



SMOKE SIGNAL 2023

Our Mission Statement
Sharing the love of Christ with ALL
people.

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A Message from Our Pastor:

Church, with everything that is going on in our world today, with all the challenges many people seem to be facing, with all the illness and struggles, our Good & Faithful God will never forsake us and will always love us! I really liked this interpretation of the Beatitudes for the Message Bible. I pray it will give you rest, hope, peace and blessed assurance. -Pastor Steve Melester

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of competing or fighting. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort, and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even! —for though they don’t like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Fri, Mar 3, 2023

In the 19th century, Christian women of the U.S. and Canada began engaging in cooperative activities to support women’s involvement in missions across the world. In 1887, Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions which the Methodist women joined from 1892 to 1894 after calling for a week of prayer. The Baptist started a day of prayer for foreign missions in 1891.

Forming a committee in 1897, women from six denominations would eventually start a united day of prayer for home missions. These women took turns in the other participating denominations and organized the common worship service. In 1912, the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions decided that there should be a united day of prayer for foreign missions that would be observed in different parts of the world.

It is run under the motto “**Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,**” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.



- 1st Donna Bonjo
- 3rd Melanie Melester
- 7th Charlene Winter
Gary Dixon
- 9th Johnny Morrison
- 10th Joy Melvin
- 12th Tara Flinchum
- 14th Gavin Tran
- 15th Ben Perrault
Katie Moss
- 16th Jack Campbell Mowery
- 20th Rennie Earhart
Tyler Beaver
Millie Hood
- 24th Casey Caudill
- 25th Beth Beaver
- 27th Carter Gerometta
- 28th Joe Hulver
- 29th Charlie Woods
- 31st Cynthia Ward

Hey, Everett Oakes, Happy Belated Birthday!
February 20th



BUDDY'S JOKES

1. Why is the horse the most curious feeder in the world?
2. What was the hardest job to do in West Virginia?
3. What do you do with your shoes when you wear them out?
4. How many pounds of Groundhog have you eaten in your lifetime?
5. I had a birthday last month. I was 87 years old. How many of you were named after me, "Charles Iden Willis?"
6. Can February March?

More about the groundhog...it is a member of the squirrel family and can climb trees. It is also called a woodchuck. See if you can repeat the following three times.

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? As much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

We will see you when we see you.
Love You All,
Margie and Buddy

Answers on the next page.





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”

The church would like to recognize birthdays and anniversaries. We want to be given the opportunity to ask God to bless you with every kind of joy and happiness on your special day. With the new year, please submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to have printed in the church newsletter. Shyatt54@gmail.com



1. He eats best when he does not have a bit in his mouth,
2. Wheeling West Virginia
3. I wear mine back in.
4. Do you like sausage, it comes from ground up hog.
5. I was born in 1936, so everyone that was born after me, was named after me.
6. No, but April May.

WHO IS BUDDY?

Buddy Willis writes our jokes for the newsletter. He loves to make others laugh. He has been a member of Burnt Factory United Methodist Church for over 40 years. His wife is Margie. They are not able to make it to church in person but love to hear about everything going on at church. A picture from his 87th birthday party is below. His school picture is on the top.





Wrapping Up the Afghan Mission

On March 3, 2022, our church became the community sponsor for a family that had been evacuated from Kabul, Afghanistan for humanitarian reasons. We worked through Church World Services for what was expected to be a 90-day resettlement period. Our Afghan Outreach team included Pastor Steve, Page Boxwell, Debbie and Rob Moss, Tom Miiller, Tom and Penny Croll, Dave Darsie and Marcia Etu. However, so many of you came along also...making a rental home available; cleaning and preparing the home; donating furnishings, a washer and dryer, bicycles; stocking the kitchen with food and supplies; teaching English, math and reading; providing transportation and donating funds to help this family transition to their new life in the U.S.

Upon arrival, the family spoke very little English, and the parents do not read or write even in their native language of Dari. As a result, our church's support has been needed longer than expected. As I write this, we are still helping the family on a regular basis, finishing up assistance in multiple areas that is laying the groundwork for them to be able to fly on their own within a few weeks.

I want to share some of what has happened this past year, and to express our deep gratitude for the love this congregation has extended to this wonderful family! We have been incredibly blessed in the process as we have transitioned from being their sponsor to being their very dear friends.

Employment: We assisted the father in securing employment, initially at Rubbermaid but currently at Walmart where he works full time. He also picks up one shift a week at Burger King, where the two older boys work part time. Their employers love them! The family has done an excellent job with money management and has been paying their own bills since May.

