





SMOKE SIGNAL

<u>Our Mission Statement</u> 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 Burnt Factory United Methodist Church 1943 Jordan Springs Road P. O. Box 399 Stephenson, Virginia 22656 burntfactory.org PH: (540) 667-4993

The Pastor's Message

Our staff meeting last Wednesday fell on a very special day in the history of the United Methodist Church. May 24th is designated as Aldersgate Day. Our Founder, John Wesley, at around eight o'clock in the evening, went very reluctantly to a small group gathering held on Aldersgate Street in London. In 1738, John Wesley was 34 years old and had been a priest for many years, but he still found himself struggling with his faith.

Let me share his journal entry from that evening.

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society meeting in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and as assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Here is Wesley's entry from the next morning. May 25th 1738.

"The moment I awaked, "Jesus, Master," was in my heart and in my mouth; and I found all my strength lay in keeping my eye fixed upon Him, and my soul waiting on Him continually. Being again at St. Paul's in the afternoon, I could taste the good word of God in the anthem, which began, **My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord. With my mouth will I ever be showing forth thy truth from one generation to another.**" I pray that God has warmed your heart too and that you have claimed the blessed assurance of the forgiveness you have been granted by our Lord. I pray that we all can grab hold of the truth, that it is only Jesus who can cleanse our sin. It is only through faith in Jesus, by the grace of God, that we can be confident of our salvation, *and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*.

Pastor Steve



The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972–58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, June 18. Happy Father's Day To all Burnt Factory Dads. The not yet, Dads The Stepdads Those who step in as Dads The Moms who are Dads The Grandads And the Dads who are no longer with us.



Son: Dad, have you seen my sunglasses? Dad: No, have you seen my dad glasses?

I needed a password eight characters long, so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

National Go Barefoot Day is on June 1st and this is an opportunity for us to not only enjoy the feeling of walking around barefoot but also support a charity that strives to provide



underprivileged children with shoes. Often, we don't realize how privileged we are to have something as simple as shoes to wear. On this day, it's imperative to take cognizance of our privilege and give to those in need. The WATTS program would appreciate any adult sized shoes. Leave for Steve Cunningham in the fellowship hall.





1^{st}	Marcia Darsie
2^{nd}	Madison Sommers
	Megan Bursey
3rd	Naomi Buddenhagen
5^{th}	Norma Duvall
7^{th}	Sue Swimley
9 th	Hannah Heinlein
	Sam Melester
	Lucinda Lentz
10^{th}	Diana Smith
	Martha Inglis
11^{th}	Tom Miller
	Elener McFarland
12^{th}	Bob Rodeffer
	Wade Bryant
15^{th}	Richard Henry
18^{th}	Tim Perrault
19 th	Megan Smith
21 st	Greg Powell
	Rylee Repine
22 nd	Mark Duvall
23 rd	Teresa Wismer
24^{th}	Carrie Fair
	Julia Bouder
25^{th}	Kim Bursey
27^{th}	Charlie Beaver
	Charlotte Teigan Goode
30^{th}	Amy Jenkins
	Pat Dawson

June Anniversaries

- 2nd Jay and Harriett Hanke 4^{th}
- Rob and Debbie Moss
- 8th Mark and Aimee Taylor
- 10th Lander and Paige Manuel 11^{th} Sonny and Iris Sibert
- Roger and Rita Frankenberry
- 14^{th} Paul and Susie Gerometta
- 21st Randy and Karen Willis
- 29th David and Charlene Winter

Buddy's Knowledge



Folklore says that if you swear while fishing, you will not catch anything. Please don't try it.

Fingernails grow at a rate of 0.137per inch per month. Toenails at about 0.064 per month or about half as fast.

He who cannot obey, cannot command.



Launched in 1797, the USS Constitution is the oldest commissioned ship afloat in the US Navy. Her first cruise was in 1798.

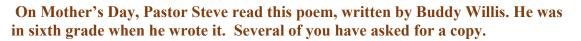
I will tell you the other half later. Thank you, Farmer's Almanac.

One to think about... Why did the chicken cross the playground?

Keep smiling until the end. Love, Margie and Buddy



Look for the to find the answer.



MY MOTHER'S PRAYER

by Buddy Willis 6th grade

Before my mother goes to bed, she gets down on knees and bows her head. She thanks the Lord for the day & blesses him for seeing her children on the way.

