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June 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**

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Pastor Shane Stanford shares a wonderful story about a lighthouse. There was a captain of a battleship who in a dark storm one night saw a light in the distance. The captain sent out a message to the other ship, "You need to shift your direction ten degrees to the south." And a quick message came back saying, "You need to shift your direction ten degrees to the north."

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The captain, incensed by this reply sends a second message, "I am the captain and I order you to shift ten degrees to the south." The reply comes back, "I'm a Seaman First Class and I need you to shift ten degrees to the north." The captain is very angry now and says, "I'm a battleship and I will not tell you again -- go ten degrees to the south!" And once again, a message comes back right away, "I'm a lighthouse. You have no other choice. Go ten degrees to the south!"

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When the storms of life are raging, do you trust the lighthouse of Christ to steer you in the right direction? When you are unsettled and not quite sure which direction to turn, do you understand that Jesus is the light of the world and is ready, able, and willing to show you the way? A lighthouse is a point of reference; it is a safety net in a chaotic and dangerous world and Jesus wants to make sure we are looking toward his light and walking in that light.

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What is your point of reference today? What are you keeping your eye gazed upon as you navigate rough seas and difficult passages? The prophet Jeremiah pleaded with Israel: "Please find what is your truth --- you are going in the opposite direction of what God is calling you to do." We hear time and time again, all through the Bible and especially from Jesus who says, "I am your point of reference. Trust in me and be not afraid" Jesus is our lighthouse!

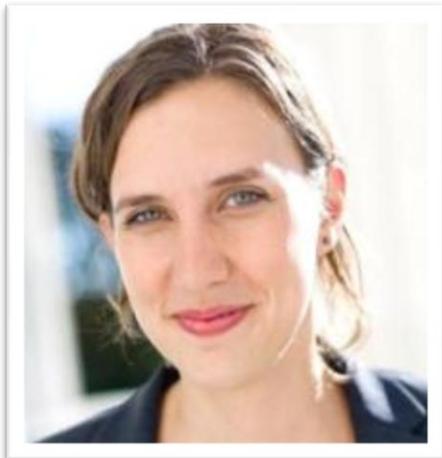
Ten degrees south or ten degrees north --- depending on your reference point --- it can mean the difference between life and death. Choose life friends, choose Jesus --- trust the lighthouse of God!

And remember this: God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage!

Pastor Steve

WONDERFUL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
COMING JUNE 18TH

We are very excited at BFUMC that on June 18th we will welcome Bethany Hanke Hoang to our pulpit! Bethany is the co-author of *“The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance.”* Bethany regularly speaks on the behalf of the Institute for Biblical Justice for International Justice Mission. This is a global organization that protects the poor from violence. Bethany is a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate, where she received the distinguished Fellowship in Theology. Bethany has also published *Deepening the Soul for Justice* and was named by *Christianity Today* as one of the “50 Women to Watch.” Bethany makes her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota with her husband Anthony and her three children; Beckham, Zoe, and Hatty. She also happens to be the daughter of our beloved Jay and Harriett Hanke! I know we will be blessed by Bethany’s message and presence with us!



United Methodist Women

We are looking forward to our June meeting!

We have changed the date to **June 8** because of a couple of conflicts and hope all our members will be present to enjoy a program of skyping with Project Esperanza’s Caitlin McHale in the Dominican Republic.

Debbie Moss is program leader and is getting some help in working out the specifics. This should be fun and informative as we spend a few minutes in this new adventure.

Diann and Doris Duvall will provide refreshments.

We will also take a brief time to collect our World Thank Offering.

The 50 “Kits for Conference” will be ready for Pastor Steve to transport to conference. Many of us shopped for the items needed when they were on sale during July and August. We will do the same thing this summer and those items needed will be listed in the July newsletter.

Please put Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 on your calendar. You won’t want to miss this meeting!

Blessings, Polly Duvall, President

The Laurel Center

Burnt Factory Family you are Phenomenal!!

On your behalf I delivered to the Laurel Center:

77 pairs of flip-flops 78 rolls of toilet paper
23 rolls of paper towels 20 bottles of body wash
4 dozen assorted toothbrushes
Toothpastes 30 tubes of lip balm
30 items of assorted toiletries
18 articles of clothing 1 used phone

A very sincere thank you.

Donna Gallagher

As is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteous endures forever."

