

OUR MISSION STATEMENT ~
Sharing the Love of Christ
with ALL people

JULY 2017 Newsletter
Burnt Factory
United Methodist Church
Stephenson, Virginia 22656
C. Steven Melester. Pastor

"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



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Bishop Sharma Lewis opened Annual Conference with a powerful message representing the theme shown above. She encouraged us to stop "playing church" and **"be the church."** We are encouraged to stir/agitate/shake it up! Our NEW THING may require us to change our focus, clarify our focus and commit to God's plan. Contrary to what we constantly hear, our future is more interesting than our past; we are moving forward; we are dismissing the negativity! Bishop Lewis shared with us that having a vision does the following: brings clarity, evokes emotions, provides motivation, sets direction and translates a purpose. A leaders passion + the congregation + community needs = shared vision. Where these intersect is where God speaks. Incorporating new, fresh and innovative ideas of ministry will support the new vision of the Conference:

"Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is to be disciples of Jesus Christ, who are lifelong learners and who influence others to serve."

Bishop Lewis is a powerful speaker. A preacher completely led by the Holy Spirit. A woman completely devoted to God. It was a privilege to hear her speak and if you ever have the chance, please do so. She reminded us that we have work to do but as lifelong learners, as influencers, we can be better disciples serving others which will ultimately make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the World!

BUSINESS NOTES:

There were five Constitutional Amendments voted upon. Results will be posted once all the Conferences have met. There were five Resolutions presented in the Book of Reports. Resolution 4: Holy Land Travel and Resolution 5: Hydraulic Fracturing Oil and Gas were approved.

The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the *Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. The Council of Bishops has asked each annual conference to engage in dialogue to get questions answered and give input. They are studying numerous proposals and other denominations, and essential things before they submit a proposal. He said the commission is working kindly and respectfully.

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Look at the work of the Virginia Conference!

**The Potato Drop for the Society of St. Andrew's yielded 52,000 pounds! The potatoes were divided into 10 pound bags which totaled over 100,000 servings. Our Youth delegates participated in this work as has been their tradition for over 20 years. Sadly, this marks the final year for the Potato Drop to be held at Annual Conference. Contributions will be accepted through different ways in the future.

**Kits 4 Conference collected for UMCOR was 41,522!

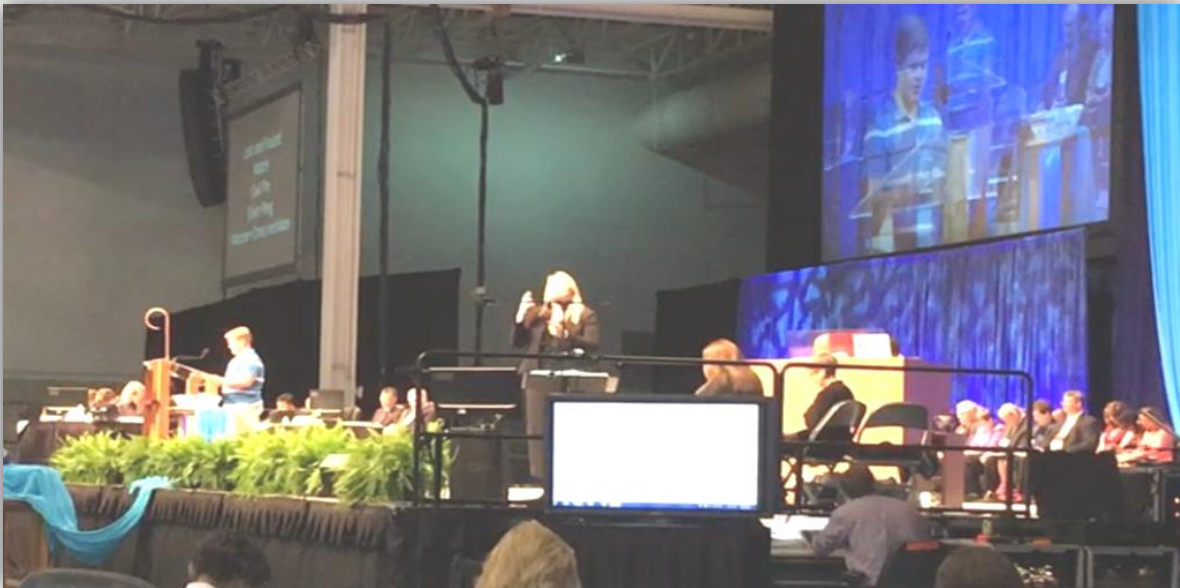
Bedding: 330	Birthing: 2,327	Cleaning: 332	Health: 24,801
Layette: 940	School: 12,035	Sewing: 539	Misc: 218

