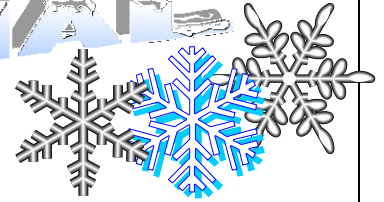


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Our Mission Statement:

Sharing the love of Christ with all people

Burnt Factory United Methodist Church

Stephenson, Virginia 22656

C. Steven Melester, Pastor

January, 2017

Church Newsletter

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16



The theme for this coming year at Burnt Factory UMC is discipleship! Throughout 2017, we will be exploring and unpacking what discipleship means. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that through, what he coined, "The Means of Grace," the believer could, as empowered by the Holy Spirit, discover, enhance, advance, and make real what being a follower of Jesus Christ meant. Let me share what the United Methodist Book of Discipline says, regarding growth in faithful discipleship.

"Faithful membership in the local church is essential for personal growth and for developing a deeper commitment to the will and grace of God. As members involve themselves in private and public prayer, worship, the sacraments, study, Christian action, systematic giving, and holy discipline, they grow in their appreciation of Christ, understanding of God at work in history and the natural order, and an understanding of themselves." (B.O.D. Paragraph 218)

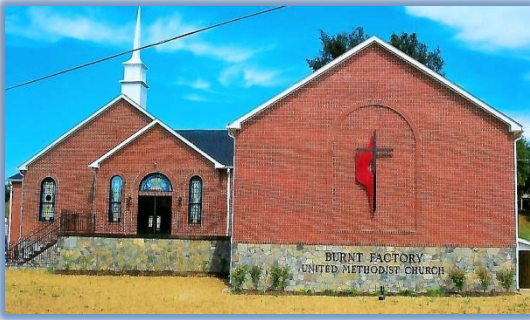
In the Wesleyan tradition, we believe a marriage between the heart and the mind is necessary for fruitful discipleship. We believe without doubt **Ephesians 2: 8-10** *"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith --- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God --- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Wesley believed that we are not saved by works but are saved to practice works; therefore we employ works of piety and works of mercy. We practice individual and communal means of grace that add to our discipleship. All of this thing we call "discipleship" is tied to our baptismal covenant as it is also tied to our membership vow! I pray that you will consider your discipleship as we journey together through this new year and that you will ask yourself as I will be asking myself --- am I truly fulfilling my baptismal and church membership covenant and if not, what can I do to advance my walk of faith; what can I change, what can I add, what can I delete from my life; what can I do to be all God wants me to be? God bless you and keep you and may this journey be one that brings forth great fruit both corporately and personally!

GRACE AND PEACE, PASTOR STEVE

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Steve will re-establish office hours beginning January 4th and continuing every Wednesday. He will be in his office from 9:00am -1:00pm on most Wednesday's except for emergencies. He is always available for specific appointments upon request.



***NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
JANUARY 22
at Burnt Factory U.M.C.***

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Our lives take many turns. We all have ups and downs; joys and concerns. We all have needs and we are all on different points on the road of discipleship. Membership in a church identifies us with Jesus Christ and awakens, confirms, strengthens, and solidifies our faith and our hope. It provides roots and helps the disciple and seeker to embrace the true worship of God, to be edified and encouraged, and to embrace the joy that comes with commitment and dedication to God! Jesus wants our dedication, commitment, but mostly our love! He seeks our transformation. He loves us and cherishes a deep and committed relationship with us.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION...

Would you consider becoming a member of Burnt Factory United Methodist Church? God loves you and we love you! If you have questions or would like to find out more or if you are ready to join this faith community; don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me at pastorsteve58@comcast.net; and I would be glad to help you in any way I can!

We will be holding our "New Member Sunday" on **January 22nd** and would love to welcome you as the first new members of 2017. Please pray and discern if God is leading you in this direction.

***God bless you! Grace and Peace to you!
Pastor Steve***

The **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** looks forward to 2017. There are many mission opportunities in place. (CCAP, Laurel Center, Salvation Army, BF Food Pantry)
Looking forward to all opportunities to share the love of Christ.

We welcome everyone. We meet the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

God has called us to serve. Do you hear His call? Do you feel the nudge?

