

April, 2020 Church Newsletter

Burnt Factory
United Methodist Church
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Our Mission Statement:
Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." \sim Matthew 5:16

Our Pastor's Letter to the Church

In this time of social distancing, quarantined living and staying home; I can't imagine anyone that would have more authority on the subject than Anne Frank. Anne lived for two years with her family hiding from the Nazi's during W.W. II. The space was hidden, cramped, and isolated. They lived in fear every day of being discovered. Without the help of those on the outside, her family, who were Jewish, would not have had a chance of survival! Anne began writing what would become her very famous diary just a few days after being locked into her new living arrangements. At just 13 years of age, this Jewish young lady embodied an insight and faithfulness that would be the envy of the world. Her diary of her time in isolation has been read by more people than any other diary ever penned! Anne and her family would eventually be caught and taken to concentration camps where she and all of her family except her father would perish.



Anne is known for many quotes; quotes that are truly remarkable for her tender age. One quote that spoke to me, for the times we now find ourselves in, is this:

"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness."

Friends, as we all sacrifice and continue to process our present reality, let us take time to remember those who have gone before us and have shown us the way! Let us challenge ourselves with proper perspective and embrace a spirit of gratitude and humility in the face of struggle and let us consider the words of this "coming of age" 13-year-old girl who taught the world the meaning of perseverance.

I think it worth pondering that each and every one of us consider how we can be a candle of hope in the darkness. A single candle can defy darkness and a single candle can define darkness! Let us be that candle that will not let the darkness win. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

I close this note with another quote from this remarkable girl. Anne said,

"Where's there hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again!"

Stay strong, keep hope alive, endure and be the candle that drives the darkness away!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Steve

What's Happening Down the Worship Road?

Friends, as we continue to find our new normal, let me assure you that your staff is working hard to provide and fulfill ministry and missional needs as best we can.

If the restrictions stay in place for the month of April, rest assured that we will provide worship opportunities for Holy Week.

Along with our regularly scheduled Sunday morning streaming services, we will also provide:

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FUNNIES FROM BUDDY

- Q What do you get when you cross and elephant with a fish?
- A Swimming Trunks!
- Q What did the Rooster say to the hen?
- A -"Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
- Q What is a bat's motto?
- A Hanq in there!



- Q Which creatures on Noah's ark didn't come in pairs?
- A The worms they came in apples.

What Does the Bee Do? By Chrisitna Rosetti

What does the bee do?
Bring home honey.
And what does the Father do?
Bring home money.
And what does Mother do?
Lay out the money.
And what does the baby do?
Eat up the honey.





- 1st Kay Keller Meaghan Powell
- 2nd Bruce Rodgers
- 3rd Jackson Jenkins
- 4th Dalton Earhart Silas Fout Eathon Britton
- 5th Allie Goode Paul Gerometta Rick Walker Laine Earhart
- 8th Rich Wells Eva Reed
- 9th Olivia Phillips Nicholas Pool
- 10th Chris Shepley
- 12th Pastor Steve Melester Teddy Rudolph Bonnie Rodgers Lily Nail
- 14th Cheryl Wagoner Christina Rohrbach Emma Skarupa
- 15th Jay Hanke
- 16th Alex Shepley
- 19th Jason Corron
- 21st Kenray Keller
- 23rd Jody Dorsey
- 25th Dee Fenty Kelley Keller Margie Willis
- 28th Layla Rodgers
- 29th Hannah Fair
- 30th Laura Moss



- Anniversaries 16th Darrin & Kim Bursey
- 19th Jason & Kalyn Corron Dave & Martha Pool
- 28th John & Angela Renner



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Contact Diana Smith or Cindy Miller for your spot in the show!

Refreshments follow (which includes "sundae's" with your favorite topping!!!)

Freewill donations benefit Relay for Life!



United Methodist Women



With the Coronavirus pandemic still looming, we are all still wondering when we will return to "normal." I hope you have been able to take the time to catch up on some of the things that sometimes we have to put on the back burner. Things like puzzles, word search, an interesting book, a few television shows, e-mailing, texting, calling friends and doing a few things around the house that might not be our favorite things to do.