**Cans 4 Conference yielded over 8,000 pounds of canned and staple products!

This is on the conference web site:

“Daniel Renner from Burnt Factory, Winchester District, led in prayer.”

Our own Daniel, after introduced by the Bishop, led the opening prayer at the lectern in front of the conference hall of attendees for the Sunday morning worship session! Here's proof! Notice he's on the big screen!



Ok....I may be a little prejudiced putting this picture in my report...just thought my church family would want to see our youth in action!

Any questions or concerns about Annual Conference may be directed to me or Pastor Steve. You may also view the Conference website at: vaumc.org and click on "Annual Conference 2017." It was my honor and privilege to represent Burnt Factory!

Lovingly Submitted,

Angela Renner



Faith and Health Corner
July 2017
Healthy Eating in the Summer

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31*

Smart Summer Snacks - Summer is here and that means the kids are home from school. Instead of grazing all day, encourage your kids to stay on a meal schedule. Help them plan smart snacks. Such as:

- Raw vegetables with low-fat dip
- Fresh fruit
- Homemade popsicles made from 100% fruit juice
- Italian ice
- Pudding made with low-fat milk

As with other food choices, snack with variety, balance and moderation. Smart snacking can make between-meal eating a valuable part of a healthy eating style for the whole family.

Safe Outdoor Eating - With warmer temperatures and more outdoor gatherings, summer is a time of increased risk of food poisoning. Before you pack your picnic basket, remember these simple food safety tips.

- Keep hot food hot and cold food cold
- Pack food in a well-insulated cooler with plenty of ice or icepacks to keep the temperature below 40 degrees F
- Transport the cooler in the back seat of your air-conditioned car instead of your hot trunk and keep the cooler closed tight
- Bring moist towelettes or soap and water to clean your hands and surfaces often
- Don't leave food outside in hot weather (90 degrees F or above) for more than one hour

Guidelines for Summer Barbecues - This summer, keep your feast safe and fun with these guidelines:

- Wash your hands (for about 20 seconds) before, during and after handling food. Pack hand sanitizer for times when soap and water aren't available
- Scrub the grill with hot, soapy water before each use
- When marinating, always use a separate brush for raw and cooked meats, or wash in hot, soapy water between uses
- Always use a meat thermometer to make sure meats are cooked to a safe internal temperature; hamburger to at least 160 degrees F and chicken breasts to 170 degrees F
- Remove from the cooler only the amount of raw meat, fish or poultry that will fit on the grill at one time

Safe Camp Lunches Make Kids Happy Campers - Help your children have a great camp experience with a safe and healthy brown bag lunch. Carrying lunch in the summer requires extra focus on food safety. If your child's lunch will sit out from the time they arrive at camp until lunchtime, pack all protein foods with an ice pack to keep the temperature below 40 degrees F. If you can't use an ice pack, choose protein foods that don't need refrigeration, like peanut butter or other nut butters.

