



# SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah <http://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>  
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## WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley is a choral group directed by Artistic Director, Scott Zane Smith and accompanied by collaborative pianist Elizabeth Williams. The choir has members from Rockingham, Shenandoah, Hardy and Grant counties, and the city of Harrisonburg. We are pleased to hold our annual Christmas concert. WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS at Linville Creek church of the Brethren (409 Brethren Road, Broadway VA 22815) on both Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17 @ 3:00 P.M. and hope you will attend! The 22 member SATB chorus sings a variety of sacred and secular music featuring soloists and a guest appearance of Santa! The concert is free to anyone and welcomes donations in advance and at the door. Our mailing address is CHORDIALLY YOURS OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, PO Box 582, Broadway, VA 22815. For more information contact Artistic Director, Scott Zane Smith @ szanes@aol.com or Creative Council Chair, Ramona Daugherty

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## COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PREPARES FOR ITS ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER

As the warm days of summer slide into the crisp days of autumn and colored leaves appear with orange pumpkins on doorsteps, the PW, CPC members and community friends of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church begin looking to November and the return of the "Annual Church

Dinner."

Since 1925, the Annual Church Dinner continues to be a day when the CPC family opens its doors and warmly welcomes the community, visitors who live in the area, and strangers who may be passing by. ALL ARE INVITED to come inside and enjoy a hot meal and share in the hospitality and fellowship offered by the church's members and friends.

This year the Annual Church Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4. Meals will be served continuously from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The centerpiece of the day's menu will be a choice of meats like country ham, fried oysters, and roast turkey with all the trimmings. The meat entrée will be accompanied by the diner's choice of sweet or mashed potatoes and greens beans along with hot turkey gravy, coleslaw, applesauce, pickles, homemade bread, and a choice of beverages. A meal of this magnitude is not complete without a selection of dessert from an assortment of homemade cakes. The same meals available to "dine in" patrons will be available as take out dinners for those that cannot come to the church to eat. A team of people will be assembling and packaging meals for pick up. Take out dinners can be ordered by calling the church's phone number (540-463-5918) and meals can be picked up beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Unique to the Annual Church Dinner, is the Bazaar located in the "red building" on the church grounds. The building will be filled with items for sale like homemade baked goods (breads, rolls, pies, cakes, cookies), jars of fresh soups, hand-crafted items (woodwork, knitted and crocheted goods, holiday decorations), jewelry, apples, garden produce, and apple butter. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be donated to the Fellowship

of Christian Athletes of Rockbridge County and to Helping Hands, a food bank ministry of Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Church Dinner is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women but is a total church effort with CPC men, women, youth, and children working together. Proceeds from the dinner are used to fund mission projects locally and abroad.

The idea for the annual dinner began in 1924 with a dream held by three Presbyterian Women, Rosa Deacon Goodbar, Virginia Potter Knick, and Ethel Montgomery Thomas. They embraced hospitality as a Biblical command whose purpose is to minister to others. Their work and planning became a reality with the first dinner known then as the Chrysanthemum Show and Dinner being held on November 5 and 6, 1925. The event was held at the Collierstown Graded School, the present site of the Collierstown Baptist Church. It was known as a Chrysanthemum Show and Dinner because it included a “Flower Room” for patrons to enjoy, displaying blooming chrysanthemums grown by the church’s women. The first Chrysanthemum Show and Dinner was a “soggy one” that nevertheless was embraced and praised by patrons as “a delightful community affair.” It also provided funds that enabled the church’s mission efforts to grow and extend to a larger area.

Since that first dinner, changes have been made but oysters are still fried on the church kitchen’s woodstove and the menu is much the same. More importantly the dream of extending hospitality and showing care and concern for others is still the heart of the Annual Church Dinner event. The PW and the CPC family invite all to be a part of the church’s hospitality on November 4 and share in that blessing too.

*Deborah P. McCormick,  
PW Communications Coordinator*



*Making Oyster Cakes*



*Filling The Plates*



Enjoying Deserts & Fellowship

## Second Presbyterian Staunton

Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Staunton collected school supplies for the Salvation Army in June-July. The Salvation Army hosts a special BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION each July, complete with haircuts, refreshments and distribution of the school supplies.

We also collected mission items for Helping Hands Day Camp, which took place at Covenant Presbyterian in early August. 4 members volunteered throughout that week of camp, and 5 children participated.

Our PW took a break from meeting in June and July. We met on August 8th for a PW meeting and brunch around the pool, hosted by our PW Circle chair, Betty Landes. We resumed our monthly Friendship Circle meeting and Horizons Bible Study on September 5th. We are enjoying our study of Sacred Encounters and are using the downloaded resource provided by PW, Inc., which includes monthly Lesson introductions by the author, Olive Mahabir. This is an excellent resource!

## Third Presbyterian Church News

1. The ladies along with church members, served 55 members of Wilson

Memorial High School Class Reunion a luncheon on October 14, 2023.

2. The Trunk or Treat saw a total of 198 children and 171 adults go through the line.

We will be having thanksgiving service on Sunday November 12, 2023 at 3 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

We also continue to assemble care kits for those who are experiencing homelessness.

In God's Service

Darlene Mason

We were honored to have Bill Reinhold as pulpit supply for 2 Sundays monthly while our pastor was on Sabbatical leave. We hosted a luncheon following worship on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, to thank Bill for his faithful service to us the 5 months he served Second Presbyterian.

PW will be collecting THANK OFFERING donations throughout the month of November. We are also collecting canned goods, non-perishables, shampoo, dish detergent, laundry detergent, body washes, deodorant, toothpaste, & paper towels for SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association.) Our congregation is also working with WARM (Waynesboro Area Relief Ministry) to help provide needed services during the winter months for the homeless in the Staunton area.

Submitted by  
Mary Rainey and Pam Snyder

The background of the flyer is a light beige color with a repeating pattern of autumn-themed illustrations. These include various styles of leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown, as well as small flowers and circular motifs. At the bottom center, there is a large, detailed illustration of an orange pumpkin with a green stem and leaf.

## **Presbyterian Women**

### **OF SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY FALL MEETING**

**November 4, 2023 @ 10 a.m.**

**Massanetta Springs Conference Center**

Lunch will be provided following meeting

**Plan to join us for this annual opportunity  
for ALL PW leaders to gather and share  
with the Presbytery PW Coordinating  
Team! We hope to see representation from  
each congregation in our Presbytery.**

**Please RSVP to  
[kstevens7254@gmail.com](mailto:kstevens7254@gmail.com) to ensure we  
have ample lunches for all!**

***HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING***