



# Smoke Signal

April, 2021 Church Newsletter


Burnt Factory  
United Methodist Church  
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C. Steven Melester, Pastor

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." ~ Matthew 5:16*

## Holy Week Happenings

March 28 Palm Sunday 

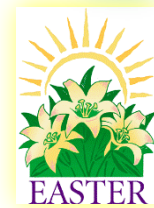
April 2 Good Friday Streaming Service @ 7:00  
*A Service of Scripture, Music, Prayer & Meditations*



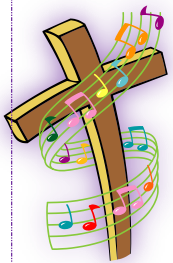
April 3 Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt & More  
*Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade --- 12 till 4*



April 4 EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN  
"Son" rise service on the hill @ 6:30  
*Singing is allowed with face coverings*



## Our Traditional Easter Services @ 8:30 & 11:00



*REJOICE, REJOICE, O CHRISTIAN, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND SING,  
ETERNAL HALLELUJAHS TO JESUS CHRIST THE KING!*

*THE HOPE OF ALL WHO SEEK HIM, THE HELP OF ALL WHO FIND;  
NONE OTHER IS SO LOVING, SO GOOD AND KIND!*

*HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY! HE WALKS WITH ME AND  
TALKS WITH ME ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.*

*HE LIVES, HE LIVES, SALVATION TO IMPART! YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE  
LIVES? HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART!*

**Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Steve**

## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Here is your "Friendly Reminder" for those people who regularly send me their newsletter articles and for anyone who may have an article for the **MAY** newsletter, please send me your articles by...

**3:00pm on Wednesday, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**

I will be printing and sending the newsletter on  
**Friday, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Thanks, Charly*



*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](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net) with the message:

**"ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST"**

If you know of anyone in our church who would like to receive the monthly Church Newsletter in the regular mail (or snail mail as some call it), would you let me know and I'll be glad to send them one.



All I need is their name and address.

*Thanks, Charly*



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



- 16<sup>th</sup> Darrin & Kim Bursey
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jason & Kalyn Corron  
Dave & Martha Pool
- 28<sup>th</sup> John & Angela Renner



Here are some Animal Jokes for your laughing pleasure  
from our famous Jokester Friend, Buddy Willis!



- Q. What do you get when an elephant sneezes? A. You get out of the way!
- Q. What do trees and dogs have in common? A. They both have bark!
- Q. Why were the deer, the chipmunk and the squirrel laughing so hard?  
A. Because the owl was a hoot!
- Q. How come hyenas are so healthy? A. Because laughter is the best medicine!
- Q. What did the tiger say to her cubs when they wanted to go out and play?  
A. "Be careful - it's a jungle out there!"
- Q. Knick, Knock! Who's there? Moo. Moo, who? Make up your mind - are you a cow or an owl?

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I hope you are looking forward to our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in the sanctuary at the church. The weather was not kind to us for the February meeting, but we hope the cold, uncertain weather is behind us.

Continue to remember your prayer partner with prayers, cards and, if you want to remember them with a little gift, it can be brought to the Social Hall. I attend the 8:30 service and always look to see if there is something that needs to be delivered. Either I or someone else will take care of it.

We will have lots of things to discuss at our April meeting, hear about the good things happening with Project Esperanza, and enjoy a program with Debbie Walker, our program leader for the evening.

Please put this date on your calendar and join us. It's always so good to see those we haven't seen in a while. We will continue to wear masks, do social distancing and feel the love that permeates the sanctuary when we gather together.

If you haven't been to the two meetings we have had since the pandemic (October and December), please try to make this one! We will try to get back on track and follow the PURPOSE of our organization.

Enjoy the beauty of the budding taking place, and the meaningful scriptures that enrich our lives as we celebrate Holy Week! *"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."* Matthew 21:9

*Love and blessings, Polly Duvall, president*



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



## 10 Scriptures of Encouragement for Caregivers

Caregiving is an immense burden to carry. You're expected to meet someone else's needs, all while keeping normal life afloat. You feel weary, lonely, hopeless, and frazzled. Perhaps you wonder if anyone notices you as more attention is given to the person under your care. When the road seems endless, God provides what we need for today. When we feel abandoned, His Word reminds us we're not alone. When we face hard decisions, He offers wisdom and peace. When we're at the end of our rope, He soothes us with comfort and fills us with strength. If you're facing one of the following scenarios in your caregiving journey, I pray you're encouraged by these Scriptures. You are not alone. You're seen and loved. If you're facing one of the following scenarios in your journey, I pray you're encouraged by these scriptures.

