



VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal
Presbyterian Church

PASTOR'S CORNER

As a new year begins, we often begin with New Year's Resolutions, oftentimes, they don't last that long. For our first Winnie Wednesday for the New Year (available on the church's YouTube account, website, and Facebook), Winnie and I collaborated to write our own.

Pastor Carrie

- Scale down the use of Door Dash
- Save Money, buy fewer dog toys
- Order less from Amazon
- Keep a cleaner house
- Obedience School
- Use the treadmill
- Train Winnie not to lick, jump, sniff people

Winnie

- Eat More Leftovers
- Find more sticks
- Train the mailman to deliver next door
- Play more in the mud, dirt, rain and snow
- Train my human to pay more attention to me
- Take walks
- Get MORE excited when my human comes home so she knows I missed her

I learn every day that Winnie has so much more to teach me than I have to teach her. Whereas my resolutions seem to be more about fixing me or building a better me, Winnies are about fellowship, community and living life. And even more importantly, hers is about a love and passion that so many of us tend to forget in our busy lives. So, whether you play in the mud and snow a little more this year, take more walks or enjoy more of God's good creation, do it with the love and excitement of Winnie when I come home.

And when you backtrack and can't keep up with your New Year's Resolutions, I have a chocolate lab that would be more than willing to chew your list so you don't feel bad, and you can start again. Winnie seems to be pretty good at forgiveness and love, something we all need a little more of in this crazy world.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Carrie



Backpack Buddies Opportunity

Very few of us have ever had to worry if there will be dinner on the table or food in the cupboard. But that's not so for so many in Warren County. Each week, the Backpack Buddies team packs and distributes 60 bags for those with food insecurities at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School. Each bag costs approximately \$5 and the costs add up quickly with inflation. You are invited to sponsor a Backpack Buddy child.

One semester for \$100

An entire year for \$200.

And a huge thank you to Karen Heier for her scouring the ads, clipping coupons, and getting the most for the money.

Dinner Together



FRPC serves Dinner Together on the fourth Thursday of each month – **January 26th**. We need your help. As we adjust to the changes within our church for Dinner Together, we need more hands in the kitchen. We will be serving chicken and biscuits, green bean casserole and desserts.

Cooks: Please arrive at First Baptist Church by 3:00 pm

Delivery Drivers: Please arrive at First Baptist Church around 4:00 pm to begin deliveries.

Servers: please arrive at First Baptist Church around 3:30 pm to pack and prepare the deliveries. Dinner Together ends at 6:00 pm.

Our New Class of Ruling Elders for 2025

We are thankful that Ruth Younk and David Edwards have agreed to serve a second term as co-worship elders.

We would like to introduce you to our two newest ruling elders.

Jake Muscar

Jake was a member at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church and served as both a deacon and an elder in his previous church. He recently transferred his membership to FRPC and has been welcomed with open arms. Jake's wife, Myra passed away in 2020, a woman of deep commitment and faith, just like Jake. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

