



# The Falling Waters Messenger

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## Thanksgiving

"I will thank you forever for what you have done." Psalm 5:2 "O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples." Chronicles 16:8 "Do not worry

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6.

As we are fast approaching the Holy Days and Holidays, it seems right to me that even though Thanksgiving is a "civil" holiday, it is absolutely the way to begin the Advent Season. So before we get caught up in the Christmas activities as defined by the commercial world, let's begin with thankfulness for all that God has done and all the blessings we have.

Whether it is King David instructing the people on worship in I Chronicles, the Psalmist, the prophets each time they led the people back to God, or Paul writing to the church in Philippi, throughout the Bible the people are instructed to approach God with thanksgiving for all God has done. In our prayers of supplication we are to approach God with Thanksgiving.

Once again, we are learning through the study of human behavior that the ancients had already gotten it correct. Studies today show that when we live with "an attitude of gratitude", we are healthier, happier, and enjoy life and relationships more than when we live out of a sense of deprivation. How do we get to that attitude of gratitude? It's pretty simple really. If we follow King David's commands, as we read the Psalms and we follow that example and focus on what God has done for us and in this world, it is difficult not to be grateful.

I think it is useful to note that when immediately after King David has the Ark of the Covenant placed in the tabernacle, David appoints "men in charge of the service of song in the house of the Lord" (I Chronicles 6:31) so we see that thanksgiving, song and praise have

always been an important part of our worship. In fact, there were not many expressions of joy in worship that would have surprised King David since he often danced with joy before the Lord.

While our traditional Presbyterian worship has been more cerebral, we have moved in more recent years to be more comfortable with many forms of praise and thanksgiving. Many churches include liturgical dance in their worship, many even encourage the saying of AMEN or the raising of hands. Clapping hands has a long tradition as a way to respond to something that moves us and is a way to participate. Whether it is the clapping of hands along with a song or at the end, it is a way of participating.

In a recent discussion in the Worship Committee, there was strong agreement on the following motion, "Some people feel led by the Spirit to respond by clapping in appreciation or in praise of the music. Others feel we should remain quiet out of respect and reverence. The Committee feels it is necessary to allow each to respond in their own way. One should not feel obligated to clap or to refrain from clapping if so moved."

While for the sake of "decency and order" we do not encourage David's extreme exuberance in his dance before the Lord, I suspect we have a long way to go to get there.

*The Presbyterian Handbook*, a somewhat tongue in cheek guide to all things Presbyterian, does encourage us to enter into the singing and praise with gusto and to be attentive in all our worship. Remember worship is primarily about praise and thanksgiving to God for what he has done for us.

Pastor Rose

## Pray Without Ceasing

Billy Berg  
 Waneda Bowers  
 Brenda Carper  
 Joan Chambers  
 Jimmy Cloud  
 Jimmy Dunham  
 Mary Hodges  
 Irvin Horst  
 Ted Largent  
 Shelly McFillan  
 Mary Catherine Payne  
 Virginia Snyder



## Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

Mt. Zion Episcopal will host this year's **Community Thanksgiving Service** on November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us as we worship with Hedgesville churches of all denominations and raise our prayers of thanksgiving to God.



## Happy Birthday -November

- 1 Dixie Blizzard
- 3 Virginia Snyder - Happy 91st!
- 3 Becky Hawthorne
- 5 Jeanie Cushwa
- 8 Kirk Chambers
- 8 Austin Cushwa
- 12 Rod DeKett
- 14 Becky Brown
- 20 John Cormack
- 21 Denny Grove
- 22 Trent Carper
- 30 Brent Cushwa
- 30 Lillie Largent



## Poinsettias

Those wishing to donate money for the purchase of **poinsettias** to decorate our sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones should see Susie Cushwa before **November 30th**. The average cost per flower \$15.00. Please keep this in mind when making your contribution. **Checks may be made payable to Susie.**



## Greeters for November

Fawn Fleagle- Head Elder

- Nov. 2 Fawn Fleagle , Denny and Darla Grove
- Nov. 9 Fawn Fleagle , Steve & Dinah Aulabaugh
- Nov. 16 Fawn Fleagle, Phil and Gwen Noll
- Nov. 23 Fawn Fleagle , Rob and Tina Sloan
- Nov. 30 Fawn, Dorothy Hurley, Shelly McFillan

## Time For the Spaghetti Dinner!!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 16**, when the Sardines will be serving you up an early dinner after church. There will be serving spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a variety of delicious desserts.



