



## 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.”*

Matthew 5:16

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## Pastor's Message

Pastor Steve Melester



### As Is

Max Lucado in his devotional, *Grace for the Moment*, shares this paraphrase of Romans 11:6. “If they could be made God’s people by what they did, God’s gift of grace would not really be a gift.”

He goes on to share, “To whom does God offer his gift? To the brightest? The most beautiful or the most charming? No. His gift is for us all; beggars and bankers, clergy and clerks, judges and janitors. All God’s children. And he wants us so badly, he’ll take us in any condition. “As is” reads the tag on our collars. He’s not about to wait for us to reach perfection because he knows we never will. Do you think he’s waiting for us to overcome all temptations? Hardly. When we master the Christian walk? Far from it. Remember, Christ died for us while we were still sinners! His sacrifice, then, was not dependent on our performance. He wants us now “As Is.”

Sometimes we all fall into that trap of feeling like we don’t stack up, but God says to each and every one of us, “Yes you do! After all, I created you; I know you, I love you, and I cherish you! My grace is sufficient!”

Whatever has got you down today, know that God is always there to lift you up, dust you off and accept you in his “As Is” club. God loves us where we are and loves us enough to not leave us there. God desires that we have an abundant spiritual life, filled with peace, faith, hope, grace, and love!

Pastor Steve



# Buddy's Jokes

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Kerns
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Weston Nail
- 4<sup>th</sup> Daniel Renner
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Perrault  
Duane Swisher
- 6<sup>th</sup> Katie Mowery  
Deyerle Miller
- 7<sup>th</sup> Stuart Wolk
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pat Perry
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jo Anna Grayson
- 10<sup>th</sup> Darrin Bursey  
Rachel Hayton  
Cheyanne Owens
- 11<sup>th</sup> David Bodkin
- 12<sup>th</sup> Theresa Gilbert
- 15<sup>th</sup> John Renner
- 19<sup>th</sup> Deanna Simmers  
Theo Crowe  
Colby Groce
- 21<sup>st</sup> Patrick Thompson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jackson Boudier
- 26<sup>th</sup> Dave Winter  
Lillian Owens
- 27<sup>th</sup> Reily Murphy  
Ryan Hunt  
Connor Lewis  
Rowsalie Cisneros
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jay Kackley
- 31<sup>st</sup> Amye Murphy

"Margie, I'm sad that it's Monday."

"Buddy, me too, but on the bright side, two days ago was a Sadder day."

My druggist takes a long time to get my sleeping pills. He said he did not want to wake them.

1. Who takes water to the baseball game?
2. Where do you learn to saw wood?
3. Why did the banana put on sunscreen?
4. Did you hear about the giant cow?
5. What did the brussel sprout say to the cabbage?
6. What's small, red and whispers?
7. What runs around the garden but never moves?
8. Why is the Hulk such a good gardener?

Thanks to Tim and Anne for the new material.

That's all folks! I'll see you when I see you.  
Lots of Love,  
Margie and Buddy

(Answers on Page 6. Look for the watermelon.)



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rich and Sue Wells  
Dave and Linda Bodkin
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rick and Debbie Walker
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bill and Jani Shope  
Josh and Christina Jenkins
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sondra Boudier
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tom and Norma Duvall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Paul and Sarah Shoremount
- 14<sup>th</sup> Greg and Janie Bigler
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sean and Lanie Everhart
- 17<sup>th</sup> Betty Livengood
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mark and Liz Duvall

## NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!!

What do you mean, New Year? Well, a new school year is a new year in the world of Children and Youth Ministry opportunities! Just take a look!!

**CHURCH PICNIC!!!!**  
August 13<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm  
Come EAT and SLIDE  
down our famous  
waterslide!!

**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> IS PROMOTION SUNDAY!!!**  
**ALL KINDERGARTENERS WILL BE**  
**RECOGNIZED, AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS MOVE**  
**TO YOUTH!**



### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will begin a new series called "Can I Ask That" which gives our Youth of Today an opportunity to discuss questions that pertain to the world they live in today. They will have their own book to write in and have discussions on Sunday mornings!



### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will be studying classic hymns, singing them, and learning about their history. They will also be working on some songs to sing during services in the coming Autumn season!

