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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sharing the Love of Christ  
with ALL People!

November 2019 Newsletter

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



I have heard it said that marriage is 50/50 --- it was “give and take.” I have found that marriage is more like 80/20 --- one person is usually receiving or giving way more than the other at any given time in the relationship. Now, in a healthy marriage, it should balance out.

I have also heard that in the church, the percentage of people who do the lion’s share of giving and working figures in at 80/20 also. My experience has been that this statistic is not always reliable.

In baseball, they talk about percentages a lot --- it is the only sport where if you are successful 3 out of 10 times at bat (300 batting average) --- you are a future “Hall of Famer!”

In life, nothing is 100%! People are never 100% reliable! Games and marriages and everything else are not 100% reliable!

The only person who was, is, and forever will be 100% reliable --- is our Lord Jesus Christ!

In His nature and character, Jesus is without fault or flaw. He is completely faithful. He will never fail us, He cannot fail us, and He will not fail you! Every promise He has made is true; there is not one lie or exaggeration in anything that He has ever said. Today, Jesus is your 100% Savior!

Jesus did not let us down when He lived on earth; He did not let us down when He died on the cross; He did not let us down when He rose from the dead; He will not let us down when He was seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus will not let us down today or any day!

Even though we all live in a flawed and imperfect condition, today is our best day because we have Jesus. His Father sent Him to us as a spotless lamb of God who would offer Himself for our sins! Jesus obeyed the Father and through that obedience, he glorified the Father! He died for our redemption and forgiveness for evermore and for all eternity!

Jesus is 100% perfect in all His ways, in all He is, and in all He does!

Friends, as we all travel the road of Christianity --- especially during the next two months with all it’s special meanings and celebrations, it is my prayer that none of us, yes 100% of us remember who it is we come to worship on Sunday morning! I pray that we all, 100% remember what Jesus Christ did and who Jesus Christ is!

*Pastor Steve*

## What's Happening Down The Worship Road For November And December

- Nov. 3** All Saints Sunday Holy Communion 5<sup>th</sup> sermon in series "Don't Give Up!"
- Nov. 10** Veterans Recognition Final sermon in series "Don't Give Up!"
- Nov. 17** Text will be from Luke 21: 5-19
- Nov. 24** Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday in the church calendar year!
- Nov. 27** "Thanksgiving Eve Service" (7:00)
- Dec. 1** First Sunday of Advent Holy Communion
- Dec. 4** "Healing Service" (7:00)
- Dec. 8** Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 8** Children's Christmas Presentation (6:00)
- Dec. 15** The Christmas Cantata will be presented on the third Sunday of Advent at both services!
- Dec. 22** The Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24** There will be two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (5:00 & 8:00)
- Dec. 29** The First Sunday after Christmas



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer tithes with automatic online donations. Many families have already chosen to give one-time or recurring donations through our website. Explore the convenience of online giving from the "Offering" link on our webpage. You will always have access to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or swinging by the ATM.

As always, we appreciate the extravagant generosity shown by our congregation. If you have any questions or have problems with your account, contact Angie Wiseman, Finance Chair at [alrudolph78@gmail.com](mailto:alrudolph78@gmail.com).



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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Debbie Knight     | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Donna Gallagher |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Linda Nicholson   |                  | Abby Melester   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Emma Phillips     |                  | Ray Taylor      |
|                  | Tim Sinnette      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Anne Perrault   |
|                  | Deacon Overby     |                  | Glen Fair       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Mike Taylor       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Karen Willis    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Willis     | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Frances Taylor  |
|                  | Kate Reed         |                  | Patsy Hoffman   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Cindy Miiller     | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Wilson Gilbert  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Roger Feight      |                  | Mark Lentz      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bonnie Carter     | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Leila Bayliss   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Adam Woods        | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Jo Anne Baker   |
|                  | Mackenzie Leonard |                  | Mike Dick       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Dolores Knight    |                  |                 |
|                  | Jani Shope        |                  |                 |

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

*Happy Birthday  
and  
Happy Anniversary  
Everyone!*

*Beth and Matt Neff welcomed another son into their world!*

*Phoenix Oliver Neff weighed in at 9lbs. and 10oz. He is the grandson of Millie Hood.*



*Paige and Aaron Haecker welcomed a son into their world.*

*Wesley Arthur Haecker weighed in at 1lb, 6oz.*

*Jessica and Ryan Morgan welcomed a son into their world.*

*Jensen Charles Morgan*

*weighed in at 7lbs., 13oz.*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Nineteen ladies, including 3 visitors, attended the October meeting Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Some of our regulars had a conflict, but we were so glad to welcome Regina Baldwin, Carol Delauter and Susan Hyatt to our meeting.

