

First Presby's Weekly News

August 7, 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!!!

YOUTH BOWLING

This Sunday August 7th from 4-6pm the Youth Group and special guest bowler Pastor Bill "Twinkle Toes" Myers will be meeting at Galaxy Lanes (6545 MacCorkle Ave SE, Kanawha City) for fellowship, fun, food, and bowling. Also, any upcoming Youth (upcoming 6th graders) are invited to join us and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend! All bowling, food, and drinks are included. If anyone needs transportation assistance or if there are any questions please contact Taylor Raab (304-546-1820).

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND HOT DOG SUNDAY



(Children, teens and grownups), on August 21st 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!!!



BAREFOOT SUNDAY



Do you remember getting new shoes for a new school year? We can help kids who need them to get those new shoes! Check out the beautiful bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Follow the directions on the back of the green sheet and either sign up to bring a specific sized pair of shoes or to give a donation. You can participate by making a contribution to the shoe fund and/or purchasing shoes and/or socks. Please bring your gifts to church on August 14 and place them at the communion table during the service. You can also drop the shoes, socks or monetary donation off at the church office if you can't attend church on the 14th. Thank you again for supporting First Presby's Barefoot Sunday ministry.

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 Community Presbyterian Church located in Preston County, Arthurdale, WV and Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church located in Randolph County, Elkins, WV.

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) 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

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 7

10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM

Monday, August 8

8:30 AM Aerobics -Rec. Rm.

Tuesday, August 9

10:00 AM Staff Meeting - Ruffner Rm.
6:30 PM Deacons Meeting
7:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 10

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Rm.
10:00 AM Senior Basketball - Gym

Thursday, August 11

6:30 PM Personnel Committee Mtg.

Friday, August 12

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Rm.
10:00 PM Senior Basketball - Gym

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, August 7	Mark 4:35-41
Monday, August 8	John 3:1-21
Tuesday, August 9	John 3:22-36
Wednesday, August 10	John 4:1-26
Thursday, August 11	John 4:27-42
Friday, August 12	John 4:43-54
Saturday, August 13	John 5:1-18

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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.

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