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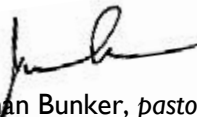
## Anticipation

As you read this, Jonathan and I are spending a week visiting my parents in North Dakota. This means, as I write this, I find within myself the sense of anticipation I always feel when I know that sometime soon I am going somewhere. There is something exciting about having someplace to go and I don't think it really matters where the place is. I have felt it going on vacations, leaving for a mission trips, and heading out to a conferences. For me it does not matter where because the excitement is about going there, getting there, and being there. As I write this, I am excited.

The season of Lent invites us into that same kind of excitement. In the midst of it, we are going somewhere and what we find when we get there is because of the great love of our God. We have someplace to go, we call it a Lenten journey. A journey to the cross and beyond leading us to the empty tomb. We seek to walk with the Lord as he shows us what it really means to live. We hear him talk about the importance of love and we see him show us the importance of love. The lives he touches along the way are transformed; Bartimaeus receives his sight, Zacchaeus finds forgiveness, the women at the well hears the truth. We could go on. He

says, "The greatest will know how to serve", and he washes his disciples' feet. He says, "Greater love has none more than this, to lay one's life down for a friend", and then he lays his life down for us. But before he does we hear him say one more thing, "I go to prepare a place for you."

There it is, the promise that shines the brightest on the cross and in the empty tomb. We have some place to go. And Jesus, out of his love for us, bore the cross and rose from the tomb to show us the way. Holy Week is coming with all of its opportunities to gather and remember that we are loved. I hope that the promise of Easter gets you excited and that the excitement will carry you through the remainder of Lent, into the Upper Room of Holy Thursday, and beyond that to the cross of Good Friday, and beyond that to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday. Come and join us as we go to all of these places in anticipation of the one place we have yet to go, the one our Savior went to prepare for us. As I write this I am excited for all of us because of what Easter promises us; we have a place to go. Thanks be to God.

  
Jonathan Bunker, pastor

## Mark Your Calendars!

- **Men's Breakfast April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8a**
- **Holy Week & Easter Schedule—  
April 9-16, see pages 6-7-8**
- **April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline for Easter Dedication orders.**
- **Book Club April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7p**
- **May Signpost deadline April 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Women's Circle April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10a**
- **Community Supper at  
DMUMC, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30p**

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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Spring has sprung! Finally! Our Sunday School students, young and young at heart, are all tired of being cooped up indoors! During Lent we are all learning just how much Jesus loved us as we study his final days on Earth. We are getting ready for the joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Soon to come - nice weather, fun experiences, and most of all, our annual pancake breakfast (cooked by some of our own hard-working men) and Easter Egg Hunt. Join us at 9:00 am on Easter Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, for the breakfast with the hunt to follow. It's sure to be a great time for all!



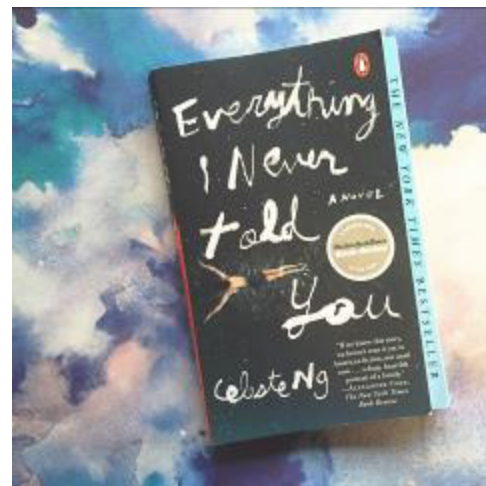
## BOOK CLUB

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The book club met on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Cathy Dickey. We discussed *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. Moving on, our next book is *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. We'll be meeting next on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Lynn Tuohig's home. Please join us! The church office has contact information if you'd like to know more.

"Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet." So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

~*Everything I Never Told You*



## ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR NEW PLAY SET!

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We need a group of folks for a fun project, putting together a new outdoor play set. Our old one has found a new home at Wayside Farm Fun. We've set the date of April 29<sup>th</sup> aside for construction and installation of a brand new one. The set comes with everything we need except willing hands! You know what they say, "many hands makes light work". So come and give a hand! Lunch will be provided. All you need is a willingness to pitch in (and a few light tools if you've got 'em!). Call Cathy Dickey at 539-2056 if you wish to volunteer or would like more information.