Karen Willis, Outreach chair





Our First NOMADS Mission Trip

After receiving a prayer-full send-off from the Burnt Factory community of believers at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, we packed up our truck and camping trailer to leave for Ray City, GA on November 26th. This would be our first three-week project with NOMADS, an all volunteer outreach ministry of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. NOMADS began informally in 1988, and was incorporated in 2001 as an official ministry of the Board of Global Ministries. Persons who have a passion about hands-on mission and who have the means to travel and live independently in their own recreational vehicle for three weeks, join NOMADS, and use a digital calendar to sign up for any of the more than 150 projects that are completed in a typical year (110,000 volunteer hours). The projects are all over the U.S., in a great variety of settings, spread out in every month of the year. The mission of the NOMADS: **Rebuilding lives, homes, and facilities with God's love and our hands.**

About 800 miles later, we arrived at Camp Tygart on Sunday afternoon and were warmly welcomed by our leaders, John and Mary Ann Hooper, team couple Jerry and Carol Wright, and camp directors Tommy and Sherri Bellflower. Camp Tygart is a facility operated by the Georgia Conference of the UMC, providing residential, recreational, and worship space for a variety of Christian groups all across south Georgia (similar to our own Camp Overlook, near Harrisonburg, VA). Surrounded by beautiful trees and hanging moss, we could immediately sense this was a place of spiritual renewal for many people. Our major task, determined by the camp directors, was to replace all the windows in a 3 bedroom house which had been moved onto the property, and was heavily used by groups using the camp. The replacement proved to be many steps: removing deteriorated windows, both outdoor and indoor trim for the windows, rebuilding inside casing of the window space, installing new windows, re-making trim for inside and outside, caulking, priming, painting, washing, and installing new blinds. Of course there were other tasks that "came up" while we were there that we were happy to do.

Our "campsites" were provided for us on the camp property. We all provided our own food and donated some supplies and materials along the way. Tommy insisted that the camp feed us a hot lunch on our work days, so we enjoyed his great cooking! A typical work day: up around 6 a.m. to get ready, eat breakfast; meet for worship and planning for the day at 8 a.m.; work until Noon with mid-morning break; lunch, work until 4 p.m. (usually "later"), with mid-afternoon break; shower, fix dinner, fall in bed exhausted!! We worked Monday thru Thursday each week, and had Friday-Sunday to rest, do laundry, see the sights, and worship together on Sunday at a nearby church. Repeat for three weeks!

For us, NOMADS is an ideal endeavor for this time in our lives:

1. It is mission – fulfilling real needs of servant agencies of the church, which they determine.
2. It is Christian community – NOMADS are mostly United Methodist, but also other faith backgrounds, but ALL are motivated and called to this work by the Spirit of God.
3. It is travel – we get to experience new people, places, churches, cultures.
4. It is camping – which we love to do, and affords us the blessing of sleeping together in our own camper, rather than the usual "mission trip routine" of guys and gals separated.

The whole time we were away, we were aware of the love and prayer support of our Burnt Factory community. Thank you for that support. Check out the website for NOMADS (nomadsumc.org), and yes, we do have pictures to share. Our next NOMADS trip starts at the end of August 2017 in Ohio.

Harriett and Jay Hanke

Harriett
de-constructing



John and Jay
installing





1 st	Keith Roberts	21 st	Stephanie Britton
2 nd	Iris Sibert	22 nd	Jay Powell
3 rd	Mason Smith	25 th	Hayden Earhart
4 th	Noah Swimley	26 th	Scott Snyder
	Ed Ward	27 th	Johnny Clevenger
5 th	Karen Lynch		Ron Baker
	David Wales		Anne Bromley
8 th	Jacob Taylor	28 th	Doug Bromley
	Derek Burse		Sharon Clark
10 th	Leah Wilson	29 th	Gary Jenkins
11 th	Jean Wilson		Jerry Swimley
	Magnolia Murphy	30 th	Gail Winter
15 th	Harrison Fair	31 st	Jackie Livengood

5 th	Tim & Danette Heinlein
12 th	Roger & Kathy Feight
29 th	Norbert & Donna Bonjo
30 th	Bill & Ruby Beck

**Blessings
to
All!!**



*Congratulations to John and Caroline Goode.
Precious little **Avery Mae Goode** came into this world on
Sunday, December 4th!*

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift offered to us without price.

*On Sunday, December 18th, **Ariella Jay Cisneros** was baptized into Christ's Holy Church. Her parents are Jonathan and Emily Cisneros and her sisters are Rowsalie & Gianna.*



The theme for the 2017 Relay for Life is "Decades." Put on your thinking cap for decorating ideas. Once the meeting is scheduled we will notify the team members by email.

The new Relay for Life website is up and ready for you to join "The Believers" of Burnt Factory UMC. If you haven't already joined, the online instructions are in the box below:

If you prefer to join the team without going online, paper applications are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Complete the form and leave it on the table under the stack and we will add you to the team.

