

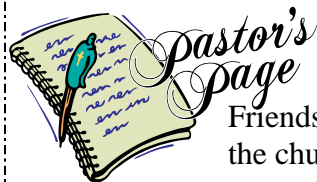
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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER
BURNT FACTORY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STEPHENSON, VIRGINIA 22656
PASTOR C. STEVEN MELESTER

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"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND PRAISE OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN"
~ MATTHEW 5:16

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE.



Pastor's Page

Friends, we have been given a great opportunity! Our neighbor, directly across the street from the church, came to me back in early December with an offer. She said she was selling her property and that it was her desire that the church have the first chance to purchase it.

I took this information to the Church Council and at our January meeting, they gave permission for the various committees to pursue investigating and to entering into all due diligence regarding what would be involved in purchasing the property. The property that is listed as 1934 Jordan Springs Road consists of 15 acres and a beautiful brick home that dates to 1801. Upon inspection by several knowledgeable members of the church, the house was found to be in wonderful condition for its age, clean, and well kept. The property contains a beautiful pond with a running creek and several various out-buildings. The asking price is \$395,000.

As a church, we are under certain guidelines in pursuing the purchase of property. One of those guidelines is obtaining the approval of the District Committee on Church Locations & Buildings, which serves as an arm of the Virginia Annual Conference of the UMC. This committee, which is chaired by our District Superintendent, Rev. Larry Thompson, unanimously approved the financial plan we brought forth. Having secured that approval, the next step is calling and convening a Church Conference. A Church Conference is where the entire professing membership of the church has voice and vote. You -- the church -- will discern and decide whether the purchase of this property is what God desires for our future at BFUMC and whether this purchase helps us to fulfill the mission of the church.

On March 12 at 7:00 in our sanctuary, Rev. Larry Thompson will preside over our called Church Conference for the purpose of voting on whether to purchase this property and approve of additional indebtedness or not. This is your opportunity to make your discernments known. Our finance team will make a presentation and we will hear from several in leadership.

I want to make this very clear. If we decide to purchase this property, we will do so in faith that God will present a vision for its use. I can think of a 100 uses for this property, as I am sure many of you can, but we have not discerned what a specific plan will be for its use at this time. We have, quite simply, not had the time. We are in the process of forming a new Long Range Planning Team that will be tasked with visioning and discerning our future in all areas of growth. In any event, I encourage you to take part in this process. A majority vote will win the day but quite frankly, as we have instituted in the past, I would like to see a consensus of at least 85% one way or the other. This is your church! Come and be a part of this decision, come and hear the financial plan, come and be a part of this special time in the life of Burnt Factory UMC!

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Steve*

What's Happening Down the Worship Road_____



HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

March 25 PALM SUNDAY!

- We will kick off Holy Week with worship focused on Christ's triumphant re-entry into Jerusalem! Mark 1: 1-11 will be our text.
- Our wonderful Chancel Choir will continue our celebration of the arrival of Holy Week with their performance of the Easter Cantata, "How Great Thou Art." You do not want to miss this worship experience! We look forward to gathering for this worship experience at 7:00 p.m. Come and worship!

March 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- We will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. for a special observance of Holy Communion. Our text for the evening has come to be known as "The Walk to Emmaus" story. It is found in Luke 24: 13-35. I hope you will consider attending this holy and reverent service as we reflect upon the body and blood of Jesus Christ and the New Covenant Jesus created for this very evening.
- Also, Ms. Carrie has a special service planned for our children. They will experience their own service where they will celebrate and be taught the meaning behind this Holy Thursday!

March 30 GOOD FRIDAY

- We will open the church at 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. for a service of Scripture Readings, Prayer, and Meditation. We hope you will consider adding this service to your Holy Week observances.

April 1 EASTER SUNDAY

- We will begin the great celebration of Resurrection Day with our traditional SONRISE service at 6:30 a.m. We will gather on top of the hill behind the church on the other side of our upper parking lot! After the service, we will move to the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship as we enjoy a continental breakfast. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Sanctuary.
- We will praise our Lord at our usual 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and Ms. Carrie will have a great experience in store for our youngest members during the Sunday school hour. Throughout the children's wing and ground floor areas of the church, our children will have great fun as they travel to different experiential learning areas! It will be great fun! For safety reasons, at this time, we have had to seek alternatives to our usual Easter Egg hunt.

We hope and pray that you will consider attending all these opportunities to worship our Lord and Savior during this most Holy and Special season of the year! We serve a Great God! Let all the people praise His name!

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve*

Looking Ahead in April...

- Pastor Steve will be taking a “Staycation” from April 2nd through the 10th. He needs some time to work around the house and take a little break. If there are emergencies, he will be available. You can contact Rob or Carrie for other concerns and needs.
 - On April 8th our wonderful Director of Children’s Ministries, Ms. Carrie Fair, will bring forth the message! If you have not heard Carrie preach, you are in for a blessing!
 - On April 15th we will celebrate the wonderful youth ministry of our Mr. Rob who for over ten years has guided and led a very fruitful youth ministry at BFUMC. We will honor his ministry with a reception after the 11:00 a.m.service and also with recognition during our services. Thanks Mr. ROB!
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We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the following families whose loved ones have claimed the promise of the resurrection....

