



The Tie That Binds



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The Pastor's Page

“What ever happened the church newsletter?”

The newsletter didn't go away. We found we could communicate with our members and associates on a more timely basis with a newsletter sent each week via email. By the time the printed newsletter went out, we already had changes and additions, and the bimonthly schedule meant missing out on communicating some upcoming events.

We also found creating this weekly newsletter and distributing it took fewer hours which meant more time for other ministry and mission work. This was especially helpful during the months we had no secretary.

We knew several of our folks did not have email. So, for this group, copies were printed out and mailed weekly.

As for what we email / mail each week, we've been tweaking the format every so often so we could include more of the content that was in the printed bimonthly newsletter (for example, birthdays and anniversaries).

Why then are you receiving this printed newsletter? We wanted to check in with everyone and make sure you have been receiving our weekly newsletter. We also want to know if this is how you want to continue to receive news from Moorefield Presbyterian Church. Here is how you can help us:

- If you have been receiving “This Week @ MPC” via email or through the mail and would like this to continue as is, no further action is required.
- If you have been receiving “This Week @ MPC,” but would prefer receiving it a different way, either by email or through the mail, please call the church office.
- If you have not been receiving “This Week @ MPC” but would like to, please call the church office, and let us know how to send it to you.

We want you know what is happening at MPC in addition to Sunday morning worship. You can help us make sure we stay connected.

Worship News

Cassandra Greenwalt, chair

For the summer, we have returned to three Sunday worship services – Tannery at 9 am, Oak Dale at 10 am, and Town Church at 11 am. There will be a few Sundays when we will only have one combined service (see the list of special services below).

This summer, we have a couple of sermon series in worship. In June, we looked at the book of First John. Called a letter, it is more like a sermon on the gospel of John. For July and August, we're looking at wisdom literature in the Bible – a couple weeks on Proverbs (Old Testament), then four weeks on the book of James (New Testament).

Worship News (cont'd)

Sun, Jul 9 (6th Sunday after Pentecost) – Proverbs 8:22-36 & 10:1-12 (“Woman Wisdom”)

We will continue our look at the wisdom book, Proverbs. Last Sunday, I asked everyone to pick out one or two favorite verses to share this coming Sunday. We will also take a look at wisdom personified as a woman.

Pastor Jim will be presiding at worship at all three locations: Tannery at **9 am**, Oak Dale at **10 am**, and the Town Church at **11 am**. Zoom fellowship will start at **10:30 am**.

For those unable to be present in person, here is the link for Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82525689904?pwd=TE5QSFpZc2ViTnpGbW9Bc0NpbVIDUT09>

Or call **1-301-715-8592**, and enter Meeting ID: **825 2568 9904** and Passcode: **184700**.

For Facebook Live – navigate to the church’s page: **Moorefield Presbyterian Church**.

Looking Ahead

Here are some of the special worship services planned this summer:

- Jul 16 Hymn Sing service @ Brighton Park (*combined worship service*)
- Aug 6 Derek Barr preaching (*combined worship service*)
- Aug 20 Oak Dale Homecoming (*combined worship service*)
- Aug 27 Blessing of the backpacks & teachers

Worship Volunteers

Ushers for Jul: Sam Williams & Millie Shockey
Aug: Sharon Auville & Gretchen Cremann

Liturgists:	Jul 9	Don Baker	Aug 6	Sharon Auville
	Jul 16	Casandra Grenwalt	Aug 13	Geoffrey Williams
	Jul 23	Amber Williams	Aug 20	Rachel Williams
	Jul 30	Marcia Fisher	Aug 27	Kelly Williams

Faith Formation News

Tom Widder, chair

Bible Conference & Church Music Camp (Jul 23-29)

At the end of July, Pastor Jim, Pastor Nancy, and Jimmy Townsend will be heading over to Massanetta Springs Conference Center for this year’s Bible Conference & Church Music Conference. Worship services are held every evening of the conference (Sun – Fri) at **7 pm** and are open to the public (no registration required). Several noted speakers are scheduled to preach and the choirs from the conference will provide some of the music. Consider coming one evening for uplifting worship. If you come early, enjoy a meal – supper starts at **6 pm** (the cost is \$16).

Sunday School

Sunday school is taking a summer break and will return on Labor Day. Last year, we began using a new curriculum called “Follow Me” which consists of 36 units (four weeks each) focused on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. We had one class for youth and another for adults. Last year, we covered the first nine units. We plan to move to the second nine units for the upcoming school year. Watch for more details as the time grows closer.

Faith Formation News (cont'd)

Bible Study

Several members requested a midweek Bible study. Beginning in September, we will offer a study of the book of Revelation using material produced by Presbyterian Women. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings and will run for nine weeks. Supper will be provided (we'll be looking for volunteers). Watch for more details as the time grows closer.

Youth Ministry

We're beginning to plan youth ministry for the next school year. A kickoff meeting will be held at the end of August. Watch for more details.

Growth & Communication News

Sharon Auville, chair

Coffee Fellowship

Last September, we began to offer coffee and snacks in the chapel at the Town Church on Sunday mornings from 10 – 11 am. We expect to start this up again when Sunday school resumes. Grab something to eat and drink before heading to Sunday school or enjoy a little fellowship before worship. We are looking for volunteers to provide snacks.

Game Night

This past Spring, the G&C committee sponsored Game Nights on a couple Fridays. This was a wonderful opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship. We are planning to hold more Game Nights in the fall, and we hope folks will invite friends to come. Watch for more details.

Social Media

We are exploring creating a private (closed) group on Facebook for members and associates. This will let us post information that we don't want out in the public arena.

