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



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WV Presbytery Meeting is to be held on
August 18, 2018 at
First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
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Keep our Kitchen Clean
Please remember to clean up after your-
selves 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 5th: 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 12th: 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 19th: 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 26th: 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?

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NURSERY ATTENDANT

Isabella Keller



Treasurer's Report

*Indicates main text for the sermon

Activities & Meetings for

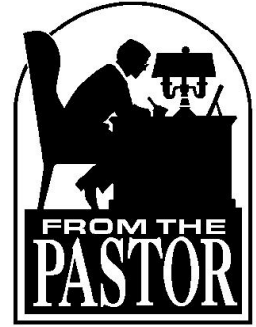
- DEACON MEETING ó None this month
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó Tuesday, August 21st at 5:00
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, August 21st at 5:30
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / WORSHIP COMMITTEE ó Sunday, August 26th
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

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

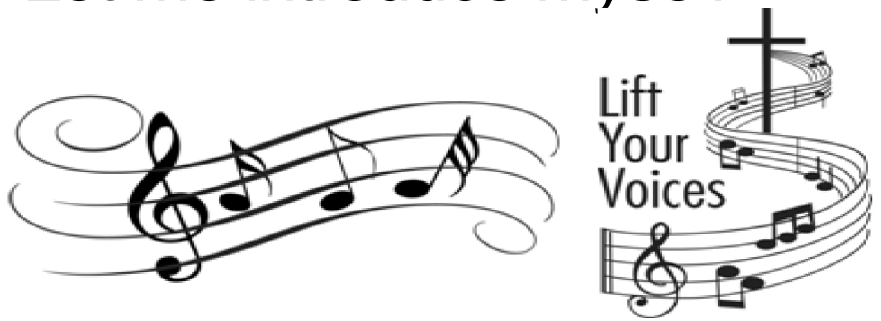
We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

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

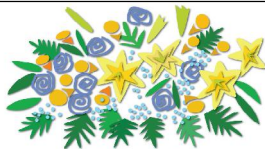
August - 5 Charla Koerner
 August -12 Andrea Myerberg
 August -19 Ginger Delawder
 August -26 Karen Tyson

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 5th, 12th, 26th
 September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th*



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