Tom and Penny Croll presented the program, telling us about their trip to visit Project Esperanza in the Dominican Republic a few months ago. Tom's pictures brought to life how they learn with the bare necessities, three languages spoken, and minimum cooking facilities to feed the children and staff. But there were smiles on their faces and they were making the best of what they had. Penny's narrative touched our hearts as we realize the difference in the culture and provisions. We are happy that Project Esperanza is a mission project we feel blest to be a part of. Sponsoring a child is \$150, but any amount is appreciated and can be sent to them through Caitlin McHale Floreal's mother: Project Esperanza, 1291 Valley Mill Road, Winchester, VA 22602. We learned that the van they had bought with funds from BFUMC had an accident. Jeres, Caitlin's husband, wrecked the van on his way to get the students. Brakes gave out and he drove it into a staircase trying to avoid people. Thankfully, no one was seriously hurt, but the van is quite damaged. Now, they have the expense of getting it fixed.

Anne Perrault, our treasurer, led the annual pledge service. Pledges can be paid anytime in 2020. Our district pledge for 2020 is \$1900.

The sign-up sheet was passed for hostesses and program leaders for December and any of the six meetings next year.

Jani Shope had cards to sign that we like to send to shut-ins, etc. We also voted to buy a roll of stamps for her to use. Thank you, Jani, for your faithfulness to this mission. We remember our district prayer group, also. This year it has been Kernstown UMW. Next year it is Market Street UMW.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jani Shope, Susie Gerometta and Donna Gallagher, presented a slate of officers to serve next year. Thanks to those who serve as officers and help us to fulfill the PURPOSE of our organization. JoAnne Baker will work with this group next year as Jani goes off.

Continue to clip the BoxTops for Education and the cancelled stamps, leaving 1/4" around the stamps.

Thanks for taking the time to do this. Donna Gallagher and Polly Duvall turned in a BIG batch of them at the District Annual Meeting they attended September 22 at Kernstown UMC.

Diann Duvall is getting together workers to clean the church in the absence of Rhonda Snyder, who broke her ankle. We are glad to help out as Rhonda heals.

### **CAMP OVERLOOK OPPORTUNITIES WERE PRESENTED:**

The Walk to the Manger is Saturday, December 14. Tours begin continuously from 6-8 p.m.

Also a Lunch at the Blessings Lodge for UMW members to Celebrate the Season is available on December 2 and December 4 at noon. Cost is \$15.50.

We also read the information about All God's Children Camp in the summer for children of incarcerated parents. Camp Overlook is a popular camp in the summer that many of our children attend. It is in Keezletown, VA near Harrisonburg.

Gwen Callahan had made an October (Halloween) craft and names were drawn for it. The lucky winner was Christina Rohrbach. Thanks Gwen for being so "crafty!"

We won't meet in November, but our December meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Susan Hyatt and Gwen Callahan will be hostesses and Debbie Walker will be program leader. We decided not to exchange gifts among ourselves, but will bring in household items that will be useful for one of the projects we support. Penny will provide a list of items.

Polly passed out missionary names with Fall cookie cutters. Pray for your missionary and contact them on their birthday.

Thanks to Christina Rohrbach and Anne Kackley for providing delicious refreshments! Thanks to Penny and Tom Croll and Anne Perrault for their part in our meeting.

Enjoy the cooler weather and the forth-coming Thanksgiving season.

*Love and blessings,  
Polly Duvall, president*

# OUTREACH

## LADIES,

At our October meeting, it was decided that instead of a gift exchange among ourselves we would bring gifts to fill a "Welcome Home" basket for The Laurel Center. (We did this same basket last year for those who contributed before.) Below is the sign-up list for the basket. We encourage anyone attending the **December Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup>**, to bring a gift for the basket (most items are around \$10 or less). If you would kindly let Penny know what you plan to bring, she will keep track of the items and let everyone know where we still have need. If we have enough duplicate items, we may even supply two baskets!

Also, remember your Secret Prayer Partner as you reveal your name to them in December!

Thank you for supporting The Laurel Center by bringing Christmas to a woman/family in need.

