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BURNT FACTORY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 2019 CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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

From a branch on the Vine,

In 2018, Burnt Factory UMC donated more than \$6200 of items to CCAP; provided a Christmas meal to 29 families; stocked backpack meals weekly for 15 children at Fremont Street Nursery; worked the kettles for over 24 hours for the Salvation Army as well as the Youth shopped for 10 Christmas stockings.

Please forgive all the numbers, but these are needs that our church commits to meet through its people – YOU! Quarterly, we collect for the Laurel Center (over \$2000); we shelter the homeless for a week in December through WATTS; at Thanksgiving we collect diapers and blankets and provide meals for families. Our members tutor elementary children; we support Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic.

Burnt Factory is not unique in its outreach; many churches and organizations are doing the good and right work that God asks of His followers. This partial list of activities is offered in humility as an invitation for you to serve in the Kingdom of God. There will always be a need as there will always be a God to meet that need. The beauty is God works **through** His people; He calls us to come alongside Him and join in His compassion and mercy. God asks you to be the representative of His Love.

Our Relay for Life team continues to lead the fight against cancer with over \$300,000 in fundraising. Every three months, the Faithseekers Sunday School class helps serve lunch at Jubilee Kitchen. Once a month, members of our church voluntarily serve lunch to the homeless. We have a food pantry and host Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; and, as a church, we set aside a substantial part of our budget to help those who are struggling in the community and within our congregation.

Again, this is not to brag or to think we are blessed based on the works we do. No, this is to remind all of us, an opportunity is waiting to reach out and care for others. CCAP, Laurel Center, Red Wagon, Salvation Army, Project Esperanza, Valley Light, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, WATTS, Food Pantry, Tutoring, Relay for Life – and so much more. These are ways you can help not just by your donations, but also by your time, by your prayers – by your involvement. The path for mission goes through someone who God empowers as a vehicle of mercy in a hurting world.

Where will you shine? The choice to serve is not a burden. It is a blessing. You have the choice to change someone's circumstance towards what God intends for His people. Someone gets to eat; a child gets a gift; a mother beats cancer; a baby gets clothes; a boy gets to go to school. You have the choice to make it so. By the power and grace of Almighty God, you have the choice to make it so.

Looking for your place to help in the Kingdom of God? Pastor Steve or myself will be glad to share opportunities where God may be leading you to be His Ambassador of Hope, Testament of Faith; and Light of Love.



In Christ, *Rob*



Friends, your benevolent spirit is evident and life-changing, not only to the community, but also to each other. On behalf of my family and I, thank you for your extravagant generosity and your trust to serve alongside you in transforming the world in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rob, Debbie, Katie and Laura Moss

It is a joy to reveal our UMW Prayer Partners for 2018. What a privilege it is to be able to hold up each other in prayer and especially to pray for a special sister in Christ for an entire year! An extra bonus are the gifts we can give each other on birthdays and other special days.

Here is the list of 2018 prayer partners:

BFUMC MEMBER

Jo Anne Baker
Ruby Beck
Debbie Burke
Penny Croll
Becky Dennis
Kathy Dixon
Diann Duvall
Doris Duvall
Norma Duvall
Donna Gallagher
Susie Gerometta
Theresa Gilbert
Allie Goode
Harriet Hanke
Danette Heinlein
Nancy Hulver
Anne Kackley
Debbie Knight
Martha Ludtke
Karen Lynch
Debbie Moss
Dolores Knight
Anne Perrault
Sue Robinson
Christina Rohrbach
Amy Shepley
Jani Shope
Diana Smith
Rhonda Snyder
Sue Swimley
Karen Swisher
Debbie Walker
Helen Weir
Margie Willis
Charly Winter

CHOSEN NAME

Rhonda Snyder
Mary Reed
Polly Duvall
Christina Rohrbach
Diana Smith
Donna Gallagher
Norma Duvall
Martha Ludtke
Karen Swisher
Theresa Gilbert
Karen Lynch
Anne Kackley
Debbie Walker
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Dolores Knight
Harriet Hanke
Ruby Beck
Helen Weir

**UMW
Prayer
Partners
for
2018**

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Outreach Summary for 2018

As we come to the end of 2018, it is truly a blessing to see the many ways that Burnt Factory has been present in the community and beyond. Here is a list of some of the areas that our congregation has been the hands and feet of Christ:

- BF food pantry – over 20 deliveries to those in need
- Pickup food at Highland Food Pantry and deliver monthly to Budget Motel
- Assisting Fremont Street Nursery with 15 weekend bags of food each week
- WATTS – housed and fed 35 homeless men and women for 7 nights
- \$1500 Annual Contribution to WATTS
- Greenwood Mill Elementary School - Starfish Mentoring program and Bright Futures tutoring program
- Bell ringing for Salvation Army several weekends in December
- 29 Christmas meals for social services
- Collections for Laurel Center – over \$2000 in value of various items were collected in February, May, August and October
- CCAP
 - 39 Easter baskets for children
 - 2580 diapers collected at Maundy Thursday Service
 - Lunches served at CCAP the third Sunday of each month to an avg. of 40 guests.
 - 17 complete Thanksgiving dinners plus an additional 10 turkeys
 - Various clothing items collected in January and July
 - 28 blankets, 1416 diapers and 956 wipes were collected at the Thanksgiving Eve service
 - \$2000 Annual Contribution to CCAP
- Food and Christmas support of a family with 3 children
- \$1500 Annual Contribution to Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic
- Relay for Life Annual participation
- UMMen, UMWomen, Adult Sunday School Classes, Children and Youth all continue to reach out into the community with various mission projects and collections

As we enter 2019, we are planning to offer a mission trip as offered through the District to aid with Hurricane Relief.

Isaiah 6:8 New International Version (NIV) Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

We meet the first Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Lower Cottage. All are welcome.

***Blessings,
Tom and Penny Croll
Outreach Committee***



January Faith Community Nurse Article 8 Easy New Year's Resolutions

Is getting healthier one of your New Year's resolutions?

Choose simple, realistic goals you can stick to,
Here are eight to try:

1. **Eat more produce.** Make small changes like taking a piece of fruit with you to work or adding spinach to your eggs.
2. **Pack lunch more often.** Avoid the extra sodium and calories (not to mention the expense) at restaurants by making your own lunch.
3. **Drink more water.** Buy a reusable water bottle and refill it throughout the day.
4. **Eat real food.** Eat real, whole foods made in a kitchen, not a laboratory.
5. **Eat breakfast regularly.** Fruit, a cup of yogurt or whole-wheat toast can get your metabolism going in the morning.
6. **Listen to your belly.** Eat regular healthy snacks like nuts and fruit to avoid getting so hungry that you overeat later.
7. **Skip sugary drinks.** Skip the empty calories and sugar crashes by drinking water or unsweetened tea instead.
8. **Sit down to eat.** Pause to savor your meals. You'll feel more satisfied, and be less likely to overeat.

22 "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24

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

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



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

RELAY FOR LIFE

January 2019

It's January, can you *Believe* it?

This is the time of year that *The Believers* start kicking it into gear in our fundraising efforts. Without your support this could not be possible. We have several events coming that will lead up to the big event on June 14th. Christina and I hope that if you are not already a member of the *Believers team* that you would consider joining us (see directions below). The following is a list of our upcoming events.



- **January 14, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. team captain meeting at Calvary Baptist Church (all are welcome). At each meeting they collect Dum Dum lollipops to give to chemo patients at the Cancer Center. When we turn them in our team gets extra fundraising points for the year. If you would like to donate bags of Dum Dums please give them to either Christina Rohrbach or me.
- **February 3, 2019** we will be having a Souper Bowl fundraiser. After both services, we will be selling quarts of homemade vegetable, chicken noodle and potato soup for \$7.00 each. We will also be selling country ham sandwiches (***a big thank you to the Cunningham family***) for \$4.00. If you purchase a quart of soup and a ham sandwich the cost will be \$10.00. There are sign-up sheets in the Social Hall for anyone that would like to help by making soup and also to place your order ahead of time. Brenda Drumheller (wdngirls@gmail.com) and Allie Goode (magoode11@gmail.com) are the co-chairs for this event. Please feel free to reach out to them with your questions.
- **April 27, 2019** Spaghetti Dinner/Theme Basket Auction (*There was a scheduling conflict at the Ruritan building for our original date.*)
- **May 18, 2019** Yard Sale at the Ruritan Building. Karen Willis is the chair for this event. Please start saving all of your yard saleable items to donate. Our last yard sale was a big success and so much fun!!
- **Date to follow (hopefully in March)** Jewelry making with Valley Shine. This is a great opportunity to raise money for *the Believers* and to support our community. The cost for each person is \$40.00 with half going to our team and the other half to Valley Shine. It will be a great time to fellowship and to learn more about the Valley Shine program. Refreshments will be served.
- **Date to follow** The team will prepare and serve dinner for a Ruritan meeting. It will be the first Thursday of the month, but I'm not sure which month.

If you have not joined our team and would like to you can register on line at relay.acsevents.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.

The theme for 2019 Relay is "Carnival" so put your thinking caps on about campsite decorating ideas.

We Need Your Help! *There's no doubt that the American Cancer Society has come a long way – but there's still so much work to be done. Your participation in our Relay for Life events helps to fund cancer research, provides information and support to people facing the disease, and educates our community about cancer causes and ways to prevent it.*

We wish you health and happiness in the New Year!!
Theresa Gilbert and Christina Rohrbach, Co-captains

Kid-Min Connection! January 2019

I would just like to take a moment and warmly thank the entire congregation for all their support, gifts and prayers this past year. 2018 was an awesome year for Children's Ministries and I look forward to what God has planned for 2019 for us!

It's a new year and we are ready to jumpstart our way into all the fun stuff a new year can bring!

We are doing the Unshakable Hope series in Children's Church and Preschool, beginning January 6 and running until Easter. The children will have notebooks to interactively follow along.

Children's Choir and Little Singers will begin in February. Dates will be coming soon for all our awesome practices and performances.

I have received the amazing VBS kit for this year and I am super excited to begin planning! If you are feeling like you want to come along on this amazing planning journey, then I would love to have your input and skills! Just let me know!!!!!!

We are also in need of some teachers for Children's Ministries: We need a Sunday school teacher for the 1st Sunday of the month and we need a Children's Church teacher for the 4th Sunday of the month! Please let me know if you are interested in filling either of these positions! The Children are amazing and insightful!

Happy New Year!

Carrie Fair

Director of Children's Ministries

"We are not babysitting, but teaching, guiding and loving tiny disciples."

UMW Newsletter January 2019

The December meeting brought 20 members together to discuss donations to various organizations, enjoy a program about God's Christmas Tree by Debbie Walker, send cards to shut-ins, and reveal our prayer partners for 2018 and draw new ones for 2019. We were happy to put together a basket of needed items for a resident of The Laurel Center when she transitions to outside housing. What a great variety of things that will be needed for such an occasion!

For those who weren't at the meeting to hear Kathy Dixon reveal the list, the 2018 prayer partner list is printed in this newsletter. It's comforting to know someone is praying for you. Little remembrances are welcome from time to time. Just another special thing we women like to do!

A couple of us have heard from the missionary names we contacted on their birthdays. New names were passed out with bags of party mix. Their birthdays occur between now and the next meeting in February.

We don't meet as a group until February 21, 2019. Doris Duvall will have our Call to Prayer program and if you would like to help with refreshments at the meeting, let Polly know.

Hope your new year will find you striving to be all God would have you to be. Rejoice that the One who's always King will always be with us. That's a fact that will never change. May he help us to know him better in the year ahead!

-Blessings, Polly Duvall, president

January
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CCAP Corner

CCAP, the Congregational-Community Action Project, is a cooperative ministry of 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.

- 1) Our first CCAP Day for 2019 is on Sunday, January 20. The Outreach Committee is collecting white socks, tee shirts, underwear, and long underwear for men. Donations can be left in the CCAP Bin on Sunday, January 13 and January 20.

- 2) In 2019, Outreach will continue to serve lunch to the homeless clients at CCAP on the third Sunday of each month. We serve from 12:30 to 1:30. In the past, we have been blessed to serve anywhere from 40 to 50 clients. Each time, we as servers have been rewarded for reaching out to those in need. We would love to have new volunteers in this ministry. Karen Willis is the team lead for this month's lunch on Sunday, January 20. Contact Karen if you can help with food, and/or serving. Her email is krwillis1@comcast.net, cell is 540-539-6989.

Volunteers are always welcome at CCAP. Operating hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 – 2 and Friday 8:30 – noon. I would be happy to take you on a walk through 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 or 540-664-6973 if you have questions. Karen Willis and Jimmy Grayson volunteer weekly at CCAP and are also available to answer any questions and help with tours.

We received a special request for a volunteer in the baby/toddler clothing room at CCAP. This room is run by Jody Stephenson who founded The Red Wagon Ministry. This is the ministry our church supports through our donations of diapers. Jody is looking for someone to work on Fridays from 8:30 – 11:45. The volunteer would restock and sort adorable baby/kid clothes. Please let me know if this is a mission you feel called to serve.

Any questions, please contact Patty Leonard at 540-664-6973 or ricpat5@gmail.com.

*Thank you for all you do for this important ministry,
Patty Leonard*

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.

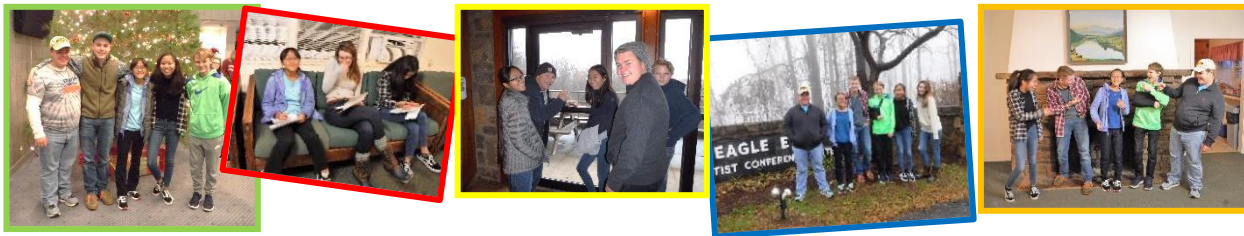
Keith keeps an e-mail list in his computer for just such purposes. Your e-mail address is protected and e-mails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Kindly send your e-mail address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message:

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”



Thank You



Daniel (the cool Senior), Stephanie, Charlie, Harrison and Naleah took time away to join 400 others at the Conference High School Retreat in December. We listened to music, preaching and shared in the enthusiasm of young people following Jesus. Special thank you to Megan Bursey for stepping away from college to be our chaperone.



In mission, our Youth shopped for 10 Christmas stockings for area kids from babies to 14 years old. Walmart security may have been suspicious, but we got what was needed. All of this under the watchful guidance of Ada and Angie. Making life better for someone else!



The youth ended 2018 with our traditional End of Year Celebration. Some games, some BBQ, some cookies and some thievery with gifts. It was fun to have fun and enjoy the company of friends – and to take home something from the gift exchange you have no idea what to do with. Thank you, Crystal and Pastor Steve for your help.



In 2019, Youth is embarking on a fresh path. Our connection to each other and our church is evolving by God's Design. We are grounded on the foundation of Jesus and reaching out to be His hands and feet to change the world.

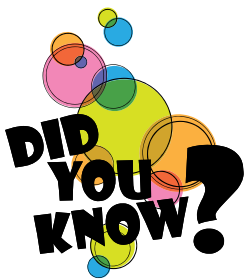
Pastor Steve: 540-550-3189/ pastorsteve58@comcast.net

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



1 st	Keith Roberts	21 st	Stephanie Britton
2 nd	Iris Sibert	22 nd	Jay Powell
3 rd	Mason Smith	24 th	Lilly Reed
4 th	Noah Swimley	25 th	Hayden Earhart
	Ed Ward	26 th	Scott Snyder
5 th	Karen Lynch	27 th	Ron Baker
	David Wales		Anne Bromley
	Dick Carter	28 th	Doug Bromley
8 th	Jacob Taylor		Sharon Clark
	Derek Bursey	29 th	Gary Jenkins
11 th	Jean Wilson		Harper Davis
	Magnolia Murphy		Jerry Swimley
13 th	Bill Shope	30 th	Gail Winter
	Kenny Rohrbach		Audrey Sutphin
15 th	Harrison Fair	31 st	Jackie Livengood
	Jimmy Grayson		Jason Wiseman

5 th	Tim & Danette Heinlein
12 th	Roger & Kathy Feight
29 th	Norbert & Donna Bonjo



If you would like to have you and your family's names in the birthday and anniversary list of the newsletter, just let me know and I'll be glad to add everyone.

Just give me the names and birth day (no year necessary ☺) and the anniversary day (also no year necessary ☺).

ALSO:

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. All I need is your e-mail address.

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

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Burnt Factory United Methodist Men January 2019

Happy New Year! I pray that you're looking forward to a wonderful new year with endless possibilities for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please be in prayer for those who will be at the General Conference in St Louis February 23-26th to discuss the Commission on a Way Forward that will shape the future of our denomination. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will be with each delegate to guide their discussions and decisions.

The Jim Green Memorial Bowling Tournament will be held February 23, 2019 at Northside Lanes from Noon to 3:00 PM. This is a fundraiser for the District United Methodist Men to support Heart Havens and WATTS. It is an excellent afternoon of fun and fellowship. More information will be available in the Fellowship Hall in the UMMen display area.

Burnt Factory UMMen officers for 2019:

President – Steve Cunningham
Vice President – Tim Stinnette
Treasurer – Jeremy Luttrell

You are invited to become a partner in the largest, most organized men's ministry program of any denomination in the US. We continue to evolve, grow and improve, but you are joining a winning team. There is a long history of men's ministry within the United Methodist Church. The multiple components of this ministry are now coordinated by the General Commission on United Methodist Men, created by the 1996 General Conference. As an EMS member you will receive a wide variety of resources that offer access and explanations of our many ministries for men, youth and families.

EMS stands for "every man shares in evangelism, mission and spiritual life." That's another way of saying that God's men are given the opportunity to share the abundant gifts they have been graciously given by God. James 1:22 encourages us all to "*be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.*" God's plan for each of us is first to become something new, and then to do new things in God's will.

United Methodist Men hope that you will join with us in spiritual growth as we become new in Christ, and to touch the lives of others as we serve them in mission and service. We earn credibility and opportunity to present Christ to others through our Spirit-filled lives, selfless service and healthy relationships.

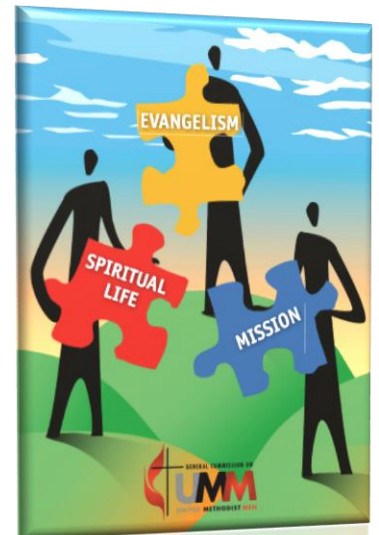
EMS brochures are located in the Fellowship Hall if you so desire to support the General Commission on United Methodist Men with this ministry.

Please join us at our next UMM meeting on March 21st at 7:00 PM in the lower cottage.

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

Steve Cunningham

President Burnt Factory UMMen



JANUARY 2019 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ! Max Lucado's <i>UNSHAKABLE HOPE</i>		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 NO PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS	3 7:00pm-Outreach Lower Cottage	4 UMMen of Winchester, Harrisonburg and Staunton Districts Annual Retreat at Camp Overlook	5
6 EPIPHANY 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	7	8 Choir Practice Cancelled 6:30pm-Emmaus Gathering Fellowship Hall	9 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Church Council Fellowship Hall	10 6:30pm-Bell Choir-Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall	11	12 9:00am MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Stonewall Ruritan
13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	14 6:30pm-RFL Team Captain Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church ALL WELCOME	15 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	16 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 6:00pm-Girl Scouts-Upper Cottage 6:30pm-Bell Choir-Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall	18	19
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