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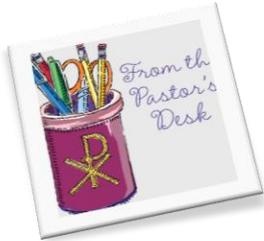
**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT:**
Sharing the Love of Christ
with All People

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**SEPTEMBER 2019
CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

SIGNAL

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



WHAT DOES WORSHIP MEAN TO YOU?

Rev. Aaron West said, *“God uses worship to re-center our priorities and reestablish where our security lies. We can be taught why it’s important to praise and glorify God, but until it’s a regular part of our lives, we’ll never understand how God is using worship to keep us focused.”*

Pastor & Author John Ortberg said: *“I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence.”*

Do you need worship? I know I do! I saw this sharing on “Facebook” the other day and I thought --- how true! It goes like this:

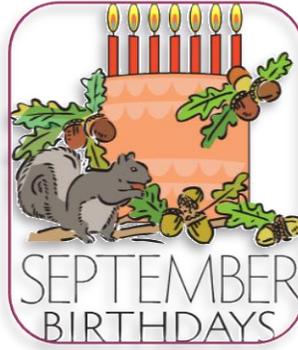
“The deepest level of worship is praising God through the pain, thanking God during the trials, trusting God when we’re tempted to lose hope and loving God, even when God seems distant. At our lowest point, God is our hope. At our darkest, God is our light. At our weakest, God is our strength. At our saddest, God is our comforter!

Friends, we worship because God desires us to! We worship out of humility, gratitude and love! We worship in community because God established it that way! We worship because we need it!

What does worship mean to you?

Grace and Peace, Pastor Steve

1st Delilah Murphy
 2nd Marilyn Davies
 4th Angela Wiseman
 Bob Hunt
 Crystalyn Edwards
 Zayne Bryant
 Cecilyn Bayliss
 5th Jim Blankenship
 Randy Willis
 Denise Willis
 8th David Werdebaugh
 Linda Bodkin
 11th Betty Livengood
 16th Jennifer Stinnette



18th Brendan & Colton Luttrell
 19th Fred Snyder
 Sylvia Woods
 20th Sequoia Britton
 22nd Liz Duvall
 Brandy Woods
 Mallory Henschen
 23rd Zoey Corron
 26th Grant Henschen
 30th Debbie Burke
 Carter Lynn Kerr

**SEPTEMBER
 ANNIVERSARIES**



2nd Adam & Brandy Woods
 9th Steve & Melanie Melester
 21st Jim & Amy Shepley

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 emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

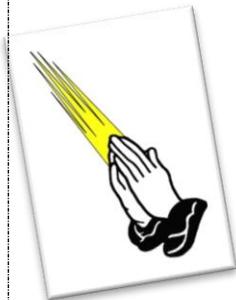
Kindly send your e-mail address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message:

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”

Thank You



SATURDAY MORNING INTENTIONAL PRAYER



The Intentional Prayer small group is a gathering of prayer warriors dedicated to lifting up the specific needs of our Burnt Factory congregation. It typically meets every other Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for about an hour or less. We share needs with one another and then pray together. Then we divide up these prayer concerns and agree to pray for them individually until the next meeting. It is a precious time of heartfelt prayer and intercession.

The group has just ended its cycle of meetings and will be restarting again on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 10 A.M.

Would you be interested in joining us in this important ministry?

Give Kathy Dixon a call at 703-407-2441 or just show up on September 21.

September Faith and Health Corner

Mindfulness:

Being still, becoming aware, living fully in the present moment



Getting Started with Mindfulness

Mindfulness practices bring many benefits but don't have to be overwhelming. Like many habits, the more we practice, the better we get, but we don't have to be experts before we can start. Here are some ideas for getting started with mindfulness in small doses in a variety of ways until you hit your stride.

