

Berryville Presbyterian Church

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Happy Easter:

In the afterglow of our Holy Week observances and our celebration of Easter I wanted to say those words one more time. These are important words which have meaning not just for one particular Sunday out of the year but every day out of the year. Now I want to let you in on a secret; I began planning my next Easter sermon about 10 minutes after I finished this year's Easter sermon. As I got in the car and headed to Cleveland for my quick visit with Caitlin, I found myself thinking about next year's Holy week observances and Easter sermon. I didn't make a lot of progress but that is not the point, the point is that the planning process has already begun.

What the scriptures tell us is God himself started planning for the first Easter a few moments after the Fall. The words God spoke to Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil are understood by many biblical scholars to point directly to the eventual coming of Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross. The point is Easter didn't just happen, but rather our salvation is the result of God's intentional and purposeful planning.

We can and should take our lead from God here. Faithfulness and discipleship do not just happen but are the result of our intentional and purposeful efforts to grow and develop in these areas. This is true of us as individuals and it is true of us as a congregation. Over the years, we have grown and developed a great deal. There are many things that we are doing now that we were not doing 10 years ago, and there are some things that we were doing

10 years ago that we are not doing now. All this doing and not doing has been the result of intentional planning on the part of the Elders and Deacons who have served over these years and they have served us well.

Over the next few months our Long-Range Planning Committee wants to begin to look to the next 5 to 10 years as we consider not just the congregation that we are, but the one we are being called to become. What are we doing now that we want to keep doing? What are we doing now that is no longer working? What did we once do that we might want to do again? What are we not doing that we want to start doing? We have some answers to these questions but we really want to hear your answers to these and other similar questions. To help us we have crafted a survey that we are asking you to fill out so that we may clearly hear your voice as we consider the future of our congregation. You may respond to this survey either online (see p. 3) or by hard copy (insert) available in this newsletter. Each person in a household is encouraged to respond, and you do not have to be a member of the church! The important part is that you respond knowing that as you do you are helping to shape us into the congregation we will one day be, the congregation our creator God intends us to be.

Peace
Jonathan

Mark Your Calendars!

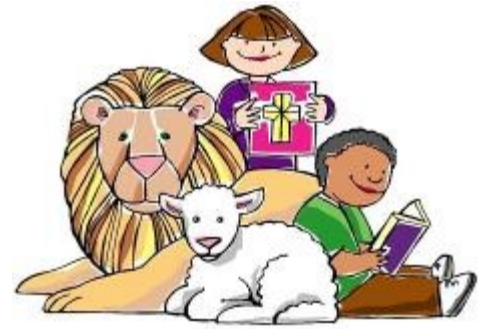
- **Men's Breakfast May 6th @ 8a**
- **Communion Sunday, May 7th**
- **Mother's Day, May 14th**
- **June Signpost deadline May 18th**
- **Women's Circle May 22nd @ 10a**
- **Community Supper at DMUMC, May 25th @ 5:30p**
- **For more, see inside!**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Christ has risen! Alleluia! We rejoice that God loves us so much that he sent his son to die for us. With this knowledge comes a renewed sense of our call to discipleship. We all feel it...we walk a little lighter; smile a little easier. Come to one of our classes this Sunday and see how it affects our students! They are eager to share their enthusiasm with you. AND they want to show you the new addition to our church grounds, NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT! A big THANK YOU to all who helped "get it together"! It truly was a group effort!



