



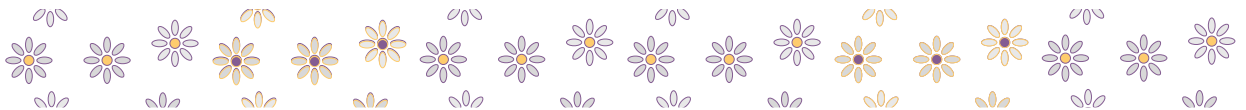
2024 SMOKE SIGNAL

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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I'm not sure who first published this article. Maybe it was the Sojourners Magazine. I think it's worth a read.

Peace and Civility Pledge

The church can offer a message of hope and reconciliation to a nation that is hurting and deeply divided. We urge those who claim the name of Christ to *"put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you"* Ephesians 4:31-32.

We pledge to God and to each other that we will lead by example in a country where civil discourse and peacemaking are rare. We will work to model a better way in how we treat each other in our many communities, across religious and political lines. We will strive to create safe and sacred spaces for common prayer and community discussion as we come together to seek God's will for our nation and our world.

1. We believe Jesus' teaching that "*Blessed are those who make peace*" Matthew 5:9. We acknowledge that most of us have been guilty of violence in our hearts and with our tongues. We hold ourselves to the higher standard to which Christ called us: to refrain from not only physical violence but violence of the heart and tongue. "*Do not commit murder. Anyone who murders will be judged for it,*" and "*Do not be angry with your brother or sister*" Matthew 5:22-23.
2. We commit that our dialogue with each other will reflect the spirit of the scriptures, which tell us, in relating to each other, to be "*quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry*" James 1:19.
3. We believe that each of us, and our fellow human beings, are created in the image of God. This belief should be reflected in the honor and respect we show to each other, particularly in how we speak. "*With the tongue we bless the Lord and [Creator], and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God ... this ought not to be so*" James 3:9-10.
4. We pledge that when we disagree, we will do so respectfully, without falsely impugning the other's motives, attacking the other's character, or questioning the other's faith. We will be mindful of our language, being neither arrogant nor boastful in our beliefs as we strive to "*be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love*" Ephesians 4:2.
5. We recognize that we cannot function together as citizens of the same community, whether local or national, unless we are mindful of how we treat each other. Each of us must therefore "*put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body*" Ephesians 4:25.
6. We commit to pray for our political leaders — those with whom we agree or disagree. "*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made — for kings and all who are in high positions*" 1 Timothy 2:1-2.
7. We believe that it is more difficult to hate others, even adversaries and enemies, when we are praying for them. We commit to pray for each other, those with whom we agree and those with whom we may disagree, so that we may be faithful witnesses to our Lord, who prayed "*that they may be one*" John 17:22.



Pastor Steve

Worship Road for August

August kicks off a 4-part sermon series entitled,

“Home Improvement”

August 4th

“It Takes a Family”

Joshua 24: 15 & Acts 16: 32-34

Holy Communion

August 10th

“Love & Marriage”

1st Peter 3: 1-2 & Ephesians 5: 21-25

August 17th

“Meet the Parents”

Proverbs 22: 1-6 & Ephesians 6: 1-4

August 24th

“A Legacy that Lasts”

Galatians 5: 22-23 & 2nd Timothy 1: 1-7



Join us for the Church Picnic!!



When: Saturday August 10th, 1 to 5

Where: Over the hill to the Shelter

What to know:

Church will provide fried chicken, hot dogs and drinks.
You are welcomed to share your favorite sides and or desserts.

Bring chairs, blankets and maybe a towel.

Games! And the New and Improved Waterslide.!

Please join us for Fellowship! Food! Fun!



August Birthdays

2nd Stephen Kerns
4th Daniel Renner
5th Lindsey Perrault Barros
Duane Swisher
6th Katie Mowery
7th Ben Ratliff
8th Pat Perry
9th Jo Anna Grayson
10th Darrin Bursey
Rachel Hayton
Cheyanne Owens
11th Dave Bodkin
12th Theresa Gilbert
15th John Renner
19th Deanna Simmers
Colby Groce
23rd Jackson Boudier
26th Dave Winter
Lillianne Ownes
27th Connor Lewis
30th Jay Kackley



Happy Anniversary

3rd Rich & Sue Wells
Dave & Linda Bodkin
4th Rick & Debbie Walker
5th Bill & Jani Shope
Josh & Christina Jenkins
7th Tom & Norma Duvall
9th Paul & Sarah Shoremount
16th Sean & Laine Everhart

Remembering Buddy's Jokes



Dad: *Look at that flock of cows over there.*

Son: *Herd of cows, Dad.*

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

*Pulled from the July 2021 Edition of Smoke Signal.

