

SMOKE SIGNAL



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JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nation's, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)

The purpose of the Virginia Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and be providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to share with you some highlights from the 237th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference.

Interim Bishop Peter D. Weaver presided over the Conference for Bishop Lewis who is on medical leave.

Bishop Tracy Malone preached for the Mission Service and also for A Service for the Ordering of Ministry offering encouragement to keep the gift of the Holy Spirit alive, be bold with your witness and keep at it!

Bishop Ray Chamberlain presided during the laity voting.

Preceding the voting Bishop Weaver offered a time for Spiritual Centering, followed by his sermon "Organizing Our Life Together."

We enjoyed very powerful hymns between and during services and reports.

11 clergy delegates and 11 laity delegates were elected to General Conference. Another 11 clergy delegates and 11 laity delegates were elected to join the General Conference delegates to attend the Jurisdictional Conference. Finally, 10 clergy and 10 laity reserve delegates were elected. Clergy voted for clergy. Laity voted for laity. It was quite an interesting process and learning experience.

THE CONFERENCE COLLECTED:

36,296 hygiene kits (\$435,552) 14,243 school kits (\$156,673) 663 flood buckets (\$ 49,725)

A third tractor trailer was needed because of the amount of kits.

The Service for Ordering of Ministry was an impressive ceremony.

The Conference concluded with worship and Celebration of the Eucharist. It was quite moving to see 1000 plus followers receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

Bishop Weaver closed with these words:

"GO.....step out in different ways."

"GLOW....with Christ in our hearts."

"GROW....by making changes in yourself and others."

"GO! GO! GO!"

*Respectfully submitted in Christ's love,
Donna Gallagher*



1	Mike Gerometta	21	Martha Ludtke
	Logan Davis		Amy Shepley
3	Sarah Shoremount	22	David Peterson
5	Diann Duvall	23	Danny Murphy
6	Kathy Hunt		Norbert Bonjo
	Isabella Repine	24	Jamar Thomas
7	Janie Bigler	25	Judi Eckert
	Luke Leonard		Rick Ours
9	Aimee Taylor	26	Karen Swisher
	Tim Heinlein		Debbie Walker
11	Mike Goode	27	Irene Reynard
14	Collin Stinnette	28	Paige Manuel
18	Erin & Avery Woods		Elijah Britton
	Lander Manuel		Landon Orndorff

4	Bill & Sue Swimley
10	Chad & Rennie Earhart
	Glen & Carrie Fair
	Mark & Lucinda Lentz
15	Richard & Bonnie Henry
	Sequoia & Stephanie Britton
20	Jim & Jean Blankenship
24	Chad & Tabitha Lee
25	Ken & Mary Lou Wells
28	Danny & Amye Murphy
29	Ryan & Sue Ellen Rutherford

Enjoy the music, hear the testimonies, come and share in worship led by the

Voices of Youth

After a week of mission in Poland, the 2019 *How Sweet the Sound* Tour begins at BURNT FACTORY UMC on FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, at 7:00PM.

Since 1985, this youth mission program of the Virginia Conference has reached out around the world and returned to our state to continue to serve others and be a witness with song and testimony.

Host Homes are needed for two boys (ages 16, 19), eight girls (ages 16-19, two are gluten free), and two female adult leaders.

Contact Rob Moss if you can help.

Campground Laughs just for you from Buddy Willis !

Q: Have you heard the joke about the skunk and the camping trip?

A. *Never mind - it really stinks!* ☺

Q. What type of footwear do frogs wear camping in the summer?

A. *Open-toad shoes.* ☺

Q. If you have three sleeping bags in one hand and three in the other, what do you have?

A. *Pretty big hands!* ☺

Q. Why don't mummies go camping?

A. *It's so relaxing, they might unwind!* ☺



Our June meeting brought 14 members together with about 10 of our regulars absent. We were treated to tasty refreshments and a program Diana Smith presented with tips to help us relax and be the women God has planned for us to be.

The exciting news was from Meg Perry, sponsor coordinator for Project Esperanza in an e-mail to Penny Croll and all who sponsor children at the school. All students were sponsored for the 2018-2019 school year. That has been Caitlin McHale Floreal's goal for quite some time. Caitlin is from Winchester and is head of Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic. The new school year begins in August and students will need to be sponsored again. If you plan to sponsor again - or for the first time (\$150 per student), they are asking that this be done by mid-July and sent to Project Esperanza, 1291 Valley Mill Road, Winchester, VA 22602. This is handled by Caitlin's mother at that address. Our church as well as our UMW unit, along with individuals in the church have contributed generously to the support of this school.

