

1. **Parking issue.** Staunton's City Manager, Stephen Owen, responded to the letter sent after the last Session meeting, about the parking issue along Frederick Street. Members of the city staff contended that the no parking sign had been in place for some time, and a new sign erected to replace an older, faded one. The city proposed two options to address our concerns:
- Lining three parking spaces in front of the church, with one designated as handicapped-only parking.
 - Changing the sign to restrict parking along Frederick Street to Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

It was my opinion that the second option was the best one. There is room for more than three cars to park in front of the church along Frederick Street, but if the city would define three parking spaces, then that would be the maximum number of cars that could be parked there at any time. Added to this is there would be no guarantee that these spaces would be available when we needed them, such as on a Tuesday morning for a circle meeting. People doing business downtown could park there and take up the available spaces, as they could not be restricted for our use. The second option – which has already been implemented by the city, at least allows us to park five-six cars along Frederick Street for evening and weekend events.

The regular events that this situation impacts are:

- Tuesday circle gatherings (Morning Circle and Circle 4) – once per month
- Tuesday morning Bible Study – as this is in Fellowship Hall, more people seek parking along Lewis Street
- Persons wanting to do business with the Church Office during normal office hours, or wishing to pick something up at the church or perform some task. I would assume we have loading/unloading privileges in front of our building.

Funerals would not be affected by this situation. The city routinely places orange cones designating parking for funerals, as arranged by the funeral home involved.

There is an additional avenue we might explore for more parking during the weekday hours. We could approach the Methodist Church and seek permission to park in their lot in the spaces that are closest to our building (approximately 8 spaces). This would mainly involve the above events/situations. If Session wants to pursue this, I could approach the pastor at Central about it, to get things rolling. I have not met her since she arrived last summer, and this would be an opportunity to do so. There is the possibility that we might have to make some sort of financial arrangements to do this, such as a periodic gift in appreciation of using the lot.

2. **Pentecost Communion – May 31.** A reminder on the assignments for this Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost):

1 Bob Riddle	5 Eve Thomas	9 Chuck Blackley
2 Stewart Sherwood	6 James Wright	10 Danny Fields
3 Caroline Woebke	7 Frank Brown – <i>sub needed!</i>	11 William Jack
4 Paul Wolfe	8 Andy Easley	12 Jerry Fry

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3. **Baja Mission Trip.** A Potato Bar Dinner will be held next Wednesday, June 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a baked potato with your choice of toppings, chili, cheese, broccoli, sour cream and chives, etc. Salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages will also be provided. Donations will be accepted to support this summer's trip. Andy Easley and Dan Williams are part of the 42 members of the Team from throughout Shenandoah Presbytery. This year's trip is July 18-26.

There will also be a pancake breakfast at the Staunton Applebee's on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausage and beverages, for a donation to help defray the Team's expenses. The total cost of the trip this year is \$28,000, which covers the costs of the 42 Team members (\$275/person for travel from San Diego to Vicente Guerrero and back and room and board for the week) and the cost for materials to build three houses (\$3,000 for building supplies/paint, and \$1,000 for extras (furnishings, extra windows, vents, electrical wiring, etc.).

Finally, if you have a dirty car, the Bethel Presbyterian Church Youth Group is having a car wash at Advance Auto Parts on Greenville Avenue on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to benefit the Mission Trip.

4. **Upcoming meetings.** After our next meeting on June 24, the Session will not meet again until August 26, unless a special meeting is needed and called by the Moderator.