

The Falling Waters Messenger

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Adult Bible Study

Reformed and Presbyterian Christians are people of faith who are seeking understanding. From the beginnings of our Reformed tradition, Presbyterians have realized God calls us to explore ways the Christian faith can be more fully known and expressed. This vision has driven concerns for the education of people of all ages. Presbyterians have been big on providing resources to help us delve more deeply into Christian faith and the theology (talk about God) that gives our living tradition its distinctive heritage.

John Calvin (1509-1564), with Martin Luther (1483-1546), was one of the giants of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation. Like Luther, he attracted many who were drawn to his theological understandings.

Calvin's vast amount of writings was joined by the insights and expressions of others who shared his theological outlooks. Like Luther, Calvin sought to reform of the church based on Scripture. Calvin's followers and their churches became known as the "Reformed tradition," which spread throughout Europe, into the New World, and now is global in extent.

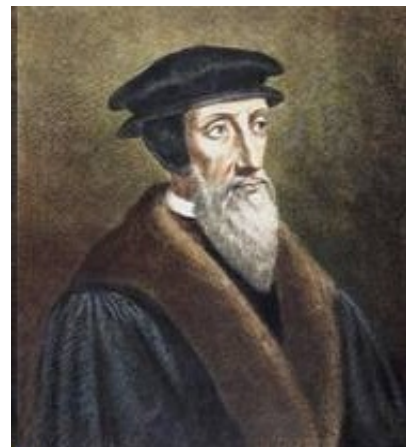
The "Reformed tradition" refers to the broad range of theological views that followers of Calvin expressed. The Reformed tradition is "wider" than just the views of Calvin. Calvin's insights have and continue to be foundational for the Reformed tradition. Some later followers of Calvin, the "Calvinists" of the seventeenth century, developed his theology into more "scholastic" and detailed directions. Scholars debate the similarities and differences between "Calvin and the Calvinists."

Without a doubt, Calvin has been foundational to our Christian heritage.

In the Presbyterian Church, Calvin's thought is still a significant resource. His wide-ranging theological views have provided directions for churches through the centuries. His interpretations of Scripture continue to be relevant because he dealt with Scripture's theological message, which can speak to us in any age. Calvin's organization of the Geneva church with emphases on church discipline, and the care of the poor continue to inform church practices today.

I will be facilitating a six week course on "John Calvin: Founder of the Reformed Tradition" beginning Sunday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with a Soup and Sandwich Supper. If you would like to attend please contact the church office at 403-754-8211 so that we may order materials for you.

Like those who have gone before us in the last five centuries, we will find that Calvin's guidance for our Christian beliefs, Christian devotion, and Christian action can strengthen our faith and lead us to further understanding. I look forward to exploring the life and times of John Calvin with you.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of March 31, 2013

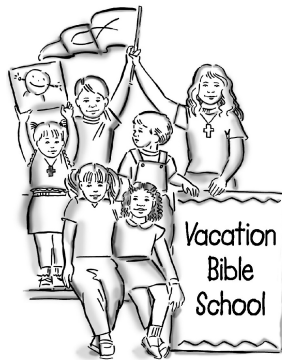
Offering income to date	41,595.04
Expenses to date	37,326.11
Net difference	4,268.93

Pray Without Ceasing

Bill & Billy Berg
Waneda Bowers
Charles Carbaugh
Joan Chambers
Jimmy Cloud
Jimmy Dunham
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
Ted Largent
Family of Dale Leatherman
Shelly McFillan
Mary Catherine Payne
Delores Perrott
Patty Runkles
Nancy Shipper
Virginia Snyder
Sandy Stamets
Ernie Weidman



VBS Needs Your Help



The VBS Preschool class is in need of **large shoe boxes** for the week of June 10-14. Donations can be left in the church office.

VBS is also in need of **monetary donations for snacks**. If you would like to make a donation, please see Fawn.

The VBS Staff will meet on **May 16** at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall to make final plans for June.

May Birthdays

May 1 Trevor Henry
12 Mason Chambers
12 Tony Heaton
15 Branden Walters
15 Sharilyn Bovey
15 Craig Taynton
16 Dale Leatherman
17 Heather Spies
18 Patty Runkles
20 Gladys Burcker
23 Avalon Blizzard
23 Michael Campbell
24 Donna Steele



May 5 Kathy Goodell, Becca Cahmbers
May 12 Tammy Hylton, Lauren Ruble
May 19 Robin Brown, Helen Brown
May 26 Fawn and John Fleagle

Flock Notes



*It's
a
Girl!*

Congratulations to Laura and Paul Peach on the birth of their second daughter, **Gabriella Virginia Peach**, on April 7th. Gabriella weighed 5 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 20" long. She joins big sister, Katie, at home.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of **Dale Leatherman** who passed away on April 11th.



Easter Lilies were given in honor and memory of:

Geraldine Aikens
Jack G. Baumbaugh
Arthur Blizzard
Gary Carper, Sr.
Jordy Carper
Parents of Chamblin Family
Donald and Katherine Cushwa
John and Virginia Cushwa
Wayne Cushwa
Ruth Ann Dean
Ellis and Virginia Donaldson
Sally Tobin Fellows
Rog and Lucille Fleagle
Sarah and Richard Fogle
Edmund Goodell
Karen Runkles Gray
Nick and Becky Hawthorne
Reva Hilliard
John Horner
Madalyn Horst
Beryl and Walter Hydorn
Janet Hydorn
Doc Linton
LeRoy and Ruth McWayne
Merhle and Evelyn Pickett
Thelma Pittsnogle
Herbert and Ethel Runkles
George and Pauline Webber
Lee and Florence Weidman
Jean Zombro



and many more not specifically named

Attention Men!

The **Men of the Church** will host coffee hour on Mother's Day, May 12. Men, please see John MacDonald about the dish you plan to bring.



Golden Oldies Luncheon Save the Date

Each year, Falling Waters Presbyterian Church honors its Golden members with a **Golden Oldies Luncheon**. This year it will be held on Monday June 24, at Homewood Retirement Community in Williamsport, MD.



The cost will be \$10.00. Sponsors are needed for our Golden members.

We will meet at the church at 11:30 in order to car pool.

A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. Everyone enjoys the fellowship...hope you can come!

Please see Becky Hawthorne with any questions. She will also collect the money.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!!!

Mark your calendars now to take part in **The National Christian Choir's 5th Annual Golf Tournament** on Thursday, June 20, 2013. We will again tee off on the lush greens at the picturesque "The Links at Gettysburg" Golf Course in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The tournament will feature a shotgun start beginning at 8:00 A.M. and conclude with a bountiful awards banquet that includes a superb lunch served by the staff at "The Links".

Last year they hosted 83 golfers and thanks to their generosity we raised funds to further the ministry of The National Christian Choir which includes their radio ministry "Psalm 95", which ministers to thousands across our country and the world.

The 4th Annual Golf Tournament will once again feature a full array of prizes and the friendly competition and fellowship that are hallmarks of an NCC golf tournament. And all of this is offered for the reasonable entrance fee of \$100 per golfer.

For more information go to www.NationalChristianChoir.org/golf. Or ask Jeanie Cushwa about it at 304 267-8189. Hope to see you there.

Four Cents A Meal Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month we collect our **Four Cents A Meal Offering**. This hunger offering is collected on the first Sunday of each month. 25% of the offering benefits Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes and the other 75% is sent to the PCUSA for world-wide hunger programs. It is called Four Cents A Meal because it is suggested that each family contribute four cents for each meal each family member eats in one month, i.e. a family of four would contribute 16 cents per meal per day. 16 cents x 3 meals a day = 48 cents. 48 cents x 30 days = \$14.40 per month.

May Greeters

Paula Tobin, Head Greeter

May 5 Paula Tobin, Maxine Taylor, Helen Brown
May 12 Paula Tobin, Pete and Sue Mekkelson
May 19 Paula Tobin, Laura Beauchamp, Kerri Ritenour
May 26 Paula Tobin, Ron and Lyn Hansen

FWPC History - Looking Back The Sin of Dancing

Early Session records show where it was brought to the attention of the Session, that a woman member of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church was accused of dancing. The Session record states the dancing took place at a Falling Waters Community Hall. The session discussed this matter for several meetings, one member wanted to let it go, he saw nothing detrimental in dancing, but the rest of the Session felt otherwise. Dancing was seen as sinful and could not be overlooked. So after further meetings and discussion it was decided to summon the woman before the Session to talk to her about this. She came to the meeting on Feb 17, 1871. The Session record shows she confessed to her error and sin. The record goes on to say she was sorry, and will try her best to never dance again. She asked for their prayers, and stated with their help and with Gods, "I will never dance again". The Session recognized her true repentance and accepted this acknowledgment. —Ron Hansen

Heritage Sunday Picnic

Please join us on May 26th as we celebrate **Heritage Sunday** with a picnic in our pavilion immediately



following worship. Please bring a covered-dish to share. The Fellowship and Recreation Committee will provide fried chicken, tableware, drinks and ice. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall. Please register your name and the number of people from your family attending so we can make sure we have enough chicken for everyone.

REBIRTH OF OUR FWPC CHURCH SIGN

Onward we go! The visual identity of our church, from Hammonds Mill Road, our church sign, awaits its replacement. As folks drive by, particularly during this spring season as trees are opening their leaves and flowers are blooming, our sign is not very welcoming due to its condition. Thus far, we have reached a third of our goal. Our goal is \$10,000.00 and we have a fund balance of **\$3,474.17**. Our current sign, as well as its' new replacement, are items that last for many, many years, and is enjoyed by the entire congregation, as well as being informative for passers by, and anyone who might decide they would like to visit and participate in our services. We have three months to "make this happen" and we can do it!! We are accepting donations through the month of July, 2013. Keep an eye on the posters to stay up-to-date with our progress, and stay alert with an ear and eye to announcements for upcoming events to help us achieve our goal, and enjoy the reality of our efforts come fall. All contributions are tremendously appreciated. Please be sure to note on the memo line of checks "sign".

Paula Tobin, Chairperson
Maintenance Committee