WE are very excited to teach our children the classics and pass this tradition down.

### SPECIAL CLASS STARTING SOON. CATECHISM CLASS FOR AGES 8-16.

I remember I had to learn and memorize all my Catechisms for me to be able to be confirmed. These little lessons about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit give our young ones the foundation of Faith. These Classes will begin Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm and will continue every Wednesday following until we have completed the series. Everyone will receive a book to keep. Please let me know via email if your child is interested in this class. (It is ok to miss one or two classes.)

I am looking forward to planning events for our Youth in September. We hope to bring back our normal events like a lock-in, retreat, and regular meetings. Stay healthy and strong!

God is good all the time and all the time God is Good!

Love,  
Miss Carrie, Minister of Youth and Children



**Hearts of Grace  
Caregiver Support Group**  
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## 5 Important Legal Documents for Caregivers

### Getting the legal stuff done now benefits everyone

One day your older adult won't be able to manage their own legal matters and will rely on you to act in their best interest. Planning ahead and getting the legal stuff squared away before a crisis allows your older adult and your family to stay in control of critical decisions. The downside to not having proper legal paperwork in place is being forced to allow lawyers and courts to get involved in family matters.

### Legal basics for caregivers

There's a lot for caregivers to manage, so we've narrowed the list to the 5 most important legal documents. This list doesn't cover every situation and shouldn't be considered legal advice, but it will help you cover the basics.

1. **Power of attorney (POA)**  
This allows your older adult to authorize someone to make legal decisions when they are no longer competent.  
POA also covers authority to make financial decisions
2. **Durable power of attorney for health care (also known as a health care proxy)**  
This allows your older adult to authorize someone to make all decisions regarding health care, including choosing health care providers, medical treatment, and end-of-life decisions.  
This power only goes into effect when your older adult is unable to make decisions for themselves.
3. **Living will or advance directive**  
This allows your older adult to state, in advance, what kind of medical care they do and do not want to receive.  
This also covers what life-support procedures they would not like to have.  
This is used when a person isn't able to make their wishes known on their own.
4. **Living Trust**  
This allows your older adult (the grantor) to create a trust and appoint someone (a trustee) to manage the trust assets when they aren't able to manage their finances.  
A person or financial institution can be the trustee.
5. **Will**  
Your older adult will name an executor and beneficiaries.  
The executor is the person who will manage your older adult's estate at the time of death.  
Beneficiaries will receive the estate at the time of death.

### What happens if you don't plan ahead?

If no planning is done before your older adult becomes incapacitated, family members must ask a court to appoint a conservator or guardian. A conservatorship can be difficult for families because almost every action or decision on behalf of your older adult must be court supervised and approved.

### How to get started with legal documents?

For legal matters, hiring an elder law attorney is always recommended. It's also smart to do your own research so you understand what's happening. In addition, you can usually seek help on these issues from social workers or clergy. While they cannot advise you legally, they may be able to assist you in finding the appropriate legal professional.

Dear Friends -

If you are in need of someone to talk to, who understands and has walked in your shoes, please contact me. I'm available to meet with you, any place or time.



Wishing you peace, love and joy  
Debbie Walker



Mark your calendar for the Church Picnic.

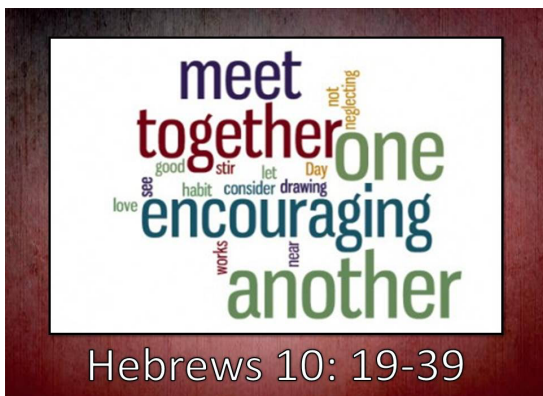
Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>,  
1:00 – 5:00.

We will share a potluck meal at 1:30pm with the church providing Fried Chicken, Hot

Dogs/ Buns, and drinks. This is the social event of the year and a great time to fellowship with your family in Christ. For those of you who have never been to “the church picnic”, this is what you need to know: bring a dish to share, sides, salads, desserts, casseroles. Also, bring a chair or blanket to sit and talk awhile. There will be a waterslide, so come prepared for you, your children, or your grandchildren to get a little wet and wild! A towel will be helpful.