Once in a while she will shed a tear when she thinks of "her" mother dear, who has gone to that blessed land above, to be thanked for her dear love. She also thanks the Lord for the birds & the bees and often she says a prayer for me.

But last of all she thanks him for her life when he has helped her to put up a strong fight. To see that her children are safely fed before she tucks them in their beds.

When she has gone and done her deed, her children will miss her loving, which they need.

But she will still be with them in spirit until the day she takes that beloved trip.





6th Grade



Buddy has been a member of BFUMC for 82+ years, faithfully and happily. In 1941, around the age of five years, Buddy's family moved to the Kackley Farm. Even as a young child he helped with the cows and tasks on the farm. Also, he has a twin sister, Charlotte. He remembers them being close and getting along well. Charlotte resides in Florida. Charlotte helped on the inside of the farmhouse and Buddy on the outside along with his three brothers. He jokes, "We had a horse, but our neighbors had two horses. Their names were Giddyup and Whoa. They had a time with those horses."

Buddy and Margie went to school together. They first met around seventh grade as Buddy was the Bus Patrol making sure Margie and others got on and off the bus safely. He always spoke and eventually would include a wink Margie's way. They ended up dating at the end of high school and were married at Greenway EUB Church on October 12, 1957. It is told that Buddy was 40 minutes late to his wedding as Herbert, his brother, failed to pick him up. No worries. Buddy got a cab. They have been married for 65 years.

Buddy and Charlotte







Seventh Grade





Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. -Colossians 3:12

BFUMC New Members:

Shelia Bland	Jim Borror	Brian Hartman	Glen Burke
Kim Burke	Edna Chase	Kim Kilmer	Diana Sharp
Skip Smith	Alice Reaves	Diana Kilmer	Martha Inglis
Carl Spurlock	Charlie Woods	John Millikin	Erin Robinson



Burnt Factory United Methodist Church Graduates



Jay Groce	Sherando High School
Emma McKínley	Millbrook High School
Addison Russell	Sherando High School
John Renner	Clarke County High School



Greetings from the Outreach Team!

We were privileged and blessed to be able to present checks to **The Laurel Center** and to **The Salvation Army** from the generous Lewis bequest. Thanks to all of our volunteers making presentations and for all you do in *Service for God's Glory*.





Hey Families!

Are your kids ready to get "spaced out" this summer? STELLAR VBS is coming soon, and it is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats await the kids who are ready to shine with the light of Jesus! This year we will reach for the stars, be over the moon, and look to the "Son", as we travel out of this world learning fun and exciting Bible stories. This hands-on experience will be not only fun, but great for deepening their faith and showing them that God is their guide in all aspects (and places) of our lives.

- Pre-school ages 3yrs-5yrs (must be potty trained)
- Elementary mixed groups- 5yrs/K-5th Grade

June 19, 2023 — June 23, 2023 (6-8:30 pm) Register here: <u>https://vbspro.events/p/stellarbfumc</u> Or see me for a registration paper!



Come volunteer with us and lead children to Christ! Station Leaders: Bible Adventures/Imagination Station/Games/Snack Station Kitchen Crew, Registration Table, Crew Leaders (youth), nurse/medical



nurse/medical Youth Helpers 6th-12 Grade Come and join us, _{Love,} Miss Carrie



All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the following events:

June 10th- Pool and Pizza!!! Time:7-9pm at the James Barnett Outdoor Pool (for the entire family)

June 30th- Ice Cream Bar!!! Time: 2-4pm We will meet at the shelter.



Please RSVP to Miss Erin for any of the above events youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283

Youth Bus Driver WANTED: Are you someone wanting to have an amazing experience on one of our fun youth trips? Looking for someone willing to drive the bus for certain events and to help chaperone. If you can drive a minivan, you can drive this bus; no certification needed! All you can eat snacks/beverages, and interaction with amazing youth GUARANTEED!! Please let Miss Erin know if you are interested (Youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283)





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 Burnt Factory United Women in Faith have been busy:

- Cleaned the church while Rhonda Snyder was caring for her mom.
- Currently donating school kits to Bright Futures which serves area school children in need of school supplies.
- Prepare and serve dinner to Ruritan club members on May 31st as a fundraiser for our organization. Money raised will help us with the many missions that we support.
- Currently collecting items for Operation Remember, there will be a separate email, requesting items needed.

