

Vine and Branches

NEWS OF FRONT ROYAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2017

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, John McComas, Nicholas McComas, Matthew Shutt, Bryan Sullivan, Marc Iverson

Our College Students

Tanner Blankenship, Katie Bowers, Jimi DiNinno, Rachel DuMez, Courtney L'Amoreaux, Shane L'Amoreaux

Session Meeting

There will be a Session meeting on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m., with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care

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Pastor's Pen



Make Kingdom Differences!

(one decision at a time)

The angels, shepherds, and wise men have all come and gone. Mary began changing diapers, Joseph went back to that bench he was building, and we've thrown out the tree (or boxed it back up), put the Christmas decorations away, and probably returned those presents that didn't fit or work. So now what do we do?

"Begin making kingdom differences," I say! Let's face it, few of us are very involved here at church. "20 % of the people do 80 % of the work" the saying goes, but in our case, it's more like a 10%/90% split! Simply put, we need help. The 10% are getting tired/exhausted, and the ministries are in danger of simply being stopped because there are not enough people to help accomplish very good ministries.

January has always been my goal setting and planning month. I think through the year and ask, "In what do I want to invest this year? Where do I want to put my time, energies, and money?" I think and plan Continuing Education, exercise/marathons, family time/vacation, and work. I try to think of the big pieces first, and work my way down to the smaller commitments which I know will slide in and between the bigger goals.

I'd love to get us more involved here at church. Good people are reaching out with God's love in great ways, but they need help. Would you consider joining them? Would you think about a small, medium, or significant impact you'd like to make in some ministry here at Front Royal Pres.? I'm not asking you to take on a huge task. I'm asking you to get involved in some smaller, manageable ministry.

The church, our church, needs you. We need to decide which committees to resurrect or re-birth, which ones to grow, and which have completed their intended goals. The following ministries need you. Would you consider being a member of one of these Ministry Teams:

Christian Fellowship	Outreach and Service
Christian Education	Worship
Stewardship and Finance	Building and Grounds
Endowment Committee	

Christmas tells us that God is truly alive, so let's make sure we're getting to know him, loving him, and reaching out in his name. Join a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening class to make friends, and get to know God and yourself better. Join a committee to help plan and accomplish ministry. Let's make some significant kingdom differences, one decision at a time!

Praying with you and for you,

Rev. Ed

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people" (Luke 2:10 NLT)

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.

SLCC Offering—Remember the work of St. Luke Community Clinic, our "free" clinic, in your prayers and giving the last Sunday of each month. Special blue offering envelopes for St. Luke are provided in the pew racks.

Stewardship of Time and Talents

Average Attendance through November 27:

Sunday School: 27 Worship: 80

Fresh Start

The third Sunday of each month we will be taking donations for The Fresh Start Project. Please make checks out to FRPC and put Fresh Start in the memo.

House of Hope

The first Sunday of each month, we will be taking donations for House of Hope. Please use the green envelopes in the back of the pews.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, January 1 during morning worship.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the upper room, #200. Beverly Clark will be the hostess. The lesson to be discussed will be number 5, Paul's focus on the risen Christ. All ladies are welcome.

Sunday School

Rev. Dr. R. Mark Jordon/Rev. Ed Dawkins

Emotional intelligence or EI is a greater factor in determining effectiveness in one's personal life and relationships with others. If you have wondered what you need to be working on to truly grow as a human being, this just might be a guide for your life. EI is not fixed at birth but can be nurtured and strengthened throughout one's life. These concepts can have a tremendous impact on one's life both emotionally and spiritually. You are invited to explore this exciting adventure on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you

The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank the Church decorators and our Advent readers for making this time very special. Also, we would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all those involved in our Advent and Christmas programs; "A Garland of Carols," Advent Pageant by FRPC youth, "See, Hear, and Sing," and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2017, please sign the sheet on the Narthex table and put down how you would like it to read in the bulletin.

COMMUNITY TABLE SERVICE STATISTICS 2016						
DATE MONTH	SERVING ORGANIZATION	EAT IN	TO GO	DELIVERY	PEOPLE SERVED	MEALS SERVED
3 November	Ruritan	15	30	61	76	106
10 November	Riverton UMC	18	20	63	81	101
17 November	FRUMC	18	20	66	84	104
24 November	Thanksgiving	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		51	70	190	241	311
NOVEMBER AVERAGE		17	23	63	80	104

UPCOMING WORSHIP AND MUSICAL EVENTS

January 1 11:00a Christmastide I, Celebrate a NEW YEAR
Communion, Choir, Coffee, and Cocoa

Beverly's Birthday Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful acknowledgement of my birthday on Sunday, December 11. It was so thoughtful of you to sing and congratulate me. It was an amazing day and I thank you again.