2 Cor. 9:9, Psalm 112:9.



Faith and Health Corner June 2017

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4



June is the month we celebrate Father's Day. It's a good time to give thanks for all of our fathers.

While I love my mom beyond all measure, I have to admit that I am a "daddy's girl." My dad is my hero. He has always been there for me. Long before baby carriers were in use, he would zip me up in the front of his coat and away we would go! He never missed a single event I participated in.

More and more children are growing up without a father's influence and support. My daughter's father was rarely around for them, but they always knew that PopPop would be there loving them, guiding them and cheering them on.

To raise healthy children a father's presence is important. Here are some hints for you fathers. See if you can practice at least one of them this month.

- Pray for wisdom that the values you currently hold are values that are pleasing to God.
- Talk openly with your child about your values.
- Remember there is more to happiness than the balance in your checkbook.
- Share your faith with your children daily.
- Help your children see themselves as valuable children of God.
- Seek excellence in all you do.
- Teach your children to love life.
- Guide your children in respecting all that God has created.
- Help your children think through possible outcomes and make choices on their own.
- Understand your "job" is sharing the important things in life and what makes them special to you and your family.

Don't force your values on them. They will claim for themselves what is important to them.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

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.





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.

CCAP is always in need of gently used clothing, food for the pantry and volunteers to help in a variety of ways.

A FEW EXAMPLES:

- 1) HELP WITH SORTING CLOTHING
- 2) SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEER WHILE THE REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE ON VACATION
- 3) DONATE FRESH PRODUCE FROM YOUR GARDEN

Our next **CCAP Day at Burnt Factory** will be the **end of June/first of July**. We will be supporting the school supply drive.

These are the types of supplies that are always needed: **1" AND 3" - 3 RING BINDERS, BACK PACKS, BOOK BAGS, WIDE RULED LOOSE LEAF PAPER, PENS, #2 PENCILS, PENCIL POUCHES AND BOXES, COLORED PENCILS, CRAYONS, PENCIL TOP ERASERS, BLOCK ERASERS, HIGH LITERS, GLUE STICKS, COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, SCISSORS, DRY ERASE MARKERS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, POCKET FOLDERS, POST IT NOTES, BOX OF MARKERS, BOTTLED SCHOOL GLUE, MARBLE COVERED COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, AND INDEX CARDS.** The drive is for all school ages. Please stay tuned to our church bulletin for the exact collection date and a complete list of supplies.

If you are able to join me, the **next CCAP meeting** is **July 20th** at **John Mann UMC, 524 Van Fossen St.**

I can be reached at ricpat5@gmail.com or by cell at 540-664-6973 if you have questions about CCAP or are interested in volunteering. If you need help getting your donations to CCAP, please let me know.

*Thank you for all you do for this ministry,
Patty Leonard*



We express our deepest sympathy to...

Tim and Danette Heinlein and family in the passing of Danette's sister, Charlotte Miller.

Mary Margaret Fincham and Dolly Anderson and families in the passing of their niece, Bonnie Snyder.

Rick & Debbie Walker and family in the passing of her brother, Bob Sirk.

Don, Diann and Doris Duvall and their nephew, Darren and his wife, Elizabeth, in the passing of Elizabeth's mother, Deb Randle.



Living Fully, Dying Well

Have you ever considered questions such as,
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?
HOW DO WE LIVE FULLY WHEN WE ARE STILL ALIVE?

If so, you might consider a study being offered at Burnt Factory Church. This opportunity would be offered on

**MONDAYS, BEGINNING AT 12:45 P.M.
AND ENDING AT 2:00 P.M.**

**THE STUDY WOULD BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 19 AND
END MONDAY, AUGUST 14.**

Harriett Hanke and Susan Pannell will be leading the study together.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Interested? Contact Harriett Hanke at harriettsunrise@comcast.net or 540-686-0434 or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.



Thanks to all who came out and supported our 50's Drive-in – especially the dedicated Parents and Grandparents. 22 youth participated and 9 adults pitched in to raise funds for our Summer Mission Trip. Special Thanks to the Stonewall Ruritan Club and the volunteers who provided desserts and their time to make it a success. The Youth go and serve because you have lifted us up.



On May 21st, 21 gathered to talk about Grace - what it looks like to us and from us. A big thanks for the delicious dinner provided by Marcie Fairbanks.