Blessings,

Penny Croll & Donna Gallagher

### WELCOME HOME BASKET LAUREL CENTER

When families transition from homelessness to housing, they often worry about being able to afford basic household items. Putting together a "Welcome Home" basket is a great way to make sure they have the supplies they need to be successful.

Please "reply all" what you are able to supply, and Penny will keep the sheet updated. If you want to partner on a more expensive item, please feel free to do so. We do ask that items are **NEW**. We are collecting the items at the UMW Christmas Party. **If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to contribute, please make arrangements with Penny for dropping off your donation to the church prior to the meeting.**

Questions? Contact Penny Croll – 571-220-0471 or [ptcroll@hotmail.com](mailto:ptcroll@hotmail.com)

1. Laundry Basket – \_\_\_\_\_
2. Shower Curtain, liner & rings – \_\_\_\_\_
3. Bath Towel, hand towel, washcloth – \_\_\_\_\_
4. Toilet Paper – \_\_\_\_\_
5. 2 rolls paper towels – \_\_\_\_\_
6. Kitchen Trash bags – \_\_\_\_\_
7. Liquid Dish Soap – \_\_\_\_\_
8. All purpose cleaner \_\_\_\_\_
9. Frying Pan (small/medium – 8 in) – \_\_\_\_\_
10. Frying Pan (large – 12 in) – \_\_\_\_\_
11. Medium Saucepan (2 Qt) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Large Pot (4 Qt) \_\_\_\_\_
13. 2 cookie sheets \_\_\_\_\_
14. Set of glasses – \_\_\_\_\_
15. Set of Dishes for 4 – \_\_\_\_\_
16. Silverware for 4 \_\_\_\_\_
17. Kitchen Utensils (spatula, wooden spoons etc) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Measuring cups and spoons \_\_\_\_\_
19. Dish towels/sponges \_\_\_\_\_
20. Broom \_\_\_\_\_
21. Mop \_\_\_\_\_
22. Trash Can \_\_\_\_\_
23. Walmart gift cards – (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_



## Men's Ministry



Apple Butter 2019 was a success. We had a great turnout from the church and there were some lessons learned that we will take forward to make future apple butter events even more successful.

We will have our UMMen Coffee and Prayer Fellowship on Wednesday, **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM at the Sheetz on Martinsburg Pike.

Our next UMMen meeting is **November 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the lower cottage. Our meeting is open to all men who attend Burnt Factory UMC.

Be on the lookout for the church Sign-Up Genius for our week of hosting WATTS, **November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 7, 2019**. This is another large mission project for our church and needs a lot of help to make this event successful. You will find great fulfillment in spending some time with some members of our community who have no fixed address. Please take this opportunity to sign up for a day or two to assist in this very worthwhile ministry.

Mark your calendars for the Tri-District UMMen's Spiritual Retreat to be held at Camp Overlook on **January 3-4, 2020**. Our retreat leader will be Rev. Joshua Orndorff, the Chaplin at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal. Our theme is Next Gen Discipleship: Millenials and Gen Z where we are constantly striving to reach new people in new ways. Often there is a call for young people. Rev. Orndorff will lead us and inspire us to understand and connect with Millenials and Gen Z'ers so we can form lasting relationships to further the kingdom of God. Go to the link below for more information and to register:

[http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/1/8/11188362/tri\\_district\\_2020\\_brochure.pdf](http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/1/8/11188362/tri_district_2020_brochure.pdf)

Also mark your calendars for our Church's Prayer Breakfast on **January 11, 2020** at 9:00 AM at the Ruritan building.

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

*Steve Cunningham  
President Burnt Factory UMMen*



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL APPLE BUTTER PROJECT OCTOBER 12, 2019



It's over! Talk about teamwork! 87 bushels of apples seemed to be the magic number for our people to work with this year. Thanks, Steve Cunningham, for heading up this year's project with a huge assist from Keith Roberts and Eddie Cooper and many thanks to ALL who gave so much time and energy to participate in this fundraising event sponsored by the United Methodist Men. From the Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> apple picking until the final kettle was power washed by Rob Moss on Saturday afternoon on the 12<sup>th</sup>, everyone felt pleased with how the entire event unfolded.

