



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Church World Service  **CWS** is a non-profit organization, founded post World War II “to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.” ([CWSglobal.org](http://CWSglobal.org))

Working with all denominations, they seek to provide sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief and refugee assistance around the world.

This past Tuesday, I received a call from CWS asking if our church could help support a Honduran refugee family moving into the area. I share this here because it is important that you know this was not a political choice, but one made from a place of faith.

CWS has been resettling Afghan refugees since the exodus of troops earlier this year. To receive aid from CWS, all refugees are vetted through the State Department and are referred by the government to CWS. Any refugee associated with CWS has proper documentation to remain in the country.

When I received the phone call, I immediately said yes. Hospitality for the Israelites was a significant portion of how they lived out their faith.

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

I understand fully the dangers of open borders and lack of immigration control and I do not have the answers.

As I also read in the New Testament from Paul and support our leaders in

prayer as they make the difficult decision on behalf of our nation.  
“Let every soul be subject to the superior authorities, for there is no authority except under God.”

### Romans 13

That's where my faith and my real world intersect, and without answers, I must rely on scripture and our reformed tradition.

In working with CWS, we are partnering with an organization that works within the legal boundaries of our laws and allows us an opportunity to fulfill the command from God to be hospitable to our neighbor.

With gratitude to Usi Mix, she was able to prepare a culturally appropriate welcome meal for the family and she purchased some foods from back home that will offer them comfort as they adjust.

I was able to purchase groceries and put together a lovely welcome basket from the Compassion Center as a gift from our church to our newest neighbor.

As we help her and her 9 year old son navigate this new world, I invite you to share in their journey through donation of funds to offset the grocery bill, offering to assist with driving to appointments and most importantly prayer as they find a new home.

Please, as always, if you have questions, concerns, comments, do not hesitate to reach out to me. It is a truly difficult thing in this day and age to find a balance between our earthly lives and our call from God, I struggle each day and would love to walk and talk with you in your journey as well.

*Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Carrie*

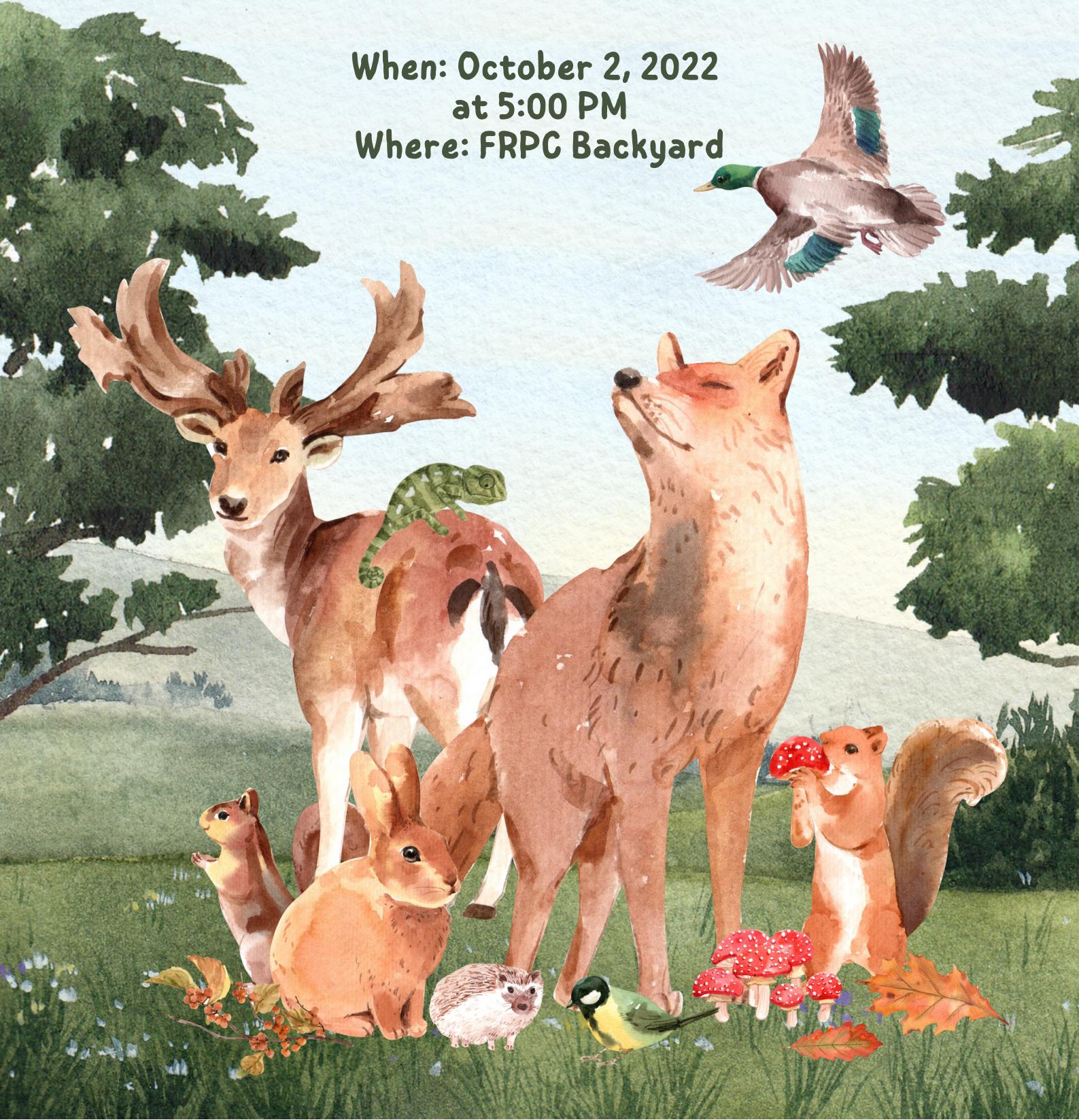


*Please join us for our*

# ANIMAL BLESSING



**When: October 2, 2022  
at 5:00 PM**  
**Where: FRPC Backyard**



## Babbette's Corner



I'm finally able to dry out my wings and my little niche here in the bell tower, I haven't seen a summer this wet in years... I'm not complaining, the rain brings out the buffet of bugs for my tummy.  
I thought August was supposed to be the calm before the storm around here at FRPC, I haven't had a minute to rest my eyes. But, at least I'm not seeing double like poor David Edwards, here he finally gets to retire and they can't find out why his eyesight is wonky. But, seeing two of Donna isn't a bad thing!

I've been watching as Tonya and the kids are finishing up my benches for the playground, they did an excellent job with my portrait, but I'm not pleased that Monty was represented as well. I do hope they let me be at the animal blessing service on October 2!

You should know... I've been doing a little checking up on your staff lately. I heard that they were working from home, so I went to do a little quality control check on Tonya. I thought I was incognito, but she saw me hanging around the church one day, so I followed her home. She was really surprised when I flew right in her kitchen!

I missed Althea and Ron, so I took a little weekend trip to visit. Ron is doing well and enjoying all kinds of sports and fun with the grandkids and Althea continues to improve, I heard they are hoping to return next month!

I can't believe school started again! I love it because then all my friends are here for Backpack Buddies on Thursday mornings and occasionally, they leave a treat behind. That Karen Heier is quite the planner, she seems to be so generous with the kids, but have a heart for Babbette, I like snacks too.

Little Cecelia has been quite the superstar lately! She was the first child to donate cans of food from her FROG tickets in Children's Worship and she was first in line for ice cream when the truck was here. Ann Daniels absolutely loved the basil ice cream – what a wonderful fellowship treat.

I sure do miss that Jill...however, will we get all the good work in the community done without her? Dee Sparger is returning to help fill the gaps, but she can't do it alone. I'm hoping the Spirit moves among you all so we can continue to serve the community.

My heart broke with the loss of Deanne McVey, what a beautiful child of God and servant to the church, she will be so missed! Along with dear John Floyd, Helen and Fonzie will have a lot of adjusting to do in the next few months. I'm thankful our faith speaks to us of eternal life, I will miss my friends.

Say a few prayers for me... I'm hopping on a plane with Alex DuMez, he invited me along to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro this week, let's see if all those Boy Scouts skills work on him, I bet I beat him to the top!

Ta Ta for now...





# 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.
- 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, **Tracey Ramey**.

# Volunteers Needed

# HELLO September



Meal: TBD

## Kitchen Volunteers:

- We are in need 3-4 volunteers to help prepare, warm, portion and pack 140 meals for delivery and pick-up. 3:30PM-5PM.

## Distribution Volunteers:

- We are in need of 2-3 individuals willing to assist with handing out meals to community members from 4:45PM-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 4:30PM to pick up meals and a delivery route sheet.



## 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:

- Cleaning products
- New small appliances
- Bed sheets
- Personal hygiene items

Looking for other ways that you can help? Email us at [admin@frontroyalpres.org](mailto:admin@frontroyalpres.org).



# Volunteers Needed

## REACH Bag Delivery: September 25th

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, September 25th, 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

 [admin@frontroyalpres.org](mailto:admin@frontroyalpres.org).



## Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies are back!

**Meet to pack every Thursday at 11 am.**

September: Fruit Cups

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.



# Music News

You're invited! Fall choir rehearsals (bell and vocal) will begin on Thursday, September 8, and you're invited to join us. Bells will begin at 6:00 in the Bell Room. In case you don't know, it's at the far end of the building, all the way around the corner looking out over the backyard. Vocal choir will follow at 7:00 in the choir room, which is below the choir loft. Please RSVP to Heather, so we can send you directions about which door to enter and answer any additional questions you might have. Hope to see you there!

*Heather*



# September 2022



7- Ruth Younk  
9- Lucas DuMez  
13- Larry Good  
15- Furadoon Irani  
20-Jamison Eo Beauge  
& Tonya Lotts  
21- Adrian Burt &  
Joan Brubaker  
24- Cadence Noel  
25- Bill Hall  
27- Norma Steed

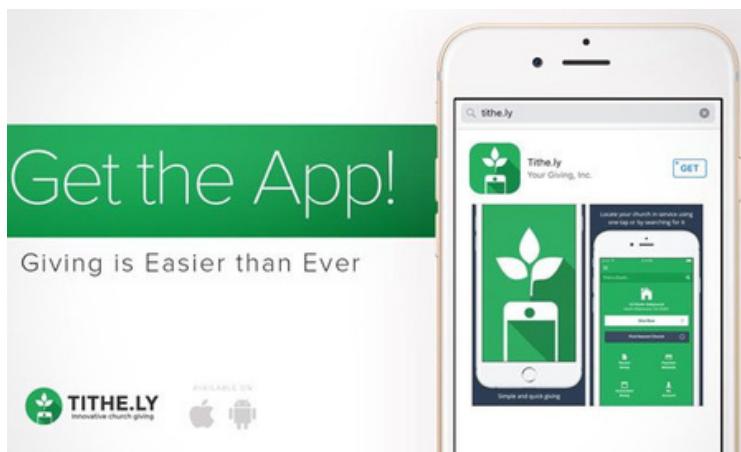
*Happy Anniversary*

**7- Adrian & Rachel Burt  
Foss & Margaret Smith  
23- Furadoon and Jean Irani**



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