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Cooks Creek Courier



Upcoming Preachers:

March 3 ~ Bill Reinhold

March 10 ~ Gerald Harper

March 17 ~ Bill Reinhold

March 24 ~ Larry Hogan

March 31 ~ Bill Reinhold ~ Communion

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	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
3	Kathy Lyons	Charlie & Shelley Newman	Kathy Lyons
10	Kathy Lyons	Skipp & Robin Wallace	Kathy Lyons
17	Nancy Miller	Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley	Kathy Lyons
24	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly
31	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Charlie & Shelley Newman

Elders On Call for March: Brenda Moyers (540-820-4722) and Larry Hogan (910-429-5707).
If you have an urgent need please call an Elder On Call.

Church Information



February Attendance:

4 SS 25 W 77
11 SS 24 W 92
18 SS 31 W 112
25 SS 28 W 66

We are also thankful for those
who faithfully watch online and
listen via telephone.



Staff

Part Time Interim Pastor: Bill Reinhold
Office Administrator: Sherry Stroop
Music Director: Megan Zuhowski-Hartsell
Organist: Teresa Simmers
Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons

Session

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams
Administration & Property: Brenda Moyers, Brad Miller,
Charlie Newman
Worship & Education: Kate Dudley, Tim Higgs, Don Myers
Congregation & Community Care: Larry Hogan, Beth Phillips,
Fran Smith

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



- **Sunday, March 17—Church Luncheon** Please join us for a potluck luncheon following church service. Drink and place stings will be provided! Bring your favorite dishes or desserts to share! Let's kick off spring with fellowship and good food!
- **Youth Information, Sunday, March 17**
 - Hand out bulletins and collect 4 Cents A Meal Offering
 - Youth will have an Easter craft for the children after the Children's Sermon
 - Youth outing to Ruby's Arcade from 3-5 pm—Pizza will be provided!
- **Easter Sunday, March 31**—We will share communion together.



Don't forget to
move your
clocks ahead on
Sunday, March 10!

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sunday, April 21—Church Breakfast**



- **Yard Sale & Bake Sale** at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church will be on Saturday, May 4. More details to come...we invite you to start gathering "gently loved" items for this spring event.

- **Sunday, July 7—Kick off Christmas in July Food Drive**
- **Sunday, October 6—Church BBQ Lunch after church**



Gary and Teresa Simmers
2130 Setback Drive
Rockingham, VA 22802

Norman Smith
3935 Sunnyside Drive, #227
Sunnyside Retirement Community
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Thank you to everyone who helped host the homeless guests of Open Doors at Cooks Creek from February 5-12. We greatly appreciate all who provided food, supplies, served meals, unloaded and loaded the Open Doors truck, cleaned bathrooms, drove vans, and so much more. Special thanks to Adonica Miller who lead this project with excellence!



In February CCPC used budgeted funds to support Bridge of Hope, an organization whose mission is to engage Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love.

CCPC also used budgeted funds to support Mercy House, a nonprofit organization with multiple programs combating poverty and homelessness in Harrisonburg, Virginia. As a provider of family shelter, rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention services; they are committed to restoring clients to self-sufficiency by addressing the barriers and challenges that lead to housing instability or experiencing homelessness. Mercy House serves the City of Harrisonburg, and provides services to clients within Rockingham, Augusta, and Page Counties.

Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Trip to Baja California, Mexico:

Mark July 7-13 on your calendar if you are interested in going on a Mission trip. More information is available on the Shenandoah Presbytery web site at <https://shenpres.org/baja>. Registration ends April 1, 2024. Contact Tori Moats if you are interested or have any questions.



Thank you for blanketing the world with love!!! We appreciate all who participated in the Church World Service Blankets+ program. Please note the following contributions:

In memory of Kelly Simmers; given by the Cooks Creek family

In memory of Ronald Miller; given by Gloria Miller

In memory of Louise Wilson; given by Gloria Miller

In memory of Russell Lyeth; given by Gloria Miller

In honor of Kirstine & Emily; given by Gloria Miller

In memory of Dick Seymour; given by Lucy Seymour

In honor of those who bring our message each Sunday; given by the Ritchies

In memory of Mike & Ellen Liskey; given by Becky, Joel & Meredith

In memory of Mike & Ellen Liskey; given by Tom & Luanne May

In memory of Kelly Simmers; given by Tom & Luanne May



In memory of Helen Reynolds; given by Dick & Evelyn Travis

In memory of Ken & Marty Travis; given by Dick & Evelyn Travis

In memory of Harold Spradlin; given by Dick & Evelyn Travis

In memory of Lucy & Bill Pierce, Sr.; given by Nora, Sophie & Charlie Newman

In memory of Bobby Meador; given by Sue Haley

In memory of Lynn Heatwole; given by Brent & Kerry Showalter

In memory of Harvey & Virginia Scott; given by Bob & Patsy Scott

In honor of Cindy Corell; given by Bea Morris

In honor of Otis Dove; given by the Higgs Family

In memory of Wayne Strawderman; given by the Higgs family

In memory of Lynn Heatwole; given by Ray Heatwole

In memory of Wallace Brown; given by Dianne Reynolds & Family

In memory of Morgan Brown; given by Dianne Reynolds & Family

In memory of Bill & Dorothy (Perks) Rolston; given by Cindy Suter

In memory of Nelson Miller; given by Phyllis Miller

In memory of Herman K. and Anna Mary Simmons; given by Fred & Phyllis Simmons

In memory of Floyd & Elaine Merica; given by Fred & Phyllis Simmons

In memory of Barbara Evans; given by Fred & Phyllis Simmons

In memory of Richard Weaver; given by the Carole Weaver family

In memory of Brownie Cunningham; given by Steve & Fran Smith

In memory of Mildred Smith; given by Steve & Fran Smith

In memory of Rev. & Mrs. H. G. Allen; given by Jody Meyerhoeffter

In memory of Howard & Margaret Burkholder; given by their grandchildren

In memory of Sue Burkholder Brown; given by the Phillips family

In memory of Nancy Swope, from her family



If you notice that we missed any names, please notify the church office to list in the April Courier!

*Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can
always be generous. And when we take your gifts to
those who need them, they will thank God.*

2 Corinthians 9:11





Prayer Requests?

If anyone in the congregation has any prayer concerns or needs
please contact Phyllis Simmons.

pmsimmons4041@comcast.net

540-830-4244 cell

Please be in prayer for these folks:

- Lynn America—cancer has returned
- Gary & Teresa Simmers on the passing of their daughter, Kelly
- Jim Suter—Knee replacement
- Wanda Ritchie
- Gloria Miller
- Johnathan Hasler—8 year old receiving treatment for brain cancer
- Brent Showalter
- Aaron Evans
- Cindy Suter
- Jillian Shirkey & Family
- Gary Shell & Family—He is battling melanoma in the lung
- Jimmy Miller
- Gary Simmers, cancer treatment
- Dylan Heatwole
- Diane & JD's daughter, Brittany, and their grandson, Tucker
- Karen Moats





Easter Children's Prayer

*God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.
Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.
He died but then came back to life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive!
Amen.*

Crosswalk.com



This Message of the Resurrection

"Our Father, we ask that You would help us to take this message of the resurrection to the world, that You would help us to always preach Christ when we preach because the resurrection has shown us that He is the meaning to the Scriptures. We pray that the resurrection would remind us that the truth is the truth whether we like it or not. But most of all, help us to remember that the resurrection shows us that Jesus is the King that our hearts have longed for."

— Tim Keller



January 25, 2024 distribution:

91 households were served

Four of those households are new guests to the WRFPP

More than 2,022 pounds of non-perishable food was distributed

In addition to the non-perishable foods, Each household received two pounds of frozen meat

Each household received vouchers for milk, grapes, bananas and apples to be redeemed at Sharp Shopper

Each household received two dozen eggs

Each household received at least one loaf of bread

Each household received a 12 roll package of toilet tissue

February 22, 2024 distribution:

74 households were served

Two of those 74 households are new guests to the WRFPP

Just less than 1500 pounds of non-perishable food was distributed

In addition to the non-perishable foods, each household had the choice of two pounds of hamburger, half a frozen ham or a frozen turkey breast.

Two pound packages of frozen venison were available in addition to the other frozen protein options

Each household received vouchers for milk, grapes, bananas and apples to be redeemed at Sharp Shopper

Each household received two dozen eggs

Each household received at least one loaf of bread

Each household received a 12 roll package of toilet tissue





With much love, thankful hearts and appreciation of Bea Morris

After nearly 16 years of compassionate, dedicated service to the West Rockingham Food Pantry, Bea Morris decided to retire from her duties with WRFP. In honor of Bea's unparalleled commitment to the community, the Board of Directors invites you to join us for two events to celebrate Bea!

1 - As part of the March 28, 2024 West Rockingham Food Pantry distribution, the Board of Directors is hosting a reception in the Social Hall of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church. Bea will be on hand to visit with WRFP guests, volunteers and supporters. You are welcome to join us anytime during the March operating hours: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

2 - For future planning, please be advised that the Board of Directors is also coordinating an opportunity for past, current (and future!) volunteers and supporters of WRFP to worship together at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church. Following the worship service, the Board will host a carry-in meal in Bea's honor and your presence would be greatly appreciated. We are still coordinating the date for the worship and carry-in meal event but will be back in touch very soon confirming that not-too-far-off date!

Bea has positively impacted so many lives through her work with WRFP! Please take this opportunity to share this invitation with others who may want to recognize Bea's efforts.

Looking forward to seeing you, most immediately, at the March 28 reception.

~ Sallie Wolfe Garrison on behalf of the
West Rockingham Food Pantry Board of Directors.

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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Crestwood, Cedar Room 101
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Phone: 540-564-3574
Birthday: April 1

Mary Ann Brown

Bridgewater Retirement Community
Unity Household Room 360
302 N. 2nd Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812
Birthday: June 1

Dennis Early

Bridgewater Retirement Community
302 N. 2nd Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812
Birthday: February 2

Lois Frye

White Birch Communities
847 Oakwood Drive
Rockingham, VA 22801
Birthday: October 26

Curtis Long

6868 Mt. Clinton Pike
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Phone: 540-867-5127
Birthday: November 23

Evelyn & Jimmy Miller

1401 Virginia Avenue
Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Phone: 540-564-6527
Birthdays:
Jimmy—May 31
Evelyn—April 24

Jerry Miller

4463 Mt. Clinton Pike
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
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Birthday: July 30

Carolyn Pence

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2633 Partridge Trail
Duluth, GA 30097
Birthday: December 23

Wanda Ritchie

68 Cooks Creek Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
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Birthday: January 19

Ann Rhodes

624 Erickson Avenue
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Phone: 540-434-9473

Pam Sonner

229 Emerson Lane
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Phone: 540-217-0805
Birthday: March 20

Eddy Wampler

Bridgewater Retirement Community
302 N. 2nd Street - Room 237
Bridgewater, VA 22812
Phone: 540-383-5653
Birthday: September 15

Helen Suter

The Phoenix of Harrisonburg
3607 Stone Spring Road
Rockingham, VA 22801
Phone: 540-214-6175
Birthday: August 25

NEW ADDRESS:

Norman Smith

3935 Sunnyside Drive, #227
Sunnyside Retirement Community
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Birthday: June 23

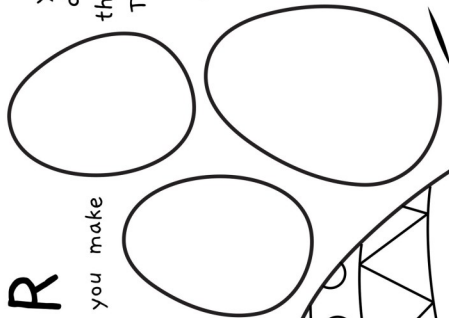




EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!



DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!



You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU _____ WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT _____ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR _____ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE _____"

8 5 1 18 20

19 1 22 5 4

ROMANS 10:9, ESV



HE IS RISEN!

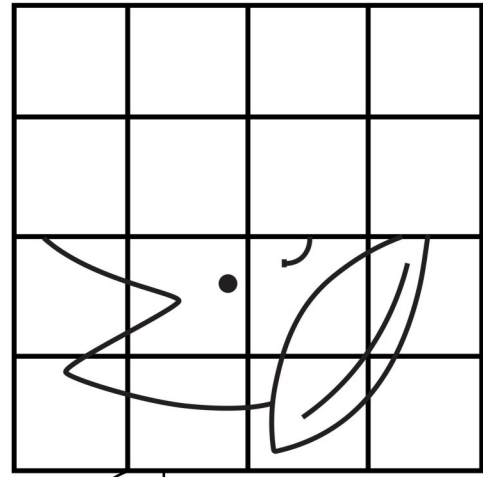
Matthew 28:6


He is not here, for...



Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

Use the grid to draw the other side!



						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 4 Cents A Meal Offering Church Potluck Lunch 3-5 pm Youth at Ruby's Arcade	18 April Courier Deadline	19 Hello SPRING	20	21	22	23
24	25 Session Meeting	26	27	28 Food Pantry & Reception for Bea 3:30 - 6 PM	29	30
31 Communion Easter SUNDAY	1 Church Office Closed	HAPPY EASTER!				



- 1 - Tim Higgs
Savannah Pence
3 - Jeff Heatwole
5 - Adriana Keech
6 - Craig Miller
8 - Ella Blosser
9 - Brian Bocock
12 - Larry Hogan
Bill Pierce, Jr.

- 13 - Gerald Harper
14 - Tom Bocock
Ellie Eberly
Jeff Smith
15 - Dick Travis
20 - Laura Harper
22 - Bayler Bocock
23 - Don Myers
Tripp Knicely
25 - Catherine Carrier
Elizabeth Dolack
26 - Evelyn Travis
27 - Diane Reynolds
28 - Nora Newman
Keith Simmons
Madison Swope



- 10 - Norman & Linda Smith
21 - Fred & Phyllis Simmons
27 - Tim & Lanna Higgs

