



THE SPOTLIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2011

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10:30

After months of research and dialogue, the Session has approved a recommendation by the Spiritual Life Committee that

Worship be held at 10:30 a.m. beginning August 28.

Plants, Prayers and Peppers?

VOLUNTEER FARM SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

It is harvest time at the Volunteer Farm. Plan to meet at BPC at 7:15 a.m. If you are interested, please contact:
Kerry Foster

OR Cheryl Burke

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HABITAT DAY SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

In observance of the annual *International Day of Prayer and Action for Habitat* we will receive a special offering to benefit Central Valley Habitat for Humanity.

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WALK FOR PEACE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

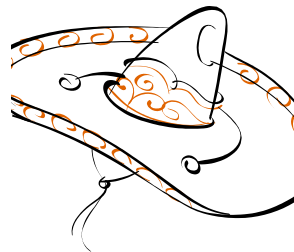
Meet at Bridgewater United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. and bring a candle.

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CHILI SAMPLER FIESTA

***SUNDAY, SEPT. 25
at 5:00 p.m.***

Bring your favorite (or famous) chili or Mexican dish to share. Drinks provided.



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Committee Meetings:

- *Resource: Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the McQuilkins' 107 Milestone Ct. Bwater*
- *Building & Grounds: to be announced.*
- *SUPER TUESDAY, September 13th at 6:15 p.m. at church for Member Care, Mission, Education and Spiritual Life*
- *Session: Sunday, September 18th at 4:00 p.m. at church*

MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Sept. 13th

Save the Date
 Saturday,
 October 15

BLOOD DRIVE
 and
Game Night

PEOPLE

Bob Rees is now in Assisted Living at Bridgewater Home,

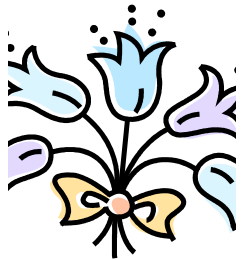


Congratulations to:
 Stephanie Deavers & Brian Rodgers,
 on the birth of their daughter,
Allie Breanna Rodgers,
 on July 22nd. Allie is the granddaughter of Harry & Kim Deavers, great-granddaughter of Woody & Joan Atkins and little sister of Leah Deavers.

A New Church Directory

is being compiled. Several of you have replied to email and thank you. Those without email, please make note of any corrections or additions to your listing on the pew pads or call the church office.

Not listed in the last directory?
 New folks, please share a mailing address, phone number and email address. Thanks!



Tender Loving Care

- 4 June White -
- 11 Lois & Jim Thompson -
- 18 Linda West -
- 25 Ray Mundsinger -

Back to College



Andrew Armstrong (Ohio State)

Josh Foster (Culinary Institute of America)

Christopher Burke (Shepherd)

Jacquelyn Gamble (Radford)

Cory Deavers (Blue Ridge)

Hillary Rees (Bridgewater College)

Clint Deavers (Blue Ridge)

Ragan Walker (Virginia Tech)

Andrew DeVier-Scott (Appalachian State)

Email:

LeeAnn West (Bridgewater College)

Jessica Eichlin (Christopher Newport)

Also in college:

Ben Jones and Iain Oldman

MISSION

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Sept. 13th

SOMALIA FAMINE RELIEF

On *August 28th* there will be a special box to receive donations that will be sent to Africa through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Make checks to BPC with the Memo: Somalia Famine.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our outreach to college students resumes with attention given to our own BPC members, to the participants of Presbyterian Campus Ministry, and to the Bridgewater College community. We have a tradition of giving BC students that visit our church a *Bag of Goodies* to welcome them. A list of suggested items is posted on the kiosk – we hope to make up 18 bags. Bring to church by *September 4th*. You can contribute 6 or more of any of the following: Tissues, post-its, highlighters, anti-bacterial wipes, gum, chapstick, mints, tea bags, granola bars, popcorn, potato chips candy bars, cookies, water bottle or other goodie!

The 2¢-a-Meal Offering received on Aug 14 totaled \$225.35.

The Peacemaking Offering is received Oct 2. We share 25% with a local organization.

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IT IS HARVEST TIME AT THE VOLUNTEER FARM

Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:15 a.m.

This local ministry grows food on prime farming acres to do one thing - feed the hungry in the Shenandoah Valley. It does so with the aid of volunteer labor, folks like us, of all ages. The farm contributes to the network of food banks that feed 150,000 people monthly. Over the last seven years, the Volunteer Farm has supplied 204 tons of food (408,000 pounds) to two food banks. That is an amazing feat, and it happens because people care and volunteer their time.

