

# First Presby's Weekly News

## August 14, 2022

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on WCHS-580AM)

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### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) FOR FLOODING

Severe flooding has impacted Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia in late July. PDA is in communication with Presbyterian leadership in the affected presbyteries to offer resources, process grants and deploy National Response Team members when it is safe to do so. You may make a donation to PDA by calling 800-872-3283, or send a check with the designation DR000191 in the memo line. The address is: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You may also go online by looking up Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They have a "give now" button on that page. To support this particular response, please designate you gifts to DR000191. Thank you.

PDA is the Presbyterian Church's disaster response and refugee program. It is funded by gifts to the church's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and designated gifts. They do not receive any federal funds and are a member of ACT Alliance, Interaction and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD). PDA adheres to the International Red Cross Code of Conduct.

### FLOOD SCHOOL KITS

Our neighbors in Kentucky and lower WV will be cleaning up from the horrific flooding of July for a long time. But, their children need to get back to school soon. We can help them. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) distributes school kits to children in need. School supplies are inexpensive right now so go out and buy SPECIFICALLY what's on the below list and bring it to the church. We will assemble the kits at our first intergenerational Sunday school class on Rally Sunday, September 11 at 9:15.

#### School Kit

- 1 — pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 — 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 1/2" ruled paper.  
(No loose paper please.)
- 1 — 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 — hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 — new plain pencils with erasers
  - 1 — large eraser
  - 1 — box of 24 crayons
- \$2.00 mailing fee donation
- No backpacks please.

### SEWERS NEEDED

Each school kit must be packed into cloth bags of a specific size. If you are able or interested in making a few bags please sign up on the sheet on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or in the hall beside the offices. Patterns will be available at sign up. Also, if you have a yard of cute cotton fabric you would like to donate please leave it in the designated box outside the offices.

## FPC HOPE CENTER UPDATE

As part of the Mission Study adopted in 2020, First Presbyterian Church Charleston proposed the creation of an FPC Hope Center to serve as a visible reminder of God's purpose for the young people of West Virginia aging out of foster care. The Center would be a standalone 501(c)(3) nonprofit housed at First Presbyterian Church.

The FPC Hope Center has achieved its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status and is housed on the fourth floor of the Church. Its founding Board members include: Sandy Campbell, Becky Ceperley, Margie Myers, Terry Potesta, Taylor Raab, and Laura Stewart.

The Board of Directors, along with several members from organizations that are serving foster children, have undertaken a Strategic Plan. Becky King, a professional facilitator, is guiding the group through the process. The group meets monthly to continue to complete the Strategic Plan.

The following goals have been established and the group contains to work toward strategies to implement them:

- The gap between the foster care system and independent living will be bridged by designing a supportive, quality program which creates pathways, partnerships, and success for youth aging out of care.
- Visibility and awareness of FPC Hope Center will be created to increase understanding and support of the program among community members, youth and other stakeholders.
- A diverse revenue base of support will be created to sustain FPC Hope Center operations and programming.
- An effective governance structure will be in place to lead and achieve the mission of FPC Hope Center.

## CE CLEAN UP DAY

A lot of work has been done in the CE areas over the summer, but we need to tidy up some loose ends. If you can help, please join us on Saturday, August 20 from 9:00-11:30. Your children are welcome to help too (and you may leave when you need to). Please sign up at the back of the church or in the hall outside the offices. Thank You!!!

## CARDS PLEASE

Aaron & Brittany were married in our church last year. Aaron is a child of our church, has just received a new kidney, and could use some encouragement. Their address is:

Brittany and Aaron Owen  
c/o Ky and Tammy Owen  
2580 Benson Dr.  
Charleston, WV 25301

Marvin Conley is unable to receive visitors at this time, but would love to have cards.

Marvin Conley  
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Huntington  
6900 W Country Club Drive Rm 116E  
Huntingdon, WV 25705

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND HOT DOG SUNDAY



(Children, teens and grownups), **next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** at the 10:30 service, bring your backpacks to church for a special blessing/prayer for the new school year. THEN, immediately following the service, join your church family on the playground for **HOT DOG SUNDAY**, with all the West Virginia fixins! Everyone, bring a friend and make it a day filled with food, fun and fellowship!!!



