GREETERS	BULLETIN FOLDERS *Friday mornings at 11:00.
Mar 31 Carla and Alison Nelson	April 5 Diane and Barry Cook
April 7 Barbara Simons	April 12 Linda Burnside
April 14 Hal and Pat Ladehoff	April 19 Jane Runyon
WORSHIP LEADER	SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS (during the week of)
Mar 31 Ray Powell	Mar 31 Sylvia Pearson
April 7 Diane Cook	April 7 Linda Burnside
April 14 Ann Grisdale	April 14 Jane Helms
FELLOWSHIP HOURMar 31George ShafferApril 7Barry and Becky FadelyApril 14Bill and Sylvia Pearson	WOODSTOCK CLOTHES CLOSET April 5 (2:30-4:30) Carole Lovelace, Irene Mertens April 12 (12:15-2:30) Liz Sollenberger, Connee Garman
NURSERY	BROWN BAG BLESSING (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Mar 31 Jessica Jones/Sharon Baroncelli	Tues. April 2 A. Nelson, L. Burnside, D. Cook
April 7 Jessica Jones/Amanda Wiseley	Tues. April 9 M. Johnston, S. Simons, B. Simons
April 14 Jessica Jones/Tiffany Newland	Tues. April 16 Irene Mertens, Dan Voss
COUNTERS Susan Coffman, Becky Fadely,	HEAD USHER
George Swecker	Mar 31 Morgan Saeler (Team 2)
SEXTON Gary Yew/April:	April 7 Margaret Nelson (Team 3)
Terry and Malinda Johnston	April 14 Cindy Wilkins (Team 4)

## Prayer Concerns & Joys

Remember in Prayer Jennifer O'Ferrell, Kenneth Towler (Liz Sollenberger's nephew)

Those in Nursing/Health Care Facilities Louise Grinstead (Greenfield Woodstock); Shirley Lynn, Mary Gwen Long, Margy Boyer (Pine Meadow); Bettie Hepner (Greenfield Reflections); 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** March 31: Barbara Simons, Kaitlyn Lester; April 2 Joshua Coffman; April 3: Margy Boyer: April 6: Irene Mertens, Owen Heine, Jr.

## 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

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Sunday, March 31

4th Sunday in Lent

Monday, April 1

**Tuesday, April 2** 

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

7:13–25 John 6:16–27

Wednesday, April 3

**Thursday, April 4** 

Friday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Saturday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 43: 149

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Rom. 8:1–11 John 6:27–40

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20

Rom. 8:12–27 John 6:41–51

Rom. 8:28–39 John 6:52–59

Rom. 9:1–18 John 6:60–71

Evening: Pss. 27: 51 Jer. 18:1–11

Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 22:13-23

Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Jer. 23:1-8

Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Jer. 23:9–15

Thy word is a lamp unto

my feet and a light unto

my path... Psalm 119

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145

Rom. 7:1–12 John 6:1–15

Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 16:(1-9) 10-21

Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 17:19–27 Rom.

Morning: Pss. 84; 150

# The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

March 31, 2019

Weekly Scripture Readings Evening: Pss. 42; 32 Jer. 14:1-9 (10-16) 17–22 Gal. 4:21–5:1 Mark 8:11–21



inspired by luke 15:1-3. 11b-32 charcoal on paper

I have, like many, often resonated

with the elder son in this parable. And, like many, I read it with frustration and a bit of righteous indignation. Why shouldn't good behavior be rewarded? Why should such callousness be dismissed without consequences? For all of my life, I have felt the tug of responsibility much more strongly than the pull of rebelliousness. As author Kate Bowler<sup>1</sup> might say, I have developed my own version of a prosperity gospel where I expect to be rewarded for my good deeds and treated well for doing the right thing.

In nerdy pastor circles, we talk about a theological concept called "prevenient grace." It means that God's grace precedes human decisions and behavior. Before we can do anything right or wrong, God's grace abounds. This sounds so lovely in theory. And then situations resembling this parable come along and I cling to my prosperity-based, transactional version of the gospel.

In Luke 15:20 we see that the father is moved to compassion as soon as he glimpses his youngest son along the horizon line. He does not wait for an apology. He does not require retribution. Instead, he is moved simply by his son's return.

Perhaps this parable should be renamed, "The Prodigal Father," for he doles out grace just as lavishly as his son squanders his wealth. Perhaps then I might be less angry about prodigal waste and more thankful for prodigal grace.