Children's Ministries!!

ITS TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!

August 14 will be 10 YEARS that Miss Carrie has been the Minister of Children here at Burnt Factory. I am celebrating because that is 10 years of hugs, love, laughter, joy, and getting to teach our little and not so little ones, also 10 years of crazy costumes, whacky children's times, flamboyant Vacation Bible Schools, and phenomenal Sunday mornings. Pop the confetti! Here's to ten more years! Woo Hooo!!

August brings the new school year and the winding down of summer. Our kids need prayers as they enter a new school year, and so do our teachers. Please be in daily prayer for all our school children, administrators, staff, and teachers.

August 11 will be our Promotion Sunday. All 1st grade children will advance to Children's Church, all Kindergarten children will receive a Bible, and we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during the Children's time of the services. Please have your child bring their new/old/favorite backpack for a blessing! We will pray over them, and the new school year!

Peace be among you,

Carrie Fair

Minister of Children and Administration



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

August 11th

Time: 2-4 pm



Water Fun at the shelter!

We will have the water slide going, plus, youth will make their own SLIME! Youth- please bring water bottle and towel. Snacks will be provided.

August 17th

Time: 10-12:30



Jubilee Soup Kitchen

Youth will help cook and serve lunch to those in need.

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

CONDOLENCES

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



- Pray for the family of Sue Barnett who claimed the promise of the resurrection. Keep her husband Dave in your prayers.
- Roger Reed has claimed the promise of the resurrection, keep his wife Robbie and their family in your hearts.
- Please pray for Patty and the Edens family. Tom Edens has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- After a long battle with her declining health, Martha Ludtke has claimed the promise of the resurrection. She was truly a wonderful, kind and loving Christian woman who will be greatly missed. Please keep her family, especially her daughter and son-in-law Susie and Paul Gerometta in your hearts and prayers.
- It is with great sadness and at the same time great joy that Debbie Knight has claimed the promise of the resurrection. She is with the Lord. Please keep Diana and Rick and all the family in your prayers.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4



International Overdose Awareness Day is held every year on **August 31** every year. It is the world's largest campaign to end overdose, to remember without stigma those who have died and to acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

The theme for 2024 is **"Together We Can"**, highlighting the power of community when we all stand together.

#TogetherWeCan #IOAD #EndOverdose

Opioids is an umbrella term for natural or synthetic drugs that are derived from or related to – the opium poppy. Opioids attach to receptors in the central nervous system, reducing pain signals to the brain. Commonly used opioids include oxycodone, morphine, codeine, heroin, fentanyl, methadone and opium.

Opioids dull the senses, cause relaxation and euphoria, and slow down breathing and heart rate. In high dose, opioids depress the body's natural urge to breathe.

Signs of Overdose can include:

- No response to stimuli
- Shallow/stopped breathing
 - Can't be woken up
- Unusual snoring/gurgling sounds
 - Blue/gray lips or fingertips
 - Floppy arms and legs

It can take hours for someone to die from an opioid overdose. Acting as quickly as possible could save a life. Check for alertness, breathing and color. If you see any of these signs, you should act immediately to activate a response plan.

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- Before you act, check for dangers like needles.
- Call 911
- Try to get a response by firmly rubbing your knuckles across their sternum
- If you can't get a response:
 - Place the arm nearest to you at a right angle to their body and place their other hand against their cheek.
 - Pull the leg on top by the knee and pull it up, keeping their foot flat on the ground so that they are laying on their side.
- Do NOT leave the person alone. Do NOT give the person anything to eat or drink.

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Corinthians 10:13

As always praying for your health and well-being. Praying that today you will both be a blessing and blessed.

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 - August 2024



Frederick County Fair July 29 – August 3, 2024

I STILL NEED BAKERS!!

Please let me know if you can help by baking something.

The Stonewall District Ruritan Club has agreed to allow **The Believers** to sell homemade baked goods at their Chicken BBQ dinner each night at the fair (**July 29 – August 3**). We are looking for volunteers to make pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. for each night throughout the fair. Baked good items should be dropped off each day at the Ruritan building between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Please text (540-247-5612) or email (theresahgilbert@gmail.com) to let me know if you can help us out and what day we can expect your baked donation.

If you are able to bake something, but cannot deliver it, please let me know that as well so that I can make arrangements to have your donation picked up.

MOTORCYCLE FUNDRAISING RUN



The motorcycle run has been **scheduled for October 2nd** (rain date October 19th)

Randy Cornwell and Mark Jones have planned a spectacular ride for you.

The entrance fee will be \$25 per bike and \$5 for an additional rider. Registration forms will be available soon.

We are also planning to bring back the “Singin’ Sundae Social” this year. We will be looking for lots of talented folks to entertain us followed by a fun fellowship time of making and eating ice cream sundaes. More details to follow.

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



On behalf of Lisa Garver (please continue to keep Lisa in your prayers), Lisa Patterson and myself, we appreciate your support.

Theresa Gilbert

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"

Would you like to receive the Smoke Signal Newsletter by email?

Kindly send an email to Becca Ratliff at beccalea.ratliff@gmail.com with a subject:

"Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution"



Opportunities to Serve

Opportunity to Serve Bright Futures

Outreach committee will be collecting the following items from August 4 - 18. Please place items in the red bins.

- backpacks for high school students (sturdy with multiple compartments)
- backpacks for elementary and middle school students
- dry erase markers
- #2 pencils

These items will be taken to their warehouse and delivered to schools as needed.

Thank you for your donations.

Karen Willis

krwillis1@comcast.net

540-539-6989



Opportunity to Serve Burnt Factory

Dear church family, as part of our radical hospitality we provide a Sunday morning table with sweets, treats, coffee and drinks.

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve we would welcome your help with preparing before the 8:30 service and cleaning up after Sunday school.

If you are interested, please reach out to me for more info. Thank you.

Peace & Joy

Donna Gallagher

540-431-9027



Opportunities to Serve Cont'd

The Handyman Team

Our church is launching a new outreach called The Handyman Team at Burnt Factory Church. We would like to put together a group of volunteers to provide for families that could not otherwise afford needed home repairs, ramps, yard work etc. Our priority would be serving the elderly, widows, veterans, the disabled and families with children. Recipients could be members of the congregation or the community.

The Handyman Team would give members of our congregation a “mission team” opportunity while staying at home and serving a few hours, a day or the duration of a project. We will evaluate each project individually to determine if it is within our capabilities.

There will be a number of steps to put this initiative into motion. At this time, we would like to compile a list of those interested in serving and the skill sets our team has to offer. No specific skills are required just a willing heart to serve. When a project becomes available, we will contact team members with the skills needed for that particular job.

If you would like to become a part of The Handyman Team, please contact Marcia Etu at marciametu@gmail.com or 518-744-5159.

Marcia Etu
Dennis Loeffler
The Handyman Team Coordinators





Greetings from the Outreach Team!

The Outreach Mission Statement

1 Peter 4:10-11 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

This summer heat has not slowed us down here on the Outreach team! See Patty Leonard's report on our collection for CCAP. There will be a collection for school supplies for Bright Futures in August, see Karen Willis's article here as well. Karen heads up the Burnt Factory Sisters in Faith group which has its next meeting August 17 at 10:00am.

The Believer's – Helping Hands Cancer Outreach, will be having a bake sale at the Frederick County Fair from July 29 thru August 3rd. They need baked goods dropped off each day at the fairgrounds from 12 to 3pm. Please call or text Theresa Gilbert at (540) 247-5612 for more information or to coordinate a drop off.

We resumed our Family Promise Meals on July 21st with the delivery of 65 fried chicken dinners. Extra fruit, baked macaroni and cheese and coleslaw was dropped off at the Montague Avenue Freedge to a couple of thankful recipients!

If you are a knitter, contact Martha Inglis to find out about our new Prayer Shawl ministry. It is a great way to enjoy fellowship while providing comfort and sharing Christ's love.

We are looking forward to an exciting Fall with many activities and opportunities to get involved!



We continue our *Mission Spotlight* series this month with **The Laurel Center**.

Founded in 1981 as The Shelter for Abused Women, The Laurel Center has been providing emergency shelter and support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their dependents for the last 40 years. In 2007, the Shelter changed its name to The Laurel Center to reflect a more hopeful and inclusive organization.

Over the years, the Center has created innovative programs and partnerships to protect victims of abuse. In 1991 it was the first in Virginia to have a program to change the identities of families whose situations were so dangerous they needed new names and new locations outside Virginia. In the 1990's they instituted programs for stalking victims and a Crisis Intervention Companions Program to provide fast response for victims of sexual assault in partnership with forensic nurses at Winchester Medical Center.



Outreach Team Update Cont'd

The services that the Center provide include: A 24-hour Hotline; Adult Therapy, Child Therapy, Support Groups, Psycho-educational Counseling, Legal Advocacy, Emergency Shelter and Safety Planning. They also help children between the ages of 5 and 17 who have been exposed to domestic violence that include care coordination, individual therapy, educational groups for children who have witnessed violence and Healthy Relationship support groups for teens. All services provided are free and confidential.

In 2023 the Frederick County Sheriff's Office received 617 domestic violence calls, Winchester City received 189, and Clarke County Sheriff received 98. Not all of these calls resulted in actual physical assaults, but it is sobering to see these numbers and realize that most domestic violence incidents are never reported.

We at Burnt Factory Church take up collections several times a year for items to donate to the Center. We also make a cash donation of \$2,000.00 in January each year. If you would like to learn more about The Laurel Center, you can visit their website at: thelaurelcenter.org.

If you'd like to know more about our Outreach efforts, you can contact me or attend our next meeting. We meet the first Thursday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Grace and Peace,

Sharon Woodard, Outreach Chair
sfwoodard111@gmail.com

Restoring Hope from the Inside Out
Some wounds are visible. We see the need, and we are compelled to care.

- The Laurel Center



CCAP Corner - August 2024

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.

THANK YOU for the fantastic underwear and socks donation during our July Quarterly CCAP Collection. These items are necessary and greatly appreciated by our clients. With our donation, we helped kick off the **50 for 50 Celebration** that will culminate in October when the 50th Anniversary of CCAP will be feted at a GALA. Stay tuned for more details on the GALA.

4th Annual Bike Tour Benefit ride for CCAP. Saturday, August 24. Donations of water and snacks are still needed for the day of the Tour. Volunteers and riders can still sign up at www.ccapwinchester.org. The ride will start at the Wellness Center on the Valley Health Campus at 8am. All proceeds from this bike tour will go to CCAP. There are several different rides including 10 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 70 miles and 100-miles.

1st Annual Golf Fore CCAP – Wednesday, Sept 4 at Sly Fox Golf Club. To register, go to www.ccapwinchester.org. All proceeds go to CCAP.

THREE FREEDGE LOCATIONS are open **24 hours a day**; **419 N Cameron St, 700 Aylor Rd (Abundant Church) and 102 Montague Ave.** These are for low-income residents. Everyone can donate. This is another way CCAP helps reduce waste. Please label and date your items before putting them in a Freedge. Examples of Items needed: Fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, soups, prepackaged sandwiches, garden foods, and yogurt.

CCAP is the perfect place to REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE your clothing!! We need the following gently used items:

- We will be accepting Summer clothes for baby thru adult sizes through mid-August.
- Tennis shoes (Toddler thru adult size); and men's belts are always accepted.
- New socks and underwear for toddler through adult size.
- Men's Jeans - all sizes, Men's regular T-Shirts, Men's Shorts sizes 30-38; & Women's Jeans - size 2 thru 6,
- **Adult** Backpacks & gently used/clean linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, & towels),

Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday between 9am and 2pm at 112 S. Kent St. Call CCAP at 540-662-4318 for a scheduled donation drop off if these hours don't work with your schedule.

Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. You can visit the website or contact me or anyone on the Outreach Team if you are interested in volunteering.

Thanks so much for your continued support of this important outreach.

Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep



Message from Our Music Director

Burnt Factory Church is very blessed to have so many in our congregation who possess musical talents. Have you been thinking about joining the choir, the praise team or playing a musical instrument? Not quite sure whether you want to commit or not? Pray about it! God will give you the answer.

The choir and praise team are always looking for new members. We also have a set of handbells stored away that we would love to use. These were donated by a very special person in our congregation and it is a shame they aren't being used. We are in need of a handbell choir director as well as players.

Choir practices are only an hour on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30. Praise team practices are also held on Tuesdays prior to choir practice from 5-6:30pm. Handbell practices would be determined by the players and whomever leads the group.

