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# Signal

November 2018 Newsletter  
Burnt Factory United Methodist Church  
Stephenson, VA 22656  
C. Steven Melester, Pastor

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

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



The message of Jesus is summarized by "Love God and love others." And yes, that sounds simple but it is actually quite radical! Loving people seems to always be controversial!

If we are to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, if we are to pick up our cross and follow him, then it means we are going to open ourselves up to criticism and judgment.

If we are to live our lives by the radical teachings of Jesus, then we can expect to be persecuted and challenged. If we are to love as Jesus loved, then we are mandated to look at people and not situations. We are to look at people, not politics. We are to look at people, not ethnicity. We are to look at people, not race and religion. We are to look at people, not as objects or antagonists but as creations of God who are made in the image of God. We are to look at people, not as generalized and stereotyped caricatures but as unique and wonderfully made creations of God's affection!

Why can't we get along together? Why is there so much anger? Why do we always look for the worst in others? Why have we allowed hatred and racism to rear its ugly head again? Why has the bible been dismissed as irrelevant and not applicable to today's world and culture? Why is there so much violence; so much criticism; so much "looking for a fight" out there? Why do we no longer give anyone the benefit of the doubt? Why? Why? Why?

I don't have all the answers but, as food for thought, I have a guess or two. So here is my two cents worth. There doesn't seem to be any fear of God left in our country anymore! There doesn't seem to be any respect for the Judeo-Christian heritage and foundation our country was built upon. There just doesn't seem, as far as I can see, that there is any concern, whatsoever, for how God will hold us accountable for our actions.

We seem to believe we can blaspheme God and his Word; that we can dismiss scripture as out of date; that we can interpret scripture through rose-colored lenses; that we can abandon his church and then somehow, miraculously be immune to God's displeasure. How foolish we have become to think we can trifle with the Almighty.

God loves us and always will. I have preached many times that there is nothing we can do to make God love us less and I believe this with all my heart. I have also preached and will continue to preach that the blood of Christ on the cross has washed us clean of our guilt and has made us righteous once again in front of God. I am not talking about losing our salvation and I am not talking about God punishing us or pouring out his wrath upon us. His blood took care of all of that once and for all!

What I am talking about is how we seem to be always finding a way to mess up the blessings of God and at the same time treat God as a second class citizen! We are cutting our nose off to spite our face and trying to blame anyone and everyone for our poor, pitiful plight.

Maybe, just maybe – we should stop pointing a finger back and forth at each other; stop all the name calling and fear mongering; stop all the wild conspiracy theories; stop all the hollow rhetoric and empty accusations; stop all the self-righteous arrogance --- and simply start fearing God once again!

*"How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you."* Psalm 31: 19

*"His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation."* Luke 1:50

*"And now, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good."* Deut. 10: 12

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

**Pastor Steve**

## NEW SERMON SERIES FOR NOVEMBER

FRIENDS, I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER JOINING US FOR WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER AS WE HAVE A NEW SERMON SERIES READY TO GO! IT'S ENTITLED, "YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!"

Have you ever struggled with some of the teachings of Jesus that just didn't make sense? "Forgive those who sin against me? Jesus didn't come to bring peace, but a sword? Pray for my enemies? If my hand causes me to sin, cut it off?" We are going to be tackling some of those hard to believe teachings for the next 4 Sundays!

*Hope to see you! God bless!*

## WORSHIP ROAD NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

All you veterans please come and join us on November 11 as we will recognize and honor you and your service during part of our worship!



Mark down Wednesday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00! We will hold our Thanksgiving Eve service where we will be asking you to bring an offering of diapers or a blanket to benefit our friends at CCAP.



The very next Wednesday at 7:00 on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Healing Service!



***There's a new baby in town!!!!***

***Congratulations to Cody & Leslie Kerr on the birth of  
COLSON MICHAEL KERR***



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		Ray Taylor
	Tim Stinnette	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Anne Perrault
	Deacon Overby		Glen Fair
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Taylor	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Karen Willis
12 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Willis	25 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Taylor
	Kate Reed		Patsy Hoffman
13 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Miiller	26 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson Gilbert
14 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Feight		Mark Lentz
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Carter	27 <sup>th</sup>	Leila Bayliss
18 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Woods	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Anne Baker
	Mackenzie Leonard		Mike Dick
20 <sup>th</sup>	Dolores Knight		
	Jani Shope		



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnny & Darlene Morrison
13 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick & Vickie Thompson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jim & Jo Anna Grayson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Maureen Dick

## Have You Given Your E-Mail 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](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net) with the message:

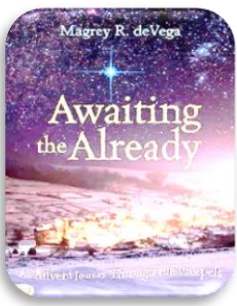
**“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST” Thank You**

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## The Laurel Center

Burnt Factory Church Family, thank you for sharing your blessings with the Laurel Center. The "red bins" were filled to the top.

*Peace and Joy*  
*Donna Gallagher*



**Advent Study** ~ Based on Magrey DeVega's book, Awaiting the Already

Why do we spend four weeks of Advent pretending that Jesus has not been born when we know full well that he has? Awaiting the Already is a 5-session study that addresses that question. During this study, you'll discover what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel and uncover the tension between the past and the future in your own life. Sign-ups and books will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**Monday Evenings** 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17

**Wednesday Mornings** 10:00am in Fellowship Hall: November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19

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*The Family of Burnt Factory UMC wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have claimed the promise of the resurrection:*

*To ~ Kay Keller and Family in the passing her sister, Karla Puffenbarger.*

*To ~ Audrey Thomas and Family in the passing of her husband, Charles "Chuck" Thomas.*

*To ~ Mitzi and Jeff Everly in the passing of Mitzi's mother, Rosemary Beydler.*

*To ~ Jo Anne Baker and Doug Bromley and Family in the passing of their sister-in-law, Mae Kline.*

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



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## ATTENTION ALL MEN OF BFUMC, (YOUNG AND OLD)

When was the last time you had a nice peaceful Friday night away from it all? Well, we have the answer!

Let's all go to the Men's Retreat, on January 4, 2019, and start the New Year off with the graces and blessings of our Lord, up to the beautiful Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook.

Take some time for yourself and your best friend, Jesus Christ.

We will enjoy worship through song, a fabulous guest speaker, fellowship, games, conversation, and of course the snack smorgasbord!

For more details, email us below for a brochure and we will have sign-ups at the church.

You may call Tim Heinlein at [tim.heinlein@gmail.com](mailto:tim.heinlein@gmail.com), or

Steve Cunningham at [Stephen.Cunningham@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Stephen.Cunningham@fema.dhs.gov) for more information.



Burnt Factory United Methodist church serves as a host location for the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS). We host our guests at the Stonewall Ruritan building during the week of December 1 – December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an important mission for those in our area looking for a warm place to sleep on the cold nights that winter brings.

Many hands and hearts are needed to make this a successful and inviting place for our guests. We would welcome you to join us in this mission to help those less fortunate. The link to sign up is listed below. Our WATTS volunteer training is on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the lower cottage. Please contact Angie Wiseman (540) 974-1516 or Becky Dennis (540) 550-6190 if you have any questions or if you need assistance signing up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44adac2daafa7-watts5>

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” **Matthew 25:37-40**



## OUR YOUTH

The Youth ended September with a hip-hoppity time at the trampoline park. A few welts, bruises and dizziness – but the chaperones survived. Thanks Chrystal, Jason and Angie for not just supervising but participating. We should have stretched before acting like we were 16 again. Leaping for the Lord!

### Upcoming Youth Events:

- ◀ **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am – 1:00pm**
  - Motel Ministry, meet in the Fellowship Hall
- ◀ **November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Middle School Retreat Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg)**
- ◀ **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 7:00pm**
  - Regular Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- ◀ **November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup> High School Retreat Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg)**
  - \$60 per person (The actual cost is \$145, your church will pay the balance).  
Deadline for registration is **November 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ◀ **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Angel Shopping 4:00pm– 6:00pm**
  - Meet in Fellowship Hall
  - Each Youth is asked to donate \$10 towards purchasing gifts
- ◀ **Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup> End of Year Party 5:00pm – 8:00pm Fellowship Hall**
  - Cookie Exchange and Thieves Christmas (\$10)

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



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.

**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 17. Sign-up sheets for non-perishable food and turkeys will be on the Sign-up Table October 28 – November 11. The non-perishable items can be left at the church. The turkeys will be scheduled for pickup between 11/12 and 11/16.
- **We traditionally collect diapers for the Red Wagon mission and blankets at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please watch the bulletin and your email for more specifics on this collection.**

In December, CCAP will have a **Christmas Giveaway** and asks that you consider donating the following **NEW** items for the Giveaway at CCAP on Saturday, Dec 15: Blankets (sizes full, queen, king); Pillows; Shoes; Winter boots (men, women, boys and girls); Winter coats (teens/adults); Socks (men, women, boys and girls); Underwear (All); Water resistant/proof winter gloves; Winter coats (men, women and teens); Winter clothing for infants, toddlers, children, men and women (& teens if you understand their fashions); The Baby/toddler room wishes for winter PJs, socks, and underwear for toddlers up to size 5T; Gift cards to PLATO's CLOSET; Cologne/perfume; Body wash female & male; Body sprays/lotions; Make up, nail polish/decals; Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls; Fishing poles/tackle; Legos, Dump trucks, Matchbox vehicles; Dolls & accessories; Infant/toddler toys; Card games (Uno, phase 10, others); Small household items - crock pots, coffee pots, griddles, toasters, toaster ovens, electric kettle to heat hot water quickly; Sheet sets Twin, full, queen, king; Towels/washcloths; Board games (Yahtzee, monopoly, life, Pictionary other popular board games); model kits (cars, planes, ships); craft project kits; Remote control cars, trucks, planes or boats; ride on toys for toddlers; Winter SLEDS; Bicycles that will be given away as raffle items); Bag with household/hygiene items laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, shampoo/conditioner, disposable razors, deodorant, adult/child toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes); Costume jewelry, earrings, watches; Men/boys watches; Purses/women's wallets; Men's wallets; Car care items; Tool bags with items.

On Sunday, Oct 21, our church served lunch to over 35 CCAP clients. The number was smaller than what we served in the warmer months. We appreciate all the sides and desserts that were donated and the time spent by our volunteers serving and communing with the clients. Thank you, Karen Willis, for leading and coordinating this meal. **This Outreach mission is done monthly at CCAP on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.** Our friends at CCAP know we serve on the third Sunday and look forward to our visits. Our next Sunday Lunch will be served on November 18 starting about 12:15 at CCAP. We are usually finished by 1:30. Donna Gallagher will be the team lead for this meal. We would love to have more volunteers preparing food and serving. If you would like to be part of the November meal at CCAP, please contact Donna at [d1028gal@yahoo.com](mailto:d1028gal@yahoo.com) or 540-955-4909.

**A Big Thank You to the Women's Retreat** for the Cans of Soup and words of inspiration they made for CCAP. These were a wonderful gift.

**October 19 was the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter business meeting for CCAP.** The main purpose of this meeting was to approve the amendments to the CCAP Articles of Incorporation and the CCAP By Laws. Fran Ricketts was at the meeting and stated she does not want any recognition for her 40 years of service to CCAP. She has not done this work all these years for recognition. It's her love and passion for the work that has driven her. Fran lost her daughter recently. I know she would appreciate notes of sympathy and also notes in appreciation of all her years of service to CCAP. Her work day was 24-7 for many years. Her address is Fran Ricketts, 213 West St, Winchester, VA 22601. **Specific needs for CCAP** at this time are for diapers, socks, hats and mittens for sizes NB – 5T. The pantry needs: Cans of Hearty Soup, Dried Beans and rice. The clothing area always needs new men's and women's underwear.

Volunteers are always welcome at CCAP. Drop by during operating hours, 8:30 – 2 M-Th and 8:30 – noon on Friday, to see all the activity and work done for those in need. If you would like to serve this ministry and would like a tour, just let me know and we can set it up. I can be reached at [ricpat5@gmail.com](mailto:ricpat5@gmail.com) or 540-664-6973 if you have questions about CCAP.

I always have a sense of pride when I get to say I represent BFUMC at the CCAP meetings.

*Thank you for all you do for CCAP. Your continued prayers for the many clients of CCAP are always appreciated.*

*Patty Leonard*

## From a branch on the Vine,

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,<sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—*

<sup>3</sup> *"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"* **Mark 1:1-8**

Here comes the turkey, the pandemonium of the shopping season and preparation for the birth of our Savior – Advent. A little shocking that it is all on the horizon. Ready? Are you ready for the event of God breaking into the world in the midst of a world that acknowledges Him less and less? I ask you to join The Baptist and be a voice that heralds the coming of Jesus.

We celebrated the Fall with the changing leaves and candy collection and are getting ready for the turkey, football and required naps. AND Jesus is coming, Immanuel "God with us." But you and I don't need to wait; for we already know and have experienced the redemption of God's grace through His Son. It has already happened to us and is continuing to happen every day. Advent is a time of preparation and expectation of what we already know – *awaiting the already*.

We know His forgiveness, His grace and mercy, and His promise. Awaiting the already means we embrace God's promises of our future and that transforms our lives now. We know what the birth of Jesus means: the debt of our sins has been erased; his appointment with the cross gives us liberty to live in gratitude. The sacrifice of Jesus fulfills the promise that God has done what is necessary so that our eternity will be with Him and the saints in heaven. His birth, life, death and resurrection secure our future. We have been made new again – transformed – and that is good news. Do you show it? Will you tell it?

John the Baptist understood God's calling on his life to be the forerunner of the Messiah. Yes, the Messiah has come, but for many, they have not met Him. Many have chosen a lifestyle where the narrow path will have to wait or, sadly, have rejected that path altogether. We, as believers, are on the path. Who will you bring as a companion on the journey? Your Dad? Your brother? Your friend? The troubled soul? The wayward child? The broken? At some point in your life, you were wayward and broken until someone gave you reason to accept Jesus by their example. They were The Baptist to you so you could be The Baptist to others.

From the third chapter of John, hear the words of The Baptist:

*The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all...whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.<sup>34</sup> For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.<sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.<sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

You are a voice for Jesus to dispel the darkness; to illuminate the truth that Jesus saves us. Celebrate and embrace Immanuel for yourself and for those who are still waiting for their Messiah.

In Christ, *Rob*



### Faith and Health Corner

November 2018

November is Diabetes Awareness month

Please take the survey on the following page to determine your risk for type 2 diabetes.

*"Beloved, I pray that in all aspects you may prosper and be in good health,  
just as your soul prospers."* 3 John 1:2

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.



# Are you at risk for type 2 diabetes?

# ALERT! DAY

TYPE 2 DIABETES AWARENESS

**WRITE YOUR SCORE  
IN THE BOX**

1. **HOW OLD ARE YOU?** .....   
 Less than 40 years (0 points)  
 40–49 years (1 point)  
 50–59 years (2 points)  
 60 years or older (3 points)
2. **ARE YOU A MAN OR A WOMAN?** .....   
 Man (1 point)      Woman (0 points)
3. **IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH GESTATIONAL DIABETES?** ..... Yes (1 point)  
 No (0 points)
4. **DO YOU HAVE A MOTHER, FATHER, SISTER OR BROTHER WITH DIABETES?** .....   
 Yes (1 point)      No (0 points)
5. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?** .....   
 Yes (1 point)      No (0 points)
6. **ARE YOU PHYSICALLY ACTIVE?** .....   
 Yes (0 points)      No (1 point)
7. **WHAT IS YOUR WEIGHT CATEGORY?** .....   
*See chart at right.*

Height	Weight (lbs.)		
4' 10"	119–142	143–190	191+
4' 11"	124–147	148–197	198+
5' 0"	128–152	153–203	204+
5' 1"	132–157	158–210	211+
5' 2"	136–163	164–217	218+
5' 3"	141–168	169–224	225+
5' 4"	145–173	174–231	232+
5' 5"	150–179	180–239	240+
5' 6"	155–185	186–246	247+
5' 7"	159–190	191–254	255+
5' 8"	164–196	197–261	262+
5' 9"	169–202	203–269	270+
5' 10"	174–208	209–277	278+
5' 11"	179–214	215–285	286+
6' 0"	184–220	221–293	294+
6' 1"	189–226	227–301	302+
6' 2"	194–232	233–310	311+
6' 3"	200–239	240–318	319+
6' 4"	205–245	246–327	328+

**IF YOU SCORED 5 OR HIGHER:**

You are at increased risk for having type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Higher body weight increases diabetes risk for everyone. Asian Americans are at increased diabetes risk at lower body weight than the rest of the general public (about 15 pounds lower).

**ADD  
UP OUR  
SCORE.**

1 point	2 points	3 points
If you weigh less than the amount in the left column: 0 points		



The good news is you can manage your risk for type 2 diabetes. Small steps make a big difference in helping you live a longer, healthier life.

Adapted from Bang et al., Ann Intern Med 151:775–783, 2009. Original algorithm was validated without gestational diabetes as part of the model.

For more information, visit us at [diabetes.org/alertday](http://diabetes.org/alertday) or call **1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383)**.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

November is National Family Caregivers Month

Caregivers are often forgotten and neglected yet their responsibilities remain heavy and require much time and resources. When caring for another becomes a significant part of how you spend your days, caring for yourself becomes equally important. Begin by becoming aware of your personal needs, just as you are aware of the needs of the one you are caring for. Find ways to get the rest you cannot do without; however strong you are, however loving you feel. Maintain your energy by eating healthy and drinking wisely. Build your stamina by exercising regularly. Make sure you set aside time each day for yourself. Open yourself to healing influences all around you – prayer, meditation, nature, art, music and literature. Allow yourself opportunities for fun. Indulge yourself from time to time. Remember: only by caring for yourself can you adequately care for another.

- Homemade soup sale on January 6, 2019 after both church services (Brenda Drumheller and Allie Goode co-chairs)
- In January or February we will be hosting a Valley Shine jewelry making party. For \$40.00 you will be able to make your own piece of jewelry “Making Broken Beautiful.” Half of the proceeds will go to our team and the other half will go to Valley Shine.
- April 13, 2019 Spaghetti Dinner/Theme basket auction
- Yard sale in the spring

If you have not joined our team and would like to you can register on line at [relay.acevents.org](http://relay.acevents.org) and then,

- Click on “Join this Relay”
- Create an email account or log in if previously registered
- Choose Winchester Frederick
- Choose team “The Believers”

If computers are not your thing, you can call (877-957-7848), or fill out a registration form and give it to either Theresa Gilbert or Christina Rohrbach.

*Did you know? Lung cancer is the #1 leading cause of cancer death for men and women in the US. Thanks to a growing trend in reduced tobacco, lung cancer deaths have significantly dropped.*

*Theresa Gilbert and Christina Rohrbach, Co-Captains*

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### MORE OF BUDDY’S FOOTBALL JOKES

Q – If you want to sack the Dolphins’ quarterback, what should you use?

A – Your fishing tackle! ☺

Q – What do you call an offensive lineman’s kids?

A – Chips off the old blocker! ☺

Q – What football player should you be suspicious of?

A – The quarterback sneak! ☺

Q – What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine?

A – “Give me my quarter back?” ☺

*Thanks, Buddy!  
You’re a Card! ☺*



# Kid-Min Connection! November 2018



This is the beginning of the holiday season where we count our blessings! I have many to count because I am truly blessed by the amazing children we have in this church and the most dedicated volunteers to serve in children's ministries. A huge thank you to Rachel Hayton, Lily Hayton, David Kingsman, Harrison Fair, and Glen Fair for assisting me with the We Fall For Jesus Event. We had 25 children and their families attend to paint, paint, paint and eat, eat, eat! It was a lot of fun.

I want to thank the Faith Seekers class for providing candy to all our sweet trick or treaters during Sunday school and it was fun to parade around the Fellowship class in the social hall as well!

The Children collected 50 pairs of socks to go to the Laurel Center for their "Soctober" mission collection. And many of us wore our crazy socks! Even Pastor Steve with his Patriotic socks!

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE:

Thanksgiving Eve we will have nursery and a special Children's Church event at 7pm here at the church during the service.

We will also have nursery available during the Healing service on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Children's Ministries will now be shifting into holiday mode with a big YOO\_HOO! Getting ready for our Christmas Musical "Straight Outta Bethlehem." You do not want to miss this fun-filled event because we will have orphans, disco angels, and singing animals.

## THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

### PRACTICES WILL OCCUR ON SUNDAY'S FROM 4-5 PM

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Run Lines---Speakers and Soloists only—siblings of speakers can come to go over barnyard music.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Run Lines— Speakers and Soloists only—siblings of speakers can come to go over barnyard music.

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** Run Lines-- Speakers and Soloists only—siblings of speakers can come to go over barnyard music.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** All Attend Full Run Through

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** All Attend Full Run Through

All of our children are invited to be a part of the play to just dress up and sing with no lines. We have angels, animals and extra people from the Bethlehem area to just be available to sing and dress up. Anyone desiring to assist with this program please let me know. I can always use "kid wranglers!"

The Program "Straight Outta Bethlehem" will take place December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

If you are feeling called to serve in Children's Ministries, I need two teachers to fill in slots:

I need a Children's Church teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Late service. And I need a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Sunday School teacher. We could also use some substitutes as we are getting into the cold and flu season for nursery, children's church and Sunday School. Please let me know if you desire to become a very blessed volunteer!

Thanks and I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving season,

*Love,*  
**Carrie Fair—Director of Children's Ministries**



**Burnt Factory  
United Methodist Men  
November 2018**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2018 Apple Butter Project. It always amazes me that everyone comes together as one to take on many, many different jobs to help this project succeed. This year was no exception as you all came together in fellowship, fun and work to make this a wonderful weekend. Thank you all so very much!!

I am excited for the upcoming UMMen Tri-District retreat on January 4-5, 2019 at Camp Overlook. We have a wonderful speaker, Rev. Peter Moon, who will lead us. Our weekend theme, "Does the Gospel Still Work?" will challenge us in how we share our faith and live as Christian men in our world today. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and worship and a great way to start off a new year. The retreat will be based on the statement **"We will affirm the gospel is as powerful as it has always been, offering hope not only for us individually, but also hope for our churches."** For all that we do within our church and within our community this retreat is a wonderful event for us to take a couple of days for us, to recharge our spiritual selves and to become closer to God. See the link below to register on the Camp Overlook website or pick up a brochure in the Fellowship Hall.

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/um-men-retreat.html>

We will be planning our work day for pinnacle living at Betty Murphy's home at 2716 Saratoga Drive on November 10. Please get in touch with me if you can help with one of the 4 projects that we have planned for Betty's home.

Our next Burnt Factory UMMen meeting will be Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Apple Butter 2018 and also begin planning for our church Prayer Breakfast that will be held on January 12, 2019. Our ministry spotlight for November will be a surprise!! We look forward to seeing everyone and discussing ways that the UMMen can be of service to our Lord at Burnt Factory United Methodist Church and in our community.

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

*Steve Cunningham, President UMMen*



**November 2018  
United Methodist  
Women**

We met Thursday, October 11, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall with 15 members present and four guests. Anne Perrault, our treasurer, had an interesting pledge service remembering the past, present and future of our organization, which will be observing 150 years in 2019. Our pledges help us to fulfil the mission of our organization as we contribute to organizations near and far.

We collected \$2300 during our August 19<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday display. Thanks to those who contributed money. We are able to support 34 students at Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic. We are working on a jewelry project that we can send to the students this winter.

Holly, Alice and Wanda from a new business called VALLEY SHINE were our guests and told about the jewelry business they have started as they "Make Broken Beautiful." They take broken pieces of jewelry and make some lovely pieces of jewelry that they sell. The work is done by some residents who are in transition. We have been helpful to some men living in Trinity House, some ladies at Valley Light in helping with bus tickets for their transportation to work. We are also thinking about helping a program called Winchester Together with items they will need when families transition from homelessness to housing.

We are also collecting needed supplies for Fremont Street Nursery. A list of needed items was passed out at the meeting.

We provided \$100 to The UMW Legacy Fund in the form of filling socks with money and was taken to the District UMW meeting in Leesburg September 23. Our new prayer partner unit is Kernstown UMW. We were given certificates for Participating in Six Channels of Mission Giving and a Gold Level Certificate of Achievement for Living Into Our Purpose.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Janie Shope, Susie Gerometta and Donna Gallagher presented a slate of officers for 2019. Thanks to those who have served this year and those who will serve next year. We are an active unit and need lots of input into the activities and mission projects we are called to do.

Missionary names were taken and will be prayed for during the next two months. These names are from the Prayer Calendar and sometimes after sending an e-mail for their birthdays, we get a response! We were reminded that SAFETY PINS hold things together, but our Lord helps us hold our lives together. Pray for your missionary's safety. Use the safety pins as needed!

We will not meet in November but are always involved in activities at the church. We will meet December 13<sup>th</sup> with Debbie Walker as our program leader and Diann and Doris Duvall, Janie Shope and Christina Rohrbach will serve as hostesses. Information will be forthcoming about prayer partners, whether we will have a gift exchange and a mission project taking place. Stay tuned!!!

*Blessings, Polly Duvall, President*

# NOVEMBER

## 2018 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:</b> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9:30am-1:00pm – Motel Ministry – Meet in Fellowship Hall November 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> – Middle School Retreat – Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg) November 18 <sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm-7:00pm – Regular Meeting – Fellowship Hall November 30 <sup>th</sup> – December 2 <sup>nd</sup> – High School Retreat – Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg) December 16 <sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm – 6:00pm - Salvation Army Angel Shopping – Meet in Fellowship Hall December 27 <sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm-8:00pm – End of Year Party – Fellowship Hall				1	2	3
				6:30pm-Bell Choir-Downstairs 7:00pm-Outreach Team Lower Cottage	PRINTING NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOV 4 <sup>th</sup> SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HR. TONIGHT!
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 8:30-Worship 9:45-10am-Children's Praise & Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 11am-Children's Church 4-5pm-Children's Christmas Play Practice		PRACTICES: 6:00pm-Choir 6:30pm-Cantata 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	9:00am-12:30pm-Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm-Nurture Team Lower Cottage	6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Worship Committee Lower Cottage	YOUTH Middle School Retreat Eagle Eyrie Lynchburg	YOUTH Middle School Retreat Eagle Eyrie Lynchburg AND SUNDAY, 11 <sup>th</sup> also
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>VETERANS DAY SUNDAY</b> 8:30-Worship 9:45-10am-Children's Praise & Mini Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 11am-Children's Church Blood Pressure Clinic 4-5pm-Children's Christmas Play Practice	6:00pm-RFL Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist	PRACTICES: 6:00pm-Choir 6:30pm-Cantata 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	9:00am-12:30pm-Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm-Church Council Fellowship Hall	6:30pm-Sing-A-Long at Evergreen Nursing Home 7:00pm-UMMen Meeting Social Hall		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am-Worship 9:45-10am-Children's Praise & Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 11am-Children's Church 12:15-1:30-BF serves CCAP clients 4-5pm-Children's Christmas Play Practice 5-7-Regular Youth Meeting	7:00pm-Advent Study	PRACTICES: 6:00pm-Choir 6:30pm-Cantata 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	9:00am-12:30pm-Pastor's Office Hours  10:00am-Advent Study  7pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45-10am-Children's Praise & Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 11am-Children's Church 4-5pm-Children's Christmas Play Practice – Full Run Through	7:00pm-WATTS Volunteer Training Lower Cottage 7:00pm-Advent Study	PRACTICES: 6:00pm-Choir 6:30pm-Cantata 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	9:00am-12:30pm-Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Advent Study  Need December Newsletter articles by 3:00pm today! 7:00pm-Healing Service		Printing Dec. Newsletter  YOUTH-High School Retreat-Eagle Eyrie Lynchburg Today – Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

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