We also were happy to hear that several of the women at Valley Light have moved on to their own housing and new women have moved in. Our UMW has supported them generously. Please keep all these women in prayer as they transition in and out of this home.

We were happy to send 50 school kits by Pastor Steve to conference. They will be used as needed in the U.S. or wherever they are needed. Here are the items we need to start shopping for as sales begin:

70 PAGE SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, LOOSE-LEAF NOTEPAPER (100-200 PAGE PACKETS), HAND-HELD PENCIL SHARPENERS (ONE INCH OR LONGER), RULERS (12 INCHES OR 30 CENTIMETERS LONG), BLUNT SCISSORS, AND BOX OF 24 CRAYONS. WE HAVE A GENEROUS SUPPLY OF UNSHARPENED PENCILS AND TWO INCH ERASERS.

We'll shop for those next year. Thanks for shopping WalMart, Staples, Big Lots, etc. They usually have the lowest prices probably starting mid-July! Bring them to the church and they can be stored in the storage area by the downstairs restroom. We have shelves marked for this purpose.

Continue to cut out cancelled stamps and BoxTops for Education. Put in lavender box in Social Hall.

Our prayer partner group, Kernstown UMW, invited us to a picnic at one of their member's home on August 9, but no one will be attending. Our church picnic is the following day at 1:00 at the shelter. Their president said maybe our units can get together in the fall.

Several of our members served VBS volunteer workers with meals prior to 6:00 p.m. This year it was held Monday-Friday, June 24-28.

Our August 15th meeting will include a Candle Burning Ceremony remembering members and close family members who have died and also new babies born since last August. We do not have a meeting in July – just shop!!!

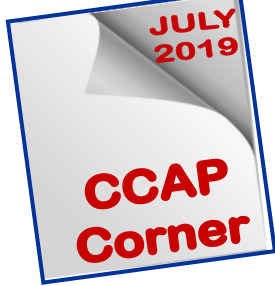
Since Apple Butter weekend has been changed to the second week in October instead of the next week as it usually is, we can go back to our usual meeting date of October 17th.

A useful container with a little cleaning item was passed out with a missionary's name, e-mail and birthdate included. "Take a SHINE to cleaning up your prayer life (and anything else around your kitchen)." Pray for your missionary and send them an e-mail. If you were absent, please check the table in the Social Hall and take one.

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, please come in August and be a part of our ministry.

Thanks for the many roles you play in serving others and LIVING INTO OUR PURPOSE through the ministry of our organization.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president



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.

QUARTERLY CCAP COLLECTION.

On **July 7 and July 14**, we will be collecting underwear and socks for the Clothing House. We are in need of the following items/sizes:

- **MEN'S WHITE ATHLETIC CREW SOCKS AND ANKLE SOCKS**
- **MEN'S T-SHIRTS SIZES SMALL, LARGE, 2X AND 3X**
- **MEN'S LARGE KNIT BOXER BRIEF**
- **GIRL'S UNDERWEAR – SIZES 4-14**
- **BOY'S UNDERWEAR - SIZES 4-14**

LUNCH AT CCAP – 3RD SUNDAY:

In June, Karen Willis and her team served about 45 clients at CCAP. We had a good time in fellowship with the clients of CCAP. Thanks to *everyone* who provided food and helped serve. Our next serving day is Sunday, July 21. We will serve from 12:30 to 1:30. Come join us in this Outreach and invest in the wellbeing of someone in need. Contact me if you would like to contribute in any way, Patty Leonard, 540-664-6973, ricpat5@gmail.com.

As always, we can use **VOLUNTEERS** in the Clothing House and in the Main Building and Pantry. Join us for a walkthrough to see if this is something you would like to be part of. Please see me with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. *Patty Leonard*

United Methodist Men News



The ministry of men in our church is a core group of men, partnering with our pastor and leadership team, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Everyone has different gifts, graces and areas of interest. Therefore, opportunities for participation include diverse ministries of our church, such as prayer groups, missions, Bible studies, retreats, small groups in the Wesleyan tradition, leading and participating on committees, teaching Sunday school classes, youth ministries, scouting, mentoring and assisting in leading worship service. The focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth.

Our mission is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others.

Below is our UMMen Leadership Team for 2019. Please contact anyone of them for any questions, suggestions or ideas that you may have for men's ministry within Burnt Factory UMC.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Apple Butter 2019. It will be here before you know it. October 10-12 will be our big event and we will need everyone's help to make this year's project our best ever.



“And a little child shall lead them” into a future where there is a cure for cancer and we have to walk no more.

RELAY FOR LIFE July 2019

Friday, June 14th was an absolutely beautiful evening for the Relay for Life walk. The weather was practically perfect for those of us that walked all night. The only thing missing was the company and antics of our own sweet Pat Perry. This was the first time in 22 years that Pat was not able to attend this event.

Christina and I would like to thank all of you that came to “The Carnival” to join in the fun. We hope that you got to see our award winning campsite!! A special thank you to the decorating leadership of Karen Lynch, Lucinda Lentz and Mallory Unger.

The Winchester/Frederick County Relay for Life event has raised **\$157,617.00** to date. Of that amount, thanks to the support of each and every one of you; *The Believers* raised **\$37,607.14** making us the first place fund raising team. Pat Perry raised **\$5,860.00** making her the first place individual fund raiser.

Until there is a cure and there is no more cancer this is why...

We Walk

**We walk with honor for those who have survived.
We walk with courage for those still fighting the fight.
We walk with dignity for those unable to walk themselves.
We walk in memory for those we have lost along the way.
We may be cold and tired, our feet may be sore;
We may feel unable to take another step.
Through the coldest rains, hottest days and darkest nights;
Guided by the gentle light of the luminaria.
Knowing why we are here;
Friends, family, loved ones, and those we have yet to meet.
We walk.**

Once again we sincerely thank you for your support!

***Theresa Gilbert and Christina Rohrbach
Co-captains of The Believers***

Have you given your email address to Keith Roberts, yet?

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

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

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



“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”

Thank You

From a branch on the Vine,

Quiz-time. Who sings *Help*? Going back a few years; I know you've heard it...♪"*Help me if you can, I'm feeling down, and I do appreciate you being round...*"♪ You are correct – The Fab Four, The Beatles. Hard to believe that song was released over 50 years ago, but the need for help is timeless. Need help? Want to help?

Our church is very good at helping, *as every church should be*. CCAP, The Laurel Center, Food Pantry, Relay for Life, School Kits, Habitat for Humanity, Fremont Street Nursery, Project Esperanza... and the list goes on. As individuals, are we good at helping? I think so. When the call goes out for a funeral reception or church clean-up or to visit some of our less mobile brothers or sisters, the response is there. In our response, are we connecting? Do we see the person or do we see the need? Hopefully both.

Jesus sees Bartimaeus

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Jesus saw him. Jesus was present in the exchange. And He listened.

Did you notice the crowd's response to Bartimaeus' shouting (or cries for help)? They rebuked him. Don't get judgmental – you and I have done the same. Remember ignoring the beggar's pleas or casting a glare at the unruly child at the store? I have. Not to imply a mean streak in you or I. Maybe a lack of patience. The disciples who followed Jesus were trying to do what was best for the VIP in their midst, but Jesus was trying to do what was best for the fallen, broken and hurting. His focus was on the needs of the crowd, and He heard the cry of Bartimaeus.

Did you think Jesus already knew what Bartimaeus wanted? I think yes. Still, He asked the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus needed to be clear about his need and where the answer was coming from - the Son of David. Jesus stopped to listen. He saw the need to heal Bartimaeus, but He also saw relationship was the key. Jesus asked and listened.

There is my problem. The stopping and listening. Not so much the fixing or working toward a solution. It is the listening. Not referring to the sound vibrations that make their way to the inner ear and into the brain. Hearing where the other person is coming from. Can you imagine the lonely life of Bartimaeus – a beggar of other's mercy – told to shut up, sit down, get lost, move out of the way. Bartimaeus, you are a nuisance, an annoyance, a diversion from the plans of the day; not important enough to stop and listen to.

Bartimaeus was important to Jesus. Thousands were waiting to hear Jesus' words and to be healed; yet Jesus stopped and listened. We (meaning I) should do that. We may not heal the lame or bring sight to the blind, but we can be like Jesus and listen. See the need and the person that has it.

By the way, what do you want Jesus to do for you? He is listening.



In Christ, *Rob*

**ACTS 29: We are the next
Chapter: Youth Connection**



**YOUTH MISSION LOCK-
IN/WEEKEND**

July 12-13

We will have a Youth Mission Lock-In Weekend on July 12-13 beginning July 12 at 9am. We will have breakfast, devotion, and then head out to the mission field. We have many wonderful things planned for our youth to be in our community and here on our church grounds. Please let me know ASAP!

This is open to all youth and upcoming youth are invited as well!

Come and be the hands and feet as we are writing the next chapter!

**UPCOMING DATES!
YOUTH CAMPOUT**

August 23-24 at the church shelter. All youth and upcoming 6th graders are invited to attend. More information to come soon!

*Peace and Blessings,
Carrie Fair-Director of Youth and Children's
Ministries*

Email: n2dscripures@hotmail.com

The Youth also have a REMIND account.

Burnt Factory UMC Youth &
a Facebook Page.

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Connection

Summer Camp

The "I Am" Statements of Jesus,
SURVIVOR STYLE!

July 8, 9, 10th.

9-1pm Lunch and snacks provided!
Ages 1st Grade through 5th Grade

We will spend three days discussing the "I Am" Statements of Jesus, playing games, making crafts, other activities/puzzles/scavenger hunts, and of course eating!

Most of our camp will take place at the church shelter—weather permitting.

***Transportation can be arranged for those who need their children dropped off at daycare after camp. I will have permission slips available for this.**

For more information or to register you can email Carrie Fair -
n2dscripures@hotmail.com

This is a small group format camp--There are only 15-20 spaces available.

Register early!

"Jesus Is" and "I Am" awaiting your registration to this wonderful event!!

*Carrie Fair—Director of Youth and Children's
Ministries
Rachel Hayton---Co-Leader of
Summer Camp*



July Faith Community Nurse Article



Meal Planning and Prepping Tips Be ready to cook healthy meals

★ **THE KEY TO COOKING CONSISTENTLY HEALTHY FOOD** on a smart budget is planning and preparation. Instead of worrying about every day's exact menu down to the serving size, meal planning can simply be a way to ensure that you've got pantry, fridge and freezer staples on hand to whip up healthy, well-balanced meals. Saving yourself or your family from having to resort to take-out or restaurant meals will be a boost for your budget and your health goals.

- ★ • **SCHEDULE** a weekly trip to the grocery store or explore curb-side pickup or online ordering with delivery to save time.
 - ★ • **SHOP** your pantry first. Base your weekly recipes on what you've already got on hand to save time and money.
 - ★ • **PREPARE** a grocery list that has specific recipes in mind and stick to it.
 - ★ • **COME** home with more than a bag of good intentions! Chop those vegetables up and store in containers ready for use. Plan to use them on nights when your schedule is most pressed for time.
 - ★ • **ESTABLISH** theme nights to help with planning and variety. Have a healthy pizza night, a slow-cooker day, or a soup and sandwich night.
 - ★ • **PICK UP** broccoli slaw for salads. Broccoli slaw is precut, tastes great and keeps well.
 - ★ • **MAKE** a simple vegetable soup. Freeze soup in zip-top bags lying flat on a cookie sheet. This will stack easily, and the soup is healthier than canned soup.
 - ★ • **COOK** shelf-stable spaghetti squash and serve with pasta sauce for a quick Italian dish.
 - ★ • **PRECOOK** staple ingredients for a veggie bowl. Include a grain, such as quinoa, couscous, or brown rice. Precook a vegetable, such as roasted broccoli. Or dig into the frozen veggies you keep stocked in your freezer.
 - ★ • **SUPPLEMENT** precooked grains and veggies with an easy protein, such as boiled egg or cheese.
- ★ Voila! You have a healthy meal.

★ Meal planning and prepping will save you time and money in the long run. If you find a challenge to carve out a space for them, though, consider turning it into a treat. Take your meal prep time to listen to a podcast you've been thinking about or an audiobook you borrowed from the library. Invite a friend over to fellowship in the kitchen with you while you both tackle your meal preps, or even claim the meal planning and prep time as much-needed alone time! Whatever your strategy is, your budget and your health will thank you.

★ ***"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."***

★ **1 Corinthians 10:31**

★ 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.



JULY

2019 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>FRIDAY, JULY 12, -12:30pm NEXT CCAP MEETING Main Building</p>	1	<p>2 6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Classroom 7:00pm-Nurture Lower Cottage NO Choir or SONrise Singers Practice</p>	<p>3 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5  7:00pm-Voces of Youth perform at Burnt Factory</p>	6
<p>7 8:30am-Worship Blood Pressure Checks 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11.00am-Worship Blood Pressure Checks 11:00am-Children's Church CCAP Collection</p>	<p>8 9:00am-1:00pm Children's Summer Camp 6:30pm-RFL Team Captain's Meeting Calvary Baptist Church</p>	<p>9 9:00am-1:00pm Children's Summer Camp 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p>	<p>10 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm Children's Summer Camp 7:00pm-Church Council Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11 6:30pm-Sing-A-Long at Evergreen 7:00pm-Boy Scouts 7:00pm-Outreach Lower Cottage</p>	<p>12  9:00am YOUTH MISSION LOCK-IN through Saturday the 13th</p>	<p>13 YOUTH MISSION MOTEL MINISTRY YOUTH LUNCH OUT 5:00pm – HOME!</p>
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<p>21 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 12:30-Serving Lunch at CCAP</p>	22	<p>23 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers</p>	<p>24 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>25 7:00pm-Boy Scouts</p>	26	27
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