



# SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah <http://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>  
Connie Wood & Karen Stevens, CO Moderators

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## Happy 4th July

### Co-Moderator Here are some comments from Summer Gathering

The theme "Sacred Encounters" was reflected in many ways during the Presbyterian Women Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering, held at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Some of my observations included:

1. In-Person fellowship among dedicated women who drove several hours to arrive there., with many smiles and greetings.
2. Conversations by those in the Dining Hall, sharing delicious meals together, some meeting for the first time. They were served by a respectfully trained staff. The Saturday evening banquet was a special event for everyone.
3. Enthusiastic singing with the Music Team, including the Gathering Hymn "Christ Be Beside Me", a hymn of praise,, faith, comfort, and peace.
4. Leaders from the PW Coordinating and Planning Teams, Workshops as well as the Massanetta Springs Staff who kept things going. Director Clayton Rascoe seemed to be seen everywhere at the same time, including shuttling women back and forth on campus. Special admiration for out-going Moderator Nancy Long and in-coming Moderator Marlene Butler.
5. The PW Horizons Bible Study "Sacred En-

counters" presented and characters made alive by its dynamic author, Rev. Olive Mahabir.

6. Fellow-Hospitality leaders Adrienne Knight and Edna Wigfall Crute who led and helped in so many ways with the position of Hospitality Coordinator.

7. It is always so special to see Rich Armstrong whose faithful work and expertise with technology, often behind the scenes. adding to the success of the many people who use it.

To me, the Summer Gathering was indeed a Sacred Encounter with Jesus Christ, through the hands, feet, voices, minds and hearts of His servants.

Love and Blessings,  
Connie Wood, Shenandoah PW Co-Moderator

### Ivanhoe Events

The past and present events of Ivanhoe were the men prepared a Mother's Day Breakfast. The ladies prepared a Father's Day Luncheon. Thanks to Connie and J. Allen Wood preparing the set-up and scheduling for VBS at Lost River State Park and Rev. Joel Thornton will have an adult class. We are very Grateful and Thankful for everyone to come and take part. Fun for all. God Bless.

Blessings,  
Blanche Sager & Ann Barb, Ivanhoe, PW

## Third Presbyterian

Third Presbyterian celebrated the Gifts of Women Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Nine ladies participated. We are still collecting gently used clothing for the Staunton, Augusta, Waynesboro Schools. Known as SAWS. This is an ongoing project. We continue to support the Sacks Of Love project in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Staunton. This is where we make sack lunches for children to take home over the weekend.

In Christ's Service  
Darlene Mason

## MASSANUTTEN PC SHARES

APRIL 22 WAS MASSANUTTEN CARES DAY AND MEMBERS WENT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO SERVE. SOME PROJECTS WERE AS FOLLOW:

### Caring Projects

Massanetta Springs (includes lunch at the Historic Hotel):

We will join others who love Massanetta and want to help get it ready for the upcoming season. Plan to work outside and wear clothing appropriate for the weather.

### Yard Work and Home Repair

We will spend time helping members of our church family with spring clean-up and simple home projects. A brown-bag lunch may be needed depending upon the length of the project; participants will be notified in advance.

### O.U.R Hearts Ministry (Friday through Sunday)

Youth leadership are coordinating an emerging overnight service opportunity in Craigsville. This project would be focused on hunger in that community and other local community needs.

### Visitation

We will visit members of our church family who aren't able to join us in worship any longer and bring with us an appropriate gift (flowers, bread, soup and/or a card). Visitors will go in teams of two and will have specific destinations.

## Bake Bread/Make Soup/Make Cards

To help our visiting teams, we will provide them with gifts to bring to those they visit. Please let us know what and how many of each item you plan to bring. Soup should be portioned in one quart containers. If you need containers, please contact Pastor Ann.

## OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Faithful Conversations - Room 117

Sundays at 9am through May 21

This study introduces the creed by discussing the meaning of its phrases. To recognize what the phrases mean and ways they have been understood in our Reformed theological tradition is to move more deeply into our faith. The creed's meanings can strengthen our understanding, deepen our devotion, and give a vision for Christian living and action in the church and the world.

### **The Book of James**

Covenant Class - Room 119

Sundays at 9am through May 21

The apostles Paul and James are often portrayed as having very different approaches to the importance of "works" in relation to faith and salvation. This study will look more closely at whether this is true, along with the importance of living out our faith in the real world. At the heart of this short letter is an absolute conviction that love of one's neighbor fulfills the Law.

