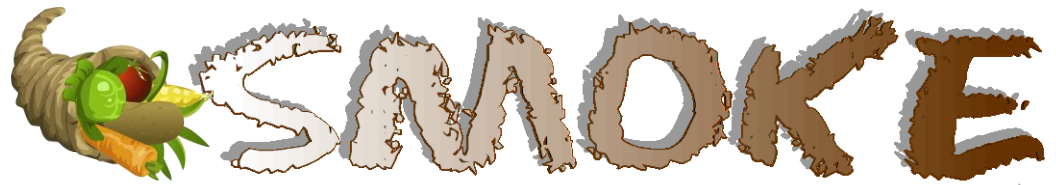


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United Methodist Church  
Stephenson, Virginia 22656  
C. Steven Melester, Pastor



*"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:16*

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



The mission of the United Methodist Church is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." At BFUMC, we have adopted that mission statement and have also added an addendum: "Sharing the love of Christ with all people."

Mission statements are an important part of any church for they unify and clarify our purpose. They give us direction and accountability. We have also added to our mission statements an important scripture passage to add even more insight to BFUMC's character. Matthew 5:16 serves us well as a defining motto. *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

What does letting our light shine mean? It means we serve the Lord with gladness, we serve the Lord with truth and integrity and we serve the Lord through our worship, service, prayers, giving and witness. We let our light shine by being thankful and by loving our neighbor as ourselves. We let our light shine by loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and strength. We share with Jesus in His mission statement found in Luke 4 where he quotes Isaiah and says, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

**We are not a busy church! We are a servant church!** And to that end, I want to share with you what is happening in the life of BFUMC and some of the many opportunities to worship and to serve and to fulfill our mission!

**11-5-17** All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion --- We take time to remember the Saints.

**11-12-17** Veterans Sunday --- we take time to thank our veterans! Later that afternoon @ 2:00, we will host 6 other churches as we celebrate our Charge Conference with another worship service. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Larry Thompson, will bring the message!

**11-19-17** Our text will be Matthew 25: 14-30

**11-22-17** We will gather on Wednesday evening @ 7:00 for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service. An offering of blankets and/or diapers will be collected for CCAP ministries.

**11-26-17** "Christ the King" Sunday will bring to a close the season after Pentecost with our text coming from Ezekiel 34: 11-15a.

**11-29-17** We will gather again on this Wednesday Evening for our annual Healing Service where we will offer a special anointing and time of prayer.



*Pastor's Message Continues on the following page...*

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## *Pastor's message continues...*

Our Watts mission begins on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs to Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for sign up information soon!

**12-3-17** The first Sunday of Advent --- as we begin our preparation for the coming of the Christ-child, our text will be Mark 13: 24-37 and we will celebrate Holy Communion.

**12-10-17** The second Sunday of Advent will explore Mark 1: 1-8 --- We will also reconvene that evening @ 6:00 to celebrate our Children's Christmas Program! You do not want to miss this!!!

**12-17-17** The Third Sunday of Advent will find us turning to the Gospel of John and also returning to the church that evening @ 7:00 for our wonderful Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata. Be there or be square!

**12-24-17** The Fourth Sunday of Advent happens to fall on Christmas Eve this year and we will have our regular Sunday morning services along with two special Christmas Eve Candle-Light Services held at 5:00 and again at 8:00.



We will have many opportunities to serve during the November/December cycle.

- We will help CCAP with the collection of Thanksgiving meals for the less-fortunate.
- We will help the Winchester/Frederick County Social Services Dept. with the collection of Christmas meals.
- We will help out the Salvation Army with their annual Bell Ringing Fund Drive. I have already mentioned WATTS and the CCAP diaper/blanket drive.

These are just a few of the many ways we serve our Lord. There are many others!

I hope and pray that all of you, with thanksgiving and humility, will enjoy this special time of year and that you will participate in many if not all of these opportunities to "Share the Love of Christ with all people" and to *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

*I look so forward to serving alongside each of you during this most special time of year!!!!*  
*God Bless You*

***Grace & Peace, Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Steve***

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Knight	21 <sup>st</sup>	Donna Gallagher
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda Nicholson		Abby Melester
4 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Phillips		Meta Platt
	Tim Stinnette		Ray Taylor
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Taylor	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Anne Perrault
12 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Willis		Glen Fair
13 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Miiller	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Karen Willis
14 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Feight	25 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Taylor
18 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Woods		Patsy Hoffman
20 <sup>th</sup>	Dolores Knight	26 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson Gilbert
	Leslie Butcher		Mark Lentz
	Jani Shope	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Anne Baker

1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Meta Platt
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnny & Darlene Morrison
4 <sup>th</sup>	David & Laurie May
13 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick & Vickie Thompson
14 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie & Beth Beaver
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jim & Jo Anna Grayson

## More Anniversaries in OCTOBER:

8 <sup>th</sup>	Kenny & Christina Rohrbach
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Allie Goode
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tim & Jennifer Stinnette
24 <sup>th</sup>	Larry & Kathy Dick
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson & Theresa Gilbert



*Congratulations to Jason Wiseman and Angela Rudolph who were united in marriage on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Burnt Factory UMC.*

*Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Life Together Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman!!!*

*The Burnt Factory Family welcomed new members as we celebrated the Holy Service of Confirmation on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Our new members are:*

*Stuart Davidson*

*Gabriel King*

*Jack Lewis*

*Nora Lewis*

*Jack Muldowney*

*John Renner*

*Isabella (Izzy) Repine and Addison Russell*





*Thanks to our Burnt Factory Family for the continued support of CCAP,  
The Laurel Center and the Food Pantry.*

There will be many mission opportunities in November and December.

Please watch for detailed information in the Sunday bulletin and emails.

We are excited about all of the following:

- COLLECTION FOR THE LAUREL CENTER ON NOVEMBER 12
- DONATION OF FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING GIVE-A-WAY AT CCAP
- COLLECTION OF BLANKETS AND DIAPERS AT THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
- SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING IN DECEMBER – SATURDAYS DEC 2, 9, & 16  
FROM 9:00AM-3:00PM – J C PENNEY MAIN ENTRANCE  
SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL NOVEMBER 5.
- CHRISTMAS MEALS FOR FAMILIES
- HELPING WITH WATTS DECEMBER 2-9

The next Outreach Meeting will be November 2 at 7:00PM in the Lower Cottage.

*Karen Willis, Outreach Chair*

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*We wish to express our sympathy to the following people whose loved ones have*



*Debbie Burke, Darlene Morrison, and Penny Elliott and Family in the passing  
of their Aunt, Rebecca "Becky" Miller.*

*Lois and Theresa Wismer and Family in the passing of their husband and father,  
Jess Wismer.*

*Dick Carter and Family in the passing of his nephew, Bobby Carter.*

*David & Marcia Darsie and Family in the passing of Marcia's father, Bill Mears.*

*Many Prayers are being lifted up from the Burnt Factory Prayer Warriors.*



## Burnt Factory UMC "The Believers"



We raised \$320 dollars on October 5<sup>th</sup>, serving dinner to the Stonewall Ruritan Club. Thank you to everyone who donated the food and helped cook, serve and clean up.

The American Cancer society is offering an Early Bird Sponsorship Opportunity. Long story short, if you or your business would like to become a Relay for Life sponsor, each level is HALF PRICE until 12/31/17.

The top level is originally \$5,000 but can be purchased for \$2,500 until 12/31/17. \$2,500 will get your company logo featured on the back of the event T-shirts, a 4 foot ribbon sign displayed at the event, verbal recognition at the event, your company supplied banner displayed on the relay track, recognition on the relay website and facebook, a crystal award for display at your business, the opportunity to participate in the sponsor recognition lap during the relay event and 3 complimentary event T-shirts. The least expensive level is \$250. For only \$125 through 12/31/17 you can get your company logo on one track sign to be displayed during the RFL event, recognition on the Sponsors page of the Relay website and an opportunity to participate in the sponsor recognition lap during the RFL event.

