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Our Mission: "To Know Jesus and Share His Love"



June/July 2021

Graduate Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be observed on Sunday, June 6. We will be recognizing this year's high school and college graduates. Let our graduates know that we are proud of them by your attendance.



(Jane Roseberry, Small Groups Superintendent)

**FINALLY - IT'S HAPPENING!!
OUR GRAND RE-OPENING
OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL
(SMALL GROUPS)!**

WHEN? JULY 11, 2021

TIME? 10:00-10:45 AM

**THERE WILL BE CLASSES
FOR EVERY AGE!!**

**PLEASE COME AND CHECK OUT
WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!!**

Vacation Bible School will be July 19-22 at Rocky Mount Christian Church. The overarching theme will be Rainforest Explorers. Each day, the specific theme changes with the following serving as the stories the participants will be learning about each day: God Rescues Noah (Genesis 6:17-22; 8), God Gives the Commandments (Exodus 19:18-20; 20:1-21), Jesus Calls His Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13), and Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19). We hope to again provide the final day at Waid Park like was done in 2018 with tubing and a picnic. VBS will begin at 6:00 p.m. each night. Nursery care will be provided. Children up to rising fifth graders will be invited to participate.

To register, go to our church website and click on VBS under the Connect tab.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Renae Lambert, the VBS director, at renae.lambert90@gmail.com. She will be able to tell you all the needed information. Also, there will likely be an information session for volunteers soon. Check the weekly bulletins and churchwide emails for these details.



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To Know Jesus And To Share His Love

Dear RMUMC,

The final days of school are some of the best days around. Remember signing yearbooks? Remember asking everyone “what are your plans for the summer?” Remember how the rules in the lunchroom became a little more lax that final week? Remember field days where you would participate in relay races and your teachers would let their hair down? Those were the days!

For me though, the best part was receiving the summer reading list for schools. *Of Mice and Men*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Lord of the Flies*. These books are a who’s who of my youth. I was able to walk the fields of Steinbeck’s California, journey down the Mighty Missipp’, listen in on Atticus Finch’s arguments in an Alabama courtroom, and wander the beach on a desert island. All of this I did from the comfort of my own front porch while the crickets sang and the carpenter bees bored holes.

What are you reading these days? I’d love to hear what you’re reading so drop me a line. I’d like to feature in future newsletters book, movie, and song lists that y’all are listening to. If you’d like to include your lists for future newsletters, talk to me and we’ll get them in there.

For me, I’ve got a couple of books to recommend to you that I’ve read in the past year. The pandemic has enabled me to read a little more than in years past. A few of these really shone and will be books that I return to again and again. Here’s the list:

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer. If you’re looking for a book that is less about acquiring knowledge about God and more about acquiring more of God, this is the book for you. If you read the Psalm 42 and wish to be like the deer that pants for the water with your soul longing after God, pick up *Pursuit of God*.

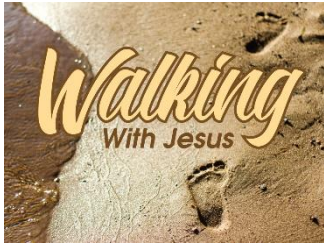
Knowing God by J.I. Packer. Similar to *Pursuit of God*, this book is Scripture-rich and has had millions of copies sold. Reading chapters like “The Love of God,” “The Grace of God,” and “Goodness and Severity” enable the reader to examine their own faith journey with the Lord in new and illuminating ways. I cannot recommend this book highly enough.

Meditations of the Heart by Howard Thurman. This book reminds me of poetry with words that just drip from the pages. If you’re looking for a book to serve as a devotional for the second half of the year, this early 20th century American preacher is where I’d recommend you to start.

Again, what’s on your list? What have you read? And would you like to compose a newsletter article for the future that details what you’ve been reading? I’d welcome your contributions.

Charles Spurgeon once said, “There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity.” May we be edified by what we read and consume.

