

The Presby Record

A Community Beacon of Faith, Love & Hope.

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Mark's Message



“Never go on trips with anyone you do not love.”

– Ernest Hemingway *A Moveable Feast*

As I pen this month’s newsletter article, the family vacation is just a few days ahead of us (and now as you read this, hopefully safely behind us). I cannot help but think of this quote from Hemingway every time I embark on a journey, and I believe it is a biblical motif that we all should embrace.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt this is tactic and theory used as Christ walked among humanity so many years ago. It is with love that God stepped into foreign territory, yet his own creation, and tabernacled with us. And he took this trip sincerely out of the love God had for us.

It is with this knowledge and inspiration that we—the church—chose to journey with each other. Sometimes the trip is to a foreign country, a retreat, mission related, or even simply a trip across the street, but it always should be focused and centered upon love. The love we give to the world around is indicative of the way we respond to the love that is given to us as the Bride of Christ.

With that in mind, let us begin to alter our actions, our speeches, our attitudes, and our lives. Let us embrace and mimic the example of Christ and let us journey together with love. However, let us not only selectively journey with those whom we like and with whom we share most every similarity. Let us also learn to appreciate and love people who are unbelievably different from us as well.

Let us also be mindful of the journeys our youth and children will be taking as they begin a new school year this month. Let us pray for their wellbeing, their perseverance, their inspirations, and their dreams. As they go on this trip there are times when they are not surrounded by love, and so it is our calling and responsibility to be a place of wholeness, caring, and love that they journey toward each week. Let us give them the space they need as they sojourn through this school year. We do not always understand all that children and youth encounter. So, let us hear God calling us to be the place of love our students need. Let’s allow FPC St. Albans to be for them an oasis of gladdidings and joy. Let’s be the trip they want to take each week because they know it is a place filled with love.

Pax,

Mark



Worship Liturgists

August 7 th , 2022	Buck Ivey
August 14 th , 2022	Mark Curtis
August 21 st , 2022	Holly Greathouse
August 28 th , 2022	Kathleen Jordan
September 4 th , 2022	Adam Greathouse
September 11 th , 2022	Mark Curtis
September 18 th , 2022	Donna Merguc

If you need to switch a Sunday with someone, please find your replacement and then alert Christina of the switch. If you cannot find a replacement from the folks on this list, let me know and we'll punt (or I will do it in a pinch)

COMMUNION SERVERS

	SET UP	SERVERS	
AUGUST 7	<i>HOLLY</i>	<i>HOLLY</i>	<i>LAURIE</i>
SEPTEMBER 4	<i>LAURIE</i>	<i>KATHLEEN</i>	<i>TIM</i>
OCTOBER 2	<i>KATHLEEN</i>	<i>MARK C</i>	<i>VALERIE</i>
OCTOBER 30	<i>TIM</i>	<i>JACK</i>	<i>HOLLY</i>
NOVEMBER 6	<i>MARK C</i>	<i>LAURIE</i>	<i>KATHLEEN</i>
DECEMBER 4	<i>VALERIE</i>	<i>TIM</i>	<i>MARK C</i>
DECEMBER 24	<i>JACK</i>	<i>VALERIE</i>	<i>JACK</i>
DECEMBER 25	<i>HOLLY</i>	<i>HOLLY</i>	<i>LAURIE</i>
JANUARY 1	<i>LAURIE</i>	<i>KATHLEEN</i>	<i>TIM</i>

Prayer Concerns – Congregation Members:

George Hartman Jr.
 Ned Arthur
 Kathleen Jordan
 Mike Clark
 Mark Curtis
 Carol Buck
 Millie White
 Cel Jones
 Dolly Locke (eyes)

Prayer Concerns - In Care Facilities:

Cornelia May, 255 N. Egret Bay Blvd., apt. 4104,
 League City, TX 77573
 Muriel Frincke, Apt. 318, 3201 Center Pointe Drive,
 Orlando, FL 32825
 Ann McCormick, Apt. 213, Bellaire at
 Devonshire, 5 Bexley Drive, Scott Depot, WV
 25560

Sadie Ashworth, Rolling Hills Meadow, 5
 Rolling Meadows Dr., Room 118, Scott Depot,
 WV 25560

