



# June



## SMOKE SIGNAL

2022

### 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.”*

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## Pastor's Message

Pastor Steve Melester



Lord, we come to you stunned, shocked, grieving once again as our hearts and our minds and our very souls are linked with our brothers and sisters in Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, NY, who are dealing with unimaginable sorrow, pain, and grief. Father, where can we turn when the senselessness of violence rips apart our complacency except to you? Where is our peace found, except in your arms of mercy? Lord, comfort us and come upon those families that are in shock tonight. Bring healing and hope to those whose spirits are wounded, broken, angry and filled with outrage.

Almighty and merciful God, we never know what each new day will bring. We hope for joy and peace or at least for the comfort of routine. It seems we are never prepared for the intrusion of evil. When death rips life from our grasp and when horror blurs our sight; have mercy on us, O Lord and hold our aching souls in your heart.

The world cannot give us a healthy mind. The world cannot give us a wealthy soul. The world cannot give us a satisfied spirit, or a heart of compassion. Only God can give us those things.

In a world that seems at times to have gone mad, we find ourselves locked in a life and death battle. But we are your people, called by your precious name. When all else is stripped away, when all that the world offers us for meaning and purpose is removed; when all the worldly and earthly things have left us empty, we believe in you and your word! We trust in your promise and providence! We pray that the good people of Texas and New York will feel the love of this nation and the comfort and solace of our faithful God.

In the battle of life and death and of good and evil and of light and dark; we choose life, hope, justice and the power given to us through the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! We are the church; and we are God's people; and we will not be overcome, for a great light has come into the world and that light is Jesus Christ. At this very second, our Lord and savior is wrapping his loving arms around those precious children, those dedicated, loving teachers and all the innocents who are gone too soon.

The kingdom of darkness will not prevail! Good will overcome evil! In the midst of death, we are in life. Where does our hope come from? It comes from the Lord!



## BUDDY'S JOKES



- 1<sup>st</sup> Marcia Darsie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison Bursey  
Megan Bursey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Naomi Buddenhagen
- 5<sup>th</sup> Norma Duvall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sue Swimley
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hannah Heinlein  
Sam Melester  
Lucinda Lentz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Diana Smith
- 11<sup>th</sup> Tom Miller
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bob Rodeffer  
Wade Bryant
- 15<sup>th</sup> Richard Henry
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tim Perrault  
Judy Wolk
- 19<sup>th</sup> Megan Smith
- 21<sup>st</sup> Greg Powell  
Rylee Repine
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Duvall
- 24<sup>th</sup> Carrie Fair  
Julia Boudier
- 25<sup>th</sup> Kim Bursey
- 27<sup>th</sup> Charlie Beaver  
Charlotte Teigan Goode
- 30<sup>th</sup> Amy Jenkins  
Pat Dawson

1. Why did the stadium get hot after the game?
2. All baselines in baseball are 90 feet long. How come it takes longer to run from Second to Third?
3. How many animals did Moses put on the ark with him?
4. "Railroad Crossing, look out for the cars!" Can you spell that without any R's?
5. "Dad, why do scuba divers roll backward off boats?"
6. What goes up and down but never moves?



That's all folks! Love you all at the Burnt Factory Church. Go tell it on the Mountains, Valleys, and Hills that Jesus is born!

Thank you all,  
Margie and Buddy

ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 7.  
LOOK FOR THE BASEBALL.



JUNE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay and Harriett Hanke
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rob and Debbie Moss
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mark and Aimee Taylor
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lander and Paige Manuel
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sonny and Iris Sibert
- 14<sup>th</sup> Paul and Susie Gerometta
- 21<sup>st</sup> Randy and Karen Willis
- 29<sup>th</sup> David and Charlene Winter

## *From a branch on the Vine,*

What do you know about Ephesus? Planning a Summer trip there? It is a forgotten city in modern day Turkey, but it once was a city to rival ancient Rome. As a major trade port where East met West, this ancient city was the home of the Temple of Artemis (Diana), one of the wonders of the ancient world, and it holds much meaning for Christians.

Catholic legend believes this was the last earthly place of the Virgin Mary. The Apostle John pastored there. Timothy was Bishop there. It was mentioned in Revelation as the church who had forgotten their first love. And it was where the Apostle Paul stayed longer than any other place on his missionary journeys. Paul loved the church in Ephesus and, while in chains in a prison in Rome, wrote them, and the surrounding churches, a letter about being in the family of God and a follower of Jesus Christ.