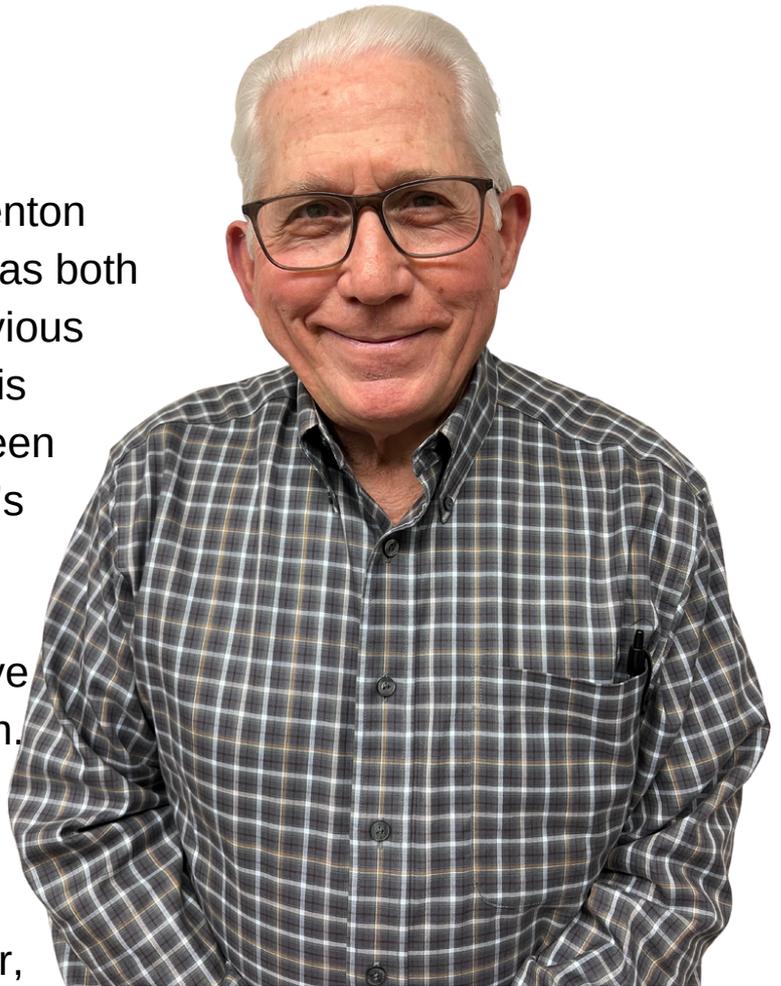
You can often find Jake hunting, cooking or serving the community. He has been a reliable driver for Dinner Together,

supporter of Mission Mustard and a reliable resource for buildings and grounds, where he plans on serving as a ruling elder.

His greatest passion is reaching beyond the church walls and has a long standing commitment with a mission organization in West Virginia where he has led countless annual trips as well as work groups to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

Jake says:

“My favorite time of the year is the fall. It brings all the things that I love, cooler weather, college football & hunting season.”



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Usi Mix



Usi is married to her husband Jared and they have three boys – Liam, Kellan and Callum.

Her heart has been called by God to reach out with the love of God to as many people as she can. She is currently heavily involved in

PTO at E.Wilson Morrison Elementary, Backpack Buddies and raising three boys alone

while her husband is deployed for six months. She has been attending FRPC since pre-COVID, and recently she and Jared joined as members as her three children and her niece were baptized. She chose FRPC because she felt welcomed and more importantly that her children felt loved and accepted for who they are. She has said countless

times that she appreciates what the church does for the community: "I love that FRPC doesn't just talk the talk but tries to walk the walk like Jesus did."

When asked to serve her response was:

"When I got the call about the nomination of being an elder it filled me with so much joy and happiness. It's an honor and one I will do my best to fulfill. "

Usi will be serving as the ruling elder for Christian Education.



DONUTS AND DISCIPLES



JANUARY 29, 2023

We are excited to invite everyone back to Donuts on Disciples in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 29th at 10:30 am!

Welcome

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Carrie Evans:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday

off on Wednesday

Misty Bordner, Communications Manager:

Wednesday - Friday 9:30-1,

working remotely on Tuesday

Heather, Music Director:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-4

Andrew Cillissen, Custodian:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9-12

Lynne Ondishko, Children's Ministry:

Thursday 11-1

Thank You!



Babbette's Corner



Whew, that holiday season was a whirlwind! From freezing cold to 60 degrees on New Year's Day. I'm so thankful that Lee was able to look into the heat upstairs for our guests, everybody deserves a warm place to sleep. I'm so impressed with all the help for the shelter! Randy is driving the van every Wednesday, Bill does laundry on weekends, notes from the kids, hand warmers from Winnie – what a blessing you are.



I got to see some beautiful faces this holiday season! Lisa's grandbaby Ridge was all smiles in worship, Rachel Burt's niece and children were here for the Christmas day service – they are adorable. Lucas Dumez just barely made it in time, the flight cancellations were crazy but I'm pretty sure Alex had it all taken care of! Quinn Blankenship and little Calvin made it home, but sadly no guests, have to keep Calvin strong and healthy.

