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The Moderators View

Thanks to all the women on the Shen Pres Team, and the ladies of their churches. We were able to supply Karen with many items for the clients at the Woodrow Wilson Workforce & Rehab Center. Bibles, hats, scarves and gloves along with personal care items.

I hope you were all able to view Pat's pictures of Christmas dinners and family get together s. Unfortunately, the scheduled Joy Gift Offering family night dinner scheduled at 2nd Pres. was canceled due to the weather.

Have you been a recipient of, or given a random act of kindness? I saw one myself while shopping one day. What a blessing to the giver and to the receiver.

The Christmas message is that in the rush and mess of our lives, the joys and griefs, the pain and deaths, God is always with us. He wants to be close. Now and Always

In Christ's Service
Darlene Mason

EVENT AT IVANHOE PRESBYTERIAN

Ivanhoe Church is having a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday evening, December 16, 2018, at 6 PM. A Blue Christmas is a gentle, reflective service for those who are carrying pain or loss, or are generally feeling empty, sad, or alone this season. Pastor Joel Thornton will be officiating and refreshments will follow the service to offer

nourishment and fellowship for those in attendance.

SHARED BY: CONNIE WOOD

NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

OUR PASTOR FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, JOHN LEGGETT, WILL BE MOVING TO 2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEXINGTON, KY., ON JANUARY 7. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. On Sunday, January 6, following the congregational meeting, we will gather for a celebration of Pastor John's ministry which will include lunch and opportunities to share our stories.

WE HAD BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING WORSHIP SERVICES AT THESE TIMES ON CHRISTMAS EVE:

Christmas Eve Services

Carols and Candlelight at 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight and Communion at 7:00 p.m.

MASSANUTTEN LIVING WATERS TEAM:

What is the Massanutten Living Waters Team?

A group of people who are committed to helping bring clean, pure water to those who need in Guatemala and other developing countries so that all God's children have clean water.

What is Living Waters for the World?

Living Waters for the World (LWW) trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to implement and operate sustainable water purification systems and health education programs. LWW does not drill wells or provide other water access solutions.

LWW empowers communities to treat available but contaminated water.

What are the Core Values of Living Waters for the World?

Living Waters for the World Core Values include:

Relationship Oriented – first and foremost, we work in relationship with water teams, international partners and the communities they serve

International Partner Focused – our international partners' interests and objectives are primary

Empowerment Oriented – the process of training, equipping and sustaining our partners is designed to encourage, establish and reinforce independence

Volunteer Led – LWW's ministry depends upon the leadership and investment of tens of thousands of volunteers

Mission Focused – LWW exists to provide clean, safe water to those in the world who desperately need it and to support the volunteers and communities with whom we have relationships

Network Focused – our International Networks ensure sustainability by providing on-the-ground support for water teams and partner communities alike

What is Clean Water U and why it is important?

Clean Water U (CWU) is the training school of Living Waters for the World. Located in the woods of Hopewell Camp and Conference Center in Oxford, Mississippi, Clean Water U is a simulation experience designed to equip mission team leaders with the skills necessary to:

- form partnerships with communities in need of clean water
- equip local leaders to lead ongoing health education
- empower communities to install and sustain a Living Waters for the World water purification system

These learning objectives are taught in three separate workshops which run concurrently during the five-day session. A church or organization sends three or more representatives – at least one participant for each workshop.

Information about our partner in Guatemala

Our mission partner, the Asamblea de Dios Salem (Assembly of God Salem), is a church located in the small town of El Sinaca, near Sanarate, El Progreso, Guatemala, southeast of the capitol city of Guatemala City. We came to know about this community through our Guatemalan friend Israel who grew up in El Sinaca and still has family living there.

SHARED BY: Pat Armstrong

NEWS FROM MT OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Greetings from Mt. Olive; We have had a very busy Summer and Fall.

In August we had our church picnic at the Lily Park in Rawley Spring. It was well attended. We had a child 10 months old and a lady 94 years old. The following Sunday there were 17 Baptist in the river at Rawley Spring.

Stacy Myrhoefee has started a Wed night Bible Study. The third Sunday we had our Sunday luncheon and cake for all the 12 months birthdays. Circle ladies went out to a restaurant to eat for our Sept meeting. We had our last senior meal until Spring.

We have made 2 kettles of apple butter.

Mary Howdyshell and Kim Chander and Sarah Lange went to Roanoke for a women' retreat, enjoyed it very much and hope to go again next year.

