

SMOKE SIGNAL



MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER
BURNT FACTORY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STEPHENSON, VIRGINIA 22656
C. STEVEN MELESTER, PASTOR

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:~
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

*“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

From the archives of Pastor Steve's messages:



Friends, it doesn't seem possible that the beginning of Lent was Ash Wednesday of this past week. At the Melester house, we have just gotten around to finally packing up all the Christmas decorations! Easter will soon be upon us. It begins on Palm Sunday, April 9th.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the church season known as Lent. Lent is a time of preparation and reflection; it is a time of prayer and fasting; it is a time of pondering all that God, through His Son, our Savior Jesus, did for us. We prepare for the greatest truth the world has ever known; the truth of the Easter story & the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We prepare by going through a time of penitence and self-evaluation; but also a time of great gratitude for the love God has bestowed upon the world. As we prepare this Lenten season; let us reflect on, not only God's love for us, but also God's amazing grace!

I ask you to begin your Lenten journey by reflecting on the words of Michael Card:

HE WAS BORN TO DIE ---- so I could be born to new life!

HE SUFFERED TEMPTATION ---- so I can experience victory!

HE WAS BETRAYED ---- so I might know His faithfulness!

HE WAS ARRESTED AND BOUND ---- so I could be rescued from bondage!

HE STOOD TRIAL ALONE ---- so I might have an advocate!

HE WAS WOUNDED ---- so I could be healed!

HE ENDURED MOCKERY ---- so I could know dignity and joy!

HE WAS CONDEMNED ---- so the truth could set me free!

HE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS ---- so I might crown Him with praise!

HE WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS ---- so I might escape judgment!

HE WAS STRETCHED OUT BETWEEN TWO THIEVES ---- so I could know the reach of love!

HE SUFFERED THIRST ---- so I can drink living water!

HE SAID, IT IS FINISHED ---- so I could begin my walk of faith!

HE WAS GOD'S LAMB, SLAIN ---- so I could claim His sacrifice as my own!

HIS HEART WAS PIERCED ---- so mine could be made whole!

HE DIED AND WAS BURIED ---- so the grave could not hold me!

HE ROSE AGAIN ---- so I might experience eternal life!

HE IS KNOWN BY HIS SCARS ---- so I will take up my cross and follow Him!

Pastor Steve

PARENTS.....



**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP OVERLOOK SUMMER PROGRAMS
IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

Camps are available for grades 2nd through 12th, and many of our children and youth have already enjoyed meeting God on the Mountain. The Summer Camp information is available on the table in the Social Hall or see Rob Moss. Early registration and group discounts are available; as well as financial support from our church. Please contact Rob Moss for more information. Camp Overlook is a wonderful adventure.

www.campoverlook.org

If you are confident of your dates for summer camp, please proceed with registration to take advantage of the early discount. There is also a Family discount when two or more from the same family attend a Summer Camp. The deadline for financial support from your church is **April 30th**.

Register on-line (<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/summer-camps.html>) or see Rob Moss for the paper form.

Use the "UMC Subsidized" column for the camp fee. A deposit is required. If that is an issue, the church can pay the deposit; however, it may delay the registration until the funds arrive at Overlook.

Please let me know you have registered so I can have financial support from the church sent to Overlook. In the past, we have provided \$100 to each camper. If there is a need, we can and will do more. Money should not be a barrier to any child attending camp. Any remaining balance is due by the first day of camp.

*Joy and Peace,
Rob*



*Congratulations to...
David Darsie and Marcia Etu
who were united in marriage on
Saturday, February 18, 2017
at
Burnt Factory UMC*

*May
God
Bless
our
Marriage*



We held our first meeting of the year Thursday, February 16th in the Social Hall. Debbie Moss started us off with “sweet” refreshments with a Valentine theme. All eighteen of us enjoyed sharing time together. We welcomed Doris Harrison as a new member and also some who hadn’t attended for awhile.

We read our PURPOSE together, which keeps us grounded. We signed cards to our district prayer partner, Market Street UMW, Roger Feight, Aunt Bert Hughes, Jay Hanke, Helen Shriver, Debbie Burke, Ruby Beck, Linda Bodkin and Helen Weir.

A sign-up sheet was passed giving members an opportunity to be in charge of a program we have at each meeting and also a hostess or two.

