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All Saints' Day Celebration Sunday, November 7, 2021

You are invited to join us during the worship service as we celebrate the work of Jesus Christ in the lives of those who have passed away in the past year.

Colleen Long - 7/6/1930 - 10/27/2020

Bruce Stilwell - 3/10/1944 - 1/1/2021

Nelson Miller - 12/25/1936 - 1/6/2021

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Psalm 116:15 ESV).



Ramblings from the Reverend

As we continue to walk together through this time, I pray you have been experiencing a season of spiritual growth amidst the challenges that we face every day. To be more formed into Christ-likeness is not always comfortable, it is the work of the Holy Spirit purifying you to be how God is calling you to be as a whole person and the work of purification can feel painful sometimes. 1 Peter 1:6-7 says, "6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

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NOVEMBER

	 Liturgist	SS Care	Nursery	Pre-school	Door Greeter	Usher
7	Nancy Myers	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Pam Bocock & Dianne Reynolds		
14	Tracy Bosserman	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Bocock	Katherine Lyons		
21	Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Nancy Miller & Katherine Lyons	Whitney & Paul Eberly		
28	Ken McNulty	Katherine Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Katherine Lyons		

Elder on Call: Adonica Miller 540-820-0820
 If you have an urgent need and can not get hold of Pastor Seth. Please call the Elder on call.

October's Attendance:
3- SS 32 W 75 We are also thankful for
10- SS 31 W 82 the 30-50 who faithfully
17- SS 28 W 57 watch online and listen
24- SS 32 W 76 via telephone.



Prayer Needs

- Jerry & Charlsie Miller
- Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
- Sue Haley
- Tucker-JD and Diane's grandson
- Terry & Linda Morris
- Raymond Ratcliff
- Dennis Early
- Larry Holsinger-brother in-law of Fred & Phyllis
- Mike Simmons
- Ronald Miller
- Norman Smith
- Pam Sonner

Church Information

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

Session
 Clerk of Session: Mark Williams
 Administration Team: Mark Williams, Tom Bocock
 Mission Outreach Team: Adonica Miller, Terry Morris, Jeff Heatwole
 Congregational Care Team: Becky Pierce, Gerald Harper
 Christian Education Team: Bob Scott, Kate Dudley, Ray Heatwole
 Property and Grounds Team: Jim Suter, Chad Barnett, Brad Miller
 Worship Team: Don Myers, Skip Wallace

Church Committee Leaders
 Youth Advisor: Kate Dudley
 Cemetery: Brad Miller
 Librarian: Donna Kay Ritchie
 The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller
 Sunday School Superintendent: Bob Scott
 Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller

Mission and Outreach Team

The Valley's Largest Baby Shower

Thank you for your support of the Baby Hope project of Hope Distributed with the many baby supplies you donated.

Open Doors

CCPC will be hosting Open Doors on the following dates at the old Red Front:
December 27, 2021 – January 2, 2022
March 7 – 13, 2022

Please mark these dates on your calendar. We will be lining up groups to provide and/or serve evening meals only. You'll be seeing more information soon pertaining to volunteer opportunities. Open Doors also needs shelf-stable, pre-packaged breakfast foods and other supplies. Contact Adonica if you'd like to donate/volunteer.

Dick Miller Fund

Requests for assistance are steadily increasing. Please remember this fund with your giving.

Budgeted Funds

In October, CCPC used budgeted funds to support the Presbyterian World Mission.

Cindy Corell, our mission co-worker supporting Haiti since 2013 serves as Presbyterian Hunger Program/Joining Hands facilitator. She connects US churches with churches, grassroots groups, and nongovernmental organizations in Haiti and seeks to alleviate poverty and suffering through education, advocacy, alternative economic activities, lifestyle changes, and spiritual grounding. Find out more at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/cindy-correll/>

Prayer Ministry



Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving Bible verse? Use your Bible to read what scripture says about being thankful.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Psalms 118:24

2 Corinthians 9:1

1 Colossians 4:2

1 Chronicles 29:13

Psalms 119:1-8

Ephesians 5:18-20

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Psalms 95:1-5

Isaiah 12:4-5

Philippians 4:4-7

Hebrews 12:28

Psalms 103:1-4

Jeremiah 30:19

Colossians 2:6-7

Hebrews 13:15

Psalms 107:1-3

Jonah 2:9

Colossians 3:15-17

James 1:17

Ephesians 5:18-20 ...but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father.

During the month of November, let us remember to give thanks to the Lord for what He has given us.

Blessings,

Salvation Army Kettle Drive

We are seeking individuals, families, and groups to man the red kettle and ringing the bell at the Shenandoah Heritage Farmer's Market (Carpenter Dr. off Rte. 11 south) on December 11th and 18th from 10 AM – 6 PM. This location will provide shelter from the rain and is in the fresh air of the outdoors. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance to the fellowship hall (please include a phone number). Contact Adonica with any questions.