Our last trip was awesome, planting a “ton of tomatoes!” They had a nice system worked out for us to follow. One tool we used were old 5-gallon buckets (like paint and joint compound came in). There is a shortage of buckets now, as they are usually donated by local contractors, and with work drying up, so did the supply of buckets. If you have some around your house, bring them to church, and we will take them to the Farm when we go.

The farm network (they have a Volunteer Farm in Culpepper as well) is a program of the World Foundation for Children, a charity that will accept tax deductible donations on line www.WorldFoundationforChildren.com or by mail: WFC, 277 Crider Lane, Woodstock, VA 22664).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Sunday, September 18

Our local chapter - Central Valley Habitat for Humanity - is an ecumenical, Christian housing ministry serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Homes are sold to qualified low income families at no profit and no interest, and 49 homes have been completed in Bridgewater, Briery Branch, Broadway, Elkton, Grottoes, Harrisonburg, Hinton and Timberville. In 1988 a group of volunteers at the Bridgewater Inter-church Food Pantry saw a ministry of affordable housing needs in this community, and with their dedication and hard work, formed this entity, and completed their first house in Grottoes in 1989.

Bridgewater Presbyterian participated in one build last year (in Harrisonburg) and this month will have a special offering to go towards Habitat. We also will be looking for the next build so as to offer our time and talents. We would be participating with three Campus Chapters at local schools, twenty-five Covenant Churches and many local and business organizations.

As this offering, ministry and participation grows, we may be able to become a Covenant Church. To do so means we will make a dedicated effort to lift up this ministry, we will supply time and talent, and we will also contribute financially to Habitat. Prayerfully consider your giving this month and also looking ahead.

Walk for Peace Wed. Sept. 21

Celebrating the International Day of Prayer for Peace

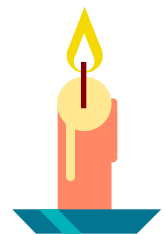
Gather at 7:30 p.m. at B'water United Methodist Church (Green Street side)

Bring your own candle.

There will be a get-acquainted time and then we will walk for 30-45 minutes on North Main Street.

A donation box will be available to benefit *Invisible Child of Uganda* – a group that rescues recruited / abducted children to serve as soldiers.

For more information, call Roma Jo Thompson or Lucile Vaughn



Sunday School Resumes September 11**The Book Group**

met too late to make "press." Watch the bulletin for their next novel and get-together.

The Adult Class curriculum is a study titled "Tradition and Wisdom." It explores Old Testament Wisdom literature and Jesus' teachings. Human wisdom transfers lessons learned from experience and give attention to forgiving, loving, praying and living worry-free. They meet on Sunday at 9:30 in the partitioned room of the Fellowship Hall.

The Youth Class – both Middle & High School students - meets downstairs in the room beside the nursery. Will Canter will again provide leadership. ALL YOUTH—please come on Sept. 11 at 9:30 so we can pick a study/discussion area!



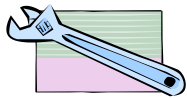
Lunch Bunch - resumes Wednesday, September 21st at 10:30 with Lesson #1 of "**Confessing the Beatitudes**". It is a study of the timeless teachings of Jesus within their literary, historical and cultural contexts – the cruel and brutal Roman regime. Each lesson also explores the process of confession – to recognize, learn and speak the truth both about God and ourselves. We will use the Beatitudes in our journey of discipleship – moving from confession to action. PICK UP A BOOK from the table by the ramp door and sign your name. Plan to call Sally the Tuesday before to order your lunch.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Sept. 13th

**Lectionary for September 2011**

4: Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13: 8-14, Matthew 18: 15-20
 11: Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35
 18: Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16
 25: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32



BUILDING & GROUNDS

Next meeting TBA

WORK DAY

**Saturday,
September 17
start at 9:00 a.m.**
Outside chores include some tree trimming and flower bed clean-up. Inside tasks include light bulb replacement.

A Request From the Session: At the August 14th Session meeting, the final figures to correct a breakdown in our heating system were presented. The Session is asking for monetary gifts to go towards the replacing of several parts of the heating system. The "heat exchanger" on one unit has broken, but it is under warranty as far as the part itself. The cost to replace it and the one in the sister unit is \$655. If we are able to raise funds outside of the usual and gracious support the congregation already provides the church, that would be wonderful. The heating units will be ready for the colder weather to be sure, but this is an expense that was unexpected and goes beyond our budget for this year. All the Session asks is that each person prayerfully consider this request. Thank You All.



Worship Attendance

JULY:

3— 49; 10— 40; 17— 48; 24— 56; 31— 40

AUGUST:

7— 51; 14— 50; 21— 57; 28— ?