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Summer Heat Fluid Intake Challenges - Staying well hydrated is essential to maintaining adequate blood volume, energy levels and body functions. Most people should consume at least 8 to 12 cups per day. However, the exact amount depends on your activity level. If you are working or playing outside, your hydration needs are higher. In addition, if you have more muscle than fat, you also need to drink more liquid. Of course, with hot, humid days the need goes up. A quick estimation of dehydration is to check the color of your urine. It should be pale to colorless. Stay well hydrated by drinking water, juices, eating lots of fruits and vegetables.

**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.



On March 19th, Jess and Lois Wismer

became part of our family at Burnt Factory.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS!



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”

Thank You

News from the Church Library - Summer 2017

SUMMER – A time for – sunshine, sand and seashores; mountains, meadows and making memories; relaxing, reflecting, renewing and **READING**... Whether you're looking for Bible studies, books on Christian living, the Bible on CD, children's books, fiction and so much more, you'll find it in our church library. For those of you who are new to our church, the library is located downstairs in the children's wing. Please come down and browse to your hearts content.

Directions for checking out books are located on the table. Please try to return them within three weeks so others may enjoy reading them.

In the Children's Section:

- *Veggie Tales* – Dave and the Giant Pickle
- *Read Me a Bible Story* – Sally Wright
- *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle's Won't Take a Bath Cure* – Betty MacDonald
- *Sky Boys* – Hopkinson & Ransome (How they built the Empire State Building)
- *The Kissing Hand* – Audrey Penn
- *Animal Ark series* – (chapter books)
- *A to Z Mystery series* – (chapter books)



Teen Books:

- *Sorry I'm Not Sorry* – Nancy Rue
- *Spotlight On the Runway* – Melody Carlson



Adult Fiction:

Uncommon Heroes Series – Dee Henderson - Bestselling author Dee Henderson makes these titles impossible to put down.

- *True Devotion*
- *True Valor*
- *True Honor*
- *True Courage*



O'Malley Series: – Dee Henderson – books with page turning excitement, true spiritual conflict and romance.

Titles include:

- *The Negotiator*
- *The Guardian*
- *The Truth Seeker*
- *The Protector*
- *The Healer*
- *The Rescuer*



- *The Prayer Box* - Lisa Wingate. A lifetime of hopes, fears and thoughts found in 81 unique prayer boxes.

Social Justice:

- *The Justice Calling – Where Passion Meets Perseverance* by Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson



Bethany Hoang is the daughter of our own Harriett and Jay Hanke. She spoke to our congregation in June. To quote Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University and Institute for advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia,

“Many books on justice have appeared in recent years. Three things make this one stand out from the crowd. **FIRST**, instead of quoting only a few golden Scripture, the authors **trace the theme of justice throughout Scripture**. **SECOND**, they give concreteness to their discussion with **harrowing true-life stories of present-day trafficking and slavery**. **AND THIRD**, they explicitly address the need of those who struggle for justice, patience, lament and hope. An important contribution.”

Bethany was named among “50 Women to Watch” by *Christianity Today* and one of “20 Women to Watch” by Catalyst.

Doris Duvall, Church Librarian



We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have claimed the promise of the resurrection:

The Hardesty Family ~ Clayton Smith, Debbie Hardesty's father

The Moore Family ~ Cecil Moore, Rev. Buzz Moore's brother

Mark your calendar for our next CCAP Collection at Burnt Factory. We will be collecting SCHOOL supplies on Sundays, July 9 and July 16.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SUPPLIES NEEDED:

3 RING BINDERS (1" AND 3" SIZE), 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 (SIZE 3-5).



The drive is for all school ages. There is a great need for Back Packs/Book Bags. The CCAP Collection bin will be located in the Fellowship Hall.

Please see me with any questions. Thank you!! Patty Leonard, ricpat5@gmail.com, [540-664-6973](tel:540-664-6973).

THE NURTURE MEET AND EAT GROUP will be taking a summer hiatus. We will "regroup" and start meeting again in October. Thanks for all of the great participation in the past. We look forward to starting again in October. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Leonard at 664-6973 or ricpat5@gmail.com.

