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A HUGE thank you to Megan Zuhowski-Hartsell for her time working as CCPC's music director. We wish her the best as she graduates from JMU and she and Tyler relocate out of state. Megan's last day at Cooks Creek will be May 5th. Thank you, Megan!

Upcoming Preachers:

*May 5 ~ Gerald Harper
May 12 ~ Bill Reinhold
May 19 ~ Bill Reinhold
May 26 ~ Larry Hogan*

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	Nursery Care—Sunday School	Nursery Care—Church Service
5	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly
12	?	?
19	?	?
26	?	?

Elders On Call for May: Kate Dudley (540-908-6207) and Charlie Newman (540-908-7145). If you have an urgent need please call an Elder On Call.



Church Information

Staff

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

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

April Attendance		
	SS	Worship
7	31	71
14	25	72
21	36	67
28	17	59

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



- **Saturday, May 4, Yard Sale & Bake Sale** at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church, 7-11 am. Proceeds will benefit the Dick Miller Fund.



- **Sunday, May 19** — Youth will collect the 4 Cents A Meal offering and hand out bulletins 11:30-1:30 Youth Picnic and Outdoor Games at CCPC



- **Sunday, July 7**—Kick off Christmas in July Food Drive



Many thanks go out to Jana Miller and her Decorating Team for the wonderful decorations and reminders of the passion and Easter season which were placed in our Sanctuary. The “Flowering of the Tree” and other decorations were certainly appropriate reflections of Christ’s penalty He paid for us to secure our Salvation.

History Book Progress

Progress is being made on Cooks Creek’s history book. Writing has begun with additional research and interesting tidbits being worked into *A Heritage of Faith* by Kate Bolls and Bennett Powell. Some interesting things found include the effects of the French and Indian War on church recordkeeping, the membership of enslaved people and “people of colour” in the church, additional information on the Civil War and its impact on the community and congregation, and the tremendous support of the young women of the church to support their friends fighting in World War II. Most of the research for the years after 1965 to the present has been completed. Focus for this section will be on the faith and resilience of the people of Cooks Creek and how significant events impacted the church, the community, and the congregation. This will include the role of women in the church, youth activities, building renovations, church organization, and Cooks Creek’s support for the community.



In April CCPC used budgeted funds to support Central Valley Habitat for Humanity, an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Central Valley Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose objective is to eliminate poverty housing from Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience. By having all people work together in equal partnership, Central Valley Habitat hopes to build new relationships and a sense of community as well as new houses.



CCPC also used budgeted funds to support the Salvation Army which was founded in 1865. The Salvation Army Mission Statement: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. It's message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

CCPC also supported Camp Still Meadows. Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp is a charitable, nonprofit organization created as a special needs facility in a country setting. They provide year-round therapeutic activities for children and adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities in a safe, creative environment. Still Meadows not only provides for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the participants, but are also there for their families and caregivers; providing them reprieve and time to regroup both physically and mentally.



We are in need of additional people to help with our hospitality goodies on Sunday mornings. One person is hosting this more than 3 Sundays almost every month. Everyone enjoys having coffee and goodies on Sunday morning but if we want this to continue we need help!! We would love to have 4-8 people who can rotate so no one person has to do it more than once every 4-6 weeks. For more information in what the responsibilities are please contact Fran Smith or Beth Phillips. Thanks for your willingness to consider helping!



I Said a Mother's Prayer for You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

~Anonymous
Mother's Day Central

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:

- Rev. Bill Reinhold and Family on the loss of his mother
- Mike Davis—battling back surgery complications (Travis' neighbor)
- Don Siever—cancer (friend of Jeff Heatwole)
- Lynn America—cancer has returned
- Johnathan Hasler—8 year old - brain cancer
- Wanda Ritchie
- Aaron Evans
- Cindy Suter
- 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





LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

~ Written by NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell



Food Pantry Report

As part of the March 24, 2024 distribution, long-time WRFPP Director, Bea Morris was honored with a reception attended by guests, volunteers, supporters and friends - lots of laughter and stories were shared by all.
Thank you Bea!

During the March operations of the West Rockingham Food Pantry, the following distributions occurred thanks to the efforts of volunteers from Greenmount Church of the Brethren.

87 households were served

Twenty-two (22) of those households are new guests to the WRFPP

Nearly 1,888 pounds of non-perishable food was distributed

In addition to the non-perishable foods, each household received two (2) pounds frozen ground beef

Each household received vouchers for milk, grapes, bananas and apples

Each household received eggs

Each household received one loaf of bread – some received a box of Bisquick instead of a loaf of bread

Each household received a 12 roll package of toilet tissue

March was the first month we received food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank – the pallet, containing 1,110 pounds of food, was delivered directly to the WRFPP door on a single pallet. Richard and Sharon Showalter worked diligently to master the ordering and scheduling processes required by BRAFB. Non-perishable items not available through BRAFB, perishables and toilet tissue were ordered from Bridgewater Foods – thanks to Jean Horst and the Showalters for this combined effort. Thank you to Keith Simmons who picked up and delivered the items from Bridgewater Foods.

Distribution-related expenses during March:

More than half a ton of food from BRAFB	\$565.19
Bridgewater Foods – bread	\$105.00
Bridgewater Foods – eggs	\$310.96
Bridgewater Foods – non-perishable food	\$700.94
Bridgewater Foods – toilet tissue	\$402.56
Sharp Shopper – milk vouchers	\$585.73
Sharp Shopper – bananas	\$144.73
Sharp Shopper – apples	\$455.36
Sharp Shopper – grapes	\$220.85

March 1, 2024 beginning account balance	29,232.51
March Deposits	+ 1,985.00
March Expenses	<u>- 4,081.34</u>
March 31, 2024 ending account balance	\$27,136.17



The number of guests who have limited proficiency in speaking, reading and writing English continues to increase. During March, we began using the free smartphone app Microsoft Translator to assist our volunteers to more effectively communicate with guests during check-in. We primarily used the English/Spanish translations during the March distribution; however, there are many languages available through Translator that may be helpful if our translation needs increase. The Microsoft Translator App can also be used during the actual distribution process to ensure that pick-up goes as smoothly as possible.

Thank you in advance to Clover Hill Church which is scheduled to volunteer for the April 25, 2024 distribution.

~ Sallie

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

1401 Virginia Avenue
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
Phone: 540-908-8316
Email: millerhomestead@comcast.net
Birthday: July 30

Carolyn Pence

c/o Ann Carol Pence
2633 Partridge Trail
Duluth, GA 30097
Birthday: December 23

Wanda Ritchie

68 Cooks Creek Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Phone 540-434-1944
Birthday: January 19

Ann Rhodes

624 Erickson Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Phone: 540-434-9473

Pam Sonner

229 Emerson Lane
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
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

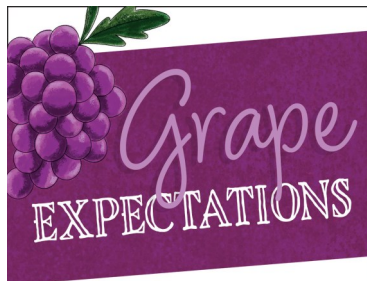
Norman Smith

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





Color and cut out the bookmark!



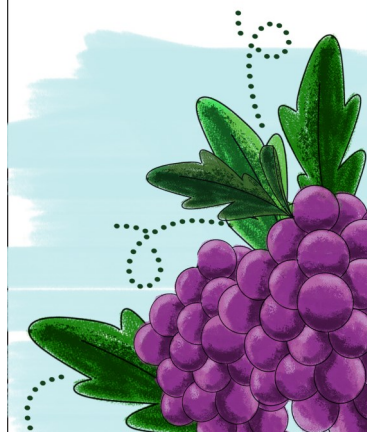
Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

CHILDREN

Ev ^ebore	C ^a in, Ab ^e l and Se ^t h
S ^a rahbore	I ^s aac
Re ^b ekahbore	Ja ^c ob and Es ^a u
Ra ^c helbore	Be ⁿ jamin and Jo ^s eph
Le ^a hbore	Re ^u ben, Si ^m eon, Le ^v i, Ju ^d ah,
	Iss ^a char, Ze ^b ulun and Di ⁿ ah
Zi ^l pahbore	Ga ^d and Ash ^e r
Bi ^l lahbore	Da ⁿ and Nap ^t hali
Jo ^c hebedbore	Mo ^s es
Na ^o mibore	Ma ^h lon and Ki ^l ion
Ru ^t hbore	O ^b ed
Ha ⁿ nahbore	Sam ^u el
Ba ^t hshebabore	So ^l omon
Elizab ^e thbore	Jo ^h n the Bapti ^s t
Ma ^r ybore	Je ^s us
Eu ⁿ icebore	Tim ^o thy



“ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 ;
 21 22 23 24 25 W 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 !”

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Jael
- C. Michal
- D. Deborah



Answer: D (See Judges 4:1-10)



Child's Poem to MOM

M.O.M
M is for the many times you've hugged me
O is for the outstanding things you do,
M is all our memories together
Mom, I am so glad that I have you!

By Leanne Guenther

Calendar and Celebrations



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	National Day of PRAYER 	3	4 7-11 am CCPC Yard & Bake Sale
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 4 Cents A Meal Offering 11:30-1:30 Youth Picnic & Games	20 June Courier Deadline	21	22	23 Food Pantry 4-6 pm	24	25
26	27 Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	



- 2 - Lee Anne Biller
Becky Hottel
- 3 - Dawn Barnett
Wayne Knicely
- 5 - Tammy Browning
- 7 - Teresa Simmers
- 8 - Kate Dudley
- 10 - Jordan Bridges
Katie Higgs

- 11 - Dan Dalrymple
Wendy Scott
- 13 - Roy Swope
- 16 - JD McCurdy
- 17 - Gail Frye
- 23 - Jean Ratcliffe
- 26 - Emily Shifflett
- 28 - Adonica Miller
Mark Williams
- 31 - Jimmy Miller
Barbara Weaver



- 14 - Tracy & Debbie Bosserman
- 15 - Paul & Whitney Eberly
- 16 - Rick & Karen Moats
- 23 - Donald & Lee Anne Biller
- 25 - Gary & Patty Pence
- 28 - Charlie & Shelley Newman