



# Smoke Signal

April, 2017 Church Newsletter

Burnt Factory  
United Methodist Church  
Stephenson, Virginia 22656  
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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

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I am a big Max Lucado fan. Max is the pastor of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas and is a talented and prolific author of many Christian books. His writing style speaks to me and I have quoted him often. In his new book, entitled "Glory Days" he speaks of the enemy of Christianity. Here is an offering from the book. I think it speaks to our challenges in the church and in our beloved country,

*"The idea of an actual devil strikes many people as odd and outdated. The popular trend of our day is to blame problems on genetics, governments, and environments. Yet the Bible presents a real and present foe of our faith. His name is Satan. Some call him the devil. Others call him Beelzebub, Belial, the obstructor, the tempter, the evil one, the accuser, the prince of demons, the ruler of this world, or the prince of the power of the air. Whatever name you choose, he is the enemy, and he is real."*

It is believed, based upon Isaiah 14: 12-17 and several other Biblical references, that Satan is a fallen angel. That Satan wanted to be God and because of this great sin was cast out of heaven. Without getting into a long dissertation, I want to suggest to you that whatever the reason that Satan exists, whatever the reason that evil exists --- Satan and evil are real and they are the enemy we face. 1 Peter tells us, *"The devil, your enemy, goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat."* John 10:10 says there are three things that Satan loves to do: *"To steal, and to kill, and to destroy."*

*"Our fight (The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12-16) is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. That is why you need to put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will be standing! So stand strong with the belt of truth tied around your waist and the protection of right living on your chest. On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One."* Eph. 6:12-16 NCV

Friends, no matter what evil is lurking around the corner, no matter what spirit of disunity is causing chaos, no matter what liar is causing dissention, no matter what accuser is creating judgment, no matter what tempter is making bad things look good, no matter what this king of all liars is trying to accomplish --- Satan has already been defeated! Praise be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! On the cross of Calvary, the devil was "kicked to the curb" and through the power and promise of the resurrection, Satan, that old devil, has been totally defeated and one day will be utterly destroyed. The glory of Easter means many things but let us never forget --- it means evil will not win! Death will not win! Sin will not win! We have victory and that victory is through our Lord Jesus Christ!!!!

I pray this season of Lent has been a meaningful journey for each and every one of you and I hope that this upcoming Holy Week will stimulate renewed discipleship. I pray and hope that this Easter will be the very best for you and your loved ones and that you can embrace the truth and the promise and the power of the resurrection!!! Let me close with this mantra from Rev. Lucado's book: *"These days are glory days. My past is past, my future is bright, God's promises are true and His Word is sure. With God as my helper, I will be all he wants me to be, do all he wants me to do, and receive all he wants me to receive. These days are Glory Days!"*

*Pastor Steve*

# Holy Week Events

Holy week is the most important week in all of Christianity! It is a time of great introspection, penitence, confession, and celebration! It is a time when Christians need to take stock of their faith and their discipleship! It is a time when we have an extra opportunity through the many worship services made available to discover the truth of God's love, the reality of the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power manifested through the Holy Spirit. I hope and pray that you will take advantage of this special week and the opportunities BFUMC are offering to renew your faith, strengthen your faith, discover your faith, or to practice your faith!



**APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

We will celebrate the entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem and we will celebrate the goodness of God and that his loves endures forever! We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our texts for the day will be Matthew 21: 1-11 and Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29.

## Palm Sunday Evening @ 7:00

Our Chancel Choir will also be performing this evening, the beautiful Easter Cantata "Come Touch the Robe." What a great way to start Holy Week!



**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service @ 7:00 pm**

We will remember and celebrate the New Commandment of Jesus Christ to his followers. We will come to the table of the Lord, in this special service of word and table, to partake of the spiritual nourishment of our Lord Jesus Christ. The meditation will be on John 13: 1-20 and entitled, "Why Would Jesus Wash the Feet of Judas?"



**APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Services @ 3:00 and 7:00**

We will be offering a service of confession and healing as we gather to remember the great love God lavished and continues to lavish upon his children in that he loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. Our text will be John 19: 16-30 and our meditation will be entitled: "So This Is What the Soldiers Did?"



**APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**



We will begin the greatest day in Christianity with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 am. We will gather on top of the hill across from the crosses and begin Resurrection Day with the rising of the sun and the rising of the SON!



There will be a light continental breakfast served at 7:00 am.



We will offer our regular Sunday morning services at 8:30 & 11:00!



We will also enjoy, during our Sunday school hour, our traditional children's Easter Egg hunt down at the recreation shelter!

"Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!"

**\*Nursery will be provided for all services except the 3:00 Good Friday Service & the Sunrise Service of Easter morning.**

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!



## JOIN THE PRAYER COMMUNITY FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This prayer movement is a response to the Council of Bishops initiative called **Praying Our Way Forward**. We are called to a posture of prayer, praying for God's leadership to guide us effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church. We invite you – clergy and laity of the Winchester District to pray for God's guidance. **In prayer, we can be one in Christ.**

Over the last six months, during phase 1 of this program, our bishops have been praying daily for the work of the Commission on the Way Forward. On January 1, 2017, with the help of The Upper Room, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and United Methodist Communications, this prayer movement began to grow and move across the whole church as each annual and central conference was designated a week to pray for this important movement.

**The Virginia Conference was given April 2 – 8, 2017.**

### FOLLOWING IS OUR WINCHESTER DISTRICT PLAN OF PRAYER:

- **SUNDAY, APRIL 2** – Each local church will include a time for explanation and a prayer using a common prayer in all the churches of the Winchester District during their worship service/s. Each church will provide a copy of the prayer schedule for those attending, inviting persons to gather with others throughout the week for a time of prayer.

### THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE LOCATIONS OF TIMES OF PRAYER SERVICES BEING HELD IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT EACH EVENING, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

- **MONDAY, APRIL 3:** Crums UMC, 7pm (Host and leader: Rev. Tom Barnard)
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 4:** Brucetown UMC, 7pm (Host and leader: Rev. Yun Kim)
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:** Riverton UMC, 7pm (Host and leader: Rev. Marc Roberson)
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 6:** Evergreen UMC, 7pm (Host and leader: Rev. Chip Geissler)
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 7:** Rectortown UMC, 7pm (Host and leader: Rev. Steve Weedling)
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 8:** Braddock Street UMC, 10am (Host and leader: Rev. Adam Sowder)

The prayer services will last about an hour and you are invited to attend one or as many of the events as you desire. It is my hope that the whole week will be a prayerful time as together we ask God to provide a way forward together as the United Methodist Church; united as one in Christ.

**Blessings to all, Larry Thompson, Winchester District Superintendent**

Addendum: for more information about this prayer movement, visit: [www.umcprays.org](http://www.umcprays.org)

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## *FAITH SEEKERS CLASS*

### If vs. When

Anyone with children will tell you kids are skilled negotiators. They are masters of using the word 'if.' It doesn't matter what you're discussing; chores, what's for dinner, bedtime. You know what words kids won't use when negotiating? When. It implies certainty. If allows an out. This is the difference between how we think and God speaks.

In Luke, we are confronted with two men of very similar circumstances. Both are guilty of crimes and sentenced to die on a cross. When they meet Jesus however, they have strikingly different reactions. The first wants to keep his independence, even unto the end. He makes his acceptance conditional, saying "... If thou be Christ, save thyself and us" (Luke 23:39). In contrast, the second criminal was at the end of himself. No negotiation, no false pretenses, just a simple prayer, pleading "... Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

We often say, when talking about gas prices, interest rates, or bad luck, that it's not a matter of if, but when. But what if (and I realize I just said if), we apply the same logic to our daily walk? Not if I help the poor, but when. Not if I share my testimony, but when. What a change we would see in ourselves and in the world. Are you ready to say to your heart, it's not a matter of if, but when?

*Jason Corron, Class Representative*

## Church,

As BFUMC continues to grow, it is vital that we are persistent and intentional with our United Methodist structure of mission & ministry. This structure is presented for us in the United Methodist Book of Discipline and this structure is identified as the missions & ministries of --- Nurture, Outreach and Witness. Having said this, we find at BFUMC, that we are in need of several positions of leadership.

### *Is God Calling You?*

- An opening exists for the Chairperson or Chairpersons for the Nurture Team. This position provides for overall leadership of ministries that provide for the care of the congregation. These ministries are, but not limited to: education, worship, spiritual formation, membership care & small groups. Attention and care must be given to the needs of individuals and families. Since spiritual formation, education, and worship are already sub groups that have leadership ---congregational care is the primary focus of this team. Many ministries and missions under this structure overlap and there has always been unity and mutual cooperation between the three areas. This position would need to provide leadership for our annual events such as: The church picnic, fall festival, new members recognitions, small group ministries, and several other events. The Nurture Team is already established with strong and dedicated members and the role of chairperson would not need to re-event the wheel. After prayer and discernment as to whether God is calling you to this opportunity to serve ---please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Steve, Rob Moss, or Danette and Tim Heinlein for more information.
- For the past several years, our Outreach Mission and Ministry Teams have served as our witness to the community. Where this is a wonderful example, it does not fulfill the Discipline requirement. The Witness Team shall develop and strengthen evangelistic efforts by sharing personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith & service. Witness covers the many ways we use communications as well and also covers our Lay Servant Ministries. It is the desire of BFUMC to begin a Witness Team, in earnest, and to find a chairperson or persons who will work initially with the pastor and staff to develop this team. If, after prayer and discernment, God is calling you to be a part of this team and to perhaps, lead it, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Steve or any of the staff.

