

# The Falling Waters Messenger

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## Flash Faith

You may have heard of Flash Fiction. It's a genre of fiction where the entire work takes an extremely brief time to read. While the story typically contains the classic story elements: protagonist, conflict, obstacles or complications, and resolution, it differs from the short story genre in that many of those elements are only hinted at or implied. The result is that often readers of Flash Fiction come away from a story with a wide variety of interpretations.

I've recently begun to think of the ministry of Outreach in terms of Flash Fiction. Or, as I've decided to call it - Flash Fellowship. It seems to me that more often than we realize, our opportunities to share the Gospel with others come as fleeting moments of interaction between people. For good or ill, most people live busy lives which necessitate being on the move from commitment to commitment, meeting to meeting, or deadline to deadline. In this day and age, rare are the chances to sit down over tea or coffee or lemonade and respectfully, gently share with another, "why you believe as you do" (1Peter 3:15 - The Living Bible). It's the day and age of the two-minute elevator talk, 140-character tweets, or communication using temporary images via Snapchat. Remembering that it took Jesus an entire day to share the Good News while walking the road from Jerusalem to Damascus, we have to ask: What's a would-be evangelist to do?

The quandary puts me in mind of a saying often incorrectly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi -

"Preach the gospel at all times; when necessary, use words." It also reminds me of something Jesus says, "This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other" (John 13:35 Common English Bible). I thought about both of these sayings recently when I was being scolded by someone for parking my car incorrectly. I cheerfully, gently, lovingly apologized and explained that I was new to the area and therefore unaware of the tradition. I found myself wanting to talk with her, to tell her I was a Christian and she could count on me. However, I could tell her neither of these things because she rushed away before I could get any of them to travel from my brain and out of my mouth. And so, I found myself wondering if she could have guessed that I'm a Christian by my behavior. I thought back on my behavior, hoping and praying I had been kind and gracious to her, hoping and praying she perceived the same.

Truth be told, even though both of us went through the experience, it all happened so fast that we may have walked away from it with two dissimilar stories to tell. Our interpretations may have been, like Flash Fiction, completely different. Nonetheless, I pray that my attitude, my response, my words and behavior were all such that, in our moment of Flash Fellowship, she recognized me as a follower of Jesus Christ.

As you go through your days, you might try noticing how many opportunities you have for a little Flash Fellowship. Try preaching the gospel with, or without words. Then, share your stories with me. I would be delighted to hear about your experiences!

With a hopeful heart,  
Pastor Debra

## Pray Without Ceasing

Bill Berg  
Joan Chambers  
Jimmy Cloud  
Kenny Cushwa  
Mike Cushwa  
Mary Hodges  
Irvin Horst  
Ted Largent  
Virginia Snyder  
Maxine Taylor  
Paula Tobin  
Bill Zombro



## Greeters for July- August

July 3 Jessica Rugus, Tammy Hylton, Nat Hylton  
July 10 Jessica Ruqus, Dorothy Hurley, Shelly McFillan  
July 17 Jessica Rugus, Lyn Hansen, Elizabeth Kaetzel  
July 24 Jessica Ruqus, Denny and Darla Grove  
July 31 Jessica Ruqus, Pete and Sue Mekkelson  
  
Aug. 7 Fawn Fleagle, Rob and Tina Sloan  
Aug. 14 Brenda Carper, John and Audrey MacDonald  
Aug. 21 Diana McKinley, Becky Hawthorne, Carolyn Linton  
Aug. 30 Galen and Patty Runkles, Nancy Linton

## Flock Notes

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jon and Kelsey Blaine** who were married in our church on June 4. Kelsey is the daughter of Nancy and Buck Shipper. Jon is the son of Linda and Christopher Blaine. Kelsey and Jon make their home at 1132 Torytown Rd., Bunker Hill, WV 25413

Congratulations to Marge and Richard Chamblin on the birth of their first grandchild, **Bethany Grace Flanagan** on June 12. Bethany was born to their daughter, Pamela and her husband Steve. Because of Bethany's early arrival, the baby shower in her honor was canceled. The coffee hour on July 17<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by the Chamblins to celebrate her arrival.

## Happy Birthday July-August

July 3 Mary Catherine Payne  
7 Richard Goodell  
Stuart Collis  
9 Tiffany Henry  
12 Alan Ruble  
Tony Ponton  
13 Anna Collis  
16 Jill Spangler  
17 Tink Manor  
18 Olivia Lamb  
19 Carolyn Weidman  
20 Sam Tobin  
22 Jeff Smoot  
Laura Beauchamp  
24 Fawn Fleagle  
26 Brian Cushwa  
28 Nikki Arvon  
Becca Chambers



August 1 Bill Perrott  
Ron Hansen  
Carl Lamb  
3 Joey Widmeyer  
4 Dorothy Hurley  
7 Nancy Shipper  
8 Hannah Locke  
12 Gavin Smoot  
16 Paula Tobin  
Chuck Hydorn  
17 Jeff Campbell  
19 John Cushwa  
28 Irvin Horst  
29 Greg Runkles  
31 Tammy Hylton  
Galen Runkles

## News From Sunday School



Our step-up day program is being planned for Sunday, August 28 with the Sunday School Picnic following worship at the pavilion. Hot dogs will be furnished. Please bring a covered-dish to share.