# WITNESSING MIRACLES: PENNY UPON PENNY

On the fourth Monday of each month when we gather around the table in the library to study, *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker, (teaching Elder and Professor), we begin with prayer by lighting the Christ candle. We continue with a member sharing an Opening (story, poem, reading, song, or artwork) and move on to have a reading from various booklets of *The Fellowship of the Least Coin*. A small basket is passed around the table where we place the pennies we may randomly have in our pocketbooks. Thankfully, Margaret Barthel keeps tally of all this treasure



until the end of the year when she sends it in to the Presbytery U.S.A. where it is combined with all the other least coins collected nationally under the leadership of the United Presbyterian Women.

In 2016 these tiny coins of love given with prayer for our sisters and brothers around the world grew to a total of \$251,800. Next

month you will see miracle upon miracle on how this humble prayer offering was used.

**Come join the Women's Circle and watch your own faith grow!**

*Submitted by Patti Washington 540-554-9006*

## Shenandoah Presbytery

Presbyterian Women  
2017 Spring Gathering  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Massanetta Springs  
Harrisonburg, VA



more info: Patti Washington  
540-554-9006

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ~Psalm 118:1-2*



## *Lilies and Gardens*

We will be using Easter Lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Morning. The cost of a lily is \$8.50 and may be given in memory or in celebration of loved ones. As an alternative, we will be partnering with the Presbyterian Mission Agency in providing impoverished families the materials and resources necessary to develop Container Gardens. This allows families in countries like Haiti to grow food in smaller spaces with minimal expense, water, and labor. \$40 provides a family with everything they require to grow life sustaining food in the limited space they have. You can sponsor a share of a container garden for \$10. **Please attach a check to this form and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Order: \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies \$8.50 each      \_\_\_\_\_ Container Garden \$10 per share

Total Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial or Celebration Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_



**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>!**



## MISSION TO BATON ROUGE\*

Our Mountain Valley Mission Community (MVMC) team of five left Winchester on March 4<sup>th</sup> and returned March 11<sup>th</sup>.

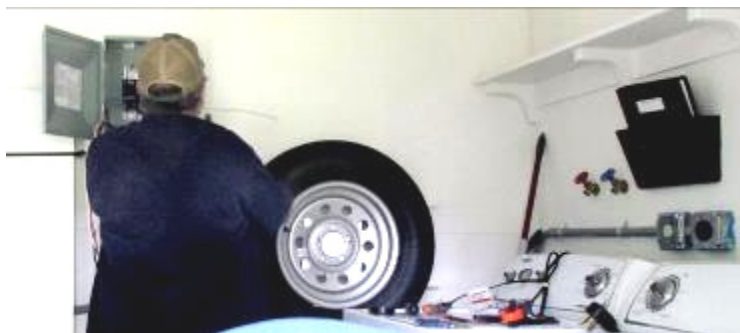
The primary purpose was to help re-build homes damaged by the extensive flooding last summer in and around Baton Rouge, LA. We worked on four homes, providing help with various carpentry, plumbing, and electric tasks. Meeting and hearing the stories of the homeowners was, as always, a highlight of our work trip.

We also moved one of two presbytery shower trailers from South Carolina to Baton Rouge. The trailer served about a year at a PDA Volunteer Village at Lake Murray PC for the flooding there in 2015. UPC is it's new home where it will provide service to the hundreds of volunteers coming to re-build after the Baton Rouge flooding.

We assisted with the assessment of the damage to the Olive Tree Volunteer Village that was destroyed by recent tornadoes in New Orleans. That was the site where we stayed on work trips to New Orleans over the last five years.

We have grown a small, dedicated group of experienced disaster response workers in the Mountain Valley Missions Community (and beyond). We also have collected a list of recommendations for planning work trips that we can share with other potential trip leaders. This year's trip was jokingly billed as our sixth annual "last trip" to the Gulf Coast. We have moved on now from the Katrina recovery to other disasters that need attention. Although we are hoping to move our trips closer to home, the relationships built in the Gulf Coast will keep drawing us back. Next year will likely be our second annual trip to South Louisiana.

