

Berryville Presbyterian Church



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TOGETHER IN RELATIONSHIP

The best part of doing ministry here at Berryville Presbyterian Church is getting to do ministry with all of you. Now I mean this in every connotation possible. I love being here in the moments that you need me to be here and deeply value the trust that's present when you invite me into those moments. It sounds so sweet to my ears when one of you introduces me as your Pastor, at least it does now. Such an introduction 17 years ago felt like a label or a title and I wanted to be more than that. Now, I hear in the words evidence that I am more than that for I hear in the words relationship. I hear in the words trust. It is in these words that the power of our common community rests, the relationships we share with one another, and the trust that grows up in the midst of them. I love also being here when we do what we do together: dancing a jig for Bible School, building a fence as part of an outreach, buying groceries for our Christmas Families, praying together in the midst of worship, and sharing a meal in the midst of

fellowship. It is in these that we grow. We grow in faith. We grow in knowledge. We grow in love and our ability to live it in the midst of a world that needs to know that love is real.



Friends, as we move into the Fall we are confronted with many opportunities to be together, to worship together, to grow together, and serve together. I encourage you to take advantage of all these opportunities. I am just being selfish when I do encourage this because the truth is this we are not everything we can be. We are not everything we should be without you; you are that important. You are that valuable. You bring that much ability and meaning, each one of you. So, may we be together so that together we may proclaim to the world the love of the one who came from heaven to be with us, because relationship is just that important.

Peace and Blessings
Jonathan



We are in the process of updating the nursery for our littlest ones. If you have any of the following items you'd be willing to donate, please let Cathy know.

1. Infant Swing
2. Infant Seat
3. Pack & Play
4. Table & Chairs
5. Changing table

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

The year has started off well with lots of enthusiasm from the children and adults alike. We had our Rally Day Breakfast on September 10th with lots of good food and good fellowship enjoyed by all. Each class is settling into the routine of Sunday School and we'd love to have more students! If you are curious about what it's like to be part of a class, please come and try it out! Both adults and kids enjoy themselves and learn a lot about discipleship in the process.



BOOK CLUB

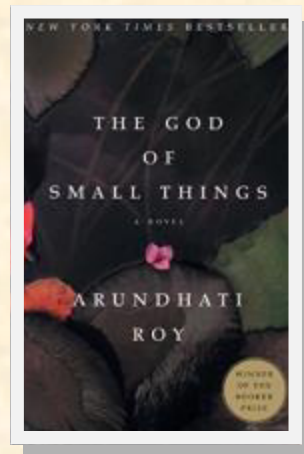
The book club met on Wednesday, September 20th at Betsy Arnett's home. We discussed *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister. October's read is *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy and our November choice is *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory.

We'd love to have some additional members join our group! We meet the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at 7 pm. The location rotates among the group members' homes.

Please contact Cathy Dickey if you'd like more information.

Our October selection is *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy.

Compared favorably to the works of Faulkner and Dickens, Arundhati Roy's modern classic is equal parts powerful family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama. The seven-year-old twins Estha and Rahel see their world shaken irrevocably by the arrival of their beautiful young cousin, Sophie. It is an event that will lead to an illicit liaison and tragedies accidental and intentional, exposing "big things [that] lurk unsaid" in a country drifting dangerously toward unrest. Lush, lyrical, and unnerving, *The God of Small Things* is an award-winning landmark that started for its author an esteemed career of fiction and political commentary that continues unabated.

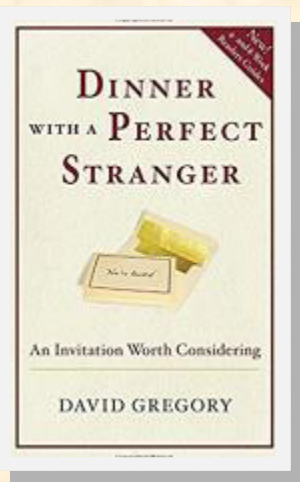


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You are Invited to a Dinner with Jesus of Nazareth

The mysterious envelope arrives on Nick Cominsky's desk amid a stack of credit card applications and business-related junk mail. Although his seventy-hour workweek has already eaten into his limited family time, Nick can't pass up the opportunity to see what kind of plot his colleagues have hatched...

The normally confident, cynical Nick soon finds himself thrown off-balance, drawn into an intriguing conversation with a baffling man who comfortably discusses everything from world religions to the existence of heaven and hell. And this man who calls himself Jesus also seems to know a disturbing amount about Nick's personal life.