Choir

Singers are invited to participate in Choir for the winter season (January through Easter, April 16). Rehearsals begin Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. Beverly (or any choir member) would love to hear from you.

Pictures from the Advent Pageant by FRPC Youth on December 11



Pledge/Offering Envelopes

Your 2017 pledge/offering envelopes are available for pick up on the table in the Narthex. Please look for the label with your name on it.

Community Table


Front Royal Presbyterian Church serves Community Table on Thursday, January 5. We need cooks, servers, drivers, and greeters. Please contact Dee Sparger at outreach@frontroyalpres.org or call the office if you can help.

Undecorating the Church

On Saturday, January 7, we will be taking down our Christmas decorations. We will begin at 11:00 a.m. Your help would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please let Donna Edwards or Marta Steane know. We will enjoy coffee/tea and donuts.

Carolyn Wertz Hallway Art "Symbol Trees"



SERVERS for January								
Date	Greeters	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee	Prayers for Wholeness	Communion Preparers	Communion Servers	Worship Leaders
1	Larry Good Judi Good Elaine King	Larry Funk (HU) Bill Hall Carole Conner Ben Weddle		Zach and Kara Logan	Deanne Kirkpatrick and Matt Devor	 Sandra Lehr and Debby Lewis	Carole Conner Ben Weddle Furadoon Irani Dee Sparger	
8	Larry Good Judi Good Elaine King	Larry Funk (HU) Bill Hall Carole Conner Ben Weddle		Fellowship Luncheon	Ron Harvey and Donna Edwards			Don Dusenbury
15	Furadoon Irani Donna Edwards Jean Irani	Ron Harvey (HU) Jeremiah Laing Tara Laing Jennine Salzgeber		Gloria Harris and Donna Edwards	Marta Steane			Ed Dawkins
22	Furadoon Irani Donna Edwards Jean Irani	Ron Harvey (HU) Jeremiah Laing Tara Laing Jennine Salzgeber		Dee Sparger and Debby Lewis	Zach Logan and Marta Steane			Angela Dusenbury
29	Furadoon Irani Donna Edwards Jean Irani	Ron Harvey (HU) Jeremiah Laing Tara Laing Jennine Salzgeber		Rachel and Adrian Burt	Debby Lewis and Debbie Hunter			Marta Steane

Fellowship Luncheon



There will be a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, January 8, immediately following worship. This will be hosted by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Please bring a covered dish to share. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or you may call the office at 540-635-3894.

Backpack Buddies

We are serving 70 children from ages 2 to 11. We meet in the kitchen at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. We need volunteers for shopping and packing. If you can help, please contact Dee at outreach@frontroyalpres.org or call the office at 540-635-3894.



Hallway Art Show

The January Hallway Art Show showcases reruns from the past. Plan to stop by the Sunday school hallway to see what Carolyn has pulled out of the cob webs!

JANUARY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
New Year's Day 1 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Choir Communion House of Hope	2 Office Closed	3 9:00am VCE Family Nutrition Program Fellowship Hall	4	5 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table-FRPC 7:00pm Chancel Choir	6	7 11:00am Undecorating Church
8 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4 Cents a Meal 12:15pm Fellowship Luncheon Prayers for Wholeness	9 6:30pm Session Meal 7:00pm Session Mtg.- Chapel	10 9:00am VCE Family Nutrition 2:00pm Presbyterian Women-Rm 200	11	12 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table 7:00pm Chancel Choir	13	14
15 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am January Birthday Celebration 11:00am Worship Fresh Start Prayers for Wholeness	16	17 9:00am Endowment Mtg.	18	19 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table 7:00pm Chancel Choir	20	21
22 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Prayers for Wholeness	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26 11:00am Backpack Buddies 5:00pm Community Table 7:00pm Chancel Choir	27	28
29 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship St. Luke Prayers for Wholeness	30	31				

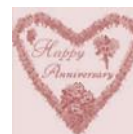
January Birthdays

January birthdays will be celebrated January 15

Diane Straightiff	2
Althea Harvey	4
Aidan Sowers	5
Jonathan Rutz	7
Linda Devor	8
Jennine Salzgeber	12

Katherine Sparger	14
Jean Irani	15
Wesley Harris	20
Kathryn & Christine Guthjahr	21
Katie McIntyre	22
Sallie Hall	23
Ana Larson	23
Mary Helen Loftin	26
Bryan DiNinno	28

Janet Jewell	29
Debra L'Amoreaux	31



Bill & Sallie Hall 8

If we missed anyone, please let the office know.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED