



The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

March 25, 2018

GREETERS

Mar 25 Irene Mertens
Apr 1 George and Debbie Swecker
Apr 8 Carl and Alison Nelson

WORSHIP LEADER

Mar 25 JJ Jones
Apr 1 Malinda Johnston
Apr 8 Emma Saeler
Apr 15 Ann Grisdale

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Mar 25 Cookie Share
Apr 1 Ed and Pat Craft
Apr 8 Carl and Alison Nelson

NURSERY

Mar 25 Jessica Jones/Amanda Wiseley
Apr 1 Jessica Jones/Amanda Wiseley
Apr 8 Jessica Jones/Tiffany Newland

COUNTERS Susan Coffman, Becky Fadely,
George Swecker, Barry Thomas

SEXTON John Coleman

BULLETIN FOLDERS *Friday mornings at 11:00.

Apr 6 Diane and Barry Cook
Apr 13 Linda Burnside
Apr 20 Alison Nelson

SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS (during the week of)

Mar 25 Jane Helms
Apr 1 Linda Burnside
Apr 8 Jane Helms

WOODSTOCK CLOTHES CLOSET

Mar 23 (10-12:15) Diane Cook, Connee Garman
Apr 6 (2:30-4:30) Linda Burnside, Irene Mertens

BROWN BAG BLESSING (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Mar 27 M. Nelson, M. Gentry, L. Stevenson, S. Pruett
Mar 29 Gary Hines

HEAD USHER

Mar 25 Barry Thomas (Team 4)
Apr 1 Margaret Nelson (Team 3)
Apr 8 George Swecker (Team 5)

Prayer Concerns & Joys

Remember in Prayer Carol Coleman, Jim Brownlee, Jennifer O’Ferrell, Bill Coffman, Rick Litten

Those in Nursing/Health Care Facilities Louise Grinstead, Bill Coffman (Greenfield Woodstock), Shirley Lynn, Evalena Isner (Pine Meadow); Bettie Hepner, Dot Wright (Greenfield Reflections); Brenda Williams Kaine, Bob & Dot Lowerre (Strasburg Greenfield); Marguerite Lynch (Avante, Staunton); Mary Gwen Long (LifeCare, New Market)

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 March 28: Anna Everhart; March 29: David Grisdale; March 30: Linda McClelland; March 31: Barbara Simons, Kaitlyn Lester

WPC Staff Directory

Ann Grisdale - Clerk of Session
The Rev. Lisa W. Martin - Pastor
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
Cindy Powell - GED Director

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 25

Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32 Zech. 9:9-12
1 Tim. 6:12-16 or Zech. 12:9-11;
13:1, 7-9 Luke 19:41-48

Monday, March 26

Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Cor. 1:1-7 Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday, March 27

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Lam. 1:17-22
2 Cor. 1:8-22 Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday, March 28

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Lam. 2:1-9
2 Cor. 1:23-2:11 Mark 12:1-11

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Lam. 2:10-18
1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Lam. 3:1-9,
19-33 1 Peter 1:10-20 John 13:36-38 or
John 19:38-42

Saturday, March 31

Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Lam. 3:37-58
Heb. 4:1-16 Rom. 8:1-11



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

Psalm 119

Minister Musings...from Pastor Lisa

For the past 14 years—since I’ve been at WPC—Betsy Doyle has graced the sanctuary with a beautiful palm arrangement on Palm Sunday. (The only exception was last year, when she was in the hospital.) The palms were always given in loving memory of her parents and family members who were part of the congregation for many generations.

This year’s palm arrangement is given in loving memory of Betsy, who died last month, for her tireless commitment to history, her love of this congregation, her dedication to the Presbyterian Church that “grew her up” (as she used to say).

Nationwide, the church is entering a new realm. In most congregations, the number of members who are life-long Presbyterians, or who grew up associated with Presbyterian churches, is diminishing. This is, in part, why we publish the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, the Doxology, etc, in our weekly bulletin. I actually had one guest a while back tell me that they always had *heard* the Lord’s Prayer, but had never prayed it and appreciated having the words in the bulletin.

Gone are the days when 11 o’clock is the “sacred” hour of the week. The church is no longer considered to be the go-to place on Sundays. And, while this may be frustrating, it in no way implies that God is done with the influence the church may have in the world.

People like Betsy Doyle, a life-long lover of God and “her” church, remind me of this. So does Margy Boyer, who turns 96 on April 3. Margy’s faith in Jesus Christ, and her love of God’s people here at WPC, inspire me to find ways to praise God every single day for the privilege to worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Margy’s faith has seen her through 96 years of vibrant ministry to those in need. Her testimony is amazing. So, happy birthday early, Margy!

Life-long Presbyterian or not, let’s give thanks that God continues to do great things through us!

