



# Presbyterian Press

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WE ARE BACK ON THE AIR! Broadcast live on WPDX radio, 104.9 FM

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The Choir is back in September!  
Come meet the new  
Choir Director Jeanne Harris,  
and lift your voices to God!



WV Presbytery Meeting is to be held on  
August 18, 2018 at  
First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont

**Keep our Kitchen Clean**  
Please remember to clean up after yourselves when using the kitchen facilities.  
Wash dishes, take out trash, wipe off counters, etc. Date food if left in the fridge.

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### Sunday Worship

Church  
School  
9:30 a.m.

Worship  
10:45 a.m.

## Back To School

### A Prayer for Our Teachers

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing teachers who  
have given their lives to serve our children.

As they prepare for the new year fill them  
with strength to lead, grace to guide, and  
hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them  
beyond measure for their willingness to pour  
into the next generation through education.

In Jesus' name, amen.

### A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education  
In every form. As our children prepare  
to start a new year, may confidence be  
their foundation, may grace be their guide,  
and may hope be their compass toward  
a bright future. I pray they would have eyes  
to see the needs of those around them and a  
heart to love well. May they face each day  
with positivity knowing that no matter what  
comes their way, they don't have to face it alone.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Worship Schedule for August

- AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>: 11th Sunday after Pentecost ( Holy Communion)**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a \*Mark 1:21-28  
**SERMON TITLE:** òJesus Drives Out an Evil Spiritö  
**THEME:** The gospels speak often of Jesus healing people and driving out demons. In the light of modern medicine, what are we to make of this? Is it possible for a Christian to be demon possessed? How do we help someone who believes that they are demon possessed?
- AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>: 12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 \*Mark 1:40-45  
**SERMON TITLE:** òJesus Heals a Man with Leprosyö  
**THEME:** Jesus has compassion on a man with leprosy and heals him. Who do you remember having the most compassion for you when you were sick? What is the closest you have come to experiencing a miraculous healing personally? Who are the lepers or outcasts in our society?
- AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>: 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 \*Mark 2:1-12  
**SERMON TITLE:** òJesus Heals a Paralyticö  
**THEME:** What impresses you most about the four friends? What event in your life has brought you closest to God? What friend would you like to bring to Jesus?
- AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>: 14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 \*Mark 6:30-44  
**SERMON TITLE:** òFeeding of the five Thousandö  
**THEME:** This is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels. When do you feel most inadequate and short of resources as you look at the needs around you? What does this story say to us today?

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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Wayne J. Northey / Jenna Bennett  
 Chuck Leuliette / Dave Allman

### NURSERY ATTENDANT

Isabella Keller



## Treasurer's Report

\*Indicates main text for the sermon

## Activities & Meetings for

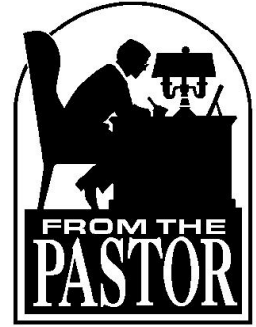
- DEACON MEETING ó None this month  
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00  
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / WORSHIP COMMITTEE ó Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00  
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

NET CASH FLOW - JUNE	2017	2018
INCOME	\$81,353	\$
EXPENSES	\$77,740	\$
NET INCOME	\$-3,613	\$

# Pastor John's Jottings.

“Would you hold, please?”

One of the frustrations of modern life is the automatic answering machines that businesses use. You call with a question that you know the automatic system can't help you with. But first you have to go through two or three rounds of “To hear the balance on your bill, press 1, to hear the last payment on your bill, press 2, etc.” Finally you come to the part about a representative and then invariably, you are placed on hold. Sometimes they play soft music while you are on hold, but, if you are like me, that doesn't really help calm you.



As Christians we are thankful that God doesn't use an automatic answering machine. When we pray, God hears us right then. No need to push buttons to get the right connection, God answers every prayer personally. Still there are times when it seems that God has placed us on hold.

In Mark 5:21-43 a man named Jairus, one of the leaders of the synagogue, came to Jesus and asked him to help his little daughter. She was very ill even to the point of dying. Jesus agrees to go with Jairus, but along the way a woman with a hemorrhage touches his cloak and is healed by Jesus. Jesus stops for a conversation with the woman. In effect, Jesus has put Jairus on hold.

We are not told how Jairus reacts to this interruption. No doubt he is very anxious to get Jesus back to his house and his sick daughter. Still he has no choice but to wait. Then Jairus's worst fears are realized. While Jesus is “wasting time,” talking to this woman, the news comes that Jairus's daughter has died.

In my imagination, I see Jesus placing an arm around Jairus's shoulders and assuring him that there is still plenty of time. Indeed Jesus is able to heal the girl and bring her back to life.

We don't know how Jairus reacted to being put on hold, but the real question is: “How will we react?” Unlike the earthly Jesus, the Risen Christ can be in all places at all times. So when we feel like he has put us on hold, it is not because he is busy elsewhere. So why then does it seem like sometimes, God puts us on hold?

It may be that the circumstances are not right for the answer God wants to give us. So we must wait. It may be that we are not yet ready to receive the good answer that God wants to give us. So we must wait. It may be that there are reasons only God knows. Still we must wait.

Most of us don't like to wait. However, while we wait, we can be assured that the wait is not because God didn't hear us. God always hears our prayers. The wait is not because God doesn't love us. God proved his love for us 2000 years ago when Jesus died on the cross for us.