1. **MINDFUL MORNINGS.** Are you aware of how you start the day? Even before you get out of bed, take some deep breaths, use a favorite centering prayer, or pause to be aware of how the various parts of your body feel.
2. **WORKING WAYS.** When you sit in your chair, let yourself feel your body come into contact with the chair, the floor, the desk, or other physical tools of your protection. Draw a breath and let it out slowly before moving on to be physically present to another dimension of your space before being lost in the rush of tasks.
3. **THE BEST INTENTIONS.** We all have things we have to do every day that consume most of our time. It only takes a few seconds to choose something that we want to be today – kind, calm, patient. What value is on your heart that you want to embrace in this moment?
4. **NOTICING SENSES.** Try using a sense you don't usually focus on. Close your eyes and listen. Stop moving and be still. Inhale deeply the fragrances around you. Touch a new texture. In that moment, what is that sense of discovery like?
5. **ALL THE FEELS.** We do so much on auto-pilot, from small tasks like brushing our teeth to important tasks, like how we fuel our bodies or have conversations. For one minute, turn off auto-pilot. What does it feel like to brush your teeth? To scratch the dog's chin? To inhale clean laundry?
6. **THE REAL TRUTH.** When you have a self-deprecating thought, nip the rumination in the bud by speaking truth out loud. Say something positive and admirable about yourself, take a deep breath, and sit with the truth for a moment before moving on.
7. **FICKERING FLAMES.** Light a candle and simply watch it flicker and dance. Let the simple movement of the light calm you. You are not trying to think about anything or accomplish anything but simply notice.
8. **SOOTHING SHOWERS.** A warm shower already has a calming effect for many people. Use it as an opportunity to intentionally slow down, notice the sensory experience and observe your thoughts without judging them.
9. **RITUAL RIGHTNESS.** Your one mini-ceremony for anything from how you prepare your tea to clearing your desk – and your mind – at the end of the day can create calming space for you to better manage stress in your life.
10. **COOL SPOTS.** Choose a spot where you can be alone for five minutes – even in the midst of a group of people, such as on a bus or subway ride. Anywhere you can close your eyes, breathe intentionally, and observe your senses will help reduce stress.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." **John 14:27**

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

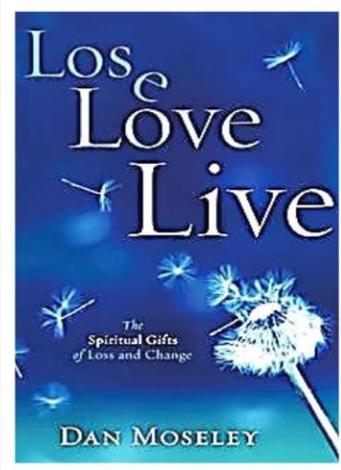
You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com or by phone at (540) 247-5612. As your Faith Community Nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.





*A picture is worth a thousand words. WOW!
Thank you all for your generosity. Donna Gallagher*

JOIN PASTOR STEVE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR A NEW STUDY ON LOSS, CHANGE & GRIEF
STARTING ON SEPT. 18TH AT 7:00
LOWER COTTAGE
10 WEEKS



This book is for you if you ever lost a companion, a friend, a job, a partner, a championship game, a leg, an eye, a baby, a dream, a breast, a house, a car, a business.

It is for you if you have ever wondered what good people can do when bad things happen to them.

This is a book for you because this is a book about discovering new life through the losses of life. There is no right way or wrong way to grieve and to live with loss. There is only your way!

Come and take a journey of discovery as Dan Moseley shares in his book "Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts Guide to Loss & Change" his experiences of loss and change and how he discovered new life.

Friends,

This small group opportunity is for anyone who has suffered any kind of loss and are dealing with changes of any kind. I look forward to exploring this book together and traveling, along with you, on a journey of discovery.

May God bless you and comfort you! Pastor Steve



BEEF BBQ DINNER

The Annual Burnt Factory UMC

BEEF BBQ DINNER

will take place on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Stonewall Ruritan Building

(Frederick County Fairgrounds)

4:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

**Adults—\$12.00; Children 12 and under—\$9.00;
under 3 are free**

**You may reserve tickets by emailing Melanie Melester at
melmel135@comcast.net or texting her at (540) 533-4285**

**BURNT FACTORY UMC PARTNERING WITH GREENWOOD MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
INFLUENCE THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME. ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO TUTOR A CHILD?**

We are excited! For the third year, Burnt Factory United Methodist Church is partnering with Greenwood Mill Elementary School as part of the county-wide school support program, Bright Futures.

