

Berryville Presbyterian Church



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GOD CARES...FOR YOU

It may be the simplest message we have to share but it is also perhaps the most important, “God cares. . . for you.” The thing is for most of you, reading this the news will hit with all the impact of a feather pillow swung by a two-year-old. “Well sure”, you might be inclined to say because it is a proposition that has been shared with you by some important people in your lives. Maybe it was Grandma or Grandpa who first told you that you mattered, or maybe it was Mom, or one of the nice ladies at church who showed up every Sunday to teach Sunday School. It doesn’t really matter who it was, what’s important is that someone told you and then went beyond that to share some of the stories that illustrate the reality of this truth. In their own way they sought to share with you their love for scripture and the hope they find within it. God cares...for you, the words strike us with all the impact of a feather pillow.

The question we ought to ask though is how do they strike the other one? The person who has never been told before—the one that didn’t have an important person to come alongside them and share with them, the one who spends most of the day wondering if anyone sees, cares, knows that they are in

pain and lost in the darkness? We need to know that they are out there, and that they are closer to us than we can imagine. They are lonely and longing. They are tired and empty. The question we ought to ask is, what if we became their important people? What if we came alongside them not only with the promise of God’s love and concern but shared with them the stories that illustrate that love in brilliant fashion? Would it change things for them? Would it change things for us?

This year’s VBS is built around the hope that not only can the news of God’s loving care for all his children change things but also that it will change things. I hope that you will join us for our week of sharing God’s love, care and concern with children from all over our community. Your mere presence will speak louder than words. The fact that you care will be a living sign that God does too. So, set aside July 10—14 and join us for The Marker Fun Factory as we tell the best truth we know that we matter, all of us. There are more details on page 2.

Blessings,
Jonathan



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Men’s Breakfast July 1st**
- **Independence Day July 4th**
- **VBS July 10th-14th**
- **VBS Pool Party July 16th**
- **Community Supper July 27th—
NEW TIME 5:15p.**
- **Men’s Breakfast August 5th**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our last class time of the term has come and gone. All the teachers and children are taking a much needed break from the routine of both day to day school and Sunday School. We had our wrap-up on Sunday, June 11th. Jonathan prepared his wonderful (and be sorry you missed it if you did!) French Toast. Our students and teachers, young and young at heart, were recognized for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication. What a wonderful way to congratulate everyone! Good job one and all. Have a relaxing, fun-filled summer!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Vacation Bible School, which is July 10-14 (details below). We will be spending the week in The Maker's Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a Purpose. It should be an great week of excitement and learning about God's purpose for each of us. Please plan to join us! There is a sign up sheet in the hallway across from the mailbox room - we'd love to have you for one night or all 5 nights. And we will be finishing up our week with a pool party! So come one, come all!



Have a great
Summer

Words of Promise

Enter this door
As if the floor
Within were gold,
And every wall
Of Jewels all
Of wealth untold;
As if a choir
In robes of fire
Were singing here.
No shout nor rush
But hush - - -
For God is here!

(these words are found on the door of the Sanctuary, the Unison United Methodist Church, 1832, Middleburg, Va.)

submitted by Patti Washington

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School! July 10th-14th

We will be welcoming the children of our community to share in the promise of God's love and grace. Your job now is to pray for this ministry and to INVITE, INVITE, and INVITE folks to come be a part of our celebration of God's redeeming love. Your next task is to join us throughout the week from 6:30-8:45 p.m. as we share in the joy and wonder of all that God has done for us. It is not too late to sign up to help. Call Cathy Dickey at 539-2056 or speak with Jonathan. **Most of all spread the word and invite families you know to join us and maybe even do something radical, invite some family you do not know, who knows, today might be the day.**



VBS Celebration—June 16th

This year the CE Committee has decided to celebrate the end of Vacation Bible School with a pool party at the Clarke County Parks and Rec Pool on Sunday, July 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will be inviting our VBS guests to join us so come join the fun. The CE Committee will provide drinks. Please bring a snack or desert to share. Feel free to invite friends, it is a good way to expose someone new to the warmth and fellowship of our church family.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed the church's long-range planning survey, either online or on paper. We had 35 responses and got some great feedback. A few items that stood out:

- All respondents ranked Worship as Very or Critically Important.
- 91% of respondents ranked Community Outreach as Very or Critically Important.
- 89% ranked Youth Education as Very or Critically Important, even though none of the respondents have children at home under the age of 12.
- 83% ranked Mission Support as Very or Critically Important.