Many know of Ephesians from chapter 2: <sup>8</sup> *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—* <sup>9</sup> *not by works, so that no one can boast.* <sup>10</sup> *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* Or, from putting on the Armor of God from Chapter 6 (thank you Vacation Bible School); but don't miss the rest of the story. After the greeting, Paul wanted the churches then and now to know the character of God. He chose us and adopted us.

<sup>4</sup> *For he **chose** us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love* <sup>5</sup> *he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—*

You should get a little tingle in your soul! The God who created Heaven and Earth picked you as the one He wants in his family and heir to all that He has created. Whatever your current situation or your past mistakes, God chose you and changed your identity from earthly to heavenly, from mortal to immortal, from perishable to imperishable. He did it because He loves you – not what you did or didn't do. No, in spite of what you did or didn't do. That's who God is.

So, you are in God's family, on His team. Are you holy? What does being "holy" mean? To the Pharisees it was strict adherence to law and tradition. "I will do so God will love me and others will honor me". Works do not endear us to God; He loves us already. His love does not depend on our actions – Thank you, Jesus. "Holy" means set apart/ different like Sunday is set apart from the other days of the week; like churches and cemeteries are set apart as holy ground. When someone meets you, do they know you are set apart – holy? Are you identifiable as a Christian – set apart to do good works as a response of gratitude to God for His saving grace?

Jesus said in John 15:16, *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

Accept the Good News and share the Good news. You are sharing the story of your Father and your Brother, Jesus.

*Romans 10:9-13*

<sup>9</sup> *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* <sup>10</sup> *For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.* <sup>11</sup> *As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame" (from the prophet Isaiah).* <sup>12</sup> *For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,* <sup>13</sup> *for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (from the prophet Joel).*



In Christ, *Reb*



Church, let us rejoice as Miss Harper Lee came into the world on May 12, 2022, at 6 lb. and 15 oz. Tabitha, Chad and Savannah are thrilled, not to mention grandmother Hope Owens!



Burnt Factory family, we will be collecting items for the Laurel Center until June 19th. The red bins will be in the Narthex until then.

Items on their wish include:

Bottled water, backpacks for children attending daycare, light jackets, and the ever-popular juice boxes and individual snack packs.

*Thank you for your continuing support.*

Donna Gallagher

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### June Newsletter

We are gearing up for our June meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Even though we only meet every other month, our meetings seem to roll around often! At our last meeting, we sent cards to some of our church people, had a treasurer's report, signed up for future hostesses and program leaders, heard about the happenings of Project Esperanza, and thanks to Debbie Moss, enjoyed delicious refreshments. Debbie Walker always comes through with thoughtful and interesting programs.

Our kits will be taken to Duncan Memorial UMC on June 4<sup>th</sup>. They don't have to be assembled in the plastic bags this year since they will be distributed in our area. We will take the contents of 50 kits. We can start shopping for them when the sales start in July/August. The July newsletter will list the needs for the school kits.

I hope you contacted your missionary name. Sometimes we hear from them. Did you plant your seeds in your garden and decorate your own soul? Enjoy God's creation. The azaleas, rhododendrons, peonies and roses have been gorgeous.

At our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will collect our annual World Thank Offering. Kathy Dixon has offered to provide refreshments and Debbie Moss will be our program leader. You won't want to miss what she's planning! We will remember Helen Weir, who had been a member over 60 years, but hasn't been able to attend the last few years.

Continue to remember your local prayer partner as well as the missionary name you chose. Pray for each of them – near and far. Pray for the Afghan family we sponsor, as well as the Ukraine people. The list goes on and on, doesn't it? Many members in our congregation need our prayers, too.

Put the **United Women in Faith**, June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on your calendar, on your phone or however you remember things! Ask a member to ride to the meeting with you!!!



Blessings,  
Polly Duvall, president

June 19 is **Juneteenth Day** and celebrates and symbolizes the end of slavery in the United States. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. It was not until June 19, 1865, that all slaves were finally freed. That concluding event was when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas with his troops and issued Order Number 3 which finally freed the last of the slaves. The formal end of slavery was marked by the passing of the 13th amendment of the constitution.

