

GREETERS
Dec 23 Barry and Becky Fadely
Dec 30 Irene Mertens
Jan 6 George and Debbie Swecker

WORSHIP LEADER
Dec 23 Becky Fadely
Dec 30 Pat Ladehoff
Jan 6 Diane Cook

FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Dec 23 Cookie Share
Dec 30 Malinda and Terry Johnston
Jan 6 Ed and Pat Craft

NURSERY
Dec 23 Jessica Jones/Tiffany Newland
Dec 30 Jessica Jones/Sharon Barocelli
Jan 6 Jessica Jones/Amanda Wiseley

COUNTERS Susan Coffman, Becky Fadely,
SEXTON Terry Johnston/Jan—Ray Powell

BULLETIN FOLDERS *Friday mornings at 11:00.
Dec 28 Irene Mertens
Jan 4 Diane and Barry Cook
Jan 18 Alison Nelson

SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS (during the week of)
Dec 23 Jane Helms
Dec 30 Sylvia Pearson
Jan 6 Linda Burnside

WOODSTOCK CLOTHES CLOSET
Dec 28 (10-12:15) Linda Burnside
Jan 4 (2:30-4:30) Liz Sollenberger, Irene Mertens

BROWN BAG BLESSING (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Tues. Jan 1 A. Nelson, L. Burnside, D. Cook
Wed. Jan 3 Gary Hines

HEAD USHER
Dec 23 Ray Powell (Team 6)
Dec 30 Eric Cook (Team 1)
Jan 6 Morgan Saeler (Team 2)

Prayer Concerns & Joys

Remember in Prayer Jennifer O’Ferrell

Those in Nursing/Health Care Facilities Louise Grinstead (Greenfield Woodstock); Shirley Lynn, Mary Gwen Long, Margy Boyer (Pine Meadow); Bettie Hepner (Greenfield Reflections); Bob & Dot Lowerre (Strasburg Greenfield); Marguerite Lynch (Avante, Staunton), Janet Einstein (Sunnyside)

WPC World Mission Focus Corrymeela Peace Community (Northern Ireland)

WPC Local Focus Woodstock Ministerial Association, Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, Response, Bread of Life Food Pantry, Woodstock Clothes Closet, Brown Bag Blessing

Birthdays This Week

WPC Staff Directory

Ann Grisdale - Clerk of Session
 Pastor— Kate Rascoe
 Lori Staley - Secretary
 Elizabeth Sollenberger - Organist/Pianist
 Lori Staley - Choral Director
 Jessica Jones - Nursery Care Provider
 Cindy Isner - Custodian
 Vicky Germroth - Librarian
 Ray Powell -Treasurer
 Cindy Wilkins - Assistant Treasurer
 Loretta Lantz - Presb. Women Moderator
 Jerry Germroth/Ray Powell— Men’s Co-Pres.

The Presbyterian Preschool (459-8510)

4-Star Preschool Experience for 3 and 4 year olds
 Stephanie Dysart - Director
 Elizabeth Warner - Assistant Director
 Sarah Keefauver - Special Education Aide

Cathy Gilbert - ESL Director
 Sarah Kalkbrenner - GED Director

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The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

December 23, 2018

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110 Isa. 13:1–13
 Heb. 12:18–29 John 3:22–30

Monday, December 24

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
 Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Isa. 8:16—9:1 2
 Peter 1:1–11 Luke 22:39–53

Tuesday, December 25

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
 Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Isa. 11:1–9
 Eph. 6:10–20 John 3:16–21

Wednesday, December 26

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Isa. 11:10–16
 Rev. 20:1–10 John 5:30–47

Thursday, December 27

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 126; 62 Isa. 28:9–22
 Rev. 20:11—21:8 Luke 1:5–25

Friday, December 28

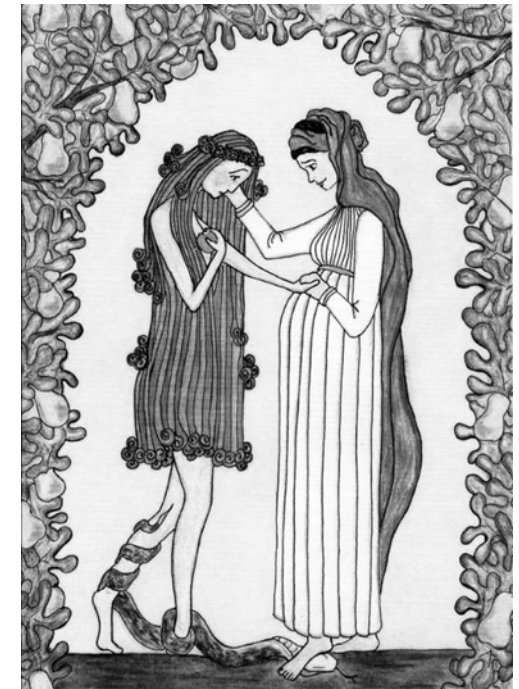
Morning: Pss. 102; 148
 Evening: Pss. 130; 16 Isa. 29:9–24
 Rev. 21:9–21 Luke 1:26–38

Saturday, December 29

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
 Evening: Pss. 80; 72 Isa. 31:1–9
 Rev. 21:22—22:5
 Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)



Thy word is a lamp unto
 my feet and a light unto
 my path...



O Eve!