*God Bless  
Pastor Steve*



# Spaghetti Dinner



# Theme Basket Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> at the STONEWALL RURITAN BUILDING  
(located at the Frederick County Fairgrounds)

DOORS WILL OPEN at 4:45pm DINNER WILL BE SERVED STARTING at 5:00pm

BASKET AUCTION WILL FOLLOW AROUND 6:30pm

If you would like to reserve your tickets now,  
email Melanie Melester at [melmel135@comcast.net](mailto:melmel135@comcast.net) and let  
her know how many tickets you will need. She will also sell tickets at church.

*Don't miss the fun!!*

Tickets are \$8.00 13 and up \$3.00 12 and under.

We are also in need of pies and cakes for the dinner. All sign-ups can be found in the Social Hall.

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## THEME BASKET INFORMATION

Thank you for considering donating a gift basket for the auction. Remember all proceeds from the auction will go to Relay for Life. **Labels, like the one following, will be on the table in the Social Hall.**

**Fill it out and turn the label into Keith Roberts by Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Basket labels need to be turned in in order to make the auction list.**

Prepare your basket and **turn your basket** with basket name attached either on

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** or have it at the Ruritan building **by NOON, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> !!!**

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

	<b><u>THEME OF BASKET</u></b>	
Contents: _____		
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_____		
Approx. Value: _____ DONATED BY: _____		

THEME BASKET IDEAS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.....



# THEME BASKET IDEAS

A few of you have asked me for ideas for baskets for the Spaghetti Dinner/Theme Basket Auction on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Below are a few ideas for you to consider. Remember to fill out your basket form with your basket information as soon as you know what kind of basket you are donating.

**A Good Book and Dessert Basket** – A hardcover book from a bestseller list or romance novels and delicious cookies, candy, etc.

**Out & About Gift Basket** – Fill a collapsible shopping cart or bag, small umbrella, poncho in a pouch, attractive key holder, memo pad & pen or a small digital recorder for shopping lists & reminders.

**Food Lover's Basket** – Nice painted pasta bowl as your gift basket, fill it with specialty pasta fixings, a few tools to make meal prep easier, like a cutting board, an ergonomic can opener, silicone jar openers, salt & pepper mills.

**Relaxation Basket** – Bubble bath or bath gel in a calming scent like lavender, a couple of beautiful hand towels, scented eye pillow, a CD or tape of relaxing music, box of chamomile tea, pretty tea cup or mug.

**Person Who Has Everything Basket** – consumables such as cookies, chocolate, coffee, tea, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, magazine subscriptions, spa services.

**Angel Themed Basket** – “Angel in your Life” – filled with books, piece of jewelry, figurines, etc.

**Reader's Gift Basket** – Use a wicker magazine holder as basket, include book light, a magnifier (if appropriate), some hot chocolate or coffee fixings, a mug, new bestseller book, slipper socks.

**The Cookie Baker's Basket** – Seasonal cookie cutters, cookie recipe handwritten on a recipe card or printed on nice paper, rolled up and tied with a ribbon. Choose a basket, mixing bowl, cookie jar or large tin for container, stuff with color coordinated kitchen towels, add cookie decorations.

## **HERE ARE SOME OTHER TITLES OF BASKETS THAT MAY GIVE YOU IDEAS:**

Cat Got your Tongue Basket  
Dog Eat Dog World Basket  
Surf's Up Beach Basket  
Sunny Days Snacks Basket  
Sundae Night Special Ice Cream Basket  
Lights, Camera, Action Movie Night Basket  
Picnic Time Picnic Basket  
Green Thumb Gardening Basket  
I Dig Gardening Basket  
Fun In The Sun Beach Basket  
Hook, Line & Sinker Fishing Basket  
Chocolate Gift Basket



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## Faith and Health Corner

April 2017

### Celebrate the Gift of Your Body

Happy Easter to all! Easter is a wonderful time to celebrate new life! In the busyness of life we tend to forget about the marvels of the life around us. Our bodies are one of these marvels. Psalm 39 reminds us that God has knit us together in our mother's womb. What an awesome event! How often we forget what a miracle of life we are.