**Today's Quote:** " We must learn to live together as brothers or perish as fools." - - Martin Luther King Jr.

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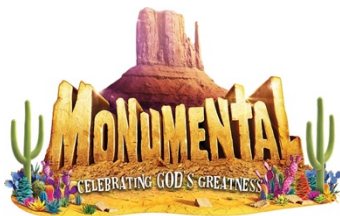
D day is solemnly observed on June 6. On this historic day in 1944, Allied troops invaded the beaches of Normandy, France. It is the largest amphibious assault in world history. This massive, bloody battle was the turning point of the war in the European theater.



On this day, 156,000 troops from the United States, Great Britain and Canada stormed five beaches. American troops landed on Omaha and Utah beach. At the same time, British troops landed on Gold and Sword beach. And, Canadian forces landed on Juno Beach. 4,000 Allied troops died on these beaches on D-Day, 2,000 of them were American.

Please take a moment of silence today and thank the many soldiers who fought and died for our country on D-Day.

**Today's Quote:** "I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity." - - Dwight D. Eisenhower



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

have a morning VBS! 9am-12 noon.

It will be a **MONUMENTAL** time! Be on the lookout for registration information!

is coming! June 20-24<sup>th</sup>. This year we will

### **Minister of Youth and Children**

It's time!!! We are in need of volunteers to step up and teach our kids and youth! Pray about where you would like to volunteer and plant seeds for strongly rooted Christian kids and youth.

Children's Church teachers for early and late services.

Youth Sunday School teachers.

No experience needed, just be yourself and have a love of children and youth. All curriculum is provided.

They need YOU!!

Blessings, Carrie Fair



## June 2022 Relay for Life

The first Believer's team meeting will be Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. after choir practice. Please join us!!!

The website for 2022 is on the Relay for Life website. **Please go on the website and register for The Believers team as soon as you can.** You must register every year. We are hoping to grow our team this year. The event will be on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Stonewall District Ruritan grounds.

The theme for this year's event is "Board Games".

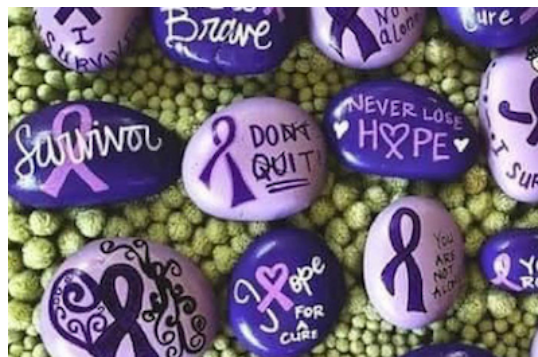
We will be talking about a theme for our campsite and ideas for fundraising.

#NothingWillStopUs in the fight to #EndCancer

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
[theresahgilbert@gmail.com](mailto:theresahgilbert@gmail.com) or (540) 247-5612

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

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”



## FATHER'S DAY

June 19, 2022

“The righteous man walks in his integrity. His children are blessed after him.”

Proverbs 20:7

A Father is more than the biological paternal source of our being. It is the person who cares and provides for us. It is the man who helps to set the standards, the family values and the example. So, add to this group, step fathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad".



### Answers to Buddy's Jokes:

1. All the fans left.
2. There is a shortstop between second and third.
3. Zero. Noah had the ark.
4. T-H-A-T
5. Because if they rolled forward, they'd still be in the boat.
6. Stairs

## CONDOLENCES

*As many have experienced the loss  
of a loved one, please remember  
them in prayer:*

The Fair Family, passing of Loretta Fair.

The Weir family on the passing of Ed "Chubby" Weir,  
who joined his wife Helen in God's keeping.

The Clark and Lewis family on the passing of Jean.



Be strong and courageous. Do  
not be afraid or terrified  
because of them. For the Lord  
your God goes with you; he will  
never leave you nor forsake  
you.



*God has called  
home another  
blessed and faithful  
saint. He will also  
embrace you with  
His love at this  
time.*





## *Pathfinder Ministry*

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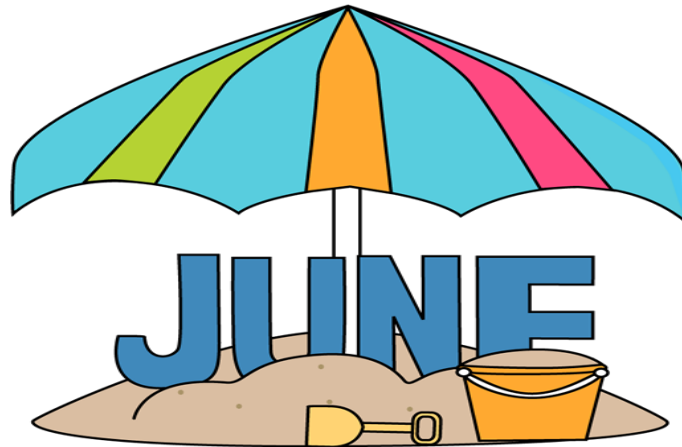
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Monthly: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ Noon

Fellowship Hall

Jesus wants his love for you to be your foundation as he walks with you through this emotion-filled season of grief. We welcome you to join us in fellowship, comfort, and support.