We just don't know how long this will last. I look at our schedule for meeting in April and see we had chosen the 16th as our meeting date with Debbie Walker as our program leader and Susan Hyatt serving as co-hostess. I'm sure someone would be glad to work with her on some refreshments. We'll just have to wait and see what the schedule is for church meetings in April. We may or may not be able to get together. Fortunately, we don't have any urgent business to take care of. It was wonderful that about 13 members were able to attend the District Prayer Breakfast on March 7th. We were well represented and everyone reported that it was a fun time to be together with a good speaker, good music, good food – and good fellowship! Couldn't be better!

I know you are wondering how you can honor your prayer partner during Easter when we might not be attending church. The main thing you can do is pray for her. Cards are always in order and can be mailed. If you want to bring something to the church for her, you might ask a friend to get in touch with her and let her know something is awaiting her on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks to Pastor Steve and our staff for offering such wonderful services on tv/computers/phones each Sunday. It's the next best thing to being there! We just miss the warm handshakes, hugs and friendly greetings we normally enjoy. When we get back to church we will feel blest to know God has been with us all the way. What a joy it will be to see everybody again!

Until then, stay safe, well, and make Him the center of our lives, no matter where we are.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president



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Monthly/Second Tuesday @ 7:00 Faithseekers Room Downstairs

Happy April Caregivers, Families and Friends -

Our March Hearts of Grace Caregiver Support Group was a success. We had 12 people in attendance. We talked and shared some of our difficulties and areas we could use help. At times we laughed and cried, but most of all we felt we are not alone.

Some of the areas we will discuss in upcoming meetings: dealing with anger, from both ends – caregiver and care receiver, aspects of sundowning, caregiver stress syndrome - how do I deal when my own self is drained, and guilt. If there are other topics you would like us to discuss, reach out to me.

Each month in our newsletter, I will try to have a topic of interest for all. I will call it Care and Share. This month's Care and Share is:

Warning Signs of Caregiver Burnout

The Alzheimer's Association cites these 10 indicators that a caregiver may be experiencing a high level of stress:

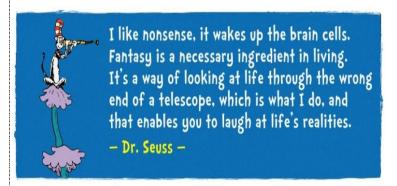
- Anger or frustration toward the person you're caring for
- Anxiety
- Denial about your loved one's condition
- Depression
- Exhaustion that makes it tough to complete your daily tasks
- Health problems, such as getting sick more often
- Inability to concentrate that makes it difficult to perform familiar tasks or causes you to forget appointments
- Irritability and moodiness
- Sleeplessness
- Social withdrawal from friends and activities that you used to enjoy

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm Faithseekers Room, depending on the UMC protocol guidelines. If we do not meet, please remember I am available if you need me. Just give me a call. My numbers are listed above. Until then my friends, "One person caring about another represents life's greatest value." - Jim Rohn, author

Grace and Blessings on your Path, Debbie Walker

As your caregiving journey continues: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.—

Numbers 6:24-26



April 2020 Relay for Life

Newsletter Article

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

DID YOU KNOW? About 1.5 million volunteers help the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer every single day. They drive cancer patients to treatment, make meals for patients staying at Hope Lodge facilities, lead Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer teams, assist with office needs, and more. **Visit cancer.org/volunteer** to learn more.

In this time of uncertainty, as many of our planned fundraisers are cancelled or postponed indefinitely, you can still make a difference by donating to our team. Go to the website below and Choose **The Believers** team and click on the **Donate** button on the top left.

If you haven't joined our team yet, you can go online to <u>secure.acsevents.org</u> 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. Please complete one and put it in the Relay mail slot.

Check out **The Believers** Facebook page for updates.

Upcoming Events

All planned events have either been cancelled, postponed or are uncertain. Please stay tuned for updates.

Please continue to bring bags of **Dum-Dum 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.

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

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



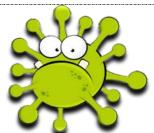
Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory.

The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

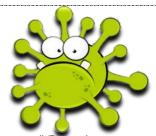
Keith keeps an email list in his computer for just such purposes. Your email address is protected and emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

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

"Add me to the church email list" Thank You



April 2020 Faith Community Nurse Article COVID-19 PANDEMIC



I hope that you are well and finding encouragement in God's word. Romans 15:4 says, "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." May you find encouragement, comfort, hope, and peace through God's promises to us all.

Mode of Transmission The virus is spread person - to - person through respiratory droplets when an infected person sneezes or coughs on others who are within a 6 foot range. It is possible to get the virus by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose or possibly your eyes.

Hand Hygiene The number one cause for the spread of infection is lack of effective hand washing. Sing a song like ABC's, happy birthday or your favorite song - twice!!

Prevention Do's

- Clean hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid close contact 6 feet distance
- Stay home if you're sick
- Avoid public places
- Avoid public transportation
- Avoid public gatherings
- Wear a facemask if you're sick
- Clean and disinfect

Preparation - Do's

- Plan ways to care for those who might be at greater risk for serious complications.
- Get to know your neighbors
- Identify aid organizations in our community
- Create an emergency contact list
- Remain optimistic

Prevention Don'ts

- Don't fall for schemes and fads
- Don't believe everything you hear
- Don't take excessive amounts of vitamins and supplements
- Don't avoid all social interactions
- Don't try to be a martyr
- Don't panic

Preparation - Don'ts

- Don't panic
- Don't stockpile (save some toilet paper for the rest of us ③)
- Don't stigmatize
- Don't isolate yourself completely

The key to survival is straightforward

- Walk with continued awareness that God is with you and will not disregard your efforts to serve others.
- You are not alone. God is with you always and has provided a network of support; each of us for the other.
- Be encouraged. Be supportive. Be safe.

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Nurse's article continues....

Fear and Faith have something in common. They both ask us to BELIEVE in something we cannot see. - Joel Osteen

"My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken." Psalm 62: 5-6

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.

Minest

CCAP collection for <u>Children's Easter Baskets</u> is running now thru April 3. You can drop off your baskets at the church Monday through Friday from 9-2 through the 3rd. Baskets should be appropriate for children ages infant through 12 years. Please package your basket in plastic wrap and include such items as: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump ropes, small stuffed animals, matchbox cars, playdoh, books, coloring books, crayons, markers, storybooks, bug buckets, appropriate small toys and snacks. Please limit the amount of candy. All candy should be in its original wrapping. I will be happy to pick up your basket from you; just call, text or email me.

Lunch at CCAP on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Karen Willis and her team had the pleasure of serving @45 CCAP clients for lunch in March. A big THANK YOU to all those who provided food and helped serve. It is always a privilege to show God's love in this way. Our next lunch is on April 19. Cheryl and Mark Jones are the team leads. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding this meal. With the virus situation ever changing, we are keeping our plan flexible. We will let the church know the needs for the meal as we get closer to the 19th.

Effective March 24 – CCAP will be closed until further notice. Frances Salmon, CCAP President is in constant prayer that this social distancing will help keep clients and volunteers safe. She and her team are diligently looking for ways to begin service again and is asking for prayers for ALL. I will send out updates on the status of CCAP as I get them. WATTS ends April 4; If you have tents or tarps to donate, please let me know.

Please pray for this ministry and it's leaders in this time of crisis. Thank you,

Patty Leonard - Outreach CCAP Rep

MEET and EAT: We will not be starting a new round of Meet and Eat at this time. Watch your email for updates on when our new groups will be created and how you can sign up to be part of this fun ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Leonard at 540-664-6973.

THIS TOURNAMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

9th Annual Jack Duvall Golf TournamentTo benefit **The Believers Relay for Life Team**

May 5th 9:00am Shot-gun start/Lunch to follow play

Shenandoah Valley Golf Club

Four Person Teams ~ Captain's Choice Format
Entry Fee is \$50** per person / \$200 per team (You CAN enter as an individual)
Includes lunch, prizes for closest to the pin on par 3's and straightest drive

Send Entry with fee to:

Rob Moss Burnt Factory UMC P.O. Box 399 Stephenson, VA 22656

Registration Deadline is April 25th, 2017



Format and Rules:

Each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The best of the second shots is determined, then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

At your choice of best shot, drop your balls within a club length, no closer to the hole, in same condition (if in rough, all balls must hit from rough, if in sand, all balls must be hit from sand). Players 65 and up play from the GOLD tees; the rest of us will play from the WHITE tees. Ladies play from the RED tees.

