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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!**



Andy Funkhouser - Graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Osteopathic Medicine and is in an Emergency Medicine Residency at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Virginia

Jennifer Good Thompson - Graduated from University of Arkansas with a Master of Nursing Science degree and is working as a Nurse Practitioner in a GI group.

Collin Wallace - Graduated in December 2020 with an MBA from West Virginia Wesleyan College and is working as a consultant for Dick's Sporting Goods E Commerce.

Justin Showalter - Graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Psychology. He plans to keep pursuing opportunities with baseball.

Tyler Showalter - Graduated from Turner Ashby High School and will be attending James Madison University in the Fall.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND

23 One Sabbath he [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" 27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." - Mark 2:23-28

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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery Care	Preschool Care	Door Greeters	Sanctuary Usher
4	Braeden Wallace	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Ashley Hughes & Katherine Lyons	1- 2- Don Myers	Ray Heatwole
11	Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Bocock	Katherine Lyons	1- 2-	Bob Scott
18	Karen Moats	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace	1- 2-	
25	Collin Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Lee Anne & Donald Biller	Katherine Lyons	1- 2-	

Dates to Remember:

- 1 & 5** - Office Closed
- 22** - Food Pantry 4-6
- 26** - Session @ 6:30



Elder on Call: Mark Williams - (540)578-3035
Bus Driver: Craig Miller

Attendance Last Month

June	SS	Worship
6	23	93
13	28	63
20	22	81
27	23	70

Plus the 50 to 70 who faithfully continue to watch online and listen via telephone.

Prayer Corner

Luanne May
 Jerry and Charlsie Miller
 Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
 Sue Haley
 Tucker-JD & Diane's grandson
 Terry & Linda Morris
 Raymond Ratcliff
 Karen Church - Interstitial Lung Disease (friend of Karen Moat's family)

Dennis Early - declining health
 Lanny Holsinger-brother-in-law of Fred and Phyllis Simmons
 Nancy Norman - Death of her sister in May
 Joyce Cornwell-Norma Bowman's daughter; complications after hip surgery

Session

Class of 2021
 Chad Barnett
 Tom Bocock
 Bob Scott
 Adonica Miller
 Don Myers

Class of 2022
 Mark Williams
 Terry Morris
 Jim Suter
 Brad Miller
 Becky Pierce

Class of 2023
 Skip Wallace
 Ray Heatwole
 Jeff Heatwole
 Gerald Harper
 Kate Dudley

Salvation Army Christmas in July

Anyone wanting to ring the bell at a red kettle on July 17, 19 – 24th at a location of your choice, please contact Adonica Miller to sign up for an hour time-slot.

Some locations are air conditioned.



Mission Trip to Mexico

The Mission & Outreach Team donated funds to assist Tori Moats in her mission trip leaving July 9th. If you'd like to financially assist Tori, please contact her directly.

Budgeted Funds

In June, CCPC used budgeted funds to support these local missions:

Roberta Webb Child Care Center

RWCCC is an affordable, licensed child care facility offering a safe and nurturing environment for children 0 - 5. Fees are based on a sliding scale and grants and donations cover the difference between operating costs and parent fees. Find out more at

<http://roberta.webbcc.com/home>

West Rockingham Food Pantry

WRFP is a non-profit community based pantry that is composed of 10 churches, 3 Ruritan Clubs, and a Boy Scout troop.

The Pantry operates out of our church and serves the area West of Harrisonburg to the West Virginia border.

Distribution is on the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (November and December dates are different). You can find more information at <https://www.cooks.creekchurch.org>

Prayer Ministry

A Prayer for Blessing and Favor for the Graduates

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

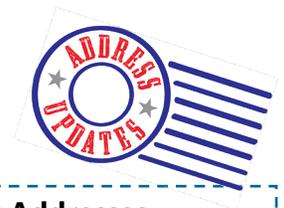
Dear God, we thank you that your huge favor, blessing, and powerful light surrounds our children. We pray that your presence would continually shine on them,



and that you would be gracious to them and give them great peace. We ask that you would help them to always know how very much they are loved, especially by you. Make them constantly aware that you are always with them; fill them with the faith to believe your words are true and that your Spirit guides them. We ask that they would find full confidence in the security of your

love and care for them. We pray that you would give them health physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and would protect them from disease, illness, or any harm to their minds and spirits. We ask boldly for you to equip them for every purpose you have for their lives, and give them constant endurance to run the race well.