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#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN YARD SALE

The Presbyterian Women Yard Sale for the benefit of the remodeling in the Education Building of the rooms used by the ESL and GED classes, will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Please bring items (**NO CLOTHING PLEASE**) to go in the sale to the Fellowship Hall from Tuesday, April 2, until Friday, April 5. The

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Council will be working on Friday to set up and would appreciate any help you can give either

YARD SALEE

Friday or during the Sale on Saturday. Please contact Diane Cook at 459-7314 if you are able to help.

### **CWS Blanket Sunday**

Today, we are asking for donations for (CWS) World Service Blankets Church program. CWS will use the funds, from this special offering, to provide basic items such as warm blankets, food, shelter and safe water, to those who are suffering from weather related or man made disasters. When conditions improve CWS will follow up and provide such things as tools seeds and literacy programs. You can participate, by putting your donation into the enclosed envelope and placing it in the collection plate. Please make your check payable to (WPC) Woodstock Presbyterian Church and to help the counters direct it, please write "Blankets" on the memo line. Thank you!

#### **BOLFP PANTRY FEBRUARY TOTALS**

\* We gave out 3990 pounds of food to 55 families, consisting of 179 individuals.
\* We had 29 families on Tuesday and 26 families on Thursday.

\* We successfully hosted a briefing and showing of the BOLFP to the Community leadership Program on March 9. The group consisted of approximately 30 people.

\* Renovation of the building has started. There is a contract for the roofing company to start any day and will take about 1 month, and another contractor will begin work on renovating our new location. When that is complete, hopefully by early summer, we will be ready to make our move. This will require moving all equipment and food to the new location. It will be timed to not interrupt our normal monthly food distribution days. It will also require us to purchase some new equipment such as tables, chairs, etc. When the move is completed it will no longer be necessary for us to use the WUMC on distribution days. Upon completion of the renovation, we would like to invite you to a walk-thru of our new home!

#### **Easter Lilies**

You may give a lily, or you may make a monetary contribution to the Building Fund. You may choose to do both! The names of those we honor or remember will appear in the Weekly Wellspring on Easter Sunday. For lilies, please make check payable to <u>Brigitte Huffman</u>. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 17th!

#### **April Collection**

We'll be collecting for Response during April. They need liquid multi-purpose cleaner, bottled water, canned pasta, and disinfection wipes and spray. Please help us help those in need. Thank you.

#### News From The Nursery!

In the nursery, the children have been learning about how Jesus taught us about God's love through the miracles He performed and the parables He told. As we prepare for Easter I want to share some special activities planned for the children to celebrate His life and resurrection.

\*4/7/19 ~ We will take a look at all the events coming up in Holy Week and have a special snack like Jesus and the Disciples had at the Last Supper.

\***Palm Sunday** ~ Hosanna to the King! We are remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with fun crafts and a parade at the beginning of worship service.

\*Easter Sunday ~ Jesus has risen and we are celebrating! Bring your children for special crafts in Sunday School and our annual Easter Egg Hunt after Children's Moment.

The nursery could use a few supplies for our upcoming crafts. We are in need of markers, kids and adult scissors, Elmer's liquid glue and glue sticks, and Easter stickers.

These are some of my favorite bible lessons to teach. I hope all the children will be able to join us! ~ Jessica Jones

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Throughout Lent and Easter, we will be taking up offerings for One Great Hour of Caring. This mission works with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God's call for aide in over 100 countries. These include:

+Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help communities recover from disaster +Presbyterian Hunger Program +Self Development of People.

If you wish to donate, please put "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	Sunday School	9:45am
	Elders Pray	10:40 am
	Worship	11 am
	Fellowship Hour	12pm
Mon	Preschool	9-1pm
	Exercise Class	1pm
	Lions Club	6pm
Tues.	Preschool	9-1pm
	ESL/GED	9:30-12pm
	Wdstk Library Story Hour	9-11am
	Comm. Lent/Lunch Service	11:30am
	BBB	4:30pm
Wed.	Preschool	9-1pm
	PW Council Mtg	12pm
	Tones Chimes	4pm
	Choir	5pm
Thurs.	Preschool	9 -1pm
	ESL/GED	9:30-12pm
	Batterers Intervention	4-7pm
Fri	Preschool	9 -1pm
	WPC @ Clothes Closet	2:30-4:30pm
Sat.	PW Yard Sale	8-2pm



Services at 12:00 noon, with lunch served before the service at 11:30 am and after at 12:30 pm at Woodstock UMC: 154 S Muhlenberg St, Woodstock, VA 22664 Free will offerings given towards lunch will benefit the Woodstock Ministerial Association. Below is the schedule for the churches that will host. **April 2-John Bosco Catholic Church** Father Dobbins **April 9-St Paul's UCC** 

Rev. Clara Young April16-Woodstock Presbyterian Rev. Kate Rascoe