The Church's Finances

-prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

Account Balances - as of 7/31/11

Benevolence to Presbytery

Operating - \$22,122.²⁷

Special - \$42,685.³⁵

As of July 31, 2011

Payroll - \$19.³⁸

Tax - \$499.³⁹

\$2,314.⁰⁰

CD - \$25,317.³⁷

Thank you!

Totals	INCOME	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
Jan - July 2011	\$65,872	\$67,717	(\$1,845)

SESSION

Meets Sunday, Sept. 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

"Beautiful Attitudes"

The BIG EVENT

Saturday, September 10

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at Massanetta Springs.

The Big Event is a coming together of Shenandoah Presbyterian congregations to celebrate

our oneness in Christ. It is a day of worship and workshops, fellowship and faith building, mission and ministry. There are 17 different workshops; the fee of \$12 includes lunch. Brochures in the narthex and fellowship hall or call the church office.

**Your Church Officer
Nominating
Committee**

Retiring Elders:
Betsy Glendye
Dave McQuilkin

Laypersons:
Nancy Spencer
Bev Carver
Karen Leigh

Keep them in prayer



COMMUNITY NEWS

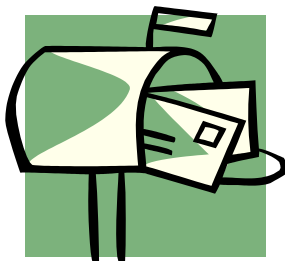
Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Events:

~ *Auxiliary Luncheon: Wednesday, Sept. 7th* - 11:00 to 1:00 at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Proceeds benefit the residents of Bridgewater Home through Peaceful Living Training for 2nd Floor Nursing Care & Gardner Wing (the memory units.) September's menu: Baked Potato Bar with all your favorite fixin's, jello fruit salad, cookies, coffee or tea.

~ *ReRun Shoppe Yard Sale: Sept. 23 & 24* - Friday from 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00 at the Houff Community Center. Donations appreciated by Sept 21 at 1:00 pm.

~ *Fall Festival: Saturday, Sept 17th* - 7:30 to 1:30 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Benefit Auctions of art, quilts, wooden items & more; Specialty Shops of baked goods, handcrafts, plants and gifts; Breakfast of omelets made to order served from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.; Lunch includes fruit pies and ice cream and is served beginning at 10:00 a.m. Preview the auction items and meet the artists and quilters on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Houff Community Center.

North River Library Book Club is reading *Gone With the Wind* in honor of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Sign up at the Library or call 828-4492



Other New Address to Note:

Ben Leigh —

Stephanie Deavers —

Hannah Leigh —

Mathew & Lydia Heatwole —

Jennifer Gamble —

Julia & Blake Skinner —

Lance Rees —

GOT A NEW EMAIL OR ADDRESS?
Contact the church office SOON as we are
preparing a new directory!

The Things That Count

Not what we have, but what we use;

Not what we see, but what we choose —

These are the things that mar or bless

The sum of human happiness.

The things near by , not things afar;

Not what we seem, but what we are —

These are the things that make or break,

That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true;

Not what we dream, but good we do —

These are the things that shine like gems,

Like stars, in Fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give;

Not as we pray, but as we live —

These are the things that make for peace,

Both now and after time shall cease.

-Clarence Urmy

A Note from the Pastor

As we gathered for worship this past Sunday at Wildwood, I read a poll taken by Public Policy Polling, dated mid-July 2011 (excerpted from "The Christian Century, August 23, 2011). The heading was "Rating God." The short of the poll is this: God has a 52% overall job approval rating, with only 9% disapproving God's job appraisal. Of course, that leaves roughly 39% of those polled undecided as to God's job rating.

If God was a politician in this time and place, He'd be quite happy. I am not sure we can find any of our elected leaders posting a 52% approval rating these days. So all in all, as a pastor, I am quite happy with the results of this survey.

This, sadly, misses the point. Yes, a pastor or a politician or most any person would be more than happy to know that "most people" approved of them. And let us be honest with ourselves, knowing exactly what percentage of people who didn't approve of us would also be worth knowing. We may even be pleased to know that many folks just haven't formed an opinion of us just yet. I think this to be true that most folks would pay attention to those who liked them, tried to ignore or isolate those who didn't like them, and just not think too much about those with no opinion if they knew "most" people liked them. Why bother with the minority anyway?

Because, as a person of faith, it is those who aren't

sure, and those do not approve of us, that matter the most. For the 9% who do not approve, odds are, somehow, God, or a pastor, or a church goer, or a church, has in some way let them down. It may be a personal event, it may be a denominational stand, it may just be church people slowing down the buffet line at the Wood Grill. We just don't know.