Asylum: We have been working with a legal firm that specializes in immigration. The family has completed biometrics (fingerprints and photographs) and asylum interviews are underway at the U.S. Immigration Center in Arlington. We are committed to seeing them through to U.S. citizenship, with the hope that their children remaining in Afghanistan can also be brought to the United States.

Transportation: Over this past year our team has provided transportation to medical and dental appointments, social services, work, ESL, immigration services, shopping, activities in the community, etc. We have also been able to use city buses and car pooling. The father successfully received his driver's permit in December. We provided a tutor and transportation to DMV on multiple occasions for testing. We have been teaching him to drive in the U.S. Although he drove in Afghanistan, they do not have road signs, traffic lights or markings on the roads there! Driving is a whole new experience here. In February, he took his road test and passed! He now has a driver's license, and the family will buy a used car soon This will be an enormous step toward independence.

Medical/Dental: Everyone in the family has received physical exams, lab work, immunizations, eye exams and glasses as needed, complete dental restoration, as well as sick visits and medications when needed. They have been incredibly healthy.

Education: Our team provided tutoring in English, math and reading over the summer months. The six children are doing very well in school, receiving mostly A's and B's. The high school boys are more challenged but are holding their own and were able to be a part of the Handley High School wrestling team. They are committed to completing their high school education.

ESL: The parents are "going to school" for the very first time! They are taking ESL classes through Laurel Ridge Community College, 2 hours twice a week. We can now have "conversations" with everyone in the family and can call and make arrangements over the phone. Even though the mother is reluctant to speak much English, I love it when she gets (and laughs at) my jokes! The 7- and 9-year-olds are nearly fluent in English now, and the middle and high schoolers are great at interpreting for their parents.

Housing: The family is very happy in their Winchester home. The church's commitment to backing the lease if the family was unable to pay their rent has not been needed.

Community Orientation: We have introduced the family to our area. There have been trips to the Handley Library, the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the Children's Discovery Museum, biking at Cool Springs, trips to playgrounds, fireworks on the 4th of July, swimming and swim lessons at Jim Barnett Park, a day in Washington DC. The family has also helped with the church's potato patch and attended the church picnic and Christmas Eve service. They have been embraced by their neighbors and have become friends with other Afghans in Winchester. They are devout Muslims, praying five times daily, regularly fasting, and professing their faith in God.

All in all, the family has done amazingly well. They know that we will always be there for them if needed, but they 've got this. And will forever be grateful to all of you for the love you showered upon them in their time of need ❤️. So many, many times they have said "Thank you Church!!"

Marcia Etu

Afghan Mission team coordinator



Youth Group Dates

March 4th: Shenandoah University "Youth Mission Encounter." We will meet at the church at 9:15 AM, and return approximately 4:30 PM. Lunch/snacks provided.

March 18th: Trampoline Park in Leesburg! We will meet at the church at 1 PM and return approximately 4:30 PM. Cost \$10 per youth (please contact me if this is an issue). Jumping socks and snacks will be included! Please make sure to RSVP by March 11th

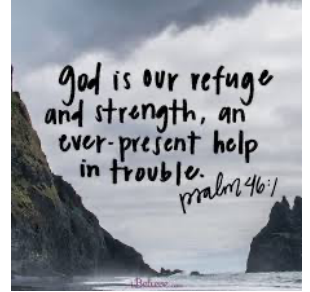


Questions/comments please call/text Miss Erin 540-535-5283 or e-mail youth@burntfactory.org

CONDOLENCES



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



The Rohrbach family at the loss of Kenny's father

The Callahan family at the loss of Tim's mother

The Braithwaite family at the loss of Terry's mother.

The McFarland family at the loss of Elener's sister-in-law

The Place family at the loss of Drew's mother

The Burrough's family at the loss of Rev. David Burroughs

Drew Place and his family at the loss of his mother.





Pathfinder Ministry

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(540)664-0908 Cell / (540)667-6711 Home

Monthly: 3rd 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

March Meeting Cancelled

Please join us on:

Wed. April 19th, 2023

BFUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 Noon

Info or Questions contact:

Debbie Walker

(540)664-0908 / (540)667-6711

dswalker1@yahoo.com

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***



Burnt Factory United Methodist Men
March 2023 Newsletter

Our next UMMen meeting will be ***Wednesday March 22 at 7:00 PM*** in the fellowship hall.

Our church Prayer Breakfast was a wonderful event with delicious food and wonderful fellowship, with close to 100 in attendance. It was wonderful to meet our dear friend Freda Roberson from the Fremont Street Nursery and to hear her wonderful message. As a bonus our breakfast leftovers were taken to the WATTS Warming Center, and they were most appreciative.