In Christ,
Pastor Will



(Tammy Burdick, Lay Leader)

What's one thing you can do every day that will change your perspective and your life? Spending time with God. Whether that's 30 minutes or only a few, just getting started can be a challenge. After years of starting, stopping, and starting this time with God, here are three resources that you may want to use on your own.

1. *New Morning Mercies*, by Paul David Tripp. These one-page daily devotions are packed with meaning and give you insight into God's character and love for you.
2. Download the YouVersion Bible app and do a short (or long-term) daily devotional. If you spend time on your smartphone, why not spend time in the Bible? You can find tons of devotion and reading plans, as well as topical, Biblical guidance.
3. Read and pray the Psalms. What I love about the Psalms is that there's at least one for every situation or emotion. They continue to resonate today. And if you have a Bible (or can download the YouVersion Bible app), you can easily get to it.

No matter how you spend time in God's word - or how much - it's well worth it.



UMW

United Methodist Women

(Debbie Caulder, President)

Thank you to the congregation for contributing Hygiene Kits. We have 85 kits ready for Conference and they will stay in the Danville District this year.

Thanks to all who participated in the May Mission Workday. In addition to packing the Hygiene Kits, we sewed 117 rice/bean bags and worked on quilt squares.

June Picnic – Monday, June 7, 5:00 p.m.: We are excited to again have our Annual UMW Picnic at the home of Linda and Dan Walters on beautiful Smith Mountain Lake! They will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You may bring a side or dessert. Please RSVP to Linda (lindaw@shentel.net or 540.346.2004) and let her know what you plan to bring. We miss seeing everyone and this will be a fun reunion!

The 2020-21 UMW Reading Program continues. You may check out any of the books on the shelf labeled UMW Reading Program in the Assembly Room. Simply sign each book out in the red folder and sign it in when you return it. If you take the children's books, please keep track of the names of the children to whom you read. Children count as readers too!

The UMW will continue to collect soda can tabs and stamps. The box for the collections is in the hall to the left of the Narthex on the windowsill near the mailboxes.

We welcome all women of the church to join us. Please contact Debbie Caulder (540-204-2266 or Debra.Caulder@yahoo.com) or any other United Methodist Woman if you are interested or have questions.

Samaritan Offering

The Samaritan offering for Virginia United Methodist Homes will be received through Father's Day, June 20. Your gift supports residents who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources. Samaritan gifts are not used for operational, capital, or administrative cost but are instead made available only for benevolent care. Make your checks payable to RMUMC and designate "Samaritan Offering" on the memo line. Thank you!



(Lynn Meeks, Director of Music Ministries)

The children and I celebrated the end of this year's **Wonderful Wednesday** with a great picnic in Mary Elizabeth Park on May 5! I would like to thank all the parents for supporting our music ministry during this challenging year as we met each week on Zoom. The summer will be an exciting time for me as I plan music for fall and choose a Christmas play!!!! In August, I will be sharing plans for resuming in person Wonderful Wednesday meetings. Hallelujah!

With the easing of covid restrictions during worship, **Chancel Choir members** are invited back to the choir loft on June 6! We will need to gather in the loft at 10:00 a.m. to practice a hymn for the anthem. I can't wait!!!!

(Following present covid guidelines, fully vaccinated persons may sing without a mask.)

Love and Peace,
Lynn

Flower Chart

There are still many Sundays available in 2021 to reserve your special Sunday to provide altar flowers during the worship service. Also, remember that the piano is available for an arrangement should there be two individuals interested in the same date. You will be responsible for ordering the flowers. Call the church office or stop by the chart on the bulletin board that is located at the steps that go down to the preschool to reserve your special date.



On June 20, we will be welcoming Greg and Linda Dunlap by transfer of letter from Milton-Marlboro United Methodist Church in Milton, New York.

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."
—John Lubbock



Each summer, the hearts of our youth are trembling with excitement. No more homework assignments. You get to sleep in later than usual. And perhaps most importantly, the summer youth events begin. This summer, we're excited to provide in June a Mission Week and a Youth Week in July. This post will touch on those two events. Know though that the youth group continues to provide weekly events and meetings that engage them spiritually, socially, and missionally.