Bright Futures is a non-profit organization that helps schools meet students' basis needs and academic challenges.

We will continue our partnership with one-on-one tutoring. Please consider working with a single child once a week for thirty minutes. Five people have already committed. We ask that this be a faithful commitment. This is an opportunity to serve in Christ's name and make a difference in a child's life. Don't you remember a special teacher or mentor? Wouldn't you like to be remembered?

Please contact Karen Willis (540-649-6989) or krwillis1@comcast.net.

September 2019 Newsletter Article

ACS CAN

Advocacy and Cancer

Utilizing the **influence** of survivors, caregivers, family and friends, and everyday citizens to intentionally and strategically **change** cancer related to policy at the local, state and federal levels.



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has been able to accomplish the following:

- Since 2015, they have garnered a \$9 billion increase to the National Institute of Health and a \$1 billion increase to the National Cancer Institute to fund more life-saving research
- Passed the STAR Act, a comprehensive childhood cancer bill
- Fought to ensure affordable, accessible, adequate healthcare for all Americans
- More than 58% of the United States is now covered by comprehensive smoke-free laws
- 18 states and over 480 communities have raised the tobacco age to 21

Visit fightcancer.org to learn more

In 2011 Lights of HOPE began at the National Leadership Summit and Lobby Day. 1,200 luminaria bags lined the Capitol's Reflecting Pool that year to celebrate ACS CAN's 10th anniversary.

In 2012, 7,000 Lights of HOPE bags lit up the Capitol in honor of cancer patients, survivors and loved ones lost across the U.S.

Growing each year, in 2018 the event was held on the steps of the historic Lincoln Memorial, displaying over 33,000 Lights of HOPE around the Washington Memorial Reflecting Pool.

On September 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., the ACS CAN will again be honoring those who have been touched by cancer and remembering those lost, during the Lights of HOPE ceremony in Washington, D.C. Luminaria bags bearing the names of those touched by cancer will circle the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

If you would like to help make 2019 the most remarkable year, you can donate and have a Light of HOPE bag displayed to honor your loved one, you can go to www.fightcancer.org/2019-lights-hope-ceremony. I did!

I would like to thank Christina Rohrbach from the bottom of my heart for co-captaining with me last year. Your compassionate and creative spirit helped lead The Believers to be the top fundraising team making us a Rising Star team in the nation. Way to Relay like a Boss!!!!

I am pleased to announce that Lisa Patterson will be joining me this year as we continue our battle to end cancer. We are already hard at work planning this year's events. We are hoping to have our first event in October to help educate and eradicate breast cancer. Details to follow soon.

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

Theresa Gilbert
For the Believers



United Methodist Women News

At our August 15th meeting, we had 19 members and four guests, one of them being our District President, Carolyn Woodrum. It's always great to have our regular faithful members – and extra special to have visitors who we hope will become part of our active unit.

Kathy Dixon and Donna Gallagher provided delicious refreshments before we observed a Candle Burning Ceremony where we remember those in our congregation and family members who have claimed the promise of the Resurrection between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019. There had been 15 deaths. We also recognized 8 babies that we have welcomed into our church family.

Jani Shope, our official card lady, sent around several cards for us to sign and send to those who are ill, or shut-in, or those who just need a greeting from their UMW friends.

We responded to a need from Project Esperanza for desks. We sent money for 10. Their needs are on-going. Student sponsorship is appreciated. \$150 per year will sponsor a student with tuition, a school uniform and lunch. Also \$30 per month sponsorship can be applied towards monthly expenses. Many members, along with money from our church budget, sponsor children. If you are interested, a check can be sent to Project Esperanza, 1291 Valley Mill Road, Winchester, VA 22602.

Penny Croll has been helping with a group named "Mission N2N" (Mission Neighbor to Neighbor). We voted for Penny to purchase a few items that are needed. Also Robin Russell and Holly Fontaine are continuing with Valley Light and Valley Shine. There's also a new home, "Lighthouse." If you hear of a single woman in need of housing, please let Penny know.

A few women have turned in names of books on the UMW Reading Program and they will be sent in by September 1. We encourage anyone who would like to read the books to keep a list and let Martha Ludtke know. The books are labeled in the library. Some are very interesting and some are not. Just read what interests you!

