

Berryville Presbyterian Church



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PIG SCRAMBLES AND THE CHURCH

This is the church. This is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people. Did you play this finger game as a kid? Did you intertwine your fingers and spread your thumbs as if they were doors? I did a time or two growing up. I am beginning to wish, though that I hadn't for the little game taught me that the church was a building and that it was constituted by the people who gathered inside its walls. It's not though and I was reminded of that at the Clarke County Fair's Pig Scramble of all places.



I had arrived a little early because I wanted to get a good seat. As I waited an older woman using a cane came walking along the grandstands. She asked me where I thought she should sit because she wanted a seat not just where she could see but where someone could see her. It was important to her that she be seen. I thought this strange, but then she explained. She had come to watch some of the kids from her church participate in the Pig Scramble because they had asked her to come and watch them participate. She wanted them to know that she was there, that she cared enough to come out with her

cane, on the damp and humid evening, which was threatening rain, to sit in the stands and to cheer them on as they chased after their pigs.

Friends, this is the church. There was no steeple. There were no doors, but most definitely this is what the church is supposed to look like; people out in the world expressing Christ's love for the world. I happened to know the kids she had come to see, they attend our VBS every year. When they passed by her seat, when they heard her call their names, their faces lit up with smiles.

I don't know what they were thinking, perhaps it was since she came, she cared. I don't know what kind of impact it will have on them, but I suspect that it will be lasting, I suspect that the next time they see her in worship they will again smile because they know that she cares, that they matter. Friends this is the church. May we go forth and be the church.

Peace
Jonathan



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STEWARDSHIP

It's nearly that time again. Our Stewardship Campaign will kick off with the first Stewardship Luncheon on September 24th, after Sunday's 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please plan to attend this Luncheon, as this is the one where all the food is provided.

At this Luncheon, we will pass 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."

Over the following month, 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 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 it's programs.

Jim Green

FROM BAGS TO BLESSINGS

Did you know plastic bags take decades to decompose in landfills? That's why a few of us ladies at church have found a way to turn those burdensome bags into blessings for homeless people.

We cut the shopping bags into two-inch strips, loop them together end to end and roll them into a ball— just like we'd do with a skein of yarn. With a big hook (size 10 or 11), we crochet the strips (using the basic single crochet stitch) into three-by six-foot sleeping mats.

The mats are sturdy and soft, and they don't hold moisture, making them an ideal barrier between a bedroll and the hard floor or ground. They're also easy to wash, and they dry quickly in the sun.

Besides being so practical, the mats are surprisingly eye-catching too. A ball of strips cut from yellow and orange newspaper sleeves, grocery bags with red and blue print, and department store bags in various colors combine to make a lively variegated pattern.

It feels good to help the environment and, at the same time, people in need.

Joanne Phillips, *Guideposts*, July 2017

How You Can Help...

Our own Marilyn Heikes crochets these very same mats! Even if you do not crochet, you can help out by bringing your clean plastic grocery bags to church and leaving them in the collection basket located in the Fellowship Hall. Marilyn will turn them into a sturdy mat for the homeless.



WOMEN'S CIRCLE

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

With the mellow days of summer quickly growing shorter, autumn will soon be upon us as we welcome the beginning of our new year of Presbyterian Women/ Horizons Bible Study: *The Letter to the Hebrews* written by The Rev. Dr. Melissa Bain Sevier. This promises to be another year of strengthening our knowledge and faith together.

We will be discovering the meaning of the "Cloud of Witnesses" and we will explore nine major themes as well as the importance of Community in early Christian times and now.

Who knows? This might be the year we win the one-of-a-kind handcrafted quilt if we send in our entry forms before December! I have books for everyone and I look forward to passing them out on September 25th. **Our study will begin on Monday, Oct. 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.**

Patti Washington
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Irish Blessing

May God grant you
always....
a sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm you,
a sheltering Angel so
nothing can harm you;
laughter to cheer you,
faithful friends near you
and whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

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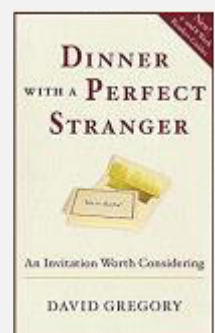


BOOK CLUB

After taking a break in August, the book club will be meeting at Betsy Arnett's house on September 20th. We are currently reading *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister. If you'd like more details, just ask Betsy, Cathy Dickey, or Lynn Tuohig. We're always looking for new readers!

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

*The beloved debut novel about an affluent Indian family forever changed by one fateful day in 1969. 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.*



Our November selection is *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory.
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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Vacation Bible School was quite a success this year. “The Maker's Fun Factory” was the theme. Adults and kids alike sang, danced, played games, made crafts, and most importantly, had a ton of fun!

Summer is rapidly coming to a close. The fair has come and gone and the first day of school has too. Sunday School will be beginning on September 12th. We will be kicking the year off with our annual Rally Day celebration and pot luck breakfast. Join us at 9:30 a.m. that day as we gather to start the new year off right!