Must play at least one drive from each player per 9

Mulligans: 2 for \$5.00 (max of 4)

Use anywhere; Can NOT count for prizes

Red Tee-buster 1 for \$5.00



Every one of us has been touched by cancer. This is a time of fun and fellowship, but also for a worthy cause in honor of a great man of integrity and faith.

Any questions ~ contact Joe Hulver (540) 247-9999 or Rob Moss (540) 303-7161

**Tax donation value is \$15.00

From a branch on the Vine,



Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God has done! Credit to Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1897)

A catchy little song to give us perspective about our current circumstances. Too simplistic? Maybe, but still true. What a difference a few weeks make. The last time we were together we were listening to the Bell Choir, still groggy from the time change,



and Steve was preaching on Nicademus. Today's normal is not so normal. So, now what do we do? Count your blessings, see what God has done!

Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica: ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). What is there to be thankful about? How are we blessed?

God receives unto Himself the unblemished, pure of heart, the sinless. Must be pretty empty in Heaven if that is the screening process. God did not allow man's own sinful nature to destroy His children. He became like us, yet overcame the flesh, to pay the ransom for all our sins. We have been redeemed to be innocent before the throne. God did what we cannot. We are guilty, but pardoned by GRACE. The reward is to be with LOVE for that is GOD. If you believe Jesus died for your sins, that is the state you are in now ~ forgiven, the chains are broken.

When you are down to your last roll, God is with you.

When the shelves are bare, the Holy Spirit is urging you to exercise patience.

When stress is mounting, Jesus welcomes your burdens.

No sanitizer? You have salvation.

No school? You have the Word of God.

As you hunker-down, quarantined, limited on choices, inconvenienced ~ a little testy, God has made a way for you to live with Him forever. Count that blessing! Can you?

My wife, Debbie, is frantically trying to figure out how to provide required services for her special education students from a distance. My oldest, Katie, is becoming a YouTube sensation because no one is allowed in the library for her "storytime." My youngest, Laura, is accepting the reality of no walk for her diploma from Virginia Tech, but she is exposing me to the weirdest series on Netflix. None of this was expected or desirable. Yet, we have already been blessed beyond our understanding. We can choose to grumble or praise. We can count our troubles or our blessings. Do we journey toward life or death? Choose to praise God, count your blessings and know you have eternal life.

Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am (Philippians 4:11 The Message).

In Christ, **Ref**

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

In May of 1999, I wrote this poem in response to a Pastor's sermon. Today, March 22, 2020, during Pastor Steve's sermon, this poem came to mind and I feel God wants me to share it with you. In 1999 "Trust Me" meant God speaking to us and now, in 2020, it still means God is speaking to us.

Love You All, Charly

"Trust Me"

When the dark storm clouds come rollin' in And thoughts of confusion churn within Praying for understanding to quiet the din

"Trust Me"

When everything feels like it's falling apart
And hopelessness seems to crush your heart
Praying for this hour of doom to depart

"Trust Me"

Sometimes not knowing which way to turn And your mind whirls; unable to discern Praying for answers; the direction to learn

"Trust Me"

Those dark storm clouds bring wind and rain
But the storm clouds pass; the sun shines again
Praying for wisdom in times of pain

"Trust Me"

There is a Good Friend who will answer your call Whose wisdom is omnipotent for one and all Who won't let you down; no problem too small

"Trust Me"

"I've been there and done that" we all on occasion cry Thoughts confused, hearts hopeless, minds awhirl, WHY? Listen, for when least expected, you'll hear a quiet reply

"Trust Me"

2020 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am-"Son"rise Service (upper parking area) 7:00am-Breakfast 8:30am-Worship Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00am-Worship Service	6:00pm-RFL Team Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church ALL WELCOME	14 6:00pm-Choir 7:00pm-Hearts of Grace-Caregiver Support Group Faithseekers Class Room 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	15 9:00am-12:30pm Pastor's Office Hours	16 6:30pm-Bell Choir Downstairs 7:00pm-Boy Scouts 7:00pm-UMW Meeting Fellowship Hall	17	18
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APRIL 5 Combination Service of Palm/Passion Sunday

APRIL 9 Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 (Holy Communion)

APRIL 10 Good Friday Services – 3:00 and 7:00

APRIL 12 Easter Sunday – "Son"rise Service at 6:30

(Held @ the upper parking area)

Breakfast at 7:00
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Services at 8:30 and 11:00





