

THE PIPE LINE

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The Last Page

I don't read for pleasure nearly as much as I thought I would at my age, but when I see a book authored by John Irving, I can't resist it. Mostly, because he is an artist with words, and his characters speak to me like they were my next-door-neighbor. In fact, sometimes I have to remind myself that these characters are fictional.

My favorite book of all times is A Prayer for Owen Meany, authored by Irving. I first read this book on a camping trip in the Smoky Mountains with Judy. I was at one end of the camper and she was at the other. I was laughing so hard that I was shaking the trailer. She knew full well that I didn't usually laugh out loud while reading, so she came to check on me, asking me what on earth I was reading. By the time she got to me, I was openly weeping. Now, that is my kind of book, switching emotions with no warning, and bringing out the best and worst of reactions almost simultaneously.

When I read for pleasure, I don't read fast. I want to enjoy every word. And, I was doing just that when I realized that I had only two pages before I finished the book. I wasn't ready to say good-bye, yet I had to have closure on such a wonderfully artistic piece of literature. I slowed my reading pace to a crawl. I savored each word, one at a time. Pausing at the end of each sentence.... And, when I turned the last page, I was overcome by emotion. Overcome by the last scene, and overcome by the fact that I was saying good-bye to the characters, even though they would be a part of me for the rest of my life.

So it is as I approach February 5, 2017. I've shared many times that I only came to BPC to be a temporary organist until a permanent one was found. In retrospect, I have blamed Tim Waugh for knowing full well that I would fall in love with the church. When Teresa left, I saw another opportunity, and I had enjoyed my time at Beckley Presbyterian so much the first time, that I came back for the sequel.

And here we are, turning the last page. I assure you that most of my time here has been full of laughter and enjoyment. Only a few times was I sad enough to weep. And, I also assure you that I have savored each moment, each service and each musical offering. Nothing, however, prepares you for the last sentence and the last period, even the fact that the members of Beckley Presbyterian Church will be a part of me for the rest of my life.

-Charles Chandler, Ed. D.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

On Sunday, February 5th, at the close of worship, there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of presenting the 2016 Annual Report.

INTERIOR “UNDECORATING”

The only bad thing about decorating our beautiful church for the holidays is having to take it all down. But what goes up-----. Thanks to all of those who helped “undecorate,” including Al and Ellen Combs, Betsy Gilmer, Walter and Betty Klingensmith, Brenda Meadows, Helen Walker, Peggy White, and Scott and Cindy Worley. Six trees, yards of greenery, multiple red bows and wreaths—all packed away safely until November 29, 2017. Mark your calendars!!

-Worship Ministry

FESTIVAL OF FAITH - APRIL 1 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church (www.nextchurch.net), will be our keynote presenter for Festival of Faith, April 1, at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. In addition to the keynote presentation focusing on



how there has been a shift in American religious life in the midst of cultural trends affecting church life and signs of new life in the church, Jessica will also lead a workshop looking at patterns and practices that creative and courageous congregations are using to navigate the cultural changes in religious and community life. In addition, there will be worship, workshops, fellowship and fun for all ages.

More information to follow in future *Pipe Lines* or you can check the presbytery's website for information and registration forms.

<http://www.wvpresbytery.org/>

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

February 5: Matthew 5:13-20 says you are the light of the world and lights are not meant to be hidden. We must let our light shine so that others will see our good works. What can you do to shine your light and help make someone's day better?

February 12: In the text from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, we are told that we are all God's servants working together. What are ways that you can work with God's servants? Gather a group of people and volunteer at a food pantry or visit a nursing home together or help someone with their chores.

February 19: Among the instructions that Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:38-48 is that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. This is a very hard thing to do. It is difficult to love people who hurt us. Who in your community or our world do we need to pray for? Pray for them each day this week.

February 26: In Matthew 17:1-9 we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration, or transformation, as Peter, James and John watched. And then they heard a voice from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son." They had a "mountaintop experience." How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the voice? How might we hear God's voice today? What might God say to you?

SO LONG, FAREWELL... WE WILL MISS YOU!

All are welcome to join us this **Sunday, February 5th** at the Fellowship Lunch, as we wish Charlie Chandler well on his retirement. We will truly miss Charlie, Judy and all the grandkids!



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

Please join us
following Worship
on **Sunday, February 5th**,
for our monthly Fellowship Lunch.

A FEW FROSTY FRIENDS

When the weather outside is frightful, only one thing makes it delightful: SNOWMEN!! Even if you hate snow, it's hard to hate a snowman (or snowwoman). So since 'tis the season for snow, we've decided that our first collection to be featured in the Witherspoon Room will be Betsy Gilmer's snowmen. Since we hope winter doesn't last forever, it seemed logical to put snowmen in during February, and save The Wizard of Oz collection for March, when we hope things are getting as green as the Emerald City. So make sure you stop by and see this charming array of Frosty and friends. And we promise these snowmen won't melt. But they may just melt your heart!!

-Worship Ministry

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jacob Buckland graduated magna cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in National Security & Intelligence and Political Science from Fairmont State University in December. Jacob graduated a semester early. He is the son of Pam and Mike Buckland.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Beckley Presbyterian Church will once again be participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2017. Our Youth will be



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standing at the back of the sanctuary for those that can't join us for lunch with soup kettles for donations. You can donate to support your favorite Super Bowl team. Or you can put your donation in the Commercials kettle if that's why you will be tuning in. We will announce the following week which team "won" our Souper Bowl of Caring.

Whether the New England Patriots, the Atlanta Falcons, or the commercials win our contest, the real winners will be the hungry in our community. Thank you in advance for helping with this local mission project.

-Ministry of Christian Education

“HELPING HANDS”

It's ten o'clock in the morning when your tummy begins growling, and you feel a little hungry. No problem, eat a snack at recess, work or at home. You're satisfied until lunchtime!

We're fortunate to always have snacks and lunchtime. Unfortunately, there are many children, as well as adults, who go to bed not only with their tummies growling, but with hunger pangs. In the morning, there is very little breakfast food or snacks. If the kids are of school age, they receive breakfast and lunch at school, but what happens when they return home for dinner?

For many and various reasons, these families, are struggling right now - right in our own town!

Well, what can we do as a caring church? Bring food or money every third Sunday to donate to “Helping Hands” which is our local food pantry. Families who are in need may come once every thirty days to receive food. They may come for clothing, sheets, and towels more often as needed. Our church sends a check to “Helping Hands” every month, but we always can use more food as well as monetary donations. Ask yourself, “When was the last time you took

a black shopping bag home and returned it with food, toilet paper, or soap on the third Sunday?”

We also receive food from WV Food Bank in Gassaway, WV once a month along with meat, bread, fresh veggies, and pastries daily from two local Food Lion stores and one Kroger. You might think, “Well that sounds like plenty of food.” Last Wednesday fifty-eight families were served, and on Thursday, we helped sixty-five additional families. This was in a three-hour period from nine o'clock to noon.

Bringing food, toilet paper, and soap is a project in which all of us - young and old - can participate and make a huge difference. Bring foods that you would want if you were hungry.

If you want to drop off cases of veggies or fruit or clean (used or new) clothing, “Helping Hands” is located at 106 First Street (across from the First Baptist Church) and is open from nine o'clock to noon on Tuesdays through Fridays. The phone number is [\(304\)-253-3467](tel:304-253-3467).

Let's do our part to stop those growling stomachs! Jesus said, “As you did this to the least of these (fed his people), you have done it unto me.” *-Helen Walker*

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 5, 2017

*Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9(10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20*

February 12, 2017

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37*

February 19, 2017

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48*

February 26, 2017

*Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

MISSION FAIR PASSPORT TO MINISTRY

February 25

from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

At First Presbyterian Church,

16 Leon Sullivan Way

Charleston WV 25301

*Sponsored by the Mission Committee
of the Presbytery of West Virginia*

You are invited to join us to learn more about the ministries supported by our Presbytery and the congregations we serve. Come hear the good news, be in conversation with people who can assist you in serving your own community, glean new ideas and celebrate the amazing work being done here in WV. Prizes, conversation and ideas will abound!

If you have a ministry to share and would like to have half a table at the fair please contact Barbara Chalfant at the Presbytery office (304-744-7634)

YOUTH IN SERVICE



Several of our youth and adult advisors will be participating in "A Day of Service" around the Presbytery on **Saturday, February 4th**, at Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg to participate in a local mission!