The next Relay for Life Captains Meeting will take place at Calvary Baptist Church at 6:00pm on January 9th. If you would like to attend the meeting to learn more about Relay for Life, you are more than welcome. "The Believers" usually have several members in attendance.

Thank you for joining the fight against cancer.

Brenda Drumheller and Susan Williams, Co-Chairmen

Log onto: www.relayforlife.org
 Click on "Join a Relay" at the top (right side) of the page
 Enter "22601" as the zip code
 Click on "Relay for Life of Winchester/Frederick County"
 Click on "Join this Relay" at the top (right side) of the page
 Click on "Create an Account"
 Enter your information then click on "create an account"
 Click on "Join a Team"
 Enter "The Believers" as the name of the team you want to join
 Click on Next and donate, if you wish, or donate at a later date
 You are now a team member!



UNITY CLASS BEGINS NEW YEAR WITH A NEW TOPIC

This discussion oriented class, which meets in the Lower Cottage every Sunday at 9:45am, is always open to new people who would like to drop in to see how our discussion is relevant to your living the Way of Jesus.

Having just finished up an Advent Study using a book by Mike Slaughter, we begin a new year with a new discussion topic: 'How Can We Discern and Follow God's Signals in the Choices We Make?' The written resource will be 'Take the Flag', by Rob Fuquay, who writes from the perspective of a pastor in Indianapolis, where NASCAR is a favorite topic for everyone. There's lots of signaling going on in a high-speed car race – and lots of spiritual signaling in our fast-paced lives. Come on in, sit around with a cup of coffee or tea, and share in the dialogue as we look for ways to apply and live out the Good News of Jesus.

Jay Hanke

Dear Burnt Factory Church Family, Yes, we do have a Burnt Factory Book Club!

It is open to anyone who likes to read books and share their thoughts with others, although sometimes we just share our thoughts and some of us don't read the books. :o)



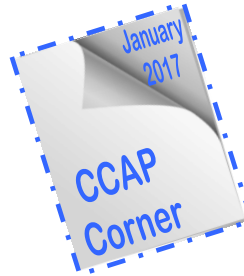
It is an evening of fellowship and food and sometimes special treats. The group picks out our book. Harriett Hanke will order them for us and we meet from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be January 30th. The book selection is 'The Whole Town's Talking' by Fannie Flagg. Harriett has checked and they only have hard copies at \$20.20, so maybe we can share as we read with others or if you want to order it, contact Harriett at sunriseharriett@comcast.net or 540-686-0434.

THIS IS A SMALL REVIEW ABOUT THE BOOK.

With her trademark humor, wild imagination, great storytelling of folly and the human heart, the beloved Fannie Flagg tells an unforgettable story of life, afterlife, and the remarkable going-on of ordinary people. In 'The Whole Town's Talking', she reminds us that community is vital, life is a gift, and love never dies.

This sounds like a winner to me. I will look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, January 30th, if the weather is OK at my home if it snows at Harriett's.

Joy, Peace and Love to all, Susie Gerometta



CCAP, the Congregational-Community Action Project, is a cooperative ministry of 45 area churches and one synagogue serving Winchester and Frederick County that have joined together to provide financial, material and supportive assistance to people in need. CCAP is located at 112 and 106 S. Kent Street.

WE HAVE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT CCAP THIS MONTH:

- 1) Chili making - this year, on Tuesday, January 17, we will be MAKING CHILI at the Ruritan Building and then SERVING THE CHILI to homeless clients and volunteers at CCAP that same day at noon. Please visit the sign-up table to volunteer to donate ingredients and/or to volunteer to help.
2) Our first CCAP Day for 2017 is on Sunday, January 15. THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING NEW SOCKS FOR TODDLERS AND CHILDREN AND ALSO MEN'S LONG UNDERWEAR. Donations may be left in the CCAP Bin on Sunday, January 8 and January 15.

Any questions, please contact Patty Leonard at 540-664-6973 or ricpat5@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued service to CCAP. Patty Leonard



17 Youth got away to Camp Overlook for our High School Retreat. Our theme was *Forgiveness* – how to forgive, how to ask for forgiveness and how to let go of a past we cannot change. We shopped for four Salvation Army Angels, watched *The Polar Express*, had a great adventure including my favorite, sock puppet theater, and worshipped together at Luray UMC. Cracker Barrel was a nice ending to a great weekend. A big thanks to Tammy and David for leading the way, and to our nine Seniors for the many times you showed up in body and spirit.

