



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

July/August 2018

C.I.A. Week 2018 was amazing for our first year! Every night was well attended. On the first night, we had seven pets that participated in the Dress Your Pet Night. Willie the hamster came in first place. On Monday night, Interfaith Night, we learned about different faiths. We made dreidels, and played the Dreidel Game for gelt (chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil). Face painting was enjoyed by all. The third night, First Responders Night, was extremely well attended. The Winfield Volunteer Fire Department showed us how to use a fire hose, brought along all their fire equipment, and played games with us. Two Carroll County deputies from the Sheriff's Office kept a captive audience, sharing with us their experiences and how to pursue a career in the law enforcement field. Unfortunately due to weather, we had to cancel the fourth night. The fifth night was enjoyed by all, with 37 people in attendance. The petting zoo and Barbara Cornell's chickens were a huge success, as was face painting. Crafts and snacks were provided nightly.

Thanks to the many hands that allowed us to partake in fellowship, and thanks to our loving congregation for their support for this new endeavor.

We look forward to C.I.A. Week next year!



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Pastor's Page

Grace and Peace to you, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:2-6

The summer offers us a wonderful opportunity to reconnect that doesn't often come along in the church year with the hustle and bustle of school and the busyness of the liturgical year. The summer heat gives us a reason to slow down, to take a moment, to breathe a little deeper, and spend time with one another. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he encourages us to be in peace with one another, to be humble and gentle, to be patient, and above all, to show one another love. In this season, in particular, I hope we can deepen our bond together through love by sharing in community, in fellowship, and in conversation with one another.

I have already begun to see this community join together in new and exciting ways this summer. Community in Action Week was incredibly successful, with a diversity of people from all ages and genders coming out to explore different themes. We interacted with our community, from petting zoos, to the Humane Society, Heifer, and local first responders and police officers. It was a joy to see us stay far beyond the ending time of C.I.A. Week, simply because we enjoyed spending that time together!

So let us continue in fellowship, let us gather together, and enjoy engaging with one another and with our community, so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our neighborhood, in our state, and further afield. Let our acts of love for one another be rooted in glorifying God. Let us encourage one another to step outside our comfort zones and take a leap of faith, for we are all called with one life, one baptism, one faith, one God, to be stewards of the earth and family to each other. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Highlights of Actions of the 223rd General Assembly

Church Leadership: In one of the closest elections in years, Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri (Presbytery of Tropical Florida) and the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann (Presbyteries of Boston and Northern New England) were elected Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) on June 16 by a vote of 266-253. In other actions involving Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) leadership, the Assembly: Confirmed the election of the Reverend Diane Moffett as president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency; confirmed the reelection of the Reverend Tom Taylor as president of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation; and confirmed the election of Alton B. Pollard III as president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Fossil Fuel Divestment: By a vote of 332-178, the Assembly voted in favor of a minority report that called for the PC(USA) to continue its corporate engagement with fossil fuel companies—through its Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee—rather than divest from those companies.

Israel-Palestine/Middle East: After spirited debate in the Assembly Committee on Middle East Issues, among its actions, the assembly: Asked RE/MAX, LLC, to end its sale and rental of property on occupied, disputed land in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The vote was 393-55; voiced support for all efforts to bring Palestinians and Israelis together peacefully; asked the state of Israel to fully comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in order to stop discriminatory practices and called on the U.S. government to rejoin the United Nations Human Rights Council; and condemned the recent violence along the border between Israel and Gaza.

Per Capita: The Assembly approved a 2019 General Assembly per capita apportionment of \$8.95 per member—an increase of \$1.25 (or 15.8 percent) per member over 2018.

Racism/Poverty/Violence: The Assembly engaged in various acts of public witness that sought to engage issues of racism, poverty, and violence in St. Louis under the umbrella of Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II's, Hands and Feet initiative.

Immigration: Following on statements issued by General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II, the Assembly called upon the federal government to end family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border, to immediately reunite parents with their children, to inform every parent where their children are being held and their condition, to stop using separation of children from their parents as a tactic to force criminal confessions; and called upon Presbyterians to support immigrant families, particularly parents and their separated children in any ways they can.

Gun Violence: The Assembly reaffirmed previous General Assembly policies designed to reduce gun violence, called all Presbyterians to pray for a movement of the Spirit to engage Presbyterians in nationwide actions to prevent gun violence, and urged them to create opportunities to study the issue of gun violence, with an emphasis on resources produced by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Paid Family Leave: After long debate in both committee and plenary, the Assembly referred to a task force to report back to the 224th General Assembly (2020) proposed actions to develop denomination-wide standards and financial support mechanisms for paid family leave for church workers.

Congregational Leadership: The Assembly rejected, by margin of 425-57, an overture from the Presbytery of Monmouth that would have allowed congregations to elect and ordain ruling elders without requiring them to serve on session. The proposal was designed to provide more lay leadership in a church that is changing—leadership, for instance, for new worshipping communities, immigrant fellowships, and other non-traditional faith communities.

