

October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1 7:30pm WSO Concert (S)
2 11am Worship Sanctuary FB Live Bill Reinhold preaching	3	4	5	6 10am- 2pm MBU Founder's Day Service (rain location) (S)	7	8
9 11am Worship Sanctuary FB Live Hank Scoggins preaching MBU Family Weekend	10	11 7pm Session Meeting – Library	12	13	14	15
16 11am Worship Sanctuary FB Live	17 Newsletter Deadline— November	18	19	20	21	22
23 11am Worship Sanctuary FB Live	24	25 Boy Scouts Annual Court of Honor—FH	26 5-7pm MBU Fall Choral Concert Rehearsal (S)	27 7-9pm MBU Fall Choral Concert (S)	28	29
30 11am Worship Sanctuary FB Live	31					

First Impressions

Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

Staunton, Virginia

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Worship at 11:00am on Sundays



We have changed our worship time back to **11:00am** every Sunday in the sanctuary and online. We hope to see you there!

October Birthdays

1	Amanda Avery Geoff Coleman Robert Richmond IV	25	Richard Dietrich Mary Meade Martha Tillen
2	Anthony Caywood	29	James Garrison Sue Ann McAllister
6	Ruth Clem		
20	Shelia Fox JoAnn Tigert		
21	Chuck Lendermon		
22	Nellie Garrison		



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Updates from Session

- ◆ Session met with Patrick Pettit from Presbytery to review the process for getting an Interim Pastor.
- ◆ Session's regular meeting was on September 13, 2022.
- ◆ Rev. James Smith was chosen by Presbytery to moderate Session meetings.
- ◆ Presbytery has chosen the members of the Administrative Commission to help us.
- ◆ The air conditioning is being repaired.
- ◆ A nominating committee has been approved. It consists of Mary Meade, Alice Herbst, and R. David Lowman, Sr., and can now begin its search for Elders.
- ◆ The pulpit is being filled each week.
- ◆ The worship service continues to be live streamed.
- ◆ The time of the worship service has been changed to 11:00am.

COVID-19 News

According to the New York Times (eff. September 20, 2022):

Latest trends

- ◆ The community level of COVID-19 in Staunton is **medium** based on cases and hospitalizations, according to the most recent update from the CDC on September 20.
- ◆ The number of **hospitalized COVID patients** has fallen in the Staunton area. **Deaths** have remained at about the same level.
- ◆ The **test positivity rate** in Staunton is very high, suggesting that cases are being significantly undercounted.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is Medium or High:

- ◆ If you are at high risk for getting very sick, wear a well-fitting mask or respirator when indoors in public.
- ◆ If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a mask when indoors with them.

People may choose to wear a mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

Additional News & Events

Newsletter Deadline for November 2022

The deadline for submissions for the November issue of First Impressions is **Monday, October 17**. We need material, so please submit any info you would like to include by then. Please note that Heidi will be off Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, so this is a hard deadline. Thank you!

MBU Family Weekend



Mary Baldwin's Family Weekend is October 7-9, 2022. Please welcome any MBU students who attend worship on Sunday, October 9.

MBU Fall Choral Concert

MBU will hold their Fall Choral Concert in our sanctuary on Thursday, October 27, 7-9pm. Please join us!

DCCU Shred Days

DCCU is having Shred Days through October 22. This service is free, and is a great way to protect your personal information! For additional info, please visit https://www.brafb.org/event/dccu_shred-days/

Upcoming Events

Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra at First Pres on Sunday, October 1



The Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra will perform "Landscapes and Milestones" on Saturday, October 1 at 7:30pm in our sanctuary. Following are details:

Join the Waynesboro Symphony under the baton of music director, Peter Wilson, with guest cellist, Jennifer Kloetzel for the first concert of their 2022-23 season. Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted at the door or by credit card on their website at <https://waynesborosymphonyorchestra.org/>

Performances will include:

- **FRANCK:** *Le chasseur maudit* (The Accursed Huntsman) | *Celebrating Franck's Bicentennial (1822-2022)*
- **SAINT-SAËNS:** Concerto No. 1 for Violoncello and Orchestra in A minor, Op. 33 (1872) | **Jennifer Kloetzel, cello soloist**
- **WILLIAMS:** Elegy for Cello & Orchestra
- **COPLAND:** Appalachian Spring
- **WILLIAMS:** "The Cowboys" Overture

We hope you can join us!



The Garrison Family (including James, Nellie and Daniel) invites you to join them at some point during the day of Saturday, October 15, 2022 to assist in producing this year's run of

Hilltop's Lucky Penny Apple Butter.

The crazies will be starting at 0-dark-30 and quitting just before dinner time, probably around 6 pm. The less twisted of our regulars start showing up around 11 am and trickle in and out all day. It is our intent to display an impressive level of disorganization to all of our neighbors, and to have them shaking their heads and mumbling to themselves, though not calling the police.

This event insists on being highly unstructured and children of all ages are welcome. Dogs that don't fight are welcome. We will be offering apples, fresh cider and free turns at the stirring pot. We should also have some apple butter left over from last year available: first come, first served. We also hope to have some music after lunch.

COVID RULES: We are going to be relying on the fact that we are outdoors and can distance ourselves to be our COVID precaution. We will not be checking your vaccination status. No masks are required. If you feel you should be wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. If you feel others should be wearing a mask, please be kind and let them rely on social distancing for their own protection.

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Hilltop's Lucky Penny Apple Butter

We will provide a lunch meal that starts when we feel like it and then sprawls all afternoon. We provide a main course of some sort, chips, sodas and some other stuff. Please bring something you think someone else would enjoy to add to our spread. You earn points for something unusual, lose points if it tastes bad.

Directions are provided below. Show up whenever and leave whenever. Bring a friend. Might not be a bad idea also to bring a chair or two.

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Directions to 528 Whiskey Creek Road, Churchville, VA, 540-430-3484 or 540-280-9071:

- Take Route 250 from Staunton to Churchville, about 6 miles.
- In the middle of Churchville, turn left on Route 42 (South).
- About one mile after leaving Churchville and crossing Whisky Creek, take first right turn, Route 725 (Whisky Creek Road). Continue on Whisky Creek Road about a mile to the first intersection.
- At intersection take left hand fork, which is Route 723 and remains Whisky Creek Road. Continue about 1/4 mile passing two white houses and barn on your left directly on road. 300 yards beyond barn is entrance with cattle guard and post with street numbers attached on the right hand side of the gate. Enter and follow farm road to top of hill. Park in field beside house at top of hill.