Thanks!!
Patty



Meet at a local restaurant



Order In



Potluck



Cook at home

Singing at Evergreen Nursing Home

Hey ALL! Would anyone be interested in singing something for the nursing home? A couple songs would be so awesome. I know the sing along time doesn't work for many people, so I can make it 6:00 or 6:30 since that time works for you all. I have to cancel the sing along for July because it runs into a camp Lily is doing. I was kind of hoping I could get enough people together to sing something FOR them. I appreciate it and so do they!! Let me know so I can get something going. ☺

Rachel Hayton

What is United Methodist Men?



In accordance with The Book of Discipline, paragraph 256....

United Methodist Men shall be a creative supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily his will. Its primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships. The major concerns are:

- a) To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church.
b) To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions.
c) To clarify and speak to the identity and role of the man in contemporary society.
d) To seek commitment to discipleship.
e) To study and become familiar with The United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines, and belief.
f) To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, and church-wide goals.

All male church members and those men who attend Burnt Factory UMC are members of our United Methodist Men's Fellowship by their choice. As a UMMen Fellowship, our desire is to be a part of our overall church family at Burnt Factory and to use our heads, hearts and hands to become more like Jesus to support Burnt Factory's ministries and missions.

Please join us at our next UMMen meeting on July 15th at 8:00 AM in the Church Fellowship Hall.

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

Steve Cunningham,
President, Burnt Factory UMMen.



BURNT FACTORY UMC PARTNERS WITH GREENWOOD MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Bright Futures...

WE ARE EXCITED! Burnt Factory United Methodist Church is partnering with Greenwood Mill Elementary School as part of the county-wide school support program, Bright Futures. Bright Futures is a non-profit organization that helps schools connect student needs with resources that already exist in their community. The Bright Futures framework brings together businesses, human service agencies, faith-based organizations and parent groups to meet students basic needs and academic challenges.

This Fall Burnt Factory UMC will begin our partnership with one-on-one tutoring. Participating women and men will be working with a single child once a week for 30 minutes. We ask that this be a faithful commitment. This is an opportunity to serve in Christ's name and make a difference in a child's life.

An INFORMATION MEETING will be held Thursday, July 13 at 7:00PM in the Burnt Factory UMC Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Karen Willis (540-539-6989) or krwillis1@comcast.net if you have any questions.



There will be an OUTREACH MEETING on Thursday, July 6th at 7:00pm in the Lower Cottage.

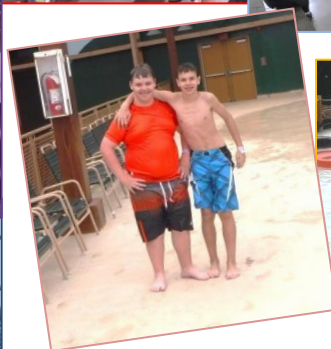
All are WELCOME to attend and hear about Mission Opportunities.

Karen Willis, Outreach Chair

As you read this, we have just finished a wonderful Vacation Bible School. Thanks Carrie and Kalyn, co-directors, and those great Youth Volunteers.

June was an active time for Burnt Factory UMC. The Singin' Sundae Social, plus our Youth End of the School Year Celebration (with birthday celebrations) and Middle School Trip to Massanutten Water Park.

July looks to be just as busy with our Regular Meeting on July 16th, the High School Mission Trip to Christiansburg and the Camp-out coming in August.



