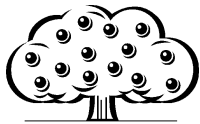


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And may the Lord
make you increase
and abound in love
for one another
and for all ...

1 Thessalonians 3:12

The Great Commission as found in Matthew 28:17, commands us: “Go and make disciples of all nations....” These days you may have heard the term “Missional Church”. Alan Hirsch in an article in Christianity Today describes missional churches as being grounded in the understanding of God who by his very nature is a ‘sent one’ who takes the initiative to redeem his creation. This doctrine, known as *missio Dei*—the sending of God—is causing many to redefine their understanding of the church. Because we are the “sent” people of God, the church is the instrument of God’s mission in the world. Hirsch goes on to say that we get it backwards when we talk about the ‘church having a mission’. It would be more proper to say ‘this mission has a church.’

A missional community sees the mission as both its originating impulse and its organizing principle. A missional community is patterned after what God has done in Jesus Christ. In the incarnation God sent his Son. Similarly, to be missional means to be sent into the world; we do not expect people to come to us. This posture differentiates a missional church from an attractional church.

The most common way of church operating has been as attractional churches. The hope and aim was to attract people who would join in and become like us. A missional way of thinking is focused on how we are sent out into the world.

Which brings me to FWPC: Are you as confused as I am? I have heard “we are not a strong mission church”. That is how you described yourself in the Mission Study. Looking at your budget, someone said to me recently, “Wow, the folks at FWPC are really committed to mission.”

On one hand, you don’t talk much about mission. Right now other than the Amazing Grace ministry and Bible school, you don’t have any organized mission

programs. However you do give generously to ministry and mission work of others.

On the other hand, from talking with many of you, I know you are doing things like reading to kids in school, volunteering at Meals on Wheels, walking with or sitting with folks at hospice as they make the final transition in life, being a life coach for homeless people, gathering money for coats for needing children, sponsoring 4-H clubs, rescuing dolls that you fix up for children who would have little else at Christmas.....What have I missed?

So it got me thinking about the source of the disconnect...the differences in the perceptions. Perhaps you think like so many in traditional ways about mission and evangelism. Mission was usually equated with ‘foreign’ mission and evangelism meant going out knocking on doors with tract or literature in hand and explaining to people how to become Christian. Too often in the mainline churches, mission is what we might do on a summer trip, or it is what we leave to the ‘professional’ ministers and missionaries. The rest of us will satisfy ourselves with supporting their work.

A missional theology is not content with mission being a church-based work. Rather, it applies to the whole life of every believer. Every disciple is to be an agent of the kingdom of God, and every disciple is to carry the mission of God into every sphere of life. We are all missionaries sent into a non-Christian culture.

So I would challenge you to think of yourselves here at FWPC as missionaries in all you do. When you are delivering meals to shut-ins, visiting the sick or lonely, sitting with the dying, reading to kids, helping the homeless, mentoring kids in 4-H, delivering food and clothing to the poor...you are doing mission. In all you do, do it to the glory of God and be God’s body carrying on the work as He commissioned us and sent us into the world to do.

Pastor Rose

Pray Without Ceasing

Bill and Billy Berg
Waneda Bowers
Joan Chambers
Jimmy Cloud
Jimmy Dunham
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
The Lantz Family
Ted Largent
The Miskovsky Family
Mary Catherine Payne
Bill Perrott
Virginia Snyder
Maxine Taylor
Carolyn Weidman



March Greeters

Paul Peach- Head Greeter

1 Paul Peach, Rod DeKett, Bill Perrott
8 Paul Peach, Becky Hawthorne, Diana McKinley
15 Paul Peach, Bea and Craig Taynton
22 Paul Peach, Dixie and Avalon Blizzard
29 Paul Peach, Helen Brown, Robin Brown

Nursery Attendants

March 1 Linda Martin, Pamela Fleagle
March 8 Tina and Ellie Sloan
March 15 Kathy Goodell, Lacy Linton
March 22 Carl and Amanda Lamb
March 29 Tammy Hylton, Marge Chamblin