We continue a journey of faith in God and started Feb 14, 2004, to build a new church. On Oct., we celebrated our 10 year anniversary. We have paid the mortgage off.

Last tenderloin dinner for the year was held Oct. 26.

God bless everyone for your prayers.

SHARED BY: Sarah Lange, PW Moderator

GOD WAS GIVEN GLORY AT NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

Surely the presence of the Lord was in New Providence Presbyterian Church on December 16th when the combined choirs of Asbury United Methodist Church and New Providence presented the cantata “When Love Came Down”. The chancel choirs, bell choir, and the dramatization of the birth of Jesus was presented to brothers and sisters of various races, all precious children of God.

A reception was held where all gathered around the table sharing the love of God as one in the spirit of God.

Let there be peace on earth in 2019, and let it begin with us.

PRAISE THE LORD

SHARED BY: Betsy Reid
New Providence Presbyterian Church

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON

Many of our members rang the bell for the Salvation Army on Dec 1, 2018 This is such a good experience. Seeing the joy of the children as they put in their money and letting them ring the bell touches your heart.

Our family night Christmas Dinner was canceled due to the snow. It is always such a fun night with all the food and the tribute to our Lord and collecting the Joy Gift Offering. Hoping for better weather next year.

We presented the Christmas Cantata on Dec. 16. From all that were present it was well received.

We are a small choir but what we lack in number we make up for in enthusiasm.

SHARED BY: DARLENE MASON

Visiting with an International Peacemaker!

On October 10, 2018, I had the privilege of meeting one of our international peacemakers, Fabienne Jean of Haiti. Fabienne and Cindy Correll, a mission co-worker through PC(USA) and a member of Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, VA, met at the Shenandoah Presbytery office for an informal luncheon with members of our Presbytery community and our staff. Cindy serves as a companionship facilitator with the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Joining Hands network in Haiti.

Fabienne began her career with the Peasant Movement of Papaya – a large peasant organization in Haiti, working with the underprivileged of her country. She currently serves as coordinator with the Hands Together Foundation of Haiti (FONDAMA), part of Joining Hands, an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. FONDAMA and member organizations serve their individual communities in promoting agriculture, environmental improvements, clean water and education, addressing root causes of the country’s poverty such as land-grabbing, food imports and climate change. Fabienne stated that she “works with - NOT FOR – the people to convince people that if they don’t work on a problem together, they will die together. We do the work like Jesus would do the work!” The One Great Hour offering supports this program.

“The way people received my message helped me feel more confident about doing my work in Haiti. They understood that Haiti needs more than just money; that we need people to accompany us and be with us to truly understand the situation and the work that we do,” said Fabienne.

Cindy Correll shared, “What a huge honor it was to hear firsthand the stories from around the world and to watch my friend and colleague stand up in a foreign country and tell her story with passion and connect with people who don’t know the geography of her country. If anyone in a Presbyterian church has a chance to see an International Peacemaker, they need to go — it’s a rare

and wonderful experience.” (Pam agrees!)

The peacemaker visits broaden our sense of God’s inclusive family and help equip us to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s children.

Pam Snyder, Chair
Justice and Peace
Shenandoah Presbytery PW Coordinating Team



International Peacemakers

“Trouble the Waters” as depicted in John 5:1-9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world. Join us as we envision and train for new ways to stir up **#GoodTrouble** for the healing of all God’s children.

With opening worship led by Rev. Jimmie Hawkins and keynote speaker David LaMotte, we begin our Advocacy Training Weekend with the PC (USA) Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training day. Gather with your fellow Presbyterians as we look at how our church and our partners are working to organize for change. In plenaries and workshops we will look at the Church as movement and as well as ways to build movements for change. We will hear from inspiring leaders and learn about past present and future efforts to bring about a more just society and world. We will offer concrete tools and strategies for members and their congregations to organize and advocate in their churches and local communities.

Register now for Advocacy Training Weekend!
Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day

April 5th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

April 5th - 8th

SHARED BY: PAM SNYDER

The Joys of Aging

I have, become quite a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I awake, Will Power helps me out of bed. When he leaves I go see John. Then Charley Horse comes along and when he is here, he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in, one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and ready to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a day!

**CT MEETING FEB. 2
HIGHLANDS SUNNYSIDE**



In 2019, we gather at a time in which people of faith and conscience are again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up **#GoodTrouble** for the sake of God’s kingdom.

2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference will draw on **#GoodTrouble** pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational and training workshops, and advocacy, we will beckon the Spirit to