)

August: 1 lb Spaghetti Noodles

As always, our goal for each item is to collect 90 servings!

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

If you are interested in helping with Backpack Buddies, email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



AUGUST



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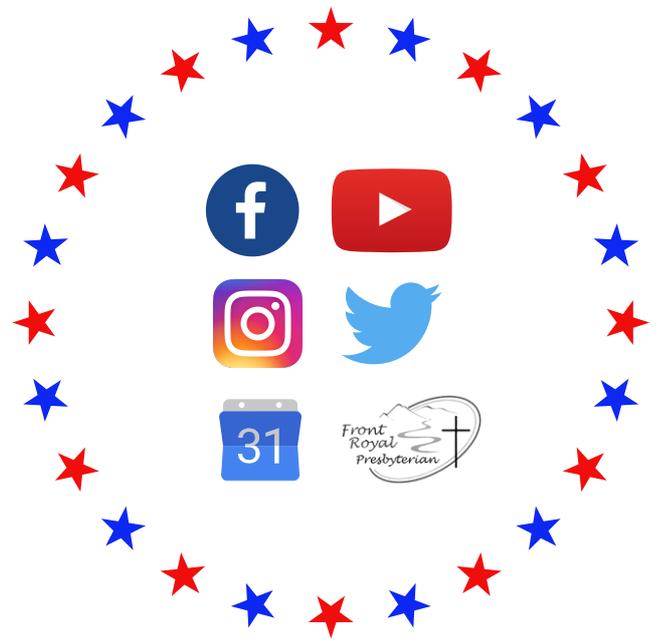
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23 Millie Thomson's OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship- Live 11am - Worship-	24 5pm - Dinner	25 Elaine Bailey's Birthday Linda Funk's Birthday Natasha Escariz's 5pm - Dinner 7pm - Girl Scouts @	26 5pm - Dinner	27 5pm - Dinner	28 5pm - Dinner	29 5pm - Dinner
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- 6- Zach Logan & Misty Bordner
- 11- Sherry Downs & Malissa Horton
- 14- Celeste Horton
- 18- William Funk
- 22- Johanna Rutz
- 24- Millie Thomson
- 26- Linda Funk, Elaine Bailey & Natasha Escariz

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