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Addison Bridges ~ Turner Ashby High School

Cailin Carrier ~ Turner Ashby High School

Madison Frye ~ Turner Ashby High School

Abby Harper ~ East Rockingham High School

Sarah Phillips ~ Virginia Tech

Masters in Accounting & Information Systems

Upcoming Preachers:

July 2 ~ Larry Hogan

July 9 ~ Dick Travis

July 16 ~ Ann Held

July 23 ~ Larry Hogan

July 30 ~ Brent Showalter

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July

	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
2	Barret Dalrymple	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons & Nancy Miller	Adonica Miller & Billy
9	Nancy Myers	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Charlie & Shelley Newman
16	Tracy Bosserman	Kathy Lyons	Pam Bocock	Kathy Lyons
23	Skip Wallace	Kathy Lyons	Dianne Reynolds	Kathy Lyons
30	Ken McNulty	Kathy Lyons	Skip & Robin Wallace	Kathy Lyons

Elders On Call for July: Beth Phillips (540-271-1605) and Brad Miller (540-578-2846). If you have an urgent need please call the Elder On Call.

Church Information



June Attendance:

4 SS 20 W 87
11 SS 30 W 98
18 SS 18 W 57
25 SS 17 W 75

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

Mission & Outreach

Budgeted Funds for June

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://robertawebbcc.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.cookscreekchurch.org>

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, July 16th Youth will collect 4 cents a meal offering and hand out bulletins.

At their June Stated Meeting, Session approved the **collection of a love offering in honor of the service of Pastor Seth** to Cooks Creek. We will be collecting donations for the love offering throughout the month of July. The proceeds of the offering will benefit the Dick Miller Fund. If you wish to contribute to this love offering, please note "Pastor Seth Love Offering" on the memo line of your check.

In Loving Memory of

Mary Ellen Wampler who passed away Monday, June 5

Nelson Alexander who passed away Saturday, June 10

Terry Morris who passed away Wednesday, June 21



A Prayer That God's Will May Be Done in Our Nation

Lord... remind us today that You have shown us what is good in what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask that as a people, we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives and for this great nation. Help us in our nation to work as never before to strengthen our families and to give our children hope and a moral foundation for the future. So may our desire be to serve You, and in so doing, serve one another. This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(by Billy Graham) Crosswalk.com



Please be in prayer for these folks:

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

Food Pantry Report

Beginning Balance May 1 2023	\$55,866.90
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$600.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$1,032.00
Civic Organizations—including Online Donations from Great Community Give	\$200.00
Businesses	\$3,500.00
Total Deposits	\$5,332.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$105.00
Eggs (Reimbursed by Mt. Clinton Mennonite)	\$190.00
Food Purchases to Fill Bags	\$3,946.52
Hamburger	\$1,000.00
Milk Vouchers	\$613.92
Toilet Tissue	\$599.00
Produce Vouchers	\$958.30
Plastic Storage Bins	\$53.20
Total Disbursements	\$7,465.94
Balance as of May 31, 2023	\$53,732.96

Eggs decreased in cost considerably this month at a cost of \$.99 a dozen, but we are not seeing a decrease in other food items yet. When we started giving produce vouchers, the cost of grapes was about \$3.99 for a two-pound bag. Now this is the cost of one pound. Since the not-to-exceed price on the voucher pays for less, people are weighing them and buying less or they are paying the difference. The cost of other vouchers is sufficient. The plastic storage bins are not a recurring item. We are now keeping all items packaged in cardboard containers in these bins to decrease the chances of any bugs that may come in boxes getting out into the pantry. And as our numbers increase, we need to buy more food. Rawley Pike Meats is giving us a discount on the hamburger, and our generous doner is still reimbursing us for this good meat. One upright freezer that does not have a vacuum seal came open at some point and we lost 11 turkey breasts that were left over from November. We must remember to push that door shut tight. We had quite a nice surprise this month. The managers at Sharp Shopper recommended WRFP to the home office for a corporate donation because

of the work the pantry does to help people in our community. We received a check for \$2,500 with a nice letter commending us and telling us to use the funds in any way that would benefit those we serve.