Upcoming Youth Events:

July 16	Regular Meeting	Shelter	4:30 – 6:30pm
July 22-29	Youth Mission Trip to Christiansburg (<i>Summer Project Youth</i>)		
August 6	Regular Meeting	Shelter	4:30 – 6:30pm
August 25/26 (Fri - Sat)	Youth Camp-out Welcome 6th graders!!! Motel Ministry	Shelter	6:00 – 3:00pm

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

From a branch on the Vine,

I am unique...special...different in a good way (right?). We all are individuals that, together, we display the wondrous beauty and diversity of God. God is amazing. He made me close to the ground so the wind wouldn't mess up my hair. He designed me to think logically so I could organize Youth events that never go according to plan. He made me so I could fulfill my part of His plan. He made you unique, too. Not like me, but a singular individual that no one can replace.

This week, I had the blessing of seeing God's imagination on display at Vacation Bible School. From 6 months to over 80 years, the variety of lives He brought together was incredible. There were little ones running with exuberant energy, not knowing where they were going; and older ones knowing where they wanted to go, but, perhaps a little low on the energy (like me). There were eyes of wonder when hearing the stories of God's faith and love; and the joy others found in seeing the trusting innocence of the young that seems to erode over time. Each person, young or old, boy or girl, was unique, special, different in God's eyes and according to His plan. God's children exhibit God's boundless creation.



*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb
praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful* **Psalm 139:13-14**

*God designed us, gave us life, walks with us, and has and always will love us.
You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I
rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying
down; you are familiar with all my ways.* **Psalm 139:1-3**

As I watched the kids listen to the stories of David, Rahab, Gideon and Abigail; dodge the water at the Games station; learn about human tables and the unseen forces that show God is at work; and see the real stories of God's children at Kid-Vid Cinema, I am surrounded by God. He is everywhere and involved in everything – especially in the lives of His children, you and me. Is God big enough? Is there enough God for all of us? Yes, Yes, YES. He who made the mountains and the oceans and all that lives; He knows each of us.

¹⁴ *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—* ¹⁵ *just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.*
John 10:14-15

Jesus is my Good Shepherd. He is with me and watches over me. He guides me and forgives me. He loves me, and He loves you, too. I am grateful, and my response is to do my best to be the better person He created me to be. In my thankfulness, I want others to know the fullness and joy of life in the arms of Jesus Christ, the Savior who claims me as His own.

How beautifully unique He has made us all.

In Christ, *Rob*

FAITH SEEKERS CLASS

Are you a fan or a follower?

In the Gospels, we see that Jesus was never interested in having fans. Repeatedly he issued challenging invitations to follow him. He doesn't want admirers; he wants wholly committed followers.

STARTING JULY 9TH, the Faith Seekers Class will begin a study based upon Kyle Idleman's bestselling book **Not a Fan**. As we move through the study, we will consider what it truly means to be a Christian and to honestly assess our own relationship with Jesus.

If you are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ, we encourage you to join us for the journey.

Respectfully, Jason Corron

MUSIC NOTES

Have you been thinking about what you can do with your musical "Gifts and Talents?"

Well, think no longer. Here is the answer for you.

Do you play a musical instrument?

Then the music department of Burnt Factory UMC NEEDS YOU!!!!

We are looking for a back-up pianist for the 8:30am Worship Service.



Sometimes when the choir is singing their Anthem, another instrument is required to play along with the Piano (violin, cello, or flute, for instance) which makes the music an additional inspiration. We all enjoyed Naleah playing the violin along with Cindy on the piano as the choir sang on Sunday, June 18th.



SO, what do you say? Whether you would like to play along with the choir or get together with someone else or just play alone as special music during either service, why not give it a try? The first time is the hardest. After that it becomes easier because you will be blessed because you have answered God's call to share your "Gifts and Talents."

HEY! If you like to sing, why not join the choir or offer special music during the services. It isn't necessary to read music, but it is necessary to be able to sing the notes Cindy is playing! ☺



The choir takes some time off during the summer and it would be great if we had some new faces, whether singing (solos, duets, trios or quartets for instance) or playing musical instruments.



INTERESTED?

Well, then, let Pastor Steve, Diana Smith, or Cindy Miiller know. Don't wait. Do it soon.