The 40 plus pickers picked from the trees and gleaned from the ground on a cool, brisk and sunny October 5<sup>th</sup>. We picked 73 bushels of beautiful Rome apples in just under an hour. Then on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 AM the peeling began and the apples were moved down to the comfy confines of our shelter with the sides put down and a fire in the fireplace helping to make it a comfy atmosphere to work in to get all of the apples snitted and cleaned. After the damper on the fireplace was opened to clear the smoke from the shelter, we had a wonderful fellowship and plenty of good food while we snitted the day away to get finished by 7:00 PM. A long day for sure, but a wonderful group of volunteers stayed on point to get the job finished.

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Several men and a couple of ladies spent Friday morning preparing the shelter for the actual making of the apple butter, washing the apples, putting up the tarps, setting the nine kettles and laying the fires. Rest was in order for the late afternoon and early evening before returning at midnight to start the process. At 3:43 AM the last of the apples were added to the kettles. Thanks to all who came and stirred during this crucial time. We had 40+ people who came at midnight to help with the stirring with many staying throughout the night. It seems that when you spread the word that help is needed, our people come and bring friends with them.

At 6:00 AM, the stirrers came to breakfast in three shifts. That is always a welcome break. Seven women fixed breakfast and fed the hungry crew a meal fit for kings and queens!!

After breakfast several all-nighters went home for some much needed rest and our numbers were a little slim. A Facebook post and an all hands email generated some help to relieve our weary morning stirrers. Just past noon they started to add the sugar and after 90 minutes all of the sugar was added. The spices were added around 1:30 PM and soon the jarring would begin. With Jason dipping and Tim carrying the 'hot butter' within a couple of hours the tables were full of the finest apple butter in the land! Our yield was 209 gallons, down from previous years, more than likely due to the dry summer keeping the moisture down in the apples. The price was \$10 per quart and \$5 per pint. Due to the smaller yield, all 209 gallons were sold with no inventory left to be sold. Some wonderful, generous church members also gave up some of their orders to help us meet all orders. We are certainly grateful to all of those who helped us to make ends meet.

The weather cooperated beautifully and everyone was pleased with how the entire process went. Things were cleaned up at the shelter, apple butter loaded, things washed up and everything finished up by 4:30 PM.

Enjoy your apple butter and feel good about being part of a project that will benefit a lot of people in so many ways. All proceeds are not in yet, but we should take in a little over \$8,000 before we take out expenses. These funds will benefit many ministries of our church. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Apple Butter 2019. It was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun and fellowship!!!



*Dear Burnt Factory Family,*

*Simply the biggest THANK YOU once again for your "extravagant generosity" to the Laurel Center.*

*Look at the smile on Cindy M's face. The snack shelves were empty.*

*Donna Gallagher*

## November 2019 Relay for Life Newsletter Article



*I do not like Cancer here or there. I do NOT like CANCER anywhere!!!*

It was The Believers great honor to host the 2020 Relay for Life Kick-off event. It was a huge success and well attended. Thank you to all of the BFUMC folks that showed up to support our team. We had so much fun eating dinner together, making S'mores and caramel apples. There were opportunities to vote on the event theme and possible time change. The results are below:

If you couldn't guess, the theme for the 2020 Relay for Life event is **Dr. Seuss!!** So many ways our team can go to with this theme. We already have 2 great suggestions for our team for decorating/event sales. Keep the ideas coming and we will all vote on them at our first team meeting (to be announced).

We know that cancer never sleeps and our team is one of the very few that stays all night at the event. In an effort to increase event participation in its entirety, there was an opportunity to vote for either 6 PM – 6 AM OR 4 PM – 12 AM. The voting was unanimous (minus one vote)!! **The 2020 Relay for Life will be Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM until midnight.** There will still be opening, luminaria and closing ceremonies.

Please go on line to [secure.acsevents.org](https://secure.acsevents.org) and register to become a Believer team member. Choose the Winchester/Frederick County event and the Believers team. It's so easy and it doesn't cost anything to join. If you don't have a computer and want to join our team, there are paper registration forms in the Social Hall.

**Fall T-Shirt Challenge:** Each team member that raises \$200 by November 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a super soft long-sleeve Relay T-Shirt.

**Holiday T-Shirts:** See the sign-up flyers in the Social Hall or on line at <https://burntfactory.org/mn/index.php/rfl-holiday-t-shirts/>

Checks should be made payable to BFUMC with memo note RFL holiday t-shirts. All of the money from every t-shirt sold goes directly to the Believers and who wouldn't want a soft long-sleeved green t-shirt with a snowman showing us the reason why we relay?

Please bring bags of DumDum lollipops whenever you can for Lisa and me to take to our monthly meetings. The DumDums are for Cancer patients while they are being treated.