The Twelve Days of Christmas was neat to watch – you guys caught on pretty fast. Did you see that speedy Ava signed with George Mason University to run cross country – she is going to go far. Kids are home for Christmas break and Jacob and Isabelle read beautifully on Christmas Eve.

I'm hoping we get to see more of Ruth now that she's retiring at the end of the month – congrats Ruth!

I'd like to humbly suggest that we offer Joan Brubaker and Tracey Ramey awards for evangelism, I see them posting church announcements and inviting others to worship all the time. What a great and easy way to share the good news of the church, just a click away. And I see the choir and the bells are growing – welcome to the party Dee Whited.

Imma fly – this weather is too good to stay inside.

Babbette





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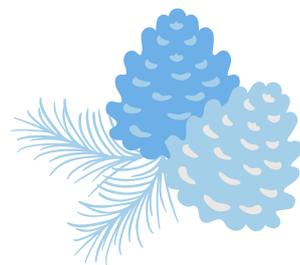
Members and friends of Front Royal Presbyterian Church can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our church [website](#). Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) 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 **breeze** - it is a safe and secure site and is deposited into the church account.
- 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](#)**.

God is forever choosing ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Scripture makes that truth abundantly clear.

God sends a shepherd boy, David, to fight the mighty Goliath. God dispatches fishermen into the villages of Galilee to preach and to heal. God chooses a teenage girl to deliver a savior to the world.

The first extraordinary thing that these ordinary people do is say yes. Each of them, like Mary— “the servant of the Lord”—steps forward in faith, with a humble willingness to serve.

Here at Front Royal Presbyterian Church, God’s call often comes as a request from a pastor, or from a fellow member.

Will you volunteer at Dinner Together? Will you help in the nursery? Will you be a liturgist? Will you join the choir?

With every faithful “yes,” the church sustains its ministries of worship and music, outreach and education, pastoral care and fellowship. Together, we do extraordinary things.

Today we have another request, for all fellow members and friends of this beloved church.

Will you give?

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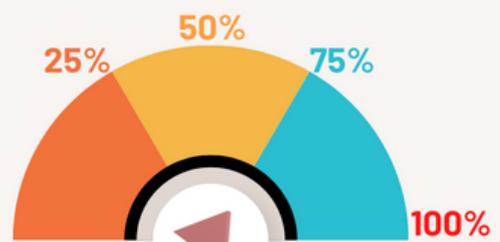
Will you pledge your support to the ministries that God has called us to? Will you help to make 2023 another extraordinary year for this community of faith?

Please prayerfully consider what you can afford to support our mission and ministries in the coming year.

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE HERE



FRPC Pledge Tally for 2023





Volunteers Needed



Dinner Together: January 26th

Meal: Chicken and Biscuits, Green Bean Casserole and Desserts

Dinner Together is back and we need your help.

As we adjust to the changes within our church for Dinner Together, we need more hands in the kitchen.

Please email us if you are able to help with any of the following:

Kitchen Volunteers:

We are in need 3-4 volunteers to help prepare, warm, portion and pack 140 meals for delivery and pick-up. 3:00PM-5:00PM.

Distribution Volunteers:

We are in need of 2-3 individuals willing to assist with handing out meals to community members from 3:30PM-6:15PM

Delivery Volunteers:

We are in need of 2 delivery team(s) to complete delivery routes, 2 team(s) of 2. Delivery teams will deliver meals to our home-bound guests in Front Royal. Each route takes between an hour to an hour and a half to complete. Please arrive at Front Royal First Baptist at 4:00PM to pick up meals and a delivery route sheet.



Ben Lacy Compassion Center

We are seeking donations of:

- **Cleaning products**
- **New small appliances**
- **New bed sheets**
- **Personal hygiene items**

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

Volunteers Needed

REACH Bag Delivery: January 29th

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, December 29th, immediately after the worship service.

Grab a bag or two at the REACH/Missions table right after service and help deliver to those in need in our community!

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



Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies meet every Thursday to pack at 11 am.
What is needed for the month of January?

Applesauce

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,
please email Karen.





It's January here at children's ministry!