*My mother, my daughter, life-giving Eve,
 Do not be ashamed, do not grieve.
 The former things have passed away,
 Our God has brought us to a New Day.
 See, I am with Child,
 Through whom all will be reconciled.
 O Eve! My sister, my friend,
 We will rejoice together
 Forever
 Life without end.*

Picture: Virgin Mary and Eve

Crayon & pencil drawing by Sr Grace Remington,
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Poem: Sr Columba Guare

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Pledge Cards

In planning for next year's budget, the Finance Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has completed and turned in their pledge cards for 2019. If you have not yet done so, it's not too late. Extra pledge cards are on the table in the Narthex. As the end of the year approaches, please know that any tax-deductible, end-of-year offerings would be greatly appreciated.

Lovely Email Received in the Office this Week

I lost my parents in 1958 and 1959, and I arrived at Colonel Bob Benchoff's office at MMA in 1959. Little did I know the impact that Bob Benchoff, his family and the Woodstock Presbyterian Church would have on my life. I worshiped with you from 1959 until my graduation June 1962. I went on to college, then became a Captain in the 101st Airborne and lived in Asia, Australia, and Europe. I loved the valley, MMA, the church, and Woodstock from day one of my arrival. Today, I live in Enola, PA, 3 miles outside of Harrisburg. I'm retired in good health at 75, and I do volunteer work for veterans. I may have traveled all over the globe, but in the third floor of Benchoff Hall in 1959, watching the sunrise in Woodstock and the Shenandoah Valley, I knew where my heart would always be; in Welsh we call it Hwyl (The Living Soul). When I die my ashes will be brought back to Woodstock.

The purpose of this e-mail is to let you I've never forgotten. My family came from Nefyn, Wales I speak Keltic Welsh I send this to the congregation, "HAPUSRWYDD CHARIAD AM BYTH" which means, Happiness and Love Forever. Warren William Tafford-Jones MMA Class of 1962



Ways to Exchange Panic for Peace During the Holidays!

Rely on God for your emotional support.

With so much to do to prepare for the holidays, it's natural for us to rely on people around us to notice when we're overwhelmed, but God, your Maker and Sustainer, knows and understands what you're feeling. Talk to Him about how you feel. Rely on Him for what you need. And be refreshed knowing He hears, He cares and He understands.

Refresh yourself in God's Word.

Start in the Psalms. Read of the songwriters' depression or anguish or complacency. See how they work through it by recalling Who God is and how He is worthy of praise. While many of the songwriters start a song flat on their faces in pity, they end on their feet in praise. Their focus on God gave them the energy to get up off the floor and onto their feet.

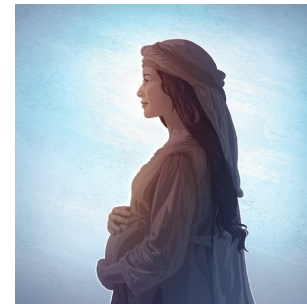
It can do the same for you and me if we struggle with even getting out of bed! Fuel yourself by getting into God's Word—even if it's just reading a Psalm a day—and see if God doesn't breathe His life and rest into your day that calms your heart and soul.

Reflect on what matters most.

Christmas is about the greatest gift you and I could ever receive—the gift of a Savior whom God sent to be a perfect example of living faith, to die for our sins and be the perfect sacrifice God required for our justification, and to rise again to conquer death and offer us life eternal.

MARY'S SONG

AND MARY SAID:
"MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD
AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR,
FOR HE HAS BEEN MINDFUL
OF THE HUMBLE STATE OF HIS SERVANT.
FROM NOW ON ALL GENERATIONS
WILL CALL ME BLESSED,
FOR THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR ME—HOLY IS HIS NAME.
HIS MERCY EXTENDS TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.
HE HAS PERFORMED MIGHTY DEEDS WITH HIS ARM;
HE HAS SCATTERED THOSE WHO ARE PROUD IN THEIR INMOST THOUGHTS.
HE HAS BROUGHT DOWN RULERS FROM THEIR THRONES
BUT HAS LIFTED UP THE HUMBLE.
HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS
BUT HAS SENT THE RICH AWAY EMPTY.
HE HAS HELPED HIS SERVANT ISRAEL, REMEMBERING TO BE MERCIFUL
TO ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS FOREVER,
JUST AS HE PROMISED OUR ANCESTORS."



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	Sunday School	9:45am
	Elders Pray	10:40 am
	Worship	11 am
	Fellowship Hour	12pm
Mon	Christmas Eve Service	7pm
	Exercise Class	1pm
Tues.	Christmas Day	OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs.	Batterers Intervention	4-7pm
Fri	WPC @ Clothes Closet	10-12:15pm
Sat.	Rivermont HOA Mtg	8:30-11:30am

Please join us tomorrow evening, Monday Dec 24 @ 7:00pm for a special CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight & Communion Worship Service. This will be a beautiful service of the Word, songs and light. John Taylor, the bagpiper who is always part of our Heritage service, will be providing prelude music outside the church to call us to worship. Communion will be served by intinction. Bring your family to help usher in the newborn King!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's not too late to join the Adult Sunday School Class as they work on a 6-week study of John Calvin: Founder of the Reformed Tradition. This Study from the "Being Reformed" curriculum series introduces us to leading ideas in John Calvin's theology, including how we know God, what Jesus came to do, election and predestination, Calvin's understanding of the Church, and understanding the sacraments.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, and will re-open on Wednesday the 26th.

Merry Christmas!