

# Berryville Presbyterian Church



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November 2017

## STEWARDSHIP IS LIKE...

For the past month, as we always do in October, we have been thinking and talking about Stewardship, the call to use what we have to glorify God and further God's mission in the world. The first

step in the task is to recognize that we have resources whether they are tangible (finances, time) or intangible (abilities and interests) that may be employed to glorify God and further God's mission in the world. We can struggle sometimes with the idea that what we have is significant enough to make a real difference to anyone in general and God in particular. This struggle is named frequently through scripture.

Sarah laughed out loud when God said she would give birth, because she thought she was too old to conceive. Moses suggested that he wasn't eloquent enough to do the job God was giving him to do. Isaiah said, "I am only a boy" and Mary, a teen age girl, wondered at the bigness of the work that had been given to her. The thing is that none of their stories ended in doubt. Sarah conceived and became the mother of a nation. Moses lifted his voice and said to Pharaoh on behalf of God, "Let my people go!" Isaiah became the prophet speaking words of inspiration to the generations and Mary,

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

Mary gave birth to the Savior. Each of them accomplished what God had set before them to do, because it was not just them who did it. God was at work in Sarah and Moses. God was at work in Isaiah and Mary too.

The good news is that God is at work in you and me, calling each one of us to offer up what seems too little, to insignificant to make any difference at all because with it he can change the world. This is the hope that lies behind our stewardship. When we feed someone who is hungry, God is at work changing the world. When we provide shelter for someone who is homeless, God is changing the world. When we take the time to listen to someone who is struggling, God is working to change the world.

Stewardship is like this, each one of us taking what seems too little, too insignificant and entrusting it to the God who is a work changing the world.

Peace,

Jonathan

## Mark Your Calendars!

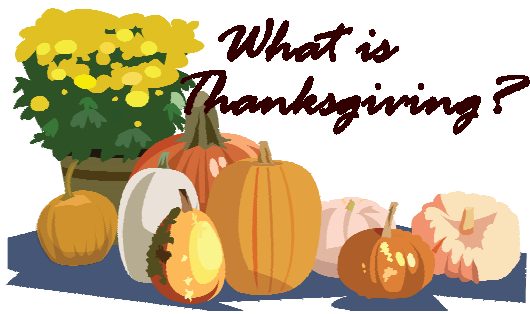
- ◆ Turn you clocks back as you head to bed on Saturday, Nov. 4th
- ◆ Pledge Dedication Sunday Nov. 12th
- ◆ Congregational Thanksgiving Celebration Nov. 16th @ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Soul-Full Community Thanksgiving Meal Thanksgiving Day @ Duncan UMC from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**More details inside!**



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday mornings are humming along for our Sunday School and its students. The youngest kids are singing joyfully; they sing every Sunday morning, lead by Marie Mawby. Stop by the Fellowship Hall any

Sunday morning at 9:45 and you'll see and hear the enthusiasm in their voices. We have some budding soloists in the ranks!

The older students are busy in their classes as well. Advent will be here before we can blink an eye! Beginning the Sunday right after Thanksgiving, we will be working on a pageant, *The VERY Important Christmas Pageant*, to present to the congregation in celebration of our Savior's birth. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. If you'd like to participate, please let us know! Speak to Cathy or Jonathan and they will be sure to add you and/or your child to the cast or the behind the scenes crew!



It's a thankful day and a heart full of thanks day—  
It's a cranberry and whipped cream day—  
It's a homemade hot rolls and real butter day—  
It's a high cost of living and wreck your budget day—  
It's a giblet gravy on your tie day—  
It's a Macy's parade and no cartoon day—  
It's a white meat and gnaw on the turkey neck day—  
It's an apple pie day,  
if you don't like pumpkin pie day—  
It's a Texas Aggie or The University of Texas  
football day—  
It's a mashed potato, creamed onions,  
or Yankee rutabaga day—  
It's a white tablecloth and real napkin day—  
It's a count your many blessings day—  
It's a 'wish I had three ovens to my stove' day—  
It's a Doxology and Our Father day—  
It's a count the shopping days before Christmas day—  
It's a lean-back-in-your chair and house shoe day—  
It's a mountain of dishes and silver to wash day—  
It's an indigestion and please hurry-to-bed day—  
It's an appreciation of your neighbors, your friends,  
and your family day—  
It's a love of God, your country, and your town day—  
It's THANKSGIVING DAY!

Submitted by Mary Green

## Sending Our SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Crim Dent who passed away on October 8, 2017. Elizabeth was a member of our congregation before moving to Mechanicsville, VA. A graveside service was held at Green Hill Cemetery, Berryville, on October 13, 2017.

## PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

For the past month, we have been thinking and talking about Stewardship, what we have accomplished through it in the past and what can be accomplished in the future. For over 160 years now this church has been active in our community seeking faithfulness in the use of the resources God has granted us. Today we stand on that legacy and as we do we build off it creating a foundation for future generations to stand. It is in the blessings of our past that we seek and find the strength to reach forward towards the future. The 2018 Pledge packets have been sent out and we encourage you to fill out your pledge card and bring it to the church with you on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November as we dedicate ourselves to moving forward in sharing the love of Christ with our community and beyond. If you cannot be with us on the 12<sup>th</sup> please fill out your pledge card and mail it to the church office so that the finance committee can complete its work on the 2018 budget. We pray that the coming year will present us with opportunities to go further and do more than we have done before and that in the midst of it we will grow in faith and our ability to live out that faith in the world that surrounds us. Come partner with us as we seek to grow.

**Stewardship** Is like...

**muscles** Berryville Presbyterian Church **symphonies**

Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2018

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following Commitment to support the Mission of the Church through our Congregation, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

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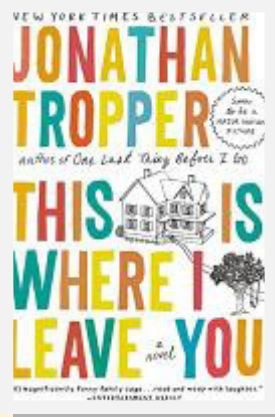
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For Operating Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Monthly  Yearly  
(please check one) **RECIPES**

**gardens**

## BOOK CLUB

The book club met on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Cathy Dickey's home. We discussed the book *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Our next book is *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory and our December book is *This is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper. Our next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to join in at any time. Just get a copy of the book and get to reading!



**"Often sidesplitting, mostly heartbreaking...[Tropper is] a more sincere, insightful version of Nick Hornby, that other master of male psyche." --USA Today**

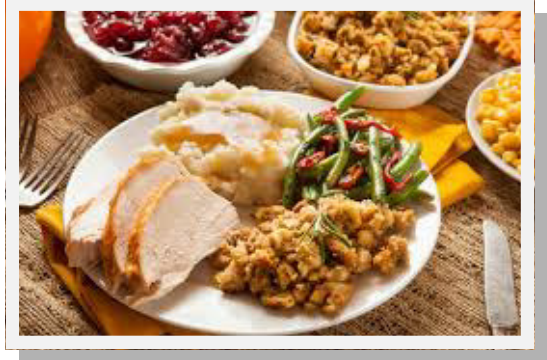
The death of Judd Foxman's father marks the first time that the entire Foxman clan has congregated in years. There is, however, one conspicuous absence: Judd's wife, Jen, whose affair with his radio- shock-jock boss has recently become painfully public. Simultaneously mourning the demise of his father and his marriage, Judd joins his dysfunctional family as they reluctantly sit shiva-and spend seven days and nights under the same roof. The week quickly spins out of control as longstanding grudges resurface, secrets are revealed and old passions are reawakened. Then Jen delivers the clincher: she's pregnant.

*This Is Where I Leave You* is Jonathan Tropper's (*One Last Thing Before I Go*) most accomplished work to date, and a riotously funny, emotionally raw novel about love, marriage, divorce, family, and the ties that bind-whether we like it or not.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congregational Thanksgiving Celebration:

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. our Fellowship Committee will host our annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Bring a vegetable side dish or a salad to share. Turkey and all the fixings will be provided. Invite a friend to come along and share in the joy and fellowship we share as a family of faith!



## Community Meal:

In November the "Soul-Full Kitchen" community meal program will be offering a Thanksgiving Meal from 11:30a-12:30p on Thanksgiving Day at Duncan Memorial UMC. If you would like to help prepare or serve any portion of that meal, please contact the church office and we will put you in contact with those who are coordinating the meal.



It is that time of year again! Remember to turn your clock back one hour as you head to bed on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.



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## Community Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner

to benefit Clarke County Rotary Club Projects and  
the Clarke County Band Association

Saturday, November 4, 2017  
Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Variety Show – 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Clarke County High School  
627 Mosby Boulevard, Berryville

**\$20 per person For tickets, please call**

Dale Coumes	540.955.2722	Michele Scott	540.326.2103
Lisa Cooke	540.539.3712	Michele Marsden	540.454.5112
Cathy Enos	540.454.3397		

Sponsored by THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLARKE COUNTY  
and THE CLARKE COUNTY BAND ASSOCIATION

# SEE YOU THERE

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE: PW / HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

*Hebrews:6:19-20a "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf."*

In Times like These  
(The Anchor Holds)

We're surrounded by bearers of non-ending terrors.  
Will the threats and the wars never cease?  
Is it sin's aftermath or maybe God's wrath  
That bought us to "times just like these?"

Whatever the cause, we must soon stop and pause,  
And look to the One who is just.  
There is only one place that can help us to face  
All our troubles --- that Bible we trust.

He reminds us that we should expect what we see,  
That there'll always be sin and infractions,  
But if Him we would please in the "times just like these,"  
We should carefully judge our own actions.

