

"Let Your Light Shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father in Heaven" ~ Matthew 5:16 Burnt Factory United Methodist Church 1943 Jordan Springs Road (P.O. Box 399) Stephenson, Virginia 22656 C. Steven Melester, Pastor

August 2019 Church Newsletter

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

## From a branch on the Vine

Ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum All day long I'd biddy biddy bum If I were a wealthy man  $\sim$  Tevye, *Fiddler on the Roof* 

What would you do if you were rich? Would you remodel your house or at least repair all the cracks, dents and "Murphy's Law" moments that come as a homeowner? Maybe just sell the place, move, and start over. Would you indulge yourself? A new car or hot-tub, or maybe a trip to Europe? Maybe even a trip to Pack's Frozen Custard twice in one week.

In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye imagines what life would be like if circumstances were different. Instead of selling milk and cheese and doing the daily chores every farmer must do, his life would be different (not necessarily better)....

the most important men in town would come to fawn on me!

They would ask me to advise them Like a Solomon the Wise

"If you please, Reb Tevye..."

"Pardon me, Reb Tevye..."

Posing problems that would cross a rabbi's eyes!

And it won't make one bit of difference if I answer right or wrong

When you're rich, they think you really know!

Dreaming of a different, easier life can be pleasurable. Nothing wrong with being financially secure; I think we all would like to try it. Is it a means to joy? The new She-shed or vacation home can bring a smile. Still, it is not a guarantee for being content, fulfilled, at peace. If that were the case, our god is money. The rich, young ruler (Matthew 19) had the comfortable, secure life, but he lacked something. He was faithful in his observance of the commandments; yet Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect {obtain eternal life}, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. The ruler saw the cost, not the reward. His focus was not on what he would receive, but on what he would lose. He could not exchange treasure on Earth for treasure in Heaven. Could you? Would I?

Being wealthy is not a sin. It is when wealth is the source of our worth, the means for happiness – our measure of success – that is becomes our god. Misusing our blessings leads to our downfall. We find ourselves lacking. We are blessed to bless others, as people, as a church, and as a nation. Be rich in generosity, grace, forgiveness, mercy, kindness, service.

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-22

Is your goal to be wealthy in this life, or to be rich in the eternal life to come? Where is your heart?

<sup>25</sup> A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25.

May God richly bless you and give you the wisdom to balance the stewardship of your resources and blessing those in need.







2<sup>nd</sup>– Helen Weir & Stephen Kerns

3<sup>rd</sup> – Weston Nail

4<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Renner

 $5^{th}$  – Lindsey Perrault & Duane Swisher

6<sup>th</sup> – Katie Mowery & Deyerle Miller

7th – Meghan Snyder

8<sup>th</sup> – Pat Perry

9th – Jo Anna Grayson

10<sup>th</sup> – Darrin Bursey & Rachel Hayton & Cheyanne Owens

12th – Theresa Gilbert & Chelsey Adams

15<sup>th</sup> – John Renner

18th – Dash Merceruio

 $19^{th}$  – Deanna Simmers & Theo Crowe & Colby Groce

21st – Patrick Thompson

26<sup>th</sup> – Billy Swimley & Dave Winter & Lillianne Owens

27th - Reily Murphy & Ryan Hunt & Connor Lewis & Rowsalie Cisneros

30<sup>th</sup> - Jay Kackley

31st - Amye Murphy



3<sup>rd</sup> – Rich & Sue Wells

4<sup>th</sup> – Rick & Debbie Walker

5<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Janie Shope & Josh & Christina Jenkins

7<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Norma Duvall 9<sup>th</sup> – Paul & Sarah Shoremount

14<sup>th</sup> – Greg & Janie Bigler

16<sup>th</sup> – Sean & Laine Everhart

19th – Mark & Liz Duvall

Congratulations to Tim and Ashley Sutphin on the birth of a little boy, Brooks Avery, born on July  $10^{th}$ . I imagine his siblings are extremely excited for a new baby in the house!

Congratulations to Mike and Allie Goode on the birth of a little girl,
Olivia Tristan, born on July 26<sup>th</sup>. I imagine sister Charlotte is glad to have a little sister.
I'm sure Granparents, Wilson & Theresa Gilbert are especially happy and so are Great
Grandparents, Joe & Nancy Hulver.

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On Sunday, July 21, we welcomed into the church universal through the covenant of Holy Baptism Jackson William Bouder, son of Glen & Julia Bouder.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift offered to us without price.