Thanks for shopping for the school kits we will box up next May. It saves a lot of money to take advantage of back-to-school prices now. We hope we have shopped enough!

We voted to increase our pledge \$200 more than this year. Our pledge amount will be turned in at the District meeting September 22nd at Kernstown UMC, 2-5 p.m., along with the BoxTops for Education and cancelled stamps. The district president has requested that each unit bring a display item that represents your unit and the work that it does to benefit women, children and youth. We will take our poster that we have displayed a couple of times in the Narthex. It has a wealth of information about our unit!

Anne Kackley gave a social action update on suggesting paid sick leave. If you would like to sign the paid sick day petition that will be delivered to your state Delegate and Senator, stay up-to-date on this issue at www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org.

We have sent in our LIVING INTO OUR PURPOSE form showing our many types of ministry this year. We will be a Gold unit recognizing our achievements.

Our Nominating Committee of Jani Shope, Susie Gerometta and Donna Gallagher will present a slate of officers at the October meeting.

It is with sadness that we report to our district that we have lost two of our beloved members, Audrey Thomas and Ruby Beck. It's been several years since we have lost a member to death. They have been valued and active members in the past. We miss their fun and loving personalities and they have provided many wonderful memories for us to cherish.

Polly passed out Kool Pops with missionary names. Please send e-mail acknowledging their birthdays and pray for their ministry. Sometimes we hear back from them!

More about the October meeting next time!

Blessings, Polly Duvall, President



KID MIN CONNECTION!!!



My dear families, we are already into a new school year and I know how hard it is to let your precious child walk out that door every day. I know you miss them when they are gone, and you worry about them as they go through the day. Here is an article I came across that tells us about the importance of praying for our children as they are away from us. *Love, Miss Carrie*

As parents, grandparents, mentors, and leaders, we have been given the incredible power to make a difference in the world through the lives of the children we love. And though many of us pray for our kids daily and strongly believe in the power of prayer, it's sometimes hard to know how to pray strategically, or even what exactly to pray for. There's a battle over our families today, and the enemy would love nothing more than to destroy all that we hold dear in this life. He'll do everything he can to lure our kids his way. But we don't have to let him win. Here's hope from God's word to remember...Prayer is powerful, and His words are true. I'm aware more than ever, of just how much our kids need our prayers. It's one of the most important gifts we could ever give to them in this life. God knows our hearts, He sees, He hears, and is always at work, even when we can't fully see. Our children are His. And no matter where they go, how old they are, or what they're facing in this life, they are secure in His care. They're in His hands, and He has great purpose for them in this life. God loves each one of them so much more than we could ever imagine. We may not be able to be with them every hour of every day, But He is!! We may not see every struggle, every worry, every burden that can weigh our kids down from day to day, But He Does!!! And He is always there, carrying them and us straight through. Though it's true, this world may seem dark many days, God calls us to be light, to make a difference in this life. Praying daily for our children, and for this generation to hold fast to that call. I'm freshly challenged and determined, more than ever before to pray strategic prayers of blessings and hope over our kids and families, today and every day.

DAILY PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILDREN:

Dear God,

Another day is ahead, and once again, I want to release my children who I love so incredibly much, straight into your tender care. Because I know that's the best place they could ever be. Thank you in advance for all that you have in store, for this day, for this season, and for their entire lives.

I ask for your wisdom and direction over their day, that you would give them understanding beyond what their years say they should even know. I ask that you would remind my kids again of how very much you love them. I pray that they find security and confidence fully in you, knowing that you are trustworthy and true.

I ask for your peace to cover them. I ask for laughter and joy to fill their day. I pray that you would give them boldness and courage to face the challenges set before them, with the confidence and calmness that can only come from your Holy Spirit.

I ask that you would teach them your ways, help them to be respectful to others, obedient to your paths, and have a desire to learn your word. Give them a compassionate spirit, and a willingness to look beyond the outward appearance of another to the deeper heart.

I pray that you would bring wrong to the light, that you would bring restoration and forgiveness when they mess up and lose their way. I ask for you to protect them from feelings of shame or condemnation, but instead, cover them with your grace and hope. I pray that you would surround them with friends and leaders who would challenge them to press closer to you.