Congratulations to...

...Steve and Fran Smith on the birth of their grandson, Raiden Charles Keith Smith, born September 3rd, 2021! Parents are Jeff and Audrey Smith.



...Dianne Brown and Larry Reynolds on the celebration of their marriage on September 22, 2021.



Congratulations to the new grandparents and the happy couple!! Wishing you God's richest blessings!

New Address

Millie Harman-Devall has moved to a new location. Her new address is: 197 Mount Pisgah Road Mt. Sidney, VA 24467 Her phone number is: 540.430.1374



I'VE MOVED!!

Ramblings from the Reverend, *continued from page 1*

.....If you feel like you are being tested by various trials, don't pull yourself out of the fire, but pray, rely on your church community, and know that you are being formed into who God wants you to be so that you may more richly praise and honor God in Jesus Christ.

On November 21, we have a special congregational meeting after worship to consider a change to our by-laws and to elect a new class of elders to serve on our Session. Please join me in praying for and encouraging our nominees Brenda Moyers, Don Myers, and Fran Smith as they prepare to fulfill God's calling on them.

The by-law change proposed and approved by Session is to alter the number of elders serving on Session from 15 to 9. This will be accomplished by reducing the members of new Session classes from 5 to 3, beginning with the Class of 2024. As such, there will be 13 Session members in 2022, 11 in 2023, and 9 in 2024 and beyond. By changing the number of elders serving on Session, we hope to highlight that Session is seen as the council of the church charged with discerning mission, supporting ministry, and lifting up the gifts of the congregation; encouraging others to be active in ministry; and to provide better opportunities for discussion and discernment during Session meetings.

As always, I am happy to discuss any questions, concerns, ideas, or anything else you might have for the glory of God at Cooks Creek. May this harvest season be blessed as we head towards Thanksgiving and Advent.

*Blessings,
Seth*

Financial Update

We have done our best to stay well below our budget in 2021. Our operating expenses through September are \$229,316. Our income is \$216,322, resulting in an operating deficit of \$12,994. As we seek to finish the year strong, we prayerfully ask that you consider your giving in the last months of this year. To 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.

This year we were blessed to receive a bequest from the estate of longtime member, Bonnie Wampler. The Session has decided to use this bequest money for special projects at Cooks Creek and keep it separate from our operating income and expenses so that we may continue in our stewardship as individuals and families. Recent projects funded partially or fully by the bequest include the hymnals, fellowship hall video system, additional handbells, and the kitchen upgrade. There are more projects in the works as we continue to strategically use what we have been blessed with at Cooks Creek.

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 & Charlsie Miller J 7/30 C 3/5	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	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	197 Mount Pisgah Road Mt. Sidney, VA 24467 540-430-1374
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living Room #336 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812 540-564-0640	CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC	
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy – 540-383-5653	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3574
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Nelson Alexander 11/24	197 Mount Pisgah Road Mt. Sidney, VA 24467 540-430-1374
Raymond & Jean Ratcliff R 8/5 J 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
		Mable Branner 4/3	1401 Virginia Ave. Redbud 224 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3352

Food Pantry Report

Beginning Balance September 1, 2021	\$24,196.06
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$800.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$900.00
Civic Organizations	\$500.00
Total Deposits	\$2,200.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$79.20
Ground Beef	\$598.80
Eggs (Reimbursed by Fariview)	\$147.70
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$1,379.35
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 20 gal. - \$72.00 Sharp Shopper 63 gal. - \$215.42)	\$287.42
Produce Vouchers (Bananas \$87.52, Apples \$209.80, Grapes \$119.22)	\$416.54
Dodson Pest Control (Indian Meal Moths)	\$400.00
Total Disbursements	\$3,309.01
Balance as of September 30, 2021	\$23,087.05

Although the balance in the account is \$1,109.01 less than the August balance, we had a very good month. Contributions were \$698.75 less this month, and we also had the unusual \$400 expense for pest control. The total number of families served was actually the same in August and September at 59. One lady who always comes and picks up for 3 others had a stroke and could not come this month. Five of the 47 who came Thursday evening were there for the first time. Approximately 1,416 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags on Thursday evening, but including the bags given during month, the total distribution was approximately 2,508 pounds. In addition, each family received two pounds of ground beef, an 18 ct. carton of eggs, and a loaf of bread with large

families receiving two loaves. Another 6-pound block of cheese was given to anyone who wanted it. The Mt. Clinton United Methodist Church planted a patch of potatoes for the pantry, and their harvest provided each family with a 4-pound bag of potatoes that didn't come from a box. We thank them for this thoughtful gift and the labor of love that provided it. Also, we thank a gentleman from Greenmount COB who butchered a beef and gave the pantry 50 one-pound tubes of hamburger. We are grateful that monetary donations allow us to fund the produce vouchers. We are always thankful that fruit, a healthy food, is available to them. Some of you know that for the first time in the pantry's 11-year history, we had to get an exterminator to take care of an infestation

of Indian Meal Moths. Therefore we threw away about two pickup loads of items such as dry beans and rice in bags, macaroni, mac & cheese, Bisquick, hamburger helper, etc., This was discovered a couple weeks after the August distribution, so the shelves were not as full as they might otherwise have been. We hope that our families did not get contaminated items. We followed the exterminator's directions of tossing these items and thoroughly vacuuming the wooden shelves. Then Dodson's Pest Control fumigated and left two traps to attract and kill any larvae that might have been in the cracks of the shelves. There were some in the traps when Dodson inspected last Monday, which he said he expected.

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Food Pantry Report, *continued*

He left six traps with us and said to call him if we think there is a problem. Judy Hartman cleaned Monday morning and said there were none in the traps. We are putting all the canned goods on the wooden shelves and all the boxed items in plastic totes or bins and putting them on the metal racks where there is more room. Sixteen of these large totes have been donated. We thank Karen and Rodney Shiflet for taking care of this and for labeling the shelves for ease in shelving and locating items. A big thanks go to all the people who helped to take care of this problem: Judy Hartman, Richard and Sharon Showalter, Martha Showalter, Karen and Rodney Shiflet, and Jim Suter. I apologize if I missed anyone. Dependable people who do whatever is needed are jewels.

A hearty thank-you goes to the Woodmen of the World for their support of the food pantry for the last several years. On September 29, this organization gave the pantry \$400 worth of canned food from Sharp Shopper. On September 30, the Daily News-Record published a picture of Ray Heatwole and a district supervisor from the Woodmen loading the items. Others from the organization can be seen in the background.

We thank Fairview COB for hosting the distribution in September. Mt. Clinton UMC will host on October 28. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We will plan to serve 70.

How many times lately have you heard someone say with a tone of negativity, "The days are getting so much shorter; those early dark evenings will soon be here"? Some greet the fall with a sigh of resignation. I've even heard it referred to as the death of summer. However, while they are dwelling on what they see as losses, they miss the anticipation of benevolent changes. This green valley is beautiful in summer, but the reds, yellows and oranges paint a breathtaking view as we see the leaves turn not only on the trees near us but on the mountains in the distance. People drive long distances to see this autumn miracle. The hot humid weather gives way to brisk morning air and the clarity of a different kind of bright sunshine. Even though we enjoy the delicious summer veggies, we also look forward to pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice everything, apples galore, and warm mulled cider. We can turn off the a/c and enjoy snuggling under a blanket or sitting in front of a fireplace. One of the blessings of these changes is knowing that they

are not random. They take place in the larger framework of order planned by a God who loves us. Yes, there is work to be done in the fall and winter, but do you ever wonder if God planned this change to give us time to rest after the frenetic pace of summer when we just have to go on vacation or work long hours in the garden or the fields because that's what we always do? For almost two years, COVID 19 has forced disastrous changes on people, but even in the midst of coping, we have seen how people have served as the vessels of God's love as they ministered to those in need in both simple acts of kindness and heroic deeds. This food pantry has undergone changes as it adapted procedures to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors. The continued and increasing generosity of those who support the pantry give confidence and hope to those who come to us as they are sure that we will have food for them. Through all of this turmoil, God has been teaching us as individuals and as society valuable lessons, and when we come out of this difficult period, we will be changed by a newfound respect for others and a closer relationship with our Creator.

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PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



Bible Quiz

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- When a curse was spoken against him
- When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- When his hair was cut
- When he was bound with ropes that had never been used

Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19)

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r c j
7 2 4 1 6 3 5

w y l a s a
3 5 2 4 6 1

p y r a
1 4 2 3

e g v i
4 1 3 2

continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 5 6

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

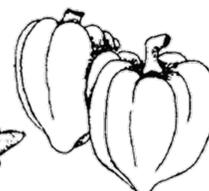
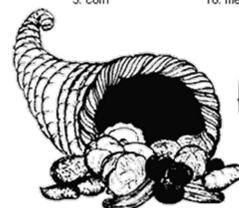


Thanksgiving Word Search

Find 20 hidden words related to Thanksgiving. Words in this puzzle maybe found from top to bottom, bottom to top, left to right and right to left.



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|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. autumn | 6. cranberry | 11. gravy | 16. pumpkin |
| 2. blessings | 7. dressing | 12. harvest | 17. squash |
| 3. celebrate | 8. family | 13. holiday | 18. thanksgiving |
| 4. cider | 9. feast | 14. pie | 19. turkey |
| 5. corn | 10. friends | 15. potatoes | 20. yams |



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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Food Pantry 4-6	19	20
21 Communion 	22 Courier Deadline Session @ 6:30	23	24	25 Office Closed 	26	