

SMOKE SIGNAL

SEPTEMBER 2017
Church Newsletter
Burnt Factory UMC
Stephenson, VA
C. Steven Melester, Pastor

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
Sharing the Love of Christ with ALL people!

*"Let your light so shine before men that may see your good works and glory your Father who is in heaven."
~ Matthew 5:16*



It seems to me that many in our congregation and community are struggling. Many are waging war against health problems, illnesses of all kinds, financial challenges, family situations, depression; many are grieving and hurting; some are questioning their worth and whether anybody really cares about them. Many are struggling with the many divisions in our country. Many do not understand the hate that seems to be devouring the world. There is one discouraging news report after the other. Is there any good news? Yes!

At times like these, God brings us His Word in new and exciting ways and he brings it afresh and anew! At times like these, there is no substitute for scripture! Take heart, have faith, embrace hope --- the Word of God will sustain us!

Let us encourage each other, care for each other, and look upon each other with compassion and grace. The Apostle Paul wrote many things to many people. He could debate with princes and paupers. He could write personal letters and corporate manifests, but let us never forget; Paul was first and foremost a pastor; with a pastors heart! Read anew some of his most inspiring words and be encouraged!

"What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is it to condemn? It is Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8: 30-39

 *Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

HONORING OUR POLICE MEN & WOMEN, FIREFIGHTERS & EMT'S

Burnt Factory UMC will be honoring our Police Men and Women along with our Fire Fighters and Emts!!! We are asking anyone in our congregation or extended friends and family who have served or is serving now as a professional or volunteer in our police, fire and/or rescue units to be present on **SEPTEMBER 10** at either service so we can recognize and celebrate your vital and self-sacrificing service to our community and to our Lord!

**We want to encourage you to wear your uniform, if you so choose, but certainly that is not mandatory.*

GOD BLESS! Pastor Steve

Sing Along at Evergreen Nursing Home.

**2nd Wednesday
Of the month
6:30 pm**

**Please come and help us spread some
happiness! Everyone is welcome to
come and sing or help turn pages.
Thank you to all the helpers we have
had in the past. You all really make it
possible!**

Evergreen Nursing Home
380 Millwood Avenue
Winchester va, 22611

Call or text Rachel Hayton with questions at 540-336-0369

BURNT FACTORY BOOK CLUB

Hello BFBC(Burnt Factory Book Clubbers). I hope everyone has had a restful summer!

We will have our next meeting on Monday, September 18th, at 7:00pm.

Our book club is open to anyone who enjoys reading, eating and fellowship. This is an open club. You do not have to read every book, but we would love for you to come when you can.

This month's selection is MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN by Christy Beam. This is a true story about a young girls illness, trip to heaven and her miracle healing after sitting in Jesus' lap.

If you would like to order the book, please let Harriett Hanke know. New books are \$8.91 with tax. Amazon also has some used books that are less. Harriett's contact information is sunriseharriett@comcast.net or call her at 540-686-0434.

I look forward to seeing everyone at my home, 115 Julee Drive, Winchester. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 667-2103.

**Joy and blessings,
Susie Gerometta**



Winchester District Lay Servant Ministries Training



Who: All who would like to be Lay Servants All Current Lay Servants All Current Lay Leaders
Anyone who has an interest in the courses offered

When: Friday, September 15 ~ Registration: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Classes: 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
AND Saturday, September 16 ~ Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Classes: 8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Where: Duncan Memorial UMC, 210 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA

Fee: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

- Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Servant MUST attend their sessions on Friday AND Saturday.
- Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Servant MUST attend their course sessions on Friday AND Saturday.
- Certificates will be awarded to those Lay Servants who participate in all 10 hours of training.
- It is critical to register for the course of your choice far enough in advance so that you can order and have read the text for that course. Ordering information is listed with each class. ALL BOOKS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE TRAINING.

There are many areas in the church that you can assist with by training in the Lay Servant Ministries Program. *ANYONE who wants to take any of these courses may register.* If any course interests you, please register as soon as possible.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

BASIC COURSE:

Instructor: Wayne Reynolds

This is the first training step to becoming a certified Lay Servant. It focuses on three primary areas of Lay Servant Ministry: Caring, Leading and Communicating.

TEXT: *Basic Course Participant's Book*; Available from Cokesbury. ISBN: 9780881776263

ADVANCED CLASS # 1: Accountable Discipleship

Instructor: Rev. Tony Forstall

This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the class leader in the development of the Methodist movement.

Required Reading: *Accountable discipleship*: By Steven w. Manskar: Available from Cokesbury; ISBN: 9780881773392 Please bring a Bible to class!

ADVANCED CLASS # 2: Transforming Evangelism

Instructor: Rev. Sherry Waddell

This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. You will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

Required Reading: *Transforming Evangelism*: By Henry H. Knight, III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr.; Available from Cokesbury; ISBN 9780881774856. Please bring a Bible to class!

