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Coming to New Monmouth July 11, 1:00 p.m.



Jim Connor in Concert

Pastoral Perspective

Massanetta Springs has been one of the finest conference centers in the United States since 1922. Its *Annual Bible Conference* is now in its 85th year. The Center is expanding and improving its facilities in order to better serve its guests year round. If you have been there, I don't need to tell you how special it is. If you haven't been there, you need to go. For additional information and streaming video, go online to: <http://www.massanettasprings.org/> The conference center is in the midst of its *Living Waters Campaign* to generate support for this ministry.

As a special way to help Massanetta Springs with their ministry, we are sponsoring a Sunday afternoon concert by one of the finest entertainers in the country. Jim Connor, a former member of New Monmouth, is one of the best banjo players anywhere. He also plays guitar, dobro, keyboard, harmonica, and more - sometimes more than one at a time. Jim's past musical associations include The Kingston Trio, the John Denver Band, and duo events with Ray Blouin. He is the author of *Grandma's Feather Bed*, a song which appears on several of John Denver's albums, and the book by the same name.

Here's where we need you help. Call your friends, your family, your neighbors and invite them to join us at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 11. You will not be disappointed. There is no admission fee for this concert, but a freewill offering will be received for Massanetta Springs. Please join us. Spread the word!

Shalom,
Martin

P.S. We will also have a covered dish luncheon following morning worship that day.



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Thanks and Warm Fuzzies to:

Tim Welsh for taking charge of the VBS writing, directing, and teaching.

John Welsh for helping install the flat screen monitor for our multimedia system.



New Baby

Congratulations to Christopher & Sarah (Bradley) Douglas in the birth of their son, Andrew Ryan, on June 18 at 7:21. He weighed in at 8 lbs. and was 20.5 inches tall. The Douglas family resides in Richmond, VA. Congratulations also to grandfather, Wendell Bradley, & great-grandmother, Frances Bradley.

Vacation Bible School Report

The 2010 Vacation Bible School took place at New Monmouth June 13-17. The theme was *Living in God's House* and was written and directed by Tim Welsh. Though the number of students was small, the enthusiasm was very high. As always, it took a great number of helpers to make it a successful program. We give special thanks for all those who gave generously of their time and energy:

Food: Jennie Gaines, Pauline Smith, Helen Irvine, Nettie May Conner, Alana Conner, & Rhunelle Hotinger.

Teachers: Janeen Welsh, Karen Duff, Hannah Slough, & Nathan Welsh.

Crafts: Cheryl Cathcart, Marsha Mayhew and Cheri Knick.

Music: Susan Bender, Janet Drake, and Laura Hotinger.

Teenager Helpers: Patrick Welsh, Jessie Slough, Julia Hotinger, & Kathryn Hotinger.

If we missed anyone, please let us know. Thanks.

Maury River Mission Community Social

More than 60 people gathered at the Windy Cove Presbyterian Church Picnic Pavilion for a relaxing afternoon of music fellowship, and ice cream sponsored by the Maury River Mission Community. The setting was beautiful and the hospitality of the host church was fantastic. We hope this will become an annual event.



Graduate Recognition

Five Rockbridge County High School graduates were recognized during our June 13 worship. Those five include

Andrew Bellairs, son of Bart & Jackie, will be attending

Louisiana Tech, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

MacKenzie Lancey, daughter of Scott & Caralynn, will be taking a General Studies course at Dabney S. Lancaster.

Marshall Lancey, son of Scott & Caralynn, will be attending Roanoke College, majoring in Political Science & minoring in International Relations.

Allison McCoy, daughter of Jim & Teresa, will be attending Radford University, studying to become a Registered Nurse.

Kristen Snider, daughter of Steve & Maria Garrett, will be attending the University of Virginia, studying Foreign Relations for a career in International Affairs.

We congratulate these young people and pray God's blessings on them as they continue their education. Their thank you notes are available in the church office.

I also want to remind everyone that a special scholarship fund still exists for members of New Monmouth to help with educational needs.



We are still asking for volunteers to assist Mrs. Cerkey on a rotational basis. The more people who sign up, the less often each will have to serve. If you are interested in helping on occasion, please contact Karen Duff at 463-3796.

A Cushy Job - Our church has hard wooden pews, so it was good news when Rev. Watkins announced, "The Women's Fellowship will refurbish the pews with cushions." Then he chuckled, "Now, my sermons can be 30 minutes long." After the service, the organist gave Rev. Watkins a check to help defray the costs of the cushions—but not before adding, "Just in case you weren't joking about the 30-minute sermons, could you please have the organ bench cushioned, too?" —*Charles Maines, Norma, New Jersey. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."*



The College Column

Six of our college young people graduated this year: Mary Beth Bird, Cat Lancey, Kelly Mayhew, Ryan Hankins, Alex Wade, & Dylan Welsh.

Others have been busy in a variety of ways.

Jonathan Irvine (Ferrum College) recently completed a trip to New Zealand.

Samantha Wade (Christopher Newport Univ.) has spent two weeks in Costa Rica.

Andrew Wohler is enrolled in a summer program as a Davidson student in Zambia Africa. This service/learning experience in a mission hospital benefits those interested in medicine and also the mission community. While in the village of Mwani, students attend rounds and rotations in the hospital under the supervision of health care workers. They also have the opportunity to travel to rural health centers in the area where they participate with immunization programs.