Upcoming Youth Events:

June 4	Singin' Sundae Social	Sanctuary	6:30pm
	Support our Relay for Life Team, <i>The Believers</i>		
June 11	End of School Year Celebration	Shelter	4:30pm – 7:00pm
	Bring a snack to share		
	And a \$10 birthday gift for our Thieves Exchange to celebrate all birthdays		
June 15	SPY Youth Mission Trip Meeting	Social Hall	7:00pm
	For Youth who are registered to go		
June 16/17	Relay for Life Event	James Wood HS	5:00pm-6:00am
June 22	Middle School Youth to Massanutten Water Park		
	\$20 (the church will pay the balance). NEED TO KNOW (\$) BY JUNE 14!!		
	Leave BFUMC at 8:30am		
	Pack a lunch, change of clothes, towel		
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School	BFUMC	6:00pm – 8:30pm
	See Miss Carrie for opportunities to help		
July 16	Regular Meeting	Shelter	4:30pm – 6:30pm
July 22-29	Youth Mission Trip to Christiansburg		
August 6	Regular Meeting	Shelter	4:30pm – 6:30pm
August 25/26	Youth Camp-out	Shelter	6:00pm – 3:00pm (Sat)
	Welcome 6 th graders!!!		
	Motel Ministry		



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



- 2nd Jay & Harriett Hanke
- 4th Rob & Debbie Moss
- 8th Mark & Aimee Taylor
- 9th Ernie & Hazel Kerns
- 11th Sonny & Iris Sibert
- 14th Paul & Susie Gerometta
- Joe & Nancy Hulver
- 21st Randy Karen Willis
- 24th Dick & Rena Harris
- 29th Dave & Charly Winter



- 2nd Madison Bursey
- Megan Bursey
- 5th Norma Duvall
- Teresa Hostuttler
- 7th Sue Swimley
- 9th Ruby Beck
- Hannah Heinlein
- Sam Melester
- Susan Pannell
- Lucinda Lentz
- 10th Diana Smith
- Chuck Simmers
- 11th Tom Miiller
- 12th Bob Rodeffer
- 15th Richard Henry
- 18th Tim Perrault
- 19th Megan Hunt
- 21st Greg Powell
- Whitney Ward
- 22nd Mark Duvall
- 24th Carrie Fair
- 25th Kim Bursey
- 26th Laurie May
- 27th Charlie Beaver
- Charlotte Goode
- 30th Amy Jenkins

Have You Given Your E-Mail Address to Keith Roberts, yet?

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”



NEW MEMBERS!!!

On Sunday, May 21, we welcomed new members into our faith community:

- Debbie Martin Steve & Debbie Mathis
- Mike & Denise Repine (daughters, Isabella & Rylee)
- Rick & Debbie Walker



We also rejoiced at celebrating the baptisms of

- Miss Avery Mae Goode,
daughter of John & Caroline Goode
- Miss Emily Rees Hartman,
daughter of Brian & Erin Hartman



From a branch on the Vine,

I was a little silly in High School. What? I actually accepted my diploma with a dragon puppet on my hand. Truth be told, I don't remember much about the subjects. It was much the same in college. The lasting memory is I grew up. Maybe I haven't achieved the end result, but I AM in process.

Growing up – exploring your world; pushing boundaries in pursuit of independence; getting comfortable in your own skin. Growing up is a long journey not measured by knowledge but by wisdom, character, humility and kindness. I wouldn't make the same choices I did years ago; I want better for myself and to be better for those dear to me. I hope to be more of the person God intended me to be.

Growing up is also painful. Mistakes are hard lessons especially when we disappoint those we love and respect. Would I take more time to listen to my Parents? Yes. Would I do more for others and dwell less on myself? Yes. Would I do the right thing when no one is watching? I hope so. My choices now come with an education I received in the past, weighted with hurt feelings, mine and others. An element of wisdom is knowing I am not defined by my mistakes. They are what I do, not who I am.

Some wisdom from Lewis Smedes, author of *Shame & Grace*:

I believe I am worthy to be accepted.

I believe that grace has set me free to accept myself totally, and without conditions, though I do not approve of everything [I have done].

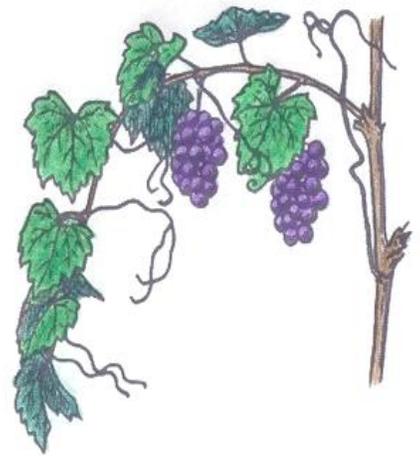
I believe that I am accepted by the grace of God without regard to my deserving.