### **Pathfinder Luncheon**

**Save the Date**

**Wed. June 15th, 2022**

**BFUMC Fellowship Hall**

**12:00 Noon**

**Info or Questions contact:**

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### *Please Join Us*

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. You may also contact me by email or phone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. If you are not sure ahead of time that you can make it, but on the day of the meeting you would like to come – PLEASE COME - YOU ARE WELCOME!

The Pathfinder Ministry is a safe space of compassion, respect, and encouragement for those currently experiencing the loss of a loved one or have previously experienced loss. We will gather as a community of empathy, acceptance, and emotional support.

**"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13**

**God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace,**

***Debbie Walker***



## June 2022 Faith Community Nurse Article

Not only do we celebrate the men in our lives for Father's Day in June, but we also need to make sure that they are taking care of themselves as June is also Men's Health Month! No matter how much you know about men's health, there's always room to learn more about steps to a healthier lifestyle, the top health concerns of men, and the importance of getting medical care and regular screening tests. After all, men not only have unique health concerns. Worldwide, women outlive men - why? Some reasons include men tend to smoke and drink more than women and generally have less healthy lifestyles, men do not seek medical help as often as women, and men tend to join in more fearless, risky, dangerous behaviors than women. Men largely define themselves by their work, which adds stress and disconnection from their emotional side. This can add to problems in their relationships, as well as in jobs and careers. The good news is that many of the major health risks that men face can be prevented and treated if they are diagnosed early. You deserve to pay more attention to yourself, men! Take better care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. And if you are a woman searching for ways to help the men in your life, tell them the same.

*"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."*  
*Malachi 4:6*

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

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<mailto:theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com> 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 Corner

June 2022

*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.*

Our next CCAP collection Sunday will be in mid-July. More information on this collection will be in our Church Email and in the July Newsletter.

**Food Box packing Team** – Our team packs food boxes on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30. We spend @ 2 hours packing these boxes for the Pantry. If you would like to be part of our team, please let me or anyone on Outreach know and we will add you to our mailing list.

**FREEDGE** - Coming in June to Winchester. CCAP is partnering with Our Health, Valley Health, and local restaurants on this new venture. **FREEDGE** is a shared outreach aiming to reduce food insecurity and food waste in our area with a goal of building a stronger community. The hope is to promote healthy eating through the installation of a public refrigerator. This Fridge will be located on the Our Health Campus. If you would like more information or want to volunteer; go to [www.freededge.org](http://www.freededge.org).

**BIKE TOUR 2022** – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CCAP Benefit Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, August 27. You are invited to ride and/or volunteer for this fun event that benefits CCAP. To register, go to [WWW.BIKEREG.COM](http://WWW.BIKEREG.COM).

Current Donation Needs:

- Gently used Spring and Summer clothes, jackets and shoes for men, women, and children. We especially need men's jeans and t-shirts.
- Adult Backpacks, tents, tarps, and sleeping bags.

Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday between the hours of 10am and 1pm at 112 S. Kent St.

Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. Please contact me, Penny Croll or anyone on the Outreach Committee if you would like to volunteer.

*Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:30am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours  7pm-8pm Old Testament	<b>2</b> 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9-10am Roof Wreckers
<b>5</b> <b>PENTE COST</b> 8:30am-In-Person Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11 am In-Person Worship	<b>6</b> 7pm-8pm Old Testament	<b>7</b> 10:30am -11:30 am Old Testament 6:30pm-7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm-8:30pm Praise Team Practice	<b>8</b> 9:30am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours  7-8pm Church Council	<b>9</b> 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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" If summer had one defining scent,  
it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue."

- Katie Lee



June 21



Summer Solstice is sometimes  
referred to as "Midsummer" Litha".  
It's the longest day of the year.