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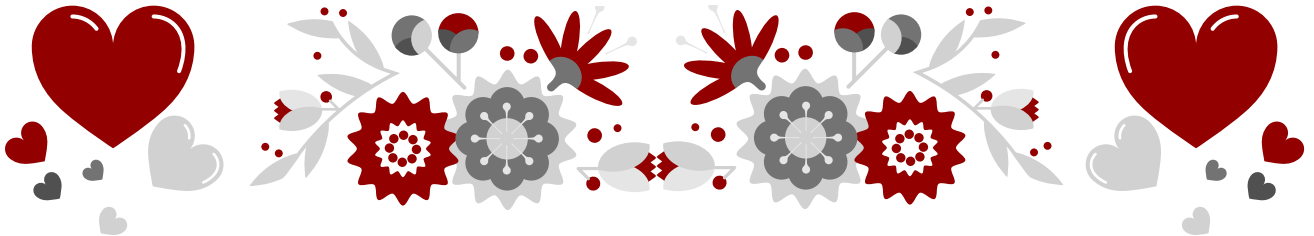
2025 SMOKE SIGNAL

Our Mission Statement

Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people.

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"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

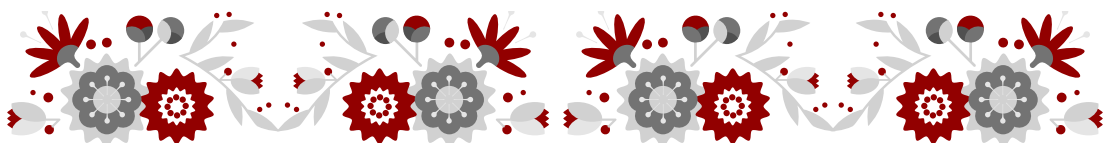


Why I would still go to church every Sunday even if I wasn't the pastor.



1. Because in reality, we don't go to church, we come to worship! And worshipping our Almighty God, creator of all that there is, keeps me humble and thankful!
2. Because I love to get a hug and handshake from people who are glad to see me!
3. Because I love to sing and make a joyful noise and I love to hear others share their beautiful voices in praise of our Lord!
4. Because my children and grandchild are all grown up, I can experience the joy and wonderful innocence of many beautiful children as they discover the wonder and truth of our Lord! They are so sweet that it makes me cry every Sunday. They are our hope and they need all of us and they need the church!
5. Because I love to hear that there is going to be a wedding! I also love to hear when a couple are expecting! What a joy it is to be included in other people's joy! To share in birthdays and anniversaries is unifying! To experience a baptism is one of the most beautiful and powerful sacraments to witness. God loves joy!

6. Because experiencing Holy Communion is never a ritual to me but an opportunity for renewal and to be nurtured by the truth of what Jesus did for us. To watch everyone come forward to receive the bread and cup is emotional to me for there is not a more unifying worship practice, then when everyone of every age, ethnicity, heritage, gender, skin color, status or position is welcome at table. Everyone is welcome at the table of our Lord!
7. Because I love and I am inspired when I see a couple who have been married for a year sitting beside a couple who just celebrated their 60th anniversary!
8. Because even when I have been wounded by the church, I know that I can receive healing and hope from the church too! And most of all, Jesus enables me to forgive others and to also ask for forgiveness!
9. Because I like being a part of something bigger than me! I like being with a team of people that is trying to make a difference in this world by helping others!
10. Because after a week of hard work, frustration and stress, I can come and gather with like-minded people, catch my breath, and enjoy a time of peace praising the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of all life!
11. Because worshiping fills my tank so I can keep going! It points me in the direction I should be traveling in this thing called life. My week is just not right if I have not been in worship!
12. Because I can learn and grow from the Saints of the church! It helps me to remember not who I am but whose I am. I am a child of the living God and I owe him everything!
13. Because small talks turn into heart talks and passing the peace turns into a love fest!
14. Because my extended family is always there for me and I love them!
15. Because the Word of God needs to be heard and proclaimed every week!
16. Because I need Jesus every week. And we need each other!



17. Because I love everything that the church stands for and I have a duty to worship my Savior who died on a cross for the atonement of my sins and who rose from the grave on the third day so that my redemption and salvation could be complete!

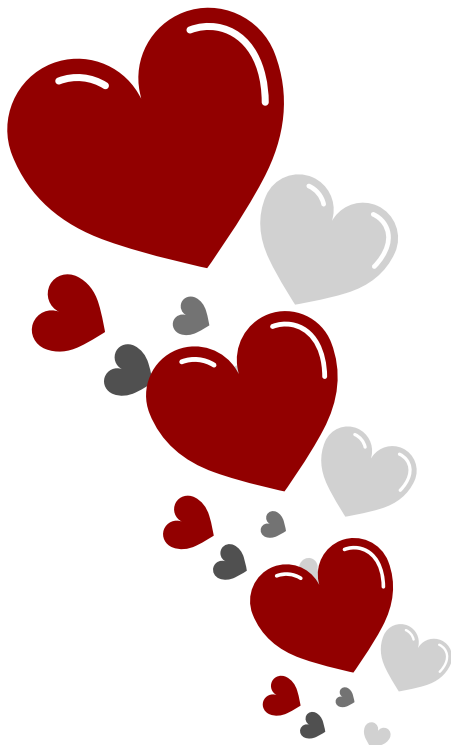
“The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Amen”

1 Peter 4: 7-11

God bless you all!

Pastor Steve



**“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- Philippians 4: 4-7**



February Birthdays

- 1st Larry Dick
- 5th Sonny Sibert
- 6th Sondra Boudier
- 8th Charlie Shepley
- 10th Sue Wells
- 15th James Clayton Hardesty
- 16th John Nevitte Renner
Hayden Stinnette
Ken Wales
- 17th Lillian Hardesty
- 19th Ed Cooper
- 20th Evan Taylor
Rhonda Snyder
Everett Oakes
- 21st Mike Repine
Zoe Carroll
Jackson Carroll
- 22nd Chad Earhart
- 23rd Denise Repine



Happy Anniversary

- 14th Bob & Kathy Hunt
Ron & Jo Anne Baker
- 18th Dave & Marcia Darsie

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?

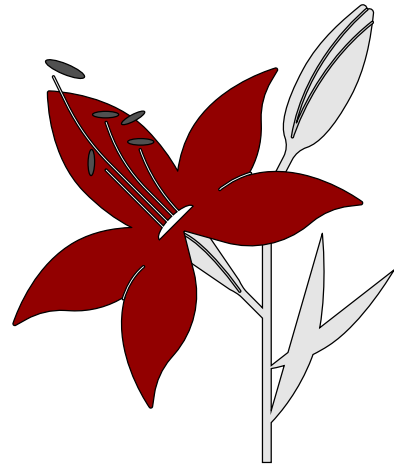
Kindly send an email to Becca Ratliff at beccalea.ratliff@gmail.com with a subject:



“Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution”

CONDOLENCES

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



- Jan Ritter's daughter in law, Joanne Pauloz claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Kathy Dixon's nephew, Josh, claimed the promise of the resurrection.



**“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
*(Isaiah 41:10)***

Children's Ministries!!

February is the month of love! So, let's give everyone we meet a smile, handshake, hug, or do an act of kindness randomly this month. There is so much coldness and sadness out there, so let's share the love of Jesus and warm that coldness and lessen that sadness whenever we can. Jesus loved us first, so we love Him, now follow His example!

This month we are learning about David in Children's Church, in our Winter series, Heroes of the Bible. I love teaching about our Bible heroes because they are flawed humans, who learned valuable life lessons we can learn from.