Concerns - Family and Friends

Jason Irwin (Carol Buck's nephew)
 Janet Walker, back pain (Donna Merguc's sister)
 Jon Dunlap, back pain (Kris Dunlap)
 Ashley Nestman, Lymphoma (Connie Ivey)
 James & Dana Cunningham (Abbie Burch's parents)
 Cindy Melton, brain tumor (Regina Dayfield)
 Catherine Moss (Caroline Reed's daughter)
 Sandra Workman (Ina Armstrong)
 Margaret Walker, (Donna Merguc)
 Kathi Curtis' parents Richard and Shirley Ware
 Donna Ashworth (Sadie Ashworth's daughter-in-law)
 Ruth Duvall (Michael's mother)
 Jane Johnson (Ashley Nestman's mother) surgery
 Debbie Harpold, home and improving every day
 (Rev. Joe Harpold's wife)
 Dr. Marc Moreland reoccurring illness (Denny
 Denison)



- 2-Brenden Cook
- 3-Abbie Burch
- 5-Dolly Locke, John Harvey
- 6-James Resler
- 7-Kathy Harrah
- 9-Sara Hedrick
- 13-Susan Allowatt, Lillian Roberts
- 17-Lindsey Duvall
- 20-Kevin Duvall, Etta Clark
- 21-Regina Dayfield, Joel Dettweiler
- 24-Jon Cox
- 31-Patrick Curtis

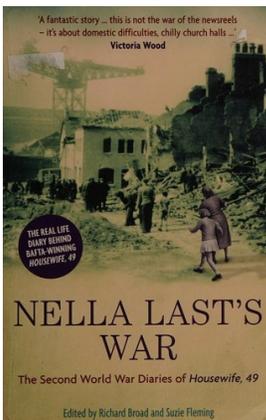




- * Brucie & Bill Kessler-August 13, 1977
- * Carol & Terry Buck-August 23, 1986
- * Cathy & Steve Holstein-August 10, 1996
- * Sarah & Bryan Roberts-August 14, 2004
- * Holly & Adam Greathouse-August 30, 2006

BOOK CLUB

Book Club at First Presby – Tuesday, August 23, 2022



In September 1939, housewife and mother Nella Last of England began a diary whose entries, in their regularity, length and quality, have created a record of the Second World War which is powerful, fascinating and unique. When war broke out, Nella's younger son joined the army while the rest of the family tried to adapt to civilian life. Writing each day for the "Mass Observation" project,

Nella, a middle-aged housewife from the bombed town of Barrow, shows what people really felt during this time.

The book will be available for pick up at the Dunbar Library after July 22.

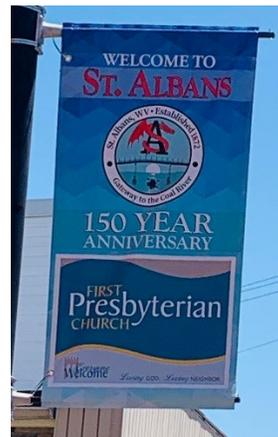
We will meet Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm using Zoom Contact Abbie Burch or Linda Slappe.

We are running low on or have ran out completely of the following for the Food Pantry at Saint Marks

- Brownie Mix
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Cake Frosting
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THE PRESBY RECORD



CHECK OUT OUR BANNER ON OLDE MAIN BESIDE OF VILLAGE SAMPLER

PER CAPITA (\$30.05 per person in 2022)

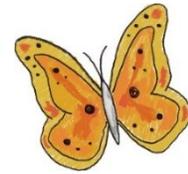
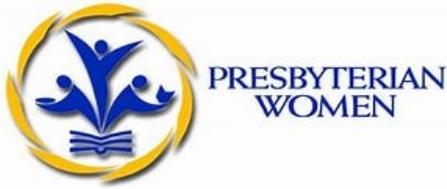
Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system. Who pays per capita, and how much? Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their presbyteries. The annual per capita amount is a combined request from a congregation's presbytery, synod, and the General Assembly. When churches are looking for pastors, per capita funds help fund the system that is used to help match churches to pastors and vice versa.

