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God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

By Unknown Author

Ramblings from the Reverend

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost (the word Pentecost derives from the ancient Greek for fiftieth). Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations to Jerusalem. Here is God's Word establishing the feast (Leviticus 23:15-21):

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June

	Liturgist	SS Care	Nursery	Pre-school	Acolyte
5	Robin Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Whitney & Paul Eberly	Katherine Lyons & Pam Boccock	
12	Barret Da;ru,[;e	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Boccock	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	
19	Nancy Myers	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons & Dianne Reynolds	
26	Tracy Bosserman	Katherine Lyons	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Katherine Lyons & Nancy Miller	

Elders on Call: Gerald Harper - 540-434-3327 and Jim Suter- 540-433-1063
 If you have an urgent need and can not get in touch with Pastor Seth, please call the Elder on call.

May Attendance:

1 - SS 33 W 89
 8 - SS 26 W 76
 15 - SS 20 W 77
 22 - SS 25 W 90
 29 - SS 18 W 89

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

Prayer Needs

- Dylan Heatwole
- Tucker-JD and Diane's grandson
- Terry & Linda Morris
- Karen Moats
- Dennis Early
- Ronald Miller
- Meredith Durham (daughter of Becky Hottel)



Church Information

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Seth Normington 540.236.2900
 Office Administrator: Martha Shank 540.567.8117
 Organist: Teresa Simmers
 Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons
 Custodian: Jean Will

Session

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams
 Administration Team: Mark Williams, Brenda Moyers
 Mission Outreach Team: Terry Morris, Jeff Heatwole
 Congregational Care Team: Becky Pierce, Fran Smith
 Christian Education Team: Kate Dudley, Gerald Harper
 Property and Grounds Team: Jim Suter, Brad Miller, Ray Heatwole
 Worship Team: Don Myers, Skip Wallace

Church Committee Leaders

Youth Advisor: Kate Dudley
 Cemetery: Brad Miller
 The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott
 Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller
 Historian: Nancy Myers

Church News

Prayer Ministry

A Father's Day Prayer of Hope

Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong and to say "yes" to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love,

compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives. We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you God that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today, we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Written by: Debbie McDaniel

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."

Jim Valvano



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pops, daddy, dad, father, pops
DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD
pops, daddy, dad, father, pops, dadd
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father, pops, daddy, dad, father, pop:
DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD

Ramblings from the Reverend, continued from page 1

15 You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. 16 You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord. 17 You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the Lord. 18 And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one bull from the herd and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. 19 And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. 20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. 21 And you shall make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You

shall not do any ordinary work. It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

For disciples of Jesus Christ, Pentecost signifies a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; and professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

This month, we can celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Church Universal by sharing the Gospel in tangible ways:

1. Ministering with our children, families, and community during VBS
2. In prayer for the Church and her saints around the world as we've been doing each Sunday

3. Be a presence in worship in-person or online
4. Personally invite some people to join you in worship

And remember to wear red on Pentecost. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost as a reflection of the flames of Acts 2:3, "3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them."

Seth

Financial Update

Year to Date Totals:

Income: \$133,410.09

Expenses: \$131,218.11

Thank you to those who continue to give tithes and offerings so that the work at Cooks Creek can continue.

To learn how you can give online, on your mobile device, through the mail, or in-person, please go to cooks-creekchurch.org/give or call the office at 540-867-5117

History Tidbits

Look for tidbits of Cooks Creek's history in upcoming Couriers as research for our new history book continues.

In 1912 the first brick church building was torn down and replaced by the one now housing our sanctuary. That roof has been repaired over the years but has never been completely replaced. The current estimate for replacing this roof in the near future is \$65,000. Can you guess how much this 1912 building, complete with roof, cost? Find the answer on page 7!

Cooks Creek 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 & 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 Miller 7/30	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
Wanda Ritchie 1/19	68 Cooks Creek Rd. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-1944	CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC	
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Unity Household Room 360 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3574
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Walnut 330 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-6511
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
Jean Ratcliff 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Mable Branner 4/3	1401 Virginia Ave. Redbud 224 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3352

Food Pantry Report

Beginning Balance April 1, 2022	\$23,598.34
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$640.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$135.82
Businesses	\$2,000.00
Total Deposits	\$2,775.82
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$232.50
Hot dogs	\$207.35
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$2,443.21
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 17 gal. - \$61.81 Sharp Shopper 75 gal. - \$302.68)	\$364.49
Produce Vouchers (Bananas- \$104.14, Apples- \$211.12, Grapes-\$170.38)	\$485.64
Toilet Tissue Purchase	\$359.40
Annual Liability Insurance-\$931.00 and Annual Registration Fee - \$50.00	\$981.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,073.59
Balance as of April 30, 2022	\$21,300.57

The balance is gradually going down, but that's to be expected with the increase of prices for food. Note that this month we had \$981.00 in two annual expenses. Becky and Jack Martin bought the eggs at Kroger's for the best price this month, so that charge does not show on the report. Also, the generous anonymous donor paid for the hamburger with his personal check, so it is not shown in the treasurer's report. He has the receipt as a contribution. We are so fortunate to have the money to buy what is needed. We continue to be thrifty, but people give this money to be spent to help others, not to amass a large bank account.