Some common themes that emerged from the open-ended questions include:

- The need to attract new members, but not knowing how to do that.
- The need to get current members more involved in the life of the church, by providing new and different ways to participate, beyond attending service on Sunday.
- The need to reach out to members who are home-bound, either by providing transportation to church or by making personal visits (not only by the pastor).
- The need for greater community outreach, particularly with hunger relief programs.

The next step in the long-range planning process will be a series of small group discussions on specific topics. The Long-Range Planning Committee would like to hold these small group meetings in the fall (September and October) during the Sunday School hour, between services. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the bulletin in late August or early September. The four topics we will discuss are:

Worship
Adult Education
Community Outreach
Mission Support

In addition, because we received no responses from parents of young children (under 12), we will be arranging two other discussion groups: one for parents of preschool and early elementary school children and one for parents of older elementary and middle school children.

If you have any questions about the survey results or the upcoming small group discussions, or if you have suggestions to share, please let one of the Long-Range Planning Committee members know.

Betsy Arnett
Lee Ann Conover
Keith Conover
Mark Shenk
Michael Swisher

BOOK CLUB

Our book club met on June 21st at Cathy Dickey's house. We discussed *Tiny Beautiful Things, Advice on Life and Love From Dear Sugar*. It was a great, easy read about an advice column and the many letters that had been received and written by Dear Sugar. A fun, thought provoking, and interesting book. Our next meeting is July 19th. Our book to read is *Alligators, Old Mink, and New Money* by Melissa Houtte and Alison Houtte. If you'd like to join, you are very welcome. Just contact Cathy Dickey at 539-2056 for information.

Alligators, Old Mink and New Money is a celebration of the clothes that capture our memories and imaginations; that leave their indelible stamp on each of our lives. Narrated by Alison Houtte, a former fashion model who runs the beloved Brooklyn, New York, boutique Hooti Couture -- this book is not only the story of one woman's life in fashion, but also a vintage-shopper's guide that helps readers embrace the idea of seeking out fashion finds from past decades to accent their current wardrobe.

Marrying two of women's favorite pastimes -- shopping and reading -- Alison Houtte uses the merchandise she has bought, worn, or sold as a prism through which she examines everything from the labels we wear to the labels we put on our surroundings. Whether talking about her grandmother's navy blue slip or a creamy white forties alligator purse, Houtte knows that every article of vintage clothing has a story behind it. She uses these items as a springboard to explore such universal topics as relationships, self-image, the bond between mothers and daughters, and that elusive thing called style.



You Are So Blessed!

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, especially in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read anything at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never even know!

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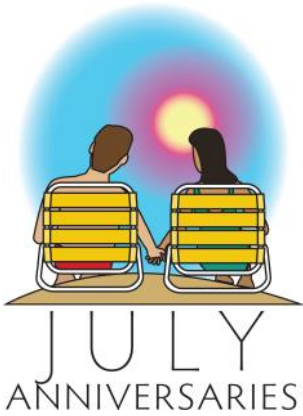


When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ~Psalm 8:3-5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8a Men's Breakfast
2 Communion Sunday 10a Worship	3 7p Committee Mtgs.	4 Independence Day	5 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	6	7	8
9 10a Worship	10 6:30-8:45p VBS	11 6:30-8:45p VBS 7p 4-H Mtg. 7p Deacons' Mtg.	12 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6:30-8:45p VBS	13 6:30-8:45p VBS	14 10a Hooks & Needles with Love 6:30-8:45p VBS	15 Habitat for Humanity "Rock the Block"— offsite
16 10a Worship 7-9p VBS Pool Party—offsite	17	18 12:30 Town & Country Garden Club 7p Session Mtg.	19 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 7p Book Club (off-site)	20	21	22
23 10a Worship	24	25	26 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	27 5:15p Community Supper at DMUMC	28	29
30 10a Worship	31					