Please Note:

There was no session meeting the month of July



*Glenna Arthur passed away, July 15, 2022
Please keep Ned, Judy and all family members
in your prayers.*



Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

by Carol M. Bechtel

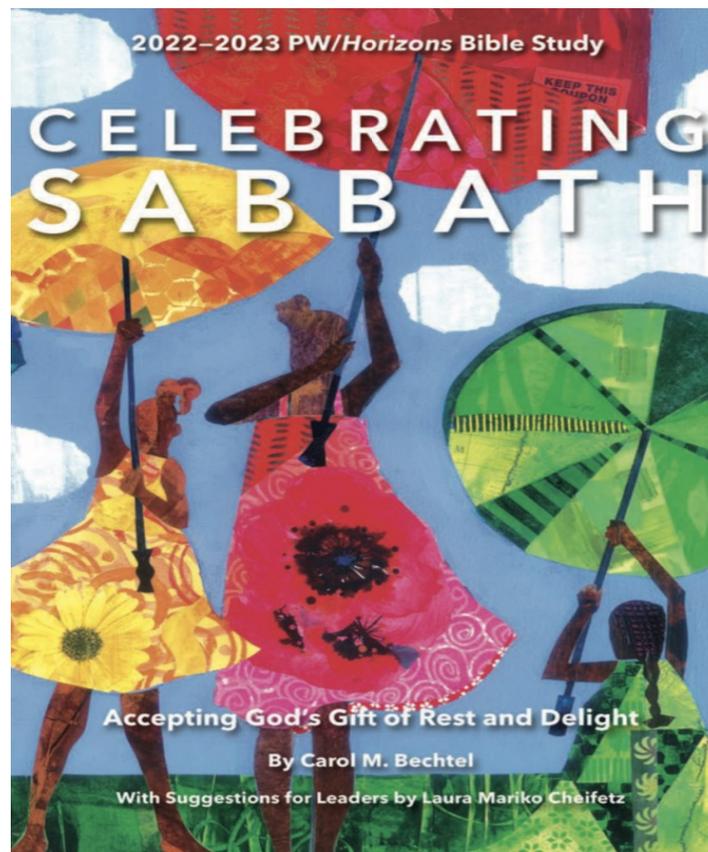
Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women together. It's our history—we celebrate more than 100 years of publishing studies and using them together. The PW Purpose calls Presbyterian Women to nurture faith through prayer and Bible study. PW/Horizons studies are written from within the Reformed tradition and strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

This year we are planning a revival of our in person daytime Circle! Stay tuned for details about that monthly gathering. Our evening Zoom Circle is also still meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Study books are available for \$10 plus shipping, and is also available as a PDF for the same price.

In the nine lessons of the 2022-2023 Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation and that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.





Present: Jack Rogers, Mike Merguc, Andi Pease, Kirk King, Mark Boyd, Michael Clark, Sara Kell
 Absent: David Harvey, Tim Malcomb
 Mark Boyd opened the meeting with prayer.

- Saturday, June 4th a work party trimmed shrubs and trees on Third Street, and crepe myrtles on Third Street and 8th Avenue.
- Jack is keeping an eye on the overhang on education building facing Kanawha Terrace for possible backup.
- Kirk cleaned up the Memorial Garden area. Agreed we need to get a few bags of mulch for the memorial garden to keep the weeds down.
- Kitchen outlet has been installed but is not currently hot. Camera wiring on Third Street will come through the library when installed.
- Mike unplugged drain along stage door at Fellowship Hall.
- Mike replaced a faucet in men's restroom on first floor. Could not get part so he purchased a new one.
- Main sewer line was plugged up and backing up in the sanctuary basement. Called plumber to unplug it and Jack and Mike cleaned up the mess.
- Jack asked about the riding mower belonging to the church which is currently not being used. Jack will look into the value of the mower and get back to committee.
- Discussion was held re: floor tile for the Fellowship Hall. It was the consensus of the committee that the old tile should be removed in order to get a better result and we would like to have Luxury Vinyl Tile. This a Building Fund Project and won't begin until funds are available.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

\$15,000.00

- Repair front steps on Kanawha Terrace entering the sanctuary, retaining walls, and other structural repairs.
- Fellowship Hall Floor – a better surface with less maintenance.
- Update restrooms on the first floor of education building.

Funds Raised To Date \$4758.61



What's Happening

The Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM in the church parlor. Please join us or send us your thoughts and ideas. *Please note the committee did not meet this month.*



Any interested cooks with recipes they would like to share for the Church Cookbook please submit to Laurie Turley or Christina via mail or email to be included. Put "recipe" in subject line.



