|MAY 2023|

VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal Presbyterian Church

PASTOR'S CORNER

At the April regularly stated session meeting, the ruling elders adopted a strategic plan for FRPC.The plan begins with who we have been in the past, who we are now and guides us into who we want to be in the future. The purpose is to define ourselves in light of our mission:

We glorify God by following the Holy Spirit in a loving community serving Jesus Christ.

We have identified our core values at FRPC as:

Jesus is Lord and Savior.

Grace is a free and undeserved gift from God.

Building a community beyond the walls of our church

Welcoming all people regardless of race, religion, gender, or any other defining characteristic.

Honest and trustworthy with all the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Building on the mission statement and our core values, we set measurable goals to be achieved in the next 6-12 months.

As the ruling elders and staff work towards the goals of the strategic plan, you'll be invited in a variety of avenues to engage and vision with us. Just as the song we all sang as children…

Here is the church.
Here is the steeple.
Open the doors.
And see all the people.

FRPC's greatest strengths come from the legacy of leadership from days past and is carried on through each of us into a future only God knows. To some it may seem as if churches are a thing of the past, our goal is to make sure that FRPC remains a guiding light in the community and in the world even after our days are over.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Carrie

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thank you

I was overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness of the congregation in celebrating my 29 (again) birthday. It was such a surprise, and I am so thankful for the gifts towards the Sherando Food Pantry. It is an organization near and dear to my father's heart.

In God's Grace Alone

Pastor Carrie Evans
Front Royal Presbyterian Church

LUNCH LESSONS & LOVE

TUESDAYS AT NOON
BEGINNING APRIL 18TH

Come for the pizza,
Stay for the Word.

Front Royal Presbyterian Church

Bring your Bible, drink, open mind and a few thousand friends.
It's time we dive in the Word!
Please RSVP so we can order pizza.

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CELEBRATING MOMS

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WE WILL PROVIDE FREE CHILDCARE FROM 10-12

IF YOUR MOM WOULD LIKE TO BE PAMPERED WITH A MANI/PEDI WITH CHURCH MOMS THAT MORNING- RSVP BY MAY 8

WE WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS IF YOU PAY THE BILL

RSVP to pastor@frontroyalpres.org
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Can you imagine being stranded on the street without the "mom" bag? That one that has tissues and gum and Band-Aids and a pen and probably even a safety pin. It would be disastrous! That's why so many women carry large bags, so they have everything on them that their family or group might need at any moment. Well, now imagine that you are a woman who lives in a shelter, or in your car. You carry a backpack that holds all your earthy possessions: a jacket, a few pieces of clothing, maybe a small blanket, maybe a cell phone, some personal odds and ends. But we all know there are a few things a woman needs to have and would like to have to help her feel a little more human and because she's female. Front Royal Presbyterian Church is going to start the “Purses with Purpose” project in May, collecting gently used shoulder handbags (not cocktail bags or large mom bags) to fill up with donated items: ChapStick, a pack of wipes, insect repellent, female hygiene items, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, comb, and Band-Aids. Please consider helping. Donations Needed: Gently used ladies’ handbags (no cocktail purses, no overly large mom bags or beach tote bags; shoulder-strap bags preferred). Feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads). Cleansing wipes (flushable if possible; otherwise, just regular disposable wipes). Personal hygiene items (ChapStick, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, comb, Band-Aids, insect repellent).

Music News

PROGRESSIVE DINNER & CONCERT

Honoring Past & Present Winchester Composers

The Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists honors Winchester area composers from 1930 - present day at their annual scholarship fundraising Progressive Dinner and Concert. Your ticket is your admission to all the events and also represents a $20 tax-deductible gift to the Winchester AGO Scholarship Fund.

Featuring Music of Local Composers:

Will Averitt ~ Vicky Edwards ~ Daniel Gawthrop ~ Daniel Hannemann ~ Vernon Joyner ~ Bryan Kirk
James Laster ~ Jim Moon ~ Alan Moser ~ Jean Pasquet ~ Marilyn Shenenberger ~ Terry Sisk
Georgiann Toole ~ Wayne Wold ~ John Romano ~ John Martin ~ Chuck Seipp

Catered Buffet Dinner Includes:

Salad ~ Herb Baked Chicken Breast with Sun-Dried Tomato and Spinach
Pesto Cream ~ Rice Pilaf ~ Herb Roasted Vegetables ~ Rolls & Butter
Limited Vegetarian Entrees include Curried Tofu with Roasted Vegetables and Couscous.

12 MAY FRIDAY
131 S. Cameron St.
Winchester, VA 22601

Tickets Available on EventBrite.com
$50 each
Scan the adjacent QR code
or search "AGO" at eventbrite.com

6:00 PM

Market Street United Methodist Church
(Event Begins Here)

First Presbyterian Church
(Main Course is Served Here)

Braddock Street United Methodist Church
(Dessert and Final Concert)

For More Information or Vegetarian Meal Option Contact Linda Beville
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703-887-2681

Babbette's Corner

Wow did that month go by fast! And what is up with the weather around here, one day I'm sporting my new flip flops and the next I'm looking for my winter parka. I'm thankful the Easter Egg Hunt was such a success! I even saw Sandy, my squirrel buddy up in the tree with an egg. So many kids and new friends- thank you Lisa, Tracey and Melissa from the Girl Scouts! I'm not quite sure what to do with that Mike guy that hangs around with Pastor Carrie, he seems to get the kids in trouble. He started a water fight, just as I was about to pop in to say hi water was flying, and kids were laughing and Pastor Carrie and Ruth were just shaking their heads with a smile. That was a busy week with all the area clergy for the Tenebrae service. And the Easter services were wonderful.

It was a quiet week when Pastor Carrie was on vacation and I love when Mark Jordon preaches, we are so lucky to have him. The choir is growing … love seeing Dee Whited and the bells, wow Marisa Meyers and Dee Whited are now part of the ding-a-ling crew.

It was so wonderful seeing Camden and Charlotte Branson on their baptismal day. The kids are really piling up around here! I love it because they tend to leave crumbs for me on Donuts and Disciples day.

I was a tad disappointed at the turnout for Dinner Together this month though. Randy Wertz was missed, and it was a small crew but I'm thankful that Sallie Hall, Ruth Younk, Jesse Montgomery, Bill Hall, Jake Muscar and the Girl Scouts were there to help out. They are seeing a huge jump in numbers, they served almost 100 walk-ups one night. It breaks my heart that there is so much hunger right here in our little town.

It also broke my heart when I heard about Ben Weddle, he was such an amazing man and loved by so many. He will truly be missed.

Guess that's the gossip for today.

Babbette

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, Ruth.**

Volunteers Needed

When: May 25

We are looking for a few people to help with meal prep. If you are able to help, please stop by and let Pastor Carrie know.

Menu: TBD

We will need help delivering meals, serving meals, and making desserts. Please see Randy Wertz or Pastor Carrie to lend a hand.

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.

Ben Lacy Compassion Center

Sally Kilpatrick has been organizing, stocking shelves, and putting all the donations to good use.We have even given TWO baskets to thermal shelter guests that were moving into their first place of their own.As she is looking through items, she has some requests that we need. If you are out at Family Dollar, Dollar Tree or Big Lots, they all have fantastic prices.

- **Bed sheets- preferably full size**
- **Personal hygiene items**

Reminder, We ask for new or gently used items.
Each month, we call the Phoenix Project and House of Hope to help with people getting their first place.

Volunteers Needed

REACH Bag Delivery: May 28th

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, May 28th, 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, please meet us after worship service in the Narthex.

Backpack Buddies

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

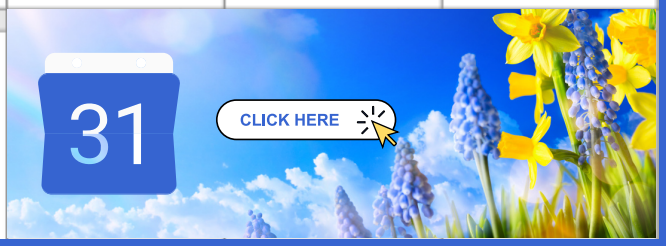
Canned Spaghetti Sauce

The BPB continues to pack weekend food bags for 80 elementary students experiencing food insecurity from EWM Elementary School. BPB has a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who come pack every Thursday at 11 am. Volunteers are welcome to join me on large shopping trips to purchase the needed inventory that we use each week.

If you have any time on a Thursday come join us and thank you for supporting this wonderful and needed program.

If you are interested in helping with Backpack Buddies, please email Karen.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Judi Good's Birthday	6
7 Gloria Harris's Birthday 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	8 Heather Ankerbrand's	9 7pm - Girl Scouts @	10	11	12 Debra Young's Birthday	13
14 Tony & Janet Jewell's 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	15	16	17 Ken Guthjahr's	18	19 Cecilia Logan's Elaine King's Birthday	20
21 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	22	23 7pm - Girl Scouts @	24	25	26 Harriet Bowen's Robert & Ann Tennett's	27
28 OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship-	29	30	31			

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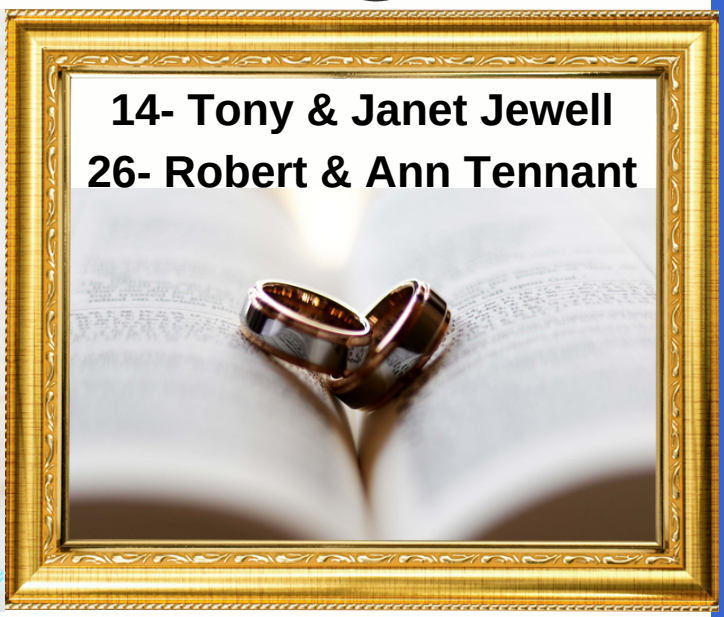
7- Gloria Harris
8- Heather Ankerbrand
12- Debra Young
17- Ken Guthjahr
19- Elaine King &
Cecilia Logan
26- Harriet Bowen



14- Tony & Janet Jewell
26- Robert & Ann Tennant

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