TO Ruby Beck and Family in the passing of her beloved husband, William “Bill” Beck, Sr.

TO Buddy and Margie Willis and Family in the passing of Buddy’s sister, Linda Orndorff and his brother, Edward “Pete” Willis.

TO Steve and Brandy Dillard and Family in the passing of Steve’s father, David Dillard.

TO Bob and Shirley Harrison and Family in the passing of their son-in-law, Jake Mongold, whose wife is Andrea and step-children, Logan and Alyssa.

TO Danny and Tina Liggett and Family in the passing of her sister, Bekki Purdy, who was also the aunt of Lisa McClinton.

TO Rev. Aaron Fitch and Family in the passing of his wife, Stephanie. Rev. Fitch serves at Kernstown UMC.

TO Charity Merriman and Family in the passing of her cousin, Desirae.

TO Bruce and Janie Clevenger and Family in the passing of her niece, Dr. Barbara “Ann” Adams.

TO Mike and Michele Dunn and Family in the passing of her father, John C. “Jack” Hamilton.

God Bless All of you and may God surround you with His peace and comfort now and always.



The Laurel Center

Dear Burnt Factory Brothers and Sisters,

*Thank you for your wonderful response on our
Laurel Center Donation Day on
Sunday, February 18th.*

*They received many items that were on their
Wish List.*

Your generosity is heart-warming.



*Peace and Joy,
Donna Gallagher*

**Keith Roberts needs your email address
for the following reasons....**

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

***A Special Letter from Angie Davis
Executive Assistant of The Laurel Center***

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Laurel Center I would like to thank you for your generous gift of personal hygiene & household items, journals, and clothing. Your commitment to helping victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year The Laurel Center continues to advance its mission of ending sexual and domestic violence in our community. As staff, we have seen many lives changed for the better through our emergency shelter and counseling programs. The following are examples of what women said after using our support services:

- I learned to be independent, take care of myself, obtain a job and make wiser choices.*
- I learned to set boundaries for myself, got a place and got on with my life.*
- I obtained housing and employment and learned self-care and safety skills.*
- I learned that when my kids witness violence in my home it can make them sad. What I choose to tolerate reflects on my child.*

Our goal is to continue to make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering because of domestic violence or sexual assault. We don't want anyone to give up. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we continue to meet this problem head on. We believe all people have the right to live without violence or the fear of violence.

For more information, contact Cindy Marzullo, our Development Coordinator. She is always available to answer any questions you may have. Don't hesitate to call her at 540-667-6160. Meanwhile, we will keep you updated through our bi-annual newsletters, email updates and website. To be added to our email list, call Angie Davis at 540-667-6160.

Thanks again for your kind support of our efforts to end sexual and domestic violence in our community.

How Walk to Emmaus Can Benefit Congregations

“Every church growth plan acknowledges the Priority of Spiritual Renewal. To this end, Emmaus provides a means by which people gain a lively overview of Christian Faith, encounter the risen Christ in Christian community and experience a rekindling of the gift of God’s Love in their hearts.” Source: Walk to Emmaus The Upper Room—What is Emmaus?

A plan of disciplined follow-through (called Reunion Groups), is an effective means of changing church members into effective disciples of Christ and plant seeds of renewal in congregations. In many other churches, Emmaus Graduates become Sunday school teachers, project and committee leaders, and mission volunteers. In Burnt Factory UMC, we already had leaders in place who have not attended Emmaus Retreat and are doing a GREAT JOB! We also have Emmaus Graduates who are already in leadership positions — Pastor Steve and Melanie Melester, Rev. Jay and Harriett Hanke, Stephen Cunningham, Carrie Fair, Jason & Kalyn Corron, Tim Heinlein, and Sue and I. Other Emmaus Graduates include Bruce and Bonnie Rogers, Phil Shobe, and Sonny Sibert. Paige Rogers is a Chrysalis Graduate.

Emmaus Graduates have a mission of selecting others (called Sponsoring) to attend future Walk to Emmaus Retreats. Sponsoring may be a shared responsibility like one family paying for the Retreat Fees, and another transporting Pilgrims to and from the Retreats. We think Pilgrims are special people so we take them to a meal before and after their Retreat. We also depend on church members to provide us with recommendations on who should attend future Retreats, and we have our Pastor Steven Melester approve all attendees. We are looking for Attendees now. All Pilgrims selected need to fill out an application and pay a \$25.00 fee with their application (made out to Loudoun Valley Emmaus).