March Birthdays

8 Stephanie Smoot
8 Rob Sloan
10 Kenny Cushwa
12 Gwen Noll
11 Tyler Cloud
14 Paige Ruble
14 JR Sloan
15 Patty Widmeyer
15 Brenda Carper
15 James Dunham
17 Cindy Gunderson
19 Bill Berg
22 Ellie Sloan, Aiden Smoot, Keenan Smoot
23 Cheryl Mann
27 Mike Fleagle
28 Heather Locke, Darla Grove
31 Helen Brown
31 Shelly McFillan



It is Time to Prepare for VBS

It is that time of year again when we begin to prepare for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held the week of June 15-20 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 the BGB!



The Men's Big Greasy Breakfast is coming up March 21 at 9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please let John McDonald know, 304-274-2372.



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8. Please turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Explanation of Various Church Funds

General Fund - Operating monies of the Church consisting of checking account and savings.

Legacy - Is for improvement of Church facilities (not regular maintenance repairs) with monies coming from memorials and designated donations.

Building - for new building or major expansion, monies from designated contributions.

Cemetery - for maintaining cemetery, managed by Trustees.

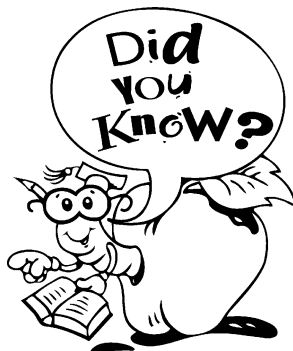
Emergency - to aid those in our own congregation with immediate or desperate needs of food, fuel, etc.

Youth Group - for funding of Sardine activities, monies coming from collections, work parties and fund raising.

Petty Cash - for minor office type expenses, managed by church secretary.

M. Douglass Harlan/FWPC Educational Fund - devised through a gift from Douglass Harlan, a life-long FWPC member, Sunday School teacher and Berkeley County School Teacher. It is a cd to be used by active young members for higher education.

Temporary Special Funds - Authorized by the Session, asking the congregation for donations to assist with a major project for the church. Some past Special Funds include: central air, new furnace, sanctuary sound system, organ, church sign, Zombro Field.



Dinner & Movie

Since the February Movie Night was canceled due to a snow storm we will show February's movie on March 21. Join us for dinner at Bob Evans at 5:00 followed by the movie "The Buccaneer" at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall.



"Who is my Neighbor?"

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



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**.

It's that Time of Year

Susie Cushwa will receive donations for **Easter Lilies** until March 22. They will cost about \$12.00 each. Anyone wishing to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one should see Susie as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to Susie.



Back Creek Valley Boys in Concert

The **Back Creek Valley Boys** will present a bluegrass concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, at the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, 2928 Hammonds Mill Road (route 901), Hedgesville. This is a presentation of *Concerts in the Community*, a nonprofit series designed to provide a variety of music at a reasonable cost.

Tickets, available in advance or at the door, will be required for admission: main floor - adults \$5; students K-12, \$3; age 4 and younger free; balcony – adults \$3; students, K-12, \$1; and age 4 and younger free. The church is handicap-accessible.

Information and tickets are available now at the church website, www.fwpc.info (see “Concerts” tab at the top right of the home page), by e-mailing concertsinthecommunity@comcast.net or phoning 304-754-5039.

The Back Creek Valley Boys pride themselves on playing “hard drivin” traditional bluegrass music. They have three albums—Bluegrass, Plain and Simple; The Back Creek Valley Express; and Real Live Bluegrass. Their next project is a gospel album.

The next concert in the *Concerts in the Community* series will be the Kurtis Adams Jazz Quartet at 3 p.m. on May 3.

Because of the weather, we are way behind in ticket sales – the concert is 2 weeks away. The Back Creek Valley Boys is a well-known and popular group in this area and there should be interest in this concert. But we have to get the word out. If you would be able to do one of the things listed below, please let me know. I can give fliers and tickets to you on Sunday. Please email me to let me know how many tickets you plan to try to sell, how many fliers you’d like, and how many fliers with tear-offs you would like so I can have packages prepared. If you know that you are going to buy a ticket, let me know right away so I can reserve a seat in the center pews.

