

The Sampler June 2011

From the
Pastor



The Immediate Future

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:23-27

The second Sunday in June is Pentecost, the birthday of the church with baptism by the Holy Spirit, a gift from God. WEAR RED When the day of Pentecost had come, {fifty days after Easter} the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4 WEAR RED

This year Pentecost has special meaning for me and this congregation because it will be the last Sunday that I am in the pulpit until Heritage Sunday, September 11. On Tuesday, June 14, I will begin my twelve-week sabbatical, a gift of time for renewal and refreshment for future ministry. Two years before my call to Romney Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Shenandoah required that all new calls for full-time, installed pastors include a compensated sabbatical of at least three months after six years of service to a particular position. The plans for this event have been in the works for over a year, with constant changes. The session decided to have a variety of speakers during my absence rather than a single person. The opportunities for education, enrichment, and new statements of God's word are exciting. The Honorable Retired PC(USA) Reverend Philip Sommer will serve communion on August 7 both at St. Luke and in town. I am in the process of collecting liturgy to be suggested to the invited speakers. The Worship Leaders will probably have more responsibilities after the sermon. Different styles of praise and prayer will be heard in the sanctuary.

Once I return in September, changes may continue. After returning on July 14 from the visit with my Australian grandsons, I will be unpacking a box of collected liturgy and worship ideas I brought to Romney six years ago. There never seemed to be time to review and incorporate appropriate material into use here. The numerous books brought here and acquired since need sorting and study in preparation for future ministry. Without the applied-for financial grant, my activities will be centered more locally. I hope to use the Wellness center more, get the stacks of books in the manse onto shelves or donated, and develop a future vision, which is hard work for me.

The long-time members of this congregation will cope better during my absence from the pulpit than I will. You have worshipped with three interims, one called, and numerous supply pastors over the last fifteen years. I chose the scripture above from Acts to remind me that Jesus Christ is always with us, no matter what is happening in life. While I welcome the opportunity for rest and renewal, I am also scared of it. But Jesus says to not let our hearts be troubled or afraid.

I will be praying for you during my sabbatical. Please lift me in your prayers that God's will be done with this generous gift I am given.

Many thanks to the congregation of Romney Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Barb

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The Romney Presbyterian Church Session held its stated meeting on Monday, May 9th and a called Session meeting on Sunday, May 15th. Following is a summary of business conducted by the session:

- ❖ The Session approved baptisms for: Arlie Britt Dolly IV, Bryson Kage Dolly, and Abigail Gabriella Nester.
- ❖ The Session approved the confirmation, held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, of: Arlie Britt Dolly IV, John Carl Mayfield, Abigail Gabriella Nester, Danielle LeAnn Slocum and Evan Scott Staley.
- ❖ The Christian Education committee discussed the youth director position and are checking on some possibilities. The group discussed reevaluation of having youth meetings after church.
- ❖ Volunteers are still needed for Vacation Bible School, Sunday, June 26 thru Thursday, June 30, 2011. (See Alana Hartman)
- ❖ The next Christian Education Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. All Sunday School teachers are invited to attend to discuss organizational issues for 2011-12 year as well as summer Sunday School plans.
- ❖ The Sunday after Labor Day was selected for bump up day in Sunday School.
- ❖ Tree trimming around church is not completed yet, but will be done shortly.
- ❖ Allegheny Environmental Services will be contacted to remove the asbestos from the Friend House at a cost of \$5,350.00.
- ❖ The Property Committee discussed the various bids that have been received to date on demolition of the Friend House. The committee has tentatively selected a contractor, but would like to wait another week to ensure all bids are in.
- ❖ Chip Herriott, who is our Supply Pastor person, reported that our next need for a Supply Pastor will be on May 29th and he has lined up Dennis Morris to fill the pulpit on that date. Also, Chip has several people to draw from in the coming months including the Gideons, someone from Hospice, Don Kesner's wife who has just returned from Haiti, and our own John Dan Sitar.
- ❖ Completed church account audits were received on the RPC Sunday School, Memorial Fund, Presbyterian Women and St. Luke Chapel and Cemetery. The session is waiting on audits of the Trust Fund and the Town Church accounts.

Treasurer Monthly Snapshot

April 2011

Total Income -	\$ 9,880.75
Total Expenses -	\$12,417.27
Loss Income -	\$ 2,536.52
NOW -	\$19,701.24



CONGRATULATIONS...Lyndsay Whetzel, daughter of Mark and Becky Whetzel and **Hannah York** daughter of Doug York, our Hampshire High School graduating seniors.

