

The Sampler

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Live in the Moment

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and God will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Last month I ended this page with the admonition for all of you to continue faithfully declaring: Yet, not my will but yours be done. That was coupled with a new prayer. Lord, I have prayed Thy Will Be Done. Could you now help me be grateful?

How easy to write those words, sincerely meaning them. The challenge is to live them. To live each and every minute trusting in God to direct our paths. As we sang last Sunday in This Is My Father's World, God is the ruler yet. That has been true from the beginning of creation and continues even to tomorrow. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13:8 *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:20

Gayle Allen has been teaching the middle school Sunday School class for several years, using the PC(USA) Book of Catechisms: Reference Edition as her curriculum. In preparation for confirmation, we have worked together with Katherine Corbin, Ella Staley, Emily Powell and Kaitlyn Hartman reviewing many topics pertinent to membership in the PC(USA) denomination. Even John Dan Sitar ably substituted when both Gayle and I could not attend a class. Having recently found the book, 100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation: A Guide for Parents and Youth Leaders, I felt challenged to find what we had neglected. Leave it to John Dan to identify something left off that list: the Lord's Prayer, which Gayle had already covered.

Being with those four young ladies and trying to select the most important information for my brief time with them, the necessity of living in the moment became even more relevant. They have many years to continue to learn what it means to be a member of Christ's church. Everything does not have to be crammed into the scheduled eleven weeks for forty-five minutes.

Even Jesus said *I am with you only a little longer.* John 13:33 As the time approaches for me to leave, I must struggle to live in the moment. While I trust God has great plans for this congregation without me and for me away from you wonderful people, I am all too often looking back or looking forward.

Please join me in living this truth from Psalm 118:24: *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Thanks be to God for each and every moment!

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Pastor Barb

The Session of the Romney Presbyterian Church held its stated meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

- Women's Club Dinner will be held at the Church on Saturday, April 23, 2016.
- The Presbytery Meeting is at Front Royal, Virginia on May 10, 2016, with John Dan Sitar as our Commissioner.
- John Dan Sitar will be the "person in charge" at the Church after Pastor Barb's departure.
- Session desires to continue with the Church website but a webmaster volunteer needed.
- Session approved the endorsement of Britt Dolly, Evan Staley, Katie Allen, Bailey and Jonathon Coleman for Presbytery Scholarships.
- Session reviewed and discussed the CAT – Food for Thought congregational input and the draft of the Presbytery Transition timeline.
- A called Session Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. with Shenandoah Transitional Presbyter Roy Martin and CPT (Committee on Pastoral Transitions) Liaison Rev. Patrick Lanaghan, Burnt Presbyterian Church, Winchester VA.

Financial Report as of April 27, 2016

Income — \$21,707 Expenses — \$39,412.16 Deficit — \$9,408.53

MEMORIAL GIFTS for Magdalene Sitar were given by Gennie Heatwole, Margaret Shrewsbury, Juanita Timbrook, Garry and Bonnie Long, Mary Glenn, Liz Gedling, Anne Hill and Sally Lowndes.

NEW ADDRESS: Dennis and Sandy Wolenski, 105 Veranda Drive, Summerville, South Carolina 29485



Bonnie Long's Retirement reception
Sunday, June 5 at 12:15 p.m.

Pastor Barb's Farewell reception
Sunday, June 12 at 12:15 p.m.

If you would like to help with these events
please contact Nancy Bowman 304-822-3179.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Members: David Allen, Diane Crane, Carole Eversole, Anne Hill, Sally Kuykendall, John and Margritt Mason, Beulah Mayhew, Barbara and John Pancake, Joe Pancake, Vida Simon, Ray Stein, Juanita Timbrook, Tim Walls

Missionary Support: Mark Hare in Haiti and Kristi VanNostran in El Salvador

Our congregation extends its deepest **Christian sympathy** to the families and friends of Linda Humberston, Tony Patrick, Reva Mae Smith, Margritt Vause