ADVANCED CLASS # 3: Heritage

Instructor: Joanna Dietz

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church.

Required Reading: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*: By Kenneth L. Carder; Available from Cokesbury; ISBN 9780881775716. Please bring a Bible to class!

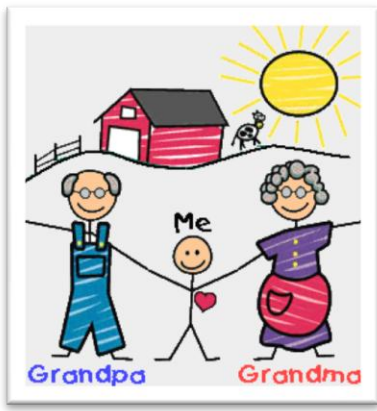
ADVANCED CLASS # 4: Leading Worship

Instructor: Rev. Mike Mayton

This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

Required Reading: *Worshiping with United Methodists*; By Hoyt Hickman; Available from Cokesbury; ISBN 9780687335268. Please bring a Bible to class!

THE ABOVE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Faith and Health Corner
September 2017

Celebrating Grandparents

"Grandchildren are the crowning glory of their grandparents." Proverbs 17:6

National Grandparent's day is the Sunday after Labor Day!!

As I write this article I am reminded of the unconditional love and encouragement that I received from my beloved grandparents. The joy I have felt as I watch my parent's continuous love and support of Katie and Allie and now their own families. And, now that I have my own grandchildren I can fully understand what the above verse from Proverbs really means; for Jack and Charlotte are truly my "crowning glory."

National Grandparents Day is a secular holiday celebrated since 1978. Research has shown that grandparents who are involved in their grandchildren's lives have a great deal to do with the child's view of life. The intergenerational contact is highly valuable for family connection. Making your presence known through phone calls, attendance at school events, and special activities with the child directly influences that grandchild. The emotional support from grandparents also provides a big influence on the child's reactions when confronted with tough situations. You are a role model to your grandchildren and your time and support are the biggest gifts you can give them. Take time on this special day to give your grandparents a big hug and thank them for their love.

*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, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.



THE LAUREL CENTER

Burnt Factory Family, thank you for once again supporting The Laurel Center with your donations. We reach out to them as they reach out to the community.

We were also blessed with a donation of 15 pretty white Bibles. I know they will be a comfort for the shelter clients.

Peace, Donna Gallagher



Burnt Factory UMC United Methodist Women



The UMW met at the church on August 17th with 24 members present along with two guests, Sadie Nelson, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator and her friend, Dee Williams. Sadie presented an interesting reading about Types of Soap (as it pertains to our Christian lives).

Thanks to Tom Croll for coming and taking a group picture that has been sent to the children at Project Esperanza. Who knows what else we'll be doing with that good looking group!

While we were enjoying delicious refreshments provided by Diana Smith and Dolores Knight, Penny Croll and Karen Willis filled us in on details and happenings in the Dominican Republic with Project Esperanza. They are overjoyed with their new (to them) van that our council approved for our "signature church ministry." They were able to buy a van for \$3,000 that suits their needs extremely well. It replaces an old car they call a "clown" car that as many as ten people rolled out of in a video we saw! Read a more detailed article by Penny Croll on the following page in this newsletter.

We will increase our pledge to the district beginning in 2018. We will provide a B F Cookbook at the District meeting September 24th at Grace United Methodist in Middletown for a silent auction to benefit the Legacy Fund. This meeting at Grace begins at 2:00 p.m. Hopefully, we'll have some in attendance.

We discussed the needs of Trinity House, a transitional women's home on Valley Avenue.

It's also our desire to be of service to our members who have been hospitalized and might need some help with a meal or two. A committee is working on the logistics of this.

Living Into Our Purpose - We have fulfilled Achievements for Recognition in the Gold Level. We are all about fulfilling our PURPOSE and being a mission-minded group.

We are trying to get more involved in the UMW Reading Program. We have several books in our library that are on the reading list. Let's make more of an effort to read some of those books – for information as well as getting credit!

Our unit does not meet in September, but we will have another action-packed meeting October 26th. Note the date change because of apple butter week. Keep in mind that we host a Zone Meeting at our church on Saturday, November 11th.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting.

Note pads with missionary names (including their e-mail addresses and birthdays) were passed out. I bet they would appreciate a note/card. Two of our members had responses from the names they contacted in August!

Continue to clip the Cancelled Stamps and Box Tops for Education and put them in the lavender box in the Social Hall. Pray for your prayer partner and remember them with a little something special once in a while! All the things we do make our unit one of the strong ones in the district, "developing a creative, supportive fellowship.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, President

New! Signature Ministry for UMW - Project Esperanza

As part of the Purpose of United Methodist Women, to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church, the UMW decided to add Project Esperanza as one of their global ministries. Project Esperanza was established in 2007 by a Winchester resident, Caitlin McHale Floreal, when she saw the need during a mission trip to help the homeless Haitian boys living in the Dominican Republic. Kristi Rodgers is a friend of Caitlin and shared her story with Pastor Steve. Kristi suggested that the church might offer financial assistance as we already were taking mission trips to Haiti and were familiar with the needs of the Haitian people. Pastor Steve brought the idea to the UMW and, as a result, for the last two years, we have been sponsoring 16 children at a cost of \$100 per child (\$1600 per year) so that they may attend school through Project Esperanza.

This year we are working to develop more of a relationship with the children and staff. We were fortunate to have Caitlin come the evening of February 2nd and speak about Project Esperanza. Since then we have had another Skype conversation with Caitlin and have made cards for each of the classrooms so that the children will be able to see our faces and know that we are praying for them to have a successful school year.

At the suggestion of Pastor Steve, we have established Project Esperanza as one of our Signature Ministries. By doing so, we will be periodically updating the church on Project Esperanza as some of the church budget will be designated toward this Signature Ministry. We are so excited to announce that the church council recently authorized the donation of \$3,000 to be given to Project Esperanza so that they could replace a very small car with a van so as to safely transport more of the children around the village of Puerto Plata.

Project Esperanza is currently helping to educate over 200 students and they are in the process of renovating their school so that they can become fully accredited. If you would like to learn more about Project Esperanza or if you are interested in sponsoring a child, please visit their website at esperanzameanshope.org.

On Saturday, September 30th, from 9 - 11am in the Social Hall, the UMW is offering a workshop for anyone to attend that would like to help make Christmas cards for the 200+ students. We will have all the supplies; we just need your help to personalize the cards.

Questions?

Contact Penny Croll ptcroll@hotmail.com

or Karen Willis krwillis1@comcast.net



PICTURE OF THE NEW SCHOOL WALLS!

The Burnt Factory Food Pantry is in need of the following items:



**CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, CANNED CHICKEN, MACARONI AND CHEESE
CRACKERS, JUICE, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, NOODLES, CANNED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS, CARROTS, BEETS, KIDNEY BEANS, TOMATOES, LIMA BEANS
FRUIT, SOUP, INSTANT POTATOES, STUFFING, AND GRAVY**

Thank you for your generosity.

Karen Willis

RELAY FOR LIFE

"The Believers" Relay for Life team met on July 30th to discuss the 2017 event and start planning for 2018. The following events have been planned for 2018:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 5, 2017 – Serve Dinner to Ruritan Members at their Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2018 – Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Auction

May 8, 2018 – Jack Duvall Golf Tournament

May 20, 2018 - Singin' Sundae Social

Date to be determined – Sell Cakes/Pies at the Frederick County Fair

Also, Jo Anne Baker is working on editing pictures of the church to have wooden replicas made for sale at Christmas.

At our July meeting Theresa Gilbert volunteered to help co-chair "The Believer's" 2018 Team. Theresa and I, along with our husbands and Joe and Nancy Hulver attended the Winchester/Frederick County 2017 wrap-up covered dish/meeting on August 26th. A vote was taken for the theme for 2018.....get your creative juices flowing for:

WINCHESTER-OPLY

What does Winchester-oply mean? I asked the same question. This was their response – ***"we are hoping to engage new relayers by having teams represent a business, church, school whatever they would like that is in the Winchester Frederick County area. You could let your business/church/school know that you are going to portray them at relay for life and hopefully that will engage more people."*** The theme usually isn't announced until January, so we have plenty of time this year to come up with another first place ribbon for decorations.

We also learned at the meeting that for the first time in five years the Winchester/Frederick County RFL event met their fundraising goal. The goal was \$165,000 and a total of \$168,013 was raised. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who made this year a success!

We are looking forward to working with our "Believers" Team to make 2018 RFL another successful year!

**Theresa Gilbert
Brenda Drumheller
Co-captains**

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

Our next CCAP day will be in October. More information regarding the exact date and items for collection will be in the bulletin the end of September.

Gifts of prayers, food, clothing, financial assistance, and volunteer time are always welcome at CCAP. **ADULT DISPOSABLE DIAPERS, BRIEFS AND UNDERWEAR ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED.** Donations can be dropped off at the 112 S. Kent address.

