

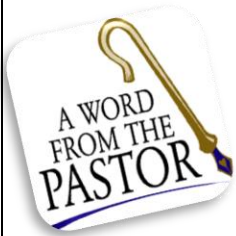
November 2020 Newsletter
Burnt Factory
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C. Steven Melester, Pastor



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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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT ~
Sharing the Love of Christ
with ALL people



**Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Sisters and Brothers in Christ!
Burnt Factory UMC is alive and well!**

The Holy Spirit is still on the move! God is still God and Jesus is still on His throne in glory and has all authority and power!

God's people may be tired, we may be frustrated, we may be depressed, we may be angry, we may be losing our patience, some of us may even be sick and tired, but thanks be to God, the last time I looked, we are still assured of our salvation! We are still receiving God's grace! We are still getting married and having baptisms. We are still celebrating birthday and anniversary's and we are still able to serve others out of our abundance! Life may be difficult and challenging but with God by our side, we will overcome! We can endure! We can thrive! We can still reflect the love of Jesus Christ and proclaim his holy and precious name!

This month, I want to share with you, some of the many opportunities we have to worship and serve.

11-1-20....."All Saints Sunday" Revelation 21: 1-7....We will remember those who have
....gone on before us to glory.

11-8-20....."Veteran Appreciation" Matthew 25: 1-13...We will celebrate service in the
...Kingdom.

11-15-20..."The 24th Sunday after the Season of Pentecost" 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

11-18-20....The Healing Service....We will hold our traditional healing service at 7:00 and this year, we will also offer a drop in time opportunity between 2 and 4 for anyone to come by and have prayer together in the Sanctuary. If you cannot drive after dark or have not been in the church since March, maybe this would be a great time to just stop by for a quick prayer. These services will be, "No Touch" services.

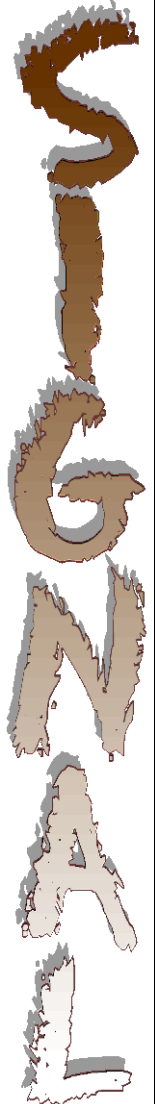
11-22-20...."Christ the King" Sunday Matthew 25: 31-40....We will celebrate the Lordship of Christ.

11-25-20.....Our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00

11-29-20.....This fifth Sunday in November finds us beginning Advent and preparing for the
.....coming of the Christ-child and Christmas!

November finds BFUMC participating in providing Thanksgiving dinners for those in need and also working together in the WATTS ministry. We are involved in many other ministries and are excited to continue our devotion to sharing the love of Christ with all people! Thank you BFUMC for your generosity and love. I miss you all and I miss the way things used to be, but I know God has a plan and one day real soon, God is going to bring revival across the land! Amen and Amen!

**Grace & Peace,
Pastor Steve**





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| 2 nd | Linda Nicholson | | Mackenzie Leonard | | Page Boxwell |
| 4 th | Emma Phillips | 20 th | Dolores Knight | | Patsy Hoffman |
| | Tim Stinnette | | Jani Shope | 26 th | Wilson Gilbert |
| | Deacon Overby | 21 st | Donna Gallagher | | Mark Lentz |
| 6 th | Martina Boudier | | Abby Melester | 27 th | Leila Bayliss |
| 7 th | Mike Taylor | | Ray Taylor | 29 th | Jo Anne Baker |
| 12 th | Robert Willis | 22 nd | Anne Perrault | | Mike Dick |
| | Kate Reed | | Glen Fair | | |
| 13 th | Cindy Miiller | 23 rd | Karen Willis | | |
| 14 th | Roger Feight | | | | |
| 15 th | Bonnie Carter | | | | |

*Happy Birthday,
Everyone!*

*Happy
Anniversary,
Everyone!*

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| 2 nd | Johnny & Darlene Morrison |
| 13 th | Patrick & Vickie Thompson |
| 18 th | Jerry & Regina Baldwin |
| 19 th | Jimmy & Jo Anna Grayson |
| 24 th | Mike & Maureen Dick |



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



What is WATTS? We are glad you asked! WATTS stands for Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter. WATTS mission is to provide a same, temporary, overnight, cold-weather shelter for homeless guests at host sites in Winchester, Frederick, and Clarke Counties.