For the complete official record of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), visit <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/>

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



As we welcome the slower pace of summer to head out on adventures with family and friends, know that there are still teams working on all the little parts that keep us running smoothly. Our fabulous Donna heads that list. Thank you.

This year is our first Community in Action Week. Each evening had a different theme planned to attract you and our neighbors to come spend some time with us. Many hands worked to bring these activities together so please tell them about your experiences with live animals and our first responders. Look for the pictures throughout the newsletter.

We have moved to our summer worship time of 9:30 am with our fellowship time following, perhaps lighter, but still there as we really enjoy that time with friends.

The Ruth Gosnell Education Fund board is another group we do not usually hear about until loan recipients are announced. Education has always been important for Presbyterians and we have a group every year reading applications for our interest-free loans to college students, junior and above. They meet about four times a year and would be glad to talk about their work. The board includes community members as well, perhaps you know someone who would like to serve in this capacity. See Cynthia Smith, Max Carroll, Bell Vasbinder, Donna Mazer, Amy Vasbinder, with Beth Oates the liaison to Session.

At our Session meeting, the first with our new elders, we agreed that to preserve the time for worship, announcements need to be in to the secretary by Wednesday to be included in the bulletin and that the lay leader would call attention to those announcements at the time of Greetings, immediately before worship.

Linda Black continues as our Treasurer and Sharon Pappas as Clerk.

The first concert of 2018-2019 series is August 12, at 3:00 pm, with classical guitarist, Candice Mowbray bringing a thoughtfully crafted program of classic and modern works.

Calendar planning meeting will be August 19 at noon.

Next Session Meeting: Sunday, August 26 at noon



- ~ Prayers of healing for the Anderson family following the death of Joe Hatcher, Kari Anderson's father, on June 22.
- ~ Prayers of comfort for the friends of Don Smith who passed away on May 16. The memorial service was held on June 12 at Fairhaven Chapel.
- ~ Continued prayers for quick healing for Leah Halvorson who had surgery.
- ~ Prayers of strength and hope for the millions of people in Guatemala who have been devastated by the recent eruption of Volcan del Fuego. It is likely that CEDEPCA, our Presbytery's partner in Guatemala, will go to affected communities. If you would like to donate to their effort,

visit <https://www.cedepca.us/donate>, or drop your check in the offering plate and put CEDEPCA on the memo line.

- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for *Mt. Hebron, Mt. Paran, Northminster, St. John United, St. Andrew's of Mt. Airy, Catonsville, Christ Memorial and First of Howard County* from our Ministry Group.

Prayer Group:

Prayer Group will meet at **10:00 am** at the Manse on **July 10** and **July 24**. Please join us to share prayers for our friends, community, nation and world!

Reach out in friendship and encourage the lonely.



Communion Servers

July 1 Communion Servers (Intinction)

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| 1. Linda Caviglia | 3. Kathy Russ |
| 2. Kay Freas | 4. Barbara Cornell |

Need a meal? Or know someone who does? We want to help—just need to be “in the know”. Contact Connie Robinson at robinsonconn40@gmail.com or 240-278-9040.

Assisting on Sundays	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29
Sunday Opener	Barbara Cornell	Bob Rogers	Kay Freas	Jennifer Wise	Ron Holmes
Ushers & Greeters		Connie Robinson Martha Streaker	Kay Freas Bob Rogers	Jim & Mary Rhodes	Sharon Pappas Amy Vasbinder
Lay Leader	Bob Stepling	Tim Oates	Sharon Pappas	Kathy Russ	Kay Freas
Children's Activity	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Barbara Nickell	Diana Stepling	Sandy Newsome	Barbara Cornell	Need Volunteer

Church Calendar

Headhuggers

Monday, 7/9 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 7/10 & 7/24 - 10:00 am (Manse)

Church Cleaning

June 29, 30 or July 1 - Bob & Lisa Rogers

July 13, 14 or 15 - Belle Vasbinder & Barbara Nickell

July 27, 28 or 29 - Sandy Newsome & Kay Freas

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 7/16 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

Book Study

The Book Study offered by Sarah Lantz will be on **July 17** at 7:00 pm at Panera in Eldersburg. We are reading The Long Way Home by Elizabeth Musser, and What Women Fear by Angie Smith on **August 21**. See Sharon Pappas for more information.

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

Mark your calendars!!

First day of Sunday School for all ages will begin **September 9**. Stay tuned for more details.

C.I.A. will be on **September 10** (due to holiday) and **September 17** from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Pizza provided. Will resume first and third Mondays in October.

We need volunteers for the month of August to lead children/youth activity during worship. Please see Connie Robinson if you can help.



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

Choirs

The choirs are all taking a break from our weekly music duties, but the summer is really pretty short, and before you know it, the new choir year will be upon us. So, just to get the dates on your calendars.... below is the schedule of when we'll be starting back up.

