



The Presby Record

A Community Beacon of Faith, Love & Hope.

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*Mark's
Message*



When I look at the schedule of events in our future, I cannot help but exclaim: This is an exciting time to be at First Presbyterian Church! As September brings our routine back to a more familiar and regimented point, I encourage you to connect to God in new and unique ways through the ministry of First Presby. Glancing through our newsletter you'll find that we have several opportunities to fellowship with one another, as well as serve Christ by serving others.

You will soon discover as you peruse this newsletter that our schedule of activities and discipleship opportunities is quite stellar, and it is our hope that you are able to participate in each of these categories as often as possible. This fall, I will offer a mid-week evening Bible study focused on Judaism considering recent antisemitism (unfortunately even from our denomination), and I hope you are able to make it to one or more of these classes. Our children and youth will continue the *Follow Jesus* curriculum they began using last fall.

The start of autumn also means that before long, the Nominating Committee will begin meeting and praying as they seek to elect a slate of officers to lead at First Presbyterian Church. It is likely that you or someone you love will be asked to serve, and I hope you are willing to entertain this invitation as God's still, small voice crying out from the wilderness.

Lastly, although this might be something we inadvertently overlook from time to time, we have the opportunity to pray for the ministries and lives of those who gather for worship at First Presbyterian Church. Yes, we should pray for each other. That may seem to be an elementary statement, but it is the most basic of necessities for our spiritual life. I challenge you to spot someone sitting in worship that is outside your "circle" and choose to pray for that individual. Get to know them "spiritually" as you lift petitions to God, and I know God will bless you both. Pray for our students and their families as they begin a new school year. Pray also for the families who bring their children to our Littles, although you may never see them. Pray also for our ministries and future ministries and for those whom God will lead to begin worshipping in this place. Let us pray together as we also play together.

Clearly this is an exciting time at First Presbyterian Church, and I hope you are anticipating the ways in which we can encounter God together in the months to come. Let it be for us a time of growth, of discernment, of building our character, and of grace.





Worship Liturgists

September 4th, 2022 Adam Greathouse
 September 11th, 2022 Mark Curtis
 September 18th, 2022 Jamie Boyd
 September 25th, 2022 Adam Greathouse

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	
SEPTEMBER 4	LAURIE	KATHLEEN	TIM
OCTOBER 2	KATHLEEN	MARK C	VALERIE
OCTOBER 30	TIM	JACK	HOLLY
NOVEMBER 6	MARK C	LAURIE	KATHLEEN
DECEMBER 4	VALERIE	TIM	MARK C
DECEMBER 24	JACK	VALERIE	JACK
DECEMBER 25	HOLLY	HOLLY	LAURIE
JANUARY 1	LAURIE	KATHLEEN	TIM

Prayer Concerns – Congregation Members:

George Hartman Jr.
 Ned Arthur
 Kathleen Jordan
 Mike Clark
 Mark Curtis
 Carol Buck
 Millie White
 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. Mark Moreland reoccurring illness (Denny &
 Patsy Denison)
 Diana Baldwin (Donna Merguc's sister)

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

2-Chris Marquart
 6-Andi Pease
 7-Frank Moir, Maddy Arnott
 9-David Kessler
 11-Ayden Cook
 12-Richard Allowatt, Carlie Pfof
 13-Gage Gibson
 14-Trey Hedrick
 15-Judy Coffman
 18-Jackie Jones
 26-Lindsay Denison
 27-Jacob Hoyle

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session meeting was called to order with prayer on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Committee chairs should begin thinking about their 2023 budgets.

Discussed requirements for our Child Protection Policy per Erie Insurance Co. We are complying with what they ask and will make any updates.

Mark reported on August 4 Called Presbytery meeting concerning the sale of the building owned by the Presbytery of West Virginia. Presbytery approved the sale and it will be finalized soon.

Elizabeth Hale Rowe was reinstated to the active membership of our congregation. She professed her faith following a Confirmation Class at First Presbyterian St. Albans in 1966, moved away and was removed to the inactive roll in 1978. We are happy to welcome Libby back into our membership.