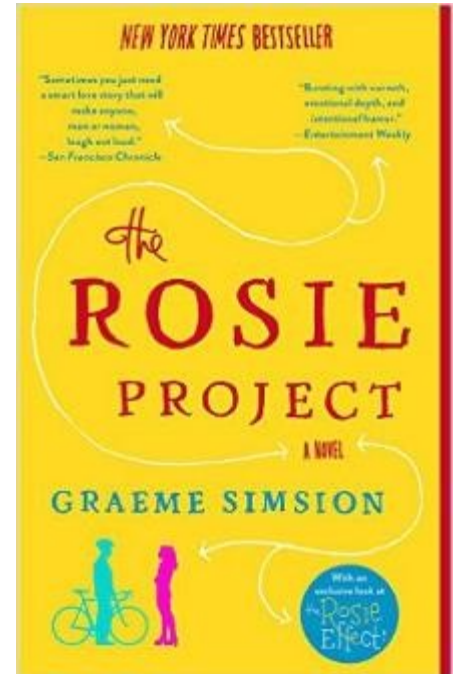
BOOK CLUB

The book club met on Wednesday, April 19th, at Lynn Tuohig's home. We discussed *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. It was an interesting read about one family's struggle with communication and the results of the lack of it. Our next book is going to be *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Also for next month, pending confirmation from the box office, we are going to go on a field trip! One of our elders, Betsy Fields, is working with the Winchester Little Theatre. For their upcoming play *You Can't Take It With You*, she will be serving as Stage Manager! So we have made plans to go to the play on Wednesday, May 17th. If you would like to join us, you'd be very welcome! Just contact Cathy Dickey at 539-2056 to secure a ticket.

The Rosie Project

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.

Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is "quite intelligent for a barmaid"). But Don is intrigued by Rosie's own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

In May and June our Service Committee has three ways for you to put your Easter faith into practice and help make a difference in our community.

- 1. Clarke County Social Service Food Distribution:** On May 18th and 19th, we will be participating in the Clarke County Social Service Food Distribution. On Thursday afternoon we need volunteers to help unload the food that the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will be delivering to Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church. On Friday we need volunteers to gather at 8 a.m. to help prepare food orders and load them into the cars of the recipients. If you would like to help, please speak with Jonathan or Nancy Duke, the chair of our Service Committee. We will let you know specifics on the arrangements.
- 2. Soul-Full Kitchen:** On Thursday, May 25th, we will be preparing and serving the Soul-Full Kitchen Community Meal at Duncan Memorial Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help prepare the food and then to serve it that evening. To sign up or get more info se Nancy Duke or Camilla Welsh.
- 3. FISH Clothes Closet:** In June we need volunteers to help staff the Fish Clothes Closet on Saturday mornings. FISH is a Non-Denominational organization that provides services to needy individuals in Clarke County. If you are interested in helping out one Saturday morning in June, please speak with Nancy Duke.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Shanti Solomon, Founder

Shanti Means Peace

At our monthly Circle meetings each member of our group faithfully contributes whatever pennies we may have to The Fellowship of the Least Coin. It wasn't until recently when I read a book about the founder, Shanti Solomon, that I became deeply moved by the realization of the significance of what our "least coins" actually make to this global prayer ministry. A total of \$261,800.00 was collected world-wide in 2016 to be used for grants in education and rehabilitation throughout the world by the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC). The Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partner with this organization.

It was in 1956 when Christian women from around the world traveled together as the Pacific Mission team to Asia for peace and reconciliation following WWII. Dr. Margaret Shannon of the National Office of Presbyterian Women invited Shanti Solomon from Uttar Pradesh, India, to be part of this group. It was through

Shanti's idea that "Everyone – old, young, rich or poor can pray for peace. And each time they prayed, they could give the least coin from their country to help someone in need. That was how the Fellowship of the Least Coin was born. Through this movement, Christian women around the world meet and pray for world peace and set aside their "least coins" of each currency so that even the poorest women can be part of this fellowship of love and care.

We all rejoice for this miracle prayer ministry started by Shanti Solomon and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Submitted by
Patti Washington

Here is a link to her bio: <http://www.flc.net.ph/images2/children/Shanti%20Bio/Shanti%20Bio.pdf>

*Hint: the electronic version, just click on the link.
Paper version, type the url into your browser.*



Shanti Solomon with samples of the least coins collected by FLC.