Lynne has been busy planning some amazing things for the kids this month! We originally had planned to have our first event, "New Year,

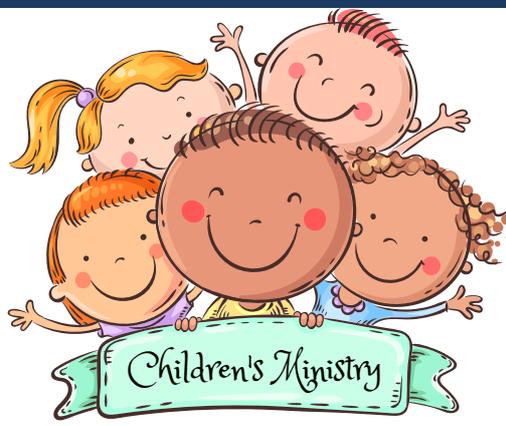
New Me" after worship on the 8th, but due to the twins not feeling well, Lynne decided to reschedule for January 15th following our worship service in the new children's worship room! We will talk about resolutions, read a story, color some pictures and have a snack! Then on January 22, we will have another children's event after worship where we will be reading a story and making, you guessed it, SNOWFLAKES!!!! These will be really fun times so you don't want to miss them!

Unfortunately, we have some sad news. Ava has stepped down as the worship leader due to her dual enrolled classes and running schedule. I know the kids absolutely loved her and she will be surely missed. So with that being said, we are in need of volunteers to help out with children's worship on Sundays. It is always a fun time and Lynne can explain more if you are interested in helping out.

We would also love to introduce our new student volunteer in the nursery, Ms. Molly Sims. She is a senior at Warren County High School. She came to Lynne looking for community service hours and enjoyed helping so much that she has decided to stay and help even after she's completed her hours! Ms. Molly will be helping with the nursery, the kid's events, and occasionally with children's worship! So if you see Ms. Molly, please say hi and welcome her to FRPC!

For the month of January, we have all our volunteer spots filled for the nursery and for children's worship, thank you!





January 15- Lynne & Usi- Nursery- Molly Sims- Children's Worship
 January 22- Lynne & Molly- Nursery- Lynne stepping out for Children's Worship
 January 29- Lynne & Usi- Nursery- Molly Sims- Children's Worship

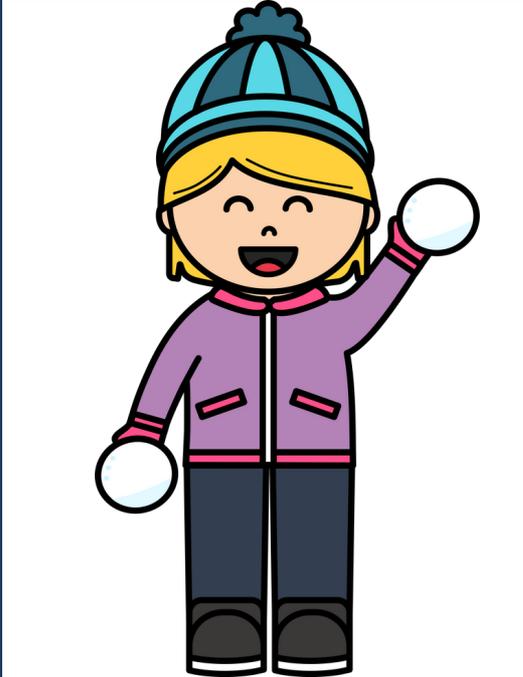
We are in need of volunteers for Children's Worship on **Feb 5th and 19th**. If you are interested, please contact Lynne at (540)686-0274.

*New Year
new me.*

Come celebrate the new year with us! We will be reading a story and doing an activity about resolutions!

Join us January 15, 2023 in the new children's worship room immediately following church. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend!

2023

Let It Snow!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EVENT ALL ABOUT SNOWFLAKES!!!

we will be reading a book, doing a really fun craft, and eating a snack!!

Join us January 22, 2023 in the new children's worship room immediately following church. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend!