Think about the miracles of breathing oxygen every minute of every day, your blood racing through the blood vessels going exactly where your body needs it to go. From the top of your head to the tips of your toes, your body is truly full of miracles. You sit. You walk. You run. You see. You hear. You touch. You smell. You taste. All - miracles!

A very wise, very dear friend once told me that before my feet hit the floor each morning, I need to tell myself that "I am God's masterpiece" and to thank Him for creating me. Is this not true for all of us, each miraculously created in his own image. Take a few moments today to thank your loving Creator for designing you. A fragile, beautiful work of art.

*"Beloved, I pray that in all aspects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers."*

3 John 1: 2

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

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at [tgilbert@afpdocs.com](mailto:tgilbert@afpdocs.com) or [theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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### *Have you given Keith Roberts your e-mail address, yet?*

Do we have...

**your@e-mail.address?**

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](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net) with the message:

**"ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST"**

Thanks



# United Methodist Women

Our second meeting of the year will be held Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of our members there as we hear about "Trinity House." This information will be shared by Penny Croll and Robin Russell. Nancy Hulver will be our hostess.

Before we meet on the 20<sup>th</sup>, I want to let you know about a District Spring Event to be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crums UMC 9:00 – 12 noon. The program will focus on Radical Justice "What Community Looks Like." These events are always informative and interesting! Those ladies planning this program would like to know approximately how many from each unit plan to attend. It helps with planning space, refreshments, etc. I think there will be four that I know of who will be attending. Let me know if you can take the time out of your Saturday to be with your BF friends and others who are faithful in attending the District events.

March has been a busy month. According to the calendar, April will also be filled with lots of opportunities for service and fulfillment! If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, this is the one to get started back! New faces welcome!!

*Blessings, Polly Duwall, president*

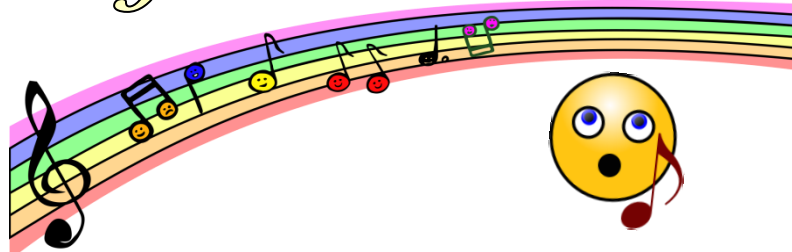
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## Singin' Sundae Social



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Sunday, June 4th, 6:30pm



Do you have a talent you would like to share?

*Singing?*

*Playing an Instrument?*

*Dancing?*

*Acting?*

Well, Folks, here's your chance to shine!

Contact Diana Smith or Cindy Miiller for your spot in the show!

*Refreshments follow (which includes "sundae's" with your favorite topping!!!)*

*Freewill donations benefit Relay for Life!*





## *From a branch on the Vine,*

What do you do? I don't mean as in, "What do you do with a dead skunk in your yard? Properly dispose of it? Give it as a special gift to your neighbor? Ignore it and hope the buzzards are desensitized." I mean: what do you do with Jesus? That's Lent in a nutshell – a time to do some soul-searching about your relationship with the Son of God.

The disciple Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared to the other disciples behind the locked doors of the upper room. The second time he was there, and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." – **John 20:29**



Jesus is talking about us; yet have you not seen the transformation of those who encounter Jesus like the branch that bends to the wind? Have you not witnessed the presence of God in the world? Are you not different after meeting the risen Christ? On the road to Emmaus, the grieving disciples acknowledged, "Were not our hearts burning within us" when they met Jesus.

On Easter morning, we proclaim victory because Jesus came to us, died in our place, and atoned to the Father for the sins of His children. In praise, we say He is alive. He who prompted Thomas to cry out and the disciples to realize who broke bread with them is still at work in the world and in His children. It is still an offer of hope born of love. What do you do?

Everyone has doubts. Everyone can be blind to the Savior that is right before them. For those who declare My Lord and My God, they are changed – not to perfection, but they are kinder, gentler, more forgiving, less critical, mindful of those that struggle. There is more love in them and more love they live out. Is that you? In each moment you have the choice to be like Christ to others and to yourself. You can have hope, love, peace and purpose. Please don't confuse these promised gifts with a life without difficulty. It **is** a promise that you will overcome the difficulties our broken world brings.