Our next meeting is a change of date due to the Spaghetti Dinner and basket auction. We will meet on Saturday, July 15th at 10:00am, with Doris Duvall leading us in the Call to Prayer program. Penny Croll and Jani Shope will be serving as hostesses. We would love to see all women of the church attend our meetings and get involved with our work. It is a great time of fellowship and another opportunity to use our gifts. Please contact me or any member if you want to learn more.

President UWF Debbie Moss



Empowering those affected by domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing, advocacy, outreach, support services, education and awareness.



Another expression of God's love from our Burnt Factory family for the Laurel Center. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Your giving transforms lives.





Children's Awareness Month

Children reflect our greatest hope as a nation, and childhood is a critical time for all. It is the stage in our lives that would set the course for our overall social, emotional, and physical health as well as economic circumstances. In fact, young children at the beginning of their learning stage, who receive a high-quality education, see tremendous dividends for the rest of their lives. This includes higher academic performance in later stages, increased chances of attending college, higher lifetime earnings, and reduced likelihood of being involved in crimes.

Children's Awareness Month was initially founded in the loving memory of all the children who have died violent deaths in America. It has evolved into something bigger. Children's Awareness Month has become a time to spend nurturing and cultivating the joys and treasures of childhood. This month aims to encourage, support, and educate children while prioritizing their health and well-being.

Every child deserves to be valued and cherished. As parents and well-wishers, we have no greater responsibility than to instill the hope of a better tomorrow for our younger generation. On this Children's Awareness Month, let us unite and take a strand to promise that we will work with our children to instill a spirit of confidence, pride, and self-esteem in them. Always remember that every child deserves a chance to succeed.

How to Observe Children's Awareness Month

1. Volunteer in your community

The best thing you can do to celebrate Children's Awareness Month is to volunteer as a tutor or mentor to children in your community. Through this platform, you can help them engage their intellect and to creative.

2. Become an advocate

Support policies and programs that improve access to children's education, childcare, and the prevention of child abuse. This is another impactful way to celebrate this important month.

3. Donate to the cause

You may also donate to the various organizations driving child empowerment. There are many charitable groups in the U.S. that push for a healthier and more stable life for children.

Why Children's Awareness Month is Important

• Empowering children is noble

Empowering children to be aware and grow greater heights boosts their confidence and self-esteem and makes them happy and comfortable. Child empowerment is a worthy and ethical cause.

• It fosters better learners

Children's Awareness Month is a positive holiday that helps children understand that they are powerful creators in their own world. It also boosts their learning skills and makes them effective learners.

• Psychological development is important

Psychological development is as important as physical and mental development. It forms a crucial basis for decision making, forming ideologies, and enhancing personal abilities.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at <u>tgilbert@afpdocs.com</u> or <u>theresahgilbert@gmail.com</u> 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 June 2023

Our first fundraiser is the spaghetti dinner/themed basket auction on Saturday, June 24th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 pm

We need your support to make this a huge success!!!!

Tickets will be on sale now. They can be purchased after both services from now until the Sunday before the event. Adult tickets are \$10.00,

Children ages 5-12 are \$5.00 and Children under 5 are free.

We need **lots of themed baskets** for Pastor Steve to auction off. All basket labels need to be turned in to Keith Roberts by June 18th. The baskets can be turned in to Keith beginning on June 18th and no later than Noon on June 24th. If you need to have a basket picked up, please contact Keith Robert at john.k.roberts@comcast.net

There will be a silent auction that begins at 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. when the basket auction begins.

We are also selling "Helping Hands" for \$5.00 each after both Sunday services. These are for you to remember someone who is fighting to beat cancer and for those we have lost. They will be on display at the spaghetti dinner.

If you feel led to help us with this event, there are multiple opportunities with sign-up sheets in the social hall.

Christie Yates is offering a watercolor painting opportunity. The first event is to paint beautiful hydrangeas. The cost is \$20.00 and will be limiting to 10 people. Please contact Christie to register or for more information at <u>Christie_yates@hotmail.com</u>

Our next Believers meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!! 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!! 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 on 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, except for medical bills.

"Cancer can touch you, but not your soul; neither your thoughts, nor your heart."

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

Burnt Factory United Methodist Men June 2023



Our next meeting will be Wednesday June 7th at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We need to begin planning for **Apple Butter 2023**. All males who attend Burnt Factory UMC are part of our UMMen fellowship and are encouraged to join us.

Potatoes have broken ground and are looking very good. We still need 11 rows adopted to keep the weeds cleared from the adopted row. The rototilling will be taken care of so the adoptee's will only need to keep their row(s) clear of weeds. You can do this at your convenience and do not have to make any arrangements with anyone else. It is a very convenient way to be in ministry.