There are Sponsorship forms with details about all of the levels that are available on the table in the Social Hall. Feel free to recruit a sponsor if you know a business that might be interested in supporting Relay for Life.

Sponsorship forms can either be mailed or turned into Theresa Gilbert or Brenda Drumheller. Please don't forget to put "The Believers" team on the form so that we can get credit for the sponsorship.

If you ever have any questions about Relay for Life, feel free to email Brenda at [wngirls@gmail.com](mailto:wngirls@gmail.com) or Theresa at [tgilbert@afpdocs.com](mailto:tgilbert@afpdocs.com) or grab one of us after church.

**Theresa Gilbert  
Brenda Drumheller  
Co-captains**

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*We would like to thank all those who came out to help with our Apple Butter Project this year.*

*We could not have done this project without all of your help.*

*These funds make their way through the many areas of mission within our Church and community and we are able to help those who really need someone who cares enough to help.*



*Thank you so much,  
Keith Roberts and Eddie Cooper*



## **Faith Seekers Class**

The Faith Seekers class has been working through a study by Kyle Idleman entitled *Not a Fan*. The accompanying video follows Eric, a man who is transformed from a fan to a follower by his encounter with Jesus. On the heels of a recent mission trip, we watched a segment where Eric is confronted by his wife regarding the significant changes he was making in his life. The changes were affecting the family, and she wondered what influence she had in the direction Eric was steering their family. A similar question was put to the folks who had gone on the mission trip. What if your spouse had questioned your decision to go? What if he or she counseled against it, pointing to the numerous responsibilities at home? What would you do?

I wrestled with this question for some time, though deep down I knew the answer. When Jesus calls we are faced with a choice, which is not really a choice at all. We can answer the call to follow, as Peter and Andrew did when Jesus said "Follow me," or we can refuse. There is no other option.

The refusal of his call comes in many forms. At times, we try to present terms to Jesus for our following, believing it leaves an out if this one-sided contract is not honored. Or we procrastinate, finding excuses not to follow. Like the individuals in Luke 9, we say to Jesus, "First let me go" or "Let me first."

We may think Jesus is being unreasonable in what he is asking us to do, to follow him, and the truth is that he is being unreasonable. He was also unreasonable when he took on our sins, my sins, suffering the pain and humiliation of the cross so we wouldn't have to. Reason tells us that God would not stoop so low as to meet us in the mire and muck of this world, yet He did. When Jesus calls, it is not a request. He does not ask, "When you are ready, go rebuild a home for the family without one." He doesn't ask, "If you have time in your busy schedule, please go feed the hungry."

There is a quote from a wise philosopher, "Do or do not. There is no try." I feel this is often how we feel about following Jesus. We "try." But the call of Jesus is to follow or not follow. We either are following Jesus, or we are not. There is no middle ground. When Jesus calls us to action, we either drop our nets like Peter and Andrew, or we don't. To borrow an old idiom, when Jesus says jump, we don't ask how high. We either jump or we keep our feet on the ground.

Returning to the earlier question, I knew the answer. Jesus calls and we respond. Our answer can be affirmative or it can be negative. But make no mistake, an answer is required. It is either immediate action or it is not. There is no middle ground. To do is to follow. To delay is to 'do not.' There is no try. The choice to go did not belong to me, nor did it belong to my wife. I am not called to do nothing. I am not called to try. I am called to do. I am called to follow.

To answer Jesus' call is not her choice, nor it is mine. The choice is not a choice at all. When Jesus calls, I am to follow. I am not called to do nothing. I am not called to try. I am called to do. I am called to follow.

***Jason Corron,  
Class Representative***



Busy, busy, busy! We continue to find ways to support Project Esperanza, our signature ministry in the Dominican Republic. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 11 women gathered for a Christmas card workshop to sign 250 cards to be sent to them. A Christian-themed bookmark was also included as a small gift for the children and teachers. We hope to have the cards hand-delivered in December by a group visiting Project Esperanza from Moorehouse College in Atlanta.

Many of us helped with the Apple Butter project and enjoyed the camaraderie along with “snitting” (our new word for cleaning up the apples after they have come off the peelers). Many hands made lighter work and we were always glad to see new faces coming in the door of the cozy shelter. You can always count on the UMW members to help out wherever they are needed! Breakfast was served at 6 AM on Saturday for the stirrers. We changed the menu up a bit this year. We had breakfast casseroles, fruit, biscuits, juice and coffee. Next year we will add the sausage gravy, which we understand was missed! We only fed about 35 total – that’s about 15 less than last year. It was a beautiful three days for our big event and we are so thankful for all the helping hands. The UMM take great pride in running this project and we are glad to support them in this. The proceeds find their way to supporting many mission projects. I think there were nearly 270 gallons of apple butter made. Yum! Good stuff! Best in the land!

Now our thoughts turn to our October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of UMW. Harriett Hanke had the program and Anne Perrault had a Pledge Service. Martha Ludtke and Anne Kackley were co-hostesses. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for 2018. We worked on the details of serving as hostess for the Zone II and Zone III meeting at our church Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Continue to save cancelled stamps and Box Tops for Education. Put them in the lavender box in the social hall. Oh, and remember your prayer partner!

*Love and blessings,  
Polly Duvall, president*



## BURNT FACTORY UNITED METHODIST MEN



When we speak of UMMen, we typically say it is “our organization” or “our ministry” for men.

If the truth be known, UMMen is not ours, but a ministry of Jesus Christ through men. The target is Christ. The mission and purpose reflect the target when we say that UMMen are about ‘helping men grow in Christ, so others will know Christ.’ As men grow to spiritual maturity, others will be impacted by their witness. The reality is that we are no longer in control of our lives when we claim Christ as our Lord and Savior.

It’s not about us, but what Christ wants for us.

Please join us at our next UMMen meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tamtut@comcast.net).

Steve Cunningham

President, Burnt Factory UMMen



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.

**OCTOBER CCAP DAY THANK YOU!** *Our congregation collected a valuable donation on our October CCAP Day. These donations will help fill the clothes bins at CCAP and clothe clients in need. For the men - We collected 56 T-shirts, 88 pair of socks, 5 pair of underwear, 2 thermals, and 2 shorts. For the women - We collected 55 pair of underwear, 48 pair of socks, and 2 bras. These items will be of great use to our CCAP clients. On behalf of the Outreach committee, CCAP and those receiving these gifts, Thank You!!*

October 19<sup>th</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Meeting for CCAP. Here are some notes and volunteer requests from the meeting:

- CCAP is always in need of men's clothing; especially jeans, underwear, socks, and t-shirts.
- Volunteers that are comfortable using a computer are needed to sign-in clients.
- Volunteers are needed on Mondays in the clothing house. The hours are 8:30 to noon.
- Volunteers are needed to drive the van for food pickups. As much as 1700# of food will be loaded and unloaded. Contact Frances at 540-313-1997 if you can help one day a week.
- Volunteers are needed to help split, load and unload wood for CCAP clients.
- Contributions for our homeless clients: there is always a need for sandwiches, pull ring food cans and snacks. Contact Frances or me if you would like to provide these items.
- The office can always use 8 ½ x 11 white paper and Staples rewards coupons.
- The RED WAGON ministry gave out 33,129 diapers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Diapers, especially the large sizes, are needed. The baby room needs coats with hoods, snowsuits, socks, underwear and baby accessories. The clothes should be new or gently used.
- The Thanksgiving Food Giveaway is on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to Noon**. Last year over 700 families were served. Individuals and youth groups are invited to come on that Saturday and help clients carry goods to their cars.