1. Men’s Walk LV 87, May 10-13, 2018
2. Women’s Walk LV 88, May 17-20, 2018

Loudoun Valley Walk to Emmaus is looking for a site to conduct these retreats if the 4-H Facility is not ready for our next retreats. Alternative site may be selected as early as our next Monthly Gathering at Macedonia UMC on Saturday, Feb 17 starting with our Agape Party at 4:30 pm.

Our Walk to Emmaus Program Prioritizes attendees based on the following:

1. Actual or Potential Leaders of the church. This includes Leaders of Bible Studies, Sunday school, Committees, Ministries, etc.
2. Individuals and husband & wives who actively support our Children and Youth Ministries. Many will be our future church leaders.
3. Those who actively work in the church behind the scenes—Working on Church Bulletin, Newsletter, Kitchen, Library, C-PAC, Women’s UMC, Men’s UMC, and other ministries.

If you would like to meet other Retreat Graduates, come with us to the next Monthly Walk to Emmaus Gathering at the Macedonia UMC at 1941 Macedonia Church Road, White Post, VA. Anyone can come with us. We plan to leave the church at 4:30 pm, arrive by 5:30 pm for the Potluck Dinner, then accompany everyone into the Auditorium at 6:30 pm for an hour’s singing and praising with a GREAT Band followed by a Service.

Please call Sue or I if you have any questions on the Walk to Emmaus Program—Josh Cell: 703-967-8679 or email: JMorimoto@weichert.com or email Sue: SMori01@comcast.net.





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1st ~ Chubby Weir
~ Donna Bonjo
- 3rd ~ Melanie Melester
- 4th ~ Greg Bigler
- 6th ~ Logan Clemons
~ Nicholas Wagoner
- 7th ~ Charly Winter
~ Gary Dixon
- 9th ~ Johnny Morrison
- 10th ~ Joy Melvin
- 15th ~ Ben Perrault
~ Katie Moss
- 15th ~ Ed Simmers
- 16th ~ Boo Snider
~ Jack Campbell Mowery
- 20th ~ Ronnie Earhart
~ Tyler Beaver
~ Millie Hood
- 24th ~ Casey Heinlein
- 25th ~ Beth Beaver
- 27th ~ Carter Gerometta
- 28th ~ Joe Hulver
- 31st ~ Jordan Clemons
~ Cynthia Ward



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th ~ Ray & Frances Taylor
- 17th ~ Chubby & Helen Weir
- 25th ~ Ed & Deanna Simmers

Burnt Factory Food Pantry



I want everyone to know that Burnt Factory UMC does have a food pantry. Non-perishable foods are stocked in a room downstairs and food is delivered on an as need basis. We are just a phone call away and deliver to anyone in need of food. This may be just a one-time need or more often. Our mission is to feed the hungry.

Please contact Pastor Steve, Rob Moss, or myself, Karen Willis, if you have questions or know of someone in need.

The following items are needed to fill the shelves:

CEREAL PEANUT BUTTER JELLY CRACKERS
SPAGHETTI SAUCE NOODLES APPLESAUCE
CANNED VEGETABLES CANNED FRUIT
MUSTARD KETCHUP MAYONNAISE

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Willis

BURNT FACTORY BOOK CLUB

Our next book selection is

A PIECE OF THE WORLD

by Christina Baker Kline.

This is a powerful story about the woman behind Andrew Wyeth's famous painting. You can find the book at Costco.

Everyone is invited to come!

The next meeting will be.....

MONDAY, MARCH 19th at 7:00pm.

**LOCATION: 115 Julee Drive, Winchester
The Gerometta's home.**

*Joy and Peace,
Susie Gerometta*



KID MIN CONNECTION

Sunday's are the greatest days ever!!! I am very blessed with the wonderful opportunity to work with children on the Lord's day! Nothing brings me greater joy than to witness a child's pure love for the Father above. I wanted to share this because it does give us great hope, not just in the future but in the present. One Sunday I was teaching the Praise and Worship Service for our children and we were at the part where I send them to their personal prayer spots in the sanctuary, and yes, they do have their favorite spot to pray! I usually lead the prayer off by giving them people we need to pray for and as I was just uttering the words, let us pray I hear "Miss Cawie, Miss Cawie, I pray today, I pray today." So as my heart became overflowing with joy I said Ok, Clayton, you can say prayer today. That sweet boy bowed his head and uttered amazing words that I could not hear or understand, BUT it didn't matter because HE led the prayer. After the Amen, another child said, I don't know what he said, and I replied through tears, that it didn't matter because Jesus knew, and it was genuine and from the heart! Oh, and I must add, that after this, Audrey decided she wanted to pray too! Through my inner chuckling, I allowed her to pray as well. That one was definitely up to Jesus to understand! We are BLESSED beyond measure to have this happening in our church! God Bless these children, God Bless the parents that are bringing them here, and God Bless our amazing Sunday school and Children's Church teachers! What a joy it is to be here at Burnt Factory!

MARCH & EASTER OPPORTUNITIES!