## NEW MEMBER INQUIRERS' CLASS

Would you like to know more about the ministry of FPC? Pastor Myers will be leading a New Member Inquirers' Class on Sunday, September 18. We'll meet from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm in the Dining Room (Activities Building). We'll gather for a light lunch and discuss the ministry of FPC and how you can play an active part in our life together. If you're able to attend, please contact the church office (304) 343-8961. If you're unable to attend the class, but would still like to become a member of FPC, please contact Pastor Myers (pastormyers@firstpresby.com)

Those choosing to join the church will meet with the session on Wednesday, September 21, in the Dining Room at 6:30 pm. Our new members will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, September 25, with a reception to follow.

## TIME FOR REFRESHMENT

Thursday afternoons, beginning September 15, join Pastor Myers at 4:30 pm in the Ruffner Room for tea, shortbread/cookies, and conversation. We'll talk about life, faith, church, politics, maybe even church politics! Bring your opinions. Bring your questions. All are welcome. Whatever is on your mind, we'll talk about it! You can come occasionally. You can come every week. Our only purpose is to enjoy the fellowship and get to know each other a little better. Can't make Thursdays at 4:30? You can always call Pastor Myers for an appointment. There may not be shortbread, but he's always happy to put on a pot of tea!



## PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray for our sister congregation, *The Gathuthi Presbyterian Church in Nyeri Presbytery, Kenya*. And, a congregation Pastor Myers has visited, *The Presbyterian Church of Guanabacoa, Guanabacoa Cuba*.

## WORSHIP LIVE ON YOUTUBE

**If you would like to worship with us on YouTube**, tune into our YouTube Channel at 10:30a.m. The link to our YouTube channel is emailed with the worship bulletin, hymns and Green Sheet on Thursdays. (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you're not receiving an expected email.) This link is also available on our website ([www.firstpresby.com](http://www.firstpresby.com)) in the top right corner. The First Presby morning worship service will also continue to be broadcast on the radio WCHS-580AM at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Please make sure to subscribe to the channel so that you will be notified when we go live! You can do that by following these steps:

Go to [www.firstpresby.com](http://www.firstpresby.com)

1. Click on the red YouTube button
2. In the top right corner of the YouTube page, click the red SUBSCRIBE button. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Sunday, August 14

10:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM

### Monday, August 15

8:30 AM Aerobics -Rec. Rm.

### Tuesday, August 16

10:00 AM Staff Meeting - Ruffner Rm.

6:00 PM Finance Meeting

7:30 PM Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, August 17

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Rm.

10:00 AM Senior Basketball - Gym

6:30 PM Session Meeting

### Thursday, August 18

### Friday, August 19

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Rm.

10:00 PM Senior Basketball - Gym

### Saturday, August 20

### Sunday, August 21

10:30 AM Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks

11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM

11:30 AM Hot Dog Sunday!

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, August 14** Mark 5:25-34

**Monday, August 15** John 5:19-29

**Tuesday, August 16** John 5:30-47

**Wednesday, August 17** John 6:1-15

**Thursday, August 18** John 6:16-27

**Friday, August 19** John 6:27-40

**Saturday, August 20** John 6:41-51

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Eddie Baker

Sara Gaskins

Ellen Golden

Pam Healy

Jack Hoblitzell

Amy Isaac

Paul Kinneberg

Pam Kuyk

Mary Lu MacCorkle

Lindsay Marchio

Frankie McCain

Dina Mohler

Debbe Moredock

Bill Mullett

John Nesius

Dave Nolan

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Karen Scherr

Candace Strader

Lynda Strickland

GINNA TAYLOR

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## Deacons 2022

*Brian Healy, Moderator of Deacons*

*Bill Myers, Pastoral Staff to Deacons*

Kathy Bruner

Sandy Campbell

Laura Ceperley

Doug Chambers

Mary Jean Davis

Donna Dean

Art Doumaux

Georgie Francke

Jessica Harper

Sherry Harrison

Martha Hopper

Tammy Hovis

Jim McCain

John Mitchell

John Palmer

Kim Percy

Bob Schacht

Natalie Shelton

Kim Smith

Dave Strader

Susan Watkins

Judy Williams

Nancy Winefordner

## COVID Protocols

As COVID rates decline in our community, our session adjusts our protocols accordingly. Recognizing we are in a time of transition where our most vulnerable members may still have concerns, but others may not need the same protections, the following protocols are recommended:

- Masks are no longer required, but are recommended if you are in an “at risk” group or are in close proximity with others who are at a higher risk.
- Social Distancing is also encouraged, if you are in, or are with others in, an “at risk” group.
- Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available at every entry point.
- Vaccinations are required for ALL people working with children and youth up to age 18.

### Connect with us!

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