

Vine and Branches

NEWS OF FRONT ROYAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2019

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5 NIV*

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Pray for:

Our Persons in the Armed Forces
Paul Conner, Bryan Sullivan, Marc Iverson, Ian McVey

Our College Students

Katie Bowers, Quinn Blankenship, Jimi DiNinno, Lucas DuMez, Jacob Evans, Courtney L'Amoreaux, Katherine Sparger, and Kaylee Venable

Session Meeting

There will be a Session Meeting on Monday, January 14 in Room 200.

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Pastor's Pen



I served a church in Richmond, VA as youth director while I was in seminary. It was a small quiet church tucked in a neighborhood and was deemed "Richmond's Best Kept Secret." Each year, Richmond area churches hosted the homeless for one week under a program titled CARITAS – Churches Around Richmond Interested To Assure Shelter. For one week, we housed 40-50 homeless men and women, fed them dinner, gave them a warm and dry place to sleep, worshipped with them, prayed with them and shared stories. The next morning they were fed a warm breakfast and given a brown bag lunch and sent back out into the city. Some had jobs, many had mental disabilities but all were kind and grateful for the hospitality they received.

What put that church on the map was an unassuming elderly woman in her early 80's. Each night she would quietly sit in a corner with a basin and a towel as our guests for the night would come to her and she would wash their feet. She sought out no recognition. She didn't ask permission. She didn't have a sign. She was just there in that place doing what she felt called to do. That is, until the newspaper found out about her generous heart and wrote an article that highlighted her hospitality.

Washing feet isn't a glorious act, those who wash feet often get tired easily with all that stooping down and crouching. It truly is an act of service that reaps no rewards save that of serving the least, the last and the lost.

This winter, during the month of February for one week, we will host the Thermal Shelter in a coordinated effort with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We are expecting 10-15 adults each night and they will be fed dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch each day. We will need overnight helpers, food prep assistance, clean up and all those other jobs that just make events like this happen. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

We also need those quiet and unassuming people that feel a calling to just serve. You don't have to wash feet, but I'm certain each and every one of us has a gift of hospitality in us to share. Pray about it. Consider how God is using you in this ministry. I can't wait to hear how the Front Royal Presbyterian Church fulfills the commandment found in Matthew 25 :

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it unto me also."

For more details on how you can help, contact the Outreach Coordinator – Dee Sparger at missions@frontroyalpres.org



Offerings for C-CAP and 4¢-a-Meal

Donations are on the *second* Sunday of each month. The 4¢-a-Meal Offering provides funds for Presbyterian hunger programs nationally and internationally. If you wish to have part of your offering go to C-CAP or some other local hunger program, please put those funds in a C-CAP envelope, or write a check, designate your offering to C-CAP or other hunger program in the memo line of the check. C-CAP needs grocery items as well as monetary donations.

Stewardship of Time and Talents

Average Attendance through December 30:

Sunday School: 16 Worship: 78

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, January 6 during morning worship service.

January Birthdays

January birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunday School hallway.

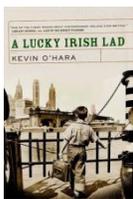
Book Group

Book Group for January A Lucky Irish Lad by Kevin O'Hara,

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have book

recommendations for future book clubs, please send them to pastor@frontroyalpres.org



Server Schedules

The new server schedules for 2019 are available for pick up in the file folders on the table in the Narthex.

Bats in the Belfry

Happy New Year Fro Yo Presbyterians from Babbette, your local source for all things Presbyterian. You guys sure have been busy around here, so many people here late at night you've disturbed my sleep pattern. But it is so good to see some old faces returning – I missed my buddy Matt Devor, so happy he is back! Between the Advent workshops, concerts, Christmas services and special events, there are too many names to say thank you – Judy and Althea, Ron and Adrian, Clayton and Ginger, Debbie and Angela, Donna and Marta... you know who you are!

And next year, it will be even busier. I'm so excited my friend Dee Sparger will be back on staff as the Outreach Coordinator – she's a keeper. It's been wonderful seeing Ginger and Ed work together on the Nativity characters – what a treat for the community! I heard the Bethune's are doing well over at Sunnyside and even sent back some special CD's. Heidi has changed businesses and is now at NEXT Realty, looking to buy or sell... I hear she's wonderful. The Scouts were here one Saturday and raked up over a hundred bags of leaves and Larry helped them carry them away to the dump. What a terrific way to take care of God's Creation. The Christmas in the Arts service was amazing, what a wonderful new way to see the Christmas story – and those kids were quiet and loved their scavenger hunt.