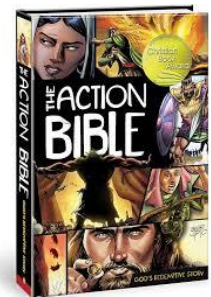
Our children are SUPER interested in the Action Bible and I have had to purchase several to give out. It is a blessing that the children are ASKING for a Bible!!! The Action Bible is a Bible set in a comic book style. It's perfect for our visual readers, and for those just getting started.

I hope you have a wonderful and blessed February.

Blessings,

Carrie Fair

Minister of Children and Administration



Questions/comments please text Miss Erin
540-535-5283

February 15th : Jubilee Soup Kitchen

Time: 10 – 12:30

Youth will meet downtown at First Presbyterian Church

February 22st : Cooking Night!

Time: 4 – 6 PM

Youth will be taking over the kitchen and whipping up a breakfast for dinner meal.



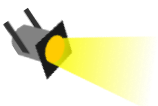
Greetings from Outreach

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.”

There is a great opportunity this month to come and learn all about our Outreach Programs & Ministries. Carrie Fair is organizing The Ministry Fair which will be held on February 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Our volunteer leaders will be there with displays to discuss each of their special areas of outreach & ministry. If you are led to be involved in Outreach or would just like to find out about what we do, please make plans to attend. All are welcome!

We will be taking up a collection this month for The Laurel Center. Look for Donna Gallagher’s note in this newsletter.



We continue our spotlight series this month with the Helping Hands Cancer Outreach organization. The Believers, led by Theresa Gilbert, are focusing their fund-raising efforts on assisting this group.

Helping Hands provides financial assistance to people in our local community affected by cancer. They serve; Winchester/Frederick County, Front Royal/Warren County, Page County, Shenandoah County, Clarke County, and Fauquier County.

The mission of the organization is to help relieve the financial burden on cancer patients and their families resulting from medical costs. Not having to worry over costs allows patients to relax during treatment.

Assistance paying funeral expenses is also available for those who have lost a loved one to cancer.

Helping Hands provides help with rent/mortgage payments, car payments, gas & grocery cards as well as funeral costs.

In 2024, the Believers sponsored a bake sale and a motorcycle ride that earned over \$2,000.00 for the cause.

If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands Cancer Outreach, you can visit their website at <https://hccanceroutreach.org/> or contact Theresa Gilbert.

Join us at our next Outreach meeting. It is Thursday, March 6 at 7p.m. in the lower cottage. Hope to see you there!

Sharon Woodard
Outreach Committee Chair
sfwoodard111@gmail.com



CCAP Corner

February 2025

CCAP Mission: Guided by our faith in God and love of neighbor, CCAP is a community lifeline for all people in our area who find themselves struggling to meet basic needs, providing stability and security while enabling them to find paths to self-sufficiency.

A few **CCAP statistics from 2024:** The Clothing House and Baby Toddler Room served 7,061 households with over 165,000 items of clothing and 77,207 diapers distributed. Food in the amount of \$938,275 was distributed at the Main Building. 1081 households and 3229 individuals were assisted with water, electric and rent. Firewood was delivered to 50 households and 120 individuals. Volunteers have been wonderful and have graciously worked approximately 16,659 hours. CCAP's Executive Director, Andrea Cosans, called 2024 the Year of Partnership, with CCAP working with other organizations. Beginning in November, CCAP is partnering monthly with Goodwill, ARE, Sinclair Health Clinic, and Winchester and Frederick Co Social Services for **Horizon Goodwill Mobile Health Hub**. The Hub is held at CCAP on the last Wednesday of the month. The **Hub** offers free health Screenings, Housing Navigation and Workforce Development and help with applying for SNAP, Medicaid, Insurance Benefits and TANF. Health Hub is designed to get people into the system to meet their needs, including housing for the homeless. 67 people attended the first Health Hub in November. Another partnership with The Food Bank and United Way is collaborating to get more fresh fruit and veggies to Food Distribution locations.

Upcoming Events for CCAP – Bike Tour on 8/23/25 at the Valley Health Wellness Center. Mark your calendar to participate or volunteer.