You will be blessed as well as the rest of the congregation! I guarantee it!

KID MIN CONNECTION

From a fellow Children's Minister:

"Symptoms of a VBS hangover....Legs and feet hurt, brain having trouble focusing on a single task instead of multiple tasks. VBS songs banging around inside your head; your Fit Bit blows up after logging 22,000 steps on the final day. The sight of taken down decorations makes you misty eyed, you find yourself unconsciously counting the days until NEXT year's VBS, an irrational fear of glitter and plastic straws from juice box pouches. You have a satisfied warm feeling in your heart for decisions made during the week."
Dan Loman CMD Gate City Baptist Church



Well, I logged 24,000 steps on my opening day, and yes I have the aching feet and legs, and I will forever have VBS songs stuck inside my head, BUT, I will always cherish every child I "high fived" that week or every hug, every smile, and to see every child singing a song of praise to God! This is why we do this, to make little disciples!

Kalyn and I are tired, but are already planning next year's VBS!

We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped in any way, you are true blessings to Children's Ministries, to all the crew leaders (our valued youth) who tirelessly moved kids from one station to the next, especially the preschool group (the largest!) I am eternally grateful! To the station leaders-you are the most amazing and creative people -I Love You! To the A/V people, we couldn't do it without you! And a huge thank you to the UMW ladies who fed the volunteers all week! Thanks for keeping us refueled!



Day Camp for Kids

JULY 10, 11, 12 AT BURNT FACTORY FROM 9AM-1PM.

We will have stories, games, crafts, and of course Music! It will be a great time!

If you feel led to volunteer for this event, please let me know!

Peace and Blessings,

Carrie Fair

Director of Children's Ministries

Thank You




Dear Church family,
Thanks for paying my way
to Camp Overlook.

I had a good time.
We went on a hayride,
had a picnic, went hiking
did crafts + watch a movie

Thanks for everything

Love
Debbie Knight

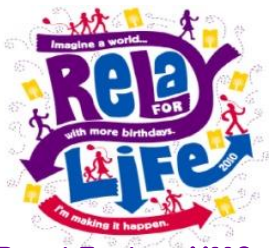


- 1st Mike Gerometta
- 2nd Esther Dim
- 3rd Sarah Shoremount
- 4th  Diann Duvall
- 5th Kathy Hunt
- 6th Janie Bigler
- 7th Aimee Taylor
Tim Heinlein
- 9th Collin Sinnette
- 14th Vincent Butcher
- 21st Martha Ludtke
Amy Shepley
Taylor Hardee
- 22nd David Peterson
- 23rd Danny Murphy
Norbert Bonjo
- 24th Jamar Smith

- 25th Judi Eckert
Rick Ours
- 26th Karen Swisher
John Roberts
- 27th Irene Reynard
- 28th Elijah Britton



- 4th Bill & Sue Swimley
- 10th Chad & Rennie Earhart
Glen & Carrie Fair
Mark & Lucinda Lentz
- 15th Richard & Bonnie Henry
Sequoia & Stephanie Britton
- 20th Jim & Jean Blankenship
- 24th Chad & Tabitha Lee
- 25th Ken & Mary Lou Wales
- 28th Danny & Amye Murphy



Burnt Factory UMC "The Believers"

The Relay for Life 2017 event ended at 6:30am June 17th, but I haven't stopped thinking about it. Until this past Sunday, I had been wondering how a church the size of Burnt Factory could raise (at last count) \$25,334 for cancer research. I was also in awe of how Pat Perry, HERSELF, raised \$7,905 of the \$25,334. And thoughts of the campsite decorations and the decades fashion show kept running through my head. All of these things earned first place honors: top team fundraiser, top individual fundraiser, top fashion show fundraiser and top campsite decorations. HOW AND WHY did that happen?