At our March meeting we will schedule the day that we will plant potatoes this year, we are looking to plant them one weekend in April. We will once again be looking for volunteers to adopt a row of potatoes to keep them weeded and clean.

We have scheduled Apple Butter 2023 to be held on October 21st so mark your calendars. Our fun will begin on Thursday October 19th with apple peeling and snitting and will culimate when the project begins at 12:00 AM on Saturday October 21st with the delicious product coming off to be jarred in the early afternoon. Look for more details coming this summer.

If you *have any questions concerning Men's Ministries at Burnt Factory UMC, please contact me.* (540) 207-7404; tamtut@comcast.net

Steve Cunningham

President, Burnt Factory UMMen



"I call on God whenever I am in need. He sent me you. You are missionaries, you are angels. I can't thank you enough." -Freda Roberson



March 2023 Faith Community Nurse Article

Chronic Stress

*"But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."
Proverbs 1:33*

We hear so much about stress today. Everybody's stressed! The fact is that short bursts of stress are our body's way of getting us through difficult or dangerous situations. It sends out chemicals that increase energy, alertness, and productivity. Problems result when stress lasts for long periods of time. That's when our health suffers from the effects of chronic stress. When we are constantly sending our bodies into overdrive, the heart has to work harder than usual, increasing our risks for a wide variety of medical conditions. These include high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes.

Some common causes of stress include relationship problems, caring for an ill or disabled family member, job problems, or living with a family member who is under stress.

Stress is a natural part of life - for instance, changing jobs, having a baby, or moving to a new home. These are all very stressful activities. We can't control most of the stressors that come our way, but we can control our response to them. Think about how you are coping with the stress in your life. Do you get enough sleep to recover from the activities of the last day? Are you smoking, drinking, or eating more as a response to stress? Are you praying regularly to hand your problems over to God?

Each individual has his own capacity for dealing with stress. Events that will totally stress out one person may not cause any stress in the next person. Our capacity to deal with stress is strongly influenced by heredity and childhood experiences, whether a strong support system of family and/or friends is available, and even one's level of income and social status. Stress is our perception of an event or circumstance, and the feeling that we have no control over the situation.

Strategies for dealing with stress are wide-ranging. First, identify exactly what is causing your stress. Then you can figure out how to reduce these stressors in a healthy manner. Learn to manage your time - prioritize your schedule and learn to say NO. Allow more time for relaxation and be good to yourself. Try new ways of thinking: when you begin to worry; practice letting go. **Worrying is a strictly negative activity - nothing positive ever results from worry.**

Ask for help, we can't do it all alone. Stress relievers include moderate exercise - daily walking is ideal. Try writing out your feelings, and express them verbally; talk, laugh, and cry. Do something you like, such as a hobby, or even volunteer. A healthy diet and eight hours of sleep each night are very important.

Learn how to relax your body. Practice being in the "moment" with meditation or self-hypnosis. Picture your safe, quiet place, and take yourself there whenever you need to feel calm. There are breathing exercises, such taking a deep breath and holding it as long as you can, then letting it out slowly. Another method is alternately tensing and releasing each muscle in the body. There are probably millions of books with ideas and techniques to help you learn to control your stress, instead of the other way around. Visit your library and find the right one for you. There are always people with bigger problems than your own. Helping them is a great way to take the focus off your own concerns. There are opportunities at every shelter (animal and human), hospital, food bank, church, and nursing home, to name a few.

And finally, as corny as it sounds, laughter really is the best medicine as well as a great stress reliever. Find some fun in life - a comedian, a funny book, or a crazy friend, and take control of your stress.

For more information, check out: www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/stress.html

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.





The Believers

The Believers had their first reorganization meeting on Monday, February 20th. I am so excited to announce the direction that we are moving in our fight against cancer. We had 15 members in attendance, and it was amazing to be together once again.

We have decided as a group to support the non-profit, [Helping Hands Cancer Outreach](#). The mission of this organization is to help relieve financial burdens to help patients relax during treatment, and to help those who have lost a loved one to cancer through help with funeral expenses. 100% of money raised on their behalf goes to the patients. All applicants are eligible for assistance up to \$3000.00 per year. All payouts are made directly to the billing company, with the exception of medical bills.

We have scheduled our first event. We are bringing back the [spaghetti dinner/themed basket auction for Saturday, June 24th](#). More information will be shared closer to the time of the event.

We are also planning a [yard sale sometime in the fall](#), date to be determined.