Ashley Wohler (W & L '09) has been accepted at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. There are 42 in the first class.

Please keep us updated on the activities of your college student and we will be glad to publish them in the NM News.

Cartoon Corner

Church Laughs from ChristianityToday



Feasting on the Word Curriculum – coming in fall 2011

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) publishers collaborating on new lectionary based resource LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) and Congregational Ministries Publishing (CMP), publishers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are pleased to be collaborating on a new lectionary based curriculum founded on the award-winning lectionary commentary series *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*.

Launching fall 2011, this ecumenical, downloadable resource incorporates the uniqueness of the commentaries, which provide four different approaches to each of the biblical passages for each of the lectionary readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. *Feasting on the Word Curriculum: Teaching the Revised Common Lectionary* is designed for classroom use in the church among various age levels, including children, youth and adult. Its uniqueness is in adapting the *Feasting on the Word* commentary approaches to study one of the lectionary passages in ways suitable for all participants.

"Teachers eager to lead learners of all ages into fresh encounters with ancient texts will find two important things in this series," says Barbara Brown Taylor, co-general editor of *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*. "First, a host of practical resources designed to engage the teacher's own imagination and second, a team of creative colleagues who know how to put their collective experience into words."

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For the complete article on this subject go to:
<http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/pressreleases/ppc10012.htm>.

Presbytery, Synod, & GA News



Mission Update on Haiti

June 21, 2010 - The media is out of Haiti and moved on the oil spill in the Gulf, but work and recovery efforts continue in Haiti. The Haiti Education Foundation

– www.haitifoundation.org - sent an update today focused mainly on the schools there and their recovery efforts. This report overflows with HOPE. It also announces an opportunity to get involved for the long term with educating the children.

Dear Friends,

Five months have passed since the earthquake ravaged Haiti. Little, if any, is said in the media concerning the efforts to get our friends back on their feet...but the work continues! Temporary structures and tents have been erected so that the children and their teachers were able to complete the school year. New benches, desks and blackboards have been provided to schools in need. Mission teams have been able to visit various schools and villages. Chris Carlisle and his mission team returned on Saturday and reported that while there is work to be done; Haiti is better than they had expected. "Faith is at a HIGH." Chris McRae and a group of 13 will be arriving in Haiti this week to install 2 water purification systems that will be solar operated. Chris will also meet with Pere Desire for final approval of the plans for the Guesthouse at Cherident. A down payment has been made for this structure and it is in the process of being fabricated. A mission team is set for training this summer and will follow up with installation as soon as the supplies are delivered to Haiti. The Guesthouse project will ready us for the much greater task of the construction of the St. Matthias School. We will have more information regarding the cost of this project in upcoming emails.

The Haiti Education Foundation will be hosting a HUG (Haiti United Gathering) Conference on September 17 – 19 in Little Rock, AR at the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. A brochure will be sent out next month with registration information. I will also send it out via email to this mailing list. We hope that you will

join us! We are working right now to get two of our priests here for the conference. This is such an important time in this mission! The main focus of the Haiti Education Foundation is to provide each child enrolled in our schools a \$55 **scholarship** each year. The need is great...and isn't it wonderful to serve such a bountiful God? That is what keeps us praying, believing and serving our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Schools will once again open in the fall...please give a gift that will change a life. EDUCATION brings HOPE to the children of Haiti. Blessings, Susan Turbeville

For more information, go to:

<http://www.shenpres.org/DisasterDocs/Haiti.html>



219th General Assembly

The 219th General Assembly (2010) will meet July 3 – 10, 2010, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Some 1500 volunteers from the




Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, and Northern Waters will help host the assembly. The theme of this year's event is *Rivers of Living Water (Jon 7:38)*. To learn more about this meeting, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/ga219/>



Mark your calendars now for The Big Event which will take place at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center on September 11, 2010. It is a combination of the P. W. Fall Gathering, a Mission Fair, & Leadership Training Workshops. This an event designed to replace several smaller events throughout the year. There will be something of interest for almost everyone of any age. A few copies of the brochure are available in our church office, however it can be obtained easier by going online to www.shenpres.org. To learn more and download a brochure, go to our presbytery web site and click on the logo shown above. I encourage you to register early. You don't want to miss out on this event.

New Monmouth Schedule & Birthday Calendar

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">June 27</p> <p>9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 30</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 1</p> <p><i>Nancy Sensabaugh</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p><i>Jesse Mayhew Caralynn Lancey</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor's Day Off </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p><i>Nette Conner</i></p>  <p>PCUSA - GA July 3-10 begins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><i>Andrew Bellairs</i> 9:00 Sun. Sch. 10:00 Worship</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p><i>Bob Dunlap Sarah Slough</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p><i>Alex Wade</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor's Day Off </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>PCUSA - GA Ends</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p><i>Tom Dunlap</i> 9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship 11:30 Luncheon 1:00 Concert by Jim Connor</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p><i>Brenda Wilson Dianne Swink</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><i>Ruth Slough Zach Crowder</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor's Day Off </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p><i>Connie Snider</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship & Baptism 11:15 Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>7:00 Ruritan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p><i>Vicki Hodges Rachel Burner</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p><i>Katherine Hotinger</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor's Day Off </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p><i>Garrett Moore John Welsh</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p><i>Lauren Welsh</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p><i>Connie Burch Tom Jeffrey</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor's Day Off </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>

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