Check out **The Believers** Facebook page for other opportunities to support our efforts to raise money so that we might be able to live in a world where cancer no longer exists.

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

***We thank you for your support!***

Theresa Gilbert and Lisa Patterson, Co-Captains

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### WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter)

Burnt Factory UMC participates in WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter). We are blessed to partner with the Stonewall Ruritans, Rest UMC and White Hall UMC to provide a warm shelter and nourishing meals for one week.

The dates of our participation this year are **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.**

The link to sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44adac2daafa7-watts6>. We will also offer **TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM IN THE LOWER COTTAGE**

For more information or questions about signing up, please contact Becky Dennis or Angie Wiseman.





## November 2019 Faith Community Nurse Article Give thanks. Give life.



**National Donor Sabbath is November 15 - 17**

National Donor Sabbath is observed annually on Friday through Sunday two weekends before Thanksgiving. It is a time to increase awareness of the need for the lifesaving and enhancing gifts passed to others through transplantation. Those who donate organs, tissues, and blood stem cells restore hope and share gifts beyond measure.

**BELOW ARE 5 REASONS TO PASS ALONG THE GIFT OF LIFE:**

1. **YOU CAN SAVE 8 LIVES AND TRANSFORM MANY MORE.** One person can donate up to eight organs and help up to 50 more people by donating corneas and tissues. Plus, with recent advances, it's even possible to transplant faces and hands.
2. **YOU ARE NEEDED!** More than 113,000 people of all ages are on the national transplant waiting list. Twenty people die every day, waiting for a lifesaving organ.
3. **YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD, DON'T RULE YOURSELF OUT!** You can sign up at any age and even if you have health conditions. When your time comes, let the doctors decide if you can donate.
4. **DONATION CAN BE A COMFORT TO YOUR FAMILY.** Many people who have lost someone say that it comforted them to know that their loved one was able to save lives through donation.
5. **MOST PEOPLE SUPPORT DONATION. DO YOU?** Surveys show that 95% of adults in the U.S. support organ donation. How about you? Show your support and sign up.



**WHAT CAN BE DONATED WITH YOUR GIFT OF LIFE?**  
Blood vessels, Bones, Corneas, Face, Hands, Heart, Intestines,  
Kidneys, Liver, Lungs, Pancreas, Tissue and Skin



**You can sign up today!!**

**[organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov)**

*God gave His son to us that we might have eternal life. Can we not give of our organs and tissues when we no longer have need of them so that others may live in this temporary world?*

**It's that time again - don't forget to get your flu shot!!**

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

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

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



## From a branch on the Vine



Many years ago, my wife bought a make-up mirror; the kind that gives an “evening hue” or a “daylight glow.” The special mirror provided the proper illumination for whatever the occasion may be. Was it a true reflection of what people saw? With good eyes they would see a kind and cheerful soul (that should be good for a chicken and dumplings dinner).

Everyone has mirrors in their house. Some have special mirrors that make us look thinner or taller like the carnival. Full length, bathroom, compacts - all of us are mindful of how we look; how we are put together. But what do people really see? As disciples of Christ, what do we see and what do others see when they look at us?

On noticing a homeless person, do we see a drain on society? A lazy panhandler? A person who could and should better themselves? Never mind their “story” which may be abuse, tragedy or suffering the demons of mental illness. We say this person should be a better parent or that person should make better choices on what they do to their bodies. We never see the whole picture and others never see the entire circumstances of our lives. In the Seventh chapter of Matthew’s gospel, Jesus advises us “*Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*” Do you know enough to draw a conclusion? Form an opinion? To make a judgement? Slow those human impulses down and allow room for grace. What you are seeing is a child of God at a different place in the journey to follow Jesus. Maybe, just maybe, you are called to be a guide in that journey.

Let’s turn the tables. What conclusions are people coming up with when they see you? Do they see a disciple of Christ? Perhaps the “colorful” language or the condescending attitude or the hypocritical action may present a different image than what you think you see in the mirror. What is the biggest criticism from Non-believers? Christians act un-Christlike. We lead others to Christ by actions that reflect our humble thanksgiving to the God who loves a broken soul (that’s you and me). God loves us despite the mess we may be. It is for that mess that He sent his Son, Jesus, to make us clean and whole; to bring beauty to ashes.