CONFIRMATION CLASS



This Fall Jonathan will be starting Confirmation Class for youth who have completed at least 7th grade or the equivalent and want to explore what it means to enter into the membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The class will meet throughout the Sunday School year and will conclude in the Spring with a service of Confirmation through which the youth will join the church. Any interested youth and their parents are encouraged to contact Jonathan for more information. The class begins on September 10th at 9:30 a.m.



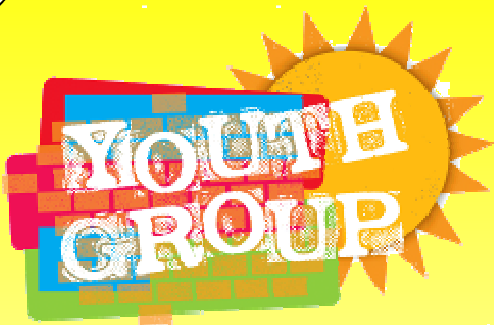
Join us Sunday September 10th at 9:30 a.m. as we kick off our Sunday School program with our annual Rally Day Breakfast. The Fall is a good time to develop new routines and disciplines.

Please consider making a commitment to your personal and family spiritual development by taking part in our Sunday School program. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share and help us get off to a good start.



*On Sunday, September 3rd,
we will be celebrating our
50th Wedding Anniversary.
Please help us celebrate our special day
by joining us for a supper
in the Fellowship Hall
following the morning church service.*

Russ & Marilyn Heikes



Youth Group Kick Off!

Calling all teens! Join us Sunday
September 10th from 5:30 — 7:00 p.m. for a kick off
of our youth program. We particularly invite rising
sixth graders to join us for their
first youth experience.



**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY
September 24th**

After the 11 a.m. service we will
enjoy the warmth of our fellowship
and consider the power of our
common faith and commitment as
we talk about the coming year and
the proposed budget that our Fi-
nance Committee will have to
share with us. You don't have to
prepare anything but your heart,
everything else will be provided, so
plan on joining us as we continue
our faith journey together.



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ~Luke 4:18–19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8a Men's Breakfast
3 Communion Sunday 10a Worship 11a Heikes 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration	4 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5	6 12p CC Rotary Club 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	7	8 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	9
10 Rally Day 8:30a Worship 9:30a Celebration & Pot Luck Breakfast 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group	11	12 7p 4-H Mtg. 7p Deacons' Mtg.	13 12p CC Rotary Club 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	14	15	16
17 Backpack Sunday (pudding cups) 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	18	19 7p Session Mtg.	20 12p CC Rotary Club 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir 7p Book Club (off-site)	21 Signpost Deadline	22	23
24 Stewardship Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Stewardship Luncheon 5:30p Youth Group	25	26	27 12p CC Rotary Club 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	28 5:15p Community Supper at DMUMC	29	30

September Volunteers

	September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost	September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost	September 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost	September 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Flowers	Noel, Ellen, Allie, and Megan Hicks: To the Glory of God and in memory of Joseph Pool, Jr.	Betsy Arnett & Family: To the Glory of God and in honor of her parents, Barbara & Bot Arnett's Anniversary	Ron Gladle: To the Glory of God	Margaret Barthel: To the Glory of God Godfrey & Tiedemann: To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Bruce Elmore	Stacy Rosen	Susan Daniels	Betsy Arnett
Ushers	Blythe & Laurel Tucker	Blythe & Laurel Tucker	Blythe & Laurel Tucker	Charles & Grace Wakeley
Nursery Attendants	Marsha Duckstein	Joan Schneider	Stacy Rosen	Blythe Tucker

- 2 Tyler Welsh
- 2 Julie DeGaetano
- 3 Alan Dunsmore
- 4 Jonathan G. Bunker
- 8 Joey Braithwaite
- 9 Wally Gardiner
- 10 Gisela McMann
- 16 Avery Harden
- 17 Karla Atkins
- 17 Emma Bunker
- 17 Eli Lanham
- 19 Mary Miller
- 23 Zachary Rosen
- 24 John Sheetz
- 25 Grady Ferrell
- 26 Keith Dalton
- 27 Mary Margaret Johnson
- 27 Autumn Stevenson
- 28 Gerald Dodson
- 28 Duane Welsh
- 29 Brian Barber
- 30 Robert Brown



- 3 Russ & Marilyn Heikes
- 10 James & Laura Ferrell
- 22 Christopher & Stacy Rosen
- 30 Bryon & Wanita Ervin

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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;

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Session

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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*

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Charles Wakeley, *Ushering*

Sue Windisch, *Technology/Security*

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Articles for our October edition will be due September 21st.



Fall Schedule Starting Sept. 10th

- 8:30 a.m. Early worship
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School.
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30-11 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Worship