Also: Mary Margaret Barbe, Stewart Bigger, Patty Botkin, Dona Brown, Cheryl Buck, Gabrielle Clower, Boyd Corbin, Elsa Culler, John and Harriett Davis, June Duncan, Sr., Ella Mae Frye, Harriett Griffith, Vicki and Carl Haines, Mary Alice Bonar Hannah, Shirley Heavner, Marguerite Henderson, Joann Hogbin, Mike Jenkins, Junior Kuykendall, Tammy Lambert, Alma Lear, Harriett Lewis, John McWhorter, Larry Moore, Stacey Morgan, Lexi Orndorff, Maria Reppert, Terry Richardson, Landon and Nolan Rinker, Jeanne Robinson, Steven Rogers, Mary Shockey, Barbara Steele, Zanna Stonebreaker, Michael Terry, Ashley Vestal, Joshua Wagner, Grant Walls, Emily Warner, Charlotte Wood, Douglas York

FOCUS ON YOUTH — BECOMING ADULTS!



Evan Staley has been an important presence in Romney Presbyterian Church his entire life, from portraying Baby Jesus as an infant with his parents to currently participating in Youth activities, when possible, and being Worship Leader. He always has the support of his family and our congregation. Evan sang in the Youth Choir, attended Sunday School, worship, Vacation Bible School and later assisted with VBS, was a Youth advisor to the Session and became a member following Communicant classes. Evan and his family have been responsible for providing a beautiful Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall for many years and also leading the Christmas program. Evan Staley, an active member of our church, will be attending college at WVU. He plans to major in exercise physiology and would like to apply to the physical therapy program. He will also be a member of the football team. Evan will be headed to WVU in June for football camp. He says that he is excited for this great opportunity, but it will be challenging. He must balance academics and athletics, even in the summer, as he is taking summer courses. The demanding road ahead, he says, will be a lot to juggle, but he has had a busy schedule thus far; participating in numerous school, athletic, community, church, and 4-H activities. Evan has received many athletic honors including, WV special team's player of the year, Kohl's Kicking National Player of the Week, and numerous other State and Area awards. He is also the HHS field goal record holder at 54 yards. However, Evan's accomplishments are not limited to athletics, as he has been an honor roll student throughout his career, has taken many AP and Honors classes, and is in National Honor Society and German National Honor Society. Evan says that he has had many role-models to lead him throughout his life, and as an adult he hopes that he can provide similar guidance to the youth of the community.

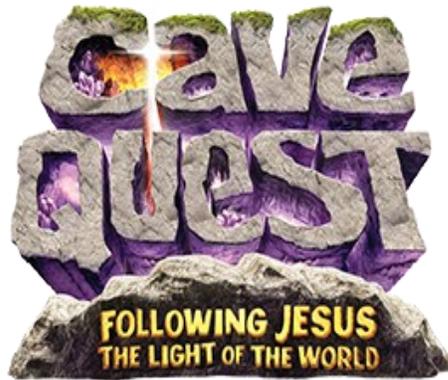
Most recently, you may have seen this talented young man participating in Romney Presbyterian Church activities such as being the Worship Leader and Co-Editor of our Sampler. Britt Dolly began his church involvement as an elementary student, he attended Sunday School and sang in the Youth Choir. As he progressed in school he became more involved with other activities with an interest in math and continued with church activities, such as our Sunday School Christmas program. Britt is completing his senior year at Hampshire High School after maintaining excellent grades and participating in Cross Country and Track. He has earned the honor of being Valedictorian of the Class of 2016. Britt will attend West Virginia University where he plans to major in Chemical Engineering, while also studying German and Math. He has been selected to receive the Bucklew Scholarship, honoring just twenty incoming WVU freshman. Along with academics, Britt hopes to continue running with a cross country club and participate in activities based on politics.



These two talented and inspiring young men representing Romney Presbyterian Church at WVU will truly be fun to watch and support as they begin their college careers and prepare for a successful future. They will be recognized at our Worship Service on May 22 along with four communicants who will join our church and become our newest members. There will be a reception following the Worship Service. Please plan to attend to honor these dedicated Christians.

Come Hang Out at VBS!

Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at Romney Presbyterian Church from June 12, 2016 to June 16, 2016. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.



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