The Burnt Factory Missions team will be undertaking a mission trip this summer from Sunday June 25 to Friday June 30 in southeastern Pennsylvania to work on some homes devastated by Hurricane IDA in September 2021. For more details get in touch with Marcia Etu by email <u>marciametu@gmail.com</u> or call (518) 744-5150

Mark your calendars now for 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 culminate 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





WATTS Report June 2023



As you enter Spring cleaning, remember our WATTS ministry. We are always in need of larger size clothing items including coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, blue jeans, and shoes among other clothing items. If you have any of these gently used items let me know and I can gather them from you and hold them for our week of hosting our WATTS guests this fall.

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, our church was able to present the WATTS Board of Directors with a \$5,000 gift that was part of a larger gift that was left to our church from the estate of a community member who while did not attend our church left us with a nice endowment upon her passing. WATTS was very appreciative of this gift.

If you have any question about the WATTS ministry, please let me know.

Steve Cunningham WATTS Lead Volunteer <u>tamtut@comcast.net</u> (540) 207-7404



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.

CCAP will be holding a **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR HARRISON HUGHES** on Wednesday, June 7 at 6PM at CCAP. Harrison was a long-time volunteer who was tragically killed in a car accident recently. He had a huge heart for anyone in need and spent many hours working at CCAP doing whatever needed to be done on a given day. Many of us had the privilege of working with him either in the Pantry or at the Clothing House. The jobs he did on site were endless and he spent many hours in a CCAP Vehicle picking up and delivering store items. He had the biggest heart and will be greatly missed.

Our next **QUARTERLY CCAP COLLECTION** will be in July. We will be collecting new Men's and Women's underwear and Men's white socks. More details will be in the July Newsletter and the Church Bulletin.

CCAP VOLUNTEER TEAM – This team is called on to help as needed. In the next few months, we will be meeting twice to pack food boxes. These boxes will be used as an outreach offsite. The team will be notified through email when we have the pack party. If you would like to receive the email when these opportunities arise, let me know. On the chosen day, we will work after hours at CCAP; usually from 5:30 – 7pm. FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD FREEDGE is open 24 hours a day at 419 N CAMERON ST near the Our Health Campus. CCAP has partnered with Our Health, Valley Health, and local restaurants to reduce food insecurity and food waste in Winchester. You can drop off and share any extra, fresh produce or items you do not want to go to waste. Your food 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. Andrea Cosans, CCAP Executive Director, reports that two more FREEDGES will be added in 2023; One at Abundant Life Church and one at Jim Barnett Park.

BIKE TOUR 2023 – the 3rd Annual CCAP Benefit Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, August 26 starting at 8am. You are invited to ride and/or volunteer for this fun event that benefits CCAP. Blue Ridge Bicycles, Winchester Wheelmen and Element Sports are excited to present a ride through the beautiful countryside of Northern Shenandoah Valley. This is a self-paced ride for everyone from the recreational to the serious cyclist. To register, go to <u>WWW.BIKEREG.COM</u>.

CURRENT DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Gently used Summer clothes, jackets and shoes for men, women, and children; sizes 2T thru Adult XXXXL. We especially need men's jeans (sizes 32 38) and men's t-shirts.
- Adult Backpacks
- Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am and 1pm at 112 S. Kent St. Let me know if these hours do not work for you and I can schedule a pickup.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- To drive to stores and pick up donations.
- To assist clients while they shop for food.
- To work in the Clothing House. This can be done on Clothing giveaway days (Mon,Tues,Thurs) or on off days to replenish the house.

Visit the CCAP Website 222.ccapwinchester.org. and fill out a volunteer application – it's easy!!

Patty Leonard - Outreach CCAP Rep



Pathfinder Ministry

Contact: Debbie Walker E-mail: dswalker1@yahoo.com (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

Wed. June 14, 2023 Please note: Luncheon is a week earlier than our normal meeting! 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



	June 2023								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
28 7:30 am -2 pm Straw Vote 8:30am-In Person Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11am-In Person Worship	29	30 5:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice	31 <u>9:30am-1pm</u> Pastor's Office Hours Lower Cottage	1 7pm-8:30pm Boy Scouts Shelter	2	3 10am-3pm Straw Vote			
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18 8:30am-In	19 VBS Stellar	20	21	22	23	24			
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