**Collections for CCAP at Burnt Factory UMC – November is a busy month for CCAP collections!** We will continue our traditional giving to CCAP as follows:

- **Thanksgiving Food** for the giveaway on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for non-perishable food and turkeys will be on the Sign-up Table October 29 – November 12.
- **We traditionally collect diapers for the Red Wagon mission and blankets at the Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Please watch the bulletin and your email to see what the collection will be this year.

If you are able to join me, **the next CCAP meeting is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at the main CCAP building.**

I can be reached at [ricpat5@gmail.com](mailto:ricpat5@gmail.com) or by cell at 540-664-6973 if you have questions about CCAP, need help with picking up a donation or if you would like to learn more on how to volunteer. I continue to be in awe of our church and how we give so much, so lovingly.

*Thank you,  
Patty Leonard*



# O u r Y o u t h I n A c t i o n



October 8<sup>th</sup>, the youth gathered for team challenges and to converse about the challenges that face us in these stressful times. It seems so easy to let a difference of opinion escalate to an argument; to a personal attack that results in a broken relationship. We are not the same, but we are held together by our faith in the One Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you Ada for helping and to Debbie for the great dinner and desserts.



Very proud of the Youth (and youth alumni) and Parents who came out to spread mulch at Fremont Street Nursery. It is always good to act in caring. Thank you to the Youth who came early and stayed late to help with the church's Apple Butter Project.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

**Sunday November 5                      Regular Meeting                      4:30 – 6:30                      Social Hall**

**Friday/ Sunday November 10/12                      Middle School Retreat at Eagle Eyrie**  
\$60 per person (The actual cost is \$145, your church will pay the balance)  
Deadline for registration is **October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday/ Sunday December 8-10                      High School Retreat at Camp Overlook**  
\$50 per person  
Deadline for registration is **November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday December 28                      End of Year Party                      5:00 – 8:00                      Fellowship Hall**  
Cookie Exchange and Thieves Christmas

Contact Mr. Rob: [ram288@comcast.net](mailto:ram288@comcast.net), 540-303-7161



## Faith and Health Corner

November 2017

Thanksgiving - Give Thanks to God

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Psalm 103.1*

Each year we have a national day of "Thanksgiving," a holiday set aside for remembering and counting our blessings. We stuff ourselves with delicious food, reunite with family and friends, and enjoy a good football game.

This Thanksgiving take a few moments to give thanks to God for who He is and for all of His mighty works. Consider each of the "good things" about God that David names in Psalm 103 in light of what you may be experiencing.

- Forgives all your sins. Regardless of what you have done, God forgives you.
- Heals all your diseases. God brings you through the tough times and pain.
- Ransoms you from death. When you were sinking in sin, utterly hopeless, God pulled you up, and set your feet on solid ground.
- Fills your life. Whatever your struggle, God meets your need.
- Renews your youth. When you feel weak and old, God gives you strength to continue living for Him.

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

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at [tgilbert@afpdocs.com](mailto:tgilbert@afpdocs.com) or [theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com) or by phone at (540) 247-5612.

As your Faith Community Nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.



## *From a Branch on the Vine*

It is within reach; so close you can feel it; just around the next bend. The fulfillment of God's promises is coming; the hope of God's people is in the faith that God keeps His promises.

When Moses led the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land – the land He promised to Abraham – they arrived after two years to the doorstep of their destination. It was just over the hill. Men from each of the tribes were sent out to explore the land; after 40 days, they gave their report:

*“We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large.*

For two years the people had been travelling a long barren road – complaining, yet still being sustained by a faithful God. Each day Moses and the leaders had told the people of the beautiful destination to be given to them by God. They had arrived. Why did it take another 38 years to take possession of God's gift?

*<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” **Numbers 13:27-31***

They stopped trusting God.

The challenges may be daunting, but are they stronger than God? The people's fear, in spite of witnessing the miraculous signs, was based on what they could accomplish on their own compared to what God could do. Is what lies ahead for us stronger than God? Will we stop short of the Promised Land, our inheritance from God, because we are afraid?