We are set to host the WATTS shelter for the week of November 28th – December 5th. It is no surprise that things are going to be a bit different this year, but we are confident of the controls in place and ask your prayers of blessings on our guests and prayers of protection for our guests and volunteers.

The WATTS shelter will have a fixed location for the upcoming season at 308 N. Braddock St (formerly First United Methodist Church). All volunteers will be reporting to this location unless otherwise specified. Meal preparation is required to take place off site.

We have many opportunities to be involved. There is a Sign-Up Genius link for you to volunteer. All volunteers must be 18 years or older. It has never been more important to sign up early so we may plan accordingly. Due to COVID-19 and strict policies in place, **it is mandatory for you to sign up if you wish to help.** Masks will be required for volunteers and WATTS guests. If a volunteer is not on our list, they will not be admitted into the shelter. It is also important to make the commitment to being there if you sign up. Due to our limited numbers we will have a lot to accomplish in a short timeframe each night.

Also new this year, we have lost our partner churches that helped to provide breakfast. Each morning, we will need a few individuals willing to prepare bagged continental breakfasts to be delivered and served at the shelter.

Specific volunteer duties will be further detailed. Watch FaceBook and your email for those announcements. There will be NO scheduled WATTS training. As you sign up we will provide more details on your specific volunteer duties.

To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADAC2DAAFA7-watts7>

If you have any questions, please contact co-leads, Angie Wiseman (540) 974-1516 or Becky Dennis (540) 550-6190.



BUDDY'S CHUCKLES!!!



I had an eye exam yesterday and guess who I bumped into? EVERYBODY!

A skeleton went into a 7/11 and asked for two drinks and a mop.



Always be kind to your dentist. He has "fillings," too.



Why does the chicken "coupe" only have two doors? Because, if it had 4 doors, it would be called a "sedan."



Did you hear about the accident at the Army Base?

A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two "kernels!"



What is the worst part about retiring? You never get a day off!





On Thursday, October 15, 2020, 13 members, plus our District President, Carolyn Woodrum, met in the Sanctuary for our second meeting this year! We had to forego refreshments, but were so glad to see some friends we hadn't seen for a while, that we didn't even miss having something to munch on! We wanted to send cards to several in our congregation, but we couldn't pass them for signatures as we always do, so Jani Shope took them home and signed them for us! We recited our PURPOSE and Jani told us that United Methodist Women are supplying masks for those in Africa and around the world who can't afford them. If anyone is interested in reading the RESPONSE magazines, let Jani know.

The blankets we were going to make and donate to Camp Fantastic ended up being finished (the ends tied) by the youth and donated to the blanket mission at Duncan Memorial UMC. Thanks, Carrie and the youth!!

Anne Perrault, our treasurer, had the annual pledge service. Our pledges are more important than usual since we won't be relying on the generous apple butter donation from UMM. If you are one of the 47 members and would like to make a pledge, just let Anne know and you can pay it anytime, even though it is a 2021 pledge. We hope we can continue to give generously to the organizations we support, especially in December.

Penny Croll gave an update on Project Esperanza. Caitlin has had both knees done, has 4 children, and runs the school! Through some church funds, we were able to send \$1,000 to help their needy treasury.

Our 50 school kits (7 boxes) have been ready for some time and we have gotten word they can be taken (or shipped) to a couple of places in PA. Steve is looking into this. A road trip might be in the making!

The Nominating Committee will have a slate of officers ready at the December 10th meeting. Susie Gerometta, Donna Gallagher and JoAnne Baker will be asking for positive responses!

