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JULY 2021 Newsletter
Burnt Factory
United Methodist Church
Stephenson, Virginia 22656
C. Steven Melester, Pastor

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST
WITH ALL PEOPLE.

**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS AND PRAISE OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN"**

~ MATTHEW 5:16

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Sisters & Brothers in Christ, to the Faithful of Burnt Factory UMC,

As restrictions and protocols are beginning to ease and as our church has been taking steps back to normalcy, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithfulness and devout commitment to your church during these difficult times. Your generosity and giving has been tremendous! Your commitment to our streaming services, mission outreach and attempts to keep people connected have been extraordinary! I cannot say enough about your commitment to prayer and your loyalty to your church under difficult and stressful times. Thank you all for supporting the staff and church during this pandemic.

I want to thank our Healthy Church Team for their commitment and wisdom. We have been back to "in person" worship since last August and have experienced no outbreaks. We have been face covering optional for the last month. Our choir will return July 4. We will be welcoming back bible studies in August and Sunday school will be returning in the near future. We will hold our church picnic in August! Praise be to God! Our Healthy Church Team has done an exceptional job keeping those safe who decided to attend. They have been obedient to our Bishop as the Bible proclaims we should. I am so blessed to have them in leadership. The team is made up of our wonderful Lay Leader, Janie Shope, our Parish Nurse, Theresa Gilbert, our Trustee Representative, Keith Roberts, our Church Council Chairperson, Tom Duvall, our Music Director, Diana Smith, and our Full-Time Staff!

I want to thank the staff for providing the behind the scenes dedicated work it took to keep the ship afloat. Carrie has worked diligently to provide a safe environment for our youngest ones. Our nursery and children's church facilities are cleaner and have been safer than most schools. Our children's safety has been and always will be top priority. Carrie has continued to provide youth opportunities as the protocols have dictated. She has visited, planned and implemented many opportunities for connection. She continues to be a positive and dedicated minister to our children and youth. Her calling is true and a blessing to BFUMC.

Rob has continued to be the very best administrator and spiritual formation director any church could ever hope to have. Working hard and wearing many hats is something he has always done and done well. There are so many behind the scenes responsibilities he oversees and yet still finds the time to help with the mowing! Rob is a steady and strong Christian who along with Carrie, help keep their pastor sane! Rob has been able to continue his responsibilities even under the great stress and challenge of supporting his beloved wife, Debbie, as she has been fighting and defeating cancer since last September! Debbie is such an inspiration and so loved. Rob's commitment to the church and to his Lord has never waned. His sure and steady nature along with his calm approach to obstacles has been a great blessing. BFUMC is very blessed to have Rob and Carrie!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE...

OUR PASTORS MESSAGE CONTINUES...

All the staff have been great. Diana and Cindy have provided recordings of beautiful music to keep us all inspired. Many singers have recorded wonderful music. Our Nursery staff has showed up for work every Sunday! And what can I say about Glen and Sam, our A/V techs! They have worked overtime since this pandemic began and have been the reason we were able to provide a year and half worth of worship services on line. They have been exceptional. We could not have provided the services without them! The work they have done in piecing together all the different components of a recorded service is long and hard and takes patience and talent. They have been dedicated, inventive, creative and devoted. To our janitor Rhonda, who has been doing her job while caring for her beloved Freddy who is also fighting cancer, I am grateful. To our Parish nurse, Theresa, who has been an important part of our HCT and is always ready to answer any health related question or help in anyway, we are all very lucky to have her. I thank Charly for her exceptional newsletters; it is the best newsletter in the district and keeps us all informed. There are many others I would like to thank and I am sure I have left out a few, but as we return to normal, I truly thank all of the membership and friends of BFUMC for your prayers, service, presence, giving, witness and loyalty to God and to Burnt Factory UMC. May our Lord continue to bless you and keep you always and may the past 16 months remind us of what is truly important.

Pastor Steve



On Sunday, June 13, at the 11:00am Worship Service,
we celebrated our High School Graduates.

OUR GRADUATES ARE...

Martina Boudier	Elijah Britton	Rob Dillard	Hayden Earhart
Catalina Perez	Andrew Plunkett	Isabella Repine	Braedon Russell
Naleah Seabright	Allyson Skarupa	Ryan Mercke	

What's Happening Down the Road?

