

The Falling Waters Messenger

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Pastor's Corner

HE IS RISEN! Hallelujah Though we won't be celebrating Easter until later this month, as Christians we live always with the knowledge, if not awareness, that we serve a Risen Lord. What do I mean by that?

What is the difference between living with the knowledge and the awareness of something? There is much we know in a logical, rational, intellectual way.

That kind of knowing is important and has always been valued by the Reformed Churches, especially by the Presbyterian branch of the Reformed traditions. And it is an important kind of knowing. Another kind of knowing is what athletes refer to as muscle memory. As my golf pro tells me, when I practice a swing (and it is important to do it correctly) the muscles get so well trained in the motion that it is easier to repeat each time. The same is true for any sport but it takes practice and working at it.

As Christians, how do we develop muscle memory in our "spiritual" muscles so that we instinctively turn toward God in all that we do; so that we live with an awareness of God and His holiness in all of life whether we are enjoying the sunrise, the new seeds sprouting or the even as we struggle through the difficulties of life?

Again to use the golf analogy, at the start of the season, I have a lesson after I have played a few rounds to identify the areas of weakness in my game and what I need to work on developing this season.....whether it is a new shot or fine tuning my swing. In my spiritual life, when I pay attention, I find that I am aware of those things I am letting go. Have I skipped Sunday worship with the community

telling myself I can talk to God on my own? Have I made room for something else in my life but don't set aside time for prayer or meditation with The Word?

One area, I personally have found recently that has helped me develop more 'muscle memory' is to be more intentional in my prayer life and specifically to take the time to open my ears and my heart. I used to think that the important part of prayer was getting the right words so God would listen to my wisdom about what was needed in my life or the world. I have come to know that the more important organ in the communication process is the ear! That I need to spend more time listening since God already knows me well enough to know what is on my mind. I find it is an empowering experience when I do this as it feels like there is more spiritual energy flowing into me than out of me as I let God tell me what I need rather than the other way around.

So as we enter this Easter season and encounter The Risen Lord once again, I invite you to think about and try to be aware with all your senses how you might need God to be more present in your life. Try also to be conscious of what areas of our community life together needs to have more 'muscle memory' developed so that we are strengthened together in our life in Christ.

Pastor Rose



Pray Without Ceasing

Bill & Billy Berg
Waneda Bowers
Joan Chambers
Jimmy Cloud
Jimmy Dunham
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
Ted Largent
Denny Martin
Shelly McFillan
Mary Catherine Payne
Virginia Snyder
Tom Tucker



April Birthdays

April 3	Sharron Reel
April 4	Glen Cushwa
April 5	Amanda Lamb
April 6	Howard Mann
	Brandon Cushwa
April 7	Gabriella Peach
April 9	Sandy Stamets
April 10	Tyler Cloud
April 14	Marge Chamblin
	Lori Spangler
	Ruthann Schaumburg
	Paul Peach
April 15	Van Collis
April 22	Jessica Ruqus
April 23	Bill Harper
April 24	Maggie Beth Ponton
April 25	Christi Heaton
	Courtlyn Richter
April 27	Trevor Henry
April 30	Josie Higginbottom
	April Cushwa



The Christian Education Committee Needs Your Input

Christian Education is looking for a rotating teacher for the **Adult Sunday School Class**. If interested in teaching, please contact Brenda Carper, 304-274-3053.

Women interested in an evening **Bible Study Class** with date and time to be determined based upon interest, should also contact Brenda.

Movie Night



Please join the fun as the Fellowship and Recreation Committee presents **Dinner & A Movie Night** on April 12. We will meet for dinner at 5:00 at Cinco de Mayo followed by the classic movie "The Robe" at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall.



April 6	Adam and Anna Collis
April 13	Laura and Paul Peach
April 20 (10:00 only)	John and Fawn Fleagle
April 27	Beth and Tiffany Henry

April Greeters

Greeters (Kelsey Shipper - Head Greeter)

April 6	John and Audrey MacDonald
April 13	Sharilyn Bovey, Laura Beauchamp
April 20 (7:00 a.m.)	John and Kate Lewis Brown
April 20 (10:00 a.m.)	Gwen and Phil Noll
April 27	Rob and Tina Sloan

It is Time to Prepare for VBS



It is that time of year again to prepare for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held the week of June 9-13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Without the help of the congregation this important ministry to our youth would not be possible. If you have a heart for children and feel called to this important ministry give Fawn a call at 754-8211.

It's Time for Spring Cleaning

Church Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **April 26** at 9:00 a.m. Bring your buckets and cleaning supplies help make our church shine!



Sunday School teachers are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Please contact Sam Tobin if you plan to help, 304-754-7147.

	Finance Report Up-Date As of February 28, 2014
	Offering Income: \$23,105.75
	Expenses: \$20,171.40
	Net difference: \$2,934.35

Address Changes

Archie and Heather Locke
293 Paragon Dr.,
Bunker Hill, WV 25413

Anna and Adam Collis
2171 Needmore Rd.
Martinsburg, WV 25403

Howard and Cheryl Mann
1548 Tice Rd.
Falling Waters, WV 25419

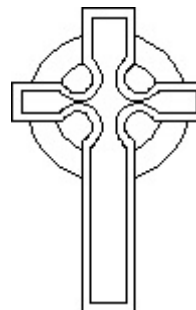
FWPC History - Looking Back with Ron Hansen

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday has been set aside by the General Assembly of the PC(USA) as an annual day to celebrate, reflect upon, and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian movement in America. It falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the date of the opening of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1789.