- Approved a yoga class to begin in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 29th at 5:30 pm.
- Approved Girl Scouts meeting in our building during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study to begin September 7th. Approved curriculum for Bible Study.
- Approved Back to School Sunday, August 28 with a pancake breakfast, worship service, and a pool party at Lakewood Pool.
- Approved Fall Festival at Sarah and Bryan's farm on Saturday, September 24th beginning 5:00 pm.
- Approved participation in the City of St. Albans Chili Contest on Saturday, October 8th.
- Approved a collection for the PCUSA GLOBAL PEACEMAKING OFFERING on October 4th.



Missions Notes

- We discussed the outreach program Community Bridge, located at Kings River Worship Center. Community Bridge Family Resource Center supplies free clothes,

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diapers, hygiene items, shoes, toys, household items, books, furniture, etc. They often need volunteers from the community. Call 304 727-6991 for more information.

- Applied for a grant from the Presbytery of West Virginia for a freezer for Christ's Kitchen.
- We may want to consider a fundraiser or drive for pet food.
- Jack will get session approval to collect for the PCUSA Global Peacemaking offering October 4th.
- Will get session approval to approve a collection for flood victims.
- Will get approval from session for Vickie Godbey to hold a fundraiser luncheon for the West Virginia Breast Cancer Alliance on Sunday, October 8th.
- Andi took shopping cart items to the Food Pantry.
- Need more bus tickets to give to those in need.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. service will be held on Sunday, August 28th, 6 pm at Highlawn Baptist Church.
- A fundraiser for Jericho House will be held at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church on September 11th.
- Will ask session approval to have a Missions Fair this Fall.

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 \$9108.61



Spotlight Mr. John Jones



Longest-serving member of Huntington Symphony Orchestra calls it an honor *(Printed from the Herald Dispatch)*

By MCKENNA HORSLEY
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HUNTINGTON — One of the most memorable performances with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra for John Jones is the first one after it was chartered in 1970. Jones, 72, who is now the principal horn player for the symphony orchestra, was a student at Marshall University at the time. The concert was performed on May 2, 1971, in the Huntington Galleries. The symphony was then known as the Huntington Chamber Orchestra. The group would later change its name around the turn of the century. Jones filled in for another French horn player and would later become a contracted member. Within two to three years of that initial concert, Jones was named the principal horn player. “It was an honor to get to play for all these people,” he said. For more than 50 years, Jones has been part of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. His experience has included a number of events, such as performing at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., for the bicentennial celebration in 1976 under founding Conductor Paul W. Whear. In March 1984, Jones was the guest soloist during the orchestra’s 30th season. Over the years, several important members and contributors of the symphony orchestra made an impact on Jones, such as David Becker, viola; Nancy Whear, violin; Patricia Green, principal violinist; Janet Bromley, violin; John Mead, trombone; Theodore Heger, principal oboist; and Paul Whear, the founding conductor of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. Jones most enjoys playing classical

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music, but movie scores such as “Star Wars” or opera music rank highly with him as well. Many of those arrangements use a French horn, he said. Before moving to West Virginia in high school, Jones grew up in the Chicago area. His father first had him take piano lessons before Jones learned how to play the French horn from Louis Stout, who was in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and would later go on to teach music at the University of Michigan. Jones was 6 when he began learning the French horn. Jones, who is now retired from Orders Construction Co., lives in St. Albans, West Virginia. Through his career in construction, he found a way to balance playing music with his work. While at Marshall, he debated majoring in music, but ultimately chose to study political science. “I couldn’t have asked for anything better, to be able to work for them and to pursue this love of music that I’ve had ... I was very fortunate, very lucky,” Jones said. Music director Kimo Furumoto, who began conducting the Huntington Symphony Orchestra more than 20 years ago, said Jones has fulfilled an important leadership role as the principal horn player for many years. Jones is “a big supporter” of the symphony orchestra. Whenever Jones plays a beautiful horn solo, it lights up the room, Furumoto added. Jones has an “understated confidence,” Furumoto said. “He’s a person that’s always present and always there to do the job,” he said. Ian Jessee, who became the executive director of the symphony orchestra last year, said Jones is the longest-serving member of the organization. Jones contributes not only as the principal horn player, but also as a member of the Sustainer Society, which helps with the overall success of the symphony orchestra. “He is totally committed to this organization, so I’m just thrilled to have him on our team,” Jessee said.