- July 4** "The Redemption of the World" is the sermon based upon Revelation 21: 1-7
We will celebrate **Independence Day** also!
- July 11** The sermon is based on 2 Samuel 11: 2-5. We can run from God, but we can't hide!
- July 18** We will break our fast and celebrate our first Holy Communion since the pandemic!
- July 25** Our wonderful youth will provide our worship service! You don't want to miss it!

- **The Roof Wreckers** men's group will start on August 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00. They will meet the first and third Saturday's of each month.
- **The Path Finders** will begin meeting on August 18 in the Fellowship Hall at noon and will meet every third Wednesday of each month.
- **The Zach Windahl Bible Study** will begin on August 24 and will offer two opportunities. We will meet every Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Tuesday evening at 7:00. We will require sign-ups.
- **The Church Picnic** will be held August 14.
- **Confirmation Classes** are coming in September.

WE ARE BACK!



Burnt Factory Choir



I am so happy to announce that the choir can start singing again in church. Our first Sunday back will be July 4th.

With that being said, I know there are several in our congregation who are musically gifted. There are many opportunities available for you to use those God-given talents.

Maybe you are a singer. If so, it is perfect timing to join our choir that will start meeting again every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We began on Tuesday, June 22nd.



We also have 2 small singing groups, The Sonrise Singers who sing more of the traditional church songs and a Praise group who sings the more popular Christian songs you hear on K-Love and other Christian stations.

Maybe you play an instrument. We would love to you to share your talents with us.



If you are interested in joining us and want to praise God through music, please let me or one of the church staff know. (Rob, Carrie or Pastor Steve).

*Thank you and God Bless you all,
Diana Smith, Choir Director*

News From the Church Library



WE'RE OPEN ONCE AGAIN!!!

For those of you who are new to Burnt Factory, please take a moment to come downstairs and browse through the church library. There are many categories – a very large section of Children’s books, a large section of Adult Fiction, Christian Living and reference books as well as other relevant topics (such as Prayer, Prophecy and Marriage & Family, etc.)

Special Request: I have quite a large stack of ‘check-out’ cards for books which could not be returned during the ‘lock-down’. Thank you for taking the time to look around the house for any books that need to be returned. Please put them in the brown ‘return basket’ so I can re-card and reshelve them for others to enjoy.

God Bless, Doris Duvall, Church Librarian



JULY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!!!!

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| 1 st | Mike Gerometta | 21 st | Martha Ludtke |
| | Logan Davis | | Amy Shepley |
| 3 rd | Sarah Shoremount | 22 nd | David Peterson |
| 5 th | Diann Duvall | 23 rd | Danny Murphy |
| 6 th | Kathy Hunt | | Norbert "Norby" Bonjo |
| | Isabella Repine | 24 th | Jamar Smith |
| 7 th | Janie Bigler | 25 th | Judi Eckert |
| | Luke Leonard | 26 th | Karen Swisher |
| 9 th | Aimee Taylor | | Debbie Walker |
| | Tim Heinlein | | Olivia Goode |
| 10 th | Brooks Sutphin | 27 th | Irene Reynard |
| 11 th | Mike Goode | 28 th | Paige Manuel |
| 14 th | Collin Stinnette | | Elijah Britton |
| 18 th | Erin & Avery Woods | | Landon Ordnorff |
| | Lander Manuel | | |



Happy Anniversary, Everyone!!!

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| 7 th | Glen & Julia Boudier | 20 th | Jim & Jean Blankenship |
| 10 th | Chad & Rennie Earhart | 24 th | Chad & Tabitha Lee |
| | Glen & Carrie Fair | 25 th | Ken & Mary Lou Wales |
| | Mark & Lucinda Lentz | 28 th | Danny & Amye Murphy |
| 15 th | Richard & Bonnie Henry | | |
| | Sequoia & Stephanie Britton | | |

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"

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

3:00pm on Wednesday, July 28th.

