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Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ*



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Feed My Sheep

God began time in a garden. Perhaps that's why we are so attracted by the growth

and blossoming of trees, vegetables and our favorite flowers (though definitely not by tree pollen!). Have you driven by Embrace Waynesboro (the former Wayne Hills UMC on Fir Street) to see how our Community Garden is thriving? Beans, carrots, tomatoes and basil and more have been encouraged by rainwater and sunshine. What a blessing our youth, adult volunteers and leaders Adam and Julie Conner have begun. A Mission Team from Harrisonburg has created more raised beds and we are on our way to a wonderful supply of good, fresh food.

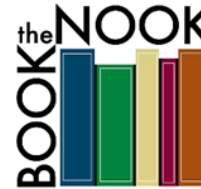
Jesus was straightforward about our call to feed the hungry and to do all we can to meet basic human needs (see Matthew 25:35-40). Have you had an opportunity to visit our church's Food Pantry that serves guests Monday-Thursday mornings in our church's lowest level? The work of our volunteers offers food of many kinds and respect, gentle listening and a place of acceptance and prayer. Our volunteers have put in place a computerized system and a well-organized approach to food distribution. Jesus is pleased, of that I'm sure!

Disciple's Kitchen is a Soup Kitchen, staffed by a group of ecumenical volunteers who prepare hot food for the poor and hungry... lunches on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Second Presbyterian Church and Saturday breakfasts at Basic UMC. This Waynesboro ministry has thrived for 12 years, with 250 volunteers serving over 100,000 meals. There is prayer, hymn singing and table fellowship. Would you like to be a part of the MSUMC Team? Please let Pastor Linda know.

And then there's the food that we eat! Summertime cook-outs are so much fun and we have the most beautiful environment in which to enjoy them. But what exactly are we eating and how does it affect our wellbeing? "The Daniel Plan" by Rev Rick Warren is a 40-day program that looks at health holistically... what we eat, how we fellowship, what we focus upon and how we choose to be part of a community of believers with deep friendships. Would you be interested in this 40-day experiment? Please call the office and have your name put on our list. We will meet in August to explore details together.

Food for thought, brothers and sisters! David and I are full of gratitude for each of you and for Main Street UMC as we begin our fourth year of ministry among you. Happy Summer!

Pastor Linda



This column will routinely feature Library Updates and Guest Book Reviews.

Parents & Grandparents as Spiritual Guides

"Children are living messages we send to a time we will not see"

The focus of this book is how we have a responsibility to influence the spiritual growth of following generations. With the breakdown of the community networks and mobility of families, this is important for everyone, not just parents and grandparents.

The writer stresses the importance of working first on your own spiritual growth and lists ways you can strengthen your daily relationship with God while being a spiritual guide to the children around you. "You will never be able to give what you don't possess yourself". I gleaned so much from this book. I wish I had found it years ago when I was raising my children; but it is never to late to make a difference. There are so many outside influences, the early spiritual guidance of family and friends is our responsibility.

The author helped me realize grandparents do have a special role, with the knowledge of at least five generations and the importance of a family network. There is something in this book for everyone.

Guest Review by Murhl Blessing

BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON

For all who have enjoyed our Thursday morning Book Club and/or might be interested in joining us in the future, we will meet at The Purple Foot on July 2 at 11 am. Please RSVP to Pastor Linda

The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life

is a book by Rick Warren, Daniel Amen MD and Mark Hyman MD. Healthy eating, exercise, and focus on faith and friends point to increased wholeness and joy. Would you be interested in joining a group that tries out the Daniel Plan? We are planning an informational meeting in August, (time TBA). RSVP to the Church Office or Pastor Linda if you would like to attend.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS UMW YARD SALE



The UMW Yard Sale will be Saturday, October 19, in the Fellowship Hall. As summer arrives and you continue to clean out the cobwebs, please consider donating your "extra" items to the Yard Sale. We are unable to accept clothing, furniture or large exercise equipment. Please plan to bring your donated items on Friday, October 18. Please contact Judy von Bernuth if you have any questions at 540-946-0023 or judyvonb69@gmail.com.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH in August

Taking care of our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

Open: Larry Hart

Close: Richard Ammons



Our recycling volunteer for the month is . . .

Byron Ford

Our bus teams are . . .