**Dirty Birds Baseball Outing Friday
August 19, 2022 at 6:35 p.m.**

Lancaster Barnstormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds

Camo Hat Giveaway for "early birds"

Tickets have been paid for by an anonymous donor for the first 20 people to sign up. (See sign in hallway or call the church office)

You may order food on your own from the suite waitress and pay individually.

We will be in Suite 205.

*Thank you for all of the recipes coming in for the cookbook! We are looking at September or October to be completed.

*Thanks to all who have contributed money or by ordering Pampered Chef for the dishwasher fundraiser. More info to come!

1 Thessalonians 5:11 therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

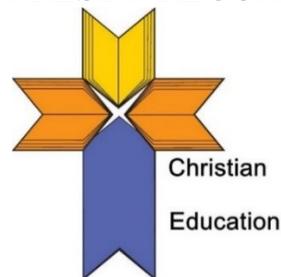
Please contact Laurie or Kathleen, or the church office, if you have any suggestions for future "happenings" that you would like to see. Christina is in contact with the new owners of the old Venture Lanes to arrange an outing there when they open.

Next Congregational Happenings meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2 p.m.



Mark your calendars for Wednesday night programming to return on September 7th at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner provided and programming for all! Children and Youth will learn about living in Community from the Follow Me series. Pastor Mark will be leading the adults in a study about antisemitism and apartheid. We look forward to getting back together in fellowship!



Join us for Back-to-School Sunday on Sunday, August 28th! We will have a special prayer for our students and teachers so bring your backpack for the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Pancakes will also be served at 9:15, followed by our special service.

Following service, ALL ARE WELCOME to go to Lakewood pool for more celebrations! Cost is \$5 for non-Lakewood pool members.



Upcoming Events

BLESS YOU DAY!
August 6 | 9am-1pm
 Location: King's River • 777 Mallory Lane • St. Albans

COMMUNITY Bridge
 * Facebook: Community Bridge
 304.727.6991

FREE

FREE CLOTHES
 FREE SHOES
 FREE TOYS
 FREE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
 FREE KID'S ITEMS
 FREE BOOKS
 FREE FURNITURE
 FREE LUNCH!

We have a little bit of everything and want to bless those in our communities. Check out the Resource Tent for great info.

**EVERYTHING IS FREE!
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**






MLK Jr. Celebration
 will be held on **Sunday**
August 28th at 6:00
p.m. at Highlawn
Baptist Church.



EVANGELISM/CONGREGATIONAL CARE NOTES

(Jennifer Burgess, Connie Ivey, Cel Jones, Donna Merguc, Linda Slappe, Laurie Turley, Valerie Wade, Rev. Mark Boyd)

This Committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:15 am in the church parlor. Come and join us.

- Abbie Burch continues to prepare six **blessing bags** (3 women and 3 men) every other month for Christ's Kitchen. They are so appreciative. Abbie fills the bags with your donations, so keep them coming.
- Warnick and Semder in St. Albans gave us a box of 100 toothbrushes...isn't that awesome. Bless them for their kindness, Donna
- Donna took one of our **Welcome Baskets** to her new neighbors, Brandon and Allie and their dog, Izzy. They were delighted with the basket. Brandon is a Mechanical Engineer at Toyota and Allie just got hired on with Toyota.

The Blessing Bags Project

The Evangelism Committee continues to ask for your donations of hygiene products such as **shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, snacks, bottled water, and gallon-size zip lock bags** to fill. These bags are taken to Christ's Kitchen for distribution to those in need. If you wish to contribute, a basket is in the Narthex for your items. If you prefer, you may make out a check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Blessing Bags" in the memo. You may also give using the "Donation" button on our web page and Facebook page using the "Other" category and type "bags" in the memo.

LITTLES' Story-time

Have you checked out the pictures on the Fellowship Hall Board?

If you would like to be a Littles' Reader, please call or e-mail Donna Merguc at 304-545-1159 or dkmerguc@frontier.com. The children would enjoy listening to your book. If you have any book or craft ideas send them our way. Littles will restart on August 19.

Thanks to Sara Kell, we have some new, wooden community vehicles for the race track in the Nursery. The children will enjoy them very much. Kayleb and Van spend a lot of time at the races.