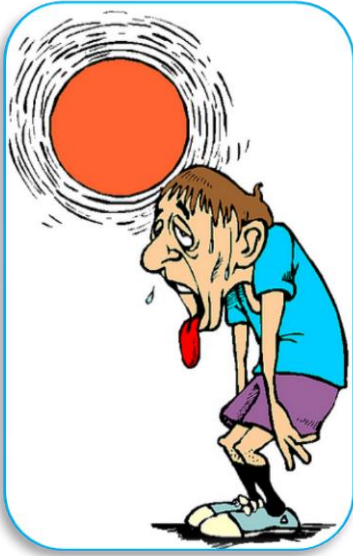
NewsLetter DEADLINE

I will be printing and sending the newsletter on **Friday, July 30th.**

Thanks, Charly

July 2021 Faith Community Nurse Article

Heat Exhaustion/Sunstroke



The summer sun in moderation is healthy but can become dangerous if the body gets too warm. Excessive activity, exercise or time in the sun will increase if the body's temperature which makes you sweat in an effort to release that extra heat. Sometimes this response becomes overloaded, shuts down, and causes a potentially life-threatening condition known as heat stroke or sunstroke. Your symptoms can range from clammy skin, dry mouth, fatigue, dizziness and headaches to an absence of sweating, shallow breathing, confusion, loss of consciousness, and even death.

This rise in body heat can also occur if you participate in an excessive amount of exercise without replacing the body's fluid. A loss of fluid will occur at a faster rate if your activity is outside in the heat or during times of high humidity. Because of this rapid loss, you will not be aware of your dehydrated state and you will become overheated very quickly. To combat the risk of heat stress or stroke, when exercising or working in a hot environment you must drink 2 - 4 glasses of water (16 - 32oz) each hour to replace the fluids lost through sweating.

To prevent heat stress or the more serious condition of heat stroke, it is important to know risk factors and tips for prevention. High risk individuals are infants, toddlers, and the elderly as they are not able to control their body's heat as well as adults. People with disabilities, chronic diseases, certain medications, and working environments in extreme heat are more susceptible to heat illnesses. Be observant. Decrease the possibility of heat illness by dressing in cool clothing and drinking plenty of fluids without caffeine. Ask your doctor about side effects of your medications, stay in cool places when it is hot and humid, and find shade when working or playing in the heat. (Source: CDC www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/)

"They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water."

Isaiah 49:10 NIV

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.





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.

Quarterly CCAP Collection. On Sunday July 4 and July 11, we will be collecting new men's underwear and socks for the Clothing House. The Red bins will be available in the Narthex through Sunday, July 11. CCAP is in need of the following items/sizes:

- Men's white athletic crew socks.
- Men's Knit Boxer Briefs – sizes Medium and Large
- Men's White Tees – sizes large, 2xl, and 3xl

Bike Tour Benefit ride for CCAP. Saturday, August 28. The ride will kickoff from the Wellness Center on the Valley Health Campus at 8:30am. We need volunteers at 3 locations: Wellness Center on Valley Health Campus, Richards Fruit Market, and Fishers Hill (Strasburg). Volunteers will conduct registration, set up, clean up, conduct traffic control, work hydration stations, and monitor flow of bikes. Your task will be provided to you when you arrive for your shift. If you would like to be part of this fun, inaugural event, you can contact Penny Croll or me or signup using the link below:

- Here is the link for that event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BACAB2EA6FA7-ccap6>

Our Burnt Factory Team is still **packing food boxes on Tuesday nights** and will be until the Food Pantry can open to the public. This group of loyal volunteers has been packing boxes weekly for more than a year. Our process is more stream-lined and doesn't require as much lifting. We meet at CCAP at 6PM and finish by 7:15. Volunteers are always welcome.

3rd Sunday Lunches. The location of our lunches has been moved from CCAP to the Salvation Army. The Rescue Mission and Salvation Army both serve meals 7 days a week. Outreach decided to partner our resources with the Salvation Army and supply the 3rd Sunday meal at their Fort Collier location. Sharon Woodard led a team of volunteers on 6/20 and delivered food trays of fried chicken, potato salad and green beans. We also supplied rolls, dessert, fruit, chips, granola bars, water and tea, enough to feed 50 people. The Salvation Army and their staff served the meals. We expect to be able to help serve the meals at future lunches. If you would like to help in any way with this meal in July, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl_b_jones@yahoo.com or 540-247-5700.

