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A Note From the Pastor

February 2018

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This past week I had an experience that I would like to share with everyone in our church. I was recently invited to participate in a planning meeting for a possible spiritual gathering or revival for our community. While I know this subject has come up before, and I know the county has had such events in the past, I really feel that something different is afoot here. What was both provocative and exciting about the meeting was that whatever this event turns out to be, it will be Holy Spirit led and bathed in prayer from the very beginning.

To stimulate our spiritual thinking, the meeting attendees received a testimony from a pastor in our area who was obviously excited about a word from God he had received. This was a word to plan and implement some kind of event that would serve as an awakening of God's people to the power and continual presence of God in the community.

Nothing at the planning meeting was decided as to time, date, or even the format because the participants agreed that all plans must come from God. And we further agreed that the way to organize such an event was for as many people as possible to be in prayer for God's word about God's plans. In other words, if such an event occurs, it will not be led by the agenda of a few pastors along with a few interested laity. It became very clear from the beginning of the meeting that this could be the initiation of an outpouring of Holy Spirit power in our community the likes of which has never before been seen. Now for those who don't really see how an awakening event might bear witness to God's presence, or for those who don't believe that God

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would use a small community like Greene County for a larger display of Holy Spirit power, maybe such an event doesn't make much sense. But I can tell you that in my humble opinion, the Spirit was already present at that meeting. And if we truly remain sensitive to the Spirit's leading, there is no telling what may happen.

My encouragement for our congregation is that we all begin praying about what God may be up to in Greene County. We should involve as many friends, relatives, and neighbors as possible in the prayer effort. Specifically, we should be asking God if God wants a spiritual awakening to happen. And if God wants the awakening to happen, how does God want us to cooperate with God in planning and implementing such an awakening. As we approach the season of Lent this would be a good time for us to humble ourselves before God as we ask for God's spiritual direction, not only for our own lives but for our entire community as well.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

Birthdays This Month

6 Blair Freid
6 Bryce Hoffman
8 Danease Arrington
9 Connie Flora
9 Kathy French
9 Holly Perkins
11 Erin Rocha
12 Kylie Shifflett
13 Scott Durrer
15 Haywood Lawson
16 Thomas Hayes
19 Nathan Kirby
19 Cyndy Sprinkle
20 Melvin Shifflett
21 Ainslie Whitmarsh
25 David Mack
27 Lil' Jonithan Mullins
27 Shelton Mullins
28 Robbie Houchens

March Birthdays

3 Jennifer Capecci
3 Tom Wallace
4 Zed French
6 Ellen Deane
7 Scott Feathers
9 Chloe Feathers
9 Natalie Richardson
9 Duane Tooley
10 Brady Lam
10 Larry Mayhew
13 Andy Roach
14 Siobhan Hudson
19 Samantha Brunelle
20 Bridget Kirby
20 Morgan Lam
21 Sandy Reynolds
23 Elizabeth Conley
23 Mackenzie Woodward
25 Mary Louise Konetski
27 Charles Martin
28 John Ringle



COOK'S CORNER

Thank you Sharon Morris for sharing this recipe.

Barbecue Style Meatloaf

- 1 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1/2-1 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 six ounce cans tomato sauce
- 1/2-1 cup water
- 2-3 tbsp. vinegar
- 3 tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 tbsp mustard
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce (optional) but I use it.

Combine and mix beef, crumbs, onion, egg, salt, pepper, and half a can of tomato sauce. Shape into a loaf and put in a shallow pan. Combine remaining ingredients and sauce. Pour over loaf. Bake at 350 for 2 hour and 15 minutes. Baste occasionally. Yield: 4-6 servings.



Health Nugget

In this flu seasons, many herbs can be taken to help fight off colds and flu. For example, Ginger. "It is an excellent herb for the respiratory system. It is good for fighting off colds and flu. It removes congestion. Ginger is stimulating for the circulation. Ginger and capsium work together to help bronchial congestion and stuffy noses." Taken from Today's Herbal Health, p. 67.

OUR SUMC YOUTH IN SPORTS

Please furnish Val Shifflett with all the info you can regarding youth sports activity.