If you are able to join me, the next CCAP meeting is October 19th, 10 am, at the First Presbyterian Church on the Loudoun Street Mall. 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 important ministry,

Patty Leonard



Meet and Eat Nurture Group – After our short, summer break, we are ready to start-up our Meet and Eat Nurture Ministry. The next groups will meet together the months of Oct-Nov-Dec. We meet once a month in small groups of 7 to 9 people and enjoy meals and fellowship. These meals are a great opportunity to **meet** fellow parishioners, **eat** good food, share stories, and get to know one another. If you have previously been a member of the group, you do not need to sign up again.

If you would like to join this fun Nurture group, just sign up at the information table in the Fellowship Hall on any Sunday in September, or contact Patty Leonard at ricpat5@gmail.com or 540-664-6973. Please join us.

From a branch on the Vine,

A restless man had formed an opinion that the world was jaded, much too amplified and devoid of real compassion. So he left the familiar and went on a quest to restore his soul. Coming upon a large peak, shrouded in clouds, he mused to himself, serenity must be at the top. Beginning his ascent, he was met by a band of three travelers, who, to the man's annoyance, joined him on the path.

The first traveler was quick to stride ahead and was swiftly out of sight. The second traveler was a bit slower than the man and soon lagged behind. The third traveler was a good match for the man's pace and the two soon entered into a conversation. The exchange began innocently with expressions of delight in the moment and evolved to the sharing of difficult past challenges and unknown future events. The man felt a confidence growing inside with a sense of kinship to his travelling companion.

The flat path gradually elevated to a steeper grade and taxed the man's resolve. Coming to a rise, he took a moment to rest and to take measure of where he was in relation to his goal at the top. Somewhere along the trail, he had dropped his map, and fear started to swell within him. Both directions, back and forwards looked unfamiliar, shrouded in mist. From behind, he heard the voice of the slower traveler. In his hand, was the map the man was anxiously searching for. "This is to help you remember where you have come from." From a few feet in front, a hand reached down to guide the man forward. The traveler who had gone ahead spoke, "Take heart, the end of the trail is near; I have been there." The man's constant companion said, "Peace, be encouraged, You are ok."

In this story, who are you? Like the man, we all have been on a search for something to elevate our lives; maybe knowledge; maybe gratification; maybe just peace. You are **also** the slow traveler who provides the groundwork from which to grow. You are the one who is present to offer encouragement and a balm for fears. And, you are the one who has travelled the road ahead and shares their wisdom. We are all of these travelers as the face, voice and spirit of Jesus Christ. We are the evidence of the Holy Spirit to others – to be a foundation, a present help, and to be a well of experience given to those who follow.

Our Foundation...In the beginning was the Word
Our Ever-Present Help...I am with you to very end of the age
Our Secure Future...I go to prepare a place for you.

The man walked further up the path. Reaching the top, the mist lifted and the man found himself alone before the kingdom – arriving there with the help of three travelers, each with the scar of a nail.
Be Christ to others.

In Christ, *Rob* 



Confirmation Classes to begin September 10th!

Confirmation classes will be forming in the Fall with the first class beginning September 10th. Confirmation is for youth grades 7th and up, although a class for older youth is possible. Confirmands will be educated on the core values of a follower of Christ and on the structure, sacraments and heritage of the United Methodist Church. It is both a human act of commitment and the gracious action of the Holy Spirit strengthening and empowering discipleship. At the conclusion of the classes, each confirmand will have the opportunity to confirm their baptism vows and to unite in membership with their Brothers and Sisters in Christ found in the Faith Community of Burnt Factory United Methodist Church. For more information or to register, please contact Rob Moss or Pastor Steve.

Joy and Peace, *Rob*

Back from a great mission trip to Christiansburg, but we've got more to do. At our regular meeting, we cleaned up the shelter from the recent flood and spent time being thankful. Life is sweeter and more peaceful with an Attitude of Gratitude. The Youth took a moment to write Thank-You cards to someone who has made a difference in their lives.



August 25/26th was the annual Camp-out where we welcomed five 6th graders and served lunch at three local motels. Our theme was "Distractions." We all want to be good people; however, we aren't always good. In our journeys with Christ, we can lose focus, stray from the path – get distracted. Still, we are blessed by a Father who welcomes His Prodigal Children.