Donations Needed for the Clothing House:

- Gently used summer clothing for Men, Women, and Children – all sizes.
- Gently used Men's Tee Shirts in sizes large and x-large
- Gently used Men's jeans in sizes 32 to 42 waist
- Gently used Men's and Women's tennis shoes and flip flops.
- Adult Backpacks
- Tents, tarps, and sleeping bags

Volunteers are still needed in the Clothing House and the Main Building. Please contact Hope Owens, Penny Croll, me, or anyone on the Outreach Committee if you would like to volunteer a few hours a week.

Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep



July 2021 Relay for Life Newsletter Article

UV/Sun Safety Month

PROTECT THE SKIN YOU'RE IN by using a layered approach for **Sun Protection**.

Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 to protect exposed skin.

Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating or toweling off.

Wear a hat, sunglasses, and protective clothing to shield skin.

Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

Relay for Life September 10th
Stonewall Ruritan Building 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Survivor Dinner at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony 6:00 p.m.

The theme of this year's Relay is going to be Dr. Seuss. Please put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas for decorating our camp site and there will also be a Dr. Seuss character lap so be thinking of some costume ideas too!!

Look for an email from Lisa and me, coming soon about our first official team meeting since COVID! We are so excited about getting to see all of your faces again. If you haven't joined our team yet, please go on line and do so.

Some of you have asked about torches and luminarias. It is my understanding that there will be all new torches this year, but I will let you know for sure at our team meeting. We will begin selling luminaria bags after church services in late July or August.

I do not like cancer here or there, I do not like cancer anywhere!!

Please let Lisa or I know if you have any questions. theresahgilbert@gmail.com or (540) 247-5612
lisapatterson423@gmail.com or (540) 664-4169

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

Buddy's Jokes for July!!!

I covered my potatoes this year with a steamroller!

Why did I do that? I like mashed potatoes!

My Daddy thought I was the brightest kid around!

Why? Because he called me son!

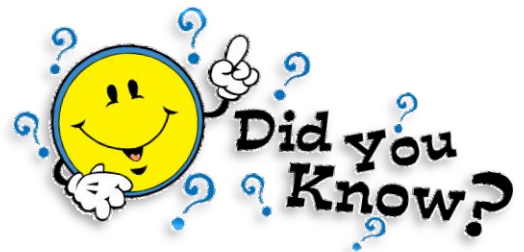
What is the worst part about retiring?

You never get a day off!

Dad: Look at that flock of cows over there.

Son: Herd of cows, Dad.

Dad: Of course I've heard of cows. There's a whole flock of them over there!





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

Alzheimer's Wandering Series

Part 2: 8 Ways to prevent Alzheimer's/Dementia wandering – (#1 & 2 of 8)

1. Install door and window alarms and locks

Making it difficult for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia to get outside the house is essential to preventing wandering.

Simple home safety modifications can make it tough for them to open doors to the outside, including:

- Adding childproof door knob covers make it more difficult to open doors.
- Installing an additional lock higher up on the door so they're out of your older adult's line of sight because people with dementia often don't look above eye level – try this for regular doors. **Note:** We had two sets of sliding glass doors. So for my mother, in the event she was able to unlock, we put a long piece of wood, which fit in the track. This way even if she unlocked the door, it wouldn't slide open.
- Installing door and window alarms to alert you if they're opened.
- Using pressure-sensitive alarm mat next to their bed to alert you if they get up at night.
- Using an alarm like Safe Wander that can be triggered when a specific threshold is crossed.

Important: Be aware of fire safety needs for everyone in the house. Make sure all locks are easily accessible to people without cognitive impairment. Doors should still be able to be opened quickly in case of emergency.

2. Camouflage doors that lead outside

Another way to discourage your older adult from opening doors that lead outside is to camouflage them. Often, people with dementia won't be able to find the door if you cover it up or won't open it if you place large signs on it.

For example: you could install a curtain rod above the door to hang a dark curtain or wall hanging over the door. Slide the curtain open and close as needed, taking care to not let your older adult see you do it.

You could also place large signs saying "DO NOT ENTER" or "STOP" on the door. Many people with dementia won't open a door with those types of signs.