Taken from crosswalk.com



New Addresses

Dennis Early has moved to the Skilled Nursing Care Unit at Bridgewater Retirement Community. His new address is:
302 N. 2nd St.
Room 353
Bridgewater, VA 22812

Mable Branner has moved to VMRC. Her address is:
1401 Virginia Ave.
Redbud Room 224
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Andy and Stacey Funkhouser recently moved to Newport News. Their address is:
68 Croatan Road
Newport News, VA 23606

David & Sarah Layman Graf
245 George Home Rd.
Waynesboro, VA 22980



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What an interesting summer we will have with the angst and excitement of being able to be out and about more than we have in recent months and still the overwhelming need to rest and recharge (even though it might feel like you haven't done much in a long time). My prayer for you here in July is that you would take time to engage in activities that bring you life and rest with those you love. We will continue to worship each Sunday in-person and online and pray you take the opportunity to worship with your church family however you can connect.

As my wife and I take some time to recharge, we will be blessed on Sundays with some of God's all-stars amongst us in the pulpit. Upon my return, we will gently do some thinking, discerning, and forming as a church body of who we want to be as Cooks Creek as we chart a course forward for a new day by looking at the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3.

I am confident that great things are in store for the Kingdom of God at Cooks Creek in 2021 as we experience God's blessings and glorious provision to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Blessings,

Background Checks

If you were not able to fill out the form for the background check and need to have that done, please contact the office at 540.867.5117

Financial Snapshot through June 2021

Income: 123,287.00

Expenses: \$140,227.00

Thank you to those who have continued to make tithes and offerings to continue the work at Cooks Creek.

To learn how you can give online, on your mobile device, through the mail, or in-person, please go to cooks-creek-church.org/give or call the office at 540.867.5117.

CHURCH NEWS CONTINUED....

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Chase and Kate Dudley on the birth of their first child, Gannon Isaac, born on April 4th, 2021. Welcome baby Gannon!!



Cooks Creek;

Thank you so much for the newborn rose, bible, meals, thoughts, prayers, and congratulations for our baby boy! We are so excited to have our blessing here and really appreciate all of the gifts!

Love and God Bless,

Kate, Chase & Gannon Dudley

Playground Update

The main structure of the new playground (scheduled to be assembled on Saturday, June 26th during a FaithLine playground workday), has many different components to the playset such as a climbing wall, swings, slides, captains wheel, fort area, etc. As a fun way to assist in building a solid biblical foundation for our children, we are going to match each component of the playset with a relevant Bible verse or Bible story (text and/or pictures) that will be posted nearby on weather-proof signs for the children to see as they are playing. Our hope is that as CCPC children spend time on the playground, they will not only have fun with their friends, but they will also learn Bible verses and stories that demonstrate the principles of love, faith, trust, forgiveness, promise, and salvation.

We are seeking input from the CCPC congregation for Bible verses and stories that relate to the different components of the playset. For example, for the swings, an idea would be to have a sign with Isaiah 40:31 written on it- "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (the "soar on wings like eagles" part being what relates to the swings)

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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. We want to remember the words of our Lord:

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



Dennis Early 2/2	Bridgewater Retirement Community 302 N. 2nd St. Room 353 Bridgewater, VA 22812	Lois Frye 10/25	White Birch Communities 847 Oakwood Dr. Rockingham, VA 22801 540-236-5918
Tom and Luanne May T 4/11 L 4/29	1235 Quince Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-476-3205	Pam Sonner 3/20	229 Emerson Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-217-0805
Jerry & Charlsie Miller J 7/30 C 3/5	4463 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-908-8316 millerhomestead@comcast.net	Terry & Linda Morris T 4/9 L 3/1	3935 Sunnyside Dr. Suite B Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-568-8448
Pete & Ann Rhodes P 6/1	624 Erickson Ave. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-434-9473	Curtis Long 11/23	6868 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-867-5127
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Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy – 540-383-5653	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Walnut Room 330 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-5611
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	1285 Shank Drive Apt 323 Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Raymond & Jean Ratcliff R 8/5 J 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
		Mable Branner 4/3	1401 Virginia Ave. Redbud 224 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3352



FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Beginning Balance May 1, 2021

\$19,425.66

DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$230.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$90.00
Total Deposits	\$320.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Bread	\$64.35
Hamburger	\$348.60
Eggs	\$93.00
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$1,450.44
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 42 gal. - \$149.18 Sharp Shopper 45 gal. - \$158.57)	\$307.75
Produce Vouchers (Bananas)	\$45.42
State Corporation Commission Annual Filing	\$25.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,334.56

Balance as of May 31, 2020

\$17,411.10

This month our expenses were \$666.30 less than last month, but the contributions were \$4,074.72 less than last month. In April a business gave \$3,425.00, and, of course, we can't expect that kind of contribution often. This lower balance is no cause for alarm.

On Thursday evening, the pantry served 49 families, two of whom were there for the first time, but since then we have given food to six families who, for good reasons, could not come on Thursday evening. Food was delivered to four households this month. In addition, this month we also gave a \$3.50 voucher for apples. The important thing to remember is that God provides what we need for the pantry and sends us people who need food, regardless of the statistics. We sent condolences to the family of a lady who passed away mid-month who had come to the pan-

try many years.

We thank all the folks from the different churches who hosted the pantry this month. This pantry is rich in willing workers as well as in generous contributors. Mt. Bethel COB will host the distribution on June 24. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We will plan to serve 60.

The verse Mark 14:8 "She did what she could," was the title of a recent devotional in Our Daily Bread. This was Jesus' defense of Mary of Bethany who was being criticized for anointing Him with expensive nard, showing her love for Him. Jesus commended her for doing what she could. He didn't fault her for not doing all she could. In other scriptures, Jesus asked us to visit the sick, not to heal them. He asked his disciples to feed the hungry they saw before them, not to

eradicate poverty. In the parable of the talents, Jesus taught that the man who gave the talents to his servants to invest rewarded those who used the talents, not the one who just saved what he was given without using it. He commended the widow who gave two small coins. He didn't discount the larger amounts given by others, but He especially valued her gift because in that case it was all she had. We too please God whom we love when we give or do what we can for others. It's natural to think about money or other concrete donations, but there are valuable intangibles that we rarely think about as things we can use for others. One of those intangibles is dependability. People who are dependable and can be counted on to show up regularly to do certain jobs are "worth their weight in gold" as the saying goes.

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The pantry has a number of these folks who, I'm sure, haven't even thought about this as a valued gift. Others can be counted on when a special job comes up such as using a truck to pick up an unusual donation. Several have volunteered their time and resources to deliver food to those who, for special reasons, can't come to the pantry.

Not everyone has the ability to take care of low tires on the food pantry wagons or fix the lock on the pantry door when it doesn't work properly or see that the snow is removed so the pantry can operate. Someone who is capable and willing to do these necessary chores is doing what he can without even thinking about how

Sometimes we discount what we could do for others or even fail to help others because we compare our abilities to those we believe have a lot more to offer than we do. Time and talents as well as more tangible resources are gifts to us from God. Our using those gifts for others surely makes God smile.

Another of those intangibles is valuable these intangible contribu-

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PLAYGROUND UPDATE, CONT.

Another example would be, for the climbing wall, the story of Zacchaeus climbing the sycamore tree to see Jesus.

The different components of the main playset structure are listed below. Whether you have an idea for just one component or ideas for all, we would love to hear your input by August 1st! You can submit your ideas via email to Shelley Newman at pierce.shelley@gmail.com, or put them in the designated "Playground/Bible Stories" envelope found on the Announcements bulletin board.

Main playset components:

- Swings
- Monkey Bars
- Ladders
- 2 Slides
- Map on floor
- Ship's Wheel
- Propeller Swing
- Fireman's Pole
- Chalkboard
- Fort
- Climbing Wall

- Trapeze Bar
- Cargo Net Climber

As a general playground update, the main playset structure assembly will begin on June 26th. We have also ordered a separate swingset structure from a local manufacturer which will be ready in the near future. We do also plan to purchase several smaller pieces for the playground (potentially a seesaw, merry go round, etc.) but we wanted to start off purchasing conservatively to ensure the not-as-fun expenses for things such as a ground covering (likely pebbles) for the playground could be covered with our project money before we purchased additional playground equipment. We are in a good place with our project budget and expenses!

We do want to thank members of the CCPC congregation and the surrounding community for the extremely generous donations for the project we have received. In addition to monetary donations (in

which we have been blown away by...thank you!!), a local excavator donated the fill dirt, including dirt transport to the playground site, for the playground foundation, and congregation members also obtained and donated fencing to be installed around the playground area.

Your contributions to the playground project, whether they be praying for the children who will soon be laughing and learning together on the playground, submitting ideas for how the playset components relate to Bible stories, or the monetary, labor, and material donations we have received so far, are appreciated beyond words!

*In Christ,
The FaithLine Sunday School Class*



Follow the Sun

Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

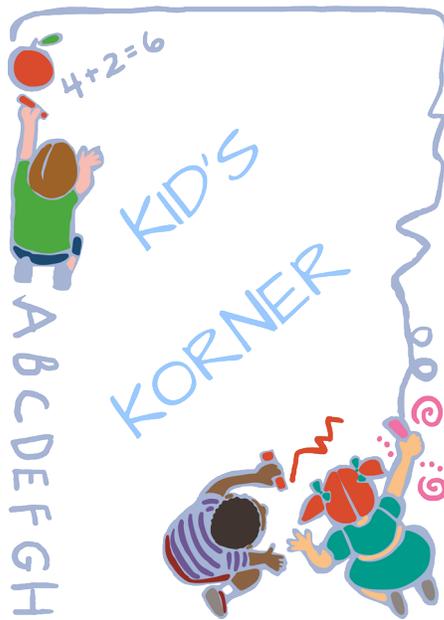
What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A farmer sowing seed
- A mustard seed
- Yeast
- Hidden treasure
- A merchant who finds a pearl
- A fishing net
- All of the above

Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51)

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:
Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



lady bug maze

Help the lady bug find her way out!

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Office Closed		
4 INDEPENDENCE Day	5 Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Courier Deadline Session @ 6:30	27	28	29 Food Pantry 4-6	30	31

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Rachel Switzer
- 9 - William Hughes
- 11 - Bart Bridges
- 12 - Becky Pierce
- 13 - Bea Morris
- 14 - Amy Brown
- 15 - Barrett Switzer
- 17 - Finley Boccock
- 21 - Bernie Custer
- 24 - Andy Carrier
- 25 - Bill Hughes
- 30 - Corabelle Barnett

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Brent & Kerry Showalter
- 11 - Skip & Robin Wallace
- 22 - David & Wendy Scott
- 24 - PD & Laura Ann Leftwich
- 25 - Dan & Kathy Dalrymple
James & Sue Haley



The Sounds of Summer

When on a summer's morn I wake,
And open my two eyes,
Out to the clear, born-singing rills
My bird-like spirit flies,

To hear the Blackbird, Cuckoo, Thrush,
Or any bird in song;
And common leaves that hum all day,
Without a throat or tongue.

And when Time strikes the hour for
sleep,
Back in my room alone,
My heart has many a sweet bird's song
And one that's all my own.

W.H. Davies