This time each year, I am witness to the youth I have shared many memories with, achieve a milestone in their journey of growing-up: High School Graduation. It is feeling of joy, but also sorrow. I will miss their unique personalities and the gifts they brought to the group. They will have their share of mistakes because there are flawed human beings like all of us. I pray those mistakes are life lessons and not life altering. It would be nice if I could convince them not to make the same mistakes I made (every Parent's wish); but that is not how life works – especially when you are 18. God is with them as He was and is with all of us.

One more prayer. May they continue to look to Jesus... ***"surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."***

We are all a work in progress on our way to perfection in Jesus Christ.

Growing up.



In Christ, *Rob*



*On May 13th Danielle Sanderson & Mike Michlowski were married.
Danielle is the daughter of Christina & Kenny Rohrbach.*

*On May 20th Beth Hood & Matt Neff were married.
Beth is the daughter of Millie Hood.*

Congratulations to all!

*May
God
Bless
Your
Marriage*

FAITH SEEKERS CLASS

Little Christs

In his seminal work, *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis stated “Every Christian is to become a little Christ.” I was reminded of this call recently, shortly after Easter.

As any parent can attest, a great deal of time is spent hunting for eggs and this past Easter was no different. Several of the eggs my daughters found contained tiny Jesus-like figurines, which made their way to my car and office.

While getting into my car one day, I spotted the figurine and without thinking said, “Hi, little Jesus.” In that moment, I realized that all too often this is the role I expect Jesus to play in my life. Instead of giving all to Him, I hold on to countless areas of my life, expecting Jesus to play the role of passenger, letting me drive but expecting Him to help me out of the ditch I will inevitably land in.

Thankfully, God provides these moments of instruction and the strength to surrender. Since that day, I now look at the little figurine as a reminder that I am called to follow Jesus and each day become a little Christ.

*In Christian love,
Jason Corron, Class Representative*



**The world of Children’s ministries
is going wild!**

We are having a great time on Sunday mornings! The Children’s Church and 3-5th grade Sunday school classes have been learning about the Books of the Bible and how we got the Bible!

The Pre-K classes have been getting wonderful story time and craft sessions to begin planting those seeds of faith! Come and see the artwork displayed in the children’s wing!

**Summer is here and that means
VBS and Summer Camp!**

VBS-Maker Fun Factory--will be held June 25-29th here at Burnt Factory from 6:00-8:30pm.



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Day Camp for Kids

Summer Camp-Camp Out--will be held here on July 10, 11, 12 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

All are welcome. Letters and registrations will be in the mail soon!

As always, we encourage you to bring a friend or two!



- June 4th** Communion Sunday and the children will learn about Pentecost!
- June 11th** Graduation Sunday and the children will learn about Trinity Sunday!
- June 18th** Father’s Day and the children will discuss God the Father!
- June 25th** The Children will learn about being Alive in Christ and make Butterflies!

**Peace and Blessings,
Carrie Fair
Director of Children’s Ministries**



“The Believers” RELAY FOR LIFE



THANK YOU to everyone who made the 6th Annual Jack Duvall Golf Tournament a success. We raised approximately \$1,533 and had a record number of 52 participants this year. Fun was had by all and God blessed us with perfect weather. A special thank you to Rob Moss and Joe Hulver for all of your hard work organizing the event and making sure everything was ready to go for the 9:00 start.

Don't forget to place your order for country ham sandwiches.

The deadline to order sandwiches is June 4th.

The order forms are on the RFL table in the Fellowship Hall. The sandwiches will be sold for \$3 at the RFL event for our camp fundraiser so order early and pay only \$2 per sandwich. Sandwiches can be picked up in the Burnt Factory Fellowship Hall on June 16th in the afternoon or Saturday June 17th after the Relay for Life Event. Delivery of sandwiches can be arranged as well.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday June 4th – 6:30pm “Singin’ Sundae Social” at BFUMC. Come see some amazing talent, including our choir, and enjoy your own sundae creation. Fun for all in attendance. If you would like to donate ice cream or toppings, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday June 5th – 6:00pm in the church Social Hall there will be a FINAL meeting for “The Believers” to make final preparations for the event on the 16th.

