



The Falling Waters Messenger

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From the Pastor

The beginning of June marks our first anniversary together. Wow, does time ever fly! It's difficult to put into words how fortunate I feel to be serving God and neighbor with all of you in this place and in these times. While there have been some adjustments and speed bumps as we travel this road together, I am convinced that our challenges have served to strengthen our relationships with one another and empowered us to be more faithful in our shared ministry.

As we begin our second year together, I have some hopes and dreams for the future and I bet many of you do, also. I would like to hear yours even as I would like to share mine. Likewise, I'm sure there are concerns, joys, and ideas many of you have that I hope to hear about. And while some of you know how valuable and important I believe feedback is about the classes I teach, our worship services and my sermons, many of you may not be aware of how much I welcome and appreciate it. Whether we agree or disagree, it's all fine with me. I learn and grow from these conversations.

All of these things, of course, require communication.

So, with this in mind, I invite you all to stop by for a visit (office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9:30 - 5:30), or give me a call at the church (304-754-8211) or on my cell phone (304-839-8998), or send me a text or an email (pastormckune@gmail.com). I look forward to our discussions.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Debra



Pray Without Ceasing

Bill & Billy Berg
Jimmy Cloud
Kenny Cushwa
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
Ted Largent
John McKune
Pete Mekkelson
Virginia Snyder
Bill Zombro



June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

Judith and Bill Lawrenson
Beth Henry, Tiffany Henry
Audrey McDonald, Fawn Fleagle
Tina and Ellie Sloan

June Birthdays

- 1 Pam Arvon
- 1 Adam Collis
- 2 Lacy Linton
Tory Henry
- 5 Ted Largent
- 11 Bill Zombro
- 16 Deborah Chambers
- 18 Phil Higginbottom
- 23 C. James Cloud
- 27 Bob Ruqus
- 28 Lyn Hansen



June Greeters

Kate Lewis Brown- Head Elder

- June 4 Ruth Berg, Marge and Richard Chamblin
- June 11 Kate, Kristie and Steve Redding
- June 18 Kate, Becky and Larry Brown
- June 25 Kate, Robert and Brenda Cloud

Join US!

We will celebrate Independence Day with a picnic in the pavilion following worship on July 2nd. Please bring a covered dish. Hot dogs, sausages, buns, drinks, ice and tableware will be provided.



Dinner and A Movie Night



Please join us on June 17 at 5:00 for dinner at Kings Pizza in Falling Waters followed by "Hacksaw Ridge" at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have refreshments and door prizes.

Attention Ladies



The Ladies of the Church will host coffee hour on Father's Day, June 18. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

Flock Notes



Congratulations to Kelsey and Jon Blaine on the birth of a daughter, **Teagan Marie**, on May 21st. Teagan weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs. She is adored by her grandma, Nancy Shipper and big sister, Kadence Blaine.

Congratulations to **Tyler and Tiffany Henry** who won the following awards at the Spring Mills FFA Banquet.

Tyler:

2017 Beef Production Proficiency Award in Entrepreneurship

2017 Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication Proficiency Award in Placement

2017 Chapter Star in Agribusiness Award

Outstanding Achievement as a Member of the Spring Mills FFA Chapter

Tiffany Henry received the FFA Greenhand Degree at the Spring Mills FFA banquet.

Join the Adult Sunday School Class

In Romans 15:4 the writer of the letter to the Christians in Rome writes, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

And according to early Christian theologian John Chrysostom (A.D. 347-407), "To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers, so it is the same with the Scriptures; the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches."

Join the Adult Sunday School group as we continue our exploration of the biblical book of Romans. Led by Pastor Debra, this study meets at 9:00 a.m. and is open to everyone who wants to dig deeper into the Word of God! For more information, please contact Pastor Debra or the church office.

Hero Central Discover Your Strength in God

VBS is scheduled for June 19-23 from 9:00 - noon. Our theme this year is "**Hero Central, Discover Your Strength in God**". Hero Central takes children on epic adventures alongside biblical heroes connecting the Bible with children's lives today. This combination of biblical teachings along with life application discoveries may create in your children the desire to seek and to know Jesus Christ.

The color of the day is:

Monday - yellow

Tuesday - blue and gold WV Day

Wednesday - green

Thursday - orange

Friday -red

The students will get a point each day for their attendance, bringing their Bibles and wearing the color of the day.

They are asked to bring canned pasta, pudding cups, fruit cups and toilet paper to be given to a local charity and a small offering each day which will be sent to our missionary, Nadia. Our goal is to raise \$100.00 to help her with her work with preschoolers in the Ukraine.

Space is limited and **pre-registration is required**. To register, call the church office at 754-8211 or see Fawn.

VBS is in need of monetary donations for snacks, paper towels, and toilet paper. If you can help with any of these, please see Fawn.



Community Day in the Park

The Outreach Committee has signed FWPC up to have a booth at the 5th **Annual Community Day in the Park** scheduled for **Saturday, June 17, 2016, at War Memorial Park from 12:00 to 6:00 pm.** This is an excellent opportunity for us to be part of our community, as well as an advertisement for Paula's Community Day at FWPC scheduled for September 23.

Community Day in the Park is hosted by Community Combined Ministries (CCM), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which was created in 2007 with a primary focus to serve our area schools with meals for children who would otherwise go without on weekends, during breaks and throughout the summer. CCM currently serves many schools in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties through their meal package program, Kidz Power Pacs (KPP). Members of FWPC routinely help with the monthly packing for this service.