The Youth ended 2016 with a celebration including a cookie exchange and a Thieves Christmas gift exchange. A year of change for all of us; still God is drawing us to Himself.

Upcoming Youth Events:
January 7th Church-wide Prayer Breakfast
Stonewall Ruritan 9:00am

January 14th	Parents Night Out for the Faithseekers Class	5:00pm – 9:00pm
	We will watch the youngins	
January 15th	Regular Meeting Upper Cottage	4:30pm – 6:30pm
January 28th (Sat.)	Motel Ministry Social Hall	9:30am – 1:00pm
February 12th	Regular Meeting Upper Cottage	4:30pm – 6:30pm
February 26th	Skyline Paintball	1:30pm – 6:00pm

\$20 per person, Last day to sign-up is February 12th
Leave after church. Pack a lunch, old clothes and a sheet/ towel as bus seat protector.

Contact Mr. Rob: ram288@comcast.net, 540-303-7161

Closer baby Jesus...I almost got it...



Kid-Min Connection!

JESUS LOVES YOU
SNOW" MUCH!

Happy New Year! This year is going to be a fun and exciting new year for the children's ministries of Burnt Factory. I am excited to launch many new programs for our children this year. We will start the new year teaching the children to look closer at their faith and how they can move from where they are now to stronger faith and what that means for their lives. We all love to build snow people right! We go outside and we just cannot resist building a little or big snowman in our yards. This is a process. The body must be formed, then the middle, then the head moving on to the facial parts and decorations. Each step is necessary to build the perfect snowman. Our faith is like this. We must build the foundation first then add each part as we move along in our lives. Every activity and ministry we do this year here at Burnt Factory will build upon each phase of their faith formation and journey. The children will learn that as faith builds we must act upon it because in God we move and have our being. If God is in us, we will be moving and active for HIM!!!! So..... "do you wanna build a snowman?" Peace and Love!

Kid-Min News!

- January 8th at 9:45am all children ages 5-5th grade please report to the sanctuary for a time of praise and worship! We will then scatter to our classes at 10:00am. This service will be spirit led and my hope is that all the children will begin to feel the spirit moving in their lives and be led to praise, pray, and sing!
- Please note our policies for illness. We ask that you respect our illness policies to keep germs and illness down. We have very little babies, elderly, and cancer patients who are attending church regularly. Our policies are posted in the children's wing and we have flyers available to take home. If there are any questions, please call Carrie or Theresa our Parish Nurse.

- We will have a Facebook page in January for children's ministries. It will be private for only our church families. This is where I will post reminders for events, weather cancellations, and inspiration for our kiddos. I will also utilize our email system so if Keith Roberts doesn't have your email, please get that to him so you can be up-to-date on all information in children's ministries!

I just want to say thank you for all the pictures I am sent over the holidays. I really do enjoy them. I love to hang them in my office and pray over them. They always make me smile!

Have a wonderful and joyous New Year!

Love, Miss Carrie



Worship Committee

As we move into a new year we are reminded that the work of God's people is so important. Our committee helps Pastor Steve plan special services that occur each month. We encourage our congregation to practice radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking services and mission and extravagant generosity. What goals to practice each week as we worship together!

Thanks to Pastor Steve for his meaningful, thoughtful sermons. He guides our committee in helping provide a worshipful experience every time we are together.

The Worship Committee will meet **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We look forward to another year of seeking God's will in each of our lives, growing closer to each other, and doing all we can to make Burnt Factory the best church around.

From a devotional in The Upper Room, "The best New Year's resolution I can make is to appreciate each day God gives me, become a better steward of my time, and grow to be more Christ like – the better to serve God." Sounds like a plan to me!

It has been a privilege to serve as chair of this committee for several years. I will continue to be a part of this group and welcome Sharon Clark as the new chair when we meet mid-month. Thanks, Sharon, for stepping up!

Blessings, Polly Duvall



Save a Life Give Blood

Faith and Health Corner

January 2017

National Blood Donor Month

Donating blood can save a life. No chemical, drug or fluid can replace human blood in a real emergency. If you've never donated blood before, you might be nervous.

Here's what to expect.