Friday June 16th – 5:00pm through Saturday June 17th at 6:00am

RELAY FOR LIFE event at James Wood High School.

Check out the schedule of events on the following page.

“The Believers” will kick off the event with a covered dish dinner at our campsite at 5:00pm on Friday. Everyone is welcome!

You won't want to miss the Luminary Ceremony at 9:15pm. Walking the track and reading the names in honor of those who are fighting cancer, or in memory of those who lost their battle with cancer, is a reminder of why we raise money to fight this dreaded disease.

With your help and God's blessing, we WILL make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Brenda Drumheller and Susan Williams
Co-Captains

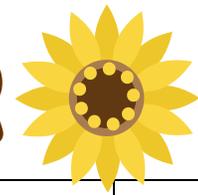


2017 Relay for Life Timeline

Time	Stage	Activities/Lawn	Children's Activities	Theme Laps	Other
1:00pm-4:30pm					Set-up (with assistance)
4:00pm-5:00pm	Band Set up		Puppet Show		
4:00pm-5:00pm					Drop-off for Silent Auction
4:00pm-10:00pm					Silent Auction
5:00pm-5:45pm			Various Activities		
4:30pm-5:00pm	Band Set up				Survivor Registration
5:00pm-6:00pm	Band Set up	Adopt a Survivor	PAW ATROL - MARSHALL APPEARANCE		Survivor Dinner
6:00pm		Opening Ceremonies			
6:15pm				Survivor Lap	
6:30pm				Caregiver Lap	
6:30pm - 7:30pm			PAW PATROL – CHASE APPEARANCE		
6:30pm-9:00pm			Face Painting		
6:30pm-9:00pm			Various Activities		
6:45pm				Team Banner Lap	
7:00pm				Sponsorship Lap	Survivor Shopping Spree
7:10pm-9:00pm	Blues Machine (Band)				
7:30pm		TP Wrap Game			
8:00pm	Fashion Show				
9:00pm				Unity Lap	
9:15pm	Luminary Ceremony				
10:15pm	Survivor - Tyler Quinn Speaking				
10:30pm		Tug-o-war			
11:00pm	Dance Activity			Trick or Treat Lap	
11:30pm		Musical Chairs Scavenger Hunt			
12:00am - 1:00am					Early tear down (with assistance)
12:00am				Pajama Lap	
12:30am		Sack Race			
1:00am	LAST CALL FOR MONEY	LAST CALL FOR MONEY	LAST CALL FOR MONEY	Tye Dye Lap	LAST CALL FOR MONEY
1:30am		3- Legged Race			
2:00am				Make Some Noise Lap	
2:30am		Road to Recovery Race			
3:00am				Hawaiian Shirt Lap	
3:30am		Cake Race			
4:00am				Purple Lap	
4:30am		Glow Stick Freeze Tag			
5:00am		Yoga		Show Your Decades Lap	
5:30am				Trash Lap	
6:00am	Closing Ceremonies				
6:15am					Tear down (with assistance)



JUNE 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Printing June Newsletter	3
4 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10:00-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 6:30pm-Singin' Sundae Social	5 6:00pm Relay for Life BFUMC "The Believers" meet in Social Hall	6 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	7 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	8 7:00pm-UMW meet in the Social Hall	9	10
11 Graduation Sunday 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10:00-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic 4:30pm-7:00pm-Youth End-of-Year Celebration	12 6:00pm-RFL Captain's meeting at Calvary Baptist	13 NO CHOIR PRACTICE	14 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours	15 7:00pm-SPY Youth Mission Trip Meeting for Youth who are registered to go	16 5:00pm RFL BIG EVENT begins at James Wood HS	17 6:00am RFL BIG EVENT ends at James Wood HS
18 FATHER'S DAY 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10:00-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	19 12:45pm-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully</u> <u>Dying Well</u> Book Study	20 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	21 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	22 Middle School Youth to Massanutten Water Park	23	24
25 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10:00-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS at Burnt Factory UMC	26 12:45pm-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully</u> <u>Dying Well</u> Book Study 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS at Burnt Factory UMC	27 NO CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS at Burnt Factory UMC	28 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours Need July articles by 3:00pm today. Thanks, Charly 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS at Burnt Factory UMC	29 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS at Burnt Factory UMC	30 Printing July Newsletter	

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Father's Day is Sunday, June 18