Burnt Factory has steadily grown and blossomed in ministry. Because we are better? I wouldn't say that. Let us just say God has blessed us by His means for His purpose. Do you think that blessing is over? I am completely convinced God is still working out His purpose. He is using the words and actions of Burnt Factory as an instrument to share the love of Jesus Christ. Do we believe this? Are things the way they used to be? They never will be. Does God love us? He always will! Do we need to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit – Yes! By God's power, we will be successful; by our power (and with our fear), we will fail.

*Joshua and Caleb said to the entire Israelite assembly, If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.” **Numbers 14:6-9***

What if we stop obeying God?

*The Lord said, No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. But because my servant Caleb[and Joshua] has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. **Numbers 14:23-23-24***

Jesus said the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Kingdom is where the King is exalted and obeyed. I do not want to spend 38 years in the wilderness. I want to enter the Promised Land.

Trust God.



*In Christ, **Rob***



# Kid Min Connection!



We have arrived at that time in our calendar year where we begin to think deeply about counting our blessings. I am reminded of a childhood Sunday School song:

*“Count, your blessings, name them one by one*



*Count your many blessings see what God has done!”*

It is so important for our children to see what God has done in our adult lives. Don't be afraid to share with your children your “God Moments or God Sightings” each day. Children learn from what they witness us doing.

Pink Trees, a red doghouse, Psychiatric Help for 5 cents, Christmas music and a scrawny tree??? Oh yeah, we are doing a Burnt Factory style Charlie Brown Christmas special for our play this year! This is so exciting to present a wonderful classic with our children. Our program will be December 10 @ 6pm. Save this date because you don't want to miss this fun filled program!

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ✚ November 5                      Play Practice begins! 4-5pm in the sanctuary
- ✚ November 12                     NO PRACTICE! We have our annual charge conference
- ✚ November 19                     Play Practice 4-5 pm in the sanctuary
- ✚ November 26                     Play Practice 4-5 pm in the sanctuary
- ✚ December 3                      Play Practice-Run Through/Dress Rehearsal 4-5:30 in the Sanctuary.
- ✚ December 10                     Program 6pm (performers please plan to arrive around 5:30)

We will have our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22 at 7pm. We gather donations for CCAP of diapers and blankets. Children can participate in this mission giving to give back to God!

Also, Children suffer from anxieties and stresses as well as adults, so if your child is in need of being prayed over by the church leaders allow them to come to the healing service so that we may pray over them and for them. This is a great opportunity for them to know that God is always with them and hears our strong prayers as church family. This takes place November 29 at 7pm.

***God is Good all the time, and all the time God is Good!***

***Carrie Fair, Director  
Children's Ministries***



# Nurturing Ministries

By your Prayers, your Presence, your Gifts, your Service and your Witness – these are the promises we make as part of our faith community. What does that look like? Mission opportunities (what we do for others) is described in another article from the Outreach Committee (Karen Willis). What can we do to draw closer to Christ and to our Brothers and Sisters at Burnt Factory? We have Nurturing Ministries.

Small Groups are a wonderful and rewarding way to deepen your faith in our Savior and in fellowship. Do you like to sew? Jani Shope heads up the *Helping Hands* ministry making blankets and quilts. Patty Leonard coordinates the *Meet and Eat* ministry where groups of 6 to 8 persons share a meal together once a month. Want to share your gift of singing? See Rachel Hayton for opportunities at assisted living facilities. Are you a reader? Susie Gerometta heads up the *Book Club*. Come and share lunch on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the church, headed by Penny Croll. Kathy Dixon is the contact for our *Intentional Prayer Group*. Get your *blood pressure checked* with our Parrish Nurse, Theresa Gilbert, the second Sunday of the month. Are you called to visit members who have difficulty coming to Sunday worship? Talk with Diann Duvall about our *Visitation Team*. Would you like to be a part of a *Bible Study* in the home? See Pastor Steve. These are just a few possibilities. Remember all things are possible with God.

