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A Mother's Day Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

-Peggy Ferrell



Ramblings from the Reverend

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

There is a lot going on in May! But first, a big thanks to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter worship and celebrations a blessed time of devotion and fellowship in the name of our Lord – thanks!

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May



	Liturgist	SS Care	Nursery	Pre-school	Acolyte
1	Tracy Bosserman	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace	Grant Blosser
8	Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Nancy Miller	Katherine Lyons	Levi Simmons
15	Steve Smith	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Bocock	Katherine Lyons	Ella Blosser
22	Steve Smith	Dianne Reynolds & Katherine Lyons	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Katherine Lyons	
29	Ken McNulty	Katherine Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Pam Bocock & Katherine Lyons	

Elders on Call: Kate Dudley - 540-908-6207 and Jeff Heatwole – 540-478-3748
 If you have an urgent need and can not get in touch with Pastor Seth, please call the Elder on call.

April Attendance:

3 - SS 28 W 100
 10 - SS 31 W 130
 17 - SS W 118
 24 - SS 35 W 84

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
- Mike Simmons
- Ronald Miller
- Fred Simmons
- Meredith Durham (daughter of Becky Hottel)
- Kathy Lyons



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 Powerful Prayer for Your Purpose as a Mother

Father, Today, we come to You with grateful hearts. The gift of motherhood is a rich blessing, and we thank You for the privilege and honor of bearing the title, 'Mom.' As so many of the great biblical mothers come to our minds, we are reminded of the legacy we have been grafted into. The sacrifices made out of love for You and their children pave a road full of examples and encouragement for us to follow. Help us to remember to go to those places in Scripture when we yearn for a sense of camaraderie, and when we feel alone in our struggles as a mom.

Through the task of motherhood, let us never lose sight of who we are in Christ. Keep our feet on the path of righteousness and our hearts in pursuit of wisdom. Bless our lives with godly friends and God-centered friendships. Bless and protect our marriages amidst the challenges of parenting. Father God, mold us into the moms you already know we are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

~Meg Bucher

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."

~ John Wesley

Happy Mothers' Day
Blessings,
Becky



Mission and Outreach Ministry

Open Doors

We are so grateful to the owners of the old Red Front Supermarket that have hosted our homeless population for the past two years. The lease is up on Monday, June 6, and they will no longer be hosting. Open Doors is working with the city of Harrisonburg on a project for a permanent location.

Mission Trip

We are still discussing the possibility of doing a weekend mission trip. As soon as dates and locations are secured we will be asking for volunteers to help.



Mission and Outreach Team

A Dose of Humor

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches incorporate joy into worship through "holy humor." During his four decades in ministry, Thom Rainer has collected these funny gems heard by real-life pastors:

- "Is it okay to lie if I ask for forgiveness in advance?"
- (during the offertory) "Pastor, do you have change for a twenty?"
- (during an ordination council) "What's your view on Christian missions in space?"
- "My husband's ashes are in two different places. Will Jesus be able to find him?"
- "Pastor, will you pray for my son? He's wild and out of control." (Pastor: "Sure, what's his name?") "Maverick."

Church News, Cont.

Join us for Re-Connect Sunday, October 2, 2022!

We need the enthusiasm that a full church service brings, continuing to build church community & reinforcing our Cooks Creek church culture, even while offering outreach in non-traditional ways. We will have a wonderful service, a terrific meal to follow and gospel entertainment as a treat for the day. This will serve as a joint venture combining the annual church picnic. Reach out to your family, church members, friends, and former members, and invite them to join us for a great day of worship together, promoting Christian Unity. Contact any of the Re-Connect Sunday team members listed below for more information. We will be providing more

details in the near future, but circle the date of Sunday, October 2 for Re-Connect Sunday at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church.

Tom Frye	David Scott
Jana Miller	Steve Smith
Bea Morris	Jim Suter
Nancy Myers	



Celebrate Our Heritage

A Gift for Generations to Come

Cooks Creek is launching an exciting endeavor! Knowing for some time that Cooks Creek's history needs to be brought up to date, the Session gave approval for information to be gathered on producing such a book. A committee consisting of Jody Meyerhoeffer, Bea Morris, Nancy Myers, and Donna Kay Ritchie determined that a professional would be required to undertake such a task.

We were fortunate to secure the services of Lot's Wife Publishing Company and owner Nancy Sorrells to take on this project. Since about 1996, Nancy, a native of Augusta County, and her colleagues have researched, written, and published complete histories for churches, businesses, museums, organizations, institutions, and associations. The website (lotswifepublishing.com) says, "If you have a history to be proud of, you should have a book to tell your story." That's what we hope to do with this book: tell the story of the Cooks Creek family and why this church has continued for 280 years.

The Cooks Creek story is made up not only of the stories of those who have gone before us but of our stories today. Nancy and Peggy Dillard, a researcher working with her, are going to be searching the archives for information, but they are also going to ask us to be involved in contributing our memories and memorabilia. So, make a note of some of your childhood memories, your memories of your first years at Cooks Creek, etc., and find those pictures you have of special church events or documents or certificates, etc. Newer members' experiences today will be the history of tomorrow, so we want those folks to be a part of this project, also. We are reminded that what we do today will be the history and legacy we pass on to others.

The time frame for the completion of the book is approximately one year. You will be hearing more about this work and how you will be able to participate in the preparations for this treasured gift for generations to come.

Ramblings from the Reverend, continued from page 1

Vacation Bible School will be at Cooks Creek from **Sunday, June 26 to Wednesday, June 29 from 5:30-8:00 pm.** Each evening will feature a family dinner, great activities, bible stories, and the presence and love of Jesus all in our Jerusalem Marketplace! Click here to register! If you would like to help with VBS, contact the office or stop by the VBS table on Sunday mornings. Children from anywhere and everywhere are welcome!

Sunday Worship Notes... May 8 is Mother's Day and we will celebrate mothers, and everyone who provides nurturing, during our worship service. On **May 15**, we will celebrate our nurses and health care professionals in celebration of National Nurses Week during worship. Rev. Bradley Long, mission mobilizer with Frontier Fellowship, and doctoral student in Christian mission studies, will preach on May 15 (Pastor Seth will be in worship). Our own Jordan Bridges will share about Capernaum, a ministry of Young Life, and her service with them, on May 22 during worship. We will have info on how you can connect to Capernaum and Jordan's ministry! Memorial Day weekend includes Sunday, May 29,

and we will remember those who died in war and in the line of service.

Our sermon series, Miraculous Mercy, continues during May with these sermons. Come hear and experience God's mercy in your life!

May 1 - God's Mercy and My Failures

May 8 - Mercy Forgives

May 15 - Rev. Bradley Long, Frontier Fellowship, preaching

May 22 - How Much You Matter to God

May 29 Your Ministry of Mercy

Looking ahead, we have a special location for our Sunday morning worship for **July 17**. We will be at the riverside in Bridgewater to celebrate baptism. If you or someone in your family would like to be baptized in the river on July 17, please contact me as soon as possible to start the journey!

Blessings



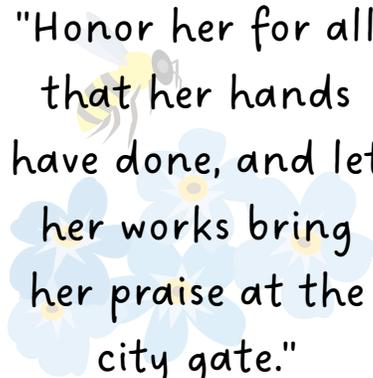
Financial Update

Income: \$66,084.00

Expenses: \$79,292.00

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 cookscreekchurch.org/give or call the office at 540-867-5117



"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Proverbs 31:31

Announcements

Betty Chalfan, the longtime director of Volunteer mailings at Massanetta Springs, passed away on April 16. Betty worked with many of our church volunteers for almost 30 years. The funeral will be May 7 at 10:00 am in the Meredith Chapel at Sunnyside Retirement Community.

Carolyn Wampler

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	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 540-564-0640	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3574
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. 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 March 1, 2022	\$26,149.76
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$370.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$2,217.37
Businesses	\$75.00
Total Deposits	\$2,662.37
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$142.50
Hot dogs, Hamburger and Ham	\$1,716.88
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$2,102.88
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 19 gal. - \$75.61 Sharp Shopper 77 gal. - \$312.61)	\$388.22
Produce Vouchers (Bananas- \$109.05, Apples- \$235.60, Grapes-\$177.23)	\$521.88
Toilet Tissue Purchase	\$341.43
Total Disbursements	\$5,213.79
Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$23,598.34

February's deposits were much larger than March's because of the many memorial contributions in memory of Charlsie Miller, but March's contributions were still strong.

The pantry served 54 families, 3 of whom were new, on Thursday evening. Also, there were 2 deliveries on Saturday, and later in the week, there were emergency bags for 3 families, making a total of 59 families served during March. They were pleased to get a 6 double-roll package of toilet tissue again, and for the first time, everyone received a pound of margarine.

The cost of milk has increased again. The not-to-exceed amount on the milk voucher was increased to \$4.10 for a gallon in January. In March at Finders Keepers the cost of a gallon of whole milk was \$4.39, and in now it will be \$4.59 Who knows what it will be in another cou-

ple weeks! At Sharp Shopper a gallon of whole milk costs \$4.29, but if price changes are made, they will be on Mondays. I have asked Finders Keepers about writing off any amount above the amount on the voucher as a charitable donation. From the treasurer's report, you can see that most are buying milk at Sharp Shopper, but it is a convenience to some to be able to get milk at Finders Keepers rather than going farther away if they are just getting milk. The amounts on the produce vouchers seem sufficient for right now. We are fortunate that our treasury will allow us to do this. Just imagine how the increases are affecting these families.

Our annual liability insurance premium of \$931.00 is due in April. This is a lot of money, but I'm surprised it's only an increase of \$42.35 over last year.

We were saddened this month at

the death of a lady who had come to the pantry regularly for a number of years.

This month Donna Coffman made a donation to the pantry in honor of her sister, Cheryl Payne, who had a birthday. What a lovely way to recognize someone while helping others.

We thank Greenmount, who hosted the pantry in March. On April 28, Clover Hill UMC will host the pantry and will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family.



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Food Pantry Report, Cont.

I guess there's never been a time in the history of mankind when people didn't need encouragement. We read about and study many of those times and learn what terrible things people did to one another, but somehow it seems different, worse when we're actually living through physical pain, dread, experiencing unbearable loss, fear of the unknown, seeing the results of man's inhumanity to man first hand. For six weeks or so we have watched an evil dictator wreck havoc on not just a country but on the whole world in one way or another. We watch atrocities in far away places on the nightly news, and then we pick up the local newspaper and see that on a smaller scale someone in a local neighborhood has experienced unbelievable hurt. What got people through these things in the past? What gets us through today? James Banks in

an Our Daily Bread devotional reminds us that in II Thessalonians 2:16 "Paul says that through Jesus, God gives us 'eternal encouragement and good hope.'" We have seen how God can use a little girl, brave enough in the midst of all the destruction, singing the Ukrainian national anthem to a group of people, can lift the spirits of those around her. And not just the spirits of those people but the will to go on of depressed and pessimistic cynics around the world. Without shrinking from the possible hardships, families have taken refugees into their homes and shown them the kindness and love and encouragement that comes only from God. Local children have collected pennies to show their encouragement as they empathized with children their ages who have lost everything familiar, as well as loved ones in their lives. We read about

mothers not eating so that their children might have dinner here in our own country. In an effort to relieve the stress of rising food prices in our midst we give thought, time, and resources so that our food pantry can provide food for nutritious meals for those hurting in our community. As we are in the middle of the Easter season, we must remember that Jesus died on that horrible cross for each one of us and then actually rose again! We have to be encouraged when we remember that no matter what terrible sights and experiences we have in this world, no matter what awful things we ourselves have done, God gives us hope and a bright future with Him when we trust Him.

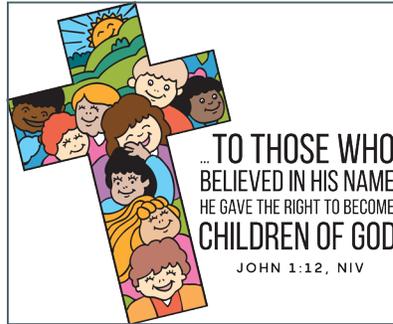
Wishing everyone a happy Easter.

Bea

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.





Bible Quiz

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle



Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34.)

PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ _
2. () _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ () _ _
4. () _ _ _ _ _
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the L _ _ _ _ RD _ _ _ _ ou _ _ _ _ God i _ _ _ _ givi _ _ _ _ g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.



Spring Word Search

F	A	V	M	A	Y	W	I	N	D	Q
H	B	S	R	I	N	A	C	Z	W	F
E	O	P	B	L	O	P	O	O	I	L
M	A	R	C	H	F	R	A	I	N	O
A	V	I	J	A	K	I	P	G	D	W
R	E	N	S	R	E	L	S	Q	Y	E
C	W	G	Y	E	A	G	I	U	Z	F
T	Q	J	D	F	L	O	W	E	R	S
B	L	O	O	M	X	R	T	S	D	B



Spring	Rain
March	Flowers
April	Windy
May	Bloom

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May 2022

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Lee Anne Biller
Becky Hottel
- 3 - Dawn Barnett
- 5 - Tammy Browning
- 7 - Teresa Simmers
- 8 - Kate Dudley
- 10 - Jordan Bridges
Katie Higgs
- 11 - Dan Dalrymple
Wendy Scott
- 13 - Roy Swope
- 15 - Jennifer Good
- 16 - JD McCurdy
- 17 - Gail Frye
Rachel Funkhouser

- 22- Sawyer Barnett
- 23 - Jean Ratcliffe
- 26 - Emily Shifflett
- 28 - Adonica Miller
Mark Williams
- 31 - Jimmy Miller
Barbara Weaver

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Tracy & Debbie Bosserman
- 15 - Paul & Whitney Eberley
- 16 - Rick & Karen Moats
- 21 - Cory & Amy Brown
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler
- 23 - Donald & Lee Anne Biller
- 25 - Gary & Patty Pence
- 28 - Charlie & Shelley Newman



Dates to Remember

- 8 - Recognize Mothers
- 15 - Recognize Health Care Workers
- 23 - Session at 6:30 pm
- 24 - Courier articles due by 9 am
- 26 - Food Pantry from 4-6 pm

Upcoming Events

- June 26-29 - Vacation Bible School
- October 2 - Reconnect Sunday