



The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

March 4, 2018

GREETERS Mar 4 Ray and Judy Powell Mar 11 Diane and Barry Cook Mar 18 Linda Burnside	BULLETIN FOLDERS *Friday mornings at 11:00. Mar 2 Diane Cook Mar 9 Jane Helms Mar 16 Irene Mertens
WORSHIP LEADER Mar 4 Ray Powell Mar 11 Diane Cook Mar 18 Morgan Saeler	SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS (during the week of) Mar 4 Sylvia Pearson Mar 11 Jane Runyon Mar 18 Dan Voss
FELLOWSHIP HOUR Mar 4 Keith and Susan Coffman Mar 11 Cindy Wilkins Mar 18 Fellowship Luncheon	WOODSTOCK CLOTHES CLOSET Mar 9 (12:15-2:30) Carole Lovelace, Liz Sollenberger Mar 23 (10-12:15) Diane Cook, Connee Garman
NURSERY Mar 4 Jessica Jones/Sharon Baroncelli Mar 11 Jessica Jones/Barbara Simons Mar 18 Jessica Jones/Tiffany Newland	BROWN BAG BLESSING (Tuesday & Wednesday) Mar 6 A. Nelson, L. Burnside, D. Cook Mar 8 Gary Hines Mar 13 M. Johnston, S. Simons, B. Simons
COUNTERS Susan Coffman, Becky Fadely, George Swecker, Barry Thomas	HEAD USHER Mar 4 Judy Powell (Team 6) Mar 11 Eric Cook (Team 1) Mar 18 Morgan Saeler (Team 2)
SEXTON John Coleman	

Prayer Concerns & Joys

Remember in Prayer Ken Hunter, Becky Fadely, Pat Ladehoff, 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 (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 4: Elaine Ryan, Debbie Swecker

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 4
2nd Sunday in Lent
 Morning Pss. 84, 150
 Evening Pss. 42, 32 Gen. 41:14-45
 Rom. 6:3-14 John 5:19-24

Monday, March 5
 Morning Pss. 119:73-80, 145
 Evening Pss. 121, 6 Gen. 41:46-57
 1 Cor. 4:8-20 (21) Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday, March 6
 Morning Pss. 34, 146
 Evening Pss. 25, 91 Gen. 42:1-17
 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday, March 7
 Morning Pss. 5, 147:1-11
 Evening Pss. 27, 51 Gen. 42:18-28
 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, March 8
 Morning Pss. 27, 147:12-20
 Evening Pss. 126, 102 Gen. 42:29-38
 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Mark 4:21-34

Friday, March 9
 Morning Pss. 22, 148
 Evening Pss. 105, 130 Gen. 43:1-15
 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Mark 4:35-41

Saturday, March 10
 Morning Pss. 43, 149
 Evening Pss. 31, 143 Gen. 43:16-34
 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Mark 5:1-20



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

Psalm 119

Minister Musings...from Morgan Saeler

As many of you know, in September, with the support of the Presbytery, the Session, and you, I began the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Program through Union Presbyterian Seminary. This two year program will provide me with the training necessary to answer God’s call to serve in a variety of “official” roles in a church (No, despite Pastor Lisa’s insistence to the contrary, Associate Pastor of WPC is not an “official” title-- it’s just the way she convinces me to do things...like write this article). These “official” roles can include serving a small church as Pastor, starting or assisting in leading a worshipping community, serving as a Christian educator, or assisting a Lead Pastor who serves several smaller churches to provide support for the congregations and for worship. I have completed two classes, “Biblical Exegesis” and “Reformation Theology”, and enjoyed both immensely. I love to study Scripture, to learn the context behind Biblical verses, and to try to determine what it is God is telling us about faith, love, hope, etc. through those verses. As one scholar puts it: the “*What*” and the “*So what*”. But, with all callings come challenges. This current class, “The Christian Life”, is my challenge. I have ventured past the comfort of scholarship into the relative discomfort of the “*What now*”: the practical application of how to live and teach the Christian life. But, like all challenges, God has a reason. This course has caused me to reflect on why we pray, why we read Scripture, why we worship, why we worship together. It has brought into clarity why we, as the gathered community of believers at WPC are so important to each other, both spiritually and in fellowship. It has helped me to answer that long-standing question: “Do I need to go to church to be in a close relationship with God?” Worshipping God, studying and meditating on His Word, expressing our praise to Him for His Creation and for the blessings we have is critical. We cannot begin to try to understand our role in His Kingdom without practicing those critical components of the Christian life. We grow spiritually as a result. But can’t we do those things while sitting beside the pool, or walking through the woods, or sitting at home reading our Bible and listening to a sermon on a podcast? Of course we can. But, that spirituality is not enough to sustain us.

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Musings cont.

