

First Presbyterian Church

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"Everyday...is the day the Lord has made— Rejoice! and be glad in it!"

A Note from Your Pastor:

Hoping that everyone is keeping warm in these past frigid days! I think that we should be seeing a break in this weather during the early weeks of February. When I think of February, though, I'm not usually thinking of the deep freeze, but rather Valentine's Day.

There's a warmth in the love that we have for each other on Valentine's Day. I think that we are yearning for that warmth, this year especially. Take a few hours to reflect on those that you love on this Valentine's Day. This will be the first year that I have no parents on Valentine's Day so I most certainly will include these beautiful people in my reflections, as well.

This year, we will be working through the lectionary passages of Luke during the month of February. We will be reading and reflecting on: Luke 4:21-30, Luke 5:1-11, Luke 6:17-26 and Luke 6:27-38.

As we are living in love this February, I do want to invite you to worship on Sunday morning. I can't tell you how many people remark on the outstanding love and care that they feel when they are gathered in our Sanctuary. You are loved immensely by all here...including and especially by God. We also offer our services online via our website and Facebook Live. Join us...we want to share God's love with you.

February is the month of love! Let us all be recipients of that love; from each other and from God.

Blessings,

Pastor Ginna Taylor





Coming Soon!

A Most Important Event

Annual Winter Congregational Luncheon Meeting

February 23, 2025

12:35 pm

2024 Year in Review

Celebration of 2024 Joys

Memorial Remembrance for those who passed away in 2024

Approval of Pastor's 2025 Compensation

No Charge for Lunch, just join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship!



"Time"

-by Henry Van Dyke

Time is
too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice.
But for those who love,
time is eternity.

Thank you

To members of the congregation and staff of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston:

Words cannot express my gratitude for the beautiful Memorial Service you held for my precious daughter, Amanda, on January 18, 2025. You planned the service, shoveled the snow, decorated the sanctuary for the service, held the service, provided food after the service was over, and gave comfort to Amanda's family and friends. Over and over, I have heard what a beautiful and appropriate service it was for my daughter.

Many of you know this is the second time you have provided a service for my family. The first time was in January 2005 when First Presbyterian Church members and staff came together to hold an uplifting and beautiful memorial for Pamela Jean Fuller, my wife, and Amanda's mother.

I cannot imagine anyone having a better church family than the one I have. I cherish and love all of you.

With my heartfelt thanks,
Joe Fuller

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY**
February Birthdays

February 2	Nancy Bennett
February 3	Stan White
February 5	Lisa Melton Martin
February 9	Ellie Cole Chuck Knurek
February 11	Kim Lovinski Judy Lowe
February 13	Mary Beth Patteson
February 18	Bill Miller
February 28	Ryneishah Leach



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Youth Group Schedule - Winter 2025

February 7, 5:00-9:00 pm

Mission Trip – Tim Tebow “Night to Shine”

More information will be provided soon. This event will be held at Teays Valley Christian School, Scott Depot, WV. Requires parental permission.

February 16, 12:15 – 2:15 pm

Ice Skating Trip to the SC Ice Arena

March 9, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Youth Group

Lesson, food, games and fun!

March 23, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Youth Group

Lesson, food, games and fun!

April 6, 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

Fun Time at Sky Zone

Pizza and Drinks.

April 27, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Youth Group

Lesson, food, games and fun!

May 3, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Boating and Tubing – weather permitting

Mother or Father must attend, Pizza and Drinks!

May 30, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Friday Night after School Party

Watch the church calendar and church bulletins for updates and schedule changes.



Community Rewards Program

Through the **Kroger Community Rewards** program, Kroger will donate to First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign us for this FREE profitable program for FPCSC. You only have to open an account and register your Kroger Plus Card online at: krogercommunityrewards.com.

Or, you can simply telephone Kroger Community Rewards at 1-800-576-4377. They will assist you with registering your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to have handy either your Kroger Plus Card number or your alternate ID (your telephone number).

Thank you to those who donate through the Kroger Rewards Program.

Groundhog Day is almost here

Did you know ...



Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, is the home of Punxsutawney Phil, the most famous of the furry weather forecasters who amble forth from their holes every February 2 to predict just how much more winter is in store for the shivering folks of the United States.