- August 4 Jonathan & Susan White
- August 11 Tom & Amy Brown
- August 18 Ron Hiserman, Sue Ball
- August 25 Rodger & Brenda Daniels



Our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . .



- August 4 Grace Brown
- August 11 Richard Ammons
- August 18 Harold Baldwin
- August 25 Eleanor Duncan

Those delivering CD's to our homebound are...

- August 4 Ann Rosenberger
- August 11 Peggy Carter
- August 18 Suzanne Hall
- August 25 Judy Simora



Any articles or information for the September/October "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than **August 22nd.** Thank you!



We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in July, August and early September.

If you would like your birthday listed, please call the office at 540-942-1179 and inform us of your special day!

Bekah O'Dell	7/2	Catherine Parrigan	8/11
Lloyd Dollins	7/3	Doug Edwards	8/13
Paula Smiley	7/4	Olivia Brewer	8/15
Stella Hutchinson	7/6	Scott Lafferty	8/16
Dick Hay	7/6	Rajitha Brewer	8/16
Richard Ammons	7/7	Ann Melinda Humphrey	8/17
Marjorie Cooper	7/9	Rodney Bradt	8/18
Laurie Bame	7/10	Dennis Bryant	8/18
Rachael O'Dell	7/12	Logan Atkins	8/18
Melody Kraus	7/13	Lauren Caulder	8/19
Debra Allen	7/14	Bill Runkle	8/19
Cynthia Scott	7/14	Richard Humphrey	8/20
Debbie Richardson	7/14	Frank Fletcher	8/20
Caitlin Davis	7/15	Maxine Tolbert	8/21
Paris Hutchinson	7/17	Harvey Kelley	8/22
Karen Curry	7/18	Janet Owens	8/23
Don Johnson	7/20	Ann Walker	8/26
Don Coffey	7/24	Julia Lucas	8/28
Ron Hiserman	7/25	Millie Steele	8/31
Eric Bame	7/28	Joyce Miller	9/4
Judy McKinney	7/28	Stephanie Schaefer	9/6
Adam Parks	7/29	Phyllis Goff	9/6
Doris Sandridge	7/30		
Lovisa Prescott	7/30		
Linda Kusse-Wolfe	7/30		
Peyton Dollins	8/4		
Erin Hicks	8/4		
Doris Scott	8/5		
Bob Partridge	8/6		
Jessie Dollins	8/10		



Items Needed in the Main Street Food Pantry
July—Baking Mix (Bisquick, Corn Muffin Mix, etc.)
August —Spaghetti & Sauce

The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00 am, to assist people in our community in need of food. Financial or food donations are accepted. Contact Doug Edwards (540-942-3787) for more information.

CROP Coordinator Needed

Are you called to make a difference in alleviating hunger in our community and the world? MSUMC needs a coordinator for this year's CROP Walk. Janice Gentry has been our faithful CROP coordinator for years and her work responsibilities will not allow her to do it this year. Please contact the church office if you would like more information on this opportunity.

Paxot 2, Guatemala

Our VIM Team had a wonderful experience this past March as we built 50 stoves in Mayan homes, visited with midwives, school principals, clinic directors and After School Program kids. Our Team members will be sharing about our very successful mission during Mission Moment in both worship services on:

July 7 (Stove Building)

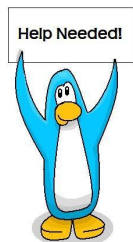
August 18 (Methodist After School Program/ Shoes for Kids)

Our next VIM Trip to Paxot 2 is projected to be: March 21-29, 2020. We will have service opportunities for a range of abilities and would warmly welcome youth to join us!

Pastor Linda invites those called to mission in Guatemala to join her for an exploratory visit to Guatemala from November 11-15.

Our purpose will be to travel with Guatemala VIM Director Lulu Ramirez and husband Rich to explore new opportunities for service that are less physically demanding than building stoves. We will visit an orphanage that receives abandoned and handicapped children (including kids from Paxot), the Methodist Retreat Center (which our church in Paxot 2 visits), and Maryknoll Sisters who were present during the Guatemalan civil war. Our goal for our 2020 Mission Team will be to have "two tracks" or two options for service during our week together.

A Benefit Dinner for Guatemala Travel Scholarships is being planned for a Wednesday evening in late October. More information will be forthcoming!