At our next meeting, on Monday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall, we will be planning even more opportunities to raise money and awareness for [Helping Hands Cancer Outreach](#). You do not have to be a member of the church to be a "Believer", you just need to have the desire to fight cancer!!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

On behalf of Lisa Garver, Lisa Patterson, and myself we appreciate your support.
Theresa Gilbert, RN
Faith Community Nurse

From a branch on the Vine,

I Believed a Lie.

I believed I was not smart enough, not fast enough, not pretty enough, or funny enough.

I believed I wasn't cool enough to be included in the group.

I believed my value came from what others thought and said and expected me to be.

I believed a lie that I was alone.

I believed my sadness would always stay and the darkness would never leave.

I believed nothing could make me whole again. I believed I was too broken.

I believed my mistakes and choices defined who I was.

I believed a lie that I didn't deserve to be loved.

I believed people were selfish and only wanted something from me.

I believed life was a race with only a winner and the rest losers.

I believed if I let my walls down, I would get hurt.

I believed a lie that people wouldn't love me.

I believed God wasn't there or didn't care.

I believed He enjoyed interfering with people's lives.

I believed He punished people, the ones He calls his children, and delights in their suffering.

I believed a lie that God won't love me.

I believed a lie. I was wrong.

I believe God loves me.

I believe His word is my best way.

I believe He has lifted away my guilt and shame.

I believe He has changed my heart.

I believe people love me.

I believe God has sent them into my life.

I believe that, despite my faults in mind and body, they have chosen to live life with me.

I believe they do for me as they would do for themselves.

I believe I have value, not because of what I am, but because of who God has made me to be.

I believe the truth has set me free from regrets, mistakes and bad choices.

I believe God has a plan for my life.

I believe God is with me each step I take, forward or back.

I believe God is love, and He has given Himself to me and for me.

I believe I am His child, and He is my hope, my help, my path and my destination.

I know I am at peace with myself and others because God does not lie.



In Christ, *Rob*

John 8:32: "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



The United Women in Faith had a successful fundraiser for Project Esperanza. Over 115 quarts of soup were prepared by our members and our very generous congregation purchased all the soups with a free will offering of \$1,560.00. Thank you to our soup makers and all of you for your purchases. We are excited to send our donation to Project Esperanza.

Our next meeting is Saturday, February 25th at **10:00 am** in the social hall. Polly Duvall and Susan Hyatt are our hostesses and will provide snacks for the meeting. Jani Shope will be helping us tie and make fleece blankets to be donated to the Salvation Army.

All women of the church are invited to attend as we seek to connect and nurture each other as we work to impact our community. I hope you will join us!

Deb Moss
President
United Women in Faith



Hello from the Outreach Team

Outreach has had a busy and fruitful first two months of 2023. On the 26th of January we held Burnt Factory's first ever Blood Drive. We collected 28 units of blood, surpassing the goal of 24. This will help save 84 lives! The American Red Cross said it was an excellent turn out with plenty of volunteers. Plans for the next drive will be discussed at the March meeting. Thanks to Dennis Loeffler for leading this effort.

Outreach team members held the last food box packing party at the CCAP food Pantry on January 31. Team members had been packing food boxes at CCAP for clients since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic when the Pantry stopped allowing clients to "shop" the Pantry shelves. The Pantry reopened to client shopping on February 6. What started as a temporary measure wound up lasting longer than anyone could have imagined. Dedicated team members packed boxes with canned and dry goods on a weekly, and more recently, monthly basis.

We would like to express our gratitude for the generosity of the congregation in donating to the Laurel Center during the month of February. Your gifts make a difference for the Center and for the women and children they serve.

The Outreach Team meets next on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Cottage. We hope to see you there!

Peace and Grace,
Sharon Woodard



Little Singers and Junior Choir!

Sunday March 12th and 26th

5-5:30pm Little Singers-Preschool ages

5:30-6pm Ages K-8th Grade!

Kids Bingo Night!

March 10th 6-7:30 pm

Ages 3 and up come and play Bingo, win prizes, and join the dance party in between!

DATES TO SAVE ON THE CALENDAR!!!!

APRIL 2

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9

EASTER SUNDAY

(*Egg Hunt & Twas the Morning of Easter Walkthrough)

JUNE 19-23

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-12

SUMMER CAMP



We are growing! Please consider volunteering on Sunday mornings to help take part in these precious children's Christian journey. Please contact me if you can volunteer for any of these programs!

*Early Service Children's Church teacher

*Late Service Children's Church Teacher

*Sunday School Performing Arts Teacher (singing, acting, improvisation music, bells etc.)