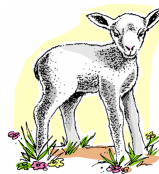
Mission Week will be June 21-24 and will feature work projects at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen and Henry Fork Service Center. We're excited to give back to our community at two locations that give so much already to Rocky Mount. Furthermore, these are two locations that RMUMC already participates with in a variety of ways. The youth will benefit from seeing some of the work that already goes on at these two sites during Mission Week.

Youth Week will be July 12-18. This week will feature a waterpark in North Carolina, a hike on the world-famous Appalachian Trail, a Southwest Virginia waterfall swimming hole, a campout on Friday night and then Youth Sunday on the July 18. They're going to benefit from a wild and wacky time and will conclude the week by serving in leadership in worship. This will be a week they won't soon forget.

As I've detailed in previous posts, the youth would benefit from your service and help. Thank you to those who have agreed to serve as drivers for the youth

mission week, cooks for youth events, and chaperones on outings. Without your help, we would be unable to provide the offerings that the youth love to participate in. Check your email as the time gets closer for specific requests for these two weeks so that we can shuttle them to the work sites, provide food for them while they serve, and can get to all the locations during Youth Week.

It's going to be one incredible summer!



Little Lambs in the News

(Kelsey Dillon, Director)

Little Lambs enjoyed their last month here at preschool. We had a terrific time on our field trip to Mill Mountain Zoo. Our moving on ceremonies were filled with happy tears and lots of love. I want to thank everyone who has helped spread the word about the preschool being open. For the fall both classes still have openings. Continue to pass that along. Ms. Casey and I are excited for the fall and look forward to helping the preschool grow. We wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy summer!

Blessings,
Kelsey



Pat Cundiff and Family in the death of her sister, Suzanne H. Cundiff, on May 6.



Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; Coronavirus victims and healthcare front-line workers; Bill Collins; Judy Anderson; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey;

Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; Jim Henderson; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Mark Singleton; Matt Foutz (Jennifer Altice); Ross Zobloski (Holly Zobloski); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Ellen Shively (Judy Anderson); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Deborah Hensel (Linda Dunlap); Carey Kinney (Linda Dunlap); Tracey Willett (Mike Meeks); Melissa Houseman (Terri Naff); Mary Maxey (Don Ranson); Shirley Green (Will Waller); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Marion Pritchett (Pam Pritchett); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); DJ Snider (Patsy Swain); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Jennifer Tatum (Tracy Jenkins).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody



Thank you for your continued support of the children and programs at Henry Fork Service Center. Your kindness and generosity are a tremendous blessing to our ministry.

Jessica Hunt

Thank you to all that have expressed their love to me and my family on the death of Sonny and the many cards, calls and memorials to the church. Thanks to the many women who honored the family with the reception after the service with the food and beautiful table floral arrangement.

Visiting with my family and Sonny's family from out of state and in state was wonderful. I appreciate the time to do so.

I have been blessed by a wonderful church family who continues to care.

Love to you all,
Shirley Vaughn

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your donation to Hermitage Roanoke Samaritan Fund. Your gift is greatly appreciated by the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Living, as well as the residents who will benefit from your generosity. Your gift makes it possible for Hermitage Roanoke and Pinnacle Living to continue our mission of Enriching Life's Journey.

James Stovall
Executive Director

We cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your support. Your prayers, financial partnership and kindness mean more than we could ever express. We often hear our Young Life and Capernaum families use the phrase, "It takes a village." Thank you for being a part of this village and this mission. You have walked alongside of us in support through the trenches and over the hilltops. Thank you for partnering with us in our mission to reach the youth of Franklin County. We are lifting you all up in prayer and praising our heavenly Father for you and all that you do to grow the kingdom.

