



# VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal  
Presbyterian Church



## Coffee with Pastor Jaci



### *Finishing the Race*

In 2 Timothy 4, the Apostle Paul talks about fighting the good fight and finishing the race. With these images, he means to say that he has done and is doing all that he can to further the work of the gospel as an apostle of the Lord Jesus for as much time as he has left.

These words have particular resonance for me right now. Your PNC is faithfully working to find the right person to lead you moving forward; and in the meantime, I am working with the staff, the Session, and others to position you for a good handoff to your next season of ministry.

Keep all of us in your prayers. Your faithfulness, your heart for the Lord, and your commitment to serve are golden. Ever since the PNC began its work, I have felt the “tick-tick-tick” of a countdown to a vital transition that we are working hard to ensure will be as seamless as possible. In what will feel like no time at all, an alarm will ring saying it’s time to pass the baton. That’s a good thing, a needful thing; it’s the end-game, and the goal of my time with you to help pave the way to that moment that opens into your future as a congregation.

It tends to be a great fallacy that summer brings a slower pace to church life. Programming may slow down. We may skip a meeting (or two). But that change in rhythm often frees time to complete needful projects. And even now, some of us are shifting into fourth and fifth gear to get things done. We are not workaholics; we are striving to be faithful to the goals and objectives of this season in the life of Front Royal Presbyterian Church.

Please know that I am rooting (and praying!) for you. You have so much to offer this hurting world. In all of the ways you can serve, remember, at the heart of all your outreach, to keep your hearts and minds fixed on Jesus. He is the point of it all.

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*Pastor Jaci*



## You can help us get over the finish line!

- Continue to give faithfully, consistent with your pledge. Please also prayerfully consider boosting your summer giving. Perhaps your stocks have performed better than you anticipated. Would you pray about tithing on your gains?
- Mark your calendars! Join us for a workday on **Saturday, June 27, at 10:00 AM**. We will clean and clear out things that have largely become invisible! You may want to bring face masks for protection from dirt and dust, as well as gloves — either work gloves for hauling or latex-type gloves for cleaning and sorting tasks. Our goals will be:
  - Fine-tuning the cleaning out of the boiler room
  - Clearing/cleaning out the utility closet off the downstairs choir men's restroom
  - Cleaning out long-forgotten books in the "library" to clear shelves for Backpack Buddies food storage
  - Tackling the Pine Room — let's get stuff off the floor and onto those shelves!

Please RSVP to me ([pastorjaci@frontroyalpres.org](mailto:pastorjaci@frontroyalpres.org)) so we can plan the work realistically. We especially need a truck and trailer to haul a few loads here and there. See you on the 27th!

### Sunday Mornings at FRPC

Sunday School (adults only during summer): 9:30 a.m. (Parlor)

*Adults are beginning a new study of Ephesians, using recently learned some Bible study methods. Join us in the Parlor!*

Worship: 10:30 a.m. — All are welcome!

Children's Church: Children leave after the Faith Builders' sermon and return before the last hymn. (Room 102)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**June 9** (Tues.) – Session Meeting at 6:00 PM

**June 12** (Fri.) – Bell & Choir Practice, 6:00/7:00 PM (*final practice until August*)

**June 23** (Tues.) – Meal prep for Feeding Our Neighbors, formerly Dinner Together, in the FRPC Kitchen at 12:30 PM

**June 25** (Thurs.) – Feeding Our Neighbors

Load up at FRPC – 3:00 PM

Assemble meals at First Baptist – 3:30 PM

Serve meals from 5:00–6:00 PM

Brief cleanup to follow

Meal: Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Fruit & Dessert

Donations Needed: Hamburger buns — nine packs of 8-count buns — and desserts.

**June 27** (Sat.) – Church Workday

**July 19-22** – Mark your calendars for a joint VBS with FBC and others. See more, below!

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## SUPPORT THE MISSION OF FRPC IN 2026

As we head toward summer, we continue to invite and remind members and friends to prayerfully and regularly support the ongoing ministries of FRPC. Your generosity sustains vital work: worship, outreach, feeding ministries, and maintaining our church and staff.

### Ways to Give:

- **In-person:** Bring your gift to the 10:30 AM Sunday service.
- **By mail:** Send a check to the church office.
- **Office drop-off:** Visit during office hours.
- **Online:** Make a secure gift or set up recurring donations through our church [website](#).
- **Bank auto-pay:** Arrange automatic giving through your bank.
- **Tax-advantaged giving:** Consult your financial advisor to explore options like securities or required minimum distributions.

Online giving also allows you to manage your contributions and schedule automatic donations at your preferred frequency.

Your faithful support enables us to continue the work God has called us to—creating a welcoming space, extending our outreach, and sustaining programs that bring hope to our community.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [Ruth Younk](#) (Treasurer) and cc [Misty Bordner](#).

Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you richly in the year ahead!