So while we sometimes must wait, as Christians we can do so with faith and confidence. When the time is right, God will act. Humans are often late and sometimes forget altogether. God never forgets. God always acts in love. And God is always right on time.

## Wednesday Night Bible Class

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the different Christian denominations.



## McClelland-Parlor Class

invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the synoptic gospels.

## Monday Morning Prayer Group

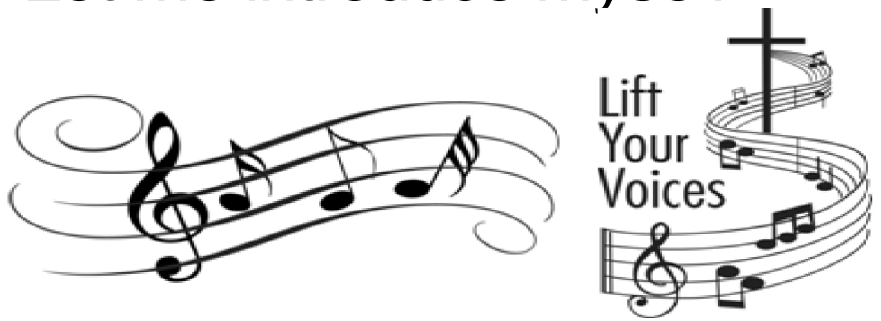
We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

*Presbyterian Women*



# New Choir Director

## Let me introduce myself...



My name is Jeanne Harris and I will be your new choir director. I have three children (one of whom is Terri, the secretary of your church), six grandchildren and my husband, Rev. James A. Harris, who is the pastor at the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Parkersburg where we have been traveling every Sunday for several years. I was the choir director at the Salem Baptist Church for 10 years and at the Evangelical Congregational Church at Oak Mound, Clarksburg for over 12 years. Music has been a part of my life since I was a little girl singing in church with my three sisters.

I am also no stranger to your church. During Marge Faris's time here I was invited to help her when Kay was unable to be at practices or services. It was such a blessing to be able to share with her and you as a "fill-in" during those times. The music chosen was always uplifting and well-performed and it gave me joy to be a part of it. That and the Lenten and funeral services I've participated in have already made me feel like a part of the church.

After much prayer about this position, I was drawn to interview with Pastor John and the committee. God has always brought me through difficult decisions and trials and I know that He works AHEAD of me to prepare me for what is in my future. In my heart, I believe that is what He was doing in this circumstance and I am sure that He has great plans for us. James retires in September at the age of 75. I am not sure if he will continue to pastor Bethel or not, that is between him and God, but I KNOW that I am going to be where the Lord wants me at this time and that is with YOU!

I look forward to our time together and will appreciate any and all help you are able to give me. I am excited to once again use the talents and abilities He has blessed me with and my hope is that you are ready to start the journey with me. My request at this time is for you to reach out to those you know who enjoy "Lifting their voices in song" and ask them to come and be a part of the Presby Choir! I believe we will find JOY in spreading the good news through music! I will have more information in the bulletin in the weeks to come.

May God Bless Us in Our Endeavors... Jeanne



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

August - 5 Dick Ogden  
 August -12 Pam Mitchell  
 August -19 Terra Burnett  
 August -26 Terra Burnett

### WORSHIP LEADERS

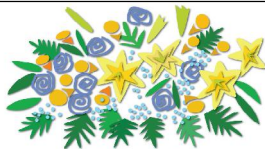
August - 5 Charla Koerner  
 August -12 Andrea Myerberg  
 August -19 Ginger Delawder  
 August -26 Karen Tyson

### DEACON GREETERS

August - 5  
 August -12 Dottie Rinehart  
 August -19 Harriett Northey  
 August -26 Ginger Delawder

### ACOLYTES

August - 5 Bradley Burnett and  
 Anderson Mitchell  
 August - 12 Hannah Burnett and  
 Gia Corsini  
 August -19 Bradley Burnett and  
 Anthony Corsini  
 August - 26 Hannah Burnett  
 and Molly Hugus



Reredos Flowers

***Dates available:***

*August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
 September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>*



2 - Wayne Northey  
 5 - Tim Glaser  
 5 - Deborah Johnson  
 6 - Ellen Merriott  
 7 - Susan Clark  
 7 - Hannah Burnett  
 7 - Bryon Delawder  
 10 - Phillip Bailey  
 11 - Terra Burnett  
 11 - Eric Kuhens  
 22 - Dr. Robert Davis  
 23 - Andrea Myerberg  
 24 - Earl Langley  
 26 - Carrie Waters  
 26 - Jennifer Weist  
 26 - Dottie Burkhammer  
 26 - Rev. Eric Faust  
 27 - Dawn Woodburn  
 29 - Megan Graves



### In Special Care Facilities:

Roberta Davis  
 Marj Faris  
 Joyce King  
 Carrie Waters  
 Sara Graham



*IN OUR THOUGHTS  
 & PRAYERS...*

ADKINS, Charles  
 FOWLER, Angie  
 GAINER, Hugh  
 HEGER, Suzi  
 HOLT, Jack  
 HOOD, Robbie  
 KING, Buddy & Joyce  
 KESLING, Lee  
 KUHENS, Eric  
 LYNCH, Jeanne  
 MCCAMMON, Kyle  
 MORGAN, Misty & Todd  
 MUMMERT, George  
 OLDAKER, Kenneth  
 OLDAKER, Wilma  
 SHIFFRA, Donna  
 SHIFFRA, Everett  
 SMITH, Donna  
 STROMBERG, Rosemary