Another effective technique is to put a large black doormat in front of the door.

Seniors with dementia often think that dark areas of the floor are holes and won't walk over them. This will discourage them from actually reaching the door.

Next month we will continue the series "Ways to prevent Alzheimer's wandering."

Reminder no group June, July & August, but I am always available. My contact info is listed above.

SPECIAL NOTE: I will be at the church, Tuesday, July 20th from 1:00-2:00 pm, should you wish to stop by and catchup. No program, just simply conversation about whatever you like, along with some love, hugs, prayer and time with God.

*"When two or three people gather in my name, I am right there in their midst."
Matthew 18:20*

Heavenly Father, I thank you for your blessings in my life. Because of my love for You, I can generously give of myself. I thank you for making your presence known to me, for encouraging me, and for helping me recognize your hand in my daily routine. Amen

Wishing you peace, love and joy –

Debbie Walker



2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



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Find the words in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

ALLYSON

ANDREW

BOUDER

BRAEDON

BRITTON

CATALINA

CLARKE

CONGRATULATIONS

DILLARD

EARHART

ELIJAH

GRADUATES

HANDLEY

HAYDEN

HIGH

ISABELLA

JAMES WOOD

MARTINA

MERCKE

MILLBROOK

NALEAH

PEREZ

PLUNKETT

REPINE

ROB

RUSSELL

RYAN

SCHOOL

SEABRIGHT

SHERANDO

SKARUPA

STRASBURG

TWENTY

TWENTY-ONE

(Solution found elsewhere in newsletter)



Our June meeting was held back in the Fellowship Hall on the 17th with 14 members present. We even had some refreshments, so we're getting back to some semblance of normalcy!

We sent cards to some of our church people, had a treasurer's report, signed up for future hostess and program meetings, and Doris Duvall, assisted by Diane, had a very interesting Call to Prayer program. We learned about the needs of others in other countries and facts about poverty in the southeastern counties of Kentucky where the Red Bird Mission is. Money collected will be distributed by UMW to go to the areas with deepest need. We learned the income of Frederick County and Clarke County homes is well above the median American household income.

Penny Croll gave an update on happenings with Project Esperanza. If you are interested in a fundraiser they are having of stitching some sweatshirts and t-shirts that take seconds and making them wearable, see Penny. She has a supply and would be glad to help you get started.

Our church is hosting the District Clergy Welcome at our shelter on July 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Jordan Springs BBQ is catering. We will supply water and desserts. Several people signed up to provide desserts. And several of us will be there to serve the food. They are expecting 75.

Remember to pray for your local prayer partner. We were also given names and birthdates of missionaries. Pray for them and e-mail them with birthday greetings.

We are still collecting cancelled stamps. Put them in the lavender box in the Fellowship Hall. Penny looked last week to see if there are organizations that take cancelled stamps. We will continue to check that out and let you know the particulars.

Since our meeting, I have received an invitation from Montague Avenue UMW for a Candle-burning Dinner for Thursday evening, July 15th at 6:00 p.m. I hope some of us can attend. RSVP's by July 11th. It will be nice to have an evening of fellowship with our Montague Ave. friends. I'll be contacting our members just before that date.

Our next meeting will be August 19 with Kathy Dixon as hostess and Debbie Moss as program leader. It was wonderful to have Debbie with us at the meeting! Enjoy these beautiful days thanking God for his many gifts and graces!

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president



Burnt Factory WATTS Ministry



WATTS had hoped to have a permanent facility for the 2021-22 season, but plans have been delayed and they are talking with their church partners about using church facilities or once again renting the old First UMC building and hosting the season at that location. Regardless, our season of hosting will be **November 27 thru December 4**. Please keep our homeless friends in your thoughts and prayers as times can be just as difficult in the summer as it is in the winter. Their struggle continues.

If you are new to our area and our church and would like to know more about WATTS, please check out their website – <https://watts-homelessshelter.org>

For any questions relating to our WATTS Ministry please contact Steve Cunningham, 540-207-7404 or email tamtut@comcast.net.