On Thursday evening we served 77 families including 7 deliveries. Since then, we have given emergency bags to 8 families. Therefore, in May and until June 5 we served 84 families, 11 fewer than last month, but we may have more before the July distribution. One lady who couldn't come on Thursday but came later was very complementary of the food we give. She recognized the thought that goes into what is in the bags and that all of it is useful food. Since she is diabetic, she watches sugar and carbs carefully, and anything she can't eat she takes to Gemienchaft House where they are very grateful to get the food. Also, she was very complimentary of the organized distribution. And she mentioned that she always reads the inspiration sheet in the bag. We are so grateful for those who determine what to give, order, deliver, unpack the food and fill the bags. They are rarely seen but they do the

Food Pantry Report Continued

necessary behind-the-scenes work.

Approximately 1,914 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags. In addition, each family was given 2 dozen eggs, 2 pounds of hamburger, a pound of margarine, 2 pounds of ground deer meat, if they wanted it, a loaf of bread with large families receiving 2 loaves, and a 12-roll package of toilet tissue. Remember that the poundage number does not reflect the meat, eggs, bread, toilet paper, any of the milk or produce voucher food, or anything given to those who come for emergency bags. So we really give a lot more than the pounds listed as what is given. As we plan for the next couple months, we will have to remember that kids will not be in school and will not be getting breakfast and lunch there. In times like these, it's nice to have some extra things that can be made available on the variety table.

We thank the Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church for hosting the pantry this month. Mt. Bethel COB will host the pantry on June 22. They will provide eggs and the inspirational insert for each family. We will plan to serve 90.

A recent devotional in Our Daily Bread was entitled "Small but Great." An example given was how a very minute adjustment made such a great improvement in the time of a competitive swimmer. And just last week

our Sunday school lesson from Mark 12:41-44 noted that Jesus called to the attention of the disciples the poor widow who gave her two mites, which was all she had, and contrasted that to the rich who gave out of their abundance. Of course, we are thankful for the wealthy who are not greedy and find joy in giving, but the point here is that all of us have small things to give that would be so meaningful to others. The lady referenced above found joy in giving the few small things she couldn't use to those struggling to re-enter society after being incarcerated. Sometimes we fail to realize that we can meet such a silent need of someone who needs a word of encouragement. We are oblivious to the power of a smile, a kind word or act, a card or a short note. But when we occasionally hear the stories of the hardships some of our families are dealing with, we realize how powerful small deeds can be in boosting their self esteem. WRFP doesn't get the publicity of larger pantries and the food bank, and our efforts may seem insignificant in relationship to the national, and even global, hunger crisis we often hear about in the news, but we should be encouraged that we are making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.



~ 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

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Eddy: 540-383-5653
Eddy's Birthday: September 15





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Bible Quiz

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What does God compare to rain "watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word

Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)



PUZZLE

The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.

U	D	P	L	Y	G	D	G	L	B
R	E	E	B	C	E	N	G	E	T
V	S	S	V	O	K	L	L	E	S
N	Y	R	E	A	L	N	B	R	V
S	H	O	L	T	L	U	M	G	E
L	M	S	P	Y	G	R	P	R	A
O	O	B	C	J	K	V	O	E	C

Above all, love each other D because love

over a multitude of. Offer

to one another without

. Each of you should use whatever

you have received to others, as faithful

stewards of God's in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

Calendar and Celebrations

July 2023

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

Birthdays

5 - Austin Palmer
 6 - Rachel Switzer
 11 - Bart Bridges
 12 - Becky Pierce
 13 - Bea Morris
 14 - Amy Brown
 15 - Barrett Switzer
 20 - Mitchell Palmer
 23 - Kari Palmer
 24 - Andy Carrier
 30 - Corabelle Barnette



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