Come and Join in the Fun!





Friends,

On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a “New Member” Sunday. If you are interested in joining Burnt Factory UMC in full membership, please let

Pastor Steve know. He would be more than glad to meet with you and

answer any questions you may have. Membership is a long-held, wonderful tradition in the church that identifies a person with a particular faith community. The vows of membership are an ever-present, tangible sign of devotion to God as established through our baptisms.

Membership is never mandatory but encouraged. The vow includes being loyal to the church by your presence, prayers, gifts, service and witness. Membership affirms our connection to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and to each other.

*“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

Romans 12: 4-5

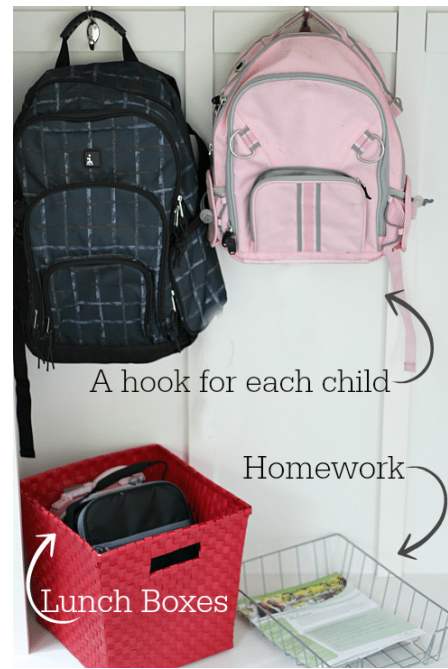
Back to School Tip...  
Organize outfits for the week.



#### Answers to Buddy's Jokes:

1. The pitcher
2. In a boarding school
3. It was starting to peel
4. It's Legen-dairy.
5. Where did you get that big head?
6. Hoarse Radish
7. A fence
8. He has green fingers and two green thumbs.

Back to School  
Tip...provide a place for  
school items.





## *Pathfinder Ministry*

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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. Aug. 17th, 2022**

**BFUMC Fellowship Hall**

**12:00 Noon**

**Info or Questions contact:**

**Debbie Walker**

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**Please Join Us**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. 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.**

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.**

**"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***



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## **Pathfinder Ministry**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

### **August 18, 2022**

#### **Mission Statement:**

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

**Through praying for guidance and discerning with others we are making a difference. We are of a believing, loving, and listening community in fellowship. Our ministry and participation is rooted in the “hope that comes from faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**When we lose a loved one, sometimes grief can be overwhelming. We find comfort in knowing others are experiencing the same thing and we are not alone. It’s through support, education, and fellowship that we better understand our grief. One of the things you learn is that there are multiple definitions for grief, and the more we understand what it is we are going through, the better equipped we are to handle it.**

**If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Steve, Rob, or myself.**

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





## Burnt Factory United Methodist Women's Retreat

**WHAT:** The 2022 BFUMC Women's Retreat

**WHERE:** **Camp Overlook**, 3014 Camp Overlook Ln. Keezletown, VA 22832

**WHEN:** Friday, September 30th through Sunday, October 2nd  
The time frame is from 5:00 pm on Friday to around 1:00 pm on Sunday.

This is a wonderful weekend of study, fellowship, and connection with your 'Sisters in Christ' at Burnt Factory.

The theme of the retreat is "[It's a Wonderful World](#)". This retreat includes two nights lodging at Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook, along with all your meals (2 dinners (Friday and Saturday night), 2 lunches (Saturday and Sunday) two breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday).) It also includes a room with 1 or 2 roommates and a single bed, as well as all your retreat materials.

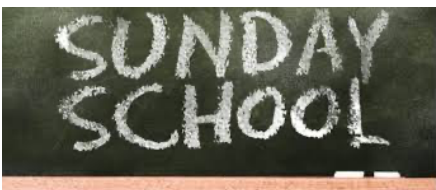
[There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up if you are interested.](#)

You can also ask any of the retreat leadership team any questions in person or via email. The retreat leadership team is Danette Heinlein, Jani Shope, Diana Smith and Angie Wiseman.