Varsity Girl's Basketball

Team Members:

Samantha Brunelle and Emma Pickett

- 2/2 7:15 Skyline, home
- 2/6 7:15 Warren County, home
- 2/9 7:15 Brentsville, home

Varsity Wrestling

Team Members:

Blaise Van Dyke and Alex Hoffman

- 2/3 TBD District Tournament
Liberty HS, Bealeton
- 2/10 10:00 Region Championship
Spotsylvania HS
- 2/16 TBD State Championship
Location TBA



Hands and Feet of Christ

- Val Shifflett for keeping kitchen supplies and cleaning supplies stocked.
- Steve and Sharon Morris and Carroll and Ellen Deane for so willingly hosting the Men's Gathering each month.

UMW

The Rebecca Circle will meet on February 21 at the home of Ellen Deane at 10:00 a.m. Following our meeting Ellen will serve us lunch featuring her special chicken pie. If you are not a circle member, we would love to have you visit us to see what we do as a group. For information please call Gail Grant at 336-953-0540.

The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet February 22 at the home of Jane Winner at 1:00 p.m. As with the Rebecca Circle, if you would like to join this circle, please just show up - you are most welcome.

UMW UNIT MEETING

There will be a **Unit meeting** of the UWM at the church on Monday, February 5, at 12:00 p.m. This will be a luncheon hosted by the Susanna Wesley Circle. Please make plans to come and enjoy good food, fun conversation, and lots of talk about our work in missions.

Men's Gathering

All men are invited to the February men's gathering which will take place on Monday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Sharon Morris. Their address is 1533 Rosebrook Road in Stanardsville. Come for an evening of great fellowship and food.

JOY Group

The Joy Club will not meet on the 1st Wednesday of February. As in recent years, The Joy Club will provide the lunch after the Ash Wednesday noon time service on February 14th. If anyone has questions, please call Gail Grant at 336-953-0540 or Marion Daughtry at 434-985-2236. We hope you will all attend this special service and be treated by the JOY CLUB.

Budget Update

Total Operating Budget for 2018	\$183,484
Budget Needed as of January 28	\$14,114
Offering Received as of January 28	\$15,384
Budget Over as of January 28	+\$1,270

February Sip 'n' Chat

- Feb. 4 Fundraiser for Youth
- Feb. 11 Nancy Haney, Ellen Collier, Neddy Mack, Carolyn Warren
- Feb. 18 Evelyn and Bill Deisbeck, Chris Jeziorski, Mary Anne Berger, Don and Aline Bowman
- Feb. 25 UMW - Ellen Deane, Doris Swenson, Mary Greenwood, Barbara Ringle, Erva Shifflett, Marjorie Howell, Marian Durrer, Esther Porter

A Smile for the Day

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Mission Need for February

The Mission Need for February is for Kleenex type tissues.

Keep In Prayer

Sue Lam, John Ganoë, Ruth Hodges, Zed French, Scott Haas, Nory Sanabria, David Robinson, Carlyle Moyers, Joan Cabell, Phyllis and Danny Michau, Aaron and Elizabeth Martens, Matt Bunyea, Marion Daughtry, Glen Collier, Phyllis Collier, Tony Morris, Tom and Louise Hayes, Brianna Haynes, Rachel Early, Terry Krull, Gene Cumbia, Davis Lamb.

THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

Grace Kay Freid
Mick Carrier

At Home Bobbie Eddins
Eva Morris
Mildred Snow
Virginia Snow
Mike Rice

February Liturgists

2/4 John Ringle
2/11 Gail Grant
2/18 Marion Daughtry
2/25 Neddy Mack

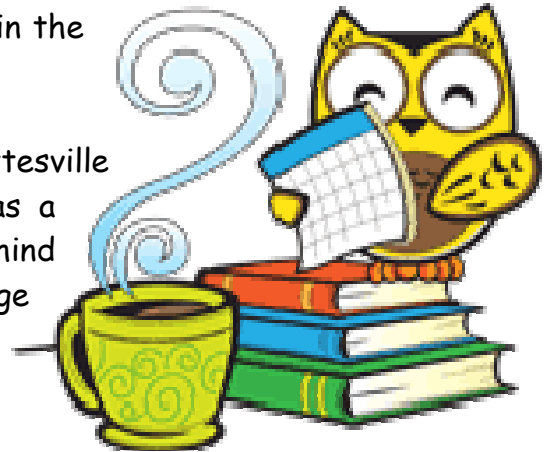
If you would be willing to serve as a liturgist, please contact Ellen Deane.

UMW Reading Program

CONGRATULATIONS to the Stanardsville UMW Reading Program participants!

In making the commitment to embrace Romans 12:2 ... *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds..."* ... You have once again been named number one in the Charlottesville District in the number of books read!