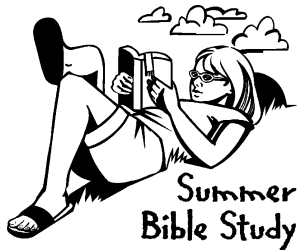
# Celebrating Our Independence



Every year we celebrate the birth of this great nation, and most of all, the freedom that we enjoy as citizens of the United States. The land we love and the freedom we enjoy within its borders did not happen by chance, but was designed and ushered into existence by God himself. His hand has constantly been upon our country and its affairs.

Join us immediately following worship on July 3 for our annual **Independence Celebration and Picnic** at our pavilion. Dress is casual. Hot dogs, buns, drinks, ice and tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered-dish to share.

## Women's Bible Study



The **Women's Bible Study** will not meet in July. On August 10th at 10:00 a.m. they will begin their new study, "Who Is Jesus? - What a Difference a Lens Makes" at the home of Kathy Goodell.

Please bring a covered-dish to share. The study will be followed by swimming. New study guides are available in Fellowship Hall and cost \$8.00.

## New Address

Pastor Debra's new address is:  
16041 Cloverton Dr.  
Williamsport, MD 21795  
304-839-8998

July 3  
July 10  
July 17  
July 24  
July 31

Tina and Ellie Sloan  
Ruth Berg, Helen Brown  
Anna and Adam Collis  
Heather and Archie Locke  
Audrey MacDonald, Fawn Fleagle

August 7  
August 14  
August 21  
August 28

Robin and Helen Brown  
Kelsey and Kadence Blaine  
Laura and Paul Peach  
Fawn and Pamela Fleagle

Shenandoah Presbytery

and

The Congregation of

the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church

invite you to the

Installation of Rev. Debra McKune

as Pastor of Falling Waters Presbyterian  
Church

Sunday, July 10th, 2016 4:00 in the  
afternoon

Meal to follow Please R.S.V.P for meal

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# VBS Success

Our theme this year was “Surf Shack” where students were introduced to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

They raised \$325.00 for Nadia Ayoub, our missionary in the Ukraine. They also collected pasta, fruit cups and toilet paper for the Amazing Grace Fund. Children won gold medals for participation in the Crazy Hat contest. 40 students had perfect attendance the entire week.

Thank you to the congregation for its prayers and monetary donations and for all adults who helped in so many ways to make this important ministry to our youth a success.

## Outreach = Evangelism

### Community Day in the Park

On Saturday, June 18, a team of volunteers led by Renee Campbell set up and staffed a booth at this event. The donated homemade cookies filled an enormous plastic container.

More than 300 people stopped at the booth to play games for prizes, get temporary tattoos, get free tickets for our hourly drawings for special prizes, or to converse with the volunteers. Some came by to just ask for the good-sized plastic bags we were handing out, which had crosses in a variety of colors all over them. In the bags were cookies, a brochure, and one other small gift.

When we used up all of the bags, the remaining cookies were used as prizes for the games as we had run out of prizes. All of the cookies were gone at the end of the day. Thank you so much to those who donated homemade cookies!

All in all, the day, albeit a long one, was a very successful outreach to the community. A logo (picture of the church and its name) was displayed on a large board at the front of the stage, as a sponsor of the event.

The volunteers for this event were Renee Campbell, Ruth Berg, Fawn Fleagle, Tammy Hylton, Nat Hylton, Jake Hylton, John Brown, Kate Brown, and Yvonne Lantz. All of the adult volunteers had just finished a tiring week working with VBS and yet they still came out for this outreach event. Many, many thanks!

Please check out the Photo Gallery on the FWPC website for pictures of this event and of VBS: [www.fwpc.info](http://www.fwpc.info).

### Hospitality Team

We would very much appreciate volunteers for the Hospitality Team, described in a previous newsletter. Please let me know if you are willing to serve on this Team.

### Grow-to-Share

There were 75 families, for a total of 257 people, given produce from the Grow-to-Share program in June. Our church is one of several local churches that provide money for this program, which runs from June through November. The fruits and vegetables are given out to people when they receive food from the Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes program that our church also supports generously. The Grow-to-Share program was created by and funded through the Hedgesville Area Community of Churches.

Kate Lewis Brown  
Chair of Outreach