Cost is \$100.00 each. Scholarships are available if needed.



### **Blessings Lodge**



August 14th begins the new Sunday School rotation. The Faithseekers class, downstairs, will be studying Romans with a Max Lucado guidebook; Unity class, Fellowship Hall, will be studying Job; and Grace class, Lower Cottage, will be doing a spiritual gifts inventory.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Here we are already looking at August! When you read this four of us will have attended Montague Avenue UWF for their Potato/Salad Bar/Dessert meal followed by their Candle Burning Ceremony. In the past, it has been a great time of food, fellowship, and remembrance of those we choose to honor. It was held Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a model for our own Candle Burning ceremony that we will have for our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in our fellowship hall. Montague Avenue is our district prayer partner group.

We can soon start shopping to see what the bargains are for the school supplies we buy for the kits that we will assemble next June. When you are out look for: packs of notebook paper, 70-page spiral notebooks, boxes of 24 crayons, unsharpened pencils, handheld pencil sharpeners, children's blunt scissors, 2-inch erasers and rulers. Bring them to the fellowship hall and they will be stored down in the storage room until we sort through them in May to see if we have enough supplies for 50 school kits that we normally send. We need 150 spiral notebooks since each kit must contain three. We also need 180 pencils.

We will have a list of all the local schools that we can pray for. We want to keep the safety of the children and staff in our prayers. That list will be ready for our August meeting.

The District UWF Officers are planning a Celebration event at our shelter on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Seven from our unit attended an event they planned down there last year. Hopefully, more members will attend this year from all over the district! Since it is at our facility, let's make every effort to support this as we see friends we haven't seen for a while and enjoy what they have planned.

Please plan to attend our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Karen Willis and Polly will have the Candle Burning Ceremony and Regina Baldwin will be our hostess. We will also check off what we have done on our "Living Into Our Faith" form and hear the latest progress of Project Esperanza.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president UWF



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:



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Regarding the division that our denomination is experiencing, I thought it would be appropriate to share what Church Council has placed in the minutes. I hope it provides some answers and some peace and comfort. I plead with you all, do not listen to false claims, half-truths and lies about our beloved United Methodist Church. We have always welcomed all people to our church, and we always will. We have always ministered to anyone and everyone who is seeking Christ. We love people, all people! We will always defend the faith and the core doctrines of the church.

For now, the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee along with the Church Council has voted to make our stance here at Burnt Factory UMC to be one that embraces patience and prayer and that seeks to wait upon the decisions of the 2024 General Conference to delve into what Burnt Factory's decisions may or may not be on our future. Following is the exact language of our stance as unanimously voted upon on June 8, 2022, by the Church Council of Burnt Factory UMC. We will continue to obey the Book of Discipline as written and as we always have.

**\*I hope to schedule a "Town Hall" meeting soon to answer to the best of my knowledge and ability any questions anyone may have regarding any particulars regarding the division or splintering of our UMC.**

## OUR BFUMC STANCE ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION

*Until the General Conference convenes in 2024 and ratifies decisions regarding the issues that seek to divide the church, specifically full LGBTQ inclusion status, it is Burnt Factory's official stance/position/statement to remain United Methodists at this particular juncture.*

**Rationale 1:** Nothing has changed. Regardless of the news, innuendo's, falsehoods, in-fighting, half-truths and propaganda we may hear, The Book of Discipline, remains exactly the same as it has been regarding the doctrine and rules/laws pertaining to marriage and ordination.

**Rationale 2:** Only the General Conference can change The Book of Discipline. Until such time, it would be detrimental and potentially disastrous, in our opinion, to the mission and ministry of BFUMC and to the fruitful and faithful contributions we are making to our community.

When and if the time comes that the Book of Discipline is changed in such a way that theological truths and traditional interpretations of scripture are deemed to be compromised by the majority of church membership; it is at that time, we will enter into holy conversation seeking God's will. It is at that time; the Church Council would discern if a vote is called for. It is at that time we would take appropriate actions and decisions as voted upon by the full membership of the church to either remain United Methodists or disaffiliate. Until that day, we will stay the course and be a non-anxious and faithful body of believers that are focused on doing God's work and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and truth.