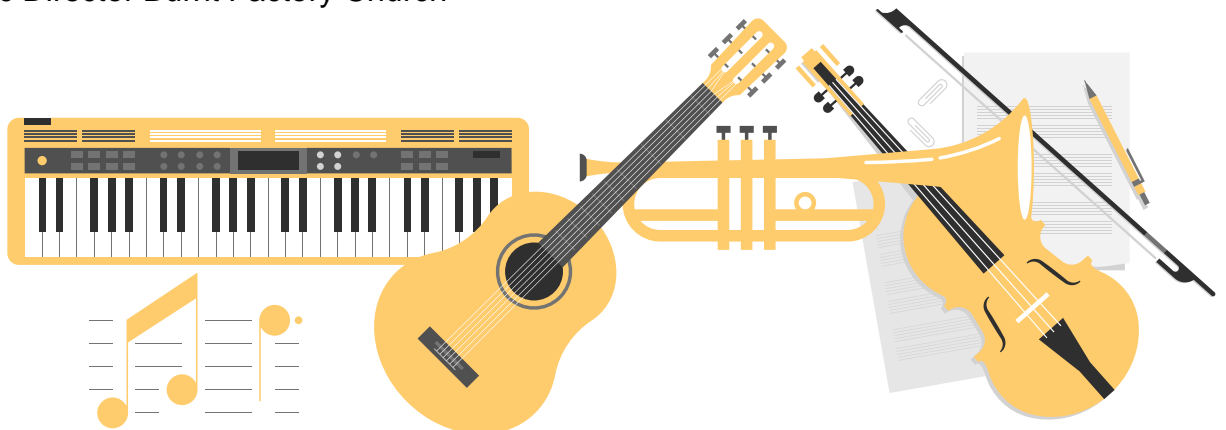
We would love for you to share your gifts and talents with our church.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact our Music Director, Diana Smith. E-mail: dksmith48@comcast.net; phone: 540-771-8332.

Blessings,

Diana Smith

Music Director Burnt Factory Church



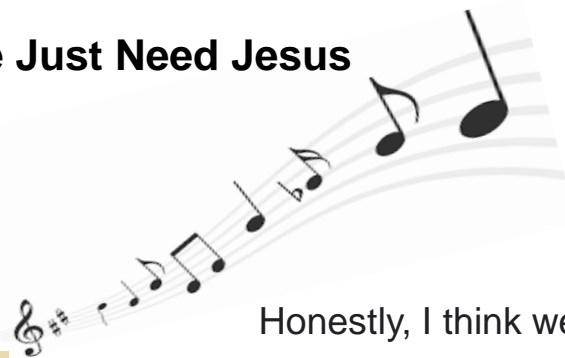


Honestly, We Just Need Jesus

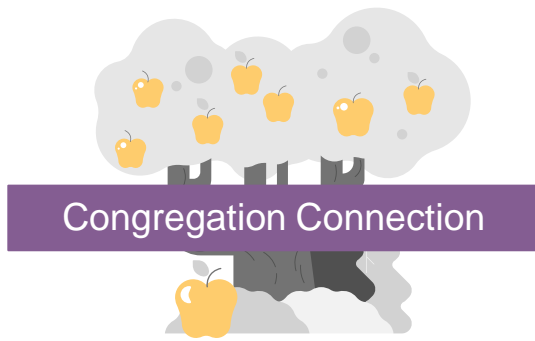
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Chorus Spotlight



Honestly, I think we just need Jesus
Honestly, I think we just need Jesus
Have we all gone mad? Have we lost our minds?
What used to be wrong, we say that it's right
Honestly, I think we just need Jesus



Name: Carla Spears

Hometown: Charles Town, WV

Time attending Burnt Factory Church: 5 years

What service do you regularly attend? 8:30 am

What would you encourage others to get involved with? Sunday School, Emmaus Team, and Outreach Ministry

Favorite part of Burnt Factory Church: The favorite part of Burnt Factory Church is "Family". As soon as you enter the doors you can feel and see the love of Christ! It's my place of renewing the mind, body and soul with likeminded people after a long week out in the world. Burnt Factory is my refueling tank!!

Favorite hymn:

The Battle Is The Lord's

By Yolanda Adams

*There is no pain Jesus can't feel
No hurt He cannot heal
All things work according to His perfect will
No matter what you're going through
Remember God is using You
For the battle is not yours, it's the Lord's*

Known

By Tauren Wells

*I'm fully known and loved by You
You won't let go no matter what I do
And it's not one or the other
It's hard truth and ridiculous grace
To be known fully known and loved by You
I'm fully known and loved by You*

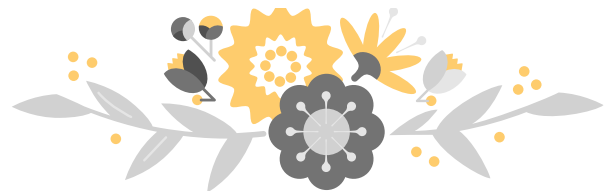
Favorite Scripture:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13 King James

August 2024 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Thurs 1 st	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 4 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 6 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 7 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 8 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 10 th	1:00 PM	Church Picnic
Sun 11 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 13 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 14 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 15 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 17 th	10:00 AM	Jubilee Soup Kitchen
		Burnt Factory Sisters in Faith

Date/Time		Event
Sun 18 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 20 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 21 st	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 22 nd	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Sat 24 th	10:00 AM	Intentional Prayer Group
Sun 25 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 27 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 28 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 29 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63



For more info, view the calendar on our website:

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