In place of exchanging gifts among ourselves in December, Penny will get us a list of needed items for the Laurel Center.

Continue to pray for your prayer partner, especially remembering her on special days, your missionary name (if you were at the meeting) and the ones in our congregation who are on our prayer list. Kathy Dixon will again be our "prayer partner" chair person. Current prayer partners will be revealed and new ones chosen. This is not until December, but if you don't want to participate in this, please let Kathy know and she can eliminate your name.

Gwen Callahan always has a craft that she shares with lucky members of our group. Ask her about the handmade crafts business she is starting. She's quite the designer!

Love and Blessings, Polly Duvall, President



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"Melanie and I want to thank each and every one of you for the heartfelt cards, kind words and other acts and tokens of appreciation we have received during the pastor's appreciation month of October. We are very humbled and very blessed to be in ministry with this wonderful faith community! Your kindness, support and especially your grace and love, mean the world to us!!!"



*God bless and keep you always!
Pastor Steve and Melanie*



November 2020 Faith Community Nurse Health Corner

How Wearing a Mask can make a Difference

Why wear a mask is the big question on everyone's minds. If surgical masks or N-95 masks are the most effective at blocking viral respiratory droplets, then why bother wearing a cloth mask?

It's not about your protection – it's about protecting others.

We know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms and that even those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

A cloth mask may not prevent you from breathing in respiratory droplets that carry a virus, like COVID-19. But it will help to protect others from you, and the infected respiratory droplets you could spread. As we continue to navigate the new normal in the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to understand the role that preventative measures play when it comes to stopping the spread of viral illness.

By wearing a mask, you are further protecting those people who are at a higher risk of developing severe illness. The CDC recommends that you wear a mask or cloth face-covering in public spaces, especially in instances where other social and physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. As public spaces continue to re-open, be vigilant in wearing your mask to help slow, and eventually stop the spread of COVID-19.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is essential that you get your flu vaccine as soon as possible. Getting the flu vaccination will be very important because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population and thus lessen the resulting burden on the healthcare system during COVID-19.

God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons we could not learn in any other way.

C. S. Lewis

Continually **praying for your health and well-being,**
Theresa

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresahgilbert@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.





Hearts of Grace
Caregiver Support Group
Contact: Debbie Walker
Email: dswalker1@yahoo.com
(540)664-0908 Cell / (540)667-6711 Home
Monthly/Second Tuesday @ 7:00

Blessings Friends –

The October meeting was cancelled due to my eye surgery. I'm happy to say I can see much better and looking forward to seeing your sweet faces in November. I read the following poem and thought it would be a reminder how special, appreciated and loved you are.

Special People

by Phyllis Porter Dolislager

I think there will be a special place in heaven for caregivers.

You who have loaded wheelchairs into cars or vans
or cut up food and gently placed it into your mate's mouth,
or emptied bladder bags or positioned sleep machines.
There must be a special place for you.

Have you stood in line to buy take-out
or stopped for groceries on your way home from work?
There's a special place in our hearts for you.

Have you held the hand of your ill, loved one and reminded them
of why you chose to marry him/her in the first place?
And then added the reasons why you'd do it all over again?
There's a special reward in heaven for you.

You may think that no one knows and no one cares or
understands, but you're wrong, my friend.

Remember, Scripture says, "Show mercy and compassion
to one another." Zechariah 7:9

This week hold your head a little higher
and place a smile on your face.
For someone sees your acts of kindness—
He cares, and He remembers.

Our next meeting will be: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Grace and Blessings
Debbie



November 2020 Relay for Life Newsletter Article

WE STAND TOGETHER, EVEN WHEN WE'RE APART COVID-19

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The month is intended to educate the public about the potential causes and risk factors of the disease. It also promotes the need for screening among eligible populations, and promotes the importance of research underway to identify more effective treatments.

The American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE initiative is uniting women and their loved ones across the country to stand together against lung cancer, the #1 cancer killer of women and men in the United States.