We recapped the meeting several attended on February 2nd with Caitlin McHale telling about Project Esperanza. Caitlin is a local girl who started this project after seeing the need in the Dominican Republic as a college student. Our unit sponsors 16 children for \$100 each and we are encouraged to sponsor a child individually if we are led to do so. Please take the information on the table in the Social Hall. Janie Shope gave some interesting information from the RESPONSE magazine. There are several issues that have been placed in the library.

Sue Robinson read the minutes of the December meeting. They were approved. It was decided the minutes will be sent electronically to each member in place of reading them at each meeting. There will be a few copies available for any who want a hard copy.

Anne Perrault gave the treasurer’s report and the Abba Care bottle was passed. Members can donate at each meeting and the money will be given to the organization at the end of the year. See Anne about making a pledge if you have not done so. Thank you notes were received from Abba Care, Evans Home and Special Love for the end of year donations.

Doris Duvall gave each of us a list of the eleven Program Reading books that are available for checking out in our library. She and Diann also compiled a complete list of books on the Reading Program List under the different categories. Our unit can get credit for reading these books. There are 4 Reading Plans. Check out our library and choose a book or two. More information is on the UMW website.

The District Prayer Breakfast was held Saturday, March 4th at The Lee-Jackson. Nine of our members attended. It’s always a good breakfast, interesting speaker and good music. We took canned goods, plus other items for CCAP.

There will be a District Spring Event at Crums UMC Saturday, April 22nd from 9-12. The program will be on Radical Justice – “What Community Looks Like.” Several of us will be attending this event.

Chris Shepley will be a part of “Virginia Voices of Youth” this summer and our unit will give \$200 toward his expenses. Congratulations, Chris, for being chosen for this group!

We also heard about Trinity House. Several of us had met Robin Russell, a volunteer there. She came to the 2/4 BLT gathering at the church on February 14th. We will be learning more about this mission. Our officers got together that afternoon to plan, go over each of our responsibilities and share ideas for the poster to be on display at the Ministry Fair on the 19th in the Social Hall.

Thanks to the many who are cutting out the cancelled stamps (leaving ¼ “), and saving Box Tops for Education. I have lots to turn in at the Prayer Breakfast. Make it a habit to pray for your prayer partner. It would be thoughtful to remember them with cards and little surprises for special times. Please see Sue Robinson ASAP if you have not drawn yours.

At the close of our meeting Doris and Diann gave the Call to Prayer program. It was on The Power of Women in Prayer. We realized how many opportunities we have to pray for our church, our country, missions, UMW and individuals.

Our April meeting will be on the 20th with Penny Croll and Robin Russell telling us about Trinity House. Nancy Hulver will be our hostess. We look forward to building up our attendance, seeing some new faces as well as familiar ones who haven’t gotten there for a year or two.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, President

in **YOUTH** **Action** →



30 Youth gathered to eat tacos and play Hungry Hippos. How does each of us understand and live-out the scripture from Micah - Seek Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Our God? Thank you Brucetown UMC for providing our meal, and to Joy, Tammy and David for refereeing.



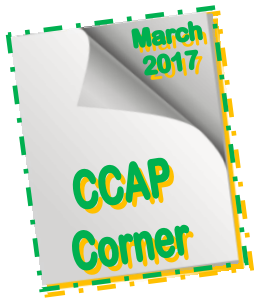
We survived the onslaught of Paintball. 29 Youth plus 5 adults met on the field to test our metal. Many will proudly be showing their wounds. A big thank you to Scott, Patrick, and David for engaging in the conflict (perhaps a little too zealously) and thanks to Tammy, who chronicled the event in pictures.

Upcoming Youth Events:

March 12th Regular Meeting Social Hall 4:30pm – 6:30pm
This is the last day to sign-up for the Youth Retreat

March 24/25th Youth Retreat 5:30pm – 8:00pm (Saturday)
Swank Building, Camp Overlook
\$20 per person; Bring money for dinner Friday night and Saturday night.
Last day to sign-up is March 12th.

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



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.

Our next CCAP collection will be for **Children's Easter Baskets** and will run **March 19th through April 2nd**. A sample basket will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Baskets should be appropriate for children ages infant through 12 years. Please package your

basket in plastic wrap and include such items as: **SIDEWALK CHALK, BUBBLES, JUMP ROPES, SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS, MATCHBOX CARS, PLAYDOH, BOOKS, COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, STORYBOOKS, BUG BUCKETS, APPROPRIATE SMALL TOYS AND SNACKS. PLEASE LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF CANDY.** The baskets will be given away at CCAP on Saturday, April 8th from 8:30am – noon.