The pantry served 54 families Thursday evening. Approximately 1,550 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags. In addition, each family received 2 pounds of hamburger, 2 pounds of ground deer meat if they wanted it, a pound of hot dogs, a

package of hot dog buns, a loaf of bread with large families receiving 2 loaves, and either two 12-ct cartons or one 18-ct carton of eggs. (There were a few 12-ct. cartons left from last month.) Again, they received a package of toilet tissue. I asked the lady who picked up the emergency bags for the three families if there was anything else they would like us to give and whether they would like more of any of the items. She said she would like more canned fruit. You can see from the treasurer's report that the fruit vouchers are being used, although the total spent for the milk and produce vouchers in April was a little less than what was spent in March.

We are so grateful to the Dayton UMC for the pickup load of food they donated to the pantry this month. I have been told that some Bible schools that will be held next month will be donating food items. All of these donations help and are greatly

appreciated, but the continued monetary donations allow us more flexibility in items given and reduce the number of unusual items on the shelves. Since the people are not coming into the storage area anymore, it is more difficult to put these items on a variety table for them to choose.

We thank the Clover Hill UMC for hosting the pantry in April. The Mt. Clinton Mennonite church will host the pantry on Thursday, May 26. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We will continue to plan to serve 70 households. We are expecting the Cheese Ministry to have the 6-pound blocks of mozzarella cheese for each family again in May, and we thank Jerry Bentz in advance for picking it up for us.



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Food Pantry Report, Cont.

Most of us feel the heaviness or dread at one time or another when there are challenges that we are afraid we can't meet, but few of us have experienced the crippling fear of wondering how we are going to feed our families next week, or sometimes even the next day. We ache for the parents who are now terrified that they won't be able to find enough formula to feed their babies. Those who come to the pantry regularly often express appreciation for being able to come there and get wholesome food. In Philippians 4:12, Paul said, "I have learned the secret of being content in any given

situation." In that passage, Paul reminds the church at Philippi that he knows what it is to have plenty, but whether he is well fed or hungry, his experiences have shown him that Jesus always gives him the strength to meet whatever the difficulties are. We trust that those who come to us each month are learning to be content in their circumstances as a result of Jesus' love for them and that they are gaining strength to get through their difficulties. We trust that they see his love through our dependability of being there each month and through the kind words and concern shown to them. One lady

mentioned how much she appreciates the prayer we have with everyone at the opening of the pantry. May these folks leave us on Thursday nights not only with food but the secret of being content.

Answer: \$8,500. The new building was dedicated April 28, 1913, debt free.

Bea



Re-Connect Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Invite your Cooks Creek Family & Friends to a

Meaningful Service followed by a

Wonderful Luncheon and music by The Dunns

Get it on your calendar NOW!

The word "Thanks!" is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Above the text, there is a small illustration of a blue bird perched on a branch with green leaves.

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and kindnesses shown to me upon the sudden death of my mother Norma Bowman. The service and reception you hosted were lovely. Mom loved her Cooks Creek family - her Sunday School class, her Circle, the choir, and the Golden Fellowship. It has been a stressful and sad time. You have made it much easier to bear.

Joyce Bowman Cornwell

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5  Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 HAPPY <i>Father's Day</i>	20	21 <i>First Day of Summer</i> 	22 Courier Deadline	23 Food Pantry 4-6	24	25
26 Bible School	27	28	29	30		

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Mary Ann Brown
- 2 - Cameron Bocock
Braeden Wallace
- 3 - Chad Barnett
- 9 - Brandon Fadeley
- 10 - Natalie Bocock
David Weaver
- 11 - Carole Weaver
- 14 - John Rossheim
- 15 - Kylie Hughes
- 16 - Nancy Myers
Sam Ritchie
- 17 - Finley Bocock
- 18 - Sarah Layman Graf
Beau Switzer
- 20 - Grant Blosser
Blake Lyons

- 23 - Norman Smith
- 24 - Alexis Fadeley
- 25 - Adam Higgs
Larry Reynolds
Frances Bailey
- 27 - Autumn Barnett

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Bob & Patsy Scott
David & Carole Weaver
- 6 - David & Susan Price
- 7 - Dick & Evelyn Travis
- 13 - Terry & Linda Morris
- 14 - Gerald & Laura Harper
- 15 - Sam & Martha Spicher
- 18 - Nelson & Lois Alexander
- 19 - Randy & Brenda Moyers
- 26 - Chad & Dawn Barnett
- 27 - Don & Nancy Myers



Celebrations

Dates to Remember

- 22 - Courier articles due by 9 am
- 23 - Food Pantry from 4-6 pm
- 26 - Congregational Care Meeting
following worship
- 26-29 - Vacation Bible School

Upcoming Events

- October 2 - Reconnect Sunday