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The worship team would like to sincerely thank each of you who have stepped forward to assist in making our worship experience a time of praise to our Lord and Savior during this transition. From our own lay pastors, speakers from outside our church, those who deliver our children's message, participate in liturgy, provide music, hand out bulletins and our congregation as a whole, we offer you our thanks!

Upcoming Preachers:

August 6 ~ Gerald Harper

August 13 ~ Rev. Roxana Atwood

August 20 ~ Dick Travis

August 27 ~ Larry Hogan

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August

	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
6	Don Myers	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Paul & Whittney Eberly
13	Steve Smith	Kathy Lyons	Nancy Miller	Kathy Lyons
20	Robin Wallace	Kathy Lyons and Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley	Charlie & Shelley Newman	Kathy Lyons
27	Barret Dalrymple	Kathy Lyons	Adonica Miller and Billy	Kathy Lyons

Elders On Call for August: Ray Heatwole (540-432-6565) and Fran Smith (540-421-0837). If you have an urgent need please call the Elder On Call.

Church Information



July Attendance:

2	SS	22	W	76
9	SS	21	W	64
16	SS	18	W	62
23	SS	18	W	65
30	SS	21	W	84

We are also thankful for the 30-50 people who faithfully watch online and listen via telephone.

Staff

Office Administrator: Sherry Stroop
 Music Director: Megan Zuhowski
 Organist: Teresa Simmers
 Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons
 Custodian: Jean Will

Session

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams

Administration & Property: Brenda Moyers, Brad Miller, Ray Heatwole

Worship & Education: Kate Dudley, Gerald Harper, Don Myers, Skip Wallace

Congregation & Community Care: Fran Smith, Jeff Heatwole, Larry Hogan, Beth Phillips

Church Contacts

Youth Advisor: Becky Pierce

Cemetery: Brad Miller

The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott

Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller

Historian: Nancy Myers

Church News

Mission & Outreach

Budgeted Funds for July

In July, CCPC used budgeted funds to support the Weekday Religious Education. WRE offers weekly Bible classes for approximately 30 minutes for second, third and fourth graders with parent or guardian's permission.

Dick Miller Fund

Thank you to those that give to this fund. We continue to receive requests, investigate each, and decide as a team how to best handle each case.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Sunday, August 20th Youth will collect 4 cents a meal offering and hand out bulletins.

Sunday, August 20th 9 - 10:15 am Youth and Parent Breakfast and Meeting in the church fellowship hall!

Opportunities for Mission! Mark your calendars!! Cooks Creek will be hosting Open Doors for the upcoming season while they continue to pursue their permanent residence. Our weeks will be:

- December 4th, 2023 (12/3-12/11)
- February 5th, 2024 (2/4-2/12)



Please be in prayer for these folks:

- Jimmy Brown, Becky Pierce's brother, treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Lucy Seymour
- Jean Radcliff
- Jimmy Miller
- Gary Simmers, cancer treatment
- Jeanie Will
- Dylan Heatwole
- Diane & JD's daughter, Brittany, and their grandson, Tucker
- Karen Moats

If anyone in the congregation has any prayer concerns or needs please contact Phyllis Simmons. She has agreed to head up a group of folks willing to stay in contact with our shut ins and anyone in need of some extra prayers or out-reach during this time we are without a pastor. Also, if you are willing to help serve on this team please let Phyllis know.

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~ C6 (Cooks Creek Church Congregational and Community Care)



A Prayer of Blessing for Your Family

Dear Father, in Your beautiful book of Psalms, chapter 103 and verse 17, You give us this wonderful promise, "From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children." What better promise could we receive from You in our lives than to see our children and children's children blessed with Your love and righteousness? We ask for Your hand of blessing on us as well. Bless us with strength to be there for those we love, and wisdom to know what to say to bring comfort, encouragement, and sometimes difficult truth. We will need Your patience as we wait for Your perfect will and way in each of our loved one's lives. We are so grateful, Lord God. Amen. (Crosswalk.com)

Prayer Ministry Opportunity

Church members have been praying for our children, youth and college students for five years now. If you are not part of our Prayer Ministry and would like a church member to pray for your child(ren) please complete the "Parent's Consent Form" at the Connect Table. If you are a church member and would like to pray regularly for a child or youth, please complete the "I will Pray for CCPC Children/Youth for One Year" form at the Connect Table. Forms need to be submitted by Sunday, August 6th.

In September, we will begin our 6th year praying for the future leaders of our church.

Please contact Becky for more information.



Food Pantry Report

Beginning Balance June 1 2023	\$53,732.96
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$650.20
Church & Religious Organizations	\$1,775.00
Businesses	\$1,000.00
Total Deposits	\$3,425.20
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$166.25
Eggs (Reimbursed by Mt. Clinton Mennonite)	\$250.20
Food Purchases to Fill Bags	\$4,918.69
Hamburger	\$1,000.00
Milk Vouchers	\$603.35
Toilet Tissue	\$599.00
Produce Vouchers	\$927.13
Total Disbursements	\$8,464.62
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$48,693.54

I expected our balance to decrease somewhat each month, but I'm disappointed that it has decreased approximately \$5,000 this month. We spent almost \$1,000 more this month than last month, most of that for food to fill the bags. Also, contributions were about \$1,900 less this month even though our generous donor paid for the hamburger again this month. There was not much difference in the cost of the vouchers this month. There doesn't seem much hope of cutting expenses until food costs come down. Remember, too, that last month we had that nice \$2,500 surprise donation from Sharp Shopper, and we had nothing comparable to that this month. We hope that people don't get complacent about making contributions just because the balance does still look good. We don't want to be in a bad position at the end of the year.

It is fortunate that people are still bringing items that

we can offer on the variety table. Someone brought a nice supply of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other toiletries. And there were canned sweet potatoes, Ramen noodles, and other canned items not given in the prepacked bags. Surprisingly, there were odds and ends of note pads, 2023 calendars, etc., that seemed to be an attraction. Two JMU students brought two large bags of items including packets of rice, a few canned items, snacks, etc., the week after the distribution and they will be used next month.

What was really a surprise was a call from Costco offering us produce that they couldn't sell. The pantry that usually picks up from them on Thursdays was not open this week. It turned out to be two large pickup trucks with a variety of items including cherries, red raspberries, blackberries, tomatoes, nectarines/peaches, some salad greens, lettuce, avocados, mushrooms, apples, over ripe bananas, huge amounts of

Food Pantry Report Continued

the biggest onions I have ever seen, etc. Knowing that we would not be able to use all of it, we took half a truckload to Gemeinschaft House. They were pleased to get it. Another blessing is having willing workers, some on the spur of the moment, to help unload it, set up tables to display it, etc. We thank Tom and Pam Bocock for picking up the produce and Brad Miller, Fred and Phyllis Simmons, Ray Heatwole, and Sharon Showalter for coming to our rescue. Only one small box of items was left at the end of the evening and that was also taken to Gemeinschaft House.

On Thursday night the pantry served 76 families, including 7 deliveries. Four families were there for the first time. Four other families were given food since the distribution, making a total of 80 served by July 3. Approximately 2,021 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags. In addition, each family received 2 pounds of hamburger, 2 dozen eggs, a loaf of bread with large families receiving 2 loaves, and a 12-roll package of toilet paper. Since we had some margarine and deer meat left but not enough for everyone, these items were offered to large families.

We thank Mt. Bethel for hosting the pantry this month. Mt. Olive will be the host on July 27. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We plan to serve 85.

Today the 4th of July, we celebrate our nation's freedom. In 1776 we declared our independence and became a country with a vision to form a

more perfect union based on the dignity and rights of every person. At times throughout our history, we have failed to accept the responsibility maintaining that freedom requires but there have always been leaders, chosen and led by God, who have worked to put us back on the right path. It is fitting today also to give some attention to the Four Freedoms enumerated by President Franklin Roosevelt in his speech in 1941. It wasn't just the "more perfect union" in the U.S. that was at stake at that time but the freedom from world domination, and it seems that this is and always will be a constant battle. President Roosevelt looked "forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms." It's difficult to relate to vast world problems, but they really all seem to be personal as they affect all of us no matter where we are. How can we make these freedoms more secure right here in our community in Rockingham County:

- Freedom of speech and expression
- Freedom of every person to worship God in his own way
- Freedom from want
- Freedom from fear

Today it is fitting to include in our celebrations thanksgiving to God for our country, our community, and His guidance in our efforts to bring about freedom from the want of basic necessities of life.



~ Bea



Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church Outreach Ministry

Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another. All of us can participate in this by reaching out with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer.

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

Lois Alexander

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Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above

JOY

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)



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PUZZLE

A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

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 _ I _ V _ N _ V _ N _ Y _ V _ I _ _ B _ L _ F _
 _ R _ M _ _ Z _ O _ O _ _ N _ B _
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 _ L _ U _ _ B _ L _ F _ _ R _ _ Z _ O _ D _ Z _ B _ H _
 _ K _ I _ Z _ B _ _ D _ R _ G _ S _ _ Q _ L _ B _
 _ K _ S _ R _ O _ R _ K _ K _ R _ Z _ M _ H _

1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philipians 1:3-4, NIV

Calendar and Celebrations

August 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 4 Cents A Meal Offering	21 Courier Deadline	22	23	24 Food Pantry 4-6 PM	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30	28 Session Meeting 6:30 PM	29	30	31		

Birthdays

1 - Randy Moyers
 2 - Rhonda Swope
 4 - Jim Suter
 6 - Nancy Miller
 8 - Rowan Bocock
 10 - Skip Wallace
 11 - Tori Moats
 11 - Phyllis Simmons
 14 - David Price
 17 - Natasha Blosser
 19 - Gloria Miller
 20 - Brad Miller



21 - Sara Dolack
 21 - Steve Smith
 25 - Helen Suter
 30 - Pam Bocock
 30 - Sophia Funkhouser
 31 - James Haley

Anniversaries

5 - Earnest & Mary Etta Cornett
 13 - Ken & Lynn McNulty
 21 - Randy & Vivian Burkholder