CCAP quarterly meeting is Thursday, April 20th, 10 am, at Grace Lutheran, 26 W Boscawen St.

I attend this meeting and would love to have anyone join me who may be interested in learning more about CCAP. I can be reached at ricpat5@gmail.com or by cell at 664-6973. We are always looking for volunteers to help at CCAP. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours a week, I will be happy to share the contact information with you. Your continued prayers for the many clients of CCAP are always appreciated.

Blessings, Patty Leonard

Meet and Eat Nurture Group - Signups for next session

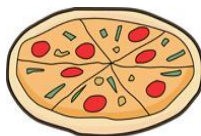
We're looking for more people to join our Nurture Meet and Eat!!!

New groups will be forming the end of March and will meet together once a month for 3 months (April, May and June). These gatherings can happen anywhere/anytime the group chooses. A meal is usually shared; and we definitely share stories and get to know others from our church in a small group atmosphere.

Sign-up March 12th through March 19th in the Fellowship Hall. If you are already a member of the "Meet and Eat," you will automatically be part of the next rotation and do not have to sign up again. For additional information/questions, please contact Patty Leonard: ricpat5@gmail.com or 540-664-6973.



Meet at a local restaurant



Order In



Potluck



Cook at home



From a branch on the Vine,

1500 years ago, the church, the universal (catholic) body of Christ, constructed a statement of the Christian faith, the Apostles' Creed. Legend says each of the Apostles wrote a line, however all of them had already received their reward in Heaven by the time the creed was formed. It was the early church Fathers of the 4th and 5th century who saw the need to have a simple proclamation of our faith for new converts and to ward off distortions of the gospel. Early on, the Apostles' Creed - the affirmation of the faith we profess each Sunday - was used as preparation before baptism on Easter Sunday. What is the value for us, today?

For me, it draws focus to the truth; frames the way I should live; and provides an answer to those who ask where my joy comes from. It begins with two simple words, *I believe* – not like I believe the Redskins will win the Super Bowl - hopeful wishes, but in these words are the absolute truth that time and culture cannot diminish. This is a cornerstone of truth I can stand on and grow from.

As a foundation, the statements of faith shape my actions in a world that is becoming more self-absorbed and less compassionate. I am to be a steward of this world because God created it. I am not to be judgmental because it is Jesus who will judge the quick (living) and the dead. I know the Holy Spirit is real and will guide me; and I share in a fellowship with all followers of Christ, living with me and living with Him. I need forgiveness and I need to forgive. I do not fear, for one day, I will be resurrected with an imperishable body to be with all the heavenly hosts in the presence of my Lord.

The Apostles' Creed is also a witness to what I am as a disciple of Christ. What sustains me? How can I remain hopeful? What do I believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty and in Jesus Christ, His only Son who was crucified and rose on the third Day. I believe in the Holy Spirit; Christ's body - the church; the bond with all the saints; forgiveness; and being raised to be with God forever.

Do you believe?

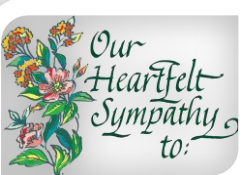
Do you voice these statements as an outward sign of your faith in Christ or is it recitation? Are these wishful words or are you confident these are the timeless truths?

To be certain, there is *infinitely* more to our relationship with the Triune God. The Apostles' Creed is a solid foundation. If you would like to explore further this affirmation of faith, beginning Monday, March 6th, a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's book, [CREED, WHAT CHRISTIAN'S BELIEVE AND WHY](#), will be offered in the Fellowship Hall. The six-session study will be Monday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Books are available in the Social Hall.

Lent is here – reflect on your relationship with God, seek repentance and transformation, and prepare your heart for the way of the Lord. He will come again.

And the life everlasting. Amen.

In Christ, *Rob*



The Family of Burnt Factory extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of loved ones who have gone on to the promise of the Resurrection.

The Family of Josh Huff in his passing.

Joe & Nancy Hulver and family in the passing of Joe's sister and brother, Shirley Pierce and Dolie Nicholson.

The peace of God surround you all!

KID MIN CONNECTION!

It's Not Luck, It's Jesus!

