



VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal
Presbyterian Church

PASTOR'S CORNER

Sunday morning before watching virtual church, I was catching up on the world news and I kept singing the wonderful song “He’s God the Whole World in His Hands.” My heart breaks for my brothers and sisters in Haiti with the recent earthquake and for our colleagues in seminary in Ethiopia after a flash flood decimated the seminary campus and took the lives of 7 students. I get daily updates from the local school system as the COVID rates rise exponentially in our schools and I fear for our children – physically, mentally, emotionally, and academically. Above all else for the people of Afghanistan. It’s enough to wonder if God is even watching. And what can we do. We are a church of action, we put our hands and feet to work in the community in so many life changing ways...it’s time we do more.

In response to the humanitarian emergency that is happening as a result of the Afghan crisis, the area churches – Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Baptist and Presbyterians are working with the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church to supply much needed items. By reaching across denominational lines and into the ecumenical world, we are able to show faith in a new and exciting way. If you are able to purchase any of the listed items (please stick to the list) we will coordinate delivery the first of September.

Deadline for items: September 12

- NEW Towels/Washcloths/Bedding/Pillows
- Basic Kitchen Supplies (utensils/pots/pans)
- Dish Soap/Laundry Detergent
- Sponges/Rags/Paper Towels/Mops/Brooms
- Snacks
- Water
- Baby/kid item-diapers, wipes, coloring books etc.
- Masks
- Antibacterial wipes
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Food-Halal considerations In this way we can show compassion, justice, kindness and love our neighbors across the globe.
- Toiletries (shampoo/soap/toothpaste)
- Waste Baskets

*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Carrie*

COVID Update

Thank you to everyone that has assisted in assuring that worshipping here at FRPC is a living breathing version of Luke 10:27. The past year and a half have been challenging and as we thought we were coming to an end, there seems to be more ahead. To that end, FRPC will continue to adhere to CDC guidelines and Presbytery recommendations regarding worship and in house activities. This includes:

- Masks worn by all people – vaccinated or un-vaccinated
- Social distancing in the pews
- Electronic bulletin
- We will continue with or 30 – 40 minute worship service each Sunday at 10:30 with no communal singing, this may seem overly cautious to some, yet the health of our community is of utmost importance.
- Announcements will be promoted on monitors around the church

The Worship Committee and pastoral staff fully understand the frustration and we thank you for being amenable to the changes and appreciate your patience as we continue to work through these unpredictable times.



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** Innovative church giving - it is a safe and secure site and is deposited into the church account.
- 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

Dinner Together Opportunities to Serve in September: September 2nd and September 23rd

Main courses/sides/desserts), 2 volunteers help in the kitchen (3PM-5PM), 3 volunteers to help with meal service (5PM-6PM) and 2 teams of 2 volunteers to deliver meals (4:30PM-5:30PM)

If you are interested in volunteering we would love to have you! Please, email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



REACH Bag Delivery Opportunities to Serve in September: September 26th

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, September 26th, immediately after the worship service. See Jill at the REACH/Missions table to pick up bags which will be available right after service until 2PM.

- We are still in need of 2-3 teams of 2 to deliver a total of 11 REACH Bags. Delivery route information will be provided to you at pickup. If you would like to volunteer to deliver email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.

Volunteers Needed

Backpack Buddies:

Backpack Buddies is gearing up to begin! Stay tuned through the bulletin for weekly updates and for volunteer opportunities!

If you are interested in helping with Backpack Buddies, email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.

Backpack Supply Drive:

Front Royal Presbyterian will be partnering with First Baptist to provide school supplies to students in need of supply assistance at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School.

Items can be dropped off in the School Supply Drive Box on Sundays outside the sanctuary or outside the church office during the week.

If you would like to help with school supply drive, the following items are being collected through September 13th:

- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Boxes or Bags
- Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- Headphones
- Dry Erase Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Ziploc Bags
- Erasers - Block or tip
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

**E WILSON MORRISON
BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**

High Need Items:
Pencils
Glue Sticks
Pencil Boxes or Bags
Scissors
Spiral Notebooks
Headphones
Dry Erase Markers
Colored Pencils
Markers
Crayons
Ziploc Bags
Erasers - Block or tip
Disinfectant Wipes
Hand Sanitizer

FIRST MEETING -
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14
AT 8:30 PM

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT
E WILSON MORRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
40 CRESCENT ST., FRONT ROYAL, VA 22630

Congregation Corner

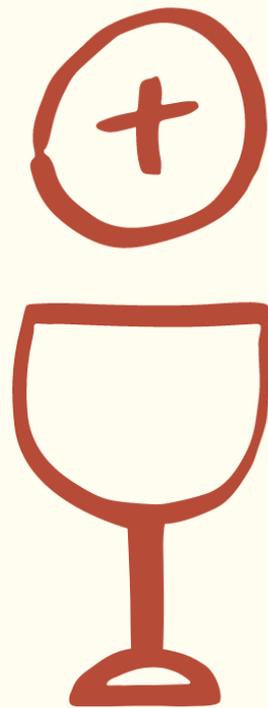
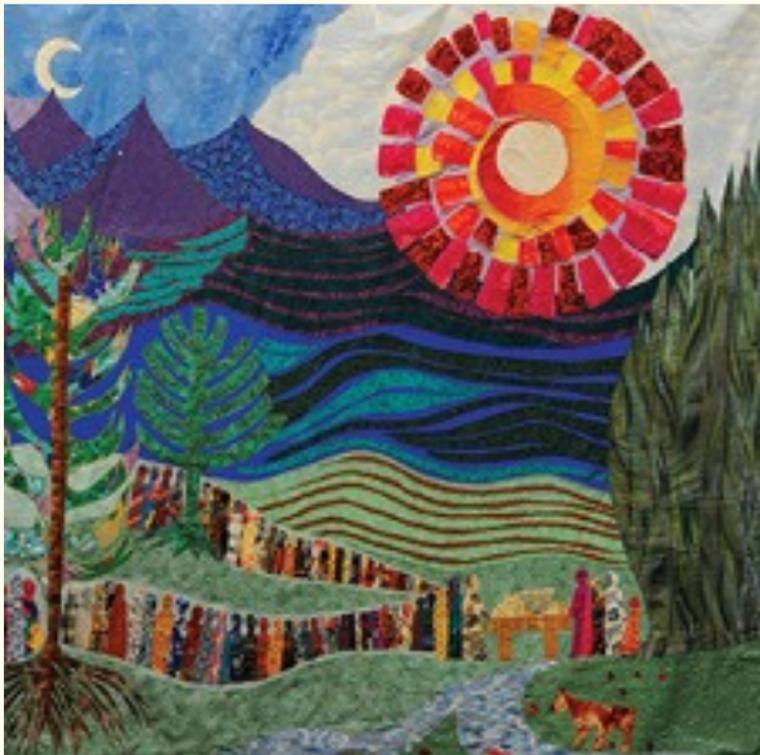
THANK YOU! I cannot begin to express my gratitude to the congregation for their thoughts, cards, prayers, meals, visits and overall compassion during the recent surgery. It was much more extensive than originally planned and am slowly getting back to normal. In the meantime, I am working up to regular hours at the office and will return to the pulpit on Sunday, September 5. I am 100% non-weight bearing for eight weeks till the donor bone and donor cartilage are safely ensconced in my leg, therefore, I will be using a wheelchair on Sunday mornings. Isabelle has offered to be my chauffeur (let's hope she doesn't seek revenge for the time I wouldn't let her stay out past midnight.). As you can imagine, it will be quite awkward for me to preach sitting down, but I'll do my best. Because Sunday mornings before worship are so busy getting ready and settling my mind on the service, I'd like to ask that you give me a chance to prepare for worship and catch up after the service.

Thank you,
Pastor Carrie



Playground Update! It's coming. It is scheduled to leave the Maine production center September 30. We will need a team of volunteers (minimal experience necessary - can you use a screwdriver and hammer... you're hired!) to put the set together. Please contact Pastor Carrie if you can help... the date will be determined.

Congregation Corner



Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it was not until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language.

Congregation Corner



“It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian – founder of World Communion Sunday.)

Today, 88 years later, it also feels like “we are trying to hold the world together.” While we are not in the midst of a world war, a similar sort of hatred, greed, anger, and despair characterizes many of our local, national, and international relationships. If you are tired of “trying to hold the world together,”

You are invited this year, on October 3 to join us as we celebrate the oneness of the Body of Christ.