- There are Lenten Family Devotions-*Easter in a Basket*-located in the downstairs entry area, for families to do together through the season of Lent, or to do daily through Holy Week. Come pick one up!
- March 29- Maundy Thursday Children's Service-A Children's Seder Meal 7pm in the Children's Church room
- Monday Night Singers and Dancers 6pm Little Singers (ages 5 and under)
6:30 Children's Choir (ages 6 and up)
7pm Worship Dance Team (ages 6 and up)
- Easter Sunday Family Event – *Walk With Jesus* – Families can take part in walking through Holy Week with their children doing fun activities that engage families in walking in Jesus shoes in Biblical times. Please gather in the Social Hall at 9:30am for instructions!
- Please note that at this time, we cannot conduct an egg hunt for the older children outside on the current grounds. Safety is a huge issue and we will hopefully have this tradition return in the future.
- **SAVE THE DATES!!** VBS—June 17-21 Kalyn Corron, Director/Carrie Fair, Co-Director
Summer Camp July 9, 10, 11

Considering all the things that are happening in the world, I myself have been doing some research for when questions might arise from our children. I have found some wonderful articles from Christian therapist/counselors/ministers and have printed them off. I have them available to you parents/grandparents/guardians in my office should anyone wish to read them.

Grace and Peace—Carrie Fair—Director of Children's Ministries



EXCITING NEWS!!! BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

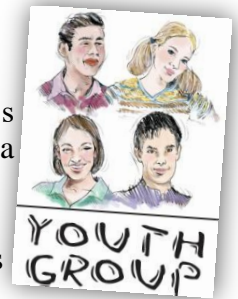
God has called Sarah Shoremount to take the Bell Choir Director's position! Sarah graduated from Shenandoah University and has taught band and general music in Woodbridge, VA. and in Paw Paw, West Va. before moving to her current position of teach PK-5 music and chorus in Strasburg, VA.

Sarah and her husband, Paul, joined BFUMC in Jan. of 2014. Sarah is a member of the Winchester Musical Viva Choir and makes her home in Stephenson, VA with her husband, a collie and 3 cats.

We are blessed and thankful to have Sarah begin this exciting new ministry to the glory of God! Let me or Sarah know if you would like to join this wonderful new choir!! I have given her 7 names of those who have already responded, but we need you! God bless. You don't have to read music to play bells!

MORE EXCITING NEWS!!! DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES!!!

God has called Jason Corron to take the helm at BFUMC as our new Director of Youth Ministries! Jason, along with his wife Kalyn and their children, Zoey and Gracyn, joined the church in Feb. of 2013 and have been active in many areas of service. Jason earned a Bachelor's Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from West Virginia University and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Theology & Leadership from Gonzaga University (Go Zags). Jason is employed at the Bank of Clarke County and is excited to be a part of the ministry team at BFUMC. Jason will officially begin this part-time position on March 18. All youth and parents of youth will receive an invitation soon to a Meet & Greet time – it is tentatively scheduled for the evening of March 11th. We know God has big plans for Jason and his family as he seeks to glorify God in this new adventure!



EVEN MORE EXCITING NEWS!!! DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION and SPIRITUAL FORMATION



God has called Rob Moss, after ten + years of fruitful and inspirational leadership as our Director of Youth Ministries to a new position at BFUMC! Rob will be the new Director of Administration and Spiritual Formation. Rob and Debbie, along now with their adult children, Katie and Laura, joined the church in Sept. of 2007 and have been active in many, many areas of service. Rob earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration from George Mason University. He has served as a licensed teacher in the public school system through a successful Career Switcher program and has also earned his Church Administrator Certification from Union Theological Seminary in 2007. We are excited and thrilled for Rob to transition into new responsibilities at BFUMC where we are sure he will excel for the glory of God. A celebration of Rob's ministry and transition will take place on April 15 and you will be hearing more about that soon! Rob's final youth group meeting will take place March 11 just before we go into a Meet and Greet session.

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION – MARCH 18 – 8:30 and 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICES

We are, indeed, blessed to welcome these new servants of Christ, along with Sarah Shoremount, who I introduced last week, to the ministry team of BFUMC. They, as well as all of us, covet your prayers and support as we seek to worship and glorify our Lord! A service of Consecration will take place at both services on March 18 to welcome our new team members! God bless.

Pastor Steve



MARCH UMW NEWS

We had a meeting February 15th in the Social Hall with 20 members present. Thanks to Penny Croll and Donna Gallagher for great refreshments.

Our annual Call to Prayer Program was led by Doris Duvall, our Spiritual Growth coordinator. She shared many interesting facts about UMW and its history. Today there are over 800,000 women in UMW world-wide. A basket was passed around for donations to the Call to Prayer program. All the money goes to Education.

Janie Shope, our RESPONSE coordinator, shared an article from the February RESPONSE magazine. According to the Book of Resolution, the UMC opposes continued military occupancy of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem and confiscation of Palestinian land and resources.

