

The Spotlight

February

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Congregational Meetings

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2011, at the end of worship, for the purpose of electing a Trustee.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 13, 2011, at the end of worship, for the purposes of:

- Presentation of the 2011 Budget (inside)
- Receiving the 2010 Annual Reports.

Presbytery Meetings

Shenandoah Presbytery will gather on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton. Elizabeth Engleking will be our elder representative.



Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, Feb. 6th

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, and have mobilized congregations across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need.

This year, we are asking that you share **\$1 or a box of cereal**. All donations go to the *Bridgewater Food Pantry*. They report that cereal is their greatest need right now. They recently served 29 families in one night!

Bridgewater Food Pantry Facts:

- Our Youth Group regularly helps out at the Food Pantry
- BFP is NOT part of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank system
- BFP does not purchase food from any source. They rely on donations from supporting churches, groups and individuals
- BFP does NOT get or distribute USDA products
- All monetary donations to go for Social Assistance
- There is a limit of \$300 per family per year for help with heat, electric, water, or rent (social assistance)
- All items are stored at the B'water Church of the Brethren
- The Boy Scouts' door-to-door food drive each fall nets about two-thirds of the what BFP needs for a year
- Other organizations/churches also coordinate drives for canned goods, paper goods or other specific items
- During the growing season, BFP gets a little fresh produce from local gardeners but none from the Volunteer Farm



Feb. 6th – Souper Bowl Fellowship Lunch
Bring your favorite soup to share.
All other foods will be provided.

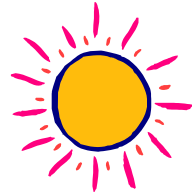
For more information on the *Souper Bowl of Caring* visit www.tacklehunger.org

MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 8th

TLC In February

Bring a little sunshine during these short, dim days of February. We hope you will reach out to these folks with a little extra “Tender Loving Care.”



- 6** – **Louise Newell**, for being such a great neighbor;
- 13** – For sharing their musical talents;
Mary Kay Adams
Mary DeVier-Scott
- 20** – **Carolyn Anderson**, because we love her and miss her;
- 27** – **Bev Carver**, for her ardent dedication as Disbursement Treasurer;



Card Shower

Dear Friends, Many of you know my mother, **Jo Anna Sullivan**. She will celebrate her 80th Birthday on February 25th. I started planning a party a couple years ago, but she was needed in Oregon, so we changed the celebration to a card shower and hope you will participate. She will be at Mary Ruth's until March 1st.

Thanks for sending a little bit of TLC to my mommy! – Sally

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 8th

Lectionary for February

- 6: Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 112: 1-10
1 Corinthians 2: 1-16; Matthew 5: 13-20
- 13: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-27
- 20: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18; Ps. 119: 33-40
1 Corin. 3: 10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5: 38-48
- 27: Isaiah 49: 8-16; Psalm 131
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34

Communion for 2011

- January 9 – the Baptism of the Lord
March 13 – First Sunday of Lent
April 17 – Palm Sunday
April 21 – Maundy Thursday
June 12 – Pentecost Sunday
August 21 – Worship at Wildwood
October 2 – World Communion Sunday
November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 119
verse 90

“[God’s] truth never goes out of fashion;
it’s as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up.”

-The Message

MISSION

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 8th

Catch a Love Buzz for Valentine's Day

The coffee cupboard is restocked with treats for you and those you love. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a Love Buzz, a drip grind coffee with "dark and velvety smooth" taste made from Full City and French Roast beans.

Bright Day Brew and French Roast drip grinds are back, along with heart-healthy (and delicious!) Tamari Roasted Almonds.

As always, your support of the Presbyterian Coffee Project benefits small farmers around the world through fair trade and environmentally-friendly agricultural practices.

The new coffees in the bright red bags are \$8, reflecting rising prices in international coffee markets. However, you can still buy the remaining yellow bags for \$7 each, as long as they last. Tea lovers can choose from green, English or Irish breakfast, Earl Grey, or rooibus (caffeine-free and full of antioxidants) for \$3 per box.

Spread the love!



Sharing Your 2¢ - A Little Does A Lot!



2¢-a-Meal Pour-In's in 2011 will be on February 13th, May 8th, August 14th, and November 13th. The Bridgewater Area Inter-Church Food Pantry receives 25% to aid the hungry and hurting within 5 miles of Bridgewater. Shenandoah Presbytery uses the other 75% for hunger and humanitarian efforts on a broader scale.

CVMC and Our Community Place

In November, the Central Valley Mission Community announced it is looking to establish a more permanent and regular relationship with *Our Community Place* and you generously donated blankets. A need for personal hygiene items has been identified for folks served by *Our Community Place* and *First Step*. Through March 27th we will collect the following products. **Look for the clothes basket** in the Fellowship Hall.

Hand soap
Tooth paste
Tooth brushes
Comb/ hair brush
Diapers (any size)

Deodorant
Shampoo
Bath powder
Hair spray
Feminine products



*Congregations
of the CVMC:*
Bridgewater
Broadway
Cooks Creek
Elkton
Harrisonburg 1st
Mt. Olive
Mossy Creek
Trinity

Our Community Place serves three meals a day and provides computer access, bathrooms, telephone access, daily worship, daily recovery meetings, classes, activities, counseling, and a safe place for anyone. Check out their website: ourcommunityplace.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth @ 5:00 on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Meeting @ 6:30 on Tues., Feb. 8th

The Book Group is reading "Cleopatra" by Stacy Schiff. We will gather for discussion and dessert on Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Crockett (410 North River Road; 828-6480).



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, February 16th at 10:30 for Lesson #5, since we missed January! Call Sally the Tuesday before to order your meal.

YOUTH – Next Meeting @ 5:00 on February 13

The Youth Group thanks everyone for your generous support of the Potato Bar on Jan. 30th. You shared \$558.75! That will just about cover the 7 youth and 1 adult that plan to attend the S.P.Y.C.E. High School Youth Retreat at Massanetta, February 18 - 20. We are really looking forward to the event with the theme "do.love.walk." (based on Micah 6:8). It will be a weekend packed full with hands on mission activities, music, worship, and play. Thanks!

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets @ Noon on Sun., Feb. 13th

Groups that Gather Here.....

~ We approved a request from the Bridgewater chapter of **T.O.P.S.** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) to use our building. They are meeting every Tuesday from 6-7:30 in the Adult Classroom. They are most grateful for the space and invite folks to check them out!

~ The **Girl Scout Troop** that meets here will be sorting their cookies in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, Feb. 7th. Need a box? Call the church office for contact information.

SESSION

Meets @ 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20th

Here is the 2011 Budget approved by the Session at their January meeting.

It will be presented to the Congregation on February 13th.

Buildings & Grounds	\$ 19,000
Christian Education	\$ 1,300
Member Care	\$ 300
Mission	\$ 250
Resource	\$ 100
Spiritual Life	\$ 1,200
Pastor's Compensation	\$ 70,437
Staff Salaries	\$ 22,133
Contingency	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total	\$115,720



RESOURCE

Meets @ 7:00, Monday Feb. 14th @ McQuilkins'

By the Numbers

The Church's Worship Attendance

– from ushers count or pew registers

December: 5th-- 58; 12th-- 56; 19th-- 74; 26th-- 33

January: 2nd-- 46; 9th-- 58; 16th-- 49; 23rd-- 68; 30th-- 65

The Church's Finances

– prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

Date	Target	Amount Received	Over/under	Cumulative giving	Cumulative target	Totals over/under
1/02/11	\$2,226	\$1,397.11	\$828.89 u	\$1,397.11	\$2,226	\$828.89 u
1/07/11	Special deposit	\$1,000.00	\$171.11 o	\$2,397.11	\$2,226	\$171.11 o
1/09/11	\$2,226	\$1,860.11	\$365.89 u	\$4,257.11	\$4,452	\$197.89 u
1/16/11	\$2,226	\$1,547.00	\$679.00 u	\$5,804.11	\$6,678	\$873.89 u
1/23/11	\$2,226	\$2,237.27	\$11.27 o	\$8,041.38	\$8,904	\$862.62 u
1/30/11	\$2,226	\$1,827.00	\$399.00 u	\$9,868.38	\$11,130	\$1,261.62 u
TOTALS	\$11,130.00	\$9,868.49	-----	\$9,868.38	\$11,130	\$1,261.62 u

Account Balances as of January 31, 2011

Operating: \$24,650.31 *Special:* \$42,306.45 *Payroll:* \$44.92 *Tax:* \$143.26
CD: \$25,310.02 (matures 6/24/11) *New Covenant Fund:* \$53.92 (portfolio value ending 12/31/10)

Presbyterianism 101

Too often we assume that everyone knows what we are talking about when we talk about things we know about.

Confusing, that previous sentence, isn't it? Well, that is my point.