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

by Carol M. Bechtel

We are so excited to celebrate the return of our, in person, daytime Circle! The daytime circle will gather for our first brown bag luncheon at noon on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the fellowship hall. After fellowship is over lunch, we will move to the parlor for Bible study.

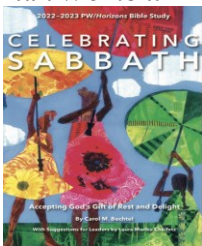
Our evening Circle will continue to meet on Zoom the second Tuesday of each month (unless noted ahead of time). The first meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Kathy Leftwich is our gracious zoom hostess again this year. The link will remain the same each month, and will open at 6:45 for early birds: <https://bridgevalley.zoom.us/j/81076798059>

Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women together. You may attend either or both circles as often as you wish. This year we will learn to embrace the gift of Sabbath as a way of marking time. Come discover how practicing Sabbath this way can be fun and life changing.

We tend to think of “Sabbath keeping” as a negative. We assume it is more about “no” than about “yes.” Sabbath, however, is a gift from God that allows us to say “yes” to relaxation and breathing easy again. Sabbath is a way to escape from our tendency to live like we are being chased by a train. Celebrating Sabbath can transform us, inspire us, and nourish us in ways that bring out the best “us” we can be! Please note you do not have to have a study book to participate in the discussion. **If you would like one, we can place another order!**

Books are in and available for pick up. We do have a few extra copies.

The cost for the book is \$10.79 please make checks payable to **Presbyterian Women.**



BLUESTONE YOUTH RETREAT!

Mark calendar for Fall Youth Retreat with key leader, David LaMotte, November 18-20, 2022. All youth in 6th through 12th grades will be together at Bluestone Camp & Retreat for the first time! David LaMotte will give a concert that is open to everyone on that Saturday night.

David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer. He has performed over 3000 concerts and released twelve full-length CDs touring in all of the fifty states, as well as five of the seven continents. David has published three books, including two illustrated children's books. David makes his home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, with his wife Deanna and son Mason.



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.

- The Committee wants to thank John Jones for supplementing in a big way for the balance of the new commercial dishwasher! We also want to thank Christina, for all of her research, Sara Kell, for upgrading the electric, and Mike Merguc, for the removal of the old dishwasher and for putting up with all of us! We will share more info on the new dishwasher once it is installed and in use.

- Thanks to all who attended the Dirty Birds game on Friday, August 19th! There were many lessons learned at this outing...the biggest one was not to use the Suite again. We want to have an area where we all can be together! Please accept our apologies!!
- Wednesday night dinners will start on September 7th. Please let Laurie or the church office know if you would be able to prepare a dish.
- Thanks to all who have submitted recipes! I know there are a few of you cooks out there who haven't sent in your favorite recipes yet. Deadline in **Thursday, September 15th**. Please bring them to the office or email to Laurie or the church office with "Recipe" in the Subject line. Thank you!!!
- Next Happenings/Kitchen Committee Meeting is Thursday September 8th at 2 p.m. We'd love to have you join us!
- In closing, I thank God for dirty dishes for they have a tale to tell. There are those that go hungry. I thank God that we at First Presby are eating very well.... Wednesday night suppers, at coffee hour, and our church gatherings. Let us all give thanks for our members who contribute so much to make this happen, dirty dishes and all!! Laurie

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Starting September 7th
5:45 Dinner / 6:30 Bible Study
ALL AGES WELCOME



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. Please put "recipe" in the subject line.