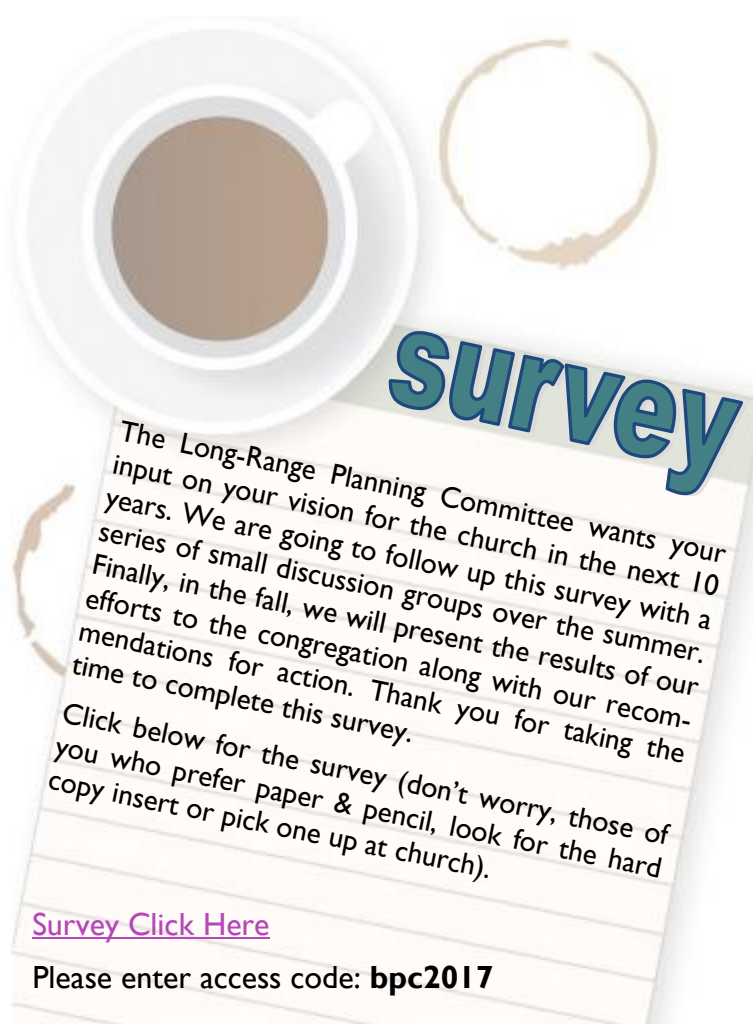


Graduation Celebration: Join us Sunday May 21st as we celebrate the accomplishments of our High School Graduate,

Elizabeth Dalton!

We will Honor her at the 11:00 AM worship service with a special presentation and then afterwards we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Covered Dish Luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring one or two side dishes or salads to share, our Fellowship Committee will be providing the rest of the meal.

Please plan to be with us.



Breakfast





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Sanctuary

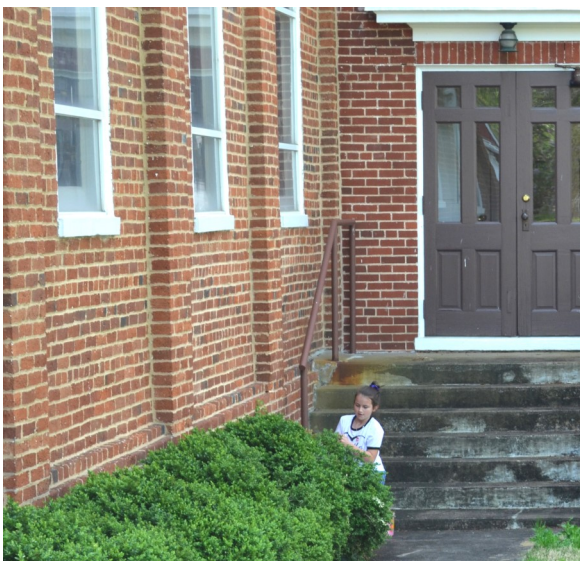


Egg Hunt SET...

READY...



GO!



Plastic Bags for a Cause!



Marilyn Heikes is making sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags for the less fortunate. These bags provide an extra layer between the sleeper and the ground, and aid the sleeper's comfort by being water-resistant and somewhat insulating. They're also lightweight, easy to wash, and unlikely to harbor pests.

Your donations of plastic grocery bags will keep these bags out of landfills and more importantly help our brothers and sisters in need.

Look for the collection basket in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



The Newsletter

TECHNOLOGY

Foster spiritual engagement with social media

Three of every four Internet-savvy adults have at least one social media profile, meaning they'll likely connect with your church online. So make sure those connections leave positive impressions.