What I would like to do, briefly, is describe our denominational structure for our readers, with the intent to refresh or remind us about one of the key elements of our church's structure. I will not address the national church portion, but will begin with the largest section of the Presbyterian Church USA (also seen as PCUSA) that our church has normal dealings with, and that is "Presbytery."

The first "level" is **Presbytery**. The Presbytery we belong to is called Shenandoah Presbytery, and it is a

geographical entity, with 110 churches within the bounds of northwest Virginia and mid-eastern West Virginia.

There are 17 counties in our area. The Presbytery is structured like a church - it has a 'session,' which is called the Presbytery Council. The membership of Council consists of the chairs of the many committees that go about the work of the Presbytery.

Committees cover everything from budget issues, mission activities, church relationship with each other and with pastors, judicial matters, fellowship, teaching and just about every facet of church life known. Each of these committees is

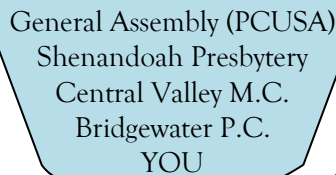


staffed by volunteer pastors and laity, who have other obligations in their lives as well as the work they do for presbytery. They travel for regular meetings, and they are the ones who do the work. So, when you are talking to someone 'from presbytery' - save for the paid staff - you are talking to either a pastor or an elder. In other words, a person just like you.

The next "level" is **The Mission Community**. Mission communities are the presbytery divided into smaller units, to make relationship building easier. They have a list of duties as well, and their members, again, are people just like us - volunteers who have other obligations in addition to the work they do in mission communities. The mission community we belong to is called the Central Valley Mission Community. The churches in the CVMC are Bridgewater, Broadway, Elkton, Mossy Creek, Massanutten, Mt. Olive, Circleville, Trinity, and First Harrisonburg.

The third "level" is the **individual church**. Our church is of course, **Bridgewater Presbyterian Church**. Our church has a Session, comprised of nine elders and the pastor, all members of Session with voice and vote. The elders are elected by the congregation, and the congregation, through a predetermined process, calls and installs the pastor into that position. Our session is comprised of committees that undertake parts of the ministry, and they bring their work to Session to be approved or not. For us, the Session is the entity that oversees the life of our church, working with each one of us.

We here at BPC just recently elected the Elder Class of 2013. We will also elect



General Assembly (PCUSA)
Shenandoah Presbytery
Central Valley M.C.
Bridgewater P.C.
YOU

another officer of the church, which is called "trustee." The trustee is the official who can sign off on legal documents for the church (historically, that has been the tradition here at BPC). The trustees here seem to have just that one task, though they are sometimes asked to do other items by the Session to facilitate the life of the church. Trustees by design are not a part of the governance of this church - they work on behalf of the Session when requested.

The fourth "level" is the most important, and without it, those levels listed above would not exist. And that level is "YOU." It is through the work of believers that God works. We are the church. The material above is just one way that some believers have gathered to organize themselves in a particular way to better hear and obey God. The main theme running through this article is that people - folks of faith, people like us - volunteer their time and talents to make all of this work. I hope we all come to see that the structure is there for the use of the people, and not the other way around. So when asked to serve, or when working with a committee or some other aspect of our denomination, remember, you are working with folks just like you. They, like us, all have talents, hopes, dreams, obligations, and are trying to do the best they can in all of this, just like we do.

It may seem to some that I am holding a 'remedial' class, and this is a simplified description to be sure, but it is good from time to time to remind ourselves of who we are and how we are. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to the Session and we will do our best to answer them.

A Note From Kerry

Well, this is my second article for 2011. January is now in the books. All in all, a good start. We had snow, but it didn't cancel church. We installed elders, and they have already begun to do the work they have been called to do. We have congregational meetings coming up soon, to finalize our road map for 2011. We still are looking back a little, waiting for 2010 to be completely over, but we are also looking ahead as well.

This month, I hope to see the church continue to grow in its ministry and its knowledge. Several books I am currently reading are focusing in on churches 'retooling' themselves, adapting to their new surroundings (as we know everything changes) but finding again the wonder of Christ's message for the world. These authors are focusing in on the new voices coming to be heard, and I think I am seeing that a bit here at BPC.

It was a pleasure that Will agreed to be a part of our service on Jan. 30. He helped me explain 'waiting' to our youth, and did so by just telling his story of a track meet down in Lynchburg. For me, it is the story of the everyday that makes our lives and our faith so real. Faith is supposed to change and chart our lives, and in Will's ministry of teaching our youth, going to college, being an athlete (without scholarship by the way), and worshiping with us, opens my eyes and lifts my heart.