Our church here at Falling Waters began in 1745. On May 25 we will be celebrating our 269th year! Imagine that 269 consecutive years, as the old saying goes, "If these walls could talk". God has certainly blessed our church with so many dedicated and committed families to see to it that our church is still alive and well in 2014.

The Session has approved the purchase of a Commemorative Plaque listing the names of all the installed pastors that have so faithfully served God and the congregation during this time. The Commemorative Plaque will be of walnut, 18"x 12", with brass individual plates with the names of our 27 installed pastors beginning with John Boyd, 1794-1801 thru John Cushwa, 2006-2013 . The Session has decided to ask if members would like to donate to the purchase of this special plaque. It will be dedicated at the May 25, Heritage Day Service.

If you would like to make a special donation for the Falling Waters Commemorative Plaque, please make your check payable to FWPC and mark "Commemorative Plaque" on the memo line. Checks may be placed in with the regular morning offering collection. For cash donations our familiar red bucket marked "Commemorative Plaque" will be placed on the small table in back of the sanctuary.



“Who is my Neighbor?”

**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF
SHARING**



During Lent we support Presbyterian ministries through our gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. OGHS began in

March 1949, in response to the devastation of World War II. A Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day. This year the PC(USA) will roughly divide its money between three programs - Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program. The PC(USA) has received \$9 million - \$ 11 million for at least the past 20 years. Thank you for your long -time support of this offering. Your support has made a tremendous difference to people around the world who are experiencing need. We will collect our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on **Easter morning, April 20**.

Library Corner



If you weren't able to come to the library's Grand Opening, you may not know that there is a checkout system for books in the church library. As you enter

either the door to the parlor, or the door to the “under the sea” classroom, to your left there is a bookcase. On top of the bookcase is a wire basket with red folders in it. Inside the red folders is a checkout sheet – just follow the instructions. You'll put the red folder in the spot where the book you are taking out sits. There are also catalogs of the books in the library by title, by author, and by category on the bookcases.

Very soon there will be a portable lending library in the corner of the Fellowship Hall, highlighting some of the books from downstairs. It will be portable so it can be moved when necessary.

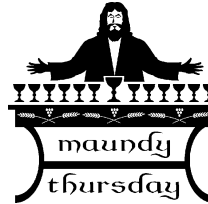
Easter Celebration Schedule

Pastor Rose and the Worship Committee have planned several special worship services to enhance our worship experience during Holy Week.

On **April 13** the Minnows and Sardines have a skit planned for us.



Please join us for communion on **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.** If you want to take advantage of the nursery or need a ride, please see Fawn. A nursery will not be provided unless previously requested.



On **Easter, April 20** the morning will begin with a true **Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.** Worship will be followed by the **Sunrise**



Breakfast in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Sardines. You won't want to miss this delicious meal of country and city ham, scrambled eggs, toast, raisin sweet rolls with extra vanilla frosting, orange juice, coffee and tea. Breakfast will be followed by an **Egg Hunt at 9:00** on the manse lawn for all children under 12. The Sardines will be hosting the hunt and would appreciate donations of small pieces of candy to fit inside plastic eggs. Sunday School will follow for the children. We'll round out the morning with **worship and communion at 10:00**. We will include the **dressing of the cross** in both services. Please bring flowers from your home gardens. This is always a very meaningful Sunday in the life of our church and you won't want to miss one minute of the celebration.

**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**



Alleluia!

Flock Notes

Congratulations to **Cathy and Chris deLong** on the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, to their daughter Kelly deLong and Chris Corbin. Chloe Catherine Corbin was born on March 20 at 2:14 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs, 5 ozs and was 20 ½" long. Chloe is the great-granddaughter of Mary Catherine Payne.

Spiritual Gifts Class Offered Again



There will be an additional spiritual gifts class held after school ends. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending this class so we can see what would be the best date and time for the

class – after VBS week. And the offer to men still holds – if you attend the class and don't learn anything new or feel the two hours were wasted, I will treat you to coffee and dessert at Kings! Kate Lewis Brown johnkatebrown@comcast.net 304-754-5039

“Moses”

Sight and Sound Lancaster, PA

The parting of the Red Sea ... the Burning Bush ... the Plagues ... the Ten Commandments ... finally ... the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage in Lancaster County, PA - Moses! Journey back through time and relive the golden splendor and pride of ancient Egypt, the poverty and oppression of the Hebrew slaves and the humble, broken man that God raised up to become their deliverer. Not only will you be completely immersed in the spectacular, epic events of the story, but you will experience the humanity of Moses and the children of Israel as they struggle for faith, freedom and belonging. This incredible adventure is like none other for this is when God breaks into history and reveals who He is and that He has come to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free!

July 10, 2014

11:00 a.m. show

Adults: \$79.90

Teens 13-18 \$56.50

Children 3-12 \$46.50

Price includes ticket, bus and driver tip.

To register, please call Fawn Fleagle at 304-754-8211. Reservations and money are due by June 1, 2014. We will stop for dinner on the way home so please bring snacks or lunch to eat on the bus. There are 32 seats available so RSVP ASAP.