Burnt Factory United Methodist Men



I hope that you have seen Pastor Steve's invitation for the men of Burnt Factory to join us in our newest Men's Gathering, 'Roof Wreckers', which will begin on August 7 at 9:00 AM in the church Fellowship Hall. The group will be centered on Mark 2:1-12: *Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man. They made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."* We will gather together the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month for fellowship, friendship and discipleship.

Please mark your calendars for Apple Butter 2021. It will be here before you know it. October 7 – 9th will be our big event and we will need everyone's help to make this year's project a success.

Gleaning season will soon be upon us and the Society of St Andrew can always use volunteers. Gleaning is when the farmer allows us to glean the remains from their harvest to provide fresh produce to the less fortunate in our area. Be on the lookout for summer time gleaning of corn and peaches to get the gleaning season off to a wonderful start.

Tommy and Jim have kept the potato patch rototilled very good this spring. We could use some help pulling some weeds from around the plants. The potato patch is located across the road from the church. Just select a time that works best for your schedule and stop by and pull a couple of weeds and take a friend to help pass the time along.

For any questions relating to UMMen ministries please contact Steve Cunningham, 540-207-7404 or email tamtut@comcast.net.



Hey Church!

The ROCKY RAILWAY will be pulling into Burnt Factory Station very soon-where:

JESUS POWER PULLS US THROUGH!!

WE will be having IN PERSON Vacation Bible School this year!! Very exciting I know! To make things safe, it will be outside at our shelter, and we will split the age groups.

July 12-16 Ages 3, 4, and 5 (Preschool ages) will be 9-11am
 Ages K-5th (Elementary ages) will be 6-8:30pm

You can email, text, or call to register – n2dscripures@hotmail.com – 540-247-3199.

If you have received your pre-registration in the mail, just screen shot the registration and send it to me via messenger, email or text. Thanks!

I will be needing some volunteers to fill all the positions, so please let me know if you can volunteer your time and talents to give these kids a fantastic VBS.

Preschool Need 4 volunteers to assist with crafts, snacks, games, sanitizing and cleaning, story time, and a crew leader.

Elementary Need 4 volunteers for station leaders, 5 crew leaders and assistants, a registration/intake person, a runner/assistant, and a couple of extra hands for first aid, snack prep, cleaning and sanitizing, and other basic needs.

I need to know very soon if you can volunteer. I am looking forward to making this an **AWESOME** VBS for our kids. They truly deserve a fun time. Please let me know if you have any further questions!

Thanks so much,
Carrie Fair

YOUTH MISSION WEEKEND

July 23, 24, and 25

Camp out at the shelter
Cleaning of church
grounds

Devotions

Music

Games

Take over church
services!

food

fun



Arrive 9am Friday morning July 23.

We will begin with devotions then begin
work at church garage.

All food provided.

A detailed list will be mailed out soon.

Questions contact: Carrie Fair

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Additional directions or other information

Are You a Roof Wrecker?

Join our Men's Gathering beginning **AUGUST 7TH** at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Centered on Mark 2: 1-12: *Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man. They made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."* We will gather together the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month for Fellowship, Friendship and Discipleship. For more information, contact Pastor Steve or Steve Cunningham.



Path Finder Ministry is a safe space of compassion, respect, and encouragement for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Beginning **AUGUST 18TH** at 12:00(noon), we will come together in the Fellowship Hall with the guiding scripture of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.** Each 3rd Wednesday of the month, we will gather as a community of empathy, acceptance, and emotional support. For more information, contact Debbie Walker 540-664-0908 or dswalker1@yahoo.com.



BIBLE STUDY

Starting on **AUGUST 24TH** Burnt Factory UMC will be offering a bible study class based upon Zach Windahl's, "One year study of the Bible & how it relates to you". We will begin with the New Testament, then take a break before we tackle the Old Testament.

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- Classes will be offered on Tuesday morning @ 10:30 in Fellowship Hall and again, on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes will run an hour to an hour and a half.
- There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or just call the office & let Rob or Pastor Steve know.
- The church will supply the books. The books will take time to order so we would ask that you let us know asap so we can get the books delivered on time. Deadline to order the books will be August 8th.
- You will need a Bible, a willingness to read the assignments, a desire to learn & share, and an attitude of fun!!!