This happens when we give time and space to new faces and voices, and let them tell their stories, in their words, in their understanding. I am hopeful of creating more space for this to happen at BPC--in our worship, in our fellowship, in our ministry to the world. For me, the worship hour is that time when I come in to be refreshed, to be reconnected, to be forgiven, to be prayed for and to pray. It is that sacred hour when believers gather the world over to worship our God that connects us with the church universal. But it is, honestly, just one hour.

Our witness takes place in the other 23 hours of that day, and the other 24 hours of the days of the week. Whatever happens in those days and hours matters as much as what happens in our sacred hour. So, an open invitation to everyone: Look for that time to share your faith with us during worship. Take time to be here when we have other activities at church, to fellowship and to work. And be a witness in the everyday routine of your lives, being able to wait and thrive, just as Will did this past week.

And come and be at the Lord's House on Sunday, to find God with each of us, and to go out into the world proclaiming Christ's Gospel for all.

Peace to you all,



FEBRUARY VIPS'S

ACOLUTES

- 6 Austin Walker
- 13 LeeAnn West
- 20 Wesley Eichlin
- 27 Sarah Simon

GREETERS

- 6 Jon & Mary DeVier-Scott
- 13 Jean Whetzel & Louise Newellb
- 20 Tommy & Betsy Glendye
- 27 June White

USHERS

- 6 Gracie Florence & ??
- 13 Merrill Simon & JC Enterline
- 20 Karen Leigh & David Rees
- 27 Bev Carver & David McQuilkin

NURSERY

- 6 Judy Rees & Wesley Eichlin
- 13 Cheryl Burke & Steven
- 20 Merrill Simon & Sarah
- 27 Charlette McQuilkin & Kyle Eichlin

FLOWERS

- 6 Bev Carver
- All others available



The FLOWER POSTER is now on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to share flowers on a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, sign the poster or call Sally at 828-2442.

Now that you have a 2011 calendar, please *pencil* in a few dates! (subject to change)

MARCH –

- 9 – Ash Wednesday
- 13 – 1st Sunday in Lent
- 20 – Birthday Lunch
- Possible* Youth Yard Sale

APRIL –

- 3 – Men's Breakfast
- 16 – Blood Drive
- 17 – Palm Sunday
- 21 – Maundy Thursday
- 24 – Easter & "One Great Hour" Offering
- 27 – Feed PCM

MAY –

- 8 – "2¢-a-Meal"
- 14 – Wedding!

JUNE –

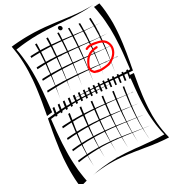
- Change to 10 a.m. worship time
- 5 – Worship & Breakfast at Wildwood
- 12 – Pentecost & "Pentecost Offering"
- 21 – Parking Lot Picnic/Cook Out

AUGUST –

- 14 – "2¢-a-Meal"
- 21 – Worship & Breakfast at Wildwood
- 28 – Return to 11:00 a.m. worship time

OCTOBER –

- 15 – Blood Drive
- 15 – Game Night



NOVEMBER –

- 13 – "2¢-a-Meal"
- 27 – 1st Sunday in Advent



February 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6:00 TOPS	2 <u>Sally Out</u> 6:30 Scouts	3	4	5
SOUPER BOWL 6 <u>Soup Lunch after worship</u> 10:30 Called Session mtg. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Congregational Meeting	7 Girl Scout Cookie distribution	8 SUPER TUESDAY 6:30-8:30 6:00 TOPS	9 6:45 – 8:00 Choir	10	11	12 Presbytery @ Covenant, Staunton
2¢-a-Meal 13 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Congregational Meeting Noon: Building & Grounds 5 – 7 YOUTH	14 7:00 Resource @ McQuilkins'	15 6:00 TOPS	16 10:30 Lunch <u>Bunch #5</u> 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	17	18 19 <i>Sr. High Youth Retreat @ Mass. Springs.</i>	
20 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 – Session	21	22 6:00 TOPS	23 6:45- 8:00 Choir	24 7:00 Book Group @ Jane's	25	26
27 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5 – 7 YOUTH	28	MAR 1 6:00 TOPS	MAR 2 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	MAR 3	MAR 4	MAR 5 Lent begins March 9

FH=Fellowship Hall; S=Sanctuary; JL=Journeyland; O=Office; COB=Church of the Brethren.
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