### 1. When There's No End in Sight

*Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. – Proverbs 30:8b (NIV)*

### 2. When You Feel Far from God

*The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. – Psalm 145:18 (NIV)*

### 3. When You Have to Cause Pain

*You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. – Isaiah 26:3-4 (NIV)*

### 4. When You Need Someone to Comfort You

*I am worn out from sobbing. All night I flood my bed with weeping, drenching it with my tears. My vision is blurred by grief; my eyes are worn out because of all my enemies... The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord will answer my prayer. – Psalm 6:6-7, 9 (NLT)*

### 5. When You Want a Moment to Yourself

*Yet the news about [Jesus] spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. – Luke 5:15-16 (NIV)*

### 6. When Your Care Recipient Doesn't Act Like Himself

*Love endures with patience and serenity, love is kind and thoughtful, and is not jealous or envious; love does not brag and is not proud or arrogant. It is not rude; it is not self-seeking, it is not provoked [nor overly sensitive and easily angered]; it does not take into account a wrong endured. It does not rejoice at injustice, but rejoices with the truth [when right and truth prevail]. Love bears all things [regardless of what comes], believes all things [looking for the best in each one], hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times], and endures all things [without weakening]. – I Corinthians 13:4-7 (AMP)*

### 7. When Your Care Recipient Is in Pain

*Now may the Lord of peace Himself grant you His peace at all times and in every way [that peace and spiritual well-being that comes to those who walk with Him, regardless of life's circumstances]. The Lord be with you all. – II Thessalonians 3:16 (AMP)*

### 8. When You're Needed Somewhere Else

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. – Psalm 121:1-4 (NIV)*

### 9. When You're Too Busy to Take Care of Yourself

*You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. – Philippians 4:19 (MSG)*

### 10. When You've Lost Your Identity

*O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. – Psalm 139:1-5 (NLT)*

:By Sarah Forgrave

Next meeting will be:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Wishing You Peace, Love and Joy  
Debbie

Now that I'm  
older, I can  
admit that...



JUST TWO MORE (only because I, Charly, can relate to them) OF THE INTERESTING COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF "NOW THAT I'M OLDER, I CAN ADMIT THAT..."

- #1 You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up!
- #2 We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

### THESE ARE SOME "SILLIES" FROM A MAGAZINE



- #1 YESTERDAY I saw a guy spill a bunch of Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"
- #2 WHEN MY CO-WORKER answered his phone, a woman on the other end asked, "Who is this?"  
"This is Steve. With whom do you wish to speak?"  
After a pause, the woman replied, "Did you just say 'whom?'"  
"Yes, I did."  
"I must have the wrong number."
- #3 I'M NOT CLUMSY, it's just that the floor hates me, the tables and chairs are bullies, and the wall gets in the way.
- #4 WHERE ARE average things manufactured? The satisfactory.
- #5 THERE'S A NEW TREND in our office: everyone is putting names on their food. I realized it today while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.



# Burnt Factory United Methodist Men



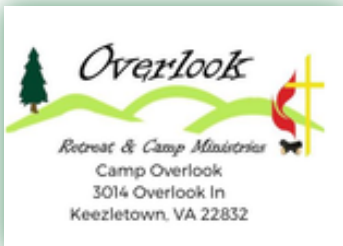
I see the light at the end of the tunnel; however Jesus' light has been with us throughout this pandemic. I am getting excited that we will be able to sing wonderful hymns at our Sunrise Service this Easter morning. It is nice to be able to gather in person on Sundays with each other and worship in person together. It is not the number of people who gather but why we gather – ***“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”*** Matthew 18:20. We have been patient, we have been faithful and we are still hopeful that this COVID will be defeated soon and we will be able to return to fully worship together.

Please check out The Believers section of this newsletter as they have some wonderful things in the works to support the Relay for Life and our efforts to eradicate cancer from this world. It is such a relief for The Believers to be able to return to their great efforts to support this cause.

We will be assisting the Winchester District United Methodist Men on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga House on doing some spring cleanup chores beginning at 9:00 AM. The chore list is still being prepared.



Our potatoes should be planted by the distribution of this newsletter. If you are willing to assist in the maintenance of the patch (tilling, hoeing and weeding) please let Steve C. know and he can keep you in the loop when work is needed, but if you have the time you can do these chores at your convenience. As a reminder, these potatoes when harvested are donated to local food banks to help feed those less fortunate in our community.



Be on the lookout for a Paul Bunyon Day at Camp Overlook. After Easter I will be in touch with the camp leadership to schedule a project to help the camp with some removal of some fallen trees at the camp to help them prepare for summer campers that will be able to enjoy overnight events at the camp this summer!!

***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***

## April 2021 Faith and Health Corner



Spring has always been my favorite time of year. The daylight lasts longer and there is new life everywhere I look. And, Easter holds my favorite childhood memories. A brand new dress, matching hat and new shoes too! I can remember standing on the counter in my Nana & Granddaddy Hulver's grocery store so they could see how fancy I looked before we headed off to church with my Granny and Granddaddy Davis.