Since 2015, the Burnt Factory congregation, along with the United Methodist Women, have been supporting a school in the Dominican Republic which was started in 2008 by Caitlin McHale Floreal. Caitlin grew up in Winchester and through a mission trip, led by Virginia Tech in 2005, she met many Haitian children living on the streets in the Dominican Republic. These children came to the DR "searching for life" to help support their families back in Haiti. Instead, many ended up being used in human trafficking and were often beaten when they did not provide the money expected from their vending at day's end. After several trips back to the DR, Caitlin moved to Puerta Plata in 2008 and opened a school for children who would otherwise not receive any education due to language, homelessness and poverty. Project Esperanza now supports two schools along with a preschool and a boy's home.

In March 2019, Tom and Penny Croll had the privilege of visiting the schools and meeting with Caitlin and the children. It was amazing to see the learning that is being done at a school that has very limited resources. One of the things that jumped out at us was the lack of seating for the children. Most of the desks were broken or just a bench for several children to share.





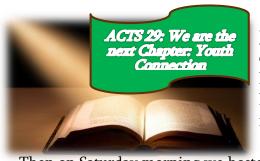
Caitlin has started a fundraiser to purchase 100 new student desks at a cost of \$29 each. If you would like to help support this fundraiser, below is the link to learn more on how to donate. <a href="https://projectesperanza.giv.sh/#section-4">https://projectesperanza.giv.sh/#section-4</a>. Just click on "New Desks for our Schools."

Burnt Factory has made Project Esperanza a signature ministry of the church and generously donates \$2,250 each year to support 15 students so they can attend the school. If you feel led to individually sponsor a child at an annual donation of \$150, please visit the same link above and click on "Sponsor a Student." Without sponsorship, children will not have the opportunity to learn so that they may have a better life. The school year begins August 19 and as of July 24 they have raised \$3,700. This means that less than 25 of 225+ students have been sponsored for 2019-20.

If you would like to read more about Project Esperanza, visit their website <a href="http://esperanzameanshope.org">http://esperanzameanshope.org</a> or join their Facebook page. Tom and Penny would also be happy to meet with you to share their experience from their mission trip and to answer any of your questions. Email us at <a href="mailto:ptcroll@hotmail.com">ptcroll@hotmail.com</a>.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can support this global ministry in the Dominican Republic.

Blessings, Penny & Tom Croll Outreach Committee



July 12 and 13 The Youth gathered together to serve in Mission in our own community. We served our homeless friends with summer hygiene kits and refillable water bottles, we distributed rand acts of kindness notes to passerby's, and handed out cold water to anyone who needed it!

Then on Saturday morning we hosted the motel ministry at the Budget Motel and helped with some chores around the church grounds. The students watched a film on homelessness and had a wonderful discussion afterwards. We were blessed greatly this weekend. A huge thank you to Angie and Jason Wiseman for sharing their talents and time cooking, cleaning, and leading discussions, and to Ben Melester for sharing his time and talents chauffeuring, hauling gear, and leading discussions. I look forward to future mission opportunities with our wonderful youth!





August 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting—*To Choose Or Not To Choose: That Is The Question* 5-7pm

August 10th – CHURCH PICNIC----WATERSLIDE TIME!!!!

August 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Youth Campout and welcoming our new youth! 6pm Friday -2pm Saturday.

That's All Folks!

Carrie Fair-Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

It's that time of year! *Back to School!* Time to get back into the daily routines of life, and time to get back to regular programming, Yayyyy!!! In August we will resume regular Children's Ministries programming. We will begin with the *Life of Jesus Series* in Children's Church. August 25<sup>th</sup> will be promotion Sunday! We will present our upcoming Kindergartners with their first Bibles, and have prayer over teachers, staff and students of public, private and church schools. This is also a reminder to all parents that Miss Carrie LOVES to come to the children's activities so send me sports schedules, plays, musicals, chorus and band performances, etc. It is a joy to celebrate the children and their accomplishments and talents. *God Bless, Miss Carrie* 

#### DON'T FORGET!!

August 10 – Church Picnic

August 25 – Promotion Sunday

In September we will resume Children's Choir and Little Singers!

Peace and Blessings,

Carrie Fair—Director of Youth and Children's Ministries





We are looking forward to our August meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will observe the Candle Burning ceremony honoring all the new babies that have been born to our church family since August 31, 2018 and remembering the deaths among our families – all since August 31, 2018.

Continue to cut out the cancelled stamps and Box Tops for Education. Put them in the lavender box in the Fellowship Hall. They do more good than we know!

Many of you have been shopping during the sales for school supplies for the kits we send to conference each year. Here's a list of what we need: 70 page spiral notebooks, Loose-leaf notebook paper (100-200 page packets), hand held pencil sharpeners (one inch or longer), rulers (12 inches or 30 centimeters long), blunt scissors, and a box of 24 crayons. We have a generous supply of unsharpened pencils and two inch erasers. We have a couple of shelves down in the storage room by the elevator. Thanks for taking the time to help our organization fulfill our commitment.

If you would like to sponsor a child/children for Project Esperanza, send \$150 for each child to Project Esperanza, 1291 Valley Mill Road, Winchester, VA 22602. This is the address of the director's mother, who handles our contributions. The director is a local woman, Caitlin McHale Floreal, who as a Virginia Tech student, visited the Dominican Republic and saw the need for a school. Our women's unit has sponsored several children, as does our church, for a few years.

At our August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, our co-hostesses will be Kathy Dixon and Donna Gallagher. We will go over our <u>LIVING INTO OUR PURPOSE</u> form and check off the ways we have fulfilled the many opportunities we have for mission, both here and away. We will increase our pledge to mission, send thinking of you cards, review our reading program, and focus on sending in various reports by September 1. Our district president, Carolyn Woodrum, plans to attend our meeting.

The annual district meeting will be held Sunday, September 22 at Kernstown UMC.

Let's have good attendance at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting! If you haven't been for a while (or at all!), join us at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. It's always good to be with friends who have an interest in supporting this great group who strive to fulfill the PURPOSE of our organization.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president

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## The Laurel Center

Sunday August 18th, is our Laurel Center donation day. The Center is always in need of **toiletries and cleaning supplies**. In addition, they have requested **new bath towels and new twin size blankets (not throws)**. Please put your donations in the large red bins in the Narthex.

If you have questions about anything on the wish list, please call or text me.

#### Thank you, Donna Gallagher - 540-431-9027

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

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



### **August 2019 Newsletter Article**

Christina and I have been humbled, happy to fight and honored to lead The Believers this year.

I will be representing The Believers team at "Relay like a Boss" a nationwide meeting for Top Performing Teams in Atlanta, GA, August 1-3. I am so excited to be among the highest fundraising teams in the country and to gain more knowledge from the American Cancer Society's leaders as well as learning from other teams what their best fundraisers have been.

I am looking forward to sharing details from the trip at our next meeting. Christina and I have been planning a wrap-up covered dish dinner for all of the current "Believers" and also anyone that is interested in joining the team for the coming year. We will update you with the details in the coming weeks.

Our mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

Theresa Gilbert and Christina Rohrbach Co-captains of the Believers

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Seasoned Members: a trip to the Museum of the Bible (MOTB) is planned for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will leave on a chartered Schrock bus from Burnt Factory UMC at 7:30am and will depart MOTB at 3:30pm. The price is \$45 per person, lunch is on your own with local restaurants or the on-site eatery, *Manna*. The deadline to register is September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Sign-Up will be in the Fellowship Hall. Please make checks payable to Burnt Factory UMC with Museum of the Bible in the memo line; and give to them to Rob Moss. Bus seating is limited.



More information about exhibits and tours (at additional costs) is available at <a href="https://www.museumofthebible.org/">https://www.museumofthebible.org/</a>.

For questions or to pay, please contact, Rob Moss, 540-303-7161 or ram288@comcast.net.



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:



# August Faith Community Nurse Article Contact Lens Health Week is August 19-23, 2019



#### You only have one pair of eyes, so take care of them!! Healthy Habits = Healthy Eyes.

Enjoy the comfort and benefits of contact lenses while lowering your chance of complications. Failure to wear, clean and store your lenses as directed by your eye doctor raises the risk of developing serious infections. Your habits, supplies and eye doctor are all essential to keeping your eyes healthy.

- Wash your hands with soap and water. Dry them well with a clean cloth before touching your contact lenses every time.
- DON'T SLEEP IN YOUR CONTACT LENSES unless prescribed by your eye doctor.
- **KEEP WATER AWAY FROM YOUR CONTACT LENSES.** Avoid showering in contact lenses and remove them before swimming or using a hot tub.
- RUB AND RINSE YOUR CONTACT LENSES with contact lens disinfecting solution never use water or saliva to clean them each time you remove them.
- REPLACE YOUR CONTACT LENSES as often as recommended by your eye doctor.
- **USE ONLY CONTACT LENS SOLUTION** recommended by your eye doctor. Never mix fresh solution with old or used solution.
- VISIT YOUR EYE DOCTOR YEARLY or as often as he or she recommends.
- REMOVE YOUR CONTACT LENSES IMMEDIATELY AND CALL YOUR EYE DOCTOR if you have any eye pain, discomfort, redness or blurred vision.
- BE PREPARED. Carry a backup pair of glasses with a current prescription just in case you have to take your contact lenses out.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light..."

Matthew 6:22

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

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at <u>tgilbert@afpdocs.com</u> or <u>theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com</u> 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.





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.

MEMORIAL FOR FRAN RICKETTS – from the CCAP Facebook Page, Frances Salmon, CCAP President: "A lady who was considered the "Mother Teresa" of Winchester, Miss Fran, found her Heavenly wings on Tuesday July 23, 2019. "Miss Fran" Ricketts, who devoted 38 years of her life to being the President of the Congregational Community Action Project (CCAP) was loved by the community. Her passion was CCAP. She will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who visited CCAP as clients or volunteers. Miss Fran gave countless hours assisting the CCAP clients of Winchester and Frederick County. The family of Fran Ricketts has chosen to have a private memorial service. The volunteers of CCAP, CCAP clients, and our community have expressed to me a need to grieve and express their love for Miss Fran. In response to this need, CCAP will host a celebration of life service to honor Miss Fran on Friday August 2, 2019 during the hours of 2-7 PM. The service will be held at the home of CCAP located at 112 South Kent Street Winchester VA. As time permits, those who wish to pay tribute with a few spoken words will be given an opportunity. CCAP will accept memorial contributions in honor of Miss Fran from the community. This service is community friendly. I invite all those who will to visit CCAP where Miss Fran dedicated the greatest years of her life serving the people she loved in our community. I hope to see you at the celebration of Miss Fran's life. ♥

Thank you,

Frances Salmon, CCAP President"

Fran's passing has left a huge void in the lives of all she knew. Please continue to pray for her family and all those in our community she served so faithfully.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE** for making our <u>July Quarterly CCAP Collection</u> such a success. We collected 454 awesome items from the needs list. The items donated were brand new and just what our clients need. Many struggle every day just to find a place to use the bathroom, take a shower and lay their head. Your items, so thoughtfully given, will help ease their daily struggles. Your kindness will touch many.

On Sunday, July 21st, our church served lunch to over 45 CCAP clients. We served a meal of fried chicken, green beans, mac salad, fruits, homemade rolls, and pound cake. We also had healthy take-away snacks of bananas and trail mix. We had many compliments on the rolls and the pound cake. This mission is done monthly at CCAP on the 3rd Sunday as part of our Outreach Ministry. Our friends at CCAP look forward to our visits. Our next Sunday Lunch will be served on August 18 starting about 12:15 at CCAP. We are usually finished by 1:30. Cheryl and Mark Jones 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 August meal at CCAP, please contact Cheryl or Mark at Cheryl B Jones@yahoo.com 540-931-9960.

The Bi-monthly CCAP meeting was held on 7/12 and here is a list of our current needs:

- **CLOTHING NEEDS**: Men's clothes; especially everyday T-shirts, jeans, shorts and belts. Ladies underwear all sizes. The Baby/Toddler room is in need of boy's and girl's clothes sizes 3T, 4T and 5T.
- **PANTRY NEEDS**: White rice, spaghetti sauce, and Cereal.
- OFFICE NEEDS: Staples coupons and used ink cartridges, which can be turned in for \$2 credit per cartridge.
- **GENTLY USED BACKPACKS** are needed for our homeless clients.
- **VOLUNTEERS** are needed in all areas. There are lots of ways and times to volunteer. We suggest job shadowing to see if you would like this work. Any amount of time is appreciated. There are volunteer forms on the table in the Fellowship Hall at church. If you are interested in volunteering, I will be happy to share the contact information with you and take you on a tour.

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

Patty Leonard



# 2019 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PASTOR STEVE CONTINUES  HIS "STAYCATION"  TURBULAT TO AUGUST 7th SUNDAY, AUG				1 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs	2 Printing August Newsletter	3
THROUGH TO AUGUST	T 7 <sup>th</sup> !			7:00pm-Boy Scouts Shelter		
4 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	5	6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Classroom	7 No Pastor Hours	8 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs	9	10 Church Picnic
5pm-7pm-Youth Regular Meeting/Youth Gathering Place		6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers		7:00pm-Boy Scouts Shelter		1:00pm-6:00pm Church Shelter
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SATURDAY,
August 10, 2019
1:00pm until 6:00pm

Church
Picnic

Come to the shelter that is over the hill, behind the church, and down by the creek.

We will share a Potluck Meal at 1:30pm with the church providing Fried Chicken and Hot Dogs with Buns.

This is the social event of the year and a great time to fellowship with our church! It is a great time to get to know the people that you don't know from the service that you don't attend and also get to know the person that sits down the row from you in church.

For those of you who have never been to "The Church Picnic," this is what you need to know:

BRING A DISH TO SHARE, SIDES, SALADS, DESSERTS, CASSEROLES (YOU GET THE IDEA THAT WE LIKE TO EAT!)

BRING A CHAIR TO SIT AND TALK AWHILE; TALK TO ONE PERSON THAT YOU HAVE NEVER MET.

THERE WILL BE A WATERSLIDE, SO...COME PREPARED FOR YOU, YOUR CHILDREN, OR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN TO GET A LITTLE WET AND WILD! A TOWEL MAY BE IN ORDER.

The Nurture Team looks forward to a phenomenal turn out for this upcoming event, so mark your calendars now!

Amy Shepley Nurture Chairperson