Our next CCAP collection will be for the EASTER FOOD GIVEAWAY. We will be collecting items for the Easter food boxes to be given away on Saturday, 4/12 at CCAP. Signup sheets for items needed will be in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, 3/2 and 3/9. Items other than the meat should be delivered to the Red CCAP bins in the Narthex by Sunday, 3/30. Meat items can be left in the kitchen at the church.

Opportunities to Serve – There are many ways to volunteer your time at CCAP. 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.

Three Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGES: (1) - 419 N Cameron St; **(2)** - 700 Aylor Rd at Abundant Life Church; **(3)** – 102 Montague Av at Montague Ave Methodist Church. All are open **24 hours a day!!** These are intended to serve low-income residents. Items needed: Fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, soups, prepackaged sandwiches, garden foods, and yogurt. Please label and date your items.

Donations needed: Men's thermals (LG and XLG); Men's New Underwear (M, L, XL, and 2XL); Men's New white socks; Men's and Women's gently used jeans in smaller sizes. Gently used Linens including bedsheets, pillowcases, blankets and towels; adult backpacks and personal hygiene items. All donations may be dropped off Monday – Friday from 10am-1pm at 212 S Kent St. Winchester.

Our churches continued support for this important ministry is greatly appreciated!! Any questions, please contact me at 540-664-6973 or ricpat5@gmail.com.

Patty Leonard, Outreach CCAP Rep

February 2025 Faith and Health Corner



National Wear Red Day

National Wear Red Day is February 7, 2025

It is the icon day of American Heart Month. The American Heart Association's **Go Red for Women** movement is the trusted, passionate, relevant force for change to eradicate heart disease and stroke in women all over the world. Launched in 2004 as an awareness campaign, **Go Red** quickly grew into an international movement and has become a platform for real change.

The goal of **Go Red for Women** is to encourage awareness of the issue of women and heart disease, and to save more lives. The movement harnesses the energy, passion and power women have to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease.

On February 7, 2025 join in the campaign to raise awareness for heart disease. Women and men alike should wear a red shirt, dress, pants, hat, tie, scarf or even socks. Make it fun and join together with friends and colleagues to make a statement for a great cause.

Help raise awareness that heart disease is the greatest threat to women and encourage them to take action.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." - Proverbs 4:23

I wish each and every one of you a healthy and joyous 2025. As always I pray that you will both be a blessing and be 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.





A huge thank you to the Outreach Committee for their donation of \$500.00! Cancer patients in our community are very thankful for Helping Hands Cancer Outreach and the money that they receive to help reduce some of their “bill burden” so that they can concentrate on their health and healing process.

If you feel led to donate at any time, you don't have to wait for a major fundraiser. You can put a check directly into the collection plate at church with “The Believers” in the memo line and it will be deposited directly into our back account. You can also contact me directly and I will get the donation from you.

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

Theresa Gilbert
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“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.”
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT

Opportunities to Serve

The Laurel Center's wishlist for February includes the following items:

- Towels
- Wash cloths
- Hand towels
- Travel water bottles
- 2025 planners
- Flashlights
- Round diaper genie refills
- Adult backpacks
- Individual kid snacks
- Juice boxes



The red bins in the Narthex are for your donations.

The LC empowers those affected by domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing advocacy, outreach, support services, education and awareness. Working together in our community to stop the cycle of domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile organization.

Peace & Joy
Donna Gallagher

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NIV

Pathfinders Ministry

Pizza Lunch
Wed. Feb. 19th, 2025
Burnt Factory Church
Fellowship Hall
12:00 Noon

For more information, contact
Debbie Walker
(540)664-0908 / (540)667-6711
dswalker1@yahoo.com

Grief Support Group



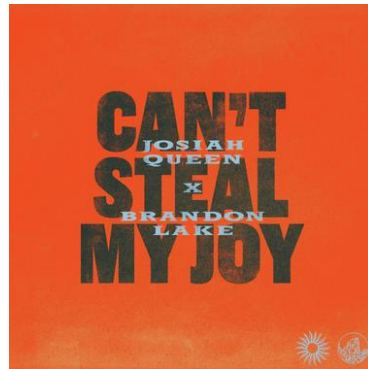
Romans 12:15
encourages believers to
"Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn,
highlighting the role of the
community
in sharing and alleviating
individual grief."