\*this is an excerpt from "Disaster Response Work Team Report, March 4-11, 2017" by Dave Thalman, Coordinator.



Thank you Dave Thalman (Winchester, VA); Russell Low (Charlestown, WV); Paul Lewis (Damascus, MD); Jimmy Swisher & Gerald Dodson (Berryville Presbyterian Church).

## ENDERS FIRE & RESCUE

Your service is needed in our community! A canteen of volunteers, when called upon, would provide food and beverages to the members of Enders Fire & Rescue and other first responders. This service is needed when the calls involve many hours. The canteen volunteers would be called in rotation and with enough volunteers you may only need to serve once a year.

A call from Dispatch would be made to one of the canteen organizers, who in turn would call two to three volunteers from a phone tree. As of now, the meeting place would be the Enders Fire Hall where items such as ice, water, Gatorade, and small snacks would be retrieved to take out to the scene of a call. Coolers, a folding table, chairs, and a tent would also be made available.

At the scene, we would set up and offer food and drink to all of the first responders. If the situation requires many hours then arrangements would be made for other food such as sandwiches, hamburgers, pizza, etc. to be picked up.

Once a list of canteen volunteers is in place, there would be an organizational meeting with Chris Shipe and Jay Arnold from Enders Fire & Rescue. You would not be required to attend monthly meetings.

For more information, or to sign up, please call Debbie Zimmerman: 540-955-9183. Thank you!



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

From Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 of our youth and 5 adults took part in the 30 Hour Famine. We fasted for 30 hours spending much of that time together in service to our community. Highlights of the event included an early morning (4:30 a.m.) visit to the Winchester Rescue Mission Shelter where we assisted with preparing breakfast and cleaning up around the shelter.

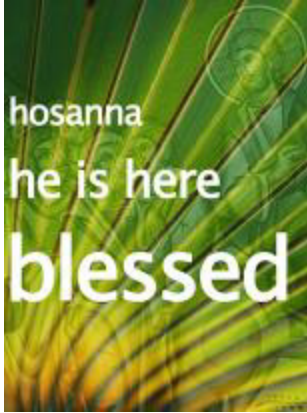
Later that afternoon after some rest time we spent two and a half hours in front of the Shop and Save asking shoppers to help us fight hunger in our community by donating non-perishable food staples for us deliver to the FISH Food Pantry. The people we met were tremendously generous and we brought back six shopping carts full of food back to the church, where it was placed in the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship. At 6 p.m. we broke our Fast with a communion service in the sanctuary followed by a delicious breakfast of soup and grilled cheese, along with Marna Swisher's world famous bacon wrapped tatter tots (oh they are so good.)

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> Famine we have participated in in as many years and in that time over \$30,000 has been raised to fight hunger around the world. The youth express their appreciation to the congregation for its continued support of this outreach.





# Holy Week & Easter Day



## **Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

With palms and shouts of joy we will welcome the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings into our sanctuary and into our hearts. This Service will feature special music as we are led in worship by our Sanctuary Choir. Come wave your Palms in the air and sing praise to Jesus' name.



**MAUNDY**  
**Thursday**

## **Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

We will commemorate the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper by gathering around the table and remembering the love and devotion that led him to offer his life for ours. Bring a friend and join us as we heed the command of Jesus, "to remember him."



**GOOD**  
**FRIDAY**  
**SERVICE**

## **Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 p.m.**

The Clarke County Ministerial Association will sponsor a service focused on the suffering and sacrifice of our Savior, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." We will be hosting this service and it will include leadership from a variety of churches in our community along with the participation of the Clarke County Senior Center Choir.

**7:00 p.m.**

The Clarke County Ministerial Association will hold an evening worship service focused on the seven last words Jesus spoke on the cross. The service will be hosted by Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church.



## Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a.m.**

The men will gather at 7:30 a.m. to prepare breakfast.

**9:00 a.m.**

The Men of the Church invites everyone to join us for our traditional breakfast that includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, baked apples, and other wonderful goodies.