I have my doubts – about my effectiveness as a Youth Director; about the jobs I do at church; about my purpose at this moment in time. This Lent is also my time to soul-search. Am I doing what God is asking? Am I still intentionally seeking God and the works of His Kingdom? I wish I could say it is always well with my soul (it isn't). I **can** say I am changed because of Jesus Christ, and He is still doing a great work of my life.

I marvel at the faith of others, as if their life is one long blessing. How can they radiate joy? Don't they have trouble somewhere in their life? I know they do, but, in their struggle, they cry out, My Lord and My God. In their burdens, they see Jesus revealed. I want that in my life. This Lent, that is what I am going to do with Jesus. I will reclaim Him as My Lord and My God, and I will look for Him in each moment where He will reveal Himself. This season, I am remembering what it feels like to be in awe of God who has already decided what to do with me – forgive me, love me, bring me home.

In Christ, *Rob*



**SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET AUCTION – April 8<sup>th</sup> - Stonewall Ruritan Building  
(Frederick County Fairgrounds) Dinner @5:00 Auction @6:30**

**Adults \$8 Children 12 and under \$3**

See Melanie Melester to get your tickets ([melmel135@comcast.net](mailto:melmel135@comcast.net) or text at 540-533-4285).

Please consider donating a basket for the auction. Basket labels MUST be turned in by Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> in order to make the auction list. The basket itself can be turned in on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> so Keith can transport it to the auction OR you can turn in your basket by NOON on April 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net))

**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 beside the Relay for Life table. Please include the value of the item. See Lucinda Lentz ([eaglemom53@gmail.com](mailto: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@veriaon.net](mailto:jabaker43@veriaon.net)) if you have any questions.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT – May 9<sup>th</sup> – Shenandoah Valley Golf Club - 9:00 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](mailto:ram288@comcast.net)) or Joe Hulver ([joehulver@gmail.com](mailto:joehulver@gmail.com)) for registration forms. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

**RELAY FOR LIFE – June 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm through June 17<sup>th</sup> 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/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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 INFORMATION**

Instead of a “Miss Relay” contest this year there will be a Fashion Show on the day of the event. The Believers will be modeling clothing from the 1960's decade.

**NEEDED:** If anyone has authentic clothing from the 1960's, please contact Brenda Drumheller (540-533-0634 or email [wngirls@gmail.com](mailto:wngirls@gmail.com)). Once the clothing has been picked out, we will be looking for models to represent our team in the Fashion Show on the day of the RFL event (6/16).

**NEEDED:** In keeping with the theme, “The Believers” will be decorating our camp to reflect the 1960's. Be thinking – flower power, peace symbols, tie dye, smiley faces, etc. Please contact Brenda Drumheller (contact information above) if you have any decorations we can borrow. There will be a **DECORATING MEETING ON APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM IN THE LOWER COTTAGE**. All who enjoy arts and crafts are welcome to join us. Our “pad” is bound to be OUTTA SIGHT, COOL, FAB, and HIP.

We are stoked to be fighting cancer with you.

Brenda Drumheller  
Susan Williams  
Co-Chairmen



# KID MIN CONNECTION

Easter time is here!!! As you eat your jelly beans this year, take a moment and read this Gospel Story with Jelly Beans and SHARE! With your kids!!!

## The Jelly Bean Gospel

**Purple**-----Reminds us of the robe the soldiers made Jesus wear. John 19:5

**Red**-----Reminds us of the blood Jesus shed. Mark 14:24

**Black**-----Reminds us of the dark tomb Jesus was in for 3 days. Matthew 27: 58-60

**Pink**-----Reminds us of all the people crying when Jesus was dead. John 20: 13

**Orange**-----Reminds us of the sunrise on Easter morning when Jesus rose to life. Matthew 28: 1

**White**-----Reminds us of the angels that rolled away the stone. Matthew 28: 2-4

**Green**-----Reminds us of the garden where Mary first saw Jesus. John 20: 14-17

**Yellow**-----Reminds us of eternal life where we can live forever if we ask Jesus to be our savior. John 3:16

We had a great March but we are ready to roll into April!

April Birthdays: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lydia Keefauver and Ethan Britton 4<sup>th</sup>, Sam Roan 6<sup>th</sup>, Eva Reed 8<sup>th</sup>, Olivia Phillips 9<sup>th</sup>, Teddy Rudolph, Lily Nail and Pastor Steve 12<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson Fairbanks 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Layla Rodgers 28<sup>th</sup>.