- **Step 1:** Registration and health checkup - You will fill out a form with some basic personal information. You will also need to show an ID card. You will be asked some questions about your general health and lifestyle to make sure that you are eligible to donate blood. Before you give blood, a technician will take your temperature, check your blood count, pulse and blood pressure to make sure that you are healthy enough to donate blood.
- **Step 2:** Donating blood - Once you are comfortable and your arm has been cleaned, a needle will be gently inserted into the vein and blood will flow slowly through a tube into a storage bag. It usually takes 10 to 20 minutes to fill the bag.
- **Step 3:** Rest and recovery - After your blood donation is complete, you will spend a few minutes resting and having juice and a snack. It's important to stay at the blood donation site for 10 to 15 minutes to make sure you feel ok. After blood donation, some people may feel weak, dizzy or faint from the drop in blood pressure.

There is almost no risk to donating blood. Less than 10% of your blood is removed, and the body typically replaces the fluid lost within 24 hours.

The blood you donate is separated into three components: red blood cells, which can be stored for 42 days; platelets, which last five days; and plasma, which can be frozen for as long as one year. You can safely donate blood every 56 days. Type O blood is the most commonly used because it can be safely transfused to people of all blood types. Every day about 38,000 units of red blood cells are given to Americans. The transfusions are used for trauma victims, patients needing surgery, and those getting treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell anemia.

GENERALLY YOU CAN GIVE BLOOD IF YOU:

- Are at least 17 years old
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Are in good health



YOU SHOULD WAIT TO DONATE, OR NOT DONATE, BLOOD IF:

- You have received a blood transfusion from another person in the United States.
- You received a blood transfusion in certain countries in Africa since 1977.
- You had leukemia or lymphoma, including Hodgkin's disease.
- You are taking any "blood thinner."
- You have a fever or productive cough.
- You had hepatitis caused by a virus, or unexplained jaundice, since age 11.
- You have AIDS or have ever had a positive HIV test, or if you have done something that puts you at risk for becoming infected with HIV.

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You should wait to donate, or not donate, blood if:

- You have ever received clotting factor concentrates.
- You have active tuberculosis or treatment for same.
- You have engaged in sex for money or drugs since 1977.
- Other circumstances may make you ineligible to give blood.

To make a donation, call the national Red Cross hotline at **1-800-GIVE-LIFE**, America's Blood Centers at **1-888-256-6388** or the AABC at **1-866-376-6968**.

America's Blood Centers has a national educational program called "My Blood, Your Blood" (www.mybloodyourblood.org) to teach children and teens about the importance of giving blood.

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." Leviticus 17:11 (NIV)

Until the next time ... Blessings to you and yours,
Theresa

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com or by phone at (540) 247-5612.

As your Faith Community Nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, by meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.



Burnt Factory United Methodist Men



As I submit this we are getting ready for the 2017 Burnt Factory UMC Prayer Breakfast and in my preparations I am reminded of how lucky we are as Christians to be able to have an open communications with God to share our joys, sorrows, accomplishments, needs and wishes. Sometimes we want God to answer our prayers on the spot, right now. But God knows best and as the great country philosopher Garth Brooks sang, 🎵"some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers."🎵

In 2017 it is my prayer for the Men of Burnt Factory that we will become more sincere in our prayer life. We have discovered through so many prayers that God has answered for us that prayer does work. God is listening to our hearts as we pray. So let us be intentional in our prayer life in 2017 and allow God to enter our hearts and answer our prayers.

REMINDER: Our next UMMen meeting will be Saturday, January 21st at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have coffee, drinks and light refreshments. Every male church member is a member of the Burnt Factory UMMen fellowship and are invited and encouraged to attend our meeting.

We continue to look forward to 2017 and working together as we put our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

If anyone has any questions, fell free to contact me at (540) 207-7404 or tamtut@comcast.net.

Steve Cunningham
President, Burnt Factory UMMen



Many, many thanks to Diana Smith for her leadership the last three years! She said "I'll do it for a year." Well, we talked her into two more and she has been a terrific president. She did this while being our music director. Oh, and she also has a full time job! Thanks, Diana, for being a good and faithful servant.

Here are a few facts telling what we are about! Some of this information was in the November newsletter.

Our unit meets every other month, beginning in February. We have 43 members including our pastor. In 2016, we averaged 15 at each meeting. (Our pastor was present for a couple of meetings)!

We make a pledge usually in October to do our part in meeting the District pledge. The 2017 District pledge is \$54,000. Our BF unit has pledged \$1,300. There are 34 units in the Winchester District, some much smaller than ours, but a few are larger. We have always met our pledge commitment, thanks to the members who make a pledge AND the generous monetary gift from the UMM for our part in their Apple Butter project. Without their money, we could not do the mission giving to six organizations we support in December. And our big commitment for two years is the Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic. We support 16 children. We also support some of our local youth in their activities.