Peace and Blessings,

Miss Carrie, Minister of Children and Family

CCAP CORNER

March 2023



CCAP is a cooperative effort of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and religious communities in Winchester and Frederick County. They have unified to provide financial, material, and supportive assistance in a loving way. Even with the help of existing social service programs, CCAP clients are unable to meet their needs and responsibilities. CCAP's desire is to do God's work in a world where many basic human needs are simply not met.

Our next CCAP collection will be for the EASTER FOOD GIVEAWAY. We will be collecting items for 22 Easter food boxes for the Giveaway on Saturday, April 1 at CCAP. Signup sheets for particular items needed will be in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, 3/5 and 3/12. Items should be delivered to the Red CCAP bins in the Narthex by Sunday, 3/26.

The Pantry at CCAP is now open to clients to shop for their own grocery items. Our Burnt Factory Food Box Packing Team started packing boxes in early May of 2020 when the pantry closed to clients because of Covid. This Team packed boxes every week through January of 2022. At that time, other organization/churches stepped in, and our team went to once/monthly packing. We had a core team of 32 people that served this ministry for almost 3 years. This team showed up week after week with a goal of helping others. What a wonderful team of people!!

Opportunities to Serve – There are many ways to volunteer your time at CCAP. Drivers and Driver helpers as well as clothing house volunteers and receptionists are needed. Go to www.ccapwinchester.org and click on the donate/volunteer tab at the top of the page for a description of the many opportunities to share your talents and time. You can also reach out to me or anyone on the Outreach Team if you have any questions about what we do as volunteers at CCAP.

The Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE, Winchester, VA is a community refrigerator that is open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy. You can drop off and share any extra, fresh produce or items you do not want to go to waste. The FREEDGE is located at 419 N Cameron St. Your items can be dropped off directly to the refrigerator at any time. To sign up to be part of a cleaning crew for a day or week; go to www.ccapwinchester.org and click on the link to Our Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE at the top of the website.

Donations Needed: The Clothing House will be changing over to spring clothing in Mid-March. We will need gently used spring clothing. Year-round needs are Men's jeans, belts, T-shirts, hooded sweat jackets, sweatpants, and sweatshirts; Women's purses and Tennis Shoes (all sizes men, women, and children). Also needed are gently used Linens (bedsheets, pillowcases, blankets, and towels) and Adult Backpacks. All donations may be dropped off Monday – Friday from 10am-1pm at 212 S Kent St. Winchester.

Any questions, please contact me at 540-664-6973 or ricpat5@gmail.com

Thanks so much for all you do for CCAP and our community.
Patty Leonard, Outreach CCAP Rep



Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17th

Saint Patrick was born in 4th Century Britain, kidnaped at 16, and taken to Ireland.

He escaped to France, where he was indoctrinated into Christianity. St. Patrick returned to Ireland in 432 to help convert the population to Christianity.

He built many monasteries, churches, and schools, to preach his beliefs during his time there.

The first celebrations of Saint Patrick's Day in America date back to 1737 in Boston followed by the celebrations in New York in 1762.

DID YOU KNOW?

During his 21 visits to Ireland between 1747 and 1788 John Wesley toured most of the country. He preached in Churches when he was welcome, in hired meeting halls and in the open air. Early meetings in Dublin were held in Marlborough Street and Cork Street. The first Methodist chapel in Ireland was at Whitefriar Street in Dublin, built in 1752, the site of which was later expanded to contain a day school for boys, a school for orphan girls, a widows' almshouse, a bookroom, and houses for two ministers.

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National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a national observance, commemorated every year on **March 29th**. This day has been independently celebrated in a few states since 1973, on either March 29 or 30. Initially, it was first observed as a one-time event by President Obama's proclamation, on the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War on March 29, 2012.

The day chosen to celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29. This is because it is the same day when the last American Prisoners of War made a safe return to the US and when the American troops withdrew from the battle in 1973

Thank a veteran for their service today and every chance you get. Thank God for them.



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122:1



March 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8:30am-In Person Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11am-In Person Worship 5-6pm Children's Choir Practice	27 7-8pm – Lenten Study	28 10-11 am Lenten Study 12pm 2/4 BLT 5:30 Praise Team Practice 6:30 Choir Practice	1 9:30am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours Lower Cottage	2 7pm-8:30pm Boy Scouts Shelter 7pm Outreach Team	3	4 9-10am Grief Study Lower Cottage 10-4 Youth Conference @Shenandoah University 1460 University Drive
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March 12

Daylight Savings Time
Sun, Mar 12, 2023, 2:00 AM