Highlights of the March 18, 2018

Session Meeting

1. The Session meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Ruling Elder Mertens. Present at the meeting were Pastor Lisa, Ann Grisdale (Clerk of Session) and Ruling Elders Margaret Nelson, Irene Mertens, Lori Staley, Marian French, George Swecker, Cindy Wilkins, Diane Cook, and George Shaffer. Ruling Elders Jerry Germroth, Morgan Saeler, Jane Runyon and Sharon Baroncelli were excused. Also in attendance was church treasurer Ray Powell.
2. The minutes of the January 14th Stated meeting and the February 18, 2018 Special meeting were approved.
3. Pastor Lisa gave a brief report of the February Presbytery Meeting held at Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church.
4. The treasurer report was received as information.
5. The Session approved the following actions:
 - a. The use of the Fellowship Hall by the Episcopal Church on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 for a reception for Mother Kathleen Murray, following her installation as rector.
 - b. Suzanne Taylor, a student in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program, to preach during morning worship with no date determined at this time (as part of the CRE program through Shenandoah Presbytery).
 - c. The expenditure of money to purchase smart TVs by the Presbyterian Men for the Fellowship Hall, Choir Room and the Nursery.
 - d. Chrismon kits provided by the Presbyterian Women for purchase by the congregation. New chrismons will be made from the kits and will replace/replenish the current chrismons.
 - e. Each Ministry Team shared with the Session updates and happenings on their team. Pastor Lisa closed the meeting with prayer.



News from PDA / Disaster Response Work Team

The next disaster response work trip will be May 19-26. Our 16th work trip since Katrina from Mountain Valley Mission Community and the WV Eastern Panhandle will return this year to Baton Rouge. We will work for Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge (RTBR) supported by the Presbytery of South Louisiana in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). RTBR focuses on home repair for senior and disabled homeowners who have unmet needs from the wide-spread summer flooding. We will stay at University Presbyterian Church, a PDA volunteer host site. Please let Dave Thalman know if you are interested or have questions (dthalman@comcast.net). Spread the word and come help us continue this vital disaster response ministry!



Holy Week Services at WPC

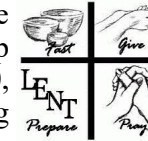
- ♥ Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday @ 7pm
- ♥ Friday, 30: Community Good Friday at WPC @ 12pm
- ♥ Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunrise at Sunset View Memorial Garden @ 6:45am followed by breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
- ♥ Resurrection Worship @ 11am



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Diane Garman on the death of her father, Shirley "Buddy" Larkin, last Sunday morning. May God bless Diane and her family as they grieve.

Community Lenten Worship & Lunch Services

Woodstock United Methodist Church located at 156 S. Muhlenberg Street on Tuesdays. There are two lunch seatings. The first lunch will be from 11:30-12, the Worship service will be from 12-12:30, and the second lunch seating will be from 12:30-1.



2018 Schedule

March 27 Woodstock Christian Church
 March 29 Good Friday @ WPC, 12:00

Woodstock Clothes Closet News

WPC founded the Clothes Closet in the late 1960s, with great thanks to Margy Boyer for answering the call to help those in need in the county. Pastor Lisa has served as President of the Board of Directors since 2005. Connee Garman is our congregation's representative to the Board, and we are blessed that many from WPC volunteer at the Clothes Closet.

The Clothes Closet has new management! Toni Bailey and Gloria Barb retired at the end of 2017 from their positions of Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively. Crystal Breen was hired as Manager, and is doing a great job! The store looks different, with new displays and marketing ventures. Still the same wonderful ministry as when Margy started it, the Clothes Closet meets the needs of those who are less fortunate, but also those who simply want great clothing at a low price!



How can you help continue this vibrant ministry? Donate gently used clothing or small household items! It's that easy! Thanks!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	Men's Breakfast	8:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Elders Pray	10:40 am
	Worship	11am
	Fellowship Hour	12pm
Mon.	Prayer Shawl	10am
Tues.	Exercise Class	11am
	Comm. Lent Lunch & Worship	11:30am
	Brown Bag Blessing	4: 30 pm
Wed.	Tone Chimes	4pm
	Choir	7pm
Thurs.	BBB	9:30am
	Batterers Intervention	4-7pm
	Maundy Thursday Service	7pm
Fri.	Good Friday Service	12pm

March Collection

One more week collecting for the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter. They need supplies for the homeless. Ponchos, gloves, socks for men and women, laundry detergent pods and quarters (talk to Margaret Nelson) to run the machines, deodorant, toothbrushes (and small bottles of water to use for brushing teeth). Let's fill the cart with love!

God's Love

A song called "The Rose" (written by Amanda McBroom and made popular by Bette Midler) encourages listeners to keep the faith, even when the source of our hope isn't visible. In the depths of winter, we especially need the reminder that beneath mounds of snow lie seeds already being prepared to burst forth "with the sun's love" into springtime flowers. When you're in the cold depths of despair, grief, illness or other struggles, remember the deeply buried seed. Beyond your view, God's love is already tending that seed, readying it to blossom into healing, new friendship, joy and life.