So, if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, try to get back in the groove. If it isn't going to be a part of your schedule, please let Polly know and your name can be omitted from the roll until you can jump back in at a more convenient time in your life. I am updating the roll book before the February 2017 meeting. If I don't hear from you, I will assume that you want to remain a member and intend to participate by your attendance, a pledge, be a part of the events offered by the district, and/or supporting the organization in any way possible. See Anne Perrault if you would like to make a pledge for this new year. You are missing out on the fellowship at each meeting! Thanks to the 13-17 members who keep us going!

LOOKING AHEAD: The **DISTRICT PRAYER BREAKFAST** held each year at The **LEE-JACKSON BANQUET ROOM** will be held **SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017. TICKETS ARE \$13.00. THEY GO ON SALE JAN. 16-FEB. 18.** Anne Perrault will purchase tickets for us. Tell Polly or Anne if you would like a ticket. It's always a fun time to have a table or two of our members. More in the Feb. Newsletter about the particulars of it.

We don't have any hostesses for our February meeting. If a couple of people would offer to have some simple refreshments, we would appreciate it. Our program will be given by Doris Duvall, our Spiritual Growth leader. This is our annual Call to Prayer program. Thanks to Donna Gallagher and Janie Shope for being our hostesses for our December meeting and Karen Willis for having the program. We had 21 who attended in December. 2016 Prayer Partners were revealed and new ones drawn. If you don't know who your partner was, look for the list in this newsletter. If you haven't drawn one yet, see Sue Robinson to get started on wishing your new prayer partner good wishes for the new year, remembering her in prayer, her birthday, her anniversary, and any special holidays during the year that you would want to show her you are thinking about her. Our Unit Prayer Partner for 2017 is Market Street UMW. We will send them a card at each meeting and think about what we can do to entertain them sometime during the year. We are also their Prayer Partner unit.

Please remember to cut the stamps off your mail. Leave ¼" around it. They can be turned in anytime to me and I will take them to any District event. Thanks to those who do this on a regular basis. I will find out more about the reason for this, as well as saving Box Tops for Education. The District no longer takes Campbell's labels.

We do not do fundraisers like the big UMM Apple Butter project, but we are glad to help them and reap the benefits of fellowship during the project! Oh, and we appreciate the monetary reward they share with us.

As I take over the reins of our organization, I ask your consideration and patience as I pass on the membership book to the new secretary, Sue Robinson. Diana and I are trying to get everything in order for a new year and new officers. Sue Robinson will inherit the newly revised roll book shortly and Diana will pass on the responsibilities of the presidency. What a great group to be associated with! Don't miss out on being a part of it!!

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president



BURNT FACTORY UMCW 2016 PRAYER PARTNERS



BFUMCW MEMBER

CHOSE

Baker, Jo Anne	Ann Shriver
Beck, Ruby	Jill Crowe
Bland, Angie	Karen Lynch
Burke,Debbie	April O'Leary
Croll, Penny	Rachel Hayton
Crowe, Jill	Debbie Moss
Dennis, Becky	Darlene Morrison
Duvall, Diann	Theresa Gilbert
Duvall, Doris	Sue Robinson
Duvall, Liz	Karen Swisher
Duvall, Norma	Diann Duvall
Duvall, Polly	Audrey Thomas
Eckert, Judi	Sue Swimley
Feight, Kathy	Donna Gallagher
Gallagher, Donna	Liz Duvall
Gerometta, Susie	Cynthia Ward
Gilbert, Theresa	Amy Shepley
Goode, Allie	Kristi Rodgers
Hanke, Harriett	Rhonda Snyder
Hayton, Rachel	Nancy Hulver
Hulver, Nancy	Anne Perrault
Kackley, Anne	Ruby Beck
Kerns, Beth	Judi Eckert
Knight, Debbie	Debbie Burke
Knight, Dolores	Margie Willis
Livingood, Betty	Beth Kerns
Ludtke, Martha	Donna Willis
Lynch, Karen	Deanna Simmers
Melester, Melanie	Susie Gerometta
Miiller, Cindy	Shelley Snider
Morrison, Darlene	Cindy Miiller

BFUMCW MEMBER

CHOSE

Moss, Debbie	Penny Croll
O'Leary, April	Janie Shope
Perrault, Anne	Doris Duvall
Perry, Pat	Harriett Hanke
Robinson, Sue	Polly Duvall /Pat Perry
Rodgers, Kristi	Becky Dennis
Shepley, Amy	Jo Anne Baker
Shope, Janie	Anne Kackley
Shriver, Helen	Dolores Knight
Simmers, Deanna	Kathy Feight
Smith, Diana	Betty Livingood
Snider, Shelley	Amye Murphy
Snyder, Rhonda	Martha Ludtke
Swimley, Sue	Debbie Knight
Swisher, Karen	Angela Bland
Thomas, Audrey	Allie Goode
Ward, Cynthia	Melanie Melester
Weir, Helen	Diana Smith
Willis, Donna	Norma Duvall
Willis, Margie	Helen Weir