What does a disciple look like? In Galatians, Paul tell us that when a person has accepted Jesus as their Savior, they are transformed, and that transformation will be evident by the fruits they bear (what people will see). *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* Is that what people witness in you?

I am far from perfect. Guess what? You aren’t either. Welcome to the human condition that includes the imperfection of the homeless person, too. All of us have saintly qualities with a sinful nature. Do we give up? God’s people may mess up, but we don’t give up following and trying to obey Jesus.

Our God is wonderful; He offers us life. He forgives the mistakes and is present in every joy and sorrow. As His son or daughter, are you trying (I mean committed) to live out His will for your life? Not on the surface, but from a transformed heart. I don’t know your heart; its only you and God. I don’t have the right to judge you (or you me). We do have the choice to be like Jesus. Look in the mirror, do you see the person God has made you to be?

In Christ, *Rob*



Preparing for the  
Christmas Season

Joy and Peace, *Rob*

This season’s Advent Study will be based on Frank Capra’s classic movie, *It’s a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. Can you identify with George Bailey? Do you need an angel named Clarence to show how your life has impacted so many others? In your moments of crisis, do you seek the Lord? No books will be necessary, just a knowledge of the movie and your Bible.

To that end, the first session will be a movie night in the Fellowship Hall to view the film (**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm and Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am**).

The following **Monday (18<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>)**, we will begin our Advent journey, a time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions, contact Rob Moss ([ram288@comcast.net](mailto:ram288@comcast.net)). See you soon in Bedford Falls.



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

### Collections for CCAP at Burnt Factory UMC – November is a busy month for CCAP collections!

We will continue our traditional giving to CCAP as follows:

- **Thanksgiving Food** for the giveaway on November 23. Sign-up sheets for non-perishable food and turkeys will be on the Sign-up Table Nov 3 – Nov 10. The non-perishable items can be left in the CCAP bins by Sunday 11/17. Patty will schedule the pickup of the turkeys between 11/17 and 11/21.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service – We will collect diapers for the Red Wagon ministry and blankets to go to CCAP at this service. All diapers are very much appreciated, but size 5 is the most needed. Requested blanket sizes are Full and Queen.**

IN DECEMBER, CCAP will have a **Christmas Giveaway** on Saturday the 14. Frances Salmon, CCAP President, met with other non-profit leaders in the area (Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Bright Futures, Frederick Co SS, Winchester City SS) to determine how CCAP can best serve the area at Christmas. These leaders are working together to eliminate duplication of effort in the area giveaways. CCAP is planning to serve approximately 300 families. We are asking for the following items for the giveaway: **POT AND PANS; SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES (EX: CROCK POTS, TOASTER OVENS); PACKAGED SOX AND UNDERWEAR FOR FAMILIES; PILLOWS; SHEET SETS (TWIN, FULL, OR QUEEN); FAMILY TICKETS TO MOVIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES LIKE THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM; ATHLETIC PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS; BOARD GAMES; DOLLS; BOOKS; BEAUTY SUPPLIES (CABOODLES); LEGOS (OR SIMILAR); TOY CARS, TRUCKS AND TRAINS.** These items can be dropped off at CCAP Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30 and Friday 8:30-12:30.

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY LUNCH AT CCAP:** On Sunday, Oct 20, our church served lunch to over 40 CCAP clients. Thanks so much to Donna Gallagher and her team for making

this happen. Thanks Jimmy Grayson for opening and closing the building. **How can you help with this Outreach?** You can donate food, volunteer to serve lunch, or just stop by and enjoy helping out and talking with our friends at CCAP. Our next Sunday lunch will be served on November 17 starting at 12:15 at CCAP. We are usually finished by 1:30. Karen Willis will be the team lead for this meal. If you would like to be part of the November meal at CCAP, please contact Karen at [krwillis1@comcast.net](mailto:krwillis1@comcast.net) or 540-539-6989.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CCAP:**

Thanksgiving Giveaway: Friday, 11/22 at 12:30 or Saturday at 8am.

### **CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY:**

Thursday, 12/12 at 5:30 (to move items from storage);  
Friday, 12/13 at 12:30 for set-up, or  
Saturday, 12/14 at 8am for the actual giveaway or 12:30 for clean-up.

**ANY FRIDAY:** drivers to go to Family Dollar on Rt 522 at 10 for pickup.

I can be reached at [ricpat5@gmail.com](mailto:ricpat5@gmail.com) or 540-664-6973 if you have questions about CCAP. The next Board Meeting is Friday, Nov 8 at 12:30.