In addition, you have made a contribution to the Charlottesville District who was named number two in the Conference (as a percentage of increase in readers completing a Plan), just behind York River District. York River District contains many large church bodies, so to be named number two is quite an accomplishment!



SUMW began participating in the UMW Reading Program in 2013. While many women read books recommended by the UMW Reading List in the past, the organized Unit did not report any of the reading until 2013. Since then, SUMW has been number one in the Charlottesville District every year . . . through dedicated reading and meeting!

It is never our plan to be "number one" . . . It is just our plan to be dedicated readers who desire to "know God" . . .to develop "creative, supportive fellowships" and to "expand our concepts of mission". God has blessed us mightily!

A brief history of participant's reading and number of books read are as follows:

2013 - 11 readers @ 67 books

2014 - 16 readers @ 180 books

2015 - 9 readers + 15 Group Bible Study participants @ 206 books

2016 - 19 readers @ 249 books

2017 - 19 readers @ 272 books

These readers include men and women; both members of UMW and non-members of UMW! YOU too can participate if you have a desire! If you would like more information, please contact Jane Winner.

The next meeting is Thursday afternoon, February 8, 2018 from 1:30 to 2:45 at the home of Jane Winner. Come as you are!

Getting Acquainted With . . .



This talented and generous lady enjoys quilting, sewing, scrapbooking, reading, camping, gardening and hiking. She also walks four miles every morning before work with her husband. They like camping out west,

specifically in Rocky Mountain National Park and Glacier National Park.

She grew up in Minnesota with one sister and two older and one younger brother. Because of the age differences it was basically just the two girls who grew up together. Our mystery lady was brought up in the Catholic Church and went through high school in Catholic schools. After graduating from high school, she attended Jr. College for two years, and then went to work as an Episcopal Church Secretary. She continued in this position until she was married and moved to Minneapolis.

She married Dan on April 4, 1964 and moved with him to Minneapolis where he completed his education at the University of Minnesota. They made their way to Maryland, where her husband went to work for NASA until he retired at the age of fifty-five. She continued to work until their son was born. During that time they left the Catholic Church and began searching for a church that was more Bible based. While still searching they joined a community church, and after two years of Bible study became members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her husband has spent much of his retirement teaching and

volunteering in the Church. If anyone needs help, this couple will always be there for them.

They have two adult children. Their son Tim is a police officer in Maryland. He is married and has two sons. Their daughter Sarah, though she has a master's degree in librarian science, felt called into missionary work and spent ten years teaching in India. When Sarah was six or seven this lady went back to work at a large Seventh day Adventist high school until they made their way to Ruckersville about twelve years ago, and I am lucky to have her as a neighbor.

For the past eleven years she has been very important to the life of our Church and was responsible for my choosing this Church for my Church Home. You guessed her - Sue Endres, our Church secretary.

Looking Ahead



Wednesday, February 14

12:10 p.m. Second Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Stanardsville UMC Goes Green



Our church leadership has made the decision to reduce or eliminate the use of any materials that are harmful to the environment and/or are not recyclable. So, we are in the process of replacing our Styrofoam and plastic kitchenware with products that are environmentally friendly. Going forward we will be using plates, cups, bowls, and serving ware made with sugarcane fiber or a biodegradable material called Plantware. Our goal is to use only materials that can be recycled or composted and eliminate materials that will not degrade over time. While this decision is one that is more costly, it reflects our commitment to be good stewards of God's creation.

We will need your help in making this decision as effective as possible. Due to cost considerations we would ask that everyone try to be cognizant of their use of paper and plastic products. For example, you might re-use plates and serving ware during Sip 'n' Chat when you get dessert. This may seem like a small thing but over time it can be very helpful.



BOWLING FOR OUR APARTMENT PROJECT

It has been a long-time goal of the Charlottesville District to provide a safe and comfortable place for adults with intellectual disabilities. Initially, we partnered with Heart Havens of Virginia as we launched fund-raising activities. Due to many significant changes in federal assistance programs, Heart Havens has decided to focus more on program and educational support. Going forward the Charlottesville District is continuing its efforts to provide an apartment style facility for those adults in our area who are intellectually disabled.

This year, as last, we will be bowling to raise money for this project.



We will establish a Sunday in March to bowl at the lanes in north Charlottesville. We wanted to let you know in advance so you might begin assembling your bowling team. Teams will consist of six bowlers who must raise \$100.00 each to bowl. All proceeds will go to our Apartment Project. Please prayerfully consider organizing a team or joining a team to raise funds for this important outreach.

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