This month has five Sundays so on April 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a mission Sunday! The kiddos will be making specialty cards this month.

I want to wish everyone a beautiful and blessed Easter.

Peace and Blessings,  
Carrie Fair  
Director of Children's Ministries

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

We are getting "geared up" for VBS!



Vacation Bible School!

June 25-29

Burnt Factory UMC

6:30-8pm

See Carrie Fair for more information,  
registration and to volunteer!

We love to see our youth come out to be  
crew leaders!

Come and have a "blast" at VBS!  
Bring a friend!

VBS Co-Director is Kalyn Corron!



## EASTER EGG HUNT!

Easter Morning at the Church Shelter over the hill!  
Children ages 5 and under will take place 9:30 am -  
10am with a start time of 9:45, so please try to arrive  
around 9:30!

Ages 6 and up will take place at 10:15 am.

In the Children's wing, there will be crafts available  
for all children to enjoy after the egg hunts.

The egg hunt is available to all children on Easter  
Sunday. We kindly ask that parents remain with their  
children during the egg hunt and chaperone them  
back to the church to be later signed into the  
nursery to staff for crafts and snacks.

There will be no Sunday school for Children!  
\*in case of bad weather, the nursery-pre-k room will  
conduct an egg hunt in their rooms. Additional  
crafts and coloring sheets will be available for older  
children.







What can we learn from each other? 24 Youth came out March 12<sup>th</sup> to enjoy spaghetti (thank you Jennifer and Janine) and to share what older generations should know about the challenges teenagers are facing. The Youth were also open to learning a thing or two from their elders (maybe).



Our Youth Retreat was March 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Overlook. Our group helped with some demolition work at the Camp and clearing up the limbs that had fallen over the winter. Using the story of the paralytic man whose friends lowered him through the roof to Jesus, we discussed where we find ourselves in the story. When we de-humanize people, we judge, we criticize, we lose compassion. Jesus always found the common bond of humanity where we can forgive, be merciful and offer grace. Thanks Tammy and David for being great chaperones, and thanks to the Divine Nine who did the hard work in mission and in unity.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction 5:00pm  
Stonewall Ruritan Building
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> An Opportunity for the Youth to help in the missions of our church  
Youth Regular Meeting 4:30pm – 6:30pm  
Stay for the Easter Cantata (7:00pm)
- Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Celebrate the Resurrection (6:30am/ 8:30am/ 11:00am)
- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Fun activity TBD
- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 50's Drive-in 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
We will be serving 4:00pm to 7:00pm, and if the weather will allow, we will serve both inside and out. There are TWO shifts (be on-time):  
3:30pm – 5:30pm – Be there for set-up; take orders and serve food and drink; collect trash and prepare for the next patron.  
5:30pm – 7:30pm – Serve food and drink; collect trash and stay until the Ruritan is cleaned up.
- Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Youth Regular Meeting 4:30pm– 6:30pm

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



- 1<sup>st</sup> Key Keller  
Meaghan Powell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Rodgers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackson Jenkins
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dalton Earhart  
Ethan Britton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Allie Goode  
Paul Gerometta
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rich Wells
- 9<sup>th</sup> Olivia Phillips

- 10<sup>th</sup> Chris Shepley  
Thomas Reese
- 12<sup>th</sup> Steve Melester  
Teddy Rudolph  
Bonnie Rodgers
- 14<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Wagoner
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jay Hanke
- 16<sup>th</sup> Alex Shepley
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kendra Keller
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Thomas
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jody Dorsey
- 24<sup>th</sup> Kyearea Nowlin
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dee Fenty  
Kelly Keller  
Margie Willis
- 29<sup>th</sup> Hannah Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup> Shane Duvall  
John Platt  
Laura Moss

## Hey, Y'all,

As you can see we have lots of people who have birthdays in April! However, surely there are more anniversaries in April than two!

Wouldn't you like to see you and your spouse's names in the newsletter so everyone can celebrate with you?

Send me an e-mail at [cdwinter@comcast.net](mailto:cdwinter@comcast.net) or

Call me at (540) 722-4408 or

Stop me at church sometime. I usually have pencil and paper to jot down your names.

**Can't wait to hear from you..... Charly**



It's  
a  
Boy!

