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THIRD PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON

The ladies of Third served 32 members of the DAR of Staunton lunch in December.

They also prepared and served the congregation a Christmas Dinner. 35 Members stayed for the dinner

We adopted a man and his daughter from the salvation Christmas Tree. Also, grandparents who have just taken custody of a 10 month old child came and ask for help. We have provided clothing, house hold items and food. They have been living in a motel room. Community Services has gotten them an apartment.

We provided 8 families with a turkey and gift card to have Christmas dinner. There is so much need, praying no one will go hungry.

Love to all my PW friends.
In Christ
Darlene Mason

NEWS FROM IVANHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church had it's Christmas Program on December 11,2022. With six children and six adults participating. Christmas Songs were played by one of Connie's piano students. The Christmas Program closed with prayer and all invited to stay for soups, sandwiches and deserts. With 38 people attending. We enjoyed the children and the fellowship. This is some of the Joys of Christmas.

News from Massanutten Presbyterian Church

Middle school and high school students have an opportunity to start learning handbells at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. Youth meet for dinner and games and bible study on Sunday evening at 6:00. After worship on celebration Sunday the congregation gathered in the fellowship hall for a light lunch and made handmade gift packages for Open Door guest. The Presbyterian woman invited all to join them in a holiday collection for the Salvation Army Center Santa sack of shampoo toothbrushes, washcloths, etc. The sanctuary was decorated beautifully for Christmas. Worship included a 4:00 and 7:00 service on Christmas Eve and a pre-recorded service for Christmas morning.

We wish all a Happy New Year.
Shared by PAT ARMSTRONG

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER A SUCCESS

The Collierstown Presbyterian Church's Annual Church Dinner held on Saturday, November 6, 2022, is history but what a wonderful event it was! After a two-year absence due to COVID, the day surpassed all expectations! The Presbyterian Women sponsor the event, but it is a total church effort with CPC men, women, youth, and children working together to invite others in to enjoy the church family's hospitality. The goals of extending hospitality, serving others, and sharing the CPC fellowship were the centerpiece of all that was done in preparation and on the day itself.

This year a total of 930 meals were served to patrons who “dined in” and “took out” resulting in \$8000 being made to support programs and ministries of the Presbyterian Women. An additional 50 meals were taken to residents in the community as a part of the event’s hospitality ministry to those who are unable to come and enjoy a meal. The Bazaar containing a variety of homemade crafts, baked goods, vegetables, homemade soups, and holiday items netted \$2088 that was divided with half of the proceeds being donated to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Rockbridge and the remaining amount to Helping Hands, the food bank ministry of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

Mary Jarvis, Chairman of the Dinner Steering Team and past PW Moderator, said when interviewed about the event, “I never worried about whether the various aspects of the day would come together from purchasing the supplies needed, to preparing the buildings and grounds, cooking the food, securing a work force, publicizing the event, gathering items to sell in the Bazaar, to cleaning up and putting it all away. Each member had an important task that fit and functioned together resulting in a successful day that brought honor and glory to God. It is always a humbling and an amazing experience to step back and see how God works through us when we seek Him together in all we say and do.”

As December approached the PW began making plans to support the church’s traditional Advent and Christmas activities. Members made lots of cookies that were packaged and delivered to the homes that received Christmas Carolers. Collierstown Presbyterian Church has always had two Christmas Caroling evenings, one for the younger children in the Lexington area to older members and to The Mayflower, an assisted living residence, and the other for the older youth and adults to residents in the Collierstown and Buffalo communities. On Sunday, December 18, the church’s children’s Christmas program was a part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Following the service, the church family enjoyed a reception hosted by the PW where a Christmas card exchange, cookies and punch, and good fellowship were enjoyed by all.