Pastor Steve's sermon Sunday, June 25th, answered my question. The sermon was about outreach and mission work. Pastor Steve told us that *"GOD HAS PLACED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTREACH AND MISSION SQUARELY WITHIN OUR HANDS; THE HANDS OF THE CHURCH; OF THE BODY OF CHRIST."* He said, *"God is not going to do it for us but GOD WILL EMPOWER AND EQUIP AND PROVIDE."* And that is exactly HOW and WHY Relay for Life happened.

God EMPOWERED us through the September yard sale, the April spaghetti dinner/basket auction, the May golf tournament, the Singin' Sundae Social, our last two fundraisers: the ham sandwich sale and the fashion show. The ham sandwich sale raised over \$376. A huge thank you goes to Steve and Tammy Cunningham for donating everything needed: the ham, bread, and sandwich bags. The sandwiches were assembled in record time thanks to many of you who helped. The fashion show raised over \$1,264 thanks to many of you who attended the event and made donations. Thank you, Donna Gallagher, for the use of your beautiful wedding gown. William and Casey Price, thank you for agreeing to be our "Happy Couple" for the fashion show.

I am very thankful for all of you who God EQUIPPED with the talent to create the campsite decorations. It was a collaborated effort that was made possible by Lindsey Perrault and Karen Lynch. These two ladies have talent beyond my comprehension. All of the fun everyone had working together on the decorations was an added bonus. Our healing garden wouldn't have been nearly as lush without the 101 "flowers" Jo Anne Baker made (even when she was on vacation). And I can't forget the BFUMC men whose muscles and fortitude put up and broke down our campsite tents and tables. Thank you, William Price, for hanging all of the decorations to withstand whatever weather conditions we had to face.

Speaking of weather conditions, I will be requesting a third tent for next year. What a wonderful problem to have – the need for a third tent. The highlight of the whole event – for me - was seeing so many of you enjoy all of the activities the evening offered. It was great seeing so many of our high schoolers this year. Their help putting out luminaria bags was crucial. And for the record, it did not go unnoticed that Charlie Shepley outlasted all of us at Zumba. I also want to thank Irene Hardesty for capturing all of the fun on film, making the evening everlasting.

Who knew we would have so much fun staying up all night together – Steve Cunningham, Kenny and Christina Rohrbach, Wayne Drumheller, Casey Price, Erin Drumheller, Pat Perry, Sam Lentz, and Rose Anna Puffenbarger? We may want to consider cutting an album with our kazoos. Of course, it would have to be a Christmas album since that's what you play on a kazoo at 2am. 😊

There are so many people who earned the title of "RFL Warrior," but I want to give a special shout out to Christina and Kenny Rohrbach. What a blessing they are to BFUMC. Christina and Kenny helped with nearly every single RFL activity. They worked the yard sale from beginning to end, worked the entire spaghetti dinner/basket auction, helped make decorations, worked the Singin' Sundae Social from beginning to end, helped set up-decorate-and tear down the campsite AND stayed the entire 12 hours of the event! The two of you live Steve's words: *"God has placed the responsibility for outreach and mission squarely within our hands."*

Lastly, but most of all, I want to thank God for PROVIDING all of you to help make this mission a success. BFUMC is indeed a verb!

*Brenda Drumheller
Susan Williams
Co-Chairmen*



The Church and Stewardship

The word is “stewardship.” What exactly does that mean? In recent culture, stewardship meant giving money for the work of the church. While this is one important aspect of stewardship, it doesn’t even scratch the surface for what it should mean in our daily lives. In Jesus’ time, the steward was the manager of the household. The steward was not the owner of the assets, but a responsible administrator of the owner’s property.

THERE ARE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES AS WE EXPLORE MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS IN OUR WALK OF FAITH.

THE FIRST IS THE PRINCIPLE OF OWNERSHIP. The 24th Psalm begins with “*The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*” The first recognition is that all resources ultimately belong to God.