### Following Breakfast

The children will participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Christian Education Committee

We will decorate our sanctuary for Easter worship. The Lenten Cross stands bare in our sanctuary, a stark sign of Christ's sacrifice for us. We believe and proclaim that Easter changed something. As a sign of the promise of New Life we decorate the cross with Spring Flowers. We invite you to share a few from your yard with us. Bring them with you when you come to breakfast and join the fun as we decorate the sanctuary. For more information please speak with Camilla Welsh or Stephanie Lederhouse.



## Easter Day, April 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Early Service

10:00-11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

### What is the origin of the Easter Egg Hunt?

In England, Germany and some other countries, children rolled eggs down hills on Easter morning to symbolize the rolling away of the stone from Jesus' tomb. British settlers brought this custom to the New World. In 1814, Dolley Madison, the wife of President James Madison, introduced the most famous Easter egg roll, which still takes place annually on the White House south lawn.



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### Sunday Church Schedule

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

**Church Office Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm**

### Staff & Leadership

Rev. Jonathan Bunker, *Pastor*  
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Marie Mawby, *Music Director/Organist*

Katy Cox, *Bell Choir Director*

### Session

Stephanie Lederhouse, *Clerk of Session/Worship*

Cathy Dickey, *Christian Education*

Emily Braithwaite, *Christian Education*

Betsy Arnett, *Long-Range Planning*

Jim Green, *Stewardship*

Marna Swisher, *Witness*

### Deacons

Nancy Duke, *Service*

Mindy Lindsay, *Finance*

Philip Shenk, *Property*

Camilla Welsh, *Fellowship*

Charles Wakeley, *Ushering*

Sue Windisch, *Technology/Security*

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY



### SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.** at Berryville Presbyterian  
**7 p.m.** at Duncan Memorial UMC

**Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** Pancake Breakfast,  
Easter Egg Hunt, Sanctuary Decorating (*more details on pg. 7*)

### Easter Day

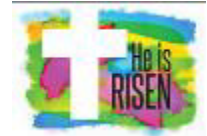
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10-11 a.m. Fellowship Time

11 a.m. Worship Service



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8a Men's Breakfast
<b>2 5 Lent Communion Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship	<b>3</b> 7p Commit- tee Mtgs.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16 Easter Day Flowering of the Cross</b> 9:00a Worship 10-11a Fellowship 11a Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:30p Town & Country Garden Club  7p Session Mtg.	<b>19</b> 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir 7p Book Club (off-site)	<b>20 Signpost Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	<p>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ~Matthew 28:1-6</p>					

# April Volunteers

	<b>April 2</b> <b>5th Sunday in</b> <b>Lent</b>	<b>April 9</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 16</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>April 23</b> <b>2nd Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b>	<b>April 30</b> <b>3rd Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Ron & Wanda Jones: To the Glory of God and in memory of their mothers	Shenk Family: To the Glory of God	Ellie Shirley: To the Glory of God	Randy & Lynn Tuohig: To the Glory of God	To the Glory of God
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Ellie Shirley	Michael Swisher	Margaret Barthel	Joan Schneider	Keith Conover
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith & Julie Dalton	Keith & Julie Dalton	Keith & Julie Dalton	Kyle & Andrew Gardiner	Kyle & Andrew Gardiner
<b>Nursery Attend- ants</b>	Karla Atkins	Megan Hicks	Julie Dalton	Maddie Baldwin	Stephanie Miller



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Sam Miller	17	Ginny Dunn
2	Terry Fields	18	Caitlin Bunker
2	Philip Shenk	18	Lane Wyatt Ferrell
3	Camilla Welsh	19	Carolyn Payne
4	Kim Braithwaite	20	Tyler Shenk
5	Theresa Shenk	20	Mark Skinner
5	Amanda Calloway	22	Ruth Baker
6	Nan O'Brien	23	Keith Dalton
7	Tammy Lanham	23	Samantha Lee Rosen
9	Marie Mawby	23	Randy Tuohig
10	Gary Fisher	24	Katy Kosiorek
10	Kyle Gardiner	25	Alex Hays
11	Jack Smith	26	Donna Miles
15	Patti Washington	27	Treva Hansen
16	Henry Hardesty	30	Michael DiStefano



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Jim & Mary Green