As 2023 begins, the PW will be kicking off its annual Blanket Sunday campaign during the wor-

ship hour on January 1. January 15 is “Blanket Sunday” at CPC!!! Each year the Presbyterian Women set aside a Sunday in January to encourage the Church Family to donate funds to purchase blankets to be distributed by Church World Service to needy people living in the United States and around the world. The cost of a blanket is \$10 so each dollar that is given is important. Our goal this year is to provide warmth and shelter for 130 individuals or families. Our 2022 goal was to raise \$1200 to purchase 120 CWS blankets for distribution. We committed to the truth of Luke 1:37, “For with God nothing will be impossible.” Our church family and community embraced that commitment and raised a total of \$2340 in three weeks making it possible to purchase 234 CWS blankets. We are looking forward to the opportunity we have with the 2023 campaign. *We want to share God’s love and provision for us with those who need to feel God’s love through the warmth of their own new blanket!* Donations to our blanket campaign can be mailed to the Collierstown Presbyterian Church, 31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA. We are “dreamin’ big,” and giving more!

The Collierstown PW wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick,
PW Communications Coordinator*





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Notes From PW CT Meeting November 5

I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and are doing well recovering from cooking, eating and leftovers!

Please find the notes from our meeting 3 weeks ago of the CT on Nov.5 in Staunton. Thank you again to Pam! And also our guests that day - which 3 have been included on this email.

There are some highlights below from the notes to bring your attention to prior to the next meeting. AND please be sure to send Pat Armstrong a few lines of your church happenings by the end of Dec. so she can share them in the next issue of the Sunrise. armstrong.richpat@gmail.com Take care, Vickana

NEXT MEETING – FEB 4, 2023 10am: the next meeting of the CT will occur on Saturday Feb. 4th and if there is inclement weather it will be held via zoom. In person meeting will be at The Resource Center at Massanetta Springs. This will be coordinated with Donna at the Presbytery office. All are welcome!

At the February meeting we will discuss some projects and mission initiatives to support. CWS

kits are in great need, so plans will be made for hygiene kit assembly and promotion at the Gathering and the CT May meeting.

There remain vacancies of positions on the CT. Please keep in mind those that might enjoy the opportunity to serve and share their gifts on the Presbytery level of PW. The following positions are open: Treasurer, Moderator of Search Committee, Member of Search Committee representative in the north, Member of Search Committee representative in the south, Mission Community Coordinator Highland August E3, Moderator Elect, Vice-Moderator, Celebrations & Horizons Representative and Historian.

*****The Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday April 15th in the large area off the dining hall at Massanetta Springs. The area is very suitable to accommodate the number that attends the Gathering and displays, and we will be right there for lunch! The theme will be based on Col. 3:12.

The brochure to announce the Gathering and for registration will be ready to distribute and send to all churches by January. If you have suggestions for speakers and such, please share with Connie and Karen right away. Please be sure to share the brochure in your churches and to all those you serve as Mission Community Coordinators when it becomes available. This allows

plenty of time for notification. Connie and Karen will be working on the brochure to get it prepared and out. This was suggested by Frances Craig to have it ready early and all agreed it was a very good idea. As part of the brochure for Gathering Day, ladies will be encouraged to prepare prior to the event and to bring their CWS hygiene kits to the Gathering so we can facilitate their delivery. Please help with the planning of the Gathering and work with Connie and Karen to make it a great event!

• Working for Justice and Peace •

Presbyterian Women J&P Calendar 2023

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD, BY BEING GOD'S HANDS IN THE WORLD. WE ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO "DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBL Y WITH OUR GOD"
(MICAHA 6:8).

Remember, every Thursday is an opportunity to participate in Thursdays in Black. See oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black

JANUARY

- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month—polarisproject.org
- 6 Epiphany of the Lord
- 9 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 pm (Eastern) on Call Me A Woman: On Our Way to Equality and Peace by Laurie Levin (One More Page, 2021). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 10–16 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking, presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, traffickingresourcecenter.org or presbyterianmission.org/human-trafficking
- 15 Matthew 25: Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday; Racial & Intercultural Justice/Presbyterians Affirm Black Lives Matter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day, religiousfreedomday.com
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, thekingcenter.org
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceda

FEBRUARY

- Black History Month; blackhistorymonth.gov • National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, teendvmonth.org
- 1 National Freedom Day, state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-trafficking
- 1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, redhandday.org
- 12 Souper Bowl of Caring, tacklehunger.org 12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week, randomactsofkindness.org
- 13 One Billion Rising for Justice, onebillionrising.org
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Special author presentation on What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church by William Yoo (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 22 Ash Wednesday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesda

MARCH

- Women's History Month, womenshistorymonth.gov 3 World Day of Prayer, wdp-usa.org or worlddayofprayer.net
- 5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, pcusa.org/women
- 5–11 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment, presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 6–17 UN Commission on the Status of Women, unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023
- 8 International Women's Day, internationalwomensday.com or un.org/en/observances/womens-day
- 12 Self-Development of People Sunday, presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 20 Mr. Rogers Day, presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources
- 20 International Day of Happiness; daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness
- 22 World Water Day, worldwaterday.org
- 25–31 National Farmworker Awareness Week, saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week
- 31 National Farm Workers Day, nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day

APRIL

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org
- 7 Good Friday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday
- 7 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
- 8 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day
- 9 Easter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter
- 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day; ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar
- 21-27 National Agriculture Week; iatp.org
- 23 Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide
- 26 Denim Day; denimdayinfo.org

MAY

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; asianpacificheritage.gov
- 1 May Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day
- 2 National Teacher Day; nea.org
- 1–7 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 4 National Day of Prayer; nationaldayofprayer.org
- 8 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response* by Pamela Cooper-White (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2012). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 13 World Fair Trade Day; wfto.com
- 13 Stamp Out Hunger drive; about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm
- 14 Mother's Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day
- 21 Intercultural Church Sunday; pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity; cbd.int/idb
- 28 Pentecost; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost
- 29 Memorial Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022

JUNE

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; [archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month](https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month)
- 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; [wearorange.org](https://www.wearorange.org) or [nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day](https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day)
- 18 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men)
- 19 Juneteenth; [presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness](https://www.presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness)
- 20 World Refugee Day; [un.org/en/observances/refugee-day](https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day)

JULY

- 2 Immigration Sunday; <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration>
- 4 Independence Day; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day)
- 10 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood* by Qian Julie Wang (New York: Random House, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

AUGUST

- 6 Hiroshima Day; pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; [un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day](https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day)
- 15 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; [pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123](https://www.pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123)
- 19 World Humanitarian Day; [worldhumanitarianday.org/](https://www.worldhumanitarianday.org/) or en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Humanitarian_Day
- 20 Public Education Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child)

SEPTEMBER

- National Hispanic Heritage Month [Sep 15–Oct 15]; [hispanicheritagemoth.gov](https://www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov)
- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; [creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html](https://www.creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html)
- 3 Season of Peace begins; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace)
- 4 Labor Day; [iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service](https://www.iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service)
- 8 International Literacy Day; en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday 11 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Violence Against Women: What Everyone Needs to Know* by Jacqui True (New York: Oxford, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 17 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins
- 21 International Day of Peace; [presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html](https://www.presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html)
- 22 Native American Day; [pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/nativeamerican/pdf/celebratingnativeamericananday.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/nativeamerican/pdf/celebratingnativeamericananday.pdf) and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American

OCTOBER

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month; [ncadv.org/take-action](https://www.ncadv.org/take-action); [nomore.org](https://www.nomore.org); [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice) or [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa)
- Fair Trade Month; [fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month](https://www.fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month)
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month; [dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam)
- 1 World Communion Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday)
- 9 National Indigenous Peoples' Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day)
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; [unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child](https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child)
- 11 National Coming Out Day; [hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day](https://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day)

- 15 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World; pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world
- 16 World Food Day; fao.org/world-food-day/home/en
- 24 United Nations Day; un.org/en/observances/un-day

NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month; archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month or nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov
- 6–12 Children's Book Week; everychildareader.net/cbw
- 12 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger
- 13 World Kindness Day; randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on Wind River (2017 film featuring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 20 Universal Children's Day; un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day
- 23 Thanksgiving; americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf or presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; un.org/en/events/endviolenceday or unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action
- 25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism

DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS Day; presbyterianmission.org/resource/presbyterian-aids-awareness-sunday-worship-materials
- 5 International Volunteer Day; un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day
- 10 International Human Rights Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day
- 18 International Migrants Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day
- 25 Christmas; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas

**We're called to be witnesses,
not lawyers or Judges.**

**Be ye fishers of men.
You catch 'em -
He'll clean 'em.**