And maybe we can never do anything about it. But at the very least, we need to pray about it, to think about it, and to seek understanding on why things are the way that they are. It doesn't matter if it is 9% or .009%, it is worthy of our prayerful consideration that in some way we have been a hindrance to another person.

As for the "undecided," they too deserve our thoughts and prayers. Much like those who do not approve, something is going on. Something that perhaps we could do something about. They too deserve our attention, our prayers, our conversations and journeying with them.

Of course, I am assuming that those who are reading this article are in the 52% who approve of God. If not, I sure would like to spend some time with you, hearing you, talking with you, and being a portion of your journey. Let me know.

On the day before Wildwood, I saw the movie "The Help." Good movie, I would suggest going to see it. In short, it talks about relationships between different folks

in Mississippi in 1962. It has a "majority view" and a "minority view," and in that film, you can see where polling numbers can sometimes blur the lines between what we want to see and what is really there.

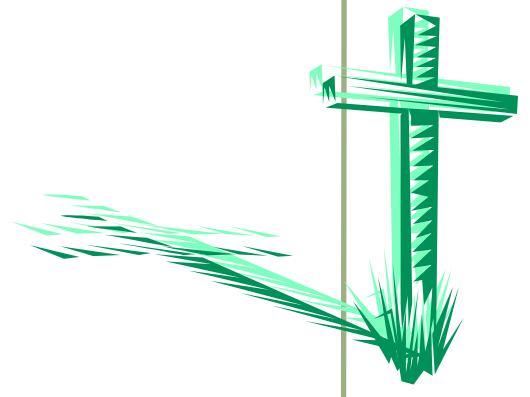
Being in the majority carries the possibility that we begin to wear blinders, and we can no longer see the margins of society. That is important to us because Jesus came and lived and worked and minister and preached and healed and thrived in the margins of society. It was only when Jesus moved into view of the majority that the world rejected His Ministry.

And it was in the margins of society that His ministry continued and changed our world. No polling data needed for that truth.

Blessings,

Kerry

Why
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Birthdays



- 5 Jean Whetzel
- 10 Clint Deavers
- 11 Grady Jones
- 12 Ben Beydler
 Kyle Eichlin
- 17 Matthew Heatwole
- 19 Judy Rees
- 21 Bill Carver
- 25 Katie Enterline
- 29 Ragan Walker

Flowers



- 4 - available
- 11 - Simon Family
- 18 - available
- 25 - available

To share flowers call the church office or sign the poster on the information kiosk in the fellowship hall. We love homegrown blooms, too!

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
4	David McQuilkin Emily Heatwole	Joe & Jane Crockett	Katie McElroy	Joan Atkins Sarah Simon
11	JC Enterline Gracie Florence	Jean Whetzel Louise Newell	Wesley Eichlin	Betsy Glendye Katie McElroy
18	David Rees Dana Eichlin	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Kendall West	Elizabeth Engleking Joe Meslovich
25	Merrill Simon Either Glendye	Gary & Mary Kay Adams	Kyle Eichlin	J.C. & Carla Enterline

MORE VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!
TO GET ON THE LIST, CONTACT SALLY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

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The Session

-Class of 2011-
Betsy Glendye
(Member Care)
David McQuilkin
(Resource)
Ed Sonifrank
(Resource)

-Class of 2012-
Cheryl Burke
(Mission)
Joe Crockett
(Mission + Spiritual Life)
Merrill Simon
(Building & Grounds)

-Class of 2013-
Elizabeth Engleking
Clerk
(Christian Education)
Jim Enterline
(Mission)
Emily Heatwole
(Spiritual Life)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: right;">Aug 28</p> <p>Begin 10:30 Worship Special offering for Somalia <i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Aug 29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Aug 30</p> <p>6:00 TOPS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Aug 31</p> <p>Auxiliary Lunch <u>11 - 1 @ COB</u> 7:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>VOLUNTEER FARM LEAVE AT 7:15 A.M.</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School begins! 10:30 Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 Resource @ McQuilkins'</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p><u>6:00 TOPS</u> SUPER TUESDAY 6:15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>9:00 WORK DAY Home Fall Fes- tival @ Fair- grounds</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 CHILI Dinner</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>6:00 TOPS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 1</p>
<p><i>World Communion</i> Oct 2 Peacemaking Offering</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 4</p> <p>6:00 TOPS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 5</p> <p>Auxiliary Lunch <u>11 - 1 @ COB</u> 7:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Oct 8</p>

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

All meetings held at the church unless otherwise noted.



YARD WORK DAY

Sat. Sept. 17th

9:00 a.m.

Join the Choir!

We practice on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
No experience - or ability to read music - necessary!

CHILI SAMPLER FIESTA

Sunday, Sept. 25

5:00 p.m.



*Worship now
begins at 10:30*

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