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Keep Moving

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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

The recent images in the news of huge crowds of people moving from their home country to a new place is very sobering. The names of countries and borders have changed since I had to learn them many years ago in Junior High. Using a map on the internet to help me comprehend the distances these people are traveling left me exhausted. Traveling 600 miles to visit family in Atlanta is almost too much. The distance from Afghanistan to Germany is over 3,000 miles, five times longer! From Syria to Germany over 1,800 miles. The Christian refugees are living the verse from Proverbs printed above!

This congregation has the opportunity to keep moving, also, without leaving wonderful Hampshire County, West Virginia. The mailing page tells you how to share your perceptions of Romney Presbyterian Church using your computer, the church's computer, or paper. **The Holy Cow Task force is encouraging everyone to respond.**

I am certain every one of you have received mail or telephone surveys that you ignored or refused to answer. I really love having Caller ID to avoid such unwanted inquiries.

The CAT – Congregation Assessment Tool – will hopefully help the session and the entire congregation better understand how to more effectively carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ with the resources available. **WARNING – Questions 73-85 may be more personal than you want to respond so just select 'no response' or 'I prefer not to provide this information'. ALL responses are confidential. Other than a summary to Shenandoah Presbytery, no information will be shared with any other organization. The report the church gets will not detail any particular set of responses. TO BE VALID EVERY ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CHURCH NEEDS TO RESPOND!**

If you want more assurance, please visit Holy Cow Consulting on the internet. The CAT has been helping churches identify strengths for many years.

God has been faithful throughout the ages. The scripture from Proverbs **was written to encourage God's people long before the gift of Jesus Christ. We are doubly blessed to have both Christ and the wisdom of the ages to keep us moving on the right path.**

Be part of the journey!!!!!!



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Pastor Barb

SESSION NEWS

Session met on September 9, 2015 with the following report:

- In the absence of the Clerk, Kaye Strawn was elected as Acting Clerk for this meeting.
- Letter of thanks was received from the Food Pantry at the First United Methodist Church
- The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on September 9. All are welcome to join.
- The special music for summer Sundays went well this year.
- The Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on October 4 and usually sing the third Sunday of the month from October through May.
- Approved Pastor Barb's Continuing Education time September 22 – Oct 1 for a retreat.
- Approved that Coffee Hour occur on the second Sunday of each month except Mother's Day in May; June, July or August and that Fellowship Dinners be held when it fits in the schedule for the month.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income—\$5,714.00 Total Expense—\$9,438.17

Less Income -\$3,724.17

Praise God for Increased Membership!

We recently welcomed three adult members into Romney Presbyterian Church and two children of one new member were baptized. These exciting events took place at St. Luke Chapel, where the new members attend.

Larry and Mona Carroll joined our church in June during the Combined Outdoor Worship service at St Luke Chapel. They recently moved to the River Road area from Illinois after Larry retired from the carpentry profession and Mona retired from teaching at-risk students. Mona (Stump) grew up in this area and now lives near the home in which she was raised and where her parents still reside. Larry spent many years in the Methodist church while growing up and finds many similarities with the Presbyterian church sharing basic Christian beliefs. The Carroll's feel at home in the St Luke congregation. They are also happy to be near their daughter and family to help with their wonderful granddaughters and watch them as they grow!

We're also blessed to have **Kimberly Smith** as our newest member, who joined at St. Luke Chapel in August. She is employed as a social worker, specializing in foster and adoptive care. Her husband, Jamie who is in law enforcement, went to St. Luke Chapel with his family when he was young. Kim and Jamie have been attending St. Luke Chapel for a few years along with their children Alex, in sixth grade, and Ariel, in second grade. During Vacation Bible School at our town church this summer, baptism was discussed and both **Alex and Ariel** chose to be baptized the same day Kim became a member. The Smith's also live in the River Road area very close to the church and they feel the St. Luke congregation has a welcoming family atmosphere.

It's always a blessing when God guides Christians to become members of His church family! Please take time to welcome the Carroll and Smith families.



Thanks to Richard Kizer for repairing the display table in the church Fellowship Hall and to Jim Bowen for taking on the job of repairing the bench at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL ECUMENICAL LUNCHEONS—RFUMC 12:00 noon starting October 14 thru November 11.

FALL FLING — November 1st 5-7:00 p.m. Watch for more details as they become available.

2015 Annual Picnic/ Ice Cream Social



If you did not attend the Ice Cream Social/Picnic you really missed a great event. We had more people than could sit at eight (8) tables each with eight chairs. It was an exciting evening of fellowship and meeting some new people in a Christian atmosphere.

Corey Haines came and had games for the children. The chefs of RPC grilled plenty of delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, some to personal requests, which were served with all the fixings, as well as many tasty sides and several flavors of delicious homemade ice cream and desserts that the congregation always provides so willingly. Thanks to all who came and helped make this a most memorable event.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our congregation extends its deepest **Christian sympathy** to families and friends of Mary Ann Spring Smith, Byron Davis (Kaye Strawn's brother-in-law), Margaret (Pauline) Whetzel (Paula Cookman's mother), Mike Hill (Anne Hill's nephew), Reverend Richard Baker, Kyrstin Myers, Nick Wolford

Our members: Janet Buckley, Diane Crane, Anne Hill, Sally Kuykendall, John and Margritt Mason, John Carl Mayfield, Joe Pancake, John and Barbara Pancake, Linda Shriver, John and Magdalene Sitar

Missionaries Support: Mark Hare in Haiti and Kristi Van Nostran in El Salvador.

Also: Pat Bonar, John Bowers, Dona Brown, Cheryl Buck, Boyd Corbin, Elsa Culler, John Duncan, Sr., Philip Henry Farrell, Joan Fleming, Linda Giles, Karina Gray, Dorothy Guinier, Vicki and Carl Haines, Mary Alice Bonar Hannah, Pat Hartman, Shirley Heavner, Tilden Hunt, Kitty Knill, Matt Kramas, Junior Kuykendall, Alma Lear, Mary Lou Mezzatesta, Virginia Michael, Dee Orndorff, Lexi Orndorff, Charlie Parsons, Maria Reppert, Chole Rexroad, Rusty Rice, Landon and Nolan Rinker, Steven Rogers, Royce Saville, Michael Terry, Joshua Wagner, Lydia Walker, Grant Walls, Addie Wood, Charlotte Wood

Please provide the church office with updates when available to keep this list as current as possible.