## Music News



Ah, the lazy days of summer! As summer begins in earnest we all hope our schedules might include a bit more free time. So, I'm sending you on something of a scavenger hunt. Since I'm writing about a hymn with more scriptural references than I have space to discuss, I'm going to simply list verses that you can look up and match with the corresponding lines in the hymn text below. In addition to gaining appreciation for this new-to-us hymn, I hope this will be a fun exercise. Ready? The passages that you should look up are:

Galatians 2:20, 3:28, 5:1; Romans 6:3-4, 9, 11; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:12; and John 3:5.

On June 21, the choir will sing "Now There Is No Male or Female," which begins with a reference to Paul's well-known statement in Galatians (hint, hint). Within the context, it is clear that he is saying that God shows no partiality to people based on sex, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Obviously these facets of our humanity DO impact our daily lives, including our ability to serve God and others. But no one is better than anyone else or more valuable to God, which frees us to interact with fellow Christians on equal footing. As this text states clearly, we all need Jesus to set us free from sin and death.

Lynette Miller wrote this hymn in response to the perception that most baptism texts assume the subjects to be infants (at least those sung in the United Church of Canada in the 1980s). Unsurprisingly, a hymn written for adult baptisms expresses the basic tenets of the Christian faith clearly and joyfully. It's also a good exercise for those who have been Christians for awhile to revisit from time to time to keep us humble and grateful. Enjoy the scavenger hunt!

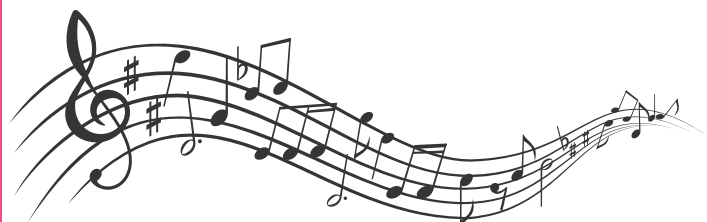
1 Now there is no male or female;  
now there is no free or slave;  
now there is no Jew or Gentile  
in the earth Christ died to save.  
Christ has set us free for freedom:  
we no more sing slavery's creed;  
old submissions cannot claim us;  
Christ has set us free indeed.

3 Death has no dominion o'er him,  
so for us death holds no power;  
life's own waters now have marked us,  
born to God this very hour.  
From this moment and forever  
dead to sin, alive in Christ,  
born of water and the Spirit,  
now in Christ we find our life.

2 Crucified with Christ the Savior,  
baptized in his holy death,  
and as Christ was raised to glory  
we have new life on this earth.  
Power of water and God's naming,  
turning us from dark to light,  
joins us to those who, before us,  
ran the race and fought the fight.

Blessings,

*Heather*



# Faith Builders



School's out! It's summer! The Faith Builders have had a great year and finished it on May 31. Each Faith Builder received a daily devotional book appropriate for their age level as an end-of-year reward for their faithful participation. We celebrated with cupcakes, beach balls, and friends. We will take a break until school starts in August.

Throughout May, we talked about Pentecost and the days following that exciting event. We learned about the early church and how the new followers took care of each other. They lived together, ate together, cared for each other, and, especially, prayed with and for each other. We decided that is how God wants us to live today. We are all "family" in Christ and should work to help each other in any way that we can.

Prayer has been an important part of our learning. We have had several lessons about prayer and how to pray. We know we can pray using the acronym ACTS. The letters stand for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. We think of them as WOW, OOPS, THANKS, and HELP. We practiced making up simple prayers. We used "magnetic words" to put together a prayer, and we got to pray it with the congregation in church. We also used beach balls with simple prayer prompts and played a game. We tossed the ball, and wherever our right thumb touched, we used that prompt to come up with a prayer. We had lots of fun and shared some very good prayers.

## Save the Dates!

**July 19–22, 5:00–8:00 PM**

**First Baptist Church**

**Vacation Bible School: Proof Pirates**

**Grades: Kindergarten–6th Grade**

**Pre-register by July 6**

Join us in our adventure to find the treasure of God's amazing grace! We have lots of fun activities planned.

Dinner is available at 5:00 PM.

We will have a great time treasure hunting!

*Ms. Marisa*

The poster for "Proof Pirates" Vacation Bible School is set against a teal background. At the top, it says "FINDING THE TREASURE OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE". The main title "PROOF PIRATES" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title is a treasure map with a compass rose and a yellow ship on the sea. A QR code is located on the left side. On the right, there is text providing details about the event: "WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 14 WEST 1ST STREET", "PRE-REGISTER HERE BY JULY 6:", "WHEN: July 19-22 5:00-8:00 PM", and "WHO: Kindergarten-6th Grade (All are welcome!)". Contact information for Kodie Weatherholtz is also provided. Logos for participating churches are shown at the bottom right: First Baptist Church, Marlow Heights Baptist Church, Front Royal Presbyterian, and Calvary Episcopal Church, along with the Love Revival Church logo.

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