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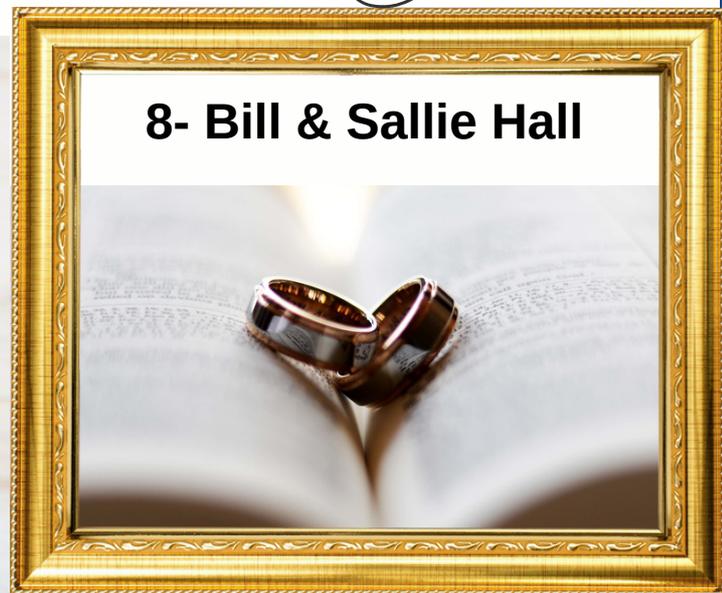


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	2 Diane Straightiff's 5pm - Dinner	3 5pm - Dinner	4 Althea Harvey's birthday 5pm - Dinner	5 5pm - Dinner	6	7 5pm - Dinner
8 Linda Devor's birthday Sallie & Bill Hall's 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	9 5pm - Dinner	10 5pm - Dinner 7pm - Girl Scouts @	11 5pm - Dinner	12 5pm - Dinner	13	14 Katherine Sparger's 5pm - Dinner
15 Jean Irani's birthday 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	16 5pm - Dinner	17 Deanne McVey's birthday 5pm - Dinner	18 5pm - Dinner	19 5pm - Dinner	20	21 Christine Guthjahr's Kathryn Guthjahr's 5pm - Dinner
22 OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	23 Ana Larson's birthday Sallie Hall's birthday 5pm - Dinner	24 5pm - Dinner 7pm - Girl Scouts @	25 5pm - Dinner	26 5pm - Dinner	27	28 5pm - Dinner
29 Janet Jewell's birthday 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	30 5pm - Dinner	31 Debra L'Amoreaux's 5pm - Dinner	 <p style="text-align: right;">CLICK HERE </p>			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

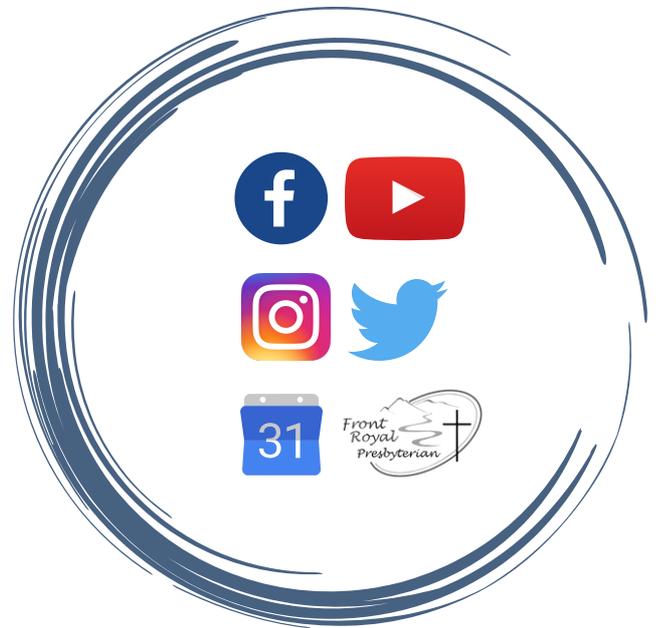
Happy Anniversary

- 2- Diane Straightiff
- 4- Althea Harvey
- 8- Linda Devor
- 14- Katherine Sparger
- 15- Jean Irani
- 21- Christine & Kathryn Guthjahr
- 23- Ana Larson
- 23- Sallie Hall
- 29- Janet Jewell
- 31- Debra L'Amoreaux



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