Can't Steal My Joy

Josiah Queen
(feat. Brandon Lake)
(2025)

Chorus Spotlight



Can't steal my joy, can't steal my joy
What the world couldn't give, no, it can't take away
Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy
Can't steal my joy

News From the Church Library

Winter is a great time for reading a good book. Many new books by some of your favorite best-selling authors have been added to the Church Library. I've listed below the different categories of books -including the titles available.

Christian Living:

Help Is Here (Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit) – Max Lucado

Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World (Certain Hope in Uncertain Times) Dr. David Jeremiah

The Pursuit of God (A Definitive Classic) – A. W. Tozer

Prayer:

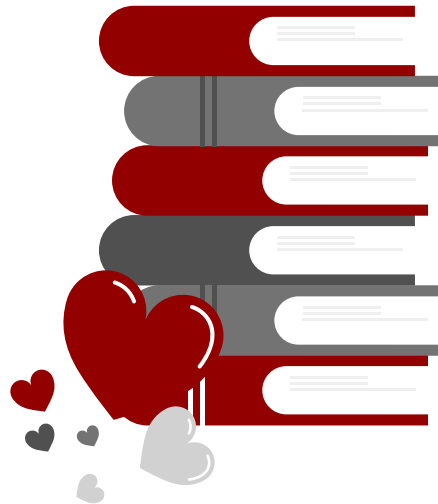
Books by Stormie Omartian:

The Power of Praying

The Power of a Praying Wife

The Power of a Praying Husband

The Power of a Praying Nation



Prophecy:

The World of the End (How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities) -David Jeremiah

The Great Disappearance – (“It Will be An Ordinary Day on This Globe-Until, Suddenly, It Isn’t”) Dr. David Jeremiah

The Coming Golden Age – (Dr. Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the thousand-year Golden Age.)

What Happens Next – (A Traveler’s Guide Through the End of This Age) Max Lucado

The Day Approaching – (An Israeli’s Message of Warning and Hope for the Last Days) Amir Tsarfati

News From the Church Library Cont'd

Fiction Suspense:

One Wrong Move – Dani Pettrey

Into the Fire – Irene Hannon – (Undaunted Courage Series – Book 1)

Over the Edge – Irene Hannon – (Undaunted Courage Series – Book 2)

Fiction:

Sea Glass Cottage – Irene Hannon

Starfish Pier – Irene Hannon

Children's Books:

Where'd My Giggle Go? - Max Lucado

Brave Irene – William Steig

Sugar Creek Gang Series by Paul Hutchins (Volumes 1-6)

1. *The Swamp Robber*
2. *The Killer Bear*
3. *The Winter Rescue*
4. *The Lost Campers*
5. *The Chicago Adventure*
6. *The Secret Hideout*

Holly's Heart (Collection One) – Beverly Lewis – (Youth Fiction)

Holly's Heart (Collection Two) – Beverly Lewis – (Youth Fiction)

Enjoy Reading!!

Doris Duvall

Church Librarian



February 2025 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Sun 2 nd	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 4 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Outreach Team
Wed 5 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 6 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 8 th	10:00 AM	Intentional Prayer Meeting
Sun 9 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 11 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 12 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 13 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 15 th	10:00 AM	Jubilee Soup Kitchen

Date/Time		Event
Sun 16 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 18 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 19 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
	12:00 PM	Pathfinders
Thurs 20 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 23 rd	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 25 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 26 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 27 ^h	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63

For more info, view the calendar on our website:

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