A good meal to fill you up and send you home to curl up for your Sunday afternoon nap -- what could be better? Maybe this -- the price of your dinner is whatever you may think the meal is worth. Now how many restaurants give you that option? Any proceeds from the dinner will be used toward the Youth Fellowship upcoming events and projects. These folks are the future of our church, so please plan on joining them, getting to know them and supporting them.

## Operation Christmas Child

### Set Your Clocks



End of  
Daylight  
Savings...  
**FALL BACK!**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Please remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour.

### Warm the Children



**LOCAL MISSIONS**

For the past five years members of FWPC have made a donation at Christmas to the **Warm the Children** fund through the Martinsburg Journal. This program has donated about \$431,000 in warm clothing to thousands of children in

Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties. Last year the number of children served was nearly 500. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the money is used directly for the children. The program relies solely on volunteers - those who coordinate the program and also those who donate their time to shop with the parents. Patty Runkles has volunteered with this program for the last 5 years. Checks may be made payable to "Warm the Children" and given to Patty Runkles. Cash donations are also welcome. **Cut-off date is December 7.** Patty and the Journal thank you for your generosity in the past and hope you will continue to support the program this year.

Is our heart broken by the desperate plight of millions of children around the world? Whether they are refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disaster or victims of extreme poverty, these little ones need to know that they are precious to God. That's the motivation behind Operation Christmas Child, the unique project of Samaritan's Purse that enables caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe.



Remember those who are less fortunate

Take an ordinary shoe box, fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.

FWPC will again this year participate in OCC.

Content guidelines are small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, and watches. Do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers or aerosol cans.

Shoeboxes may be placed on the card table in front of the sanctuary. The green envelopes for the \$7.00 handling donation may be placed in the manila envelope on the table.

**Shoe boxes will be collected November 16.**

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## Nursery Attendants

November 2	Ruth Berg, Audrey MacDonald
November 9	Robin Brown and Helen Brown
November 16	Elizabeth Kaetzel , Kelsey Shipper
November 23	Renee Campbell, Lacy Linton
November 30	Linda and Denny Martin

## We Need Your Help



The Congregational Nurture Committee is making **holiday baskets for our shut-ins** and needs your help. It is collecting small gifts such as packaged snacks, personal care items, candy, and books. A basket will be placed in Fellowship Hall for the collection. The cut off date is **November 23**. Please see Jessica Ruqus if you have any questions.

## Library Corner

We have some new books for the library, bought with money from our book sale a year or so ago. You will find these books on the Library Corner table in Fellowship Hall.

These two books were the ones referenced by David Witt when he spoke with the Session about the Book of Order:

**Selected to Serve, Second Edition: A Guide for Church Leaders**

This useful guide for church leaders covers all aspects of officer training: call, duties, ethics, the Presbyterian Constitution, and much more. Congregations will find this resource indispensable for the recruitment and training of effective church leaders. Earl S. Johnson, Jr. has revised this best-selling book to include the new standards from the new Form of Government in the Book of Order

**Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders, Fourth Edition**

This detailed, comprehensive interpretation of the Presbyterian Book of Order is the most complete resource of its kind. Joan S. Gray and Joyce C. Tucker have revised this best-selling book to include the new standards from the new Form of Government in the Book of Order. It explains the system of Presbyterian government, from sessions to presbyteries to synods to the General Assembly itself.