Upcoming Youth Events:

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| September 10 th | Clean-Up Day
<i>(Work at our church)</i> | Social Hall | 4:30 – 6:30pm |
| September 24 th | Regular Meeting | Youth Cottage | 4:30- 6:30pm |
| September 30 th | Beef Bar B Q dinner
<i>(Help serve our guests and support our church)</i> | Stonewall Ruritan | 4:00-7:00pm |

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





Family Fun Night! October 13, 2017 from 6-7:30pm

Like to paint? Like to Praise God? Well put the two together and it's like Peanut Butter and Jelly! On October 13, 2017 from 6-7:30pm, we will hold our first Family Fun Night called "Paint and Praise Night!" It will be a night like no other! There will be something for every member of the family! First we will gather in the Sanctuary for a time of praise and worship all together, then we will have the children go to the Social Hall for a time of painting to scripture and all others will attend Doreen's Praying in Color study. There will be nursery offered for younger children ages 4 and under. Light refreshments and all supplies will be provided. This is offered to all who desire to attend, (children, middle school, high school, college age and, well, all the rest!) Praying in Color is an active, meditative prayer practice. It is both process and product! The process involves a reentry into the world of coloring and improvising. The product is a colorful design or drawing that is a visual reminder of the time spent in prayer. No skills are required for any of these ministry opportunities! Come and bring your imagination and readiness to be in praise of our GOOD and FAITHFUL God! This is a great opportunity to just take a breath and spend some time with God. There are two sign-up sheets for this: One in the Social Hall and one in the children's wing hallway!

We hope to see you there! Carrie Fair and Doreen Coffelt



KID MIN CONNECTION

I had a great chuckle when I saw this cartoon. It reminded me of the wonderful gifts and talents that our children are already beginning to surface. I see future teachers, leaders, preachers, medical staff, lawyers, chefs, football/sports/team players all coming out of our children's ministries. I am truly blessed to be able to minister to these great treasures. It is a team effort! These children are cared for not only by their parents but their church family as well. Thank you to all the many volunteers and helpers that work in children's ministries to care for our littlest disciples. "It takes a big heart to shape little minds!"

Events!

We will continue our Monday evening 6-6:30pm children's singing group throughout the fall. We will break in November to begin Christmas play practices. This is open to all children of all ages. Even youth are welcome! The children will sing songs of varying pieces, meaning some older more traditional songs and some contemporary songs with parts! They will learn them to sing in nursing homes and in church. Also, from 6:30-7pm we will be learning liturgical dances to perform in church and for nursing homes! This too is open to all ages including youth to come and learn dances to Christian contemporary songs. The students will learn to dance for Jesus and that their dance moves tell a story!

Veterans Letters

The children will be writing letters to all active military and retired military of our congregation family members to honor veterans. If you have a family, friend, or community military member you would like us to send a letter to, please give the address to Carrie Fair. There will be a drop-off folder outside of my office to place the addresses in. You can also email me the addresses. I need all addresses collected by Veterans Day.

September 3 will begin our new church year for Sunday School and Children's Church. Any child ages 5 and up will be moved to Children's Church during the services and will attend a Sunday School class. Just a heads up!!! Things will look a little different downstairs in the next few weeks! We are switching up classrooms and changing things around to better our children's wing space!

Any Questions please never hesitate to contact me!

Office Hours: Monday 10-12 Tuesday 10-12 Wednesday 10-3 & other times by appointment! Phone: 540-667-4993

Peace and God Bless! Carrie Fair-Director of Children's Ministries



- 1st Delilah Murphy
- 2nd Marilyn Davies
- 4th Angie Rudolph
- Bob Hunt
- Crystalyn Edwards
- 5th Jim Blankenship
- Randy Willis
- Denise Willis
- 8th David Werdebaugh

- 11th Betty Livengood
- 16th Jennifer Stinnette
- 17th Tim Hardee
- 19th Fred Snyder
- 20th Sequoia Britton
- 22nd Liz Duvall
- Brandy Woods
- 30th Debbie Burke
- Carter Kerr



- 2nd Adam and Brandy Woods
- 9th Pastor Steve and Melanie Melester
- 21st Chuck and Audrey Thomas
- Jim and Amy Shepley
- 26th Barney and Susan Pannell

Wedding
Announcements 

*On July 29th,
Sue Ellen Gossard & Ryan Rutherford
were united in marriage!*

*On August 5th,
Christina Champion and Josh Jenkins
were united in marriage!*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**On July 28th,
Tyler & Brittany Orndorff
welcomed a baby boy.
His name is Landen!**

**On August 18th,
Dan & Lauren Merceruio
welcomed a baby boy.
His name is Dash!**



God Bless!

**Winchester District United Methodist Men's
Golf Tournament to benefit**



**Saturday, September 16
Shenandoah Valley Golf Club**

The UMM of Burnt Factory have generously supported the tournament and have openings for 3 players to participate.

The registration fee is already been paid.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Cunningham or Rob Moss.

Players will be selected on first-come / first serve basis to complete the Foursome.

Anyone may participate in the event: \$70 / player or \$280 / team. The proceeds support the Saratoga House for men with intellectual challenges.