You don't need a large budget or a full-time media professional to create an effective social media presence for your church. It's as simple as translating current ministries into an online-friendly format. And the potential goes beyond making people aware of events and programming.

Here are five ways to use social media to nurture people spiritually:

1. Prayer requests. Set up a private, password-protected online group or prayer chain so people have a safe place to share. For especially sensitive matters, let people know they can remain anonymous (or use a pseudonym). They also can send a private message to the church's social media account so the request can be listed in very general terms.

2. Sermon quotes. Superimpose a sentence or two from a recent sermon over an image, and share the post across the church's social media accounts. If possible, make the image square-shaped so it works on multiple feeds. Because viewers will likely share the post, include dates and times of worship services.

3. Livestream portions of a service. Many social media accounts now allow for livestreaming, or broadcasting video in real time. Announce the broadcasts — such as sermons or prayer times — on social media beforehand. This will be especially meaningful for people unable to attend in person.

4. Missionary information. Keep missions on people's minds by posting information about specific projects or missionaries needing prayers and support. Many missionaries have social media accounts or websites you can link to. For safety's sake,

share details only with permission. Even then, list locations in geographically general terms.

5. Weekly devotionals. If a new sermon series or Bible study is launching, consider ways to translate that information into engaging social media posts. Pose questions to get people's wheels spinning; for example, "What's one way someone showed you grace this week?" Moderate the comments to make sure people feel safe and welcomed.

If your church doesn't yet use social media, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are great places to start. (See the October 2016 "How-to" article, available at www.NewspostNewsletter.com, for details.) As you're setting up the accounts, use the same name across every channel so people can easily find your church.

—Jamie Wilson is a freelance writer in South Carolina

The Signpost

Our newsletter, *The Signpost*, has been recognized in the current issue of

"The Newsletter Newsletter!"

This is an industry-wide (church) publication. They are a subscription based resource for church newsletter content, tips, and artwork.

We were spotted by Stephanie Martin, the editor, for the creative use of our outdoor sign and its incorporation into *The Signpost* nameplate.

FEATURE: Spotlighting a subscriber's newsletter

Nameplate incorporates church sign

When *The Signpost* was recently redesigned, a prominent feature of the 164-year-old church was put to good use. An edited version of the church's white outdoor sign, familiar to local residents, now appears in the newsletter's nameplate, adding significance to the *Signpost* name. Using an identifying characteristic of your church in its publications and logos is an effective way to help readers make connections between the congregation and its materials.

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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-TH, 9am-4pm;
Fri. 1-4pm**

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VBS is Coming!

Join us at the Maker Fun Factory. Spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and even strangers to join us July 10th-14th for our Vacation Bible School. Our VBS is a highlight every year. Help us make this the biggest and best yet. We will need lots of volunteers.

Come join in on the fun!



In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

~Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7p Committee Mtgs.	2	3 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	4	5	6 8a Men's Breakfast
7 Communion Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group	8	9 7p 4-H Mtg. 7p Deacons' Mtg.	10 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	11 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	12	13
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May Volunteers

	May 7 4th Sunday of Easter	May 14 5th Sunday of Easter	May 21 6th Sunday of Easter	May 28 7th Sunday of Easter
Altar Flowers	Dorothy Thorne: To the Glory of God	Nancy Duke: To the Glory of God	Ellen Hicks: To the Glory of God	Dorothy Thorne: To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Karla Atkins	Kim Braithwaite	Jonathan Bunker	Chris Rosen
Ushers	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Charles & Grace Wakeley	Charles & Grace Wakeley
Nursery Attendants	Joan Schneider	Ellen Hicks	Laura Ferrell	Allie Hicks



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12 Ian Duckstein	21 Laura Ferrell
13 Betsy Arnett	22 Sarah Beth Carter
13 James Barb	23 Larry Kempler, Jr.
14 Caitlyn Hays	24 Sabrina Joseph
14 Steve Hays	25 Margaret Barthel
16 Michael Kosiorek	26 Erin Lloyd
16 Derek Glen Samples (Ervin)	27 Madison Carter
17 Jaxen Dean Carter	29 Julie Harden
17 Daniel Sheetz	