Thanks to a growing trend in reduced tobacco, lung cancer deaths have significantly dropped. If you are a current smoker, PLEASE join in the **Great American Smokeout** on Thursday, November 19th.

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

We thank you for your support!

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If you would like to receive the monthly church newsletter in your e-mail, just let me know. All I need is your e-mail address.

*And..... you will receive the newsletter in **color!***

Charly

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Here's your Newsletter "Friendly Reminder" for those who regularly send me their articles and for anyone who may have an article for the December newsletter, I will be needing your December articles by.....

3:00pm on Wednesday, December 2nd.

I will be sending the December newsletter on

Friday, December 4th.

Thanks, Charly



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 as follows:

- **Thanksgiving Food** for the big food giveaway at CCAP on November 21st. We are using Sign-Up Genius this year for non-perishable food and frozen turkeys. The Sign-Up Genius was sent out via Church Email and is also on the Burnt Factory Facebook page. The non-perishable items should be left in the CCAP bins at the church by Sunday 11/8. For those of you donating turkeys, I will call you and schedule the pickup of the turkeys.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service** – We will collect diapers for the Red Wagon ministry and blankets for CCAP at this service. All diapers are very much appreciated, but sizes 5 and 6 are especially needed. Requested blanket sizes are Full and Queen.

3rd Sunday Lunch at CCAP: In October, our church served lunch to 50 CCAP clients. Thanks so much to Karen and Randy Willis and their team for making this happen. **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 15th. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we are serving outside at CCAP and preparing the meals off-site. Donna Gallagher will be the team lead for this meal. If you would like to be part of this Outreach; please contact Donna at 540-431-9027 or d1028gal@yahoo.com. We will start packing the meals at 11am and should be finished by 1.

Volunteers Needed at CCAP:

Friday assistant driver: we have a driver on Fridays who picks up store donations from 8-11:30am. He needs a helper; someone to ride with him every Friday and help load and unload.

Pantry workers: to assist in food distributions, packing food boxes, and stocking shelves as needed. There are openings Monday-Friday. The hours are 10am – 1pm.

Someone to accept donations: Work in the warehouse and accept and inspect incoming donations as well as provide receipts for items donated. There are openings Monday-Friday. The hours are 11am – 1pm.

Clothing Sorters. There are openings Monday-Friday; the hours are 10am – 1pm.

Volunteers to Translate from 10am – 1pm Monday – Friday.

Volunteers to work in Registration. There are openings Monday-Friday. The hours are 10am – 1pm.

Please reach out to Crystal Pruitt, Volunteer Coordinator at CCAP at pruittfamily4army@yahoo.com if you can help in any of these areas. I can also be reached at ricpat5@gmail.com or 540-664-6973 if you have questions.

“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 - Outreach CCAP Rep





AUTUMN WONDERS

**We saw the fall colors change this year
Thru the eyes of friends we hold so dear
They came from Texas to see each tree
Brilliant foliage; their first time to see**

**Summer drought did leave us concerned
Whether the leaves would be as bright
Many prayers were sent to the Father
He was well aware of our plight**

**He knew the "Desires of Our Hearts"
Wanting friends to receive the same pleasure
As the trees change their hues in the fall
When we receive His art collection of treasure**

**From Winchester to the mountains of Maryland
Autumn, in one day, began and ended
The trees in their splendor as they first start to change
Then fallen to the ground, after they've blended**

**Descending from Garrett County to Frostburg
We were met with a glorious sight to behold
On the mountain to our left, God saved the best 'til last
A breathtaking scene filled with reds, oranges and gold**

**Once again He gave us an abundance
In answer to many prayers of request
His artistry upon each leaf of each tree
Speaks to us of His love, of His best**

**How could anyone not receive a blessing
From the colors as they blend with each other
Or of one tree glowing in the sunlight
Treasures to hold in a heart forever**

**No words can express our gratefulness
Thankful hearts so full we could burst
Fulfilled with the love of our Creator
Our cup runneth over, we no longer thirst**

**Written by Charlene T. Winter
October 29, 1999
Inspired by a Visit from our Texas Friends**

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