From a branch on the Vine,

Recently, my wife, Debbie, and I took our daughter, Laura, to her new apartment in Lynchburg where she will be doing a Co-Op for Georgia-Pacific. She remains a student at Virginia Tech, but for the next year, she will be working on Process Control coding at the plant. Not sure if 19 is the right age for a young woman to move to an unfamiliar town, to an unseen apartment with an old trunk as living room furniture.



I hear you. "She'll be fine." "She's got a good head on her shoulders." "Don't worry." However, do you hear the words in my head? I left her to be on her own, but in my heart, I left her alone. She has a good support system at work, and she is just three hours away. My thoughts are she is out of my protection. I know she will survive and thrive; still, the help I can offer is less when, at this time of change, should be more.

Many of you have experienced this feeling of being inadequate to shield someone you love from the unknown. You are here and they are somewhere else. How are they doing? Are they lonely as well as alone? Is there more you can do to love them?

I do have a very good friend looking after my daughter. His presence reassures me she will be alright. She knows He is available for any emergency or just to talk. My guardian friend's name is Jesus. I have put my trust in Him to love my daughter. In return, He has given me peace.

This is the God who said through Moses to Joshua, "*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged*" (Deuteronomy 31:8); and the God who spoke to the prophet Isaiah, "*do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*" (Isaiah 41:10). These are words of our Lord to you and to me.

Jesus also makes His promise to each of us..." *surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"
(Matthew 28:20)

His presence is in every moment of every day. You, me, my daughter – none of us lives apart from the God that loved us back to Himself by dying on a cross. He is near us, strengthens us and comforts us. I can't say that I don't worry. I do worry less. I am a fragile human being who is learning to rely on God.

My God goes before and prepares the way. He walks with me and guides me on His righteous path. He loves me – doubts and all. I give my fears to Him for He is infinitely better at determining a future for me, my family and my world. Thanks be to God.

As we prepared to leave for home, Debbie and I stopped and prayed with Laura. That was our best display of love – plus a few tears.

In Christ, *Rob*

Debbie and I humbly thank you for the extravagant gift bestowed on us Christmas Eve. It is a blessing from God that He has led us to be partners with you in ministry. We hope 2017 is a period of time where you feel Jesus Christ with you always.

News From The Church Library

Oh, the Weather Outside is Frightful - but our Books are so Delightful!!

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is over, the decorations have been taken down, and kids are back in school. Winter – a time to relax a little bit, reflect on our spiritual walk with the Lord and renew ourselves for the upcoming year. Whether you are a child, teenager, young adult or senior, there are a variety of books for everyone. You can take your pick from the 650+ fiction, nonfiction, Bible Studies, Christian Living, Marriage and Family and Children's books as well as CDs and DVDs. Here are but a few suggestions.

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” (Emile Buchwald)

In the Children's Section:

- ✚ *David & Goliath* - Pamela Broughton – story of David and Goliath retold
- ✚ *The Crippled Lamb* - Max Lucado
- ✚ *Veggie Tales – Where's God When I'm Scared*
- ✚ *Owl Moon* – Jane Yolen
- ✚ *Night Tree* – Eve Bunting

Children's Chapter Books:

- ✚ *The Chronicles of Narnia* - C.S Lewis- entire set of books-1-7.
- ✚ *Animal Ark Series:* Ben Baglio - *Husky in a Hut, Kitten in the Cold, Puppies in the Pantry*

When it's cold outside – reading warms the heart....

Teen Books:

- *You Can't Sit with Us* - Nancy Rue - An honest look at bullying.
- *Anything but Normal – Secrets from the Summer* - Melody Carlson

Adult Fiction:

- ❖ *The Prayer Box* - Lisa Wingate- Lives are changed through 81 prayer boxes.
- ❖ *Allison's Journey* - Wanda Brunstetter – Can a girl who feels as neglected as her tattered doll find her way amid strangers?
- ❖ *An Amish Man of Ice Mountain* - Kelly Long – What could be in store for homeless Priscilla Allen and her daughter?
- ❖ *Deadly Pursuit* - Irene Hannon – Fast paced crime drama - a stalker with deadly intent.
- ❖ *Fame* - Karen Kingsbury – Sometimes living a dream costs everything.
- ❖ *Fifteen Minutes* - Karen Kingsbury – A tale of desire and faith set within the exciting world of reality TV.
- ❖ *Home to Holly Springs* – Jan Karon – A trip back home becomes a journey of the soul.

Christian Living:

- *Fearless* – by Max Lucado – Imagine your life without fear.
- *He Still Moves Stones* - Max Lucado – God can still move stones that you cannot budge.
- *God Loves You* - David Jeremiah – He always has and He always will.
- *Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life* - Charles Swindoll – Encouragement to grow in your Christian life.

Marriage and Family:

- *Making Love Last a Lifetime* – Adam Hamilton – Biblical perspective on love and marriage.
- *Tough Guys and Drama Queens* – Mark Gregston- How not to get blindsided by your child's teen years.

Bible Study:

- *Agents of Babylon* - David Jeremiah – What the prophecies of Daniel tell us about the end of days.
- *The Rapture* - David Jeremiah – The rapture and what we should do until Christ comes.
- *The Way* - Adam Hamilton – Retrace the steps of Jesus from baptism through the roads He traveled.
- *Revival* - Adam Hamilton – Faith as John Wesley lived it.
- *John* – the Gospel of Light & Life - Adam Hamilton – Lenten study exploring the major themes of John.

CD's and DVD's:

- ❖ *Bible on CD – King James Version* – Old Testament Volumes 1-56 (can be checked out individually)
New Testament Volumes 1-16 (can be checked out individually)
- ❖ *We Were Free* – DVD by International Justice Mission – Stories of modern day slaves.
- ❖ *Not for Sale* – DVD by International Justice Mission – Modern day abolitionists.
- ❖ *Rob Bell* – short DVD's by topics – ex. Rain, Kickball, Name

Doris Duvall



JANUARY 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church</p> <p>7:00pm-Men Living Faith small group at Steve Cunningham's</p>	2	3	<p>4 Pastor's Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm</p> <p>7:00pm-Trustees Meeting</p>	5	6	<p>7 9:00am-UMMen Prayer Breakfast at Ruritan</p> 
<p>8 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children Mini Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic 1:00pm-Singles Group Meets</p>	<p>9 6:00pm-RFL Captain's meeting at Calvary Baptist Church</p> <p>7:00pm-Nurture Meeting</p>	<p>10 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p> <p>7:00pm-Finance Meeting</p>	<p>11 Pastor's Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm</p> <p>1:30pm-BF Singers at Evergreen Nursing Home</p> <p>7:00pm-Church Council Meeting</p>	12	13	<p>14</p>  <p>5:00pm-9:00pm Parents Night Out for Faithseekers Class</p>
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<p>29 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Mini Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church</p>	<p>30 7:00pm-Burnt Factory Book Club</p>	<p>31 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p>	<p>Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather. Keith keeps an e-mail list in his computer for just such purposes. Your e-mail address is protected and e-mails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy. Kindly send your e-mail address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message: "ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST"</p>			

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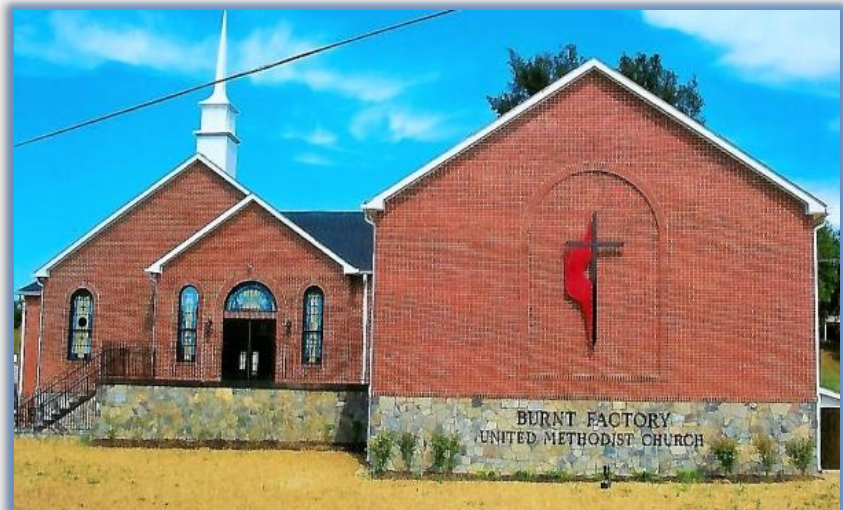
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