Pastor Steve

## CONDOLENCES

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

**The Rohrbaugh Family, passing of Debbie and  
Jimmy's brother-in-law, Roger Grimmet**

**The Liggett Family, passing of Danny's  
great uncle, Matt Mathison**

**Ramona De La Fe, passing of her  
great grandson, Gavin Knupp; and  
great nephew Brandon King**

**Ernie Kerns, passing of his wife, Hazel**

**The Dixon Family, passing of Jackie Dixon's  
Mother, Virginia Smith**



*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.*





## August 2022 Faith Community Nurse Article

### Fitting In

I'm thinking today about our children starting a new school year in a few weeks, especially those starting Middle and High School. They are facing so many changes all the while just trying to fit in.

Learning to fit in is becoming increasingly important at ever younger ages experts say. Fortunately parents can do a good bit to help. Although the importance of parents in an adolescent's life is documented in many studies, "social scientists are suggesting that the focus of children's identity is shifting from the family to their peer groups at an ever-younger age." Youth need attention if they are susceptible to adolescent depression, drug abuse, or violent cliques, wannabes, middle school friendship circles, and loners. For information about what you can do to help your child, I would recommend a book by Patricia Adler, "Peer Power: Preadolescent Culture and Identity." All research shows that a one on one connection with an adult, a parent, a teacher or a coach is ten times more powerful an influence than peers.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

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

**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.





## August 2022 Relay for Life Newsletter Article

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" and our team will be constructing a giant Twister game!! **Dare you to come and play with us 😊**

### Fundraisers

1. We had our car wash on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and raised \$587.00. Lisa and I would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers from BFUMC that came out to help on a really hot day: Polly Duvall, Tommy Duvall, Carrie Fair, Jay Garver, Wilson Gilbert, Lucinda and Sam Lentz, Jackie Livengood. Not to mention the 4 young ladies from the Handley Interact club that volunteered to help us as well!!
2. The week of the Frederick County Youth Fair, **July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will be selling **homemade pies, cakes and cookies for** dessert with the Ruritan Club's BBQ chicken dinners. We are asking for donations of the baked goods. I will give you an update on our progress in the next newsletter. Thank you for your baked goods and for your time.

We will start collecting tall cans of pet or people food to place in luminaria bags the day of the Relay event. We will be using the Red Bin in the Narthex beginning August 21<sup>st</sup>. All cans collected will be distributed to the Rescue Mission and/or a pet shelter.

We will also start selling luminaria bags and lanterns after both services beginning August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Our next team meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall.**

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

## Stuff the Bus for Bright Futures



The last two years have been challenging for our community's children given the disruption caused by the pandemic. But a fresh new start is upon us as the new school year approaches and there is a great need and opportunity to support our children returning to school. The Frederick/Winchester Bright Futures project is collecting supplies for students that are financially disadvantaged in a **Stuff the Bus** drive.

Through August 21st, we will be collecting the following supplies: **reusable water bottles, large backpacks (high school size); pens (black or blue) and highlighters.** Items are being collected in the red bins in the church's Narthex.

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## CCAP Corner

August 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.*

THANK YOU EVERYONE for making our **July Quarterly CCAP Collection** such a success. We collected 445 items from the needs list. Many of these items are already being distributed. So many people are struggling and these gifts, so generously donated, will help ease their struggles.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Tour Benefit ride for CCAP.** Saturday, August 27. It's not too late to register for the Bike Tour. Riders, Volunteers, and snack donations (clementines, bananas and protein bars) are still needed. The ride will start at the Wellness Center on the Valley Health Campus at 8am. If you are a rider, there are 4 distances to choose from and all levels of cyclists are welcome. There are several opportunities to volunteer. If interested, go to [ccapwinchester.org](http://ccapwinchester.org) and click on the bike tour to sign up.

**Food Box packing Team** – Our Burnt Factory team packs food boxes the first Monday of each month. We spend @ 2 hours packing these boxes for the Food Pantry. If you would like to be part of our team, please let me or anyone on Outreach know. We'd love to have you join us.