Like the big gatherings? Mark your calendar for the Church Picnic (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of August), the Fall Family Festival (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October), Prayer Breakfast (January), Relay for Life (June), Beef BBQ (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of September) and all the other occasions to share with each other.

And there are the Worship Opportunities: Thanksgiving Eve, Healing Service (November 29<sup>th</sup>), Advent Study (beginning last week in November), Children's Program (December 10<sup>th</sup>), Cantata by our choir (December 17<sup>th</sup>), Christmas Eve Services. Don't forget the ongoing Children's Ministry events as well as Youth – and Adult Sunday School classes.

God has set before you a banquet. It is your choice to come to the table and participate.

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

# The Laurel Center

Our Winter Collection Day for the Laurel Center will be Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

As the colder weather approaches the Center is requesting the following items for their clients:

- ❖ New sweat shirts & pants for women All Sizes
- ❖ New boys sweat shirts & pants sizes 2T to 16
- ❖ New slippers for women, all sizes
- ❖ New slippers for children, all sizes
- ❖ DEODORANT
- ❖ Medicine for coughs; cold & flu; pain & fever for adults and children
- ❖ Ear thermometers
- ❖ Adult coloring books & colored pencils

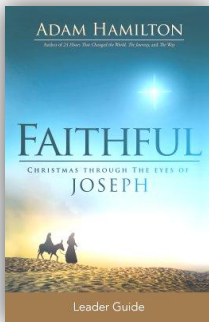
*There will be a bin in the Fellowship Hall.*

**GOOD NEWS!!!!** The Center will be moving into their new facility after the New Year Holiday!  
What a joy and blessing.

**THEIR MISSION** is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing, advocacy, support services and education. They reach out to the community through education and awareness programs.

**THEIR VISION:** Working together in our community to stop the cycle of domestic and sexual violence.

*Thanks for your generous donations this past year,  
Peace & Joy, Donna Gallagher*



## ADVENT STUDY ~ Based on Adam Hamilton's book, Faithful ~ Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

In life, we encounter circumstances that we would have never chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season.

**MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm** in Fellowship Hall: November 27, December 4, 11, 18

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10:00am** in Fellowship Hall: November 29, December 6, 13, 20



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

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

# NOVEMBER 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>*WALK TO EMMAUS</b> Women's Walk November 2-5</p> <p><b>*CHARGE CONFERENCE</b> Sunday, November 12 – 2:00pm</p> 			<p>1 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p> <p>7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Cunningham's</p>	<p>*2</p> <p>7:00pm-Outreach Lower Cottage</p>	<p>*3</p>	<p>*4</p> 
<p>*5 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise &amp; Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church <b>CHOIR CANTATA PRACTICE</b> 4-5pm-Children's Play Practice 4:30pm-6:30pm-Youth Meeting</p>	6	7	<p>8 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>6:30pm-Sing-Along at Evergreen Nursing Home</p>	9	10	<p>11 9:00am-12:00Noon UMW Hosts Zone II and III Meetings at Burnt Factory</p> <p>TODAY – SUNDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Youth Middle School Retreat at Eagle Eyrie</p>
<p>*12 <b>VETERANS SUNDAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise &amp; Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic No Children's Play Practice <b>Laurel Center Collection Day</b></p>	13	14	<p>15 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Cunningham's</p>	16	17	<p>18 8:00am-UMMen Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:00am- Intentional Prayer Group Classroom</p>
<p>19 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise &amp; Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 4-5pm-Children's Play Practice</p>	20	<p>21 <b>Dec. Newsletter</b> articles by 3:00pm Wed 11/29*</p> <p>6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p>	<p>22 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>7:00pm</p> 	<p>23</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> 	24	25
<p>26 <b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am-Children's Praise &amp; Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 4-5pm-Children's Play Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm-Advent Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p>	<p>*29 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Advent Study</p>  <p>7:00pm-Healing Service</p>	30	 <p><b>DECEMBER</b> Friday, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> Printing December Newsletter</p>	

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