- During the week, please bring any artwork, mementoes, gifts that you might have from around the world so we can decorate the sanctuary.
- If you speak a foreign language, please consider joining in the liturgy for World Communion Sunday by reading scripture in another language.
- Children of the church will be given a craft to make, please bring these on October 3 so that they can offer them in worship.

I hope you will join us on Sunday to taste and see what God has done for us through Jesus Christ – and the community (that is, the body of Christ) all over the world.

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Join Us!



115 LURAY AVE.
FRONT ROYAL, VA



Animal Blessing Service

Where: Front Royal Presbyterian
Behind the church in fenced area

When: Sunday, September 26th, 5:00 pm





Babbette the Bat



From the Belfry

What happened! Everyone left me... it has been so lonely in the afternoons without Pastor Carrie in the office, so I must peek around corners during the morning hours to see Misty, Tonya, Jill and Heather. The good news is that large rodent you call Monty went to stay with Tonya for a bit till Pastor Carrie is back in full swing. Unfortunately, my cousin Sally isn't very good at being invisible and she found herself caught in the kitchen, but Tonya and Misty were very careful to catch her and release her safely outside.



I am so glad Lee has been on top of my favorite hangout – the fellowship hall. There seems to be a leak coming from somewhere, but in the meantime, I'm enjoying taking baths in the puddles.

I am glad to hear Donna Edwards is recuperating well after knee surgery, those first few weeks are quite painful – I don't have knees, so I can only imagine. I was saddened to hear about the death of Sherry Downs sister – I have kept her in my prayers. I continue to keep Elaine King, Richard Johanson, Linda Funk, Al Larson, Adrian Burt and many others in my prayers – so many with health issues right now.

I flew over for the golf tournament and saw Mark Jordan, Jesse Montgomery playing, and Pastor Carrie's parents worked hard to pull it off. Thank you to Lee at Ramsey's for sponsoring... what a great way to feed the community.

Wow, that Baptist minister you hired is amazing... I visited the Baptist church down the road a few months ago... she was good but this guy is amazing. I never knew you Presbyterians would be open to a Baptist, I might invite some of my cousins from down the street for worship!

I was excited to see that the Backpack Buddies program is beginning again, I fear for all those school children without food at home – thank you to the entire Backpack Buddies team. I would love to see the tutoring program begin again at E.Wilson, but it will be hard to get volunteers with COVID going wild again.

I could have gone without the monitor in the narthex... it is nice for binge watching my favorite shows (Batman series of course...) but it also tells me the news of the day and it seems our world is in quite a mess. I'm thankful I have all of you here at FRPC to keep me and my family safe and sound and I pray for all those around the world without such a loving community.



BABBETTE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 2021			1 5pm - Dinner	2 5pm - Dinner	3	4 5pm - Dinner
5 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	6 5pm - Dinner	7 Adrian & Rachel Ruth Younk's 5pm - Dinner	8 5pm - Dinner	9 Lucas DuMez's 5pm - Dinner	10	11 5pm - Dinner
12 10:30am - Worship- 11am - C&C Ice 11am - Worship-	13 Larry Good's 5pm - Dinner	14 5pm - Dinner	15 Furadoon Irani's 5pm - Dinner	16 5pm - Dinner	17 Renee Perry's	18 5pm - Dinner
19 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	20 5pm - Dinner	21 Adrian Burt's Joan Brubaker's 5pm - Dinner	22 5pm - Dinner	23 Furadoon and 5pm - Dinner	24 Cadence Noel's	25 Bill Hall's 5pm - Dinner
26 OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	27 Norma Steed's 5pm - Dinner	28 5pm - Dinner	29 5pm - Dinner	30 5pm - Dinner	CLICK HERE 	

Birthdays

- 7- Ruth Younk
- 9- Lucas DuMez
- 13- Larry Good
- 15- Furadoon Irani
- 21- Adrian Burt & Joan Brubaker
- 24- Cadence Noel
- 24- Millie Thomson
- 25- Bill Hall
- 27- Norma Steed

Anniversaries

- 7- Adrian & Rachel Burt
- 23- Furadoon and Jean Irani



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