WELCOME BASKETS FOR NEW NEIGHBORS

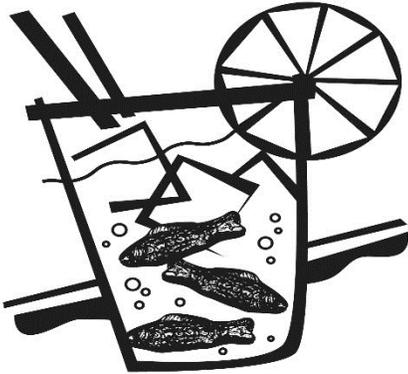
The Evangelism Committee needs your help with donations for our Welcome Basket ministry. When new residents move into SA, we deliver a gift basket filled with snacks, a First Presby mug, and an invite/welcome to visit with us. The card includes our website, Facebook page info, and e-mail address. Suggestions for the basket include: microwave popcorn, snack bars, tea bags, gift card to Coal River Coffee or other local business, small bags of chips, etc. If you wish to contribute, a basket is in the Narthex for your items. We appreciate all donations as we seek to spread God's love to our new neighbors. For more information speak to **Valerie Wade or Donna Merguc**.

Thanks to Donna Merguc, we have some new Kidcraft Wooden doll sets (7-piece Professionals 5" doll set and a Kidcraft family doll set) for the Kidcraft dollhouse in the Nursery. The children will enjoy playing with them. Charlie and Lilly spend a lot of time in the dollhouse.

We e-mailed all the Littles' parents/grandparents to ask if they will be attending Littles in September. Some of the children will be attending Preschool and Kindergarten.

OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.

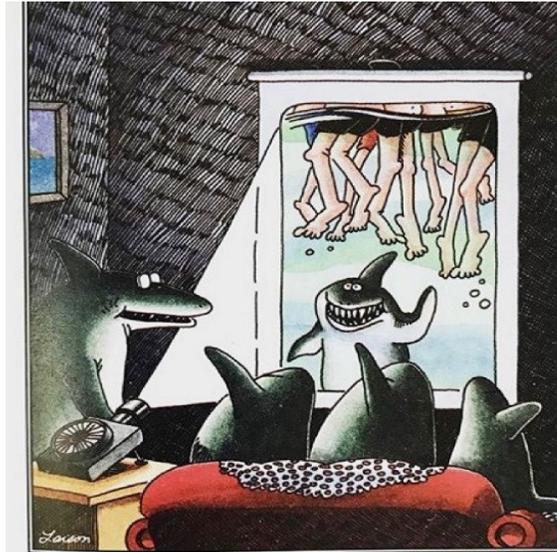


What you need:

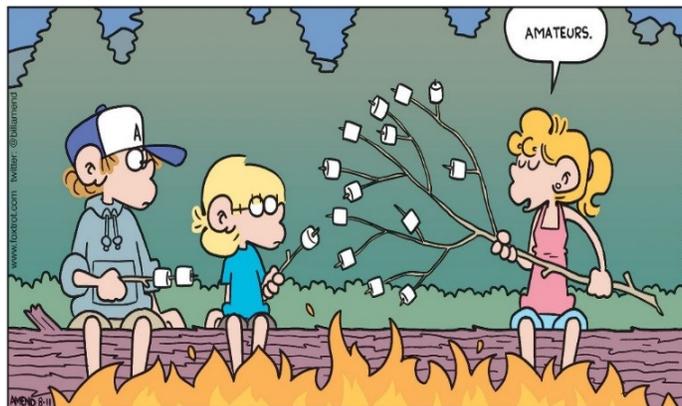
- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!



"And here we are last summer off the coast of ... Helen, is this Hawaii or Florida?"



Bible Quiz



How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- once
- twice
- three times
- four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



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201 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans, WV 25177**

**Worship with Us
Sundays 10:00 A.M.
In person and Live Streamed
On Facebook**

Officers

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Michael Clark (2)	Mark Curtis (2)	Jack Rogers (1)
Tim Malcomb (2)	Kathleen Jordan (1)	Laurie Turley (1)
Betty King (1)	Valerie Wade (1)	Holly Greathouse (2)

Church Staff

Ministers Every Member of the Congregation
 Pastor..... Rev. Mark Boyd
 Admin.Assistant/Financial Sec. Christina Mayes
 Custodian..... Mike Merguc
 Treasurer..... Buck Ivey
 Tech Team.....Dave/Wendy Harvey, Betty King, Michael Clark

Trustees

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Class of 2024: John Jones**

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