Wednesday, August 29:

Adult Choir - 6:30 - 9:00 pm (with a fellowship break in the middle)

Wednesday September 5, and for most Wednesdays through May:

Presbytones - 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Adult Choir - 7:45 - 9:00 pm

Summer Music

As we do each summer, I'd like to encourage anyone who'd be interested in helping out with our summer music while our "regular" choirs take a break. If you're interested in singing/playing something for the offertory or some special music during one or more of the summer services, you are more than welcome. Beginner or advanced at what you do, all are welcome to make a musical offering.

At this point we have a trio singing in July (probably the 22nd) Brittany, Diana and Cathy White (Caviglia) will be singing *One Voice* by Ruth Moody & as sung by the *Wailin' Jennys*. I know that Ryley is planning to play her harp, and Christy Yeager along with some of her family and maybe others will do a small group piece at some point during the summer (dates yet to be determined).

We'll be looking forward to all these musical presentations, and would welcome others. Please contact me Linda: cavig5@comcast.net if you'd like to find a week to contribute your music.

Announcing Concert Year 2018-2019

All concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 and will last approximately an hour and a half. Refreshments will follow each event.

August 12, 2018	Candice Mowbray - Classical Guitarist
October 14, 2018	Beatrice Gilbert - Lyric Soprano
December 9, 2018	Iron Ridge Band - Bluegrass
February 10, 2019	Peat & Barley - Celtic
April 14, 2019	Palm Court Orchestra - Ragtime
June 9, 2019	Creative Concert Group - Classical strings (Dvorak Reimagined)

Our Next Concert
August 12, 2018 - Candice Mowbray

Following is some information about the artist and her background. The 3:00 pm concert will be followed by our annual Ice Cream Social, with homemade ice cream and lots of fun toppings!

Regarded by audiences and colleagues for her beautiful tone and sensitive music-making, classical guitarist Candice Mowbray shares the expressive and communicative qualities of her playing through programs of modern and classic works: listeners enjoy her artful programming and thoughtful interpretations.

Appearing as a soloist, chamber musician and guest lecturer, Mowbray has been a featured artist at many prestigious festivals and concert series.

Mowbray earned the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Classical Guitar Performance at Shenandoah Conservatory. Private lessons with Dr. Glenn Caluda and the internationally renowned Paraguayan guitarist, Berta Rojas, greatly informed her playing.

Mowbray was profiled in *Classical Guitar Magazine's*, "Letter from New York" and her lectures have been described as "enthusiastic" and "insightful" in *Classical Guitar Magazine* and *The Morning Call*. Her recent solo CD, *Reverie*, has been met with positive acclaim and was featured on radio shows such as *The Intimate Guitar* (Dayton, OH) and *Musica Mundi* (Boulder, CO). *Classical Guitar Magazine* deemed the release "A revelation!" and one of the Top 10 albums of the year.

As a clinician and adjudicator, Mowbray has worked with students of all ages at festivals and special programs including the TESS Guitar Festival in Connecticut, Mid-Atlantic Guitar Ensemble Festival and Performing and Visual Arts Northwest Governor's School. Dr. Mowbray has taught courses in music and appreciation of the broader humanities at Shenandoah Conservatory, Hagerstown Community College, and other colleges and schools of music in the mid-Atlantic region. She also enjoys writing about music. Her publications include "Recordings to Revisit: Ida Presti's Solo Recordings" in *Soundboard* and "A Piece of Carnegie Hall Comes to Maryland" in *Bravo! Magazine*.



www.candicemowbray.com



- 3 Summer Carbaugh
- 8 Tony Caviglia
- 8 Sharon Pappas
- 8 Cynthia Smith
- 15 Joshua Newsome
- 20 Larry Grimsley
- 21 Ross Anderson
- 22 Brian Spicer
- 24 Becca Crate
- 26 Stephanie Izaguirre
- 29 Elaine Cleland
- 31 Tim Doyle

July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27;
Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;
Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:14-29

July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



- 5 Ron & Sue Holmes
- 11 Chad & Shannon Stewart

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Summer Worship Hours

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Becca Crate

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Clerk of Session: Sharon Pappas

Minister of Music: Linda Caviglia

Accompanist: Aaron Thacker

Organist: Jennifer Wise

Sunday School: Connie Robinson

Youth Group: Charles & Deb Sperling

Administrative Assistant: Donna Mazer



September's newsletter deadline is **August 19**.
Please submit your information to
spc.office@verizon.net.



- 14 Sandy Newsome
- 15 Jennifer Wise
- 16 Kari Anderson
- 19 Madelyn McClung
- 23 Robert Doyle
- 27 Aaron Wise
- 28 Katie Grimsley
- 28 Bob Rogers
- 31 Bridget Doyle

August 5

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a;
Psalm 5:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 5:51-58

August 26

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69



- 6 Bob & Diana Stepling
- 16 Connie & Craig Robinson

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Our vision for the ministry is to be an open, flourishing, multigenerational congregation, where all can worship, study, and act to discern God's plan for us and our community. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

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