## Eastern Panhandle Mission Community News

Officer Training

Saturday, November 8, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Tuscarora Presbyterian**

Calling all elders and deacons! The 2014 Eastern Panhandle Officer Training is for all officers—brand-new or “well-broken-in.” Plan to participate at 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 8, at Tuscarora Presbyterian Church,

Newly elected officers will have their own “Officers 101” course taught by Rev. Carl Howard.

Other workshops:

9:30 to 10:30

- (1) Clerk of Session Training by Ruth Berg,
- (2) “Using Technology, Social Media and Online Giving” by Rev. John Bethard,
- (3) “Leadership vs. Management” by Rev. Rachel Crumley.

10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

- (1) “Taking Church to the Community,” by Ruling Elders Kate Brown and Renee Campbell,”
- (2) “Scots-Irish/Quaker/Presbyterian Perspectives” by Pastor William D. Moore.

Rev. Randy Tremba will lead the opening worship and preparation for training.

## November Movie Night

Please join us for **Movie Night** on November 15th. We will eat dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Kings Pizza in Marlowe near Food Lion. At 7:00 p.m. our feature will be "God Is Not Dead." We will have refreshments and door prizes.



## NCC Worship Service

The National Christian Choir **Second Edition**, of which our own Jeanie Cushwa is a member, will be performing on November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Christ's Reformed Church, 130 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown.

## "The Wonder of Christmas"

Come celebrate "The Wonder of Christmas" with the **National Christmas Choir** on Saturday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. at Immanuel's Church, Silver Spring, MD. They will have a Full Orchestra

General admission is \$18.00. Order on line at [www.NationalChristianChoir.org](http://www.NationalChristianChoir.org) or by phone at 1-301-670-6331 or toll free 1-800-599-4710.

You will be filled with Christmas Joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

## Reminder

The **Maintenance Committee** reminds us to keep everything away from the heaters in the classrooms and Fellowship Hall this winter. Also, folks are asked **not** to park in the grass along the driveways.

## Finance Report

As of September 30, 2014

Offering Income to date: \$111,462.65

Expenses to date: \$112,464.88

Net difference (\$1,002.31)

## What is the "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.

## Flock Notes

**Patty and Galen Runkles** will be moving soon. Their new address is: 74 Tarleton Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25403.

Congratulations to **Helen Brown** upon the birth of her 21<sup>st</sup> grandchild, Liam Scott, to her daughter Shannon Roberts.

## Amazing Grace Fund



Plans are under way to ensure that approximately 20 disadvantaged families in our local area are provided fixings for a Christmas dinner, a turkey, gifts (for children) and other essential products.

Tuscarora Presbyterian Church is already working on the food boxes and children's gifts. Therefore we here at FWPC plan to provide the turkeys and other essential necessities. This is where we need your help. Boxes have been placed in the Fellowship Hall and downstairs to collect items such as **(lots of) toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, laundry and dish washing detergent.** Anyone wanting to make a donation please contact Beth Henry (274-2112) or Brenda Carper (274-3053). Items are needed no later than **December 7**. Your kind gestures will change lives.

## Looking Back - Looking Ahead with Ron Hansen

In the early days of the American colonies, the governing bodies of Presbyterians left all decisions about whether to sing hymns or psalms up to the individual congregations. This resulted in a variety of different psalms and hymnals being used by the congregations. Most of these contained words only, no musical notations. Early American church leaders and congregational members usually lacked musical education. In some locations singing schools were established which caused a growth in the desire for musical notations. By 1800 there were over 130 different books in print. It was not until after the Civil War that most hymnals looked like the ones we use today with the text printed with the musical notation.

In 1819 PCUSA General Assembly granted approval of **"Psalms and Hymns Adapted to the Public Worship"** and it was printed in 1830 and became the first official American Presbyterian hymnal in 1831. Other Presbyterian denominations continued to sing only psalms.