In Christ's Love,
Sarah Ellis



Happy Birthday to:

June 3 Kim Goransson
 June 8 Will Cooper
 June 10 Bill Collins
 June 11 Suzanne Levesque
 June 12 Muriel Kittinger
 June 14 Caleb Godfrey
 June 15 Tyler Godfrey
 June 16 Brent Robertson
 June 17 Barbara Peters
 June 18 Jacques Delport
 June 18 Phyllis Lavinder
 June 18 Sammy St. Clair
 June 19 Cyndee Holland
 June 20 Caroline Kelley
 June 20 Lauren Kelley
 June 21 Debbie Teeple
 June 22 Jean Hodges
 June 22 Ron Hodges
 June 22 Ainsley Kelley
 June 23 Benjamin Board
 June 23 Lynn Meeks
 June 23 Robert Mills
 June 26 Mackenzie Hall
 June 29 Erika Brickey
 June 29 Charlotte Hill
 June 30 Sandra Hodges
 June 30 Cindy St. Clair

Happy Anniversary to:

June 3 Bill and Barbara Beck
 June 4 Kevin and Avery Tosh
 June 5 John and Linda Lox
 June 8 Bobby and Jean Hodges
 June 15 Abe and Terri Naff
 June 17 P.D. and Mittie Hambrick
 June 19 Ken and Linda S. Handy
 June 20 John and Lynn Cooper
 June 21 Jim and Martha Anderson
 June 21 Rodney and Pat Cundiff
 June 21 Daren and Jennifer Haynes
 June 22 Jonathan and Jennifer Ardis
 June 22 Sam and Jane Roseberry
 June 23 Nathan and Callie Angle
 June 24 Marshall and Jeanne Banks
 June 26 Billy and Tara McBride
 June 27 Ronnie and Connie Breedlove
 June 27 Ben and Susan Whitesell
 June 28 Bill and Elaine Dawson

Happy Birthday to:

July 1 Louise Moore
 July 2 Quinn Goransson
 July 2 Will Waller
 July 5 CO Brickey
 July 8 Arnold Dillon
 July 8 Samantha Robertson Smith
 July 9 Leighton Naff
 July 9 Carter Watts
 July 10 Berklie Perdue
 July 12 George Loya
 July 13 Haley Byrd
 July 13 Luke Damron
 July 13 Sarah Funk
 July 13 Jerry Leonard
 July 15 Steve Lewis
 July 21 Perry Hambrick
 July 22 Katelyn Lorens
 July 23 Jennifer Call
 July 23 Alexis Dillon
 July 23 Edward Peterson
 July 23 Bonnie Wray
 July 26 Jody Kelley
 July 27 George Board
 July 27 Charne' Delport
 July 28 Anna Cooper
 July 28 Janice Thurman

Happy Anniversary to:

July 23 Josh and Christina Gibson
 July 24 Ed and Kelly Peterson
 July 28 Abe and Cindy Gibson





Vital Congregation Statistics for April

I. Finances—Church Operating Budget			
Amount Brought Forward From 2020	\$44,529		
Prepaid 2021 Contribution	\$ 5,040		
Budgeted Offerings Expected to Receive through 4/30/21			\$72,368
Actual Offerings Received through 4/30/21	\$83,009		
Budgeted Expenses Expected to Spend through 4/30/21			\$93,024
Actual Expenses Paid through 4/30/21	<u><\$79,932></u>		
Ending Balance, 4/30/21	\$52,646		
II. Average Worship Attendance = 84			
Average Online Viewers = 43			

A week of tributes to Dad

To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father’s Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

“The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.” —Antoine F. Prévost

“To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world.” —Unknown

“The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows.” —Richelle E. Goodrich

“Dad: a son’s first hero, a daughter’s first love.” —Unknown

“A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one.” —Linda Poindexter

“My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there.” —Max Lucado

“I love my father as the stars. He’s a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart.” —Terri Guillemets



A SWEET TREAT

Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

PUZZLE

A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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 J E O O E E ' U N O J O U O U
 B E O N L U O E J E O O
 N L U O ' B E O O N W E N O U
 J E O O E U F O
 N W E N O U U N O
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 F O E E O ”

RUTH 1:16, NIV

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G	R	L	Y
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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV

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Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music Ministries
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Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
10:55 a.m. Worship