2 Corinthians 9: 8

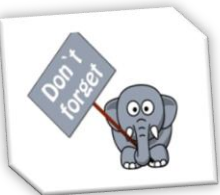
"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

We are truly blessed when we live a life that involves Jesus! As we wear our green to keep from getting pinched in good fun, let's remember to be full of Jesus so that we can be blessings to others!

Let Us Celebrate!



Ariella Cisneros celebrates her 1st birthday and we rejoice with Tara Flinchum and Charlie Woods!

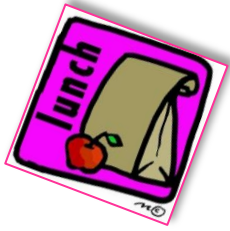


- * Sunday Mornings at 9:45 we meet in the sanctuary for a time of Praise and Worship for kids! We are having a great time learning songs and hearing about how much God loves us from the scripture John 3:16!
- * Every 5th Sunday will be "Mission Sunday" where we will spend time in class learning about mission and working on mission projects.



- * March brings us into the season of Lent. There will be information in the downstairs Narthex for families wishing to spend time in devotion for the season of Lent. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn the importance of family devotion time as we journey with Jesus leading to the cross and glorious resurrection. Ash Wednesday Service began our season of Lent on March 1. We had a service here at the church with the imposition of ashes. This is an amazing experience for elementary-aged children to be in worship with their church family.
- * We are gearing up for Camp Overlook. If you desire more information, please see Carrie or Rob!
- * VBS will be here at our church on June 25-29. SAVE THE DATE! If you would like to volunteer, please let me know!
- * We will also be offering a 3-Day Summer Camp here at the church! "Let's have "smore" God!"
- * Please mark these dates for great opportunities to be in mission and worship!





**NEW GROUP
HAS
FORMED!**



2/4 BLT (2nd/4th Bag Lunch Tuesday)

Are you looking for someone to share lunch and a little conversation? Then this is the group for you!

We meet the **2ND & 4TH TUESDAY FROM NOON-2 PM IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL.** Bring your lunch along with a project, a game or the gift of gab and enjoy some Christian Fellowship.

We will also be involved in a few mission projects as they are brought to our attention, such as bagging weekend meals for the children at Fremont Nursery or making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

So bring a friend! All are welcome!

Contact, Penny Croll ptcroll@hotmail.com



*On Sunday, February 19,
we welcomed the
following new members
into the Family of Burnt
Factory UMC:*

Josh & Sue Morimoto

and

Eric & Robin Russell

We also celebrated the baptism of

Emma Grace Phillips

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.



The BURNT FACTORY FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items:

CANNED MEAT
JUICE
CRACKERS
VEGETABLES
FRUIT
SOUP
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
BAKED BEANS
HAMBURGER HELPER



PLEASE no Corn or Green Beans!

Thank You, Karen Willis

The Laurel Center



Donna's Trunk

*Burnt Factory Family, YOU have done it again,
and again and again!!!!*

With the help of Penny Croll, I was able to deliver 2 car loads of supplies to The Laurel Center. The Staff were overwhelmed with gratitude.

Thank you ALL for your generosity. And a shout out to Chris & Charlie Shepley for their help in loading the vehicles.

Donna Gallagher, BF Representative



Penny's Trunk



POTATOES AND APPLE BUTTER AND MORE!!

We still have a good supply of apple butter for sale.
If you need any,
you can grab a quart, \$10, and just write your name on the list by the apple butter display
and then give your money to myself, Ed Cooper or Keith Roberts.

We hope to be able to plant our potatoes for our Society of St Andrew potato project on **St Patrick's Day**
and will be keeping a close eye on the weather to see if that date will be doable.
Keep an eye out for an email that will solidify that date.

MARCH 1ST IS THE FIRST DAY OF LENT.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, help us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR MONTHLY UMMEN MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 8:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

I would like to offer an invitation to every male who attends Burnt Factory UMC. Our goal is to be a place where Men's Ministry abounds and I would love to have input from everyone on ideas that can make that happen.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF GOING ON AN EMMAUS WALK?

