

The Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church

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PASTORS NOTES

Thoughts on the church

It is hard for many of us to relate, but we are all part of a larger, connected church. I think about that when presbyteries, synods, and even our General Assemblies meet. The old saying that all politics is local more than applies to the church and its individual congregations. Congregations wonder why they should care about their neighboring churches, until the other churches may do something that challenges or inspire us. Local congregations also wonder what presbyteries have to do with Berkeley Springs or their local community. Yet, Saturday, August 25, 2018, I sat with my wife Paula (our commissioner), Phil Unger and many others at a splendid presbytery meeting. We heard presentations that spoke to almost all of our churches. We welcomed new minister members, and we honored a church that decided to close its doors. Issues that some of our neighbors have encountered may soon enough be our issues: cultural change, interpreting authority, communication, risk taking, and so much more. We can and do share our stories, our successes and our failures. As our church lives into the 21st century, we can remember that we are not alone and that Christ continues to go with us and before us. Christ connects us in so many ways, and in so many resources that we can share. That is what makes our churches, communities, and these relationships strengthen us when we take time to appreciate Christ's leadership in one another.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Youth Group
- Stained Glass Window Dedication
- Concert
- Sunday School Curriculum
- Tennis Bible Camp
- Apple Butter parking
- Wedding

SESSION

Moderator - Robert Osborne

Clerk - John Marple

Class of 2018

Adrienne North

Bill North

Howard Shouffler

Class of 2019

Virginia Marple

John Marple

Paul Mock

Class of 2020

Raynette Mock

Paula Osborne

Anne Helmick

TENNIS BIBLE CAMP



Peggy and Ian graciously taught the children, May the God of Hope Go with Us, with singing and percussion instruments. Then on Sunday August 12th the children and adults presented their musical offering to the congregation.

Very successful Tennis Bible Camp. 15 children, between the age of 3 and 12, 8 families represented. 3 states, WV, NY, and IA. Children learned about grumbling in a desert and how that reflects to their lives, then about God bringing bones to life in the desert and to "Listen to the word of the Lord!" Children enjoyed learning tennis skills outside the first day, then moved in for indoor tennis the second day. They left with their crafts to remind them about life in the desert, plus a live cactus!

Sunday School

Theme for the adult fall curriculum is studying God's world and God's People, as they study the book of Genesis.

Children will be studying people in the Old Testament, revealing God's gracious acts, and promise for the future. Children will hear these stories in a variety of ways and reflect on these moments of grace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ardath Osborne and Kenneth Curtis were united in marriage at our church on July 28th. The ceremony was open to all the members of the church, who joined their family and friends in this wonderful celebration. Best wishes Kenneth and Ardath !

YOUTH GROUP

Sept. 16th, youth are planning a mission trip to the nursing home, at War Memorial Hospital. The youth will learn how to introduce themselves to the residents, socialize with the residents, and possibly share the song learned at Bible School this year. Adults from the congregation are encouraged to come. Plan on joining us for this rewarding trip!

CALENDAR

**Sept. 2nd,
11 AM,
Dedication,
3 PM Concert**

**Sept. 9th
session**

**Sept. 15th
Big Event**

**Sept. 16th
Youth Nurs-
ing Home
Oct. 6th and 7th
park cars
Oct. 7th 10 AM
worship
Oct 14th
session**

APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL

Due to parking restrictions, during the Apple Butter festival, worship on Oct, 7th, will be at 10 AM, with no Sunday school that day.

The church is looking for volunteers to park cars behind the church for the festival, Saturday Oct. 6th and/or Sunday Oct. 7th. If able to help, contact Howard Shouffler.

Big Event, Sept. 15th
Presented by Presbytery of Shenandoah, 8:30 - 2:30, Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, VA

The Big Event is a coming together of all Shenandoah Presbytery congregations, with worship, music, a mission fair, and workshops, as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. Details on the Presbytery website.

- ♦ Interested in an after church lunch group?
Contact Paula Osborne
- ♦ Join our online prayer group
Contact Virginia Marple

Websites:

Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church:

www.bspcwv.com

Presbyterian Church USA:

www.pcusa.org

Shenandoah Presbytery:

www.shenpres.com

Massanetta Springs:

www.massanettasprings.org

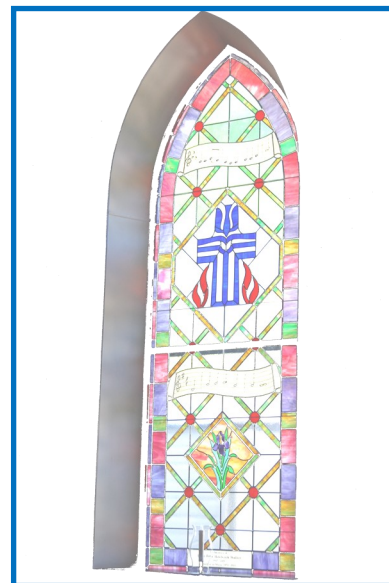
Growing Grace and Gratitude (curriculum children):

www.pcusastore.com/GGGdownloads

STAINED GLASS WINDOW DEDICATION

Sunday Sept. 2nd, at 11 AM, we will be dedicating the newly installed stained glass window commissioned in memory of Lydia Walker, during the regular worship service.

Then at 3 PM, enjoy a concert of chamber music, Lux Aeterna, which includes two new compositions by Walker Williams. The performers include; Alexander Marte, Pat Springer, Rhiannon



Griffiths, Tula Ruggiero , and Walker Williams. Reception following the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

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