



The Falling Waters Messenger

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From the Pastor's Heart

I've come across some good advice for congregations in the midst of pastoral transition. It's this: "Don't forget to pray."

That's good advice, even as Pastor Rose's two-year, five-month tenure as interim pastor has just ended. Our prayer now is for her ongoing life and service as a minister of the Word. And for Pastor Debra as she wraps up her responsibilities in Indiana and prepares to move to West Virginia.

I think the good folks of Falling Waters Church *have* remembered to pray.

That was evident from the time back in May 2014 when, on behalf of the Shenandoah Presbytery, I began working with the church's Mission Study Team. The Study, tackled and finished over the summer, was approved by the Presbytery in just about four month's time—with accompanying approval for a congregational meeting to name a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

For sure, this has been a time when the church drew nearer to the Presbytery. Rev. Elizabeth Lewis was named as Liaison, a responsibility key to the working of the PNC. That's true because the committees of the Presbytery and the Presbytery Executive have key roles in helping vet pastoral candidates. Falling Waters didn't just want a pastor—it wanted the *right* pastor! A partnership ensures that happens.

And, it happens because ... we don't forget to pray!

In my service to the church, I've seen and heard a lot about interim pastorships. I've taken the training. With that background, I'm so grateful that Pastor Rose was the one you and God chose two

years and five months ago. It was a match made in heaven—and the answer to prayer!

Her quiet, firm, knowledgeable leadership was just right. During her tenure, very good things happened:

The congregation, with session leadership, began reaching out to the community in new ways. Think of the concerts in the community, folks volunteering at Potomack Intermediate School, and helping with Kidz Power Packs for children whose family situation doesn't provide adequate weekend nutrition. Meanwhile, our service with the Hedgesville Community of Churches, Amazing Grace and other initiatives continued apace.

I detect a flexibility in moving, bit by bit, into the new identity the congregation will come to have with Pastor Debra. Worship, with a new music leadership now in place, is evolving and open to possible change. The last few Sundays' worship times have seemed deeply spiritual to me. This flexibility matters, because while we do value our history, what really counts is what's ahead.

Congregational leaders, with Rose's encouragement, have stepped forward. The Session is fully committed to lead. There's a new treasurer, bringing that function back into the church fold. Tweaking of church investments and finance in general has occurred, and I believe the church is well positioned to finance new and ongoing ministry in a wonderful way.

Having thanked Pastor Rose for her devoted leadership, the congregation now will be using the month of May to prepare for its new pastor.

May the Lord bless you all, as the "interim time" morphs into new life for Falling Waters Church. And don't forget to pray!

Pastor Carl

[Pastor Carl will be our guest minister and provide pastoral care for the entire month of May]

Pray Without Ceasing

Pam Arvon
Bill & Billy and Ruth Berg
Joan Chambers
Jimmy Cloud
Kathy Goodell
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
Ted Largent
Tink Manor
Pete Mekkelson
Virginia Snyder
Paula Tobin
Bill Zombro



May 3 Fawn and John Fleagle
May 11 Nancy Shipper, Tiffany Henry
May 18 Robin Brown, Helen Brown
May 25 Kathy Goodell, Ellie Sloan
May 31

Flock Notes

JR Sloan will be attending the Governor's School for Math and Science this summer. He is one of 59 eighth graders from across the state that was selected to attend. It is a two week program at WV State College in Institute, WV. Congratulations, JR!

VBS Needs Your Help



VBS is 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 10** at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall to make final plans for June.

*It's
a
Girl!*



Congratulations to Carl and Amanda Lamb on the birth of a daughter, **Layla Jade**, on April 27th. Layla weighed 7 lbs, 9 ozs. She joins her siblings, Olivia and Naithan, at home.

May Birthdays

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



Heritage Sunday

Please join us on May 22nd 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.



Easter Lilies were given in honor and memory of:

Geraldine Aikens
Jack G. Baumbaugh
William and Lena Berg
Arthur Blizzard
Gary Carper, Sr.
Jordy Carper
Parents of Chamblin Family
Donald and Katherine Cushwa
Wayne Cushwa
Ellis and Virginia Donaldson
Rog and Lucille Fleagle
Luis Gomez
Edmund Goodell
Karen Runkles Gray
Nick Hawthorne
Reva and Louis Hilliard
John Horner
Abi Howard
Jack and Glenna Lang
C. Arlington Linton
LeRoy and Ruth McWayne
Robert Ostowski
Merhle and Evelyn Pickett
Thelma Pittsnogle
Herbert and Ethel Runkles
Elizabeth Thompson
Rev. Dr. David Wayland
Lee and Florence Weidman
Laura Mae and Arthur Wydner
Jean Zombro



and others not specifically named

Maintenance Committee News

Pavilion: we will be opening the pavilion in May for the summer season. We invite the congregation to make good use of it for family reunions, organization picnics, birthday parties, graduations, etc. Please schedule your event in the pavilion by calling the church office at 304-754-8211. Enjoy your summer.

Attention Men!



The Men of the Church will host coffee hour on Mother's Day, May 8. Men, please see John MacDonald about the dish you plan to bring. There is also a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

Attention Parents

The Trustees are currently repairing loose and damaged **tombstones** in our cemetery. Some are very dangerous. For this reasons parents are asked to keep children out of the cemetery for the next month or so.

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

Jessica Ruqus, Head Greeter

May 1 Jessica and Bob Ruqus, Gwen Noll
May 8 Jessica Ruqus, Susie Cushwa, Crystal Mason
May 15 Jessica Ruqus, Bea Tyanton, Donna Steele
May 22 Jessica Ruqus, Dixie and Avalon Blizzard
May 29 Jessica Ruqus, Sharron and Joe Reel



Falling Waters Presbyterian Church
Concerts in the Community
presents the
Berkeley Community Chorus
on
Sunday, May 22, 2016
at
3:00 p.m.

Dear Church at Falling Waters,

You have been so generous with me in both your gifts and gift of wards. I shall miss being apart from you and will look forward to hearing of the good things that you are doing in the future. Thank you again for the lovely basket of flowers, the beautiful rose necklace that I will wear near my heart, the many cards with your warm and kind words and the wonderful fellowship meal to say good-bye on!

May God continue to bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you,

Pastor Rose

Founded in September 2012, the **Berkeley Community Chorus** began its mission to provide a choral ensemble for promotion and enjoyment of the musical arts in the Eastern Panhandle and to offer a performance opportunity for adult singers of all ages and abilities in Berkeley County.

As a non profit civic organization, the chorus is not affiliated with any particular church, society, school or institution. The BCC membership has set a goal to perform throughout Berkeley County during its two-concert seasons. A typical concert will include a variety of compositions and arrangements for mixed voices from classical, folk, popular and musical theater repertory.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students (K-12). To purchase tickets call 304-754-5039 or email concertsinthecommunity@comcast.net