This tiny town is not so much hustle and bustle the rest of the year; but in early February and in the few months leading up to that time, Punxsutawney resembles a metropolis. And on February 2, affectionately named Groundhog Day, leaders of the community gather on Gobbler's Knob to consult with Phil, who crawls out of his hole (or sometimes has to be dragged out), who either sees his shadow or he doesn't, depending on what the community leaders "understand" Phil to say.

As the tradition goes, if Phil sees his shadow, that means that winter is still hanging around, for another six weeks; if Phil doesn't see his shadow, the legend says, why then spring is just around the corner.

No one is for sure just when this tradition began. It is first mentioned in the 18th Century by the Pennsylvania Dutch, possibly in conjunction with the celebration of Candlemas, which occurred halfway between the first day of winter and the first day of spring. And although the dates are not the same, the belief that the weather on Candlemas determined how soon spring would come was translated to the groundhog, or woodchuck, who was a hibernating animal who usually chose early February to end his hibernation, at least temporarily. Nowadays, it doesn't matter what Phil "says" or whether he is even right. It's all an excuse to get together and celebrate a "holiday" and exposure for the small, otherwise ordinary town of Punxsutawney.

Other towns across the U.S. have their own groundhog prognosticators. One of the most famous is General Beauregard Lee, who lives in Atlanta. Even Canada has a weather groundhog, Wiarton Willy.

News from the Pews

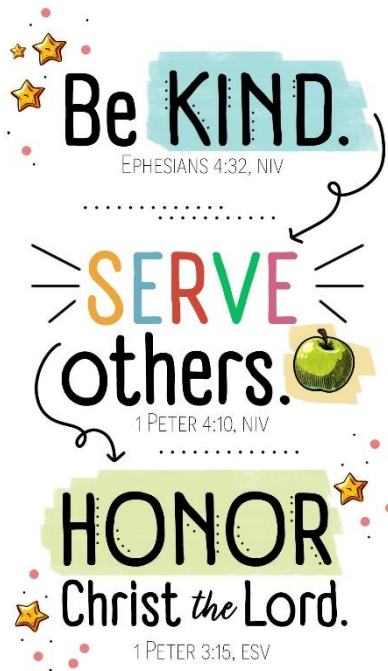
Our Christian Sympathy and Support to

Joe Fuller & Family at the loss of his beloved daughter, **Amanda Jean Fuller.**

We rejoice in the assurance of eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Presbyterian Women News

Please join us in the Parlor on Thursday, February 13, for our next scheduled meeting. Nancy Knurek will present our Bible Study lesson. Let us hope the weather will be good for all of us. See you on the 13th



AN INVITATION TO SERVE

The Elders invite all persons, all ages, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston to share their time and many talents.

Check out our Committees

Through committees, we share our gifts and resources. Together we "serve the Lord with gladness." We ask that every person participate in a committee as a symbol of your desire to be an active member of this church fellowship. We are only as strong as the volunteers and dreamers who help us plan and prepare our church programming. You are needed. You do make a difference. Do not wait to be invited. There is something here for everyone.

Committees

A sample of what each Committee does

Administration & Stewardship

Personnel, Nominations, Policies, Budget, Offerings, Long-Range Plans

Education & Fellowship

Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS
Bluestone, Fellowship Meals

Missions

Local Projects, Evangelism, Care

Property

Buildings, Grounds, Repairs, Upkeep, Inventory

Worship

Music, Ushers, Communion, Guests

The work will not reach its full potential without you.

Normally, committees meet each first Tuesday.

NUTURING FAITH IDEAS from the Presbytery of WV

Please use these suggested scriptures, questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.

February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Jeremiah 1:4-10

God chose Jeremiah to be God's messenger, to speak God's word. Though Jeremiah insisted that he was too young and didn't know how, God promised to go with him and give him the words to speak. What has God called you to say about God to others? What excuses keep you from speaking with others about God?

February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Luke 5:1-11

When Jesus called his first disciples, they were washing their nets after a long night of fishing when they caught nothing. Jesus invited them to follow him, and they did so, leaving everything behind them. We, too, have been called to follow Jesus. What did you, might you, have to leave behind to follow?

February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Luke 6:17-19

Crowds of people came to hear Jesus, hoping that he would heal them, and Jesus did so. How has Jesus healed you? How might you help share Jesus' healing ministry this week?

February 23 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany: Read Luke 6:27-38

Do you have any "enemies"? How do you treat them? Jesus taught those who would listen to him to love their enemies and do good to those that hate them. Imagine what it would be like in our schools, workplaces, homes, communities, nation, and world if we did so. Reach out to an "enemy" with love this week.

Resting in Jesus

-by Heidi Hyland Mann

An old hymn declares:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad.

I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846)

Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest."

Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger.

Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days.

Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

♥ Thoughts for February – the Month of Love ♥

“True Love”

Many of us celebrate Valentine’s Day in both fun and serious ways. Children exchange treats and humorous cards with classmates and friends; some bring home handmade cards for the adults in their lives. Romantic partners may go out to eat and present each other flowers, chocolate, a fancy card — maybe even an engagement ring!

As playful as Valentine’s Day can be, it’s also a great time to remember the serious side of love, as indicated by these quotes:

- “When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be.” —*Leo Tolstoy*
- “You don’t love someone because they’re perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they’re not.” —*Jodi Picoult*
- “Love ... is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. ... It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.” —*Ann Landers*

We can do the difficult work of true love — actions, not just feelings — only because God loved us first. He did (and does) so despite our imperfection, and in Jesus, God shows us how to share true love with others. This Valentine’s Day, if you don’t remember any other profound quotes, hold this one in your heart:

- “We love because He first loved us.” —1 John 4:19 (NRSV)

“Kindness Kickbacks”

Random Acts of Kindness Day, observed each year on February 17, is a reminder of the power of altruism. Followers of Jesus express kindness selflessly, out of love for God and our neighbors. Yet in return, we reap emotional — and even physical — benefits.

Researchers have identified a “helper’s high” that can ease anxiety and depression. Spontaneous or planned acts of “pro-social spending” have been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve heart health, reduce pain and even extend longevity.

For maximum impact, experts recommend getting creative with random acts of kindness and mixing them up. But no matter how you spread kindness, you’re bound to experience blessings in return!

“I Am Here”



In *Bread for the Journey*, theologian Henri J.M. Nouwen calls consolation — from “to be with” (con-) “the lonely one” (solus) — “one of the most important ways to care.” He writes, “Life is so full of pain, sadness and loneliness that we often wonder what we can do to alleviate the immense suffering we see.”

Although consoling doesn’t necessarily remove someone’s pain, Nouwen notes that it serves a deeper purpose: To console means “to be there and say, ‘You are not alone, I am with you. Together we can carry the burden. Don’t be afraid. I am here.’ That is consolation. We all need to give it as well as to receive it.”

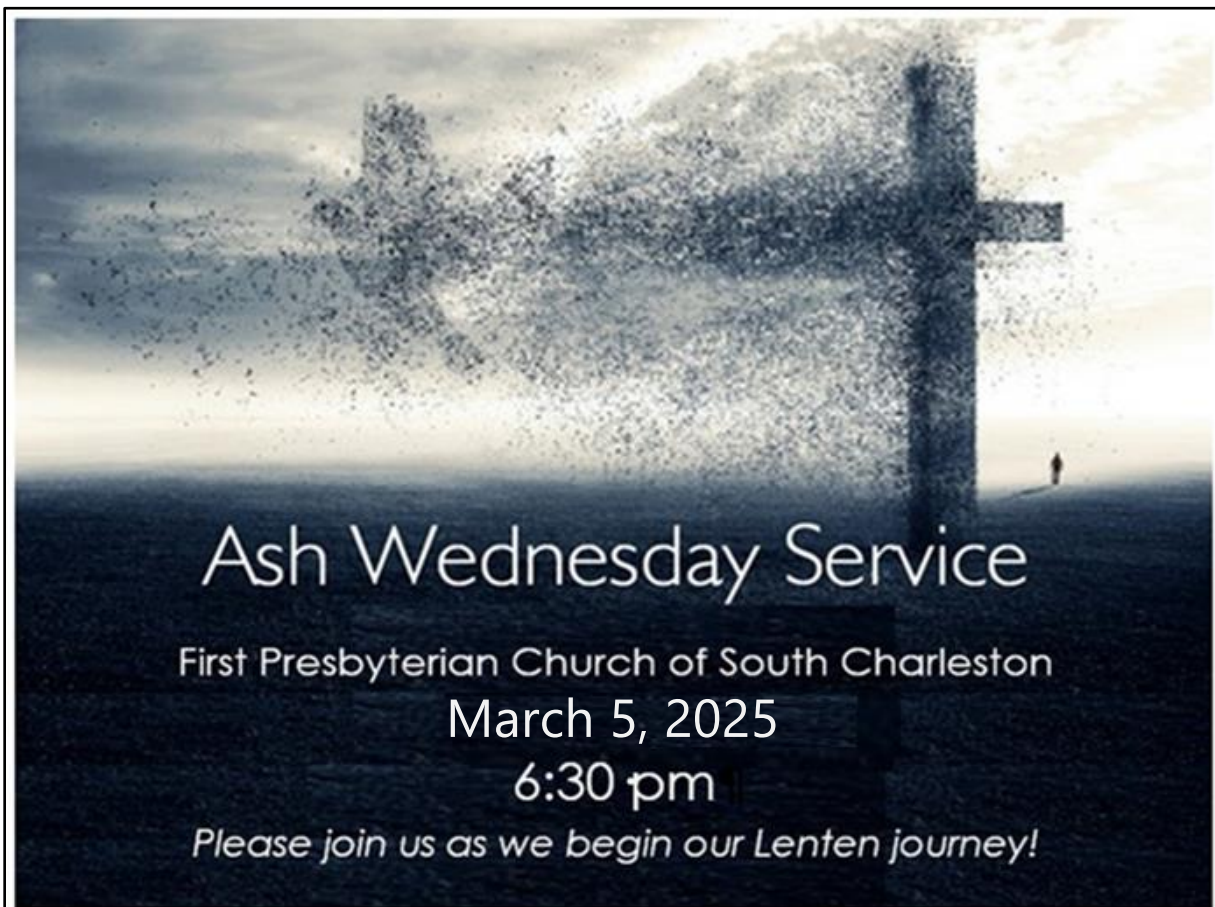


Can you spare a new pair of SOCKS for our Sock Tree? No size is too small or too large!

As the cold winter winds blow and the snow falls, everyone needs a warm pair of socks to keep their toes nice and toasty! Socks are the most requested items at shelters and pantries and the least donated.

The Sock Tree has been set up on the landing of the B Street church entrance. It will remain up during the month of February.

We encourage you to add your donations of SOCKS to the tree. **We will also accept mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats.** These items will be distributed to the women and children at Sojourner's Shelter and at the Crossroads Men's Shelter.



Mission Committee Food Requests for Heart & Hand

These are items we will be collecting for Heart & Hand this month. Please bring your donations each Sunday!

February 2: Macaroni & Cheese

February 9: Beans & Rice

February 16: Canned Pasta (beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti)

February 23: Canned Soups

Bluestone Camp is a mountain treasure; Help introduce children to its wonder

By Steve Cort, Honorably Retired Minister
Member of Presbytery

There are many places to see and experience in our "wild and wonderful" surroundings. One of those is our own unique **Bluestone Camp**. Nestled atop a mountain, with awe-inspiring views, it is a place dedicated to nurturing children and youth from our churches and communities.

Many years ago, first as a camper and then as a counselor, I learned new skills, responsibilities, and faith lessons that I

carry to this day. Recently, I returned to that place and was reminded of how significant that mountain treasure is to those who spend time there. Unplugged, under the care of dedicated counselors, and surrounded by God's creation, campers still tell how their experiences at Bluestone have helped them develop confidence, make lasting friendships, and planted spiritual seeds that are still bearing fruit.

February 1 is the first day of summer camp registration. Every church in our Presbytery can invest in the life of a child or youth within our congregation and/or our community by telling them about and making it possible to attend a summer camp at Bluestone. From displaying camp brochures to personal invitations to making scholarship funds available, each congregation can encourage potential campers. A "toolbox" of resources will soon be available to help pastors, sessions, and congregations connect with first-time campers. As we eagerly await the coming of summer, now is an excellent time to begin praying and preparing to enrich the lives of children around us with a transforming camp experience at Bluestone Camp, God's mountain treasure.

Visit bluestonecamp.org for more information on all of the 2025 summer camp opportunities and how to register online for summer camp!





Presbytery of West Virginia's
Festival of Faith
Journeying with Our Creator

Saturday, March 22, 2025
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Keynote: "Journey to Serve:
The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window"**
(Communication, Alignment with God's Will, Relationships)

WITH

CECE ARMSTRONG AND TONY LARSON

Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.)



Festival of Faith, a day of learning through keynote and workshops, fellowship, and worship, will occur on **Saturday, March 22**, at **First Presbyterian Church, Charleston**, from **9:30 am–3:45 pm**.

CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson, Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly (2024) of the PC(USA) will be our Keynote Presenters. The focus of their keynote will be "Journey to Serve: The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window" (Communication, Alignment with God's Will, Relationships). They will also be leading a workshop on Discerning Purpose.

Other workshops on a variety of topics will also be offered. Descriptions can be found under Workshops descriptions below. Information and registration forms are available using the links below. The early registration deadline, with a lower cost, is Monday, March 3. The deadline for ordering lunch or indicating the need for childcare is also Monday, March 3.

For more information on individual classes being offered and how to register, visit the Presbytery of WV at wvpresbytery.org and search for "Festival of Faith".



FESTIVAL OF FAITH WORKSHOP OPTIONS 2025

A – MORNING WORKSHOPS, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

A-1 Discerning Purpose

Purpose is the SWEET SPOT of ministry, leadership, and Christian living. As leaders, our confidence in our purpose helps us to equip others to serve. There will be four reflection questions for participants that will help to locate their “Sweet Spot” in the work they are being called to do for and with the church. The space for spiritual discernment will help to strengthen the call into this work and surround the participants with people who are on the same journey to serve. *CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson, Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

A-2 Stewardship

Navigator Come, discover easily accessible stewardship resources available through the Presbyterian Foundation to help you tell your story of ministry and mission well. This will be an interactive workshop. *Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie*

A-3 Hiking the Camino – a Spiritual Walk

Maybe you’ve seen the movie “The Way” and wondered what it would be like to hike the Camino de Santiago yourself. Maybe your spirit is willing, but you aren’t sure if your body is up to it. Maybe you are overwhelmed by all the possible routes and don’t know where to start. This workshop is for anyone with those questions or who would like to know more about Todd’s pilgrimage. *Todd Wright, Pastor, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church.*

A-4 The Justice of the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching Jesus' Focus on Social Justice and the Common Good

The concept of Social Justice is a modern term but shares a great deal of overlap with the idea of justice that Jesus often appealed to during his ministry. God’s justice is also one of the most deep and abiding themes of the Hebrew Bible from which the Gospels often draw their language and imagination. This discussion-based session 1 will explore concepts of justice in scripture, how faith communities have engaged with them, and how we can make deep and meaningful connections to modern social issues. *Zac Morton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown*

A-5 Church Mission Without a Budget!

Imagine the ministry you could do if you had the funds. Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church started with a shower program that has grown to a 100-person-a-day ministry without a budget. Come, hear and learn how they’ve done this and how your congregation might expand its mission, even when you don’t think you have the money and people to do so. *Derek Hudson, ruling elder, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Director of Bream SHOP (Showers Healthcare Outreach Program).*

B WORKSHOPS - 1:15-2:15 p.m.

B-1 A New Vision for the Presbytery – What, When & How

Join us as we share the new vision for the Presbytery as approved at the November 2024 Stated Meeting. We will explore the new committee structure and staffing structure, focusing on the ways in which this will direct the Presbytery’s work in supporting its churches. Time will be spent delving into the goals approved as part of the new vision. An update on the implementation of the vision will be provided. There will be time for questions and answers. *Maureen Wright, Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia; Dawn Adamy, Moderator of the Presbytery of WV and Pastor, Bream Memorial and Kanawha United Presbyterian Churches; and members of the Presbytery’s Leadership Team.*

B-2 Connecting through Play

As we become adults, it is easy to think that play is a thing of the past, something we’ve left behind to enter the land of work and responsibility. However, as we play together, we build relationships and develop community with one another, and play provides a time of renewal for our souls. This workshop will be a time to play games, laugh together, build community, and take ideas with us. *Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia, and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church.*

B-3 Advance Directives: What are They and Why We Need Them

Advanced Directives are important tools which ensure our medical wishes are known when we are unable to speak for ourselves. This will include an explanation of Living Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, and Code Statutes. There will be time 2 after the workshop to complete forms and have them notarized; samples and blank forms will be provided.

Kathryn Willoughby Weed, Associate for Ministry to Older Adults, Presbytery of West Virginia.

B-4 Insight and Attitudes toward the Changing Campus Ministry Landscape

This workshop will offer a look at how we can meet the needs of college students today while helping them develop their faith and church leadership skills. *Will Myers, Presbyterian Campus Minister, WVUkirk, the Presbyterian Student Fellowship at West Virginia University; and Chris Bailey, Presbyterian Campus Minister, UKirk, Marshall University.*

B-5 Treasurer and Finance Workshop

This workshop will include a review of the responsibilities of the Church Treasurer. Topics to be covered will be best practices, important duties, and filing reports. Responsibilities to the Presbytery, Board of Pensions, IRS, and more will be addressed. This workshop is designed for Treasurers, Financial Administrators and/or Stewardship/Finance Committee members.

Chris Alfred, Financial Advisor/Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia.

C WORKSHOPS 2:25-3:25 p.m.

C-1 Discerning Purpose

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C-2 Addressing Disasters in Rural West Virginia: What WVMAW Can Do

West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW) will discuss their place in disaster relief efforts: the how, what, where, and why of this ministry. *Peyton Ballard, Executive Director, WVMAW; and Jake Tyler, Director of Project Management, WVMAW 3.*

C-3 Being Ready for a Planned Gift. Right Sized, Planned Giving.

This workshop will explore basic, intermediate, and advanced models to help your session claim the right sized program for your church. Your leaders will learn about the various resources that will enable you to have a real presence and help your members claim a legacy after their lifetime for the sake of sharing the Gospel that others will know the love, grace, and redemption of our Triune God. *Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie.*

C-4 Introduction to "Healthy Congregations" Workshops

"Healthy Congregations" is a series of six workshops developed by Peter Steinke based in Systems Theory. Steinke found that congregations are best understood as a whole, as a system, not the conglomeration of their various parts and programs. Health in a congregation has to do with what it does to preserve itself, how it responds to challenges, how it adapts to changes, and the functioning of its leaders. This workshop will provide an overview of the characteristics of healthy congregations and emotional processes in congregations. *Susan Sharp Campbell, Trained Workshop Facilitator of Healthy Congregations; Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia; and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church.*

D WORKSHOPS 1:15-3:25 p.m.

D-1 Capturing Creation with Paint

We will be learning how to paint with acrylic paint on canvas a beautiful scene inspired by Canaan Valley! The canvas is a 14-inch square and will be fun to complete in two hours. The supply cost is an additional \$15 to be paid at the event.

Janet Ripper Chambers, artist and member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, with the assistance of Doug Chambers.

D-2 Let's Take a Hike

Enjoy a West Virginia hike on a trail in nearby South Hills as we discover God's presence in nature. Walking or hiking shoes with covered toes required. The group will depart from First Presbyterian Church immediately following lunch and drive to Holz Elementary School. The hike will be approximately two miles. In case of inclement weather, the group will stay inside for an engaging presentation and discussion. *Beverly Campbell, RNMA and Certified Master Naturalist with the WV Division of Natural Resources and member, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston.*

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live

1	2	3	4	5

Opposite of dark

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Companion

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Hand greeting

17	18	19	20

Male adult

21	22	23

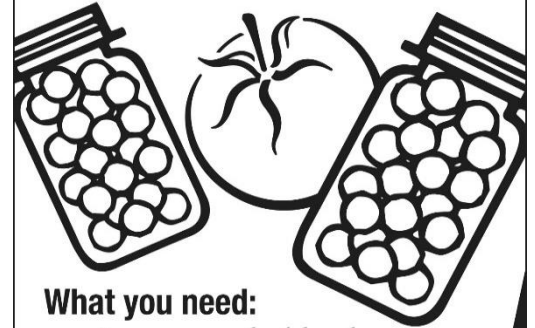


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1 John 4:16, NIV

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

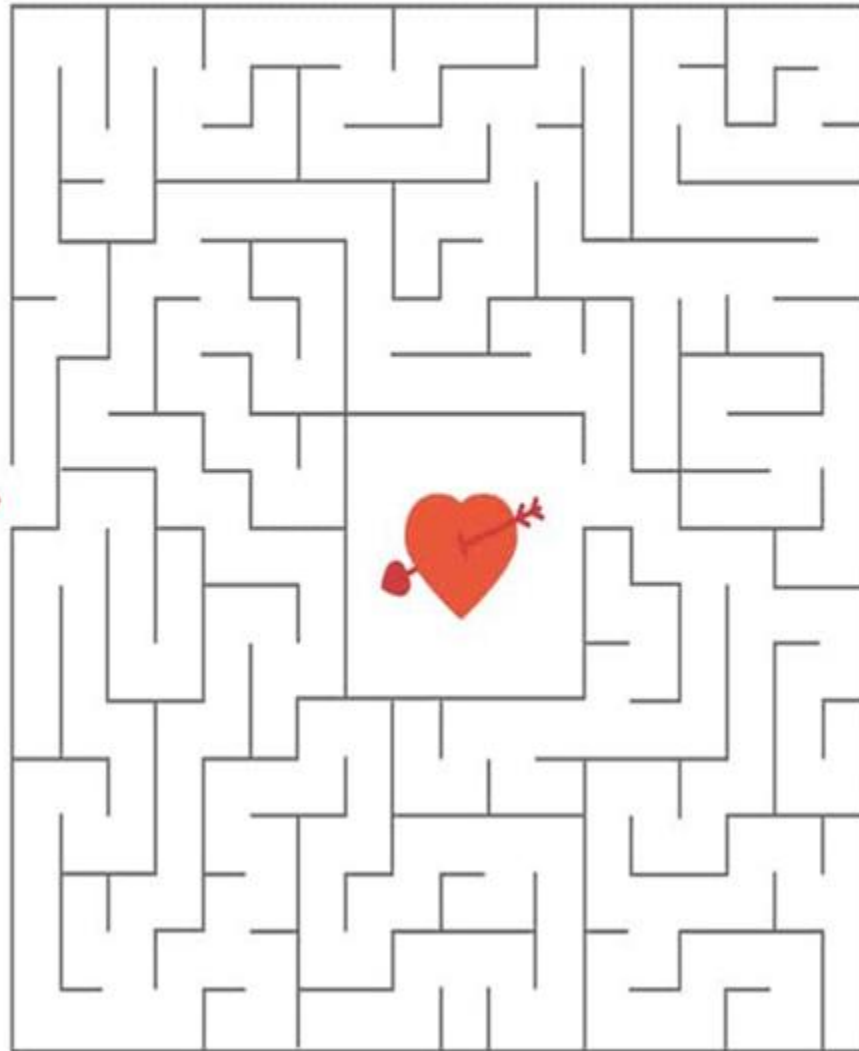
What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

VALENTINE'S DAY PUZZLES

Find your way through the maze to reach the heart in the center.

Happy Valentine's Day!



START
HERE

- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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President's Day, February 17th!

President's Day was created to celebrate George Washington's birthday. Our first president was a man of faith and real character. We now celebrate President's Day each year on the third Monday of February, in honor of all who have served in the office of president of the United States.

This President's Day, remember to pray for our nation and its leaders.

It is easy to complain, and it takes no effort to criticize. But prayer is hard work, and it is the only work that can truly make a difference.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School <i>(In-Person & Conference Call)</i> 11:00 Worship <i>(In-Person & Online)</i> 7:00 Al-Anon	3 6:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting	4	5	6	7 5:00 pm Youth Mission Trip	8
9 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School <i>(In-Person & Conference Call)</i> 11:00 Worship <i>(In-Person & Online)</i> 7:00 Al-Anon	10	11 6:00 Session Meeting	12	13 2:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 Sunday School <i>(In-Person & Conference Call)</i> 11:00 Worship <i>(In-Person & Online)</i> 12:15 Youth Ice Skating Outing 7:00 Al-Anon	17 President's Day! <i>(Church Office Closed)</i>	18	19	20 Virtual Presbytery Meeting On ZOOM 9:00 am	21	22
23 Annual Cong. Meeting! 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 Sunday School <i>(In-Person & Conference Call)</i> 11:00 Worship <i>(In-Person & Online)</i> 12:30 Annual Meeting with Luncheon for All 7:00 Al-Anon	24	25	26	27	28	