Oh, what an event -- when that curtain was rent,  
As the "Giver of Life" gave His own.  
Men rose from their tombs, all those dust and dirt wombs,  
His power over death again shown.

God's promise is real; He will never repeal  
Our way into His Holy plan.  
He will never re-nail that veil that was torn

When He opened up heaven for man.

What's seen is soon past, but what's unseen will last,  
So who, alone, puts hearts at ease?  
It's Jesus who can -- our Rock our God-Man,  
Our Anchor "in times such as these."

by Annette Adams

The Last Writes

ISBN 978-1-312-97395-4

Please Join us! We have a book for you. The Women's Circle meets in the Library at 10 o'clock on the fourth Monday of each month -- excluding December. We are enjoying our study of *The Letter to the Hebrews, "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews,"* by Melissa Bane Sevier.

Patti Washington  
540 554-9006



## LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOCUS GROUPS

As a follow-up to the congregational survey conducted by the Long Range Planning Committee, the committee will be holding a series of focus group meetings to delve deeper into specific areas of church life. These meetings will take place during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. The dates and topics are:

- ◆ **November 5 - Worship**
- ◆ **November 12 - Adult Education**
- ◆ **November 19 - Community Outreach**
- ◆ **December 3 - Mission**



As we look to the future for our church, how should what we do in these areas change (or not change)? The focus group meetings are open to everyone, both members and friends of the congregation. Please come and share your thoughts. There will be refreshments!



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

~1 Chronicles 16:34

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12p CC Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	2	3	4 8a Men's Breakfast
<b>5 Communion Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Long-range Planning 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	<b>6</b> 7p Committee Mtgs.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12p CC Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Pledge Dedication Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Long-range Planning 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7p 4-H Mtg.  7p Deacons' Mtg.	<b>15</b> 12p CC Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir 7p Book Club (off-site)	<b>16</b>  6:30p Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Long-range Planning 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Signpost Deadline Winter Double Issue</b>  6:30p Community Thanksgiving Service	<b>22</b> 12p CC Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 12 p "Soul-Full" Supper at DMUMC  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School— Pageant Rehearsals Begin 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	<b>27</b>  10a Women's Circle	<b>28</b>  7p Session Mtg.	<b>29</b> 12p CC Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	<b>30</b>		

# November Volunteers

	November 5 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	November 12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	November 19 24th Sunday after Pentecost	November 26 Christ the King
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Bonnie & Gerald Dodson: To the Glory of God	Dorothy Thorne: To the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, James Thorne	Nancy Duke: To the Glory of God	Marna Swisher: To the Glory of God
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Karla Atkins	Kim Braithwaite	Jonathan Bunker	Chris Rosen
<b>Ushers</b>	Duckstein Family	Duckstein Family	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Charles & Grace Wakeley
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Kim Braithwaite	Megan Hicks	Maddie Baldwin	Ellen Hicks



- 9 Michael & Beth Kosiorek
- 9 Sam & Mary Miller
- 18 John & Ann Tiedemann
- 22 James & Margaret Barb



- 1 Sarah Dalton
- 11 Rich DiStefano
- 11 Ed Windisch
- 12 Mark Shenk
- 14 Maddie Baldwin
- 18 Matt Williams
- 19 Steve Dickey
- 19 Bobby Duke
- 23 Bonnie Dodson
- 24 Ron Gladle
- 25 Elizabeth Dalton
- 26 Jim DeGaetano



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### Sunday Church Schedule

8:30 am Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship

**Church Administrative Office Hours:**  
Tues.—Fri. 1pm-4pm;

### Staff & Leadership

Rev. Jonathan Bunker, *Pastor*  
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Beth Rogers, *Administrative Assistant*  
[beth@berryvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:beth@berryvillepresbyterian.org)

Marie Mawby, *Music Director/Organist*

Katy Cox, *Bell Choir Director*

### Session

Stephanie Lederhouse, *Clerk of Session/Worship*

Cathy Dickey, *Christian Education*

Emily Braithwaite, *Christian Education*

Betsy Arnett, *Long-Range Planning*

Jim Green, *Stewardship*

Marna Swisher, *Witness*

### Deacons

Nancy Duke, *Service*

Mindy Lindsay, *Finance*

Philip Shenk, *Property*

Camilla Welsh, *Fellowship*

Charles Wakeley, *Ushering*

Sue Windisch, *Technology/Security*

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**Articles for our Winter Double Issue will be due Nov. 21st.**

## The Advent & Christmas Season is Quickly Approaching!

### Christmas Wreaths for Our Sanctuary Doors

If you are interested in giving a wreath as a memorial for your loved one to be placed on our sanctuary doors this Christmas Season, please contact Stephanie Lederhouse.

### Advent Wreath

Dedicate the Advent Wreath in memory of or in celebration of a loved one this Advent Season. You can make one yourself or provide the materials to Camilla Welsh and she would be happy to assist in the making of the wreath. If you are interested, please speak with Jonathan or Stephanie Lederhouse.