Joy and Peace,

Rob



SCHEDULE FOR MAKING APPLE BUTTER

For anyone coming in new since last fall, (and to refresh the memory of others), here are the facts about our big fundraiser for the year, our Apple Butter Making Project **October 19th-21st**. There's always something for people of all ages to do. JAY POWELL lovesgoldens1@comcast.net CELL 540-327-3118 and DEBORAH WALKER dswalker1@yahoo.com Home 540-667-6711 Cell 540-664-0908 will be taking the orders for Apple Butter and it can even be ordered by phone, by email, through the church web site or in person. Web site http://burntfactory.org/main/?page_id=952. All **new** Jars, which are purchased by the UMM, will be used this year. Pints are discouraged and if you order them, you must furnish your own **new** Jars. **The price of apple butter this year is \$10.00 qt., \$5.00 pt.** **PLEASE GET YOUR ORDERS IN EARLY!!**

This year, on a date to be determined, we will start to gather around 8:30am. Pickers will meet at the orchard behind Walmart, Route 50, to pick about 65 bushels of apples. Crates are provided, but please bring a bucket to pick into. This is always a family affair. All ages are welcome! We will pick rain or shine! The apples will be taken to the peeling garage until **Thursday, October 19th**, the day the peeling process begins. The men usually begin the peeling process, but there are always women and youth who come to help. The sides of the shelter will be dropped and canvas placed across a part of the shelter to insure comfort while sitting and working. The fireplace will be ready for fire, which always feels good as the temperature drops outside. We have special peelers up in the building near the shelter area. As they come off the peelers they are put in plastic bags and placed back in the crates and taken down to the shelter where the quartering and "cleaning up" of the apples takes place. **This step begins at 9:00 a.m.** **Many hands** are needed for this step. Everyone who can is encouraged to come and help, even if it's just for a couple of hours. The more help we have, the easier it is on everyone. Bring a couple of big pans and a sharp knife and maybe a comfortable chair. It really is a social event, even fun! The ladies will bring soup, hot dogs, buns, drinks and desserts to tide us over until the "hour has come" to go home.

On Friday morning, the 20th, the kettles will be set and a canopy put over the kettles to protect the precious product from leaves, etc. Next step, washing the apples, which is a very demanding job and help is always appreciated; some women have also come to help. By this time, it's time for these loyal workers to go home, get something to eat and sleep awhile before coming back **around midnight to begin the cooking**. All ages meet to begin the project at midnight, which is the hardest part. Lighting the fires, putting the apples in the kettles and stirring is also a demanding job! About 20-30 helpers are needed at midnight. A few brave women and the dedicated youth get in on this part and work through the night to get it all started.

Early Saturday morning, about 5:00 a.m. a hearty breakfast will be ready for all the workers. After working throughout the night on donuts and coffee, the **6:00 a.m. call to breakfast**, in shifts, of course, is a welcome invitation. Everyone is welcome to eat! By this time, relief help has come to give the early crew a break. The apples are now easier to stir. The sun is up and, hopefully, it's a pleasant, sunny day to finish the process. BUT, the project must be finished, regardless of the weather. The ladies will have brought soup, hot dogs, barbecue, buns, desserts, drinks, etc. (When we work, we eat)! Lunch is usually early, so we can get the tables cleaned up and get the area cleared for the jars that will be placed on the tables, ready for filling. Through experience, at just the right time, the sugar will be added (about 100# + to each kettle!). Then at just the right time, the spices will be added and very quickly it will be ready to take off. We have two special dispensers with cut-off valves for filling the jars. There are two assembly lines and everything must be done quickly to get the apple butter in the jars and lids screwed on tight. **NO jars of butter will be taken by purchaser until ALL butter has been jarred and released. This cuts down on confusion and allows for an accurate count of butter made.** **All butter taken home must be recorded by the order-taking team.** There's usually "oohs and aahs" after sampling the apple butter on rolls! It's the best apple butter in the land! Just ask us – and others, too! While some people are working in the assembly line, several of the men are cleaning up the kettles as they become empty. Then everything must be cleaned up, some utensils taken up to the church as well as the orders by people who aren't there to pick it up. The project is headed by Keith Roberts & Eddie Cooper.

A big project for a small church? You bet! It takes dedicated people who want to see it carried on. We have a wonderful reputation for our apple butter and hope it will continue for many years. Let's set aside the time that it takes for this once-a-year effort and continue this project in the same united way. So many programs in our church benefit from its profits. All apple butter not taken on Saturday will be at the church with the order name attached and any leftover apple butter will be available for additional sale. Please order your apple butter early. It may be paid for in advance or you may wait and pay when you pick it up.

To: All Winchester District Churches, Members, and Clergy
Re to: At-large Lay Delegates to the 2018 Virginia Annual Conference

In 2018, the Virginia Annual Conference will meet in Hampton, Virginia, on June 15-17. The Winchester District is responsible for electing 27 at-large lay delegates and 9 reserve at-large delegates. The election will take place at the Winchester District Conference to be held on October 28, 2017 at Braddock Street UMC.

