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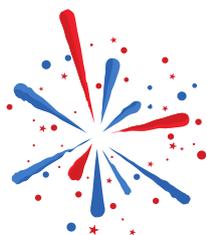
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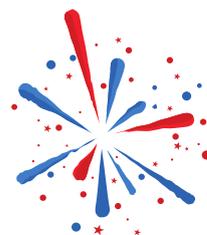
As I met with the new librarian at Samuel's Public Library, we chatted about how things are reopening, yet there is still a great deal of fear and worry among our community. Finding volunteers after a year-plus of COVID has been a challenge. It seems people just aren't ready to go back to what once was. Church attendance is down, food banks and non -profits are struggling to find help and are depending on a select few to serve. We've waited so long to return to normal and now we can't define what that new normal will be. Some experts say that the momentum is gone, volunteering and attending church are not at the top of anyone's list.

The pandemic has led each of us to a different way of life. We Zoom instead of having meetings in person. We have groceries delivered instead of going to the store. We distance ourselves from others, in more ways than just the mandated 6 feet. The real question I have for you is ... is this the new normal that we truly want? Is convenience really the god that we want to bow to? Because as convenient as Zoom, Amazon, Door Dash, grocery delivery and drive thru everything are, it also means we don't run into neighbors at the store, meetings may be shorter and more comfortable from our pajamas at home, but the personal interaction is lost. And I'm the guiltiest when it comes to Amazon, but what does that do to local businesses struggling to stay afloat when we choose convenience over supporting our community?

There are a lot of questions and very few answers. As far as church goes, our doors were never really closed, everything just looked different and as we put our worlds back together, FRPC needs your help. As we serve at Dinner Together, aid our neighbors and friends in local mission opportunities and as we worship, each one of us is an integral part of God's plan. My prayers go with each of you as life returns to some sense of normalcy.



*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Carrie*



COVID Update

The Worship Committee met and opted to continue the 30 minute abbreviated worship service throughout the summer and will re-evaluate worship in the fall. As we worship together, masks are optional for those that are vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, we request that you wear a mask so that we can protect one another. Previous restrictions such as: no outside groups in the church, dismissal by rows, mandated masks, reservations for worship services and other precautions are no longer required by the state or Presbytery. We continue to clean and disinfect on a regular basis, take attendance and social distance in the pews so that everyone can feel safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the church office.

In the next couple months, the church will undergo changing the locks on all exterior doors in order to maintain security for staff, the congregation and groups that use the church. If you have a church key, please be aware that locks will change and you will need to call the church office in order to get a new key.





Members and friends of Front Royal Presbyterian Church can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our church [website](#). Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit our [website](#) to see how easy it is!

We would ask that you take some time to consider your gift to the church to continue to do the good work we have been called to do.

Unfortunately, many of our bills continue such as internet to broadcast services online, utility bills, food for our many feeding ministries as well as paying our reliable staff and maintaining the church building.

Please consider one of the many options of continuing your pledge, and if you are able to, give generously so that we might continue to feed and care for those among us.

- You may give at our 10:30 am Sunday service
- You may drop a check by the church office.
- You may mail a check.
- You may give online  **TITHE.LY** - it is a safe and secure site and is deposited into the church account.
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- You may sign up for auto pay through your bank.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [Pastor Carrie](#) or our church treasurer, [Deanne McVey](#).

Volunteers Needed

Welch Community Garden Opportunities to Serve in July:

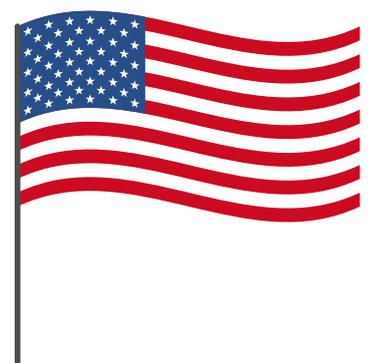
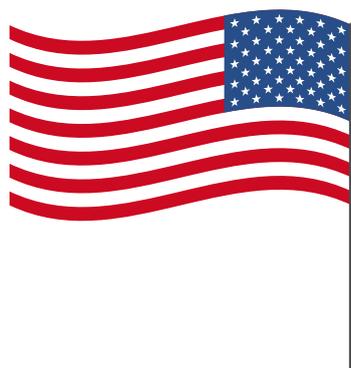
Our garden is growing, growing, growing! We are so excited to announce that we have tomatoes starting to take their form as well as peppers that are getting bigger by the day!

The seedlings are growing like weeds and will be planted in the next few weeks!