SPOTLIGHT BEAMS ON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women (PW) is the national women's organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with history dating back to the 1870s. In 1912, the PCUSA organized the Women's Auxiliary thanks to the efforts of Hallie Paxson Winsborough and others. It currently has more than 300,000 members with headquarters at 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

The offerings raised annually by Presbyterian Women are considered as "celebrations" and transform thousands of lives around the world: Mission Pledge, Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and Celebration of Believers which includes Honorary Life Memberships, Recognition and Memorial Gifts.

THE PURPOSE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive, caring community of women
who strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
and witnesses the promise of God's kingdom.**

Patti Washington
540-554-9006

STEWARDSHIP

It's nearly that time again. Our Stewardship Campaign kicked off with the first Stewardship Luncheon on September 24th.

At this Luncheon, we passed out copies of the Narrative Budget for the coming year. This will give everybody plenty of time to look it over and if need be, ask questions. We will also play several rounds of the "Berryville Presbyterian Match Game".

During October we will have a series of "Minutes for Mission". This series will explore our theme, "Stewardship is like..." Trust me, the ending of this sentence can be quite diverse.

Our Pot-Luck Luncheon will be held after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on October the 29th. We will be passing out the Pledge Cards at this event. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share and enjoy the fellowship.

The Stewardship Committee looks forward to seeing you during this campaign. Your ideas, your "Time and Talent", and your Pledges will insure a bright future for our Church and its programs.

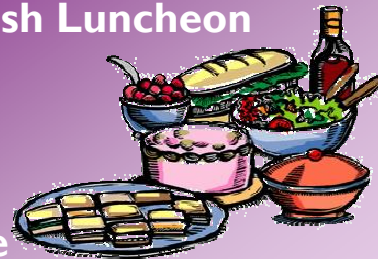
Jim Green

Covered Dish Luncheon

Oct. 29th

12pm

Bring a side
or salad to share



With a Little Help From My Friends



As many of you know, Marilyn Heikes has been busy with crocheting plastic mats for the homeless. In last month's issue of "Signpost" we highlighted how you can help by donating your clean plastic grocery bags. Marilyn received so many bags that she enlisted some folks to help with cutting them into the strips needed to create the "yarn" balls for crocheting. Thank you all so very much! Please keep them coming. If you would like to know more, or help out with this wonderful ministry, please contact Marilyn Heikes.

Special "thanks" to Wegmans, Leesburg for their donation of 1000 bags!

Church Directory

We will be publishing a new paperback church directory for distribution on Nov. 5th. There are draft copies available at the church for you to check your information. Please turn in any changes in your information to the church office by **October 31st**. You can fill out a form at the church or email changes to beth@berryvillepresbyterian.org. Include your family members names, dates of birth (year is NOT published) home phone & cell numbers, mailing address (physical addresses if you have a P.O. Box and would like that listed), and email addresses.

MISSION: JENNY & MARK

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent's ministry with Haitian people transcends international borders. Since 2004 Mark has worked with MPP, helping Haitians learn to grow a lot of food on a small amount of land. Jenny began working with the organization as a volunteer after their marriage in 2008, but in 2012 their ministry base moved just across the border to Barahona, Dominican Republic. Mark continues his work in Haiti, but Jenny came under mission appointment and began a new ministry with Haitians in the Dominican Republic.

Jenny helps the Evangelical Dominican Church with its health ministries in the bateys, company towns largely populated by Haitian sugarcane workers.

Mark's work in Haiti demands resourcefulness. One of the most popular agricultural techniques he teaches involves making miniature garden plots inside discarded auto tires. "In the dry season, there is no rain for five to seven months and people run out of food," Mark says. "So the tires are a way that they can produce something even during the time when they normally couldn't."

This and other productive practices developed by MPP helped rural Haitians feed family members and friends

who fled to the countryside after the 2010 earthquake devastated Port au Prince.

Communities in the Dominican Republic are also trying to cope with the large number of Haitians who fled the earthquake's devastation. Violence between Haitians and Dominicans is not uncommon. In addition to her health care ministry, Jenny also wants to be a witness for reconciliation. "My vision is that our Dominican neighbors, friends and colleagues will recognize the inherent dignity of Haitians, and that our Haitian friends and colleagues will recognize the inherent dignity of Dominicans."

**This is an excerpt from their September 2017 Newsletter. You can read the entire newsletter online at:*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/mark-hare-and-jenny-bent/>



LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOCUS GROUPS

As a follow-up to the long-range planning survey conducted earlier this year, the Long-Range Planning Committee will be holding a series of focus group discussions. There will be four focus group meetings on specific topics, held in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on the following dates:

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

Everyone is welcome to participate in as many of these focus groups as you like.