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE IS RESPONSIBILITY. It is the recognition that God has invited us to be responsible for the lives and resources that he has bestowed upon us. We have free will to make the choices that will shape our life. God owns everything; we are ultimately responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it.

THE THIRD PRINCIPLE IS ACCOUNTABILITY. We will be accountable to the owner as to how well we have managed those things entrusted to us. This includes an accounting of our time, relationships, abilities, wisdom and authority.

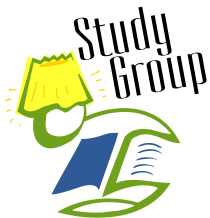
LASTLY, THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE IS REWARD. God doesn’t want our money. He calls us to give of our time and our resources for the change it instills in our hearts. It breaks down our selfishness and allows change to happen. The reward comes from knowing within that change, we are made perfect through Jesus and his sanctifying grace.

I like to think of stewardship as managing God’s blessings in God’s way. If we do all things to God’s calling, stewardship of all of our resources, including time and financial, will fall into place where it needs to be.



Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

-C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity



SMALL GROUP STUDY BEGINNING IN MID-AUGUST

Led by Angie Rudolph

Study Text by Adam Hamilton entitled Enough.

If you have an interest in learning more about what stewardship means for your life, I will be leading a small group study beginning mid-August. We will be studying text written by Adam Hamilton entitled Enough. Our hope is to begin “*Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity.*” Stay tuned in future newsletters and church correspondence for more information.

Angie Rudolph, Finance Chair



JULY 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	3 12:45-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully, Dying Well</u> Book Study	4  Independence Day NO CHOIR PRACTICE	5 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Nurture Meeting Fellowship Hall 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	6 7:00pm-Outreach Meeting Lower Cottage	7	8
9 CCAP COLLECTION DAY School Supplies 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	10 9am-1pm-3-Day Camp-Out for Kids at Burnt Factory 12:45-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully, Dying Well</u> Book Study 6:00pm-RFL Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist	11 9am-1pm-3-Day Camp-Out for Kids at Burnt Factory 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	12 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 9am-1pm-3-Day Camp-Out for Kids at Burnt Factory 7:00pm-Church Council	13 7:00pm-Bright Futures Information Meeting Fellowship Hall	14	15 8:00am-UMMen Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
16 CCAP COLLECTION DAY School Supplies 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 4:30pm-6:30pm-Youth Regular Meeting at the Shelter	17 12:45-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully, Dying Well</u> Book Study	18 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	19 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	20 CCAP Meeting at John Mann UMC	21	22  youth mission trip Today through June 29 th to Christiansburg
23 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	24 12:45-2:00pm <u>Living-Fully, Dying Well</u> Book Study	25 NO CHOIR PRACTICE	26 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours August newsletter articles today by 3:00pm! Thx!	27	28 Printing August Newsletter	29 YOUTH return from Christiansburg Mission Trip
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Women's FELLOWSHIP

Eighteen members were present for the June 8th meeting and with Glen Fair's help, we were able to skype with Caitlin McHale about the Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic. Thanks to Debbie Moss for setting this up for us.

We also observed our annual World Thank Offering. The 50 School Kits for Conference were put together for Pastor Steve to take to conference. Several members volunteered to serve a meal to the VBS workers each evening. Many thanks to those who offered to do this.

Missionary names were passed out with markers to mark the calendar to remember to send them a birthday greeting by e-mail.

Members are encouraged to shop for these items this July/August for next year's kits. The following items are needed: **BLUNT SCISSORS, BOX (24) CRAYONS, UNSHARPENED PENCILS, RULERS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, 2 ½ INCH ERASERS, and SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS.** Walmart and Target have excellent summer sale prices. Thanks to the women who make this a priority in getting the best prices for the kits. We send 50 school kits to conference each June.

We do not meet in July, but will meet August 17 and observe a candle-burning for those near and dear to us who have died in the past year.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, UMW President

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