Deadline for recipes is September 15th.



Wednesday Nights beginning September 7th at 5:45 pm (dinner provided) Bible Study at 6:30 pm Children and Youth will be using the Follow Me curriculum where they will be learning to "Live in Community." When God looked at the first human in Genesis 2:18, God proclaimed that it was not good for the human to be alone and created a partner to provide companionship and company. Since the beginning, humans have lived in some type of community. At their best, these communities work together to share abundant life. The church is a living community committed to gathering together across differences, feasting and listening together, uplifting those in need, and supporting those who depart. This vision of believers worshiping God together as they learn to live a life worthy of the gospel is strong evidence that life in community is intrinsic to being a Christian.

Come and explore what living in community truly means! Children ages preK - 5th will be led by Tara Malcomb, Jackie Jones, and Jamie Boyd Youth will be led by Holly Greathouse and Jack Rogers

BRING A FRIEND! Thank you to Moria and Mila Boyd, Jack Rogers, and Vickie Haught for helping paint the youth room and give it some updates! We look forward to getting some more upgrades and are looking for new or gently used furniture or décor to spruce up the youth room. If you have anything you think may be of interest, please contact Holly Greathouse at 304-741-7549 or htgr8house@gmail.com

Evangelism/Congregational Care



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.**

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.

INVITE SOMEONE TO LITTLES!!



LITTLES' STORY-TIME PROGRAM

*Story-time, Music, Games, Crafts,
Play-time and Light Refreshments*

Begins September 9, 2022

EVERY FRIDAY

10:30am – 11:15 am

FREE EVENT!

Infants – 5 Years Old

(with a parent or guardian)

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Website: www.firstpresbychurch.com

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of St. Albans

Sept 2 Labor Day – NO Littles

Sept 9	Connie Ivey	Regina Dayfield	Jennifer Burgess
Sept 16	Jackie Jones	Kathryn Maddy	Tara Malcomb
Sept 23	Rev. Mark Boyd	Andi Pease	Sara Kell
Sept 30	Donna Merguc	Debbie Duvall	Kim Gaines
Oct 7	Linda Slappe	Jennifer Burgess	Kathryn Maddy
Oct 14	Tara Malcomb	Andi Pease	Connie Ivey
Oct 21	Rev. Mark Boyd	Debbie Duvall	Sara Kell
Oct 28	Donna Merguc	Jackie Jones	Regina Dayfield



ROBERTS FAMILY FARM

Located AT

570 Madison Street, first left off West Main Street, past Coal River Road *(stay on gravel road to the barn)*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

TIME: 5:00 P.M. til Dusk

Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided-bring a side dish to share!

Check out our new basketball hoops!
A big Thanks to Orders Construction for installing these for the church!



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The first day of autumn is September 22nd



Yoga with Sam

Every Monday starting at 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Saint Albans

\$5.00 per person & First Class is FREE

Bring your mat and join us!



REMINDER THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH



UPCOMING EVENT BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR JERICHO HOUSE

- ♪ Concert benefit for Jericho House @ Riverlawn Presbyterian Church - September 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- ♪ Concert benefit for Jericho House @ St. Peter's United Methodist Church - September 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- ♪ Concert benefit for Jericho House @ First Baptist Church -October 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.



My spirit animal found me today



Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE							
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife <i>(Matthew 8:14).</i>	E	N							
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i>	R	A							
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i>	M	S							
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i>	T	C							
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i>	I	G							
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i>	V	D							
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i>	F	A							
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i>	P	L							
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i>	W	O							
		N							
	3	2	8	6	7	4	5	9	1

Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O; salvation



I AM SO OLD THAT WHEN I WAS A KID, WE ACTUALLY HAD TO WIN TO GET A TROPHY!



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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
 TreasurerBuck Ivey
 Tech Team.....Dave/Wendy Harvey, Betty King, Michael Clark

Trustees

Class of 2022: Gloria Williams
Class of 2023: Michael Duvall
Class of 2024: John Jones

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