Our dear friend Sherry Downs started radiation; my prayers go out to her and Clayton –but she's a strong woman and I'm confident God has her in His hands. What a treat that Joan Brubaker and Elizabeth made a connection, glad to hear Elizabeth will be staying for a while longer – she is a wonderful addition to the choir.

Speaking of the choir, that cantata was well worth me missing my morning nap! I really loved how Donna was ringing that bell!

I also want to thank you for leaving lights and the heat on in classrooms for me, how very thoughtful of you to care about my warmth more than the electric bills! (REMINDER – Turn off all lights and heaters when you leave!) Though I did hear the elders talking about not using the third floor this winter to keep the bills down – if that's true, I just might throw a party.

By the time you read this, it will be 2019, my new year's resolution will be to forgo the morning nap so I can join you all for Sunday School and worship ... anyone else wanna join me?

Till Next Time...

Babbette

Community Table

FRPC is serving Community Table on **January 3**. We will need servers, drivers, and cooks. Please contact Dee Sparger at missions@frontroyalpres.org or call the office to volunteer. Thank you for your help.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 8, 2 p.m., Room 105. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. We will review God's promises to be with us when we are powerless. Women of all ages welcome.

Tithe.ly

This year, the Session approved the use of a website and app for your phone titled Tithe.ly. It is a safe and easy option for giving to the church while using your credit card, debit card or Apple pay. If you choose to use this option, we would kindly ask you to cover the associated fees so that your entire donation goes to support the critical work of the church. The website is www.tithe.ly.



Fellowship Luncheon

There will be a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, January 13, immediately following morning worship. It will be hosted by the Personnel Committee. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.



Undecorating The Church

The Worship Ministry Team will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 6th immediately following worship. Donuts and drinks will be provided. Plan to stay and be a part of this activity. All help will be greatly appreciated. Donna Edwards and Marta Steane (2018 Co-moderators), and David Edwards and Ruth Younk (2019 Co-moderators)



Music News

Happy New Year! The choirs will be getting back into the swing of things after a well-deserved Christmas break on Wednesday, January 2. If you have not yet experienced the camaraderie and joy of participating in our choirs, the start of a new year is the ideal time to try us out. We are especially looking for tenors and basses, but would love to welcome any voice parts! Hope to see you on January 2. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

On Monday, January 14, Beverly Clark will present an organ recital. The location is The Village at Orchard Ridge, west of Winchester, with a start time of 7:00 pm. Should you happen to be visiting Fern Perry that day, you will already be nearby. If not, we'd still love to see you there. Heather

Theology Today – A Practical Understanding of God's Word

Have you ever wanted to stupefy your friends by using big words that you can't even spell? Words like: Transubstantiation, Sanctification, Atonement, Apocalyptic, Dispensationalist, Armenians, Parousia, and of course... predestination. Starting January 6th I'll be leading a new Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. that will take a different theological term each week and apply it to our everyday practical world.

The class will be based off of the classic book Christian Doctrine by Shirley Guthrie and supplemented with books based on Calvin, Luther and other theologians.

Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season, and additional thanks to those who participated as Advent lighters/readers during morning worship. FRPC looked extra beautiful this year with Ginger Peloquin and Ed Rutz's additions to the front lawn, and Pat Burslem and Pat Lee's greenery accented throughout the church. We had a very meaningful worship experience led by David Edwards, Richard Johanson, and Paul Evans depicting the season through masterpieces in art. Pastor Carrie created a scavenger hunt for the children during this service. Thank you to all. A heartfelt thanks to Heather Ankerbrand, choir, and musicians along with readers Jacob Evans, Zach Logan, and Mark Thomas for this moving Cantata service. Pastor Carrie, Kim Ziegler and staff, the Christian Education committee, along with the children enjoyed a 4 pm Christmas Eve program. What a gift to the children. Thank you one and all! The 7 pm service was made more meaningful because of readings by Alex DuMez, Marisa Meyers, Donna Jordon, Lucas DuMez, Kaylee Venable, and Adrian Burt. We appreciated hearing your many voices throughout the sanctuary. Thank you. Of course, none of this could have happened without the capable assistance of Renee Perry! A huge thank you!

Summerlee Mission Trip

Mark your calendar now and save the following dates:

**Summerlee West Virginia Mission Trip
July 7-12, 2019**

SERVERS for January

| Date | Greeters | Ushers | Flowers | Coffee | Communion Preparers | Communion Servers | Worship Leaders |
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| 6 | Larry Good Judi Good Elaine King | Bill Hall (HU) Deanne McVey Ross McVey Ben Weddle | Communion | Kara and Zach Logan |  Sandra Lehr Marta Steane Intinction | Marta Steane Ben Weddle Furadon Irani Larry Funk | Al Larson |
| 13 | Larry Good Judi Good Elaine King | Bill Hall (HU) Deanne McVey Ross McVey Ben Weddle | Worship Ministry Team | Fellowship Luncheon | | | David Edwards |
| 20 | Furadon Irani Donna Edwards Jean Irani | Ron Harvey (HU) Lisa Venable Bob Tennett Paul Evans | Worship Ministry Team | Gloria Harris and Donna Edwards | | | TBA |
| 27 | Furadon Irani Donna Edwards Jean Irani | Ron Harvey (HU) Lisa Venable Bob Tennett Paul Evans | Worship Ministry Team | Sandra Lehr and Debbie Hunter | | | TBA |

What's your Superpower?

Do you love children? Love to teach? Change the community for the better?

The Superhero Students of Warren County are about to take off. It is an afterschool program two days a week that will serve low-income children at Ressie Jeffries and E. Wilson Morrison elementary schools. During that time, we will need volunteers who really want to make a difference in the life of a child. Tutoring, reading and math help, food prep, mentoring and STEM programs are just a few of the ways you can help. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Carrie or Ginger Pelouquin or email us at superheroes@frontroyalpres.org.



Hallway Art

Hallway Art for January will feature photos from Pastor Carrie's trip to Ethiopia. Please be sure to stop by the Sunday School Hallway to see these great pictures.

Flowers for the Sanctuary 2019

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2019, please sign the sheet on the Narthex table and put down how you would like it to read in the bulletin.

Thermal Shelter

Thermal Shelter at Front Royal Presbyterian Church will be February 2-8. More details to follow.

Inclement Weather Policy

In case of inclement weather, please refer to the following plan.

If the Warren County Schools are closed, the church office will be closed and all activities for that day are cancelled.

If there is inclement weather on a Sunday, Pastor Carrie, along with advice from elders, will post to the website, send an email and post to Facebook by 7:00 AM Sunday morning.

Please understand that weather conditions in this area can vary exponentially, if you are responsible for a part of worship on a Sunday morning, but do not feel comfortable traveling, please give Pastor Carrie a call at 540-270-9177.

JANUARY 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | New Year's 1 Office Closed | 2 | 3 5:00pm Community Table-FRPC | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion 12:00pm Undecorate the church | 7 | 8 2:00pm Women's Bible Study - 105 | 9 6:00pm Carillonneurs 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 10 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4 cents-a-meal Fellowship Luncheon | 14 7:00pm Session Mtg. Room 200 | 15 6:00pm Book Group | 16 6:00pm Carillonneurs 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 17 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am January Birthday Celebration 11:00am Worship | 21 | 22 | 23 6:00pm Carillonneurs 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 24 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table-FRPC | 25 | 26 |
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January Birthdays

January birthdays will be celebrated January 20

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| Diane Straightiff | 2 |
| Althea Harvey | 4 |
| Linda Devor | 8 |
| Katherine Sparger | 14 |
| Jean Irani | 15 |
| Deanne McVey | 17 |
| Kathryn Guthjahr | 21 |
| Christine Guthjahr | 21 |
| Sallie Hall | 23 |
| Ana Larson | 23 |
| Mary Helen Loftin | 26 |
| Janet Jewell | 29 |
| Debra L'Amoreaux | 31 |

If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to see featured in a future newsletter, please email it to Heather at nkrbrnd@gmail.com.

Happy Anniversary

Sallie & Bill Hall 8



If we missed anyone, please let the office know.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED