



VINE & BRANCHES

Newsletter of Front Royal
Presbyterian Church

PASTOR'S PEN

I am the Bread of Life

We would be more familiar if Jesus
would say to us:

I am the good teacher – that herds
the children safely in from the playground
when a thunderstorm is rolling in.

I am the church – that nourishes my
children so they can bear fruit abundantly

I am the sun, moon and stars – that guide
you night and day without fear.

I am the vaccine, the medicine, the doctor
and the nurses – that offer life when all
else fails.

I am your GPS – guiding you through troubled times, alerting you of hazards
ahead and giving you the truth of your journey

I am the internet – opening possibilities beyond your wildest expectations.

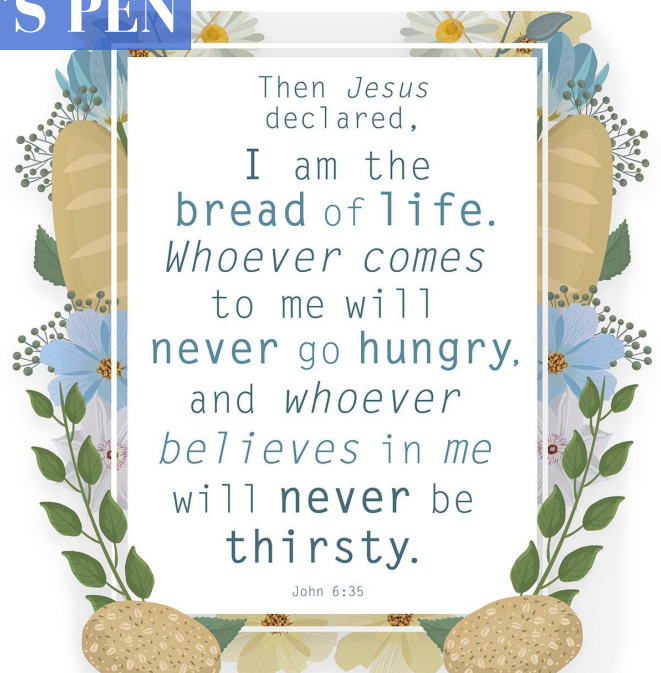
I am the family dinner table – feeding you physically and emotionally with all you
need.

Maybe those don't quite translate the same... but ask yourself, who is Jesus in
your life right now? When you listen for the Good Shepherd's voice, who do you
hear?

If we cannot say who he is in twenty-five words or less, it is because he is our
window on the undefinable, unfathomable I AM, and we cannot sum him up any
easier than we can sum up the one who sent him.

Over the next few weeks, the sermons will take a look at the various "I Am"
passages in the Gospel of John, I invite you to join us in person at 10:30 am or
online to be found at www.frontroyalpres.org

*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Carrie*





**continuing
education**

Pastor Carrie will be gone the week of May 24 – May 30 on Continuing Education. In case of emergency, you may contact her via her cell phone or the church office.

Pentecost is May 23 and in Front Royal Presbyterian tradition, we ask that you dress in orange, pink, yellow or red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in assisting with preparing the sanctuary for our Pentecost celebration, please contact [Pastor Carrie](#).



PENTECOST

COVID Update

As we reopen we wanted to remind you of the precautions we are taking to ensure everyone's health and safety.

- seating in the sanctuary is every other pew
- we take attendance for contact tracing purposes
- outside groups will be required to follow a COVID policy and report activities to the church
- space use is limited for outside groups
- the sanctuary is cleaned and disinfected after each worship service



Join us for our **Sunday Service**

Worship service times...
10:30 live worship every Sunday,
11:00 virtual worship

We will take all precautions to protect one another. If you choose to attend in-person worship, please follow these guidelines:

- Wear a mask.
- Come early so that we can appropriately social distance.
- Don't come if you feel sick, have a fever or have been exposed.
- Follow the ushers, seating is different – be patient, your regular seat may be changed.
- If after attending worship, you test positive for COVID within the two-week time span – please alert the church office so that we can do our part in contact tracing and let other worshipers know.

Jesus said “love your neighbor”... so that is what we will do. With love, praise and excitement – see you at 10:30 Sunday mornings.



**PASTOR CARRIE'S
NEW ADDRESS**

**110 Rollason Drive
Front Royal, VA 22630**






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 May: May 6 & 27th

We will be serving Dinner Together twice in the month of May and below you will find the dates you can volunteer!

We need volunteers to cook at home (main courses and 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 participating in another way the other ways that you can help with Dinner Together is by donating food or helping by preparing a portion pack of a side or main dish. There is a way for everyone to participate!

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 May: May 23rd

Our next REACH food distribution will be Sunday, May 23rd, immediately after the worship service. Packed food will be on the church portico ready for delivery 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.

Through the REACH program we currently serve 11 households. We have found, through the meal distribution in February, that we could be sending out a greater number of REACH bags to community members households. This would be a wonderful opportunity to continue to serve the community of Front Royal. If you are interested in being a regular driver, want to help expand this program, or would like to sign up to help deliver meals for the month of April email Jill at missions@frontroyalpres.org.



Volunteers Needed

Welch Community Garden Opportunities to Serve in May:

WELCH COMMUNITY GARDEN



Before



After

We are seeking volunteers to help repair a few garden beds, fill the garden beds with new soil, and assist with revitalizing the community garden.

Are you looking for a way to get out of the house and still be social distanced? Come help with the Welch Community Garden because it is time to break ground and prep the garden beds!

Donation Opportunities:
We are seeking seed pack donations of the following plant types:

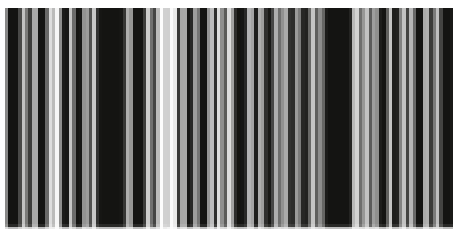
- Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Peppers, Green Beans, Yellow Squash, Sugar Snap Peas, and assorted Herbs

We have officially broken ground and our volunteers are hard at work but we still need you!

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

Ben Lacey Compassion Center

SCAN IT



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Opportunities to Serve in May

It's time to do inventory! We have a new scan-in scan-out inventory system and we need you to help tag and scan the items in the Compassion Center!

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



Music News



In Memory



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. May 15-June 15, you can access a video of local organists and friends performing a concert to Remember and Honor.

Simply go to www.winchesterago.com from May 15-June 15.

(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
HEALTH
HEROES





Babbette the Bat



BEST EASTER EVER! I got to see so many of my friends, I can't even name them all! The Craft girls looked gorgeous in their matching dresses and Cecelia was dressed as a cat-unicorn – unicorn horn and a cat mask and the Pheister boys were a breath of fresh air. I can't even name everyone – what a glorious way to celebrate the resurrection!

And each week someone comes that I haven't seen in a year and I love to see all the smiles – Marissa Meyers looked great after shoulder surgery, Dee Whited is bouncing back from cancer and Ed Rutz reclaimed his seat in the balcony.

I can't wait to see the Burt's, Adrian shared that Rachel had a new hip installed and she is home recovering. Lee Bowen is getting a new hip in a few weeks – that man never stop! I've even seen him rescuing bee swarms from the neighbors and re-establishing them on the church grounds.

We have a new face around the church – Tonya, keeping the church spic and span! She leaves exhausted everyday after cleaning pews and bathrooms and floors and the kitchen has never looked better. And Misty's son, Kyle, is mowing grass – if you need yard work done, I would highly recommend him!

And I love hearing about everyone's travels now that so many have gotten vaccine – the Edwards have been enjoying garden tours, Tracey Ramey has been enjoying the camper and everyone is getting to hug their grandchildren again.

The Dusenbury's have officially relocated to South Carolina to live near family – they will be sorely missed by the entire community.

Deanne McVey has kept busy, Ross went fishing and she took the opportunity to replace the porch but I was so sad to hear about her daughter-in-law having cervical cancer.

Little Jamison is quite brilliant. Pastor Carrie was telling him how Jo and Willow were playing hide and seek with Monty and his treats and he said "You should call it 'treat and seek.'"

Misty's daughter, Ava, and Deanne McVey's granddaughter, Maddie, both ran and represented Warren County and Skyline in some great cross country running. I don't know how they do it, I can't even keep up with them flying.

I'm off to feast on mosquitoes.

BABBETTE



May 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5pm - Dinner
2 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	3 5pm - Dinner	4 5pm - Dinner	5 Judi Good's 5pm - Dinner	6 5pm - Dinner	7 Gloria Harris's	8 Heather 5pm - Dinner
9 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	10 5pm - Dinner	11 5pm - Dinner	12 Debra Young's 5pm - Dinner	13 5pm - Dinner	14 Tony & Janet	15 5pm - Dinner
16 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	17 Ben Weddle's Ken Guthjahr's 5pm - Dinner	18 5pm - Dinner	19 Cecilia Logan's Elaine King's 5pm - Dinner	20 5pm - Dinner	21	22 5pm - Dinner
23 OUTREACH SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship- 11am - Worship-	24 5pm - Dinner	25 5pm - Dinner	26 Harriet Bowen's Robert & Ann 5pm - Dinner	27 5pm - Dinner	28	29 5pm - Dinner
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May Birthdays

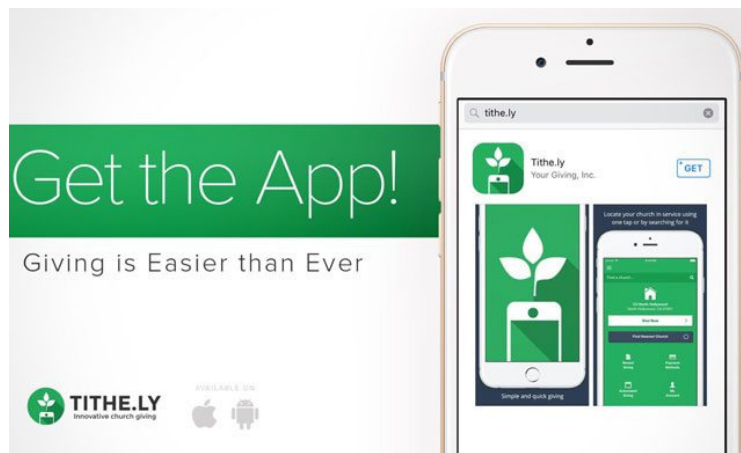
5- Judi Good
7- Gloria Harris
8- Heather Ankerbrand
12- Debra Young
17- Ben Weddle & Ken Guthjahr
19- Elaine King & Cecilia Logan
26- Harriet Bowen

Happy Anniversary

14- Tony & Janet Jewell
26- Robert & Ann Tennett

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