So please volunteer to:

1. Sell tickets to friends, neighbors, and coworkers; or buy a few tickets to give to people you know would enjoy this concert and will be able to attend.
2. Distribute fliers around your neighborhoods or elsewhere; Carl Howard has covered The Woods.
3. Take placemats to a restaurant (Fawn has already covered Barney’s). This is one of the least expensive ways to reach a lot of people.
4. Take fliers with tear offs at the bottom to places with bulletin boards: gyms, library, small stores, and anywhere else you can think of.
5. Come up with other ideas of how to get the information out to the public. Carl and Bev Howard have sent the information to the Journal and Hagerstown Herald-Mail. I have sent information to the radio stations and EPMC.

Of course, we’ll need help on the day of the concert as well. Thanks in advance. Kate Lewis Brown 304-754-5039 johnkatebrown@comcast.net

The Messenger

Falling Waters Presbyterian Church
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Hedgesville, West Virginia 25427

Falling Waters Presbyterian Church Pavilion

Our pavilion has been enjoyed by many of us already, and it is available to be used and enjoyed by our church family. The pavilion is a facility of the church and will be governed by many of the same policies as does Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

The pavilion is available to be used by, our church family. This is described as any member of, or anyone who attends Falling Waters Presbyterian Church on a regular basis.

Anyone who falls within the church family as described above, may request the use of the pavilion for a group or family that they are a member of. The stipulation is, that the church family individual must be in attendance for the entire time the pavilion is being used, and that individual accepts full responsibility for the facility while in their use.

A request must be made to use the pavilion and approval given, before using it. This request can be made by contacting the church office at 304-754-8211, or by contacting Sam Tobin at 304-754-7147.

The request must specify if you are asking for use of just the pavilion area (eating area) or the entire facility which includes the kitchen. For all approved usages, the restrooms will be opened.

The facility, restrooms and kitchen, will be unlocked for you on the day of usage.

The picnic tables are not to be loaned out or removed from the pavilion.

The area is to be left in a clean condition and all trash removed.

No tobacco or alcoholic beverages are permitted.

The pavilion is not to be used for "for profit" activities.

The pavilion facility will be open in April and the Maintenance Committee will close it and winterize it the beginning of October. This is based on calendar dates. If weather permits and there is a request for usage, a later close date will be considered.

Falling Waters Spring "Make and Take" Event

Come and join us on **March 28th** for a spring "Make and Take" event. We will begin with a read aloud, followed by spring/Easter crafts for both the younger and older kids. There will be refreshments for the adults and snacks for the kids afterwards.

Who: Children ages 3-9

What: Story time, crafts, and snacks

When: **Saturday, March 28th, 10:00-11:15 AM**

Where: Falling Waters Presbyterian Church
2829 Hammonds Mill Rd., Hedgesville

Cost: FREE! Please email Laura Peach (event organizer) at lpeach@k12.wv.us, or call Fawn Fleagle (church secretary) at FWPC at 304-754-8211. Please call or email by March 21st to register for this event, or if you have any questions. Additionally, if you wish to volunteer to help, please contact Laura.

We look forward to seeing you there! Let's welcome springtime together!

*With
Sympathy*

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Bill Perrott** following the death of his son, Sam Perrott, in January, **Maxine Taylor**, whose daughter, Terry Miskovsky, died on February 14 and **Yvonne Lantz** whose 102-year-old grandmother, Omi, died on Valentine's Day.

Do You Like To Sew?

Do you like to sew? Do you have scraps left over from previous projects? Are you looking for a small project for these scraps? "The Broken Doll", a non-profit program in KY which restores dolls for children going into foster care, is in need of doll blankets and quilts. The ideal size is between 15"-18" wide by 18"-24" long. If you would like to donate a doll quilt, please contact Fawn, 304-754-8211. Fawn will see that they get mailed. To find out more about The Broken Doll, please visit their FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/4TheBrokenDoll>.