Opportunities to Serve in July:

Do you love to be outside? Garden? Sign-up to water and weed the community garden! Email Jill or follow the link below!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Welch Community Garden email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



The Dusenbury's new address:
Don & Angela Dusenbury
1567 Carolina Orchards Blvd.
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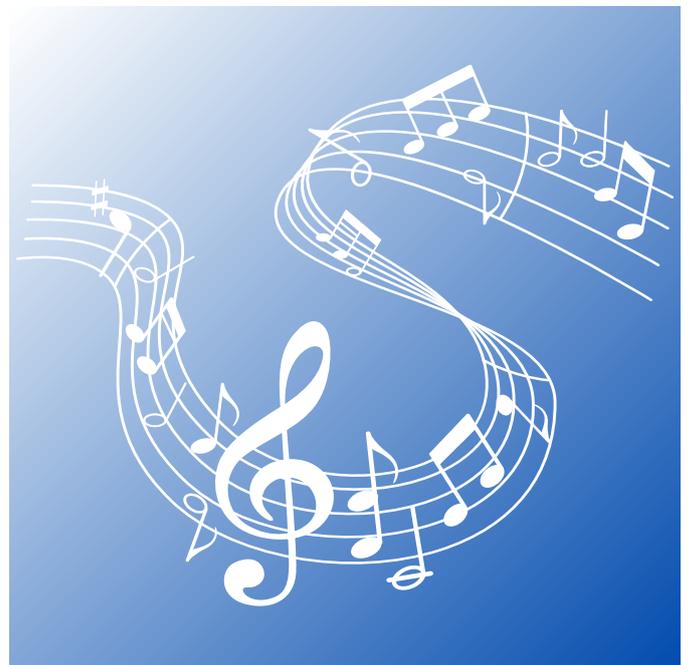
Music News



Join Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as we remember those who have died over the past year (plus) and recognize those who serve on the frontlines to battle COVID and serve those in need of care and treatment. Now through Labor Day, you can access a video of local organists and friends performing a concert to Remember and Honor. Simply go to www.winchesterago.com until September 6. (I've been told this video came out even better than Lessons & Carols in December, so you'll want to take the time to watch and listen.)

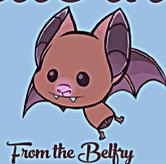
*Blessings,
Heather*

#Thanks
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Babbette the Bat



From the Belfry

It's bug season, my favorite time of the year. Though I overheard Pastor Carrie saying she wishes Noah had left the mosquitoes off the boat, I am quite thankful they were on board. I will work overtime once the playground is installed in September to keep our kids safe from those nasty itchy bites.

Which reminds me, when Heidi, Zach, Kara, Lee and Pastor Carrie were showing Fern Perry's children the playground site, a fawn was sleeping in the backyard. Poor baby was terrified and couldn't find her way out of the fence. With Zach's help, she was shooed out the gate and mom came prancing after her. Cecilia's eyes were wide with amazement the entire time.

With these unbearably hot days, I'm thankful for air conditioning. I was so thankful for the Ben Lacy Compassion Center when one lady called asking for a fan. Her a/c went out and she could hardly breathe. Because of the generous hearts in the congregation, we were able to give her fans to keep her cool.

So much sadness with the passing of Larry Funk, what an amazing man and generous community member. I loved sitting in on his Sunday School classes with the kids- he was always so well prepared, and the kids loved him. I will add my prayers to yours and we will cover them with the compassion of FRPC.

It is lovely seeing so many people return to church! Elsie Dolderer, Richard Johanson, the Burt's, Ben Weddle, the Smith's, Ed Rutz... that's just to name a few. Donna Edwards has been watching online as she waits for her knee replacement later this month. I do miss her smile.

Congratulations to Kaylee Venable - married! Wow...college graduate and married all in the same month!

Well... please keep me updated on all the FRPC news. Looking forward to seeing you all back in worship.



BABBETTE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>July 2021</h1> 			CLICK HERE 	1 5pm - Dinner	2	3 5pm - Dinner
4 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	5 5pm - Dinner	6 Misty Bordner's Zach Logan's 5pm - Dinner	7 5pm - Dinner	8 5pm - Dinner	9	10 5pm - Dinner
11 Elsie Dolderer's Malissa Horton's Sherry Downs 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	12 5pm - Dinner	13 5pm - Dinner	14 Celeste Horton's 5pm - Dinner	15 5pm - Dinner	16	17 5pm - Dinner
18 William Funk's 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	19 5pm - Dinner	20 5pm - Dinner	21 5pm - Dinner	22 Johanna Rutz's 5pm - Dinner	23	24 Millie Thomson's 5pm - Dinner
25 OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	26 Elaine Bailey's Linda Funk's 5pm - Dinner	27 5pm - Dinner	28 5pm - Dinner	29 5pm - Dinner	30	31 5pm - Dinner

July Birthdays

6- Zach Logan & Misty Bordner
11- Elsie Dolderer,
Malissa Horton & Sherry Downs
14- Celeste Horton
18- William Funk
22- Johanna Rutz
24- Millie Thomson
26- Elaine Bailey & Linda Funk

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