The whole day was centered on family more than any other holiday that I can recall. Carrying on these same family traditions has always been very important to me. I hope that this article will help bring your memories back to some of your favorite family traditions. Make time to spend with your family. Make your children your priority and teach them family traditions now that they will carry with them.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3*

*Wishing you an abundantly, healthy, blessed year!!!  
Theresa*

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at [tgilbert@afpdocs.com](mailto:tgilbert@afpdocs.com) or [theresahgilbert@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**T** I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.  
**H** I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.  
**E** Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task,  
**D** "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered "You didn't ask."  
**I** I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak,  
**F** I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."  
**E** I tried to come into God's presence. I used all my keys at the lock,  
**R** God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."  
**E** I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.  
**N** I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.  
**C**  
**E** *Author Unknown*



## April 2021 Relay for Life Article



Lisa and I would like to thank Keith Roberts for coming up with the fundraising idea for selling beautiful Easter yard signs. The cost of each sign is \$10.00 and you may contact any of the three of us to place your order. We only ordered 100 signs, so don't wait until the last minute. Expected delivery of the signs is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please watch the church and Believers Facebook pages for distribution dates.

Who doesn't like spaghetti and meatballs!! The Relay for Life team will be holding a drive thru Spaghetti Dinner at the Stonewall Ruritan Club on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. or until we run out. The cost is \$10 per dinner and will include spaghetti & meatballs, salad, Italian bread and cake. We are not pre-selling tickets so come early so that you don't miss out!!



Our basket auction will be a bit different this year too. It will be held online from April 10<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to donate a basket, please contact Lisa or me to let us know and we will get you all of the information that you need. In order to participate in the bidding, you will go <https://go.rallyup.com/believers> or text **relaylikeaboss** (both available beginning April 10<sup>th</sup>) choose the item(s) you want to bid on and place your bid. You will receive an email if you are out-bid so that you have the option to go back and raise your bid amount. An email will be sent out on April 30<sup>th</sup> to let you know if you have won the item you were bidding on.



Pick up will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Stonewall Ruritan Club or deliveries can be made upon request.

At Relay for Life, no donation is too small. Each and every dollar counts. Your donations help fund groundbreaking cancer research, patient care programs and can make a difference in communities like ours. With every donation, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. Please feel free to send any donations that you wish for The Believers to the church mailbox.

If you haven't joined our team yet, you can go online 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.

Check out [The Believers](#) Facebook page for updates.

Stock up on bags of **Dum-Dum lollipops**, if you can, so that once we start having Relay for Life team captain meetings Lisa and I have them to take with us. 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





*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.*

In March, our church collected 243 cans of sweet potatoes, 34 Easter baskets, 2211 diapers, and 572 wipes!! The sweet potatoes and baskets will be part of the Easter food box giveaway on 3/27. The diapers will be given out by the Red Wagon Ministry at CCAP and are a continuation of our Maundy Thursday tradition of collecting diapers for this special ministry. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped gather up all of these wonderful donations.

**LUNCH AT CCAP ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY** of each month. Thank you, Cheryl and Mark Jones, for leading our lunch serving team in March. 30 clients were served a delicious, hot meal in front of CCAP. A big **THANK YOU** to all who continue to provide food and serve as part of this ministry. It is always a privilege to show God's love in this way. Danette and Tim Heinlein will lead the lunch team on April 18. We will start packing the meals at 11:15 at Hope's and should be finished serving by 1. If you would like to be part of this Outreach; please contact Danette at [danette.heinlein@gmail.com](mailto:danette.heinlein@gmail.com) or 540-323-3073.

**NEEDS AT CCAP:** Volunteers are always needed at CCAP. If you can volunteer regularly or help out at special events, please let me know and your name will be added to the volunteer list. Once on the list, you will receive emails about upcoming events and needs at CCAP. With WATTS closing for the season, CCAP is currently in need of tents, tarps and sleeping bags for our homeless population. Three-man tents are especially needed.

In March of last year, CCAP had to close down regular operations because of COVID-19. Our Burnt Factory volunteers and donations have done so much over the past year to help keep this vital ministry working for our community. Many, many thanks to everyone who continues to donate your time, goods needed, monetary donations and prayers to this organization.

Please contact me, Hope Owens, Penny Croll or anyone on the Outreach Committee if you would like to volunteer.

*Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep*

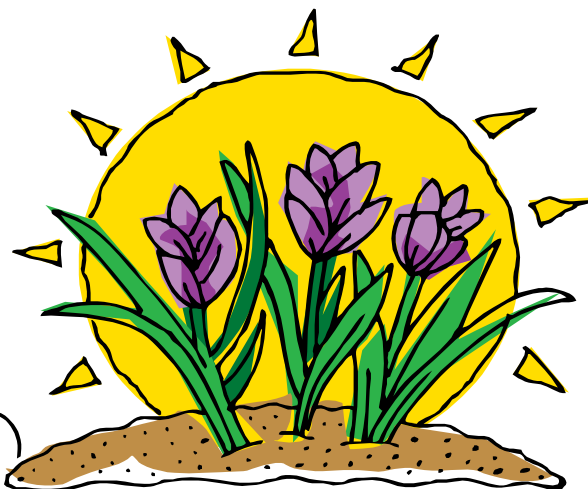


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