Debbie McDaniel—iBelieve.com

ACTS 29:

We
Are
The
Next
Chapter

YOUTH
GROUP



On August 23, fourteen of our bravest youth came out to set up camp in the damp, cooler weather. We had a wonderful praise service with our own house band, we initiated our newest members and then they initiated Miss Carrie! As good tried and true Methodist members we ate lots of food! A rather hostile game of late night Capture the Flag broke out with it ending in a stalemate after an hour of running, tagging, and becoming damp (from either sweat or dew). I must add that Miss Carrie outlasted many of the youth! We sang campfire songs, had smores, and laughed a lot. After a long night of hearing coyotes, owls, and the chainsaw symphony going on, not much sleep was had, BUT we built memories that will last forever! I really can't wait to do it again next year! A **BIG THANK YOU** to my adult helpers who helped out so much in many ways using their talents. Angie Wiseman, Jason Wiseman, Hannah Fair and Ben Melester. Saturday morning, we arose at the crack of dawn, ate breakfast, had worship led by Angie and then we washed the bus and prepped it for the mission team.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 15: Regular Meeting at The Gathering Place Cottage 5-7pm

September 21: Church Beef BBQ 4-7pm

September 29: Regular Meeting/Activity 5-7pm

October 10-12: APPLE BUTTER MAKING

October 26: Fall Family Fun Fest: Youth will assist with this Ministry

NOVEMBER 15-16-17: YOUTH RETREAT!!!! We will leave for Camp Overlook at 4:30pm on Friday. **NEED CONFIRMATIONS FOR RETREAT BY SEPTEMBER 29!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** This helps for planning, food and activities to be planned!

Peace and Blessings,

Carrie Fair -Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Apple Butter Schedule

For any new church members since last fall, (and to refresh the memory of others), here are the facts about our big fundraiser for the year, our Apple Butter Making Project that will be held on **October 10th -12th**. There's always something for people of all ages to do.

This year, on a date to be determined (Maybe in the last 2 weeks of September), we will meet at the orchard between Walmart and the Medical Center's SurgiCenter on Route 50 around 8:30 AM, to pick about 85 bushels of apples. Crates are provided, but please bring a bucket to pick into. This is always a family affair. All ages are welcome! We will pick rain or shine! The apples will be taken to cold storage then to the peeling building near our church picnic shelter on **Thursday, October 10th**, the day the peeling process begins. The men usually begin the peeling process, but there are always women and youth who come to help. The sides of the shelter will be dropped and canvas placed across a part of the shelter to insure comfort while sitting and working. The fireplace will be ready for fire, which always feels good as the temperature drops outside. We have special peelers up in the building near the shelter area. As they come off the peelers they are put in plastic bags and placed back in the crates and taken down to the shelter where the quartering and "cleaning up" of the apples takes place (also known to our group as 'snitting'). **This step begins at 9:00 a.m.** **Many hands** are needed for this step, the more the merrier!! Everyone who can is encouraged to come and help, even if it's just for a couple of hours. The more help we have, the easier it is on everyone. Bring a couple of big pans and a sharp knife and maybe a comfortable chair. It really is a social event, even fun! The ladies will bring soup, hot dogs, buns, drinks and desserts to tide us over until the "hour has come" to go home.

On Friday morning, the 11th, around 8:00 AM, the kettles will be set and a canopy put over the kettles to protect the precious product from leaves, etc. Next step, washing the apples, which is a very demanding job and help is always appreciated; some women have also come to help. By this time, it's time for these loyal workers to go home, get something to eat and sleep awhile before coming back **around midnight to begin the cooking**. All ages meet to begin the project at midnight, which is the hardest part. Lighting the fires, putting the apples in the kettles and stirring is also a demanding job! About 20-30 helpers are needed at midnight. A few brave women and the dedicated youth get in on this part and work through the night to get it all started.

Early Saturday morning October 12th, about 5:00 a.m., a hearty breakfast will be ready for all the workers. After working throughout the night on donuts and coffee, the **6:00 a.m. call to breakfast**, in shifts, of course, is a welcome invitation. Everyone is welcome to eat! By this time, relief help has come to give the early crew a break. The apples are now easier to stir. The sun is up and, hopefully, it's a pleasant, sunny day to finish the process. BUT, the project must be finished, regardless of the weather. The ladies will have brought soup, hot dogs, barbecue, buns, desserts, drinks, etc. (When we work, we eat!) Lunch is usually early, so we can get the tables cleaned up and get the area cleared for the jars that will be placed on the tables, ready for filling. Through experience, at just the right time, the sugar will be added (about 100+ pounds to each kettle!). Then at just the right time, the spices will be added and very quickly it will be ready to take off. We have two special dispensers with cut-off valves for filling the jars. There are two assembly lines and everything must be done quickly to get the apple butter in the jars and lids screwed on tight. **NO jars of butter will be taken by purchaser until ALL butter has been jarred and released. This cuts down on confusion and allows for an accurate count of butter made. All butter taken home must be recorded by the order-taking team.** There's usually "oohs and aahs" after sampling the apple butter on rolls! It's the best apple butter in the land! Just ask us – and others, too! While some people are working in the assembly line, several of the men are cleaning up the kettles as they become empty. Then everything must be cleaned up, some utensils taken up to the church as well as the orders by people who aren't there to pick it up. The project is headed by Keith Roberts & Eddie Cooper.

A big project for a growing church? You bet! It takes dedicated people who want to see it carried on. We have a wonderful reputation for our apple butter and hope it will continue for many years. Let's set aside the time that it takes for this once-a-year effort and continue this project in the same united way. So many programs in our church benefit from its profits. All apple butter not taken on Saturday will be at the church with the order name attached and any leftover apple butter will be available for additional sale. This project helps to support all areas of mission in our church. Apple Butter will be able to be ordered by phone, by email, through the church web site or in person. Web site address will be available soon. All **new** quart Jars, which are purchased by the UMM, will be used. If you want to order Pints, you must furnish your own **new** Jars.

The price of apple butter this year is \$10.00 per quart and \$5.00 per pint.

PLEASE GET YOUR ORDERS IN EARLY!! It may be paid for in advance or you may wait and pay when you pick it up.

Burnt Factory United Methodist Men September 2019 Newsletter

SEPTEMBER IS **UMMEN MEETING MONTH**, we will be meeting on **SEPTEMBER 19 AT 7:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**. All males who attend Burnt Factory are encouraged to attend.

We are closing in on **APPLE BUTTER WEEKEND TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10 – 12TH**. Mark your calendars now so that you will be ready. We need everyone's help to make sure that this event is successful. We will have a sign-up Genius set-up soon to help everyone know exactly

when help is needed. We have provided another article for this newsletter detailing the event and schedule.

Our **POTATO PATCH** took a huge hit due to wet weather right after we planted and some crop was lost, then the dry weather set in and weeds grew better than potatoes. Our harvest for this year was 2 five-gallon buckets full. We hope that next years will be as bountiful as years past.

We are still enjoying our **SUMMER WEDNESDAY COFFEE GROUP** on the **FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY'S OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 AM**. We get together to discuss events pertinent in the lives of men and offer prayer for anyone who may need a prayer. All men are welcome to join us at the Sheetz on Martinsburg Pike.



GLEANING is in full swing. Please keep an eye out for messages from Dave Darsie and the Society of St Andrew. We have been gleaning corn and peaches and still have quite a bit of corn left to glean and apples will be coming along very shortly. Did you know that with enough help, the Society of St Andrew can glean 5 – 10 tons of apples during each event? That all goes to feed those hungry in our communities.

This year the **WINCHESTER DISTRICT UMMEN** will be planning the **TRI-DISTRICT UMMEN RETREAT** which is held at Camp Overlook. Our Retreat Leader will be Rev. Joshua Orndorff who serves as Chaplin at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal. The dates will be **JANUARY 3 & 4**. Please mark your calendars now so that you will be ready when registration opens.

We are excited for those who will be attending the **DANVILLE MISSION TRIP** and will keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Steve Cunningham
President Burnt Factory UMMen

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.

On Sunday, Aug 18, our church served lunch to over 45 CCAP clients. **This mission is done monthly at CCAP on the 3rd Sunday** as part of our Outreach Ministry. 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 September 15th starting about 12:15 at CCAP. We are usually finished by 1:30. Hope Owens 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 September meal at CCAP, please contact Hope at hyotio@yahoo.com or 540-533-3786.



We are looking for volunteers in the Clothing House at CCAP. The Monday morning, 8:30-noon shift is short volunteers. Lisa Patterson, Karen Willis and I have been volunteering in the Clothing House and would be happy to show you around. Any amount of time is appreciated. If you feel the calling to serve this ministry, we will be happy to share the contact information with you and take you on a tour.

Thank you for your continued prayers and amazing donations to CCAP.
Patty Leonard

From a branch on the Vine

Here's a question for you: why do you come to church? Because God says to? That's a pretty good reason. God desires obedience. The author of Hebrews reminds us ²⁴ *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* ²⁵ *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Chapter 10).*

Maybe because you have accepted the gift of forgiveness offered by Jesus from the cross, the free gift of grace that leads to eternal life. Jesus is another good reason for he is *the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them (John 14).*

Still it may be the theology of following Christ in the Wesley tradition. *Do no harm; do all the good you can; stay in love with God.* Great words to live by and guided by your baptismal covenant (binding or establishing a relationship between two parties – you and God): using God's power to resist evil, injustice and oppression; to accept Jesus as your Savior; to join in the union of Christ's body, the church by rejecting sin and committing to Christ; to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. We serve God by acting as His ambassadors. James writes, ¹⁷ *In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (Chapter 2).*

Or, you have found a community that welcomes you, supports you and shares a bond with you. You have found a place where you belong and are valued. ⁴⁴ *All the believers were together and had everything in common.* ⁴⁵ *They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.* ⁴⁶ *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2).* Do you engage in the community of faith by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? The community promises to surround you with love and forgiveness – imperfect as people are imperfect but seeking perfection as Jesus is the model of perfection.

All good reasons that are bound together in a person's faith walk known as "sanctification" or set apart for God's purpose – being made holy. Now, what keeps you in church on that faith walk? Because people are so nice? Because you like the music or sanctuary decorations? The hospitality table or the having a place for the children? The Kingdom of Heaven is where God brings His people home. It is where the King engages with His subjects – those who He loves.

In your search for meaning and purpose, hear the words from the Westminster Catechism:

What is the chief end of man?

To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever!

Each of us is born with a desire - a need - to be valued, to have a purpose. God created us and leads us to that purpose. In us, He sees our worth, not done out of need but simply because He loves us. Whatever reasons bring you to church know that God has asked you to be His example, His servant, His son/ daughter to a world that hungers for a purpose. Share the Good News found in Jesus.

In Christ, *Rob*

Sunday School: The Faith Seekers class will begin their next study, **Creed** by Adam Hamilton, on Sunday, September 8th. The class is open to all and meets down the hall adjacent to the library on the lower level. Also, a new Adult class is forming and will begin September 15th at 10:00am in the Bell Choir room next to Faith Seekers. Rob Moss will be facilitating an initial study based on Hamilton's book, **UNAFRAID**.

Joy and Peace, *Rob*





SEPTEMBER 2019 Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church	2  Church Offices Closed	3 6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Class NO Choir OR SONrise Singers Practice	4 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Worship Team Lower Cottage	5 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts 7:00pm-Outreach Lower Cottage	6	7
8 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 4-4:30pm-Little Singers 4:30-5pm-Children's Choir	9 6:30pm-RFL Team Captain Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church ALL WELCOME	10 6:00pm-Choir 7:00pm-Nurture Team Lower Cottage 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	11 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Church Council Fellowship Hall	12 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts ?-6:30pm-Sing-A-Long at Evergreen Nursing Home	13	14
15 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 5-7pm-Youth Regular Meeting at the Gathering Place Cottage	16	17 6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Class 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	18 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Book Study with Pastor Steve Lower Cottage	19 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts 7:00pm-UMMen Fellowship Hall	20	21 10:00am-Intentional Prayer Group 4:00pm-7:00pm Annual Burnt Factory BEEF BBQ DINNER Stonewall Ruritan Building
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