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

*Thank you for all you do for CCAP.*

*Patty Leonard*

## **Meet ‘n Eat**

***We're excited to announce that the Meet and Eat Nurture Groups will start up again the first of the year.***

***Look for information in next month's Newsletter about sign-ups***



## KID-MIN CONNECTION

**IT'S CHRISTMAS PLAY TIME!!!!**

**HERE ARE THE DATES!**

So the Practices for the Christmas Program will begin in November. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November the Littles are not required to be present. Those first two will be to run lines, work with soloists, and music for the program. I will add the Littles in on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They will practice their parts (the Nativity characters) and then they can leave. I have CD's for them to take home to listen!

**SO PRACTICE SCHEDULE RUNS LIKE THIS: 4-5:30!**

November 3---reading run through of lines, songs and set solo parts.

**THIS DAY ONLY 5:30-6:30**

November 10---run through of program and songs---MAIN SET KIDS ONLY

November 17---Complete run through of program --including the Littles!

November 24---Complete run through of program --including the Littles!

December 1-- Complete run through of program --including the Littles! & with props, sets, and costumes.

December 8---CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!! 6pm. Kiddos will need to be there at 5:15

We are working on setting a date for Christmas caroling at the nursing home again in December!

*Peace and blessings,*

*Carrie Fair—Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*



**ACTS 29: We Are The Next Chapter**

**YOUTH GROUP**



November we will be concentrating on our big retreat on 15-17 at Camp Overlook!

I will be in touch with some other activities to assist with and do as we get closer to the holiday season!

*Peace and Blessings!*

*Carrie Fair—Director of Youth and Children's Ministries!*

# NOVEMBER 2019 Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3:00pm – Burnt Factory UMC Charge Conference at Braddock Street UMC</b>					1 Printing November Newsletter	2 Turn your clocks back one hour tonight so you'll get to church on time tomorrow!!!!
3 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 5:30pm-6:30pm-Children's Christmas Program Practice	4  7:00pm-Outreach Team Lower Cottage	5  6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Class 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	6 6-7am-UMMen Coffee Prayer Fellowship, Sheetz  9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm-Grief Study Sanctuary 7:00pm-Nurture Team Lower Cottage	7  6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall	8  12:30pm-CCAP Board Meeting	9  11:00am-1:00pm BBQ Sandwich Pickup Stonewall Ruritan Pickup Window
10 <b>VETERANS SUNDAY</b> 8:30am-Worship Blood Pressure Checks 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 11:00am-Worship Blood Pressure Checks 11:00am-Children's Church 1:30pm-Cantata Practice 4:00pm-5:30pm-Children's Christmas Program Practice	11 6:30pm-RFL Team Captain Meeting Calvary Baptist Church  7:00pm-WATTS Volunteer Training Lower Cottage 7pm-Advent Study Movie Night Fellowship Hall	12  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	13 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours  10:00am-Advent Study Movie Night Fellowship Hall  7:00pm-Grief Study Sanctuary 7:00pm-Church Council Lower Cottage	14  6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall	15  Relay for Life National Donor Sabbath  YOUTH RETREAT Leave for Camp Overlook at 4:30pm	16  Relay for Life National Donor Sabbath through Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>  YOUTH RETREAT at CAMP OVERLOOK and Sunday, NOV. 17 <sup>TH</sup>
17 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 1:30pm-Cantata Practice 4:00pm-5:30pm-Children's Christmas Program Practice	18  7:00pm-Advent Study Fellowship Hall	19  6:00pm-Girl Scouts Faithseekers Class 6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	20 6-7am-UMMen Coffee Prayer Fellowship, Sheetz  9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 10:00am-Advent Study Fellowship Hall 7:00pm-Grief Study Sanctuary	21  6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall 7:00pm-UMMen Lower Cottage	22	23
24 <b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-Children's Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Children's Church 4:00pm-5:30pm-Children's Christmas Program Practice	25  7:00pm-Advent Study Fellowship Hall	26  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	27 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours  10:00am-Advent Study Fellowship Hall  7:00pm <b>Thanksgiving Service</b>	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>  6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall	29	30 <b>DECEMBER</b> Newsletter Articles due Wednesday, <b>DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup></b> by 3:00pm, please!  Printing on Friday, <b>DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup></b> !

**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](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net) with the message: **"ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST"** Thank You

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*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*



Psalm 95:2, NIV