Building & Grounds News

Sam Williams, chair

Church Sign Dedication

What a celebration we had at the end of worship at the Town Church on June 25! We officially dedicated our new sign that was made possible through the generosity of George (Judy) & Polly Ours. We were thrilled to have members of the family present for the dedication – Polly's sisters, Louise Davis, Jean Schell, and Nancy Barr (with her husband, Allen Barr), and Polly's niece, Tammy George.

Thank you to Sam Williams for sharing stories and recollections about Judy & Polly, and to Sherry Homan for tending to the planter under the sign that was filled with so many beautiful flowers.



Jean Schell, Nancy Barr, Deb Ours Bishop, Tammy George, Louise Davis, and Ed Williams gather around the new sign.

Fellowship (Deacons)

Rachel Williams, chair

Lemonade at the Park

On Sun, Jul 16, we will have our hymn-based worship service at Brighton Park. After the service, we will enjoy lemonade and cookies and fellowship. This should be a wonderful time of singing and fellowship.

Congregational Care (Deacons)

Rachel Williams, chair

July Birthdays

- 02 – Preslee Gilbert
Grayson Nesbit
- 03 – Carson Conners
Carson Hollis
Sophie Hardy
Kirsten Hiser
- 06 – Will See III
- 07 – Nathaniel Greenwalt
- 08 – Tom Widder
Robbie Williams
- 11 – Miriam Leatherman
- 12 – Peggy Hawse
- 15 – William Mead II
- 18 – Morris Homan Jr.
- 19 – Allen Davy
- 20 – Katie Combs
Elizabeth Williams
- 21 – Deb Bishop
Rob Koenig
Kimberly Roth
- 22 – Macie Gilhuys
Rod Gunter
- 23 – Kenny Shockey
Jackson Weese
- 24 – Mary Gunter
Sherry Homan
Jeff Weatherholt
- 26 – Penny Hiser
- 27 – Lilly Crites
- 29 – Syd Hardy

July Anniversaries

- 09 – Joshua & Ashton Humphrey
- 11 – Derek & Kirsten Barr
Quincy & Clarissa Fraley
- 26 – Rob & Amanda Wachter
- 27 – Renick & Betty Williams
- 29 – Ralph & Bonnie Sites

Members residing in nursing centers & assisted living facilities:

Margel Goldizen

Grant County Nursing Center
127 Early Street
Petersburg, WV 26847

Renick Williams

Grant County Nursing Center
127 Early Street
Petersburg, WV 26847

Sue Halterman

EA Hawse Nursing & Rehab Center
18086 State Route 55
Baker, WV 26801

Rachel Welton

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18086 State Route 55
Baker, WV 26801

Our members actively serving in the military:

Steven Crites
Spencer Helmick
Daniel McNeill
Stoney Lee Miller
Travis Pratt
Tyler Robinette

Members limited to home or in activity:

Derek Harlow

3 Van Meter Drive
Petersburg, WV. 26847

Mary Jo Keller

2148 River Road
Fisher, WV. 26818

Thank You's

Day Camp

Last week, Camp Paddy Run held their annual Day Camp which we help support. Our church covered the registration cost for a group from Moorefield and transported them to and from the camp each day. We also provided lunch for the entire camp one of the days. A huge thank you to **Tom & Judy Widder** for all their efforts making this happen. The children and youth who attended had a great week!

Sunday Worship

On July 2, we celebrated worship at all three locations. Thank you to all who helped with worship – **Elliott Barr** (liturgist), **Alma Jo Welton** (chapel accompanist), **Jimmy Townsend** (Town Church musician), **Sam Williams** and **Millie Shockey** (ushers) and **Grayson Nesbit** (tech guru).

From Nancy & Me

Thank you for all the kind expressions of care you have sent our way in Nancy's recent surgery. You all are a deep blessing to us. Nancy's recovery continues to go well.

Upcoming meetings and Events

- Sun, Jul 9** Sunday morning worship – 6th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sun, Jul 16** Sunday morning worship (*combined service*) – 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn Sing @ Brighton Park
Lemonade at the Park
- Sun, Jul 23** Sunday morning worship – 8th Sunday after Pentecost
4-cents-a-meal
Bible & Church Music Conference @ Massanetta begins
- Sun, Jul 30** Sunday morning worship – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Eucharist (Lord's Supper)
- Sun, Aug 6** Sunday morning worship (*combined service*) – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
(Derek Barr, preaching)
- Thu, Aug 10 Board of Deacons (7 pm)
- Sun, Aug 13** Sunday morning worship – 11th Sunday after Pentecost
- Mon, Aug 14 Session (6 pm)
- Thu, Aug 17 Worship committee (7:30 pm)
- Sun, Aug 20** Sunday morning worship (*combined service*) – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Oak Dale Homecoming & Picnic
- Sun, Aug 27** Sunday morning worship – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
4-cents-a-meal
Blessing of the backpacks & teachers
- Mon, Aug 28 Growth & Communications committee (4 pm)
Faith Formation committee (5:15 pm)

July 2023						
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<u>PENTECOST 5</u> 9:00a Tannery worship 10:00a Oak Dale worship 11:00a Town worship		<u>INDEPENDENCE DAY</u> 6:30p AA	7:00p NA	6:30p Boy Scouts		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<u>PENTECOST 6</u> 9:00a Tannery worship 10:00a Oak Dale worship 11:00a Town worship		6:30p AA	7:00p NA	6:30p Boy Scouts		RECYCLING
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<u>PENTECOST 7</u> 11:00a Combined worship @ Brighton Park		6:30p AA	7:00p NA	6:30p Boy Scouts		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<u>PENTECOST 8</u> 9:00a Tannery worship 10:00a Oak Dale worship 11:00a Town worship		6:30p AA	7:00p NA	6:30p Boy Scouts		
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<u>PENTECOST 9</u> 9:00a Tannery worship 10:00a Oak Dale worship 11:00a Town worship						