*There's another baby  
in town!*

**CONGRATULATIONS to  
Daniel & Katie Mowery**

*Little Jack Campbell Mowery made his  
grand entrance on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>!*

*I'm sure the parents are extremely  
happy and proud!*

*Congratulations also to the  
happy and proud grandparents:*

*Wilson & Theresa Gilbert*

*Danny Mowery*

*Mark & Mindy Cochran*

*and*

*Eric & Andi Cambell*

- 16<sup>th</sup> Darrin & Kim Burse
- 28<sup>th</sup> John & Angela Renner





*We, the family of Burnt Factory express our heartfelt sympathy to:*

*Jason Wiseman and family in the passing of his grandfather, Stanley Stewart.*

*Justin Bayliss and family in the passing of his grandmother, Evelyn Bayliss*

*Bobby Hall and family in the passing of his father, John Hall.*

*Boo Snider and family in the passing of his son, E.T. Snider.*

*The family of Helen Feltner, who passed away recently.*

*Matthew Anderson and family in the passing of his father, Harold "Oodle" Anderson.*

*Oodle was also a member in every spirit of the word of the Hulver and Willis families.*

*Karen Willis and family in the passing of her mother, Dorothy Moore.*

*We are sorry for your loss and pray God's peace to everyone at this time.*



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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 S. Kent Street.

We have two opportunities to serve CCAP this month:

- Our church is currently collecting **Easter Baskets** for a giveaway on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come help distribute the baskets on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Join me if you can.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** – we will be continuing our Maundy Thursday tradition of collecting diapers for the Red Wagon Ministry at CCAP. In 2016, this Ministry gave out 184,000 diapers and served 1075 children. All diaper sizes are appreciated, but the Ministry is most in need of size 5 diapers. The diapers will be collected at the service.

The next 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](mailto: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 appreciated.

*Thank you for your wonderful support,  
Patty Leonard*



## *News from the Church Library - Spring Edition*



*II Peter 3:18 - ...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Spring – a time of renewal, hope and growing, whether in our gardens or in our lives. A time to reflect on the beauty of God’s creation, the gift of His Son – His death and resurrection. As we celebrate the coming of spring, come and check out the growing collection of books in our church library, many graciously donated by our church family. Our shelves are overflowing with a variety of titles for all ages. Thank You!!

### *Here are but a few suggestions.....*

#### **Children’s Section:**

- ❖ *The Very First Easter* – Paul Maier
- ❖ *The Farmer and His Seeds* – Stories Jesus Told – Pascale LaFond
- ❖ *20 Bible Verses Every Child Should Know* – Focus on the Family
- ❖ *To Market, To Market* – Anne Miranda – What’s a poor shopper to do when her groceries have a mind of their own? (Text is also written in braille)
- ❖ *Beatrix Potter Giant Treasury* – Five Beatrix Potter Stories
- ❖ *A to Z Mystery Series* – Ron Roy – 26 different mystery titles

#### **Teen Books:**

- ❖ *The Drama Years* –Haley Patrick– Real girls talk about surviving Middle School, bullies, brands, body image etc.
- ❖ *Good News About Injustice* – Youth Edition. Haugen, Gary. Can Christians make a difference in a world of child prostitution, religious persecution, racial violence, torture and genocide?

#### **Adult Fiction:**

- ❖ Karen Kingsbury series: *Angels Walking Series (3), Lost Love Series (2), (Baxter’s)-Redemption Series (5), First Born series (5), Sunrise Series (4), Above the Line Series (4).*
- ❖ *A Story of God and All of Us* - Roma Downey and Mark Burnett. A novel based on the epic TV miniseries “*The Bible.*”
- ❖ *Edge of Eternity* - Randy Alcorn. Nick prepares to make a decision that will change his life forever as he stands on the Edge of Eternity.
- ❖ Melody Carlson series – Tales from Grace Chapel Inn (5 books).

#### **Christian Living:**

- ❖ *A Gentle Thunder* – Max Lucado – Hearing God’s gentleness through the storm.
- ❖ *The Case for Easter* – Lee Strobel – a journalist investigates the evidence for the resurrection.

#### **Parenting:**

- ❖ *The Wonderful World of Boys* – Dr. James Dobson
- ❖ *Positive Discipline Parenting Tools* - 49 most effective methods to stop power struggles, build communication and raise empowered, capable kids

#### **Bible Study:**

- ❖ *The Call* – Adam Hamilton – The life and message of the apostle Paul.
- ❖ *Final Words from the Cross* – Adam Hamilton – Hamilton explores Jesus’ final words as seen and heard by those who stood near the cross.