All of the KPP recipients and their families are invited to Community Day, as well as the public at large. Approximately 500 people are expected to visit the event, including 300 children, and everything at the event is free, from hot dogs to the Moon Bounce to swimming for the KPP children after 6:00 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help out at our booth for 1-2 hours during event, handing out bags to the visitors and playing various games with the children, as well as volunteers to bake cookies in advance to give out at this event. One of the big draws to our booth are the cookies we have available. Please check your calendar and let Renee know if you can volunteer for an hour or two (or all afternoon) on Saturday, June 17, or if you can make cookies. We need cookies prepackaged in snack bags of 2-3 cookies, depending on their size.



Choir News

Gary and I have enjoyed our first full year here at Falling Waters Presbyterian Church. The choir had a very successful Christmas Cantata, and continues to work hard. We have many very dedicated choir members and have thoroughly enjoyed working with them.

The choir is in the process of winding down for the summer. We have three more rehearsals, and an end of year picnic for all choir members and their spouses/families. We will reconvene in September and are always looking for new members, so please consider singing in the choir. We are planning to start our new fall season with some sort of a kick-off, so stay tuned!



We are also looking for people to sign up for summer music each Sunday in July and August. There will be a sign-up list on the bulletin board starting in June. If you would like to sing, but don't have an accompanist, Gary or I can play for you. Please consider sharing your talents and signing up so that we have special music each Sunday through the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Radonna Mullenax
Choral Director

The Women's Bible Study Invites You

The Women's Bible Study will meet on June 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Judith Lawrenson, 33 Lackawanna Lane, Falling Waters. The lesson will be on "The Other Abrahamic Religions - Judaism and Islam". Please call Judith at 681-242-3535 for directions to her house.

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Thank you for making our outreach/service projects happen!

Putting up and taking down flags at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center on May 20:

Sam Tobin (driver extraordinaire), John MacDonald, Steve Redding, Kristie Redding, Ron Hanson, John Brown, Kate Lewis Brown

Packing food for the Kidz Power Pacs backpack program:

April 29: Becky Hawthorne, Diana McKinley

Serving as staff at the May 7 Concert, The Band-Changed:

Bea Taynton, Marge Chamlin, Brenda Carper, Lyn Hansen, John Brown, Kate Lewis Brown

Also, thanks to members of the congregation who come out and support the concerts.

From the Depths of our Hearts

The McKune clan (John, Margy, Debra and John) are exceedingly grateful for the love and support the congregation has so generously offered us during this challenging time in our lives.

Your prayers, cards, hugs, gifts of food, phone calls and visits have lifted us up and sustained us as together we seek to support John (the pastor's husband!) throughout his battle with lymphoma.

Saying "thank you" seems an insufficient response to such an incredible outpouring of love and generosity. We all want you to know how deeply cared for we feel and how, even in the midst of this frightening and unsettling time, we celebrate the goodness and love of God working in and among and through all of you.

With deep appreciation and love,
The McKunes

Hospitality Hosts Program

Unfortunately, there were too few volunteers to make a regular program of having hospitality hosts each Sunday. Most of the people who volunteered were choir members and/or adult church school attendees, which made it impossible for them to be present in the sanctuary to greet first-time guests.

We, of course, will continue to have gift bags for first—time guests. When you identify such a guest, please give him/her a bag. The bags sit on the table at the back door to the sanctuary. There are bags for adults only and for adults with a child or children.

If the first-time guest is willing, please introduce him/her to the congregation during the announcements. But, if the guests seem reluctant, let it be. We will give a gift bag to any unidentified guests if they raise their hands when requested during the announcements.

Picnic In The Pavilion

T'is the season for family, friends, food and fun, and the FWPC pavilion is the perfect spot to make it happen. The pavilion is a wonderful facility that is available for use by our church family, that being, either members of the church or individuals who attend on a regular basis, and will be in attendance of the event. Summer gatherings for families, an organization you belong to or just a group of friends wanting to gather, are typical summer events. The pavilion is open June through September. A reservation for the pavilion is required, and that can be made by contacting either Fawn Fleagle at the church office (304-754-8211). **Please see any member of the Maintenance committee for a key to allow you to get into the pavilion.** The consideration of a donation, for the use, is appreciated to enable the continued maintenance of the pavilion. ENJOY!!

Looking Back with Ron Hansen

Article from Martinsburg Journal circa 1940

“Fifty Years of Ministry”

Reverend Dr .J.A. Mc Murray has completed 50 yrs in the Ministry in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Dr .McMurray ,whose modesty is one of his finest of his many good qualities, would have probably preferred to let this matter pass without notice, but some of his friends knew of it and felt a proper and sincere tribute worthy.

Fifty years in any profession without interruption is a long service, fifty years in Ministry deserves especially to be noted for in no other field is the service so extracting, so meager in material rewards, so embracing in the things that are expected of those who labor in the field, and –presumably—so unappreciated by the general public.

On the other hand –presumably—ministers do not measure their reward in salaries or by public acclaim, they find their compensation in the satisfaction of having filled it inconspicuously , a role vital to spiritual welfare of their congregations well being. From what this paper has learned from the facts Dr McMurray’s conception of duty lies just there.

His whole life has been with the ministry in one phase or another . The record suffices to show the nature of his service.

Dr, Joseph Alexander McMurray (1866-1953) was Pastor at our Church from 1921-1940. His wife Margarette Harlan (1883-1976)

Their Daughter Margarette McMurray Hottel was born in the Manse in 1922 she now resides at Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg Va.