The Walk to Emmaus offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Emmaus provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports pilgrims' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world. *Excerpt from The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, by Stephen D. Bryant.*

This spring's Walk to Emmaus weekends are:

MEN'S WALK ~ LV83 ~ MAY 4-7, 2017
WOMEN'S WALK ~ LV84 ~ MAY 18-21, 2017
(LV IS FOR THE LOUDOUN VALLEY
EMMAUS GROUP ~ THEIR 83RD & 84TH WALKS)



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

Steve Cunningham, President, Burnt Factory UMMen



Faith and Health Corner

March 2017

Brain Injury

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

~ Matthew 22:37 NIV

Your brain is one of the most important organs in your body since it coordinates all of the body's functions and thought processes. Without it you couldn't walk to the store, read your grocery list, count out your change, or hide the chocolate when you get home from the store. It controls involuntary actions such as the beating of your heart and voluntary actions like dialing a phone. A traumatic brain injury (TBI) can happen to anyone and create many challenges for families living with TBI.

Those at highest risk are children 0 - 4 years old, 15 - 19 year olds, and military personnel. Although many injuries come from risk-taking activities such as sky diving or race car driving, many stem from normal actions of work and play like driving a car, playing a sport, or falling at home. Long term effects of TBI include problems with memory, managing emotions, and risk of brain disorders in later years.

Decreasing the chance of an injury is easy with some basic safety practices. Wear seat belts to cut down on head injuries in the event of an accident. Have your children wear helmets when they ride bikes or rollerblades. Remove the clutter or throw rugs in the homes of your parents and older adults to prevent falls. A simple fall or blow to the head in any of these situations can cause severe complications requiring months or even years of rehabilitation with no guarantee of recovery.

If an injury does occur, watch the victim for signs of blurred vision, confusion, a severe headache, or repetition of questions or statements after the fall. Contact a doctor or visit the emergency room to determine the severity of the injury. Additional serious signs of a TBI might include violent vomiting, seizures or even loss of consciousness. As with other conditions, a timely visit to the emergency room is essential for long term health.

(Source: Brain Injury Association of America www.biausa.org/)

*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 UMC Relay for Life Team "The Believers"

SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET AUCTION:

April 8th - Stonewall Ruritan Building
Dinner @ 5:00pm Auction @ 6:30pm
Adults \$8 Children 12 and under \$3
Tickets go on sale March 5th. See Melanie Melester to get your tickets. (melmel135@comcast.net or text at 533-4285.)

Please consider donating a basket for the auction. Basket labels **MUST** be turned in by Wednesday April 5th in order to make the auction list. The basket itself can be turned in on Sunday April 2nd so Keith can transport it to the auction OR you can turn in your basket by NOON on April 8th at the Ruritan building. Basket labels/ideas can be found on the Relay for Life table in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Keith Roberts with any questions. (john.k.roberts@comcast.net)

(SEE SAMPLE LABEL AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE)

NEW THIS YEAR: We are going to have a silent auction geared toward children. We are accepting donations of toys/books (new or like new) or anything a child/young adult would enjoy. Donations can be left in the Fellowship Hall under the Relay for Life table. Please include the value of the item. See Lucinda Lentz (eaglemom53@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those willing to share their talent by making homemade dessert for the spaghetti dinner. Please drop your desserts off Friday after 5:00pm at the Ruritan building or no later than noon on Saturday. See Jo Anne Baker (jabaker43@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: – May 9th – Shenandoah Valley Golf Club – 9:00am Shotgun Start – Four person Captain’s Choice Format. \$50 per person/\$200 per Team – includes lunch, close to pin, straight drive and prizes. See Rob Moss (ram288@comcast.net) or Joe Hulver (joehulver@gmail.com) for registration forms. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT: – June 16th – 5:00pm through June 17th 6:00am – James Wood High School – Luminary Bags are located on the Relay for Life table in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per bag (money bag is located on the table). Please consider honoring or memorializing someone who has/had cancer by placing their name on the bag. Candles will be placed in the bags and they will be lit and placed around the track around 9:00pm on 6/16. If you only have one hour to spare on the 16th, make it 9:00pm-10:00pm to see the Luminary Ceremony. That hour will be one you will

never forget. Registration forms are on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in being on our relay “The Believers” team. Leave the form on the table and we will get you registered.

NEW THIS YEAR: “The Believers” team will be forming a decorating committee for our campsite. If arts and crafts/decorating is your gift, please see Brenda Drumheller to volunteer your talent. The theme of this year’s event is “Decades.” A meeting for the decorating committee will be planned in mid-March. Watch your email and church bulletin for the date.