Diann Duvall distributed a new UMW Reading Program list. Karen Willis ordered some new books for the reading program. Thank you, Karen, for your donation. See the UMW books in our library and checkout one or two. Keep a list of what you have read and in August Martha Ludtke will fill out a form for the district listing how we have participated in the reading program.

Penny Croll gave an update on Project Esperanza. Penny took pictures of some of our church women and they will be used for Easter cards for the children of P.E. in the Dominican Republic. At the workshop on Saturday following the meeting, seven women cut out the faces and placed them on "eggs" and put them in baskets. These paper "cards" will be sent, along with some little crosses, to the children there. Along with some monetary support, our goal is to let them know there are people in the United States, specifically, people at BFUMC in Virginia, where their teacher is from, who care about them. We sent along a world map (in Spanish). We also gave bus tickets to those living at Trinity House and Valley Light, two transitional houses in our community.



We will have a good representation at the District Prayer Breakfast at The Clarion Inn (Lee-Jackson Convention Center) Saturday, March 3rd. The 17 people going will be blest to be among other UMW friends and hear about the Henry Fork Service Center by Lisa Nichols, the Director. Music will be provided by United Voices, Agape UMC. (Something to look forward to)! The donated items we will provide will be given to CCAP here in Winchester and Mobile Hope in Leesburg. These organizations were chosen in response to unit wishes and concerns (discussed at Zone meetings) to support local mission work in our district. Wal-Mart gift cards will be welcomed and given to the Henry Fork Service Center in Rocky Mount, VA, a UMW supported ministry.

Continue to cut out those cancelled stamps from your mail. Put them in the lavender box in the social hall. Also, the Boxtops for Education. It's amazing what they transfer into!!

Polly passed out missionary names with SuperGlue and a message. Please make an effort to e-mail your missionaries, especially on their birthday.

If you missed the February meeting, plan to attend the April 19th meeting. We are blest to be among friends who are like minded and care about showing love to others near and far.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president



Nurture Team



Please join us Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 7:00pm in the lower cottage for our next meeting. Plans will be made for making palm crosses and Easter Breakfast. If anyone is interested in keeping track of the hospitality sign up during the Sunday School Hour, please let us know!

*Blessings,
Amy and Jim Shepley*

Burnt Factory United Methodist Men

Have you ever heard of Strength for Service to God and Country?



Before it went out of print, more than one million copies of **STRENGTH FOR SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY** were distributed during World War II and the Korean War.

Fifty years later, Evan Hunsberger was inspired by his grandfather's worn copy and republished the book as his Eagle Scout project in 2002 with the help of the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

While many World War II veterans reported how the original book carried them through difficult days and years following the war, it was underestimated how much the pocket-sized books would be appreciated today.

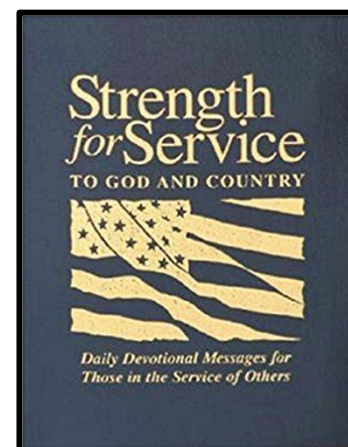
STRENGTH FOR SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY is a book of devotions designed for those in military service, firefighters, police officers, and others in service to their country. Such service can be life-changing for many courageous yet often under-recognized public servants.

- Since 2002, **STRENGTH FOR SERVICE** has been distributed to more than 1,000,000 people.
- **STRENGTH FOR SERVICE** has partnered with a variety of military service organizations to increase distribution of the books to our nation's troops.
- **STRENGTH FOR SERVICE** is a member of America Supports You, a Department of Defense program recognizing citizens' support for our military and communicating that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families, at home and abroad.

Please join us at our next UMMen meeting on March 17th
at 8:00 AM in the church fellowship hall.

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

Our next CCAP collection will be for **Children's Easter Baskets** and will run **March 11 through March 18**. A sample basket will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Baskets should be appropriate for children ages infant through 12 years. Please package your basket in plastic wrap and include such items as: **SIDEWALK CHALK, BUBBLES, JUMP ROPES, SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS, MATCHBOX CARS, PLAYDOH, BOOKS, COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, STORYBOOKS, BUG BUCKETS, APPROPRIATE SMALL TOYS AND SNACKS**. Please limit the amount of candy. All candy should be in its original wrapping. The baskets will be given away at CCAP on Saturday, March 24th from 8:30am – noon. Everyone is welcome to come help distribute the baskets on the 24th.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – We will be continuing our Maundy Thursday tradition of collecting diapers for the Red Wagon Ministry at CCAP. In 2017, this Ministry gave out well over 100,000 diapers and had 3206 visits. All diaper sizes are appreciated, but the Ministry is most in need of size 5 diapers.

LUNCH AT CCAP ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. The Outreach Committee continues to host CCAP homeless clients for lunch on the third Sunday of each month. We have volunteers make crock pots of soup and delicious desserts to share. We also provide healthy take-a-way snacks of fruit and protein bars. Our next Sunday Lunch will be served on **March 18** starting about 12:15 at CCAP. Debbie Walker will be the team lead for this meal. We would love to have more volunteers for preparing food and serving. If you would like to be part of the March meal at CCAP, please contact Debbie Walker at dswalker1@yahoo.com, or by cell at 540-664-0908 or home phone at 540-667-6711.

THE NEXT CCAP QUARTERLY MEETING IS FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH AT NOON AT THE MAIN CCAP BUILDING. I attend this meeting and would love to have anyone join me who may be interested in learning more about CCAP. I can be reached at ricpat5@gmail.com or by cell at 664-6973. We are always looking for volunteers to help at CCAP. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours a week, I will be happy to share the contact information with you. Your continued prayers for the many clients of CCAP are always appreciated.

*Happy Spring,
Patty Leonard*

Meet and Eat Nurture Group – Signups for next session

We're looking for more people to join our Nurture Meet and Eat!!!

We've had some new additions to our Meet and Eat and would love to have more new faces. New groups will be forming the end of March and will meet together once a month for 3 months (April, May and June). These gatherings can happen anywhere/anytime the group chooses. A meal is usually shared; and we definitely share stories and get to know others from our church in a small group atmosphere.

Sign-up: March 18th through March 25th in the fellowship hall. If you are already a member of the "Meet and Eat," you will automatically be part of the next rotation and do not have to sign up again. For additional information/questions, contact me, Patty Leonard, at ricpat5@gmail.com or 540-664-6973.



RELAY FOR LIFE

SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET AUCTION – April 14th - Stonewall Ruritan Building (Frederick County Fairgrounds) Dinner @5:00 Auction @6:30
Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$3
See Melanie Melester to get your tickets (melmel135@comcast.net or text at 540-533-4285). Tickets will be available at both church services on March 11th.

Please consider donating a basket for the auction. Basket labels **MUST** be turned in by Sunday, April 8th in order to make the auction list. The basket itself can be turned in on Sunday, April 8th so Keith can transport it to the auction OR you can turn in your basket by NOON on April 14th at the Ruritan building. Basket labels will be available shortly on the Relay for Life table in the fellowship hall.

Contact Keith Roberts with any questions.

(john.k.roberts@comcast.net)

Because of great reviews last year, we are going to have our second annual silent auction geared toward children. We are accepting donations of toys/books (new or like new) or anything a child/young adult would enjoy. Donations can be left in the fellowship hall beside the Relay for Life table. Please include the value of the item. See Lucinda Lentz (eaglemom53@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for those willing to share their talent by making homemade dessert for the spaghetti dinner. Please drop your desserts off Friday after 5pm at the Ruritan building or no later than noon on Saturday.

See Jo Anne Baker (jabaker43@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

NOTE: The spaghetti dinner/basket auction is our biggest fundraiser for Relay For Life. This fundraiser is successful because of YOU!



RELAY FOR LIFE

GOLF TOURNAMENT – May 8th – Shenandoah Valley Golf Club - 9:00 Shotgun Start – Four person Captain's Choice Format
\$75 per person/\$300 per Team-Includes lunch, close to pin, straight drive and prizes.
See Rob Moss (ram288@comcast.net) or Joe Hulver (joehulver@gmail.com) for registration forms. Forms will also be available shortly in the fellowship hall.

RELAY FOR LIFE – June 15th 5pm through June 16th 6am – James Wood High School
Luminary Bags will be available soon on the Relay for Life table in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$5 per bag (money bag is located on the table). Please consider honoring/memorializing someone who has/had cancer by placing their name on the bag. Candles will be placed in the bags and they will be lit and placed around the track around 9pm on 6/15. If you only have one hour to spare on the 15th make it 9-10pm to see the luminary ceremony. That hour will be one you will never forget.

Registration forms will be available soon on the table in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in being on our relay “The Believers” team. Leave the form on the table and we will get you registered.

There will be a “Tacky Tourist” fashion show this year instead of a “Miss Relay” contest. More details to follow once we decide on our campsite theme.

Speaking of theme, this year's theme is “Winchester-opoly.” We will send out an email soon for our first decorating committee meeting. All who enjoy arts and crafts are welcome to join us. We had an absolute blast last year creating our award winning campsite.

Participating in Relay for Life activities is super fun. The money raised makes a difference! Join us in our fight against cancer.

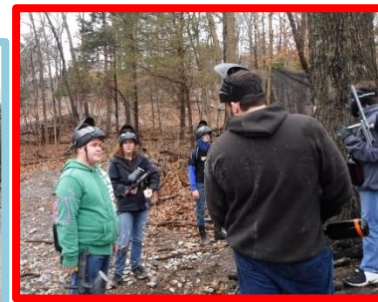
*Theresa Gilbert
Brenda Drumheller
Co-Captains*



12 brave youth took some time away from home, school activities and the usual to be together at Camp Overlook. They were great! We discussed what it means to be yourself and your identity in Christ. We all wear masks; still our faith leads us to let the goodness and light of Christ come from us into the world. Special thanks to Madison and Megan for being great chaperones.



For the 10th year, we played in the mud and paint to have a "friendly" time at paintball. Great job! Not much blood, but a few welts and sore muscles. Thanks Angie and Jason for being chaperones/ targets.



Upcoming Youth Events:

Parents and Youth,

You are invited to meet the new Youth Director, Jason Corron and his family, Sunday, March 11th.

Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with a time of sharing and conversation to follow in the sanctuary at 6:00pm.

Please respond with your intention to attend the dinner and/or come for the sharing time to discuss the vision of our Youth Group.



RSVP by March 7th to Rob Moss
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Faith and Health Corner

March 2018

National Nutrition Month



Good nutrition doesn't have to mean expensive grocery bills!! Plan ahead. Make a list of meal ideas for the coming week. Keep in mind the days you'll have time to cook and the days that you'll be pressed for time, then make a grocery list and stick to it. Buy in-season fruits and vegetables. Purchase canned and frozen fruits and vegetables when fresh ones are not available or affordable. They're healthy too, and will last longer. Never shop for food when you're hungry! Review store ads and clip coupons before shopping. Stock up on sale items you can use in a timely manner. Look for items on the top and bottom shelves in the grocery store. The most costly brands are often placed at eye-level. Assemble snacks at home in small baggies and use foods such as nuts, low-fat cheese, and fresh fruits and vegetables, rather than buying less healthy and more expensive packaged and processed snacks. Use your food budget wisely. For the price of a large bag of chips and a box of cookies, you can buy a lot of apples, bananas, carrots, celery and other healthy foods.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT NUTRITION?

An unhealthy body will make us slow, lethargic and prone to illness and injury. Good nutrition is crucial for proper brain function and hormonal balance; eating the right food contributes highly

to our ability to think clearly and to our general quality of life. Therefore, good nutrition can help support our service for the Lord.

The earth has been created to produce foods that are full of vitamins and minerals that the body needs to survive and be healthy. Food is a gift from God; it is His provision. Whole, raw, unprocessed foods contain the most nutrition, because they come right from God's hand.

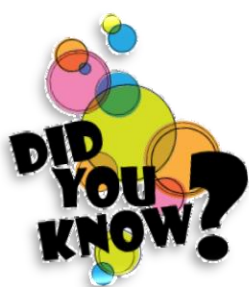
"He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:25

Until the next time ... Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Blessings, Theresa

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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.



If you would like to receive the monthly church newsletter in your e-mail, just let me know and I'll add you to one of my groups. There are 4 Groups now – 33 people who receive the newsletter via e-mail.

*And.....you receive it in **color!** 😊*

All I need is your e-mail address.

Charly

From a branch on the Vine,

There is no time like the present to worry about tomorrow. With plans and preparations, we contemplate our future. We muse at the possibilities. Tomorrow is enticing; yet, the wisdom of Proverbs 27 reminds us, *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.* That's right, tomorrow is not guaranteed, and life can change in a moment. Those moments change our plans, our lives, but do they change our God?

Right now, are you doing what you expected five years ago? One year ago? Not all boys who wished to be fireman are living that profession; not all girls are part of the Redskinettes [I am dating myself, not being sexist]. Are you living where you expected and doing what you prepared for in your youth? Did your plans turn out like you thought they would? I believe the answer is 100% "NO." Life doesn't adhere to **our** plans. All of us are in the middle of change. Some dramatic; some moves are slow increments. Some are voluntary. Some are thrust upon us like the deer darting from the woods into our headlights – unexpected interruptions, distractions and detours. We are constantly encountering a new normal. From growing up or growing old to dealing with the entry and exit of family and friends, we adjust to the moving circumstance that is our existence.

Where is the constant we can count on? What (better Who) can we depend on? God is unchanging. In the midst of change, He is the continuing foundation *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3:11

And we should cling to Him, our Rock!

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

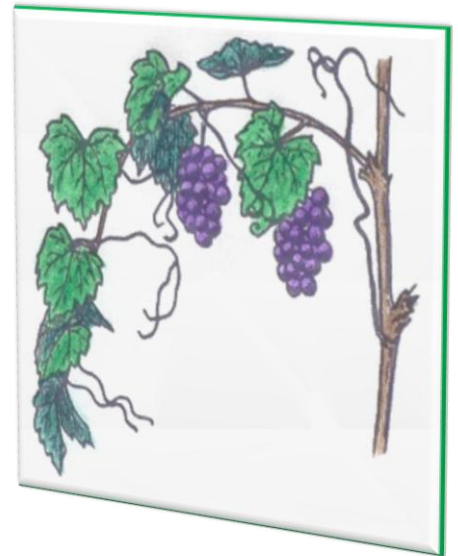
My life is changing like yours. My position at Burnt Factory UMC will transition out of Youth to more of an administrative support of Pastor Steve and the many amazing ministries to which our church is committed. Ten years ago, I didn't think I would be a Youth Director. God made it fruitful. What about the new position? He led me then and leads me now – even with my stubborn straying. He is the same God that brought my wife Debbie and I together; gave us two wonderful daughters (shameless bias); provided a home; led me to Burnt Factory and has been with me the whole time. He has been present in tragedy, disappointment and wounds to my heart. He has not left me – ever. He will not leave me - ever - for our God loves you and I. Depend on the promise of His Spirit to bring peace, joy and courage in the midst of change.

Jesus said... *Now is your time of grief [or change or challenge or the new normal], but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*

John 16:22

He loved us first and will bring us to Himself, our eternal home. Thanks be to God!

In Christ, *Rob*



BASKET AUCTION THEME BASKET IDEAS

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

A GOOD BOOK AND DESSERT BASKET – A hardcover book from a bestseller list or romance novels and delicious cookies, candy, etc.

OUT & ABOUT GIFT BASKET – Fill a collapsible shopping cart or bag, small umbrella, poncho in a pouch, attractive key holder, memo pad & pen or a small digital recorder for shopping lists & reminders.

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

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

PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING BASKET – Consumables such as cookies, chocolate, coffee, tea, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, magazine subscriptions, spa services.



ANGEL THEMED BASKET – “Angel in your Life” – filled with books, piece of jewelry, figurines, etc.

READER'S GIFT BASKET – Use a wicker magazine holder as basket, include book light, a magnifier (if appropriate), some hot chocolate or coffee fixings, a mug, new bestseller book, slipper socks.

THE COOKIE BAKER'S BASKET – Seasonal cookie cutters, cookie recipe handwritten on a recipe card or printed on nice paper, rolled up and tied with a ribbon. Choose a basket, mixing bowl, cookie jar or large tin for container, stuff with color coordinated kitchen towels, add cookie decorations.

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

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

	<u>THEME OF BASKET</u>	
Contents:	_____	

Appox. Value:	_____	

Thank you for considering donating a gift basket for the auction. Remember all proceeds from the auction will go to Relay for Life.

BASKET LABELS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY ON THE RFL TABLE - **Turn the label** into Keith Roberts by Sunday, April 8th. Prepare your basket and **turn your basket** in either on Sunday, April 8th or have at the Ruritan building **by NOON APRIL 14th!!! PLEASE HAVE THE THEME NAME AFFIXED TO YOUR BASKET.**

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Keith Roberts

MARCH 2018 Church Calendar

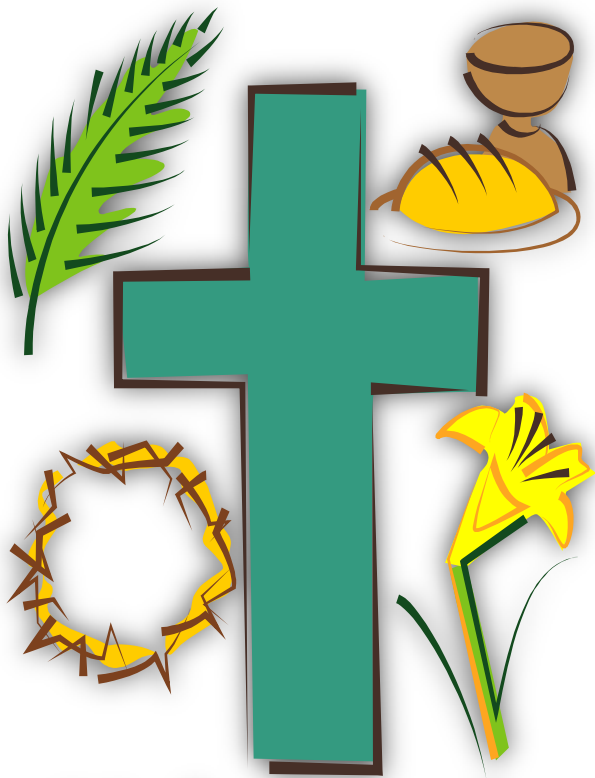
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SUNDAY, MARCH 18th about 12:15pm Outreach Committee to host CCAP Homeless Clients for lunch at CCAP Debbie Walker will be team lead for this meal.				1	2 Printing March Newsletter	3 9:00am-UMW District Prayer Breakfast Clarion Inn (Lee Jackson Conv. Center)
4 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	5 6-6:30pm-Little Singers 6:30-7pm-Children's Choir 7-7:30-Worship Dance 7:00pm-Lenten Bible Study Social hall	6 Choir Practices: 6:00pm-Choir 6:30pm-Cantata 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	7 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Lenten Bible Study-Social Hall 7:00pm-Nurture Committee	8	9	10  Set clocks forward 1 hour tonight!!!!
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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY ~ March 25

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ March 29

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 30

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 1