In addition, the committee will hold a focus group meeting with parents of preschool and elementary school aged children at a date and time to be determined. If you are a parent of younger children, look for an email from Betsy Arnett in the coming weeks. Finally, the committee will meet with middle and high school aged children and their parents, separately, on Sunday, October 5, during the Youth Group meeting.

If you are interested in participating in any of these focus group meetings or have any questions about the long-range planning process, contact Betsy Arnett at betsyarnett85@gmail.com.





Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ~Psalm 78: 1-4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	2 7p Committee Mtgs.	3	4 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	5	6	7 8a Men's Breakfast
8 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group: Long-range Planning W/ Youth & Parents	9	10 7p 4-H Mtg. 7p Deacons' Mtg.	11 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	12	13 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	14
15 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Congregational Mtg.	16	17 7p Session Mtg.	18 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir 7p Book Club (off-site)	19 Signpost Deadline	20	21
22 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	23 10a Women's Circle	24	25 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	26 5:30p Community Supper at DMUMC	27	28
29 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Covered Dish Luncheon 5:30p Youth Group	30	31 Halloween				

October Volunteers

	October 1 17th Sunday after Pentecost	October 8 18th Sunday after Pentecost	October 15 19th Sunday after Pentecost	October 22 20th Sunday after Pentecost	October 29 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Flowers	Camilla & Orra Welsh: To the Glory of God, in memory of Terry Presgraves. In honor of our Anniversary	Lydia & Jimmy Swisher: To the Glory of God and in memory of Jimmy's parents, Lloyd & Elistine Swisher	Betsy Arnett & Family: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy's father, Bob Arnett	Ron Gladle: To the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. Robert C. Franklin	To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Michael Swisher	Ellie Shirley	Joan Schneider	Margaret Barthel	Karla Atkins
Ushers	Gerald & Bonnie Dodson	Gerald & Bonnie Dodson	Gerald & Bonnie Dodson	Gerald & Bonnie Dodson	Gerald & Bonnie Dodson
Nursery Attendants	Laura Ferrell	Lynn Tuohig	Betsy Arnett	Cathy Dickey	Stephanie Miller



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| 2 Stephanie Lederhouse | 17 Ray Skinner |
| 4 Allison Hicks | 19 Stephanie Miller |
| 5 Dorothy Thorne | 21 Larry Kempler III |
| 6 Susan Grubbs | 22 Sunday Welsh |
| 7 Mary Hardesty | 23 Robert deTeran |
| 8 Beth Williams | 24 Marna Swisher |
| 14 Nicole Shenk | 28 Timothy Frenz |
| 15 Terry Feagans | |
| 15 Elizabeth Lederhouse | |
| 15 Lydia Swisher | |



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| 7 | Orra & Camilla Welsh |
| 15 | Matt & Beth Williams |
| 17 | Robert & Alma Brown |
| 24 | Danny & Mary Hardesty |
| 28 | Brian & Lisa Barber |

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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

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

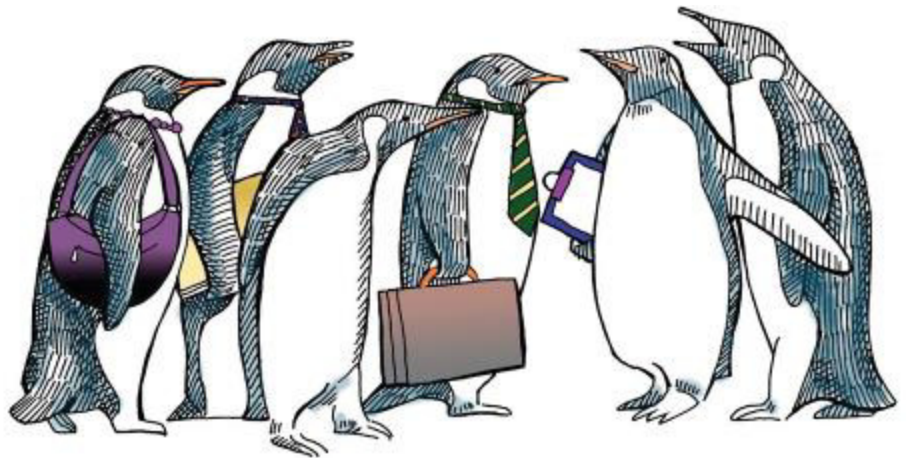
Deacons

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 November edition will be due October 19th.

Congregational Meeting



October 15th

The Session has called a congregational meeting following the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report of our Officer Nominating Committee and elect Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2019.