Together, we **WILL** make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Brenda Drumheller
Susan Williams
Co-Chairmen

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET AUCTION

Thank you for considering donating a gift basket for the auction. Remember all proceeds from the auction will go to Relay for Life.

SAMPLE LABEL BELOW: Labels will be on the Relay for Life table in the Fellowship Hall.

Fill it in and turn the label in to Keith Roberts by Wednesday, April 5th. Basket labels need to be turned in in order to make the auction list. Prepare your basket and **turn your basket** in (with basket name attached) either on Sunday April 2nd or have it to the Ruritan building **by NOON APRIL 8th!!!**

LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ME TO PICK UP YOUR BASKET! ~ KEITH 303-7292



THEME OF BASKET



Contents: _____

SAMPLE

Approx. Value: _____ DONATED BY _____

FAITH SEEKERS CLASS

As we've started our recent study on discipleship, the importance of relationships has come into focus. One theme from the book that has stood out is that God can and does use every situation and every relational interaction to disciple us. Regardless of the relationship, whether with friends, coworkers, complete strangers, family, even our children, God uses that interaction, that moment, to make us more like Christ.

It's often said that out of the mouths of babes comes wisdom. While that phrase is not literally found in Scripture, this half-truth highlights what many a parent has realized. Kids have a remarkable way of stating biblical truth. I witnessed this recently with something Zoey did. In our kitchen is a small chalkboard with the phrase, "I love you because..." In the only time she has written on the board, she added "because you love me too." When I read it, I couldn't help but think of 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us."

Zoey had unknowingly pointed to a greater truth in that simple statement. She loves us because we first loved her, just as we love others as God showed us how to love. God truly does use relationships and situations, even those we may not expect, to draw us closer to Him. I would challenge you as you go through each day to look for situations and relationships where God may disciple you. He may surprise you.

Thank you, Jason Corron, Class Representative



- 1st Chubby Weir
Donna Bonjo
- 3rd Melanie Melester
- 4th Greg Bigler
Nathan Hardee
Isaiah White
- 6th Logan Clemons
Nicholas Wagoner
- 7th Charlene "Charly" Winter
Gary Dixon
- 9th Johnny Morrison
- 10th Joy Melvin
- 15th Ben Perrault
Katie Moss
Ed Simmers
- 16th Boo Snider
- 20th Rennie Earhart
Tyler Beaver
Millie Hood
- 24th Casey Heinlein
- 25th Beth Beaver
- 27th Carter Gerometta
- 28th Joe Hulver
- 31st Jordan Clemons
Cynthia Ward



- 14th Ray & Frances Taylor
- 17th Chubby & Helen Weir
- 25th Ed & Deanna Simmers

**Keith Roberts needs your email address
for the following reasons....**

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"

Thank You!



March 2017 Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  7:00pm-ASH Wednesday Service	2 7:00pm-Outreach Committee Meeting	3 Printing March Newsletter	4 9:00am - UMW District Prayer Breakfast at Lee Jackson 
5 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Childrens Mini Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	6 7:00pm-Lenten Study	7 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	8 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Lenten Study 7:00pm-Church Council	9	10	11
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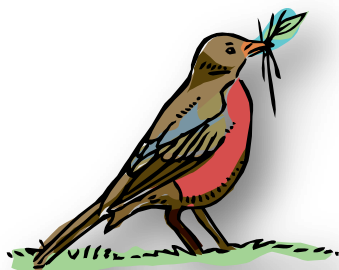
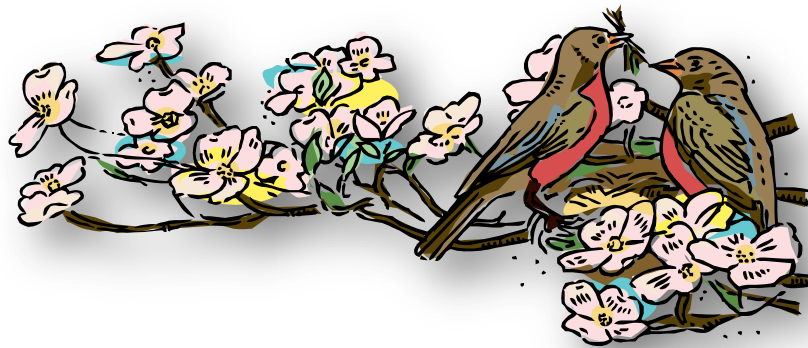
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