Does anyone know of a Boy Scout looking for a project to earn his Eagle Scout? Spirit Horse Shenandoah Valley needs trails cleared of debris and improvements made so special needs kids and adults can use them when their Fall Session starts in Sept. Please call or text Joyce Miller at 540-836-9133 or PM her on Facebook. Thank you so much.



Summer Music Camp July 8-12, grades K-5

Mark your calendar for Christmas in July! Watch our website at mainst-umc.org for updates!

YOUTH OF MSUMC

Summertime is a busy time for the youth. In June, we started off with a trip to Kings Dominion followed by celebrating our Graduates. The Youth along with a few green thumbs in the congregation



(Helen Ammons, Pastor Linda, David Wolfe, Dawn Lemansy, Julie Conner and Laurie Lafferty) got dirty by building, filling with dirt, and planting five raised gardens at Embrace. We planted tomatoes, tomatillos, basil, squash, carrots, parsley, and green beans with all produce being donated to the food pantry as well as the community table at Embrace. We then moved into Vacation Bible School where we had seven youth participate

as group helpers and at times join in on the fun! At the end of June the youth are spending the afternoon helping at Project Grows and in the first of July the Youth will be delivering meals to Meals on Wheels recipients. We will finish off July with a trip to Sherando Lake before we dust off our bookbags and head back to school in the first of August.



Adam Conner





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July

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Close: Rod Campbell



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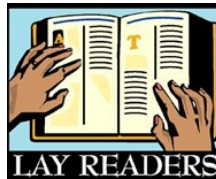


Our bus teams are . . .

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| July 7 | Ron Hiserman, Sue Ball |
| July 14 | Rodger & Brenda Daniels |
| July 21 | Peggy & Tinker |
| July 28 | Eugene & Frances Mooney |

Our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . .

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| July 7 | Holly Andrus |
| July 14 | Suzanne Scheetz |
| July 21 | Bob von Bernuth |
| July 28 | Jim McKinney |



Those delivering CD's to our homebound are...

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| July 7 | Carole Hill |
| July 14 | Phyllis Plyler |
| July 21 | Glenda Norford |
| July 28 | Dot Trott |

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22nd. Thank you!



4TH OF JULY



Meals on Wheels

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors in the month of July. The meals and directions to clients are picked up from the Waynesboro Senior Center at 10:45a.m each day. You should allow about an hour to deliver all the meals. You are not only bringing food for good nutrition, but also your friendly caring presence which feeds the soul. Contact person: Janice Gentry (jsgafton@yahoo.com or 932-2076).

CROP Walk

Please mark your calendars for this year's CROP Walk: **September 29, 2019**, 2 p.m. at Ridgeview Park Amphitheater in Waynes-



boro. This year is the 50th year since Church World Service started the CROP Walk program to raise funds to fight world hunger. It's the 43rd year of our local walk and our church has participated since the beginning! Please join our team of walkers and sponsors to celebrate this milestone year. Additional information will be forthcoming in mid to late August.

Main Street Calendar

Worship: Helping People Love God

8:30 am Informal Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Ministry at Waynesboro Manor: 9:45 am Third Sundays
Masterpeace Bells: 4:30 pm Sundays
God's Kids: 9:40 am Sundays
Caritas: 5:30 pm Sundays
Celebration Ringers: 11:30 am Mondays
Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays

Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

Agapetons Prayer Group: 4:00 pm Third Sundays
Youth Group Activities: 6:00 pm Sundays
Book Club: 9:30 am Thursdays
Women's A.N.G.E.L. Circle: 7:00 pm Fourth Tuesdays
Wonderful Wednesday: 3:00 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Dinners: 5:00 pm Wednesdays
Bible Study: 6:00 pm Wednesdays
Women's Social Concerns Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays
Women's Dorcas Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays

Ministry Teams: Helping People Serve Christ

Church Council: 6:30 pm 3rd Monday of every month
Finance Meeting: 6:30 pm 2nd Monday of every month
Trustees: 6:30 pm 2nd Sunday of every other month
"Spire" Volunteers: 9:00 am Last Thursday of every other month
Mourning to Morning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

Special Monthly Events

July 2nd—Youth Delivering Meals on Wheels
July 4th—Independence Day
July 4th—**Church Office Closed**
July 8th—12th—Summer Music Camp
July 14th—Compline Service
August 11th—Fall Kickoff Picnic—Ridgeview Park—Woodland Shelter

For more information on any upcoming events, contact Debbie or Kathy in the church office, 540-942-1179.