In 1874 **The Presbyterian Hymnal** was published by the newly reunited "Old" and "New" schools under the direction of a Committee of five.

In 1895 **"The Hymnal"** was edited by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. This hymnal was again revised in 1911.

In 1933 The General Assembly of the PCUSA authorized a new hymnal. **"The Hymnal"** is still in use in some Presbyterian churches in the United States.

In 1949, United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Reformed Church in America began working together on the possibility of jointly preparing a hymnal. In 1950 the Presbyterian Church in the United States joined in the production of the new hymnal. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America also joined in the project, making it a cooperative project of FIVE American

Denominations of the Presbyterian-Reformed tradition. **"The Hymnbook"** was published in 1955.

In 1972 **"The Worshipbook Services and Hymns"** was published jointly by Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. As the title of the book suggests, it was in two parts. The Worshipbook - Services was published first and was the successor to The Book of Common Worship (1946). The Worshipbook: Services and Hymns provided Presbyterian churches in North America with the type of liturgical collection that was first produced at the time of the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century. The Joint Committee on Worship did not have the intention of publishing a general hymnal. Instead their purpose was to provide musical materials which would complete the Service for the Lord's Day. The hymns in this collection were intended to provide resources for the Lectionary for the Christian Year.

In 1980 and 1983 The General Assemblies directed that a hymnal be developed "using inclusive language and sensitive to the diverse nature" of the church. A committee of 18 persons began work in April 1985 and concluded the process in July 1989. **"The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs"** was published in 1990

In 2006 the General Assembly authorized the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation to research a new hymnal. The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song met for 3 years, culling through over 10,000 (!) submissions of hymns and songs. They finalized this hymnal, **"Glory to God"**, containing 863 hymns and songs.



# Enjoying the New Hymnal

By Rev. Carl Howard

There is much to know and enjoy about our new hymnal, *Glory to God*!

For instance, take a look at the small-type notes at the bottom of each hymn. You'll learn facts about the poetry, or the author, or the music – or maybe all of the above. This is a brand-new feature that makes this hymnal special.

Other reasons to appreciate *Glory to God*:

1. It has 250 more hymns, psalms and spiritual songs than we had in the 1990 hymnal – 850 vs. 605.
- Old Favorites, like “Shall We Gather at the River,” that weren't in previous Presbyterian hymnals, are included. Of course, hymns in ordinary worship use in recent times are all there as well.
- Praise music is there!
- Contemporary hymns now included are written in a more-accessible singing range for the congregation.
- More hymns for Advent, Lent, Christmas and Communion are available. (Want to learn some new Advent hymns this year?)

*Glory to God* includes 65% of material from the 1990 hymnal—but the rest is different (some new, some just not previously in Presbyterian hymnals). And 13% of the hymnal's contents originate from musical traditions whose songs were not available to compilers of prior Presbyterian collections.

Imagine this: Responding to a denominational call in 2004 for a new hymnal, a committee of experts in theology, music, and poetry winnowed through about 10,000 hymns and songs to select those published in

*Glory to God*. It was about time, as most denominations issue new hymnals every generation—responding to changing tastes and needs of music for worship.

*This is important: If you or your family would like a copy of The Presbyterian Hymnal, the blue-cover 1990 hymnal that we've just taken out of the pew hymnal racks, you may take one home for family worship and enjoyment. Copies are in boxes in the Fellowship Hall.*

## Thanks!

Thanks so much for the warm and loving “card shower” to me during Pastor Appreciation Month. It has been a joy to serve as consultant to the hard-working Falling Waters Mission Study team, to backstop Pastor Rose occasionally, and to serve in other ways. I am still around during this transition period, as the Presbytery wants me to report back in six months about early response to the Mission Study recommendations. Please prayerfully read the Mission Study and join the committees and the Session by investing your God-given gifts in the Kingdom work entrusted to Falling Waters Church!

Blessings,  
Rev. Carl