**The Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE** officially opened in June. 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 this public refrigerator. The Fridge is located on the Our Health Campus and is open 24 hours a day. Those who are struggling financially can take whatever they need to feed themselves and their families. Volunteers are needed to keep the Freedge clean. Cleaning supplies are stored at the site in a locked drawer. If you, a group of friends, your family, a Sunday School Class, or anyone would like to take a week and be responsible for cleaning the FREEDGE, go to the sign-up Genius on the [ccapwinchester.org](http://ccapwinchester.org) website to sign up.

### Current Donation Needs:

- Gently used Summer clothes, jackets and shoes for men, women, and children. Men's Belts.
- Adult Backpacks, tents, tarps, and sleeping bags.

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

**Volunteers** are needed to assist our drivers with produce and goods pickups from our local stores (Sheetz, Martins, Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Starbucks). The runs are made Monday thru Saturday from 8-11am. One day a month or week would be tremendous help. There is also an opening for a finance volunteer. Please contact me, Penny Croll or anyone on the Outreach Committee if you would like to volunteer.

*Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP*

## *From a branch on the Vine,*



May I submit to you an idea of submission? The mention of the word invokes definitions of *give in, back down, capitulate*. In our recent study of the fifth chapter of Ephesians, we had to come to terms with words from Paul: *Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ*. That can be difficult especially in a culture of “what about me”. Am I to capitulate to any behavior? To “back down” because I follow Jesus? We complicate things, don’t we? In the entirety of the bible, would Jesus want us to accept evil actions for the sake of unity? I don’t think so. He does want us to join him and our Brothers and Sisters in the way that leads to life – TOGETHER.

Ephesians is a wonderful letter to new Christians, Gentiles who turned away from a society of self-indulgence to being part of the body of Christ, the Church. How should the church get along in unity of Spirit? We are to use our gifts and graces to bring others into relationship with Jesus and to serve others in his name. We submit to Christ as our Lord and from that we submit to (recognize) the parts of the body and the roles they have so that the church functions at its best in its mission.

We have some great sewers in our church that make baby blankets and shawls for those in need. I am not one of them, and I submit to their authority (or giftedness). They can do it better than I can. I do know a thing or two about administration (certainly not all); so, other members of the church let me use my gifts to help the body be better. What does Paul say in *Romans 12*:

*<sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

We submit to others and their given gifts so as to empower the church, the body, to serve Christ. We are not giving in; we are giving over to the direction of Christ as found through the members of the church and their gifts. It may be a blow to our ego, but it is not about each of us; it is about all of us as One Body. We need each part to humbly fulfill their purpose so that the purpose of the church is fulfilled.

To submit is also to give grace and mercy to others. Remember, we are all One Body. Would you cut off your nose because it smelled a skunk or poke out your eye because it doesn’t see 20/20 anymore? Friends, we aren’t perfect. Can we acknowledge (submit) that people are trying - and cut them some slack (grace)? Perfection doesn’t exist in the complex and wonderful human beings we are. There’s a little saying you may be familiar with, “forgive others as you are forgiven.” Not just words, but a mandate for the character of a follower of Christ.

Submit is to love. Love revealed by marveling at the gifts God has bestowed to all of us and love in the reality we don’t always get it right. Love is being like Jesus.

In Christ,  
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 Together  
In Christ



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30pm-7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm-8:30pm Praise Team Practice	3 9:30am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours	4 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	5 11:30am - 1pm Senior Luncheon	6
7 8:30am-In-Person Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11 am In-Person Worship	8	9 6:30pm-7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm-8:30pm Praise Team Practice 12pm-2/4 BLT	10 9:30am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours  7-8pm Church Council	11 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	12 5pm-8pm Polly (shelter)	13 1pm-5pm Church Picnic
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**August 4**  
**National Chocolate Chip**  
**Cookie Day**

The first Chocolate Chip Cookie was actually made by accident in Whitman, Massachusetts in an inn called the Toll House. In 1938, Ruth Graves Wakefield one day planned on making regular chocolate cookies but got the great idea of throwing in chunks of a chocolate bar into it. Much to her surprise, the chocolate did not mix well with the cookie and instead, it filled up with tasty chunks of chocolate.



Bake some cookies for a friend or  
neighbor.  
Take some cookies to your health care  
workers.  
Leave some cookies in the mailbox for  
your mail delivery person.