Children OF MSUMC

Children's Ministry Calendar

July 8-12 Summer Music Camp
August 11 Sunday School Promotion during both services
August 11 Fall Kickoff Picnic, Ridgeview Park, Woodland Shelter, 4-7 pm
August 18 Regular Children's Church and Sunday School Resumes
September 11 Wonderful Wednesday begins



Our Children's Ministry Team Needs You !!

Is God calling you to become part of our Children's Ministry team? We have a need for helpers for Sunday School time and/or 8:30 am Children's Church. Contact Dawn Lemasney to learn more.

Summer Sunday School and Children's Church

Children, ages 3-11, meet in a combined Sunday School class at the usual time each week. Regular Sunday School classes resume on August 18.



Children's Church is taking the summer off. Children are invited to sit with their families. Check out our Activity Folders, available in the back of the Sanctuary -- ask a greeter for more information. Nursery care will be provided as usual throughout the summer.

A Report from Athens: VBS was a hit!

We learned about Paul's second missionary journey, and how God loves us all the time. We sang, danced, prayed, played games and even ate Greek food together. We made clay pottery, and wrote with a stylus like a real ancient scribe would use. Kids were grouped together in mixed-age "Oikos" or families, led by an adult volunteer. We got to know many kids who were new this year, and we were blessed to learn how God is working in their lives, and how we can continue to support and pray for one another. There were a total of 48 children and youth who attended, up by more than 25% over last year. Through our service project, we collected 200 items for the Food Pantry!

I want to offer special thanks to everyone who played a part. We had 24 adults who made the commitment to take part, along with numerous others who supported us through donations and prayers. Thank you all for making a powerful week for the kids.

Sincerely,
Dawn Lemasney



Worship Scriptures & Sermons

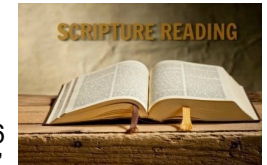
July 2019

- July 7 Holy Communion
Galatians 6:1-10, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
"For the Good of All"
- July 14 Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-29
"Never Cease Praying"
- July 21 Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42
"All the Work by Myself"
- July 28 Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13
"Your Kingdom Come"



August 2019

- August 4 Holy Communion
Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21
"A Treasure Hunt?"
- August 11 Hebrews 11:1-5, Luke 12:32-40
"Keep Your Lamps Lit"
- August 18 Jeremiah 23:23-29, Luke 12:49-56
"Can You Interpret These Times?"
- August 25 Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17
"A Consuming Fire"



BIBLE STUDY July 10, 17, 24 and 31

We will meet in the Spares & Pairs Classroom at 6 pm on these Wednesday evenings, to explore the major themes in the Gospel of Mark:



1. Jesus the Messiah
2. The character of God
3. The Reign of God
4. The Call to discipleship

Please join us!

This is what VBS is all about !



Safety Awareness

We had a periodic fire safety inspection at church soon, and that prompted thinking about “I wonder if our congregants know...” some of the key elements of inspections that we can have a direct impact upon... Obviously, the more serious issue of not being in compliance with Code, rests with exposing ourselves and others to unnecessary hazards, easily life threatening...that being what the Code is actually all about.

So, from a layman’s perspective:

1. We must keep open and uncluttered access to all fire extinguishers and to electrical control panels (in other words, nothing is to block access to them).
2. Hallways are to remain clear from storage of all materials which could reduce escape in an emergency. (No storage of anything into a hallway beyond the door framework.)
3. Surge protector power strips’ use are OK, but none may be “daisy chained” (one feeding another).
4. Extension cords are OK to be used if they are of adequate gauge wire for a temporary use; they must be removed after each occurrence of use (i.e. not kept in place for the next day use and so on).
5. Temporary use of cords must not be beneath runners, carpeting, etc. or present trip hazards.



These are a few items of present and former inspections/observations that nearly all of us can impact, directly or through after-the-fact observation. Let me (or Ed Combs, Judy von Bernuth) know if you see something which needs to be addressed and you are unable to fix yourself.

Thanks!
Richard Ammons