Bereavement Support Groups for adults ages 18 and older are held in various locations throughout the year. These groups are free and are open not only to families who have had loved ones receive care from Hospice of Southern WV, but are also available to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one through death. Sometimes dates and/or locations of these groups are subject to change, and changes may be made in the case of inclement weather. Please call our bereavement department at 304-255-6404 in advance to confirm the date, time and location of the group you are interested in attending.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, February 21 – March 28, 2017,
10:00 am – 12:00 pm,
Bowers Hospice House

Wednesdays, March 15 – April 19, 2017,
9:30-11:30 am,
Raleigh County Commission on Aging

Tuesdays, April 11 – May 16, 2017,
5:00-7:00 pm,
Bowers Hospice House

Tuesdays, July 11 – August 15, 2017,
5:00 – 7:00 pm,
Bowers Hospice House

Tuesdays, August 29 – October 3, 2017,
5:00-7:00 pm,
Bowers Hospice House

OPEN FLOWER DATES

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Susan in the church office.

Sunday, February 19th, is currently open for one arrangement.



ELDERS ON CALL

February 5 - 11

Nancy Kissinger & Bill Hartling

February 12 - 18

Mac Tieche & Betsy Gilmer

February 19 - 25

Charles McNeel & Peggy Debnam

February 26 - March 4

Al Combs

SITTING AND STITCHING IN THE WITHERSPOON ROOM!

Bring your current creation whether it be knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, weaving etc. and join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 at the church in the Witherspoon Room.



For more information, call Peggy Debnam at 304-923-4822.

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all our members and friends who are going through difficult times or are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery at this time, we send you our heartfelt concerns and prayers and wish you all a speedy recovery.

PER CAPITA

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that Presbyterians have paid for over 150 years to mutually share the costs associated with coordinating the operational and ecclesiastical functions of our General Assembly, Presbyteries, and Synods. In **2017**, our Presbytery of WV Per Capita rate is **\$29.00 per (active, confirmed) member.**

While the cost for each of us individually is minimal, the total impact on the church budget is substantial. **If you feel you can assist with this expense for the current year,** please make your checks payable to Beckley Presbyterian Church, with the notation, "Per Capita," on the memo line. Contributions can be received at any time during the year.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

PIPE LINE SCHEDULE

Deadline for Articles	Date To Be Published
February 13, 2017	February 15, 2017

CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1***Pipe Line*

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:30 p.m. - Book Club -

Witherspoon Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BPC Youth Group at Old Stone

Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg

for "A Day of Service"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5*Souper Bowl of Caring*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship followed by
Congregational MeetingNoon - First Sunday Fellowship Lunch -
Friendship Hall

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 69:30 a.m. - PW Coordinating Team Mtg. -
Witherspoon Room

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center

10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group -
Witherspoon Room6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Meeting -
Friendship Hall

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

11:00 a.m. - The Carpenter's Corner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

NO Book Club**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11Noon - PW Circle Luncheon -
Friendship Hall2 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Nancy Hageman to use
Friendship Hall**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center

10 a.m. - Knitting Group -
Witherspoon Rm.

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15*Pipe Line*

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:30 p.m. - Ministry of Worship -
Witherspoon Room

6:30 p.m. - Book Club - Friendship Hall

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Return Service Requested



"The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith throughout God's creation with love, joy, hope, and open hearts."

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02	<i>Jeannie Richmond</i>	13	<i>Sara Morris</i>
02	<i>Toni Bailey</i>	14	<i>Evelyn Aubrey</i>
03	<i>Barbara Gardner</i>	14	<i>Terry McGill</i>
03	<i>John Bridi</i>	14	<i>Ned H. Ragland, Jr.</i>
04	<i>Mac Tieche</i>	15	<i>Ian McKay McKinnon</i>
05	<i>Marjorie McCoy</i>	16	<i>William Cole</i>
06	<i>Dwight Smith</i>	19	<i>Kimberly Otte</i>
12	<i>Nancy S. Bibb</i>	22	<i>Wynn Davis</i>
12	<i>Taylor Callahan</i>	26	<i>Virginia McGraw</i>
13	<i>Margaret Ann Bays</i>	27	<i>Charles Lucas</i>