I can't wait to get started! There is nothing I like better than fellowshiping together with a cup of coffee in one hand & my Bible in the other, and maybe a doughnut or two in the mix! I hope this will be a fun time of reading, sharing & learning together about God's Word!

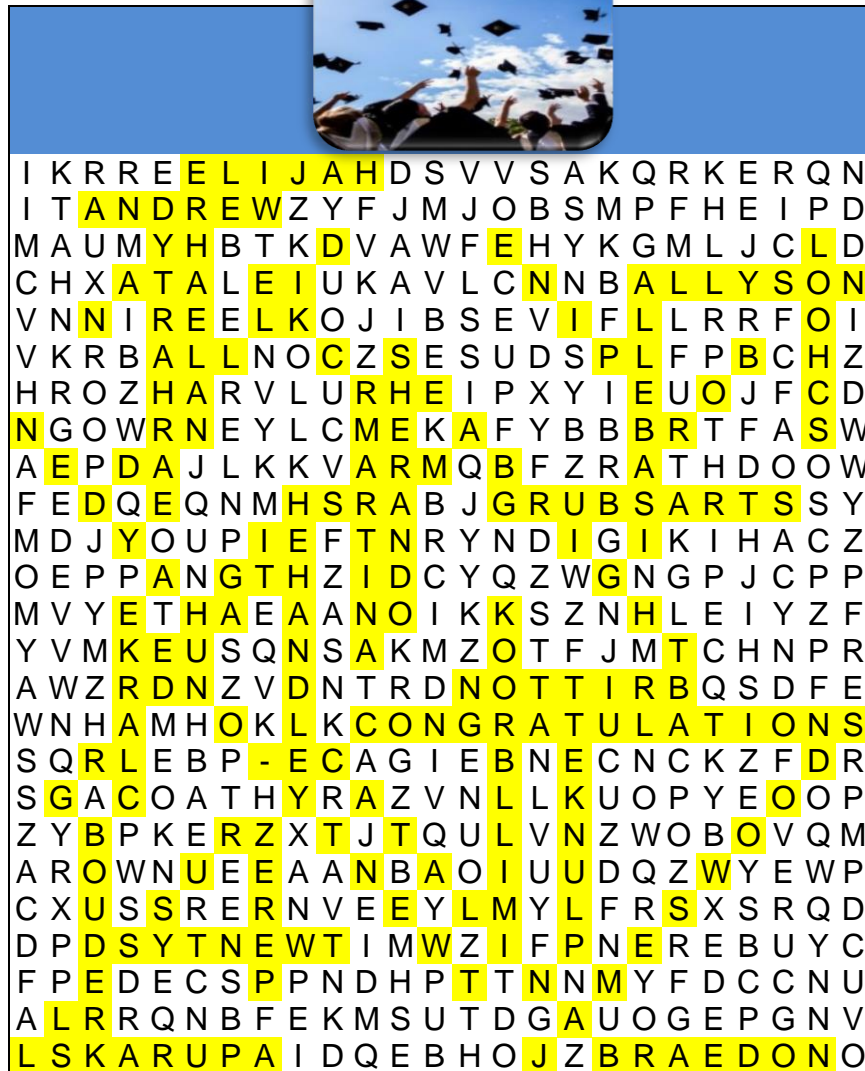
This study is an overview of each Book of the Bible. It is a wonderful way to expose yourself to the Bible for the first time or to dig a little deeper into the wonderful truths revealed in God's Word. You don't have to attend every session but we do appreciate a covenantal devotion be considered. I'm planning to have some fun as we get to know each other and as we get to know God's Holy Word!

SAVE THE DATE



For Youth 7th grade and above, **SEPTEMBER 12TH** will be the first class of **Confirmation!** Confirmation is a journey to explore being a disciple of Christ as part of Burnt Factory and the United Methodist denomination. It is a journey we take together to know Jesus better and His church and the promises made at our baptism. It is that and more. An information meeting will be Wednesday, September 1st, 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall for Parents and our Confirmands. If you would like to know more, please contact Mr. Rob, Miss Carrie or Pastor Steve.

(Solution to High School Graduates Puzzle)



Thank You, Jo Anne Baker, for creating your 2021 High School Graduates Puzzle!

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