July Volunteers

	July 2 4th Sunday after Pentecost	July 9 5th Sunday after Pentecost	July 16 6th Sunday after Pentecost	July 23 7th Sunday after Pentecost	July 30 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Flowers	Margaret Barb: To the Glory of God	Jonathan & Susan Bunker: To the Glory of God and in celebration of our 24th Wedding Anniversary	Joyce Edmonds: To the Glory of God	Charles & Grace Wakeley: To the Glory of God	Joan Schneider: To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Caitlin Bunker	Zach Rosen	Patti Washington	Emma Bunker	Sam Miller
Ushers	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Philip & Theresa Shenk	Philip & Theresa Shenk	Sue Windisch
Nursery Attendants	Beth Baldwin	Allie Hicks	Danielle Gardiner	Sarah Miller	Caitlin Bunker



- 3 Jonathan & Susan Bunker
- 9 Ben & Karla Ghaffari
- 13 Ray & Cathy Maloney
- 18 Marsha & Steven Duckstein

- 2 Mary Compton
- 2 Bryon Lee Ervin
- 2 John E. Tiedemann
- 2 Clay Welsh
- 3 Beth Shenk
- 4 Donnie Sheetz
- 6 Susan Daniels
- 10 Mary Green
- 10 Ellie Shirley
- 11 Steve Shirley
- 11 Jimmy Swisher
- 12 Emily Braithwaite
- 20 Michael Swisher
- 21 Jessie Daniels
- 22 Robert L. Crim
- 27 Rebecca Duerson
- 27 Charles Wakeley
- 29 Loretta Wright
- 31 Jordan Braithwaite
- 31 Danielle Gardiner



August



So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. ~Hebrews 4:9-10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	3	4	5 8a Men's Breakfast
6 Communion Sunday 10a Worship	7 7p Committee Mtgs.	8 7p 4-H Mtg. 7p Deacons' Mtg.	9 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	10	11 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	12
13 10a Worship	14	15	16 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	17	18	19
20 10a Worship	21	22	23 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	24 Signpost Deadline 5:15p Community Supper at DMUMC	25	26
27 10a Worship	28	29	30 12p Clarke Co. Rotary	31		

August Volunteers

	August 6 9th Sunday after Pentecost	August 13 10th Sunday after Pentecost	August 20 11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 27 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Flowers	Bonnie & Gerald Dodson: To the Glory of God	Ron Gladle: To the Glory of God	Nan & Jim O'Brien: To the Glory of God and in memory of Ernestine Levi	Charles & Grace Wakeley: To the Glory of God Joan Schneider: To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Margaret Barb	Gerald Dodson	Samantha Rosen	Wally Gardiner
Ushers	Camilla Welsh & Bonnie Dodson	Camilla Welsh & Bonnie Dodson	Camilla Welsh & Bonnie Dodson	Camilla Welsh & Bonnie Dodson
Nursery Attendants	Emma Bunker	Elizabeth Dalton	Kyle Gardiner	Emily Braithwaite



- 2 Joey & Kim Braithwaite
- 3 Mark & Beth Shenk
- 6 Keith & Lee Ann Conover
- 6 Charles & Grace Wakeley
- 11 Gerald & Bonnie Dodson
- 12 Michael & Marna Swisher
- 17 Chuck & Ann Izac
- 19 Walter & Gisela McMann
- 26 Bill & Betty Lackman
- 27 Bobby & Nancy Duke
- 27 Susan & Ed Windisch



- 1 Michael Hansen
- 2 Laura Duerson
- 3 John D. Fanning
- 4 Stacy L. Rosen
- 5 Wanita Rose Ervin
- 6 Susan Bunker
- 7 Connie Fisher
- 9 Susan Windisch
- 10 Kristen Kizer
- 11 James Dalton
- 11 Thomas Dalton
- 16 Matthew Tuohig
- 17 Bud Nagelvoort
- 19 Pat Kercheval
- 20 Suellen Skinner
- 22 Jim O'Brien
- 22 Matthew Ghaffari
- 24 Lee Ann Conover
- 26 Keith Conover
- 26 William Lackman
- 29 Russ Heikes
- 29 Wanda Jones
- 29 Charles (Chuck) Renner

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8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11:00 am Worship

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Tues.—Fri. 1pm-4pm;

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*We hope you enjoy this summer edition of “The Signpost”.
Articles for our September edition will be due August 24th.*



Summer Worship Schedule

**Now through Sept. 3rd
One Service at 10 a.m.**

Invite a friend and make it a habit to be with us this summer as we gather together to glorify and praise our God!