To be on the ballot a lay person must have been a member of a local Winchester District UMC for 2 years and active in the UMC for the previous 4 years. Youth and young adults are encouraged to seek election along with the other adults on the District.

To be on the ballot please complete a "Lay Delegate Nomination Form" (below) and return it to the Winchester District Office no later than October 20th. Please note that the form must be signed and dated by your pastor prior to returning it to the office. The Winchester District provides \$400 towards the delegates' expenses.

Blessings,

Larry Thompson

Winchester District Superintendent

Nomination Form

Lay Delegate to the Virginia Annual Conference

June 15-17, 2018 Hampton, Virginia

_____ I would like to be on the ballot as a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, 2018.

_____ I have been a member of _____ UMC on the Winchester District for at least 2 years and have been an active United Methodist member for at least 4 consecutive years.

I am: _____ Youth (ages 12-18) _____ Young Adult (ages 18-30) _____ Adult (age 31+)

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

Please provide a brief bio of 50 words or less below so that voters may come to know you better:

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

**THIS LETTER with the NOMINATION FORM and CONFERENCE RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP
WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

To All Burnt Factory Members and Attendees:

The **WALK TO EMMAUS** seeks to send participants to the Loudoun Valley Retreat to two walks in the fall. We then form Reunion Groups after the Walk to continue and share our growth in Christ, and our accomplishments in serving Christ. Loudoun Valley Emmaus has monthly gatherings at various churches so you can worship and share your love for God with others.

1. **Men's Walk LV85 – October 26-29, 2017**
2. **Women's Walk LV86 – November 2-5, 2017**

THESE RETREATS WILL BE HELD AT THE 4H CENTER IN FRONT ROYAL, VA.

PARTICIPANTS ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVITED TO:

1. **Strengthen their Spiritual Life**
2. **Further Understand God's grace and love**
3. **Dedicate their everyday life to God**
4. **Sing, reflect, pray, worship, learn, participate in small groups, experience God's grace in the Community and World, and understand Christian love in action**

WALK TO EMMAUS provides inspiration, challenges, and equips leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities. We also like to send husbands and wives to strengthen their family Christian relationship with God.

We need sponsors to send more participants to these Walks. You could have done your Walk in the Loudoun Valley Emmaus or Walks outside our area like Sue and I went to our Walk while we were living in Delaware.

If you are a graduate of a Walk to Emmaus Retreat, please consider volunteering to sponsor participants to these two upcoming retreats. The men go first and the women to the 2nd walk. Participants may be husbands and wives, singles, and other members of our church. Call us or send us an email, then we will meet with you to go over the sponsor responsibilities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to sponsor individuals to these two retreats, and watch them grow in Christ as they return.

Sincerely,

Josh and Sue Morimoto

Sue Morimoto

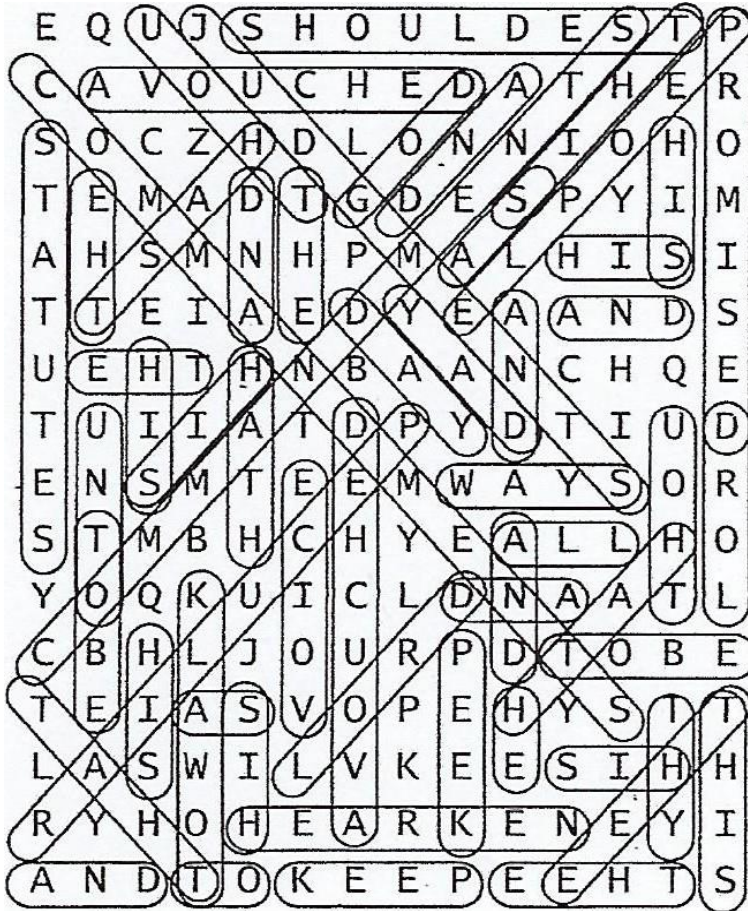
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**ANSWERS TO AUGUST FAITH
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**

How'd you do?