We also need each other. Think of the many examples of how our fellowship with each other is spiritually uplifting and sustaining: whether it is the good friend you sit beside in the pew for worship, or the Sunday school class you gather with in the Parlor. It might be the choir you are a part of, the people you drink coffee with each Sunday at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, or even the person who simply says hello with a smile every week. These are opportunities to be renewed in and with each other; time for us to allow the Spirit to restore us through each other. You can't get that reading the Bible at home or watching worship on television. Understanding the Scripture is important. Fellowship with each other is too. But without both, we as individuals, are incomplete. That is why WPC is the place to be on Sunday mornings--good food, good friends, and a grace-filled, merciful God.

We Welcome Reverend John Cushwa to the Pulpit today!

John W. Cushwa was born and raised in Berkeley County, West Virginia. He grew up on a dairy farm west of Martinsburg. After graduating from Shepherd College, he taught for one year in Pendleton County, West Virginia. In August of 1970 he married his wife Jeanie, who is now retired from teaching. In 1971 he returned to Berkeley County to become the band director at Hedgesville High School. After teaching for several years, John returned to manage the family farm and orchard. In 1982 he purchased the Martinsburg Printing Company, which he operated until 2002 when he entered Wesley Theological Seminary from which he graduated in May of 2005. In March of 2006 he was called to the historic Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, where he served as pastor retiring in September of 2013. John continues to preach several times a month. He is Past Moderator of Shenandoah Presbytery and serves on several Presbytery Committees. John and Jeanie are the parents of three sons and nine grandchildren.

New Member!

Our new member, Gary Yew, was born and grew up in Woodstock. After high school he attended Lord Fairfax Community College, receiving a degree in Agricultural Business. Leasing a farm, he raised beef cattle and also served the U.S. Forest Service as a firefighter. In 1985 Gary began full-time employment with the Virginia Dept. of Forestry. There he worked with private landowners on forest management activities, and responded to wildfires in the Commonwealth and across the United States. Leaving Forestry in 2002, Gary served as Chief of Fire and Rescue for Shenandoah County, retiring in August 2016. Gary explains that the County Fire and Rescue Dept. is a combination system of career and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians. From 1974-2004, he served as a volunteer firefighter and continues to do some Fire/Rescue and Emergency Management Instruction. Partnering with a friend, he does landscaping and arborist work.

Gary and his wife, Karen, have a daughter and two grandchildren. He enjoys canoeing, kayaking, and fishing with family and friends. A fan of western swing music, Gary is a member of the Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club, and Floyd's Barbershop Boys Chapter. Welcome, Gary, to the WPC family!

New Presbytot!

Congratulations to Chris and Leah Grisdale Boyle on the birth of their son, Ryan, who was born on Tuesday. Maternal grandparents are Ernie and Ann Grisdale.

Community Lenten

Worship & Lunch Services

Woodstock United Methodist Church located at 156 S. Muhlenburg 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 6 St. John Bosco R. Catholic
 March 13 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 March 20 Emanuel Lutheran Church
 March 27 Woodstock Christian Church

March Collection

During March, we'll collect in the narthex for the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter. They have started a street outreach and 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). This is another way we are blessed to be a blessing.

PW Women's Circles

This month's Circles' Bible study theme is, In Community with the Hope for the Future, based on Hebrews 11:1-3;3:1-19, 4:1-11, 6:9-121 and Psalm 95. In this lesson, as the author states we "remind ourselves that pain, difficulty, trouble and suffering, never have the last word" that "hope includes avoiding the mistakes of the past and looking forward to a future of Sabbath rest." What is Sabbath rest? Come and find out. This month both Circles will have a joint Bible Study, meeting together at 10:30, Wednesday, March 14, in the Church Parlor. Please join us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	Sunday School	9:30am
	Elders Pray	10:40 am
	Worship	11am
	Fellowship Hour	12pm
Mon.	Preschool	9-1pm
	Lions Club	6pm
Tues.	Preschool	9-1pm
	ESL	10-12pm
	Exercise Class	11am
	Comm. Lent Lunch & Worship	11:30am
	Brown Bag Blessing	4: 30 pm
Wed.	Preschool	9-1pm
	Wdstk. Min. Mtg.	11:45am
	Tone Chimes	4pm
	Choir	7pm
Thurs.	Preschool	9-1pm
	ESL	10-12pm
	BBB	9:30am
	Circle Two	:30pm
	Batterers Intervention	4-7pm
Fri.	Preschool	9-1pm
	Comm. Leadership Program	8:30-5pm
	WPC @ Clothes Closet	12:15-2:30pm
Sat.	SAS Pottery Bingo	1-4pm

Easter Lilies

Order forms for Easter Lilies are in the WS. They are \$10.00 each and the deadline for ordering is Monday, March 19th.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please ready your hearts and minds to receive the gifts of God.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Loretta Lantz on the death of her aunt Marlene in West Virginia on Sunday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Dan Voss on the death of his brother, Rev. David Voss, in Raleigh, NC. Rev. Voss was the founding pastor of Purcilville Presbyterian Church and served that congregation for 20 years. May God bless those who grieve.