SHARED BY PAT ARMSTRONG

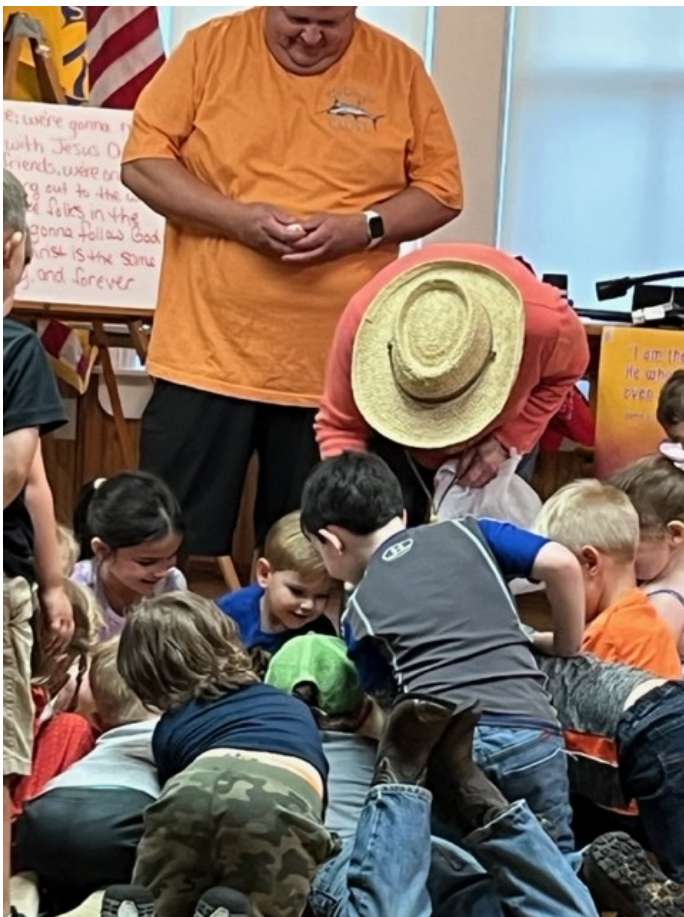
## **"SUMMER BIBLE ROUNDUP" KICKS OFF SUMMER AT COLLIERSTOWN**

Summer arrived in Collierstown with a communitywide Vacation Bible School being held June 4-9. The "Summer Bible Roundup" VBS met each evening Sunday through Thursday from 6-8:30 at the Palmer Community Center. VBS had a western theme with classes available for all ages and adults. Supper was provided nightly. Families and area residents were invited to enjoy Bible study, crafts, recreation, and fellowship with friends and neighbors. On Friday, June 9

"Summer Bible Roundup" celebrated a great week of learning and fellowship with a closing program on the grounds of the community center. Each class was recognized with students sharing songs and Bible verses learned. Students were presented with a certificate and the gift of a New Testament provided by the Gideons. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all following the program. VBS attendance averaged eighty individuals ranging in age from six months to eighty plus years nightly, with forty-eight children and twelve adults attending classes assisted by twenty volunteers!

A penny challenge between the cowgirls and cowboys received \$900 in donations. Funds were used to purchase sheep for a needy family through Heifer International and to give a donation to the Palmer Community Center for proper-

ty improvements. Students and community friends enjoyed seeing VBS Director, Rosalea Potter, kiss a sheep and Pastor Bill Bearden plant a kiss on a pig as promised when the challenge was issued. "Summer Bible Roundup" was a community of faith effort shared by the six churches in the community. Each church took a night to provide supper and to offer the evening's opening and closing prayers. VBS staff members came from each congregation working together as volunteers. Work was done, new friendships made, and all centered around a shared faith and a desire to bring others to Christ. The sponsoring churches included Union View Advent Christian Church, Collierstown Baptist, Collierstown Presbyterian, Collierstown United Methodist, Oxford Presbyterian, and Mr. Horeb United Methodist churches.



Cowboys take the challenge!



Big Mike and owner Brian Crockett visit VBS.





Pastor Bill ready to kiss the pig!



Adults go to VBS class too!



Closing VBS program



The Presbyterian Women prepared and served the Sunday evening meal at VBS and have been involved with providing “Lemonade on the Lawn” each Sunday from June until the end of August following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It is a “sweet” time to enjoy cookies, lemonade, and fellowship with other church members while the children enjoy the treats and the church’s new playground.

In mid-July the Presbyterian Women will kick off its annual “School Bag” campaign. Each year PW member Louise Tardy makes canvas tote bags and provides lists of supplies to be purchased and placed in each bag. The filled bags will be returned to the church by August 20 to be distributed by Church World Service to needy students in the United States and around the world. The church community will also be invited to participate in the effort along with the Collierstown United Methodist Church that has

partnered with CPC in the past. There are big shoes to fill this year as one hundred and seventy-seven bags were prepared in 2022! Summer will conclude with CPC’s annual summer picnic following worship on Sunday, August 27. This year’s picnic will be held on the church grounds so the children can eat and then enjoy the new playground while the adults fellowship and enjoy a game of corn hole, horseshoes, or just visiting!

At Collierstown we believe we have been placed in our community and current location by God. We believe we have been called to serve by sharing the gospel and our resources, while keeping our hearts planted in heaven.

*Submitted by:*  
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