Chelsea Taylor Kuykendall, daughter of Garrett and Michelle Kuykendall on receiving her Associate of Arts Degree in Biology from Potomac State College.

Richard Sloan Kuykendall, Jr., son of Dick and Kathy Kuykendall on receiving his Applied Technology Degree in Heavy Equipment & Transport Technology/Agricultural Systems from Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, NC.

Congratulations! **Mary Ann Kuykendall** for being elected president of the Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society of the School of Pharmacy at West Virginia University.

Bailey Coleman for being named Hampshire County's Young Philanthropist of the year.

Britt Dolly for earning 1st place at the regional math field day.

Jonathon Coleman for being selected to represent Hampshire County 4-H to National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, DC in July.

Spotlight on Youth

Katherine Ann Corbin, 9-year-old daughter of Ja'Naye and Clay Corbin, is an extremely active third grader at Romney Elementary School. She is an excellent student who carries her academic skills outside the classroom when she enjoys simply reading. Her love for anything athletic ranges from her favorite school class (you guessed it—physical education!) to team sports in the community. Katherine is involved in many different sports. She plays spring and fall soccer, and she played so well that she was chosen MVP at soccer camp. A second sport which claims much of her time is bowling. A third-generation bowler, Katherine is no stranger to league bowling. This year alone she has been awarded the highest set, highest game (218), highest series, and most improved bowler (19-pin improvement). Although it's hard to believe, Katherine still finds time to play some basketball and softball. When not concentrating on sports, Katherine enjoys going to the movies and being with her family and friends. She loves her Sunday school class at Romney Presbyterian Church, and her most thrilling and proud moment was when she received her Bible. In the past, she has also helped with 4-cents a meal collection, the Youth Christmas Program, and lighting of the Advent candles. Katherine is fabulous addition to the Romney Presbyterian family. Hats off to Katherine Ann Corbin, our Youth in the Spotlight!

What: Vacation Bible School, **"PandaMania!"**

When: Sunday, June 26th through Thursday, June 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Romney Presbyterian Church

This summer, we'll be helping kids connect to God and grow stronger in their faith as they discover God is WILD about them! As they explore Psalm 139, they'll experience God listening to them...watching over them...and loving them - no matter what. The target ages for our lessons and activities are ages 3 through elementary school (5th grade). Adults and older student helpers are needed as crew leaders and as leaders of stations such as Crazy Crafts & Missions, Bamboo Blast Games, and Chadder's Movie Mania. A light meal will be provided each evening and play clothes and comfortable shoes will be appropriate for games.



Garry and Bonnie Long are pleased to announce the birth of their second great grandchild. A son, Hunter Anthony Long came into this world, Wednesday, April 6th, 2011. Hunter is the son of Rett and Krista Long and the little brother to Garrett V. Long of Frostburg, MD.

CHORAL NOTES Though the Adult Choir does not rehearse during the summer months, they are still responsible to bring glory to God through special music on "Summer" Sundays. You will be pleased with the musicians they have selected for the next three months.

VBS Pre-Registration Form

(one per child)

Romney Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2011

“Pandamania”

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sunday June 26th through Thursday, June 30th

The target ages for our lessons and activities are ages 3 through elementary school (5th grade), but we’d love to have middle and high school students as helpers in the activities. Please return this form to Alana Hartman (contact information below) before VBS begins, if possible.

Child’s name: _____ Age: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home telephone: () _____ Parent/caregiver’s cell phone: () _____
Home e-mail address: _____
Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____
In case of emergency, contact: _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____
Other: _____
Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
Home church: _____
Crew number (for church use only): _____

Please return this form to Alana Hartman at Sunday School, church, or in the mail at 102 W. Marathon Pl. Romney, WV 26757. Extra copies also available at Sunday School or on request. Those with e-mail can send the above information to lazigr8@frontiernet.net (Alana’s home account).

A light meal will be served each evening, and “play” clothes with comfortable footwear will be appropriate for the games (outdoors if weather permits). If you have any questions, contact Alana Hartman at 304-822-5608.

Thanks and see you there!





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Some specific needs :

- * stuffed panda toys for decorations; * bamboo plants or lengths of bamboo; *wrapping paper tubes
- *super-huge beach ball or weather balloon; * prayers for the kids that will be participating to learn simple truths about Jesus that they can treasure forever; * invite kids from the area

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