#### **Prophecy:**

- ❖ *People are Asking...Is This the End?* – Dr. David Jeremiah – Signs of God’s providence in a disturbing world.
- ❖ *The Harbinger* – Jonathan Cahn – Ancient mystery that holds the secret of American’s future. 1million+ sold.
- ❖ *What in the World is Going On?* – Dr. David Jeremiah – 10 prophetic clues you cannot afford to ignore.

#### **CD’s and DVD’s:**

- ❖ *War Room* – DVD – Amazing story of faith and the power of prayer.
- ❖ *Take the Flag* – Rob Fuquay – DVD – Following God’s Signals in the Race of Your Life (great class study)
- ❖ *Amazing Grace* – Hymns that Changed the World – DVD
- ❖ *The Best of the Booth Brothers* – DVD
- ❖ *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* – Great Hymns of the Church – DVD

#### **Biography:**

- ❖ *Dog Thieves, Street Fights, & School Wreckers:* 29 stories by **Project Esperanza** co-founder and executive director, **Caitlin McHale** Floreal – a Frederick county gal.

**Reminder: Thank you for returning books in a timely fashion so others may enjoy them.**

*Doris Duvall, BF Librarian*



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jack Duvall Golf Tournament

To benefit **The Believers Relay for Life Team**

May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Shot-gun start/Lunch to follow play  
Shenandoah Valley Golf Club

Four Person Teams ~ Captain's Choice Format

Entry Fee is \$50\*\* per person / \$200 per team (You CAN enter as an individual)

Includes lunch, prizes for closest to the pin on par 3's and straightest drive

Send Entry **with fee** to:

Rob Moss  
Burnt Factory UMC  
P.O. Box 399  
Stephenson, VA 22656



Registration Deadline is **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Format and Rules:**

Each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The best of the second shots is determined, then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

At your choice of best shot, drop your balls within a club length, no closer to the hole, in same condition (if in rough, all balls must hit from rough, if in sand, all balls must be hit from sand). Players 65 and up play from the GOLD tees; the rest of us will play from the WHITE tees.

Ladies play from the RED tees.

Must play at least one drive from each player per 9

Mulligans: 2 for \$5.00 (max of 4)  
Use anywhere; Can NOT count for prizes  
Red Tee-buster 1 for \$5.00



***Every one of us has been touched by cancer. This is a time of fun and fellowship, but also for a worthy cause in honor of a great man of integrity and faith.***

Any questions ~ contact Joe Hulver (540) 247-9999 or Rob Moss (540) 303-7161

\*\*Tax donation value is \$15.00

# APRIL 2017 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <b>CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA:</b> <b>"Come Touch the Robe"</b> 7:00pm- Palm Sunday Refreshments Follow				1
<b>2</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	<b>3</b>  7:00pm-Lenten Study	<b>4</b>  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	<b>5</b> 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Lenten Study  7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	<b>6</b>    7:00pm-Worship Service	<b>7</b>    3:00pm-Worship Service  7:00pm-Worship Service	<b>8</b>  RFL Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Auction Stonewall Ruritan Dinner-5:00pm Auction-6:30pm
<b>9</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic 4:30-6:30pm-Youth Meeting 7:00pm-Choir Presents Cantata	<b>10</b>  6:00pm-RFL Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist  7:00pm-Lenten Study	<b>11</b>  6:00pm-RFL Decorating Meeting-Lower Cottage  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	<b>12</b> 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours  10:00am-Lenten Study	<b>13</b>    7:00pm-Worship Service	<b>14</b>    3:00pm-Worship Service  7:00pm-Worship Service	<b>15</b> 8:00am-UMMen Meeting in SocialHall
<b>16</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 6:30am-Sunrise Service 7:00am-Light Breakfast 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	<b>19</b> 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	<b>20</b> 10:00am-CCAP quarterly meeting at Grace Lutheran  7:00pm-UMW Meet Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  9:00am-12:00noon UMW District Spring Event Crums UMC
<b>23</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Youth Fun Activity - TBD	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	<b>26</b> 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours  <b>May Newsletter articles by 3:00pm TODAY!</b>  7:00pm-Worship Comm.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Printing May Newsletter</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10:00-Children's Mission Sunday 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	 <b>BURNT FACTORY UMC WOMEN'S RETREAT – Camp Overlook Blessings Lodge</b> <b>Sweet Life Café – where women savor time with God</b> <b>Friday, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (check-in 4:00pm-5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm) through 1:00pm, Sunday, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> <b>SIGN-UP SHEET AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL</b> 					

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**CHRIST THE LORD**  
**IS RISEN TODAY!**

*Resurrection Sunday is April 16th!*