Chubby & Helen Weir and Family in the passing of her sister, Mallaveene Lake.

Heather Flowers and Family in the passing of her stepmother's mother, Mary Mason.

Allyson & Emma Skarupa & Family (children of Brandy & Adams Woods) in the passing of their father, Chris Skarupa.

The Shanholtz Family in the passing of Mary Ellen's sister, Margaret Wesner.

Mary Straub and Family in the passing of her step-son, John J. Straub.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
God Bless*



Have you given your email address to Keith Roberts?

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.

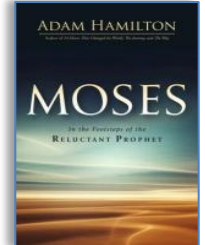
Keith keeps an e-mail list in his computer for just such purposes. Your e-mail address is protected and e-mails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

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

**BIBLE STUDY
~ RETRACE
THE LIFE OF MOSES ~**



from his rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt, to his gazing on the Promised Land. Combining historical insights, archaeological data, and the biblical text, Adam Hamilton explores how this reluctant prophet grew in his relationship with God, and how you can overcome your own hesitancy to act boldly for the Lord.

CLASSES BEGIN ~ LED BY PASTOR STEVE

Monday, September 18th, 7pm

OR

Wednesday, September 20th, 10am.

Sign-up sheet and books are in the Social Hall.

Joy and Peace, *Rob*

****UMMen Meeting Date Change****

Our next UMMen meeting will be on September 23rd at 8:00AM in the Church Fellowship Hall. This month's meeting will have our 2018 election of officers so that we have them set for our Church Charge Conference in November.

I will be meeting soon with the District Disaster Relief Coordinator, Joanna Dietz, and may have some opportunity for our church to be in direct support of relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey. The Virginia Conference UMMen are getting started on collecting Flood Buckets for UMCOR, so we will work with them and Joanna to see how we can be a part of the mission opportunity to help those who have suffered as a result of the hurricane. As a reminder, UMCOR has been supporting relief efforts for flooding from other events, so while Harvey is dominating new coverage, UMCOR has been busy supporting victims of all natural disasters, thus their inventory of Flood Buckets has been diminished.



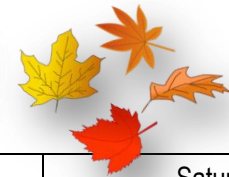
Once the Winchester District Mission Team on Disaster Relief and the Conference UMMen have plans set, we will notify everyone via email and Facebook of the opportunities that will be available for us to help.


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

Steve Cunningham
President, Burnt Factory UMMen



SEPTEMBER 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th at the 8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services BURNT FACTORY UMC WILL BE HONORING OUR POLICE MEN AND WOMEN, FIREFIGHTERS & EMTS					1 Print September Newsletter	2
3 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am Children's Mini-Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	4  HAPPY LABOR DAY	5 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers 7:00pm-Enough Study Group	6 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Nurture Meeting 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	7 7:00pm-Outreach Meeting	8	9
10 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am Children's Mini-Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic 4:30pm-6:30pm-Youth Clean-Up Day (<i>Work at our church</i>) Confirmation Classes Begin	11 6:00pm-RFL Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist	12 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers 7:00pm-Enough Study Group	13 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours Burnt Factory Mission Work Team in Evergreen, VA. 6:30pm—Sing Along at Evergreen Nursing Home	14 Burnt Factory Mission Work Team in Evergreen, VA.	15 Burnt Factory Mission Work Team in Evergreen, VA.	16 Burnt Factory Mission Work Team in Evergreen, VA. Winchester District UMMen's Golf Tournament at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club Register-7:00am Play-8:00am
17 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am Children's Mini-Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	18 7:00pm-Book Club at Susie Gerometta's 7:00pm-Moses	19 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers 7:00pm- Enough Study Group	20 10:00am-Moses Bible Study 7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	21 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours	22 <i>1st Day of</i>  <i>Autumn</i>	23 8:00am-UMMen meet in Social Hall
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BURNT FACTORY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

2017

BEEF BARBEQUE DINNER

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

4:00 – 7:00 P. M.

Benefit of

BURNT FACTORY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Adults \$12.00 Child (12 and under) \$9.00

Take-Outs Available

Held at

Stonewall Ruritan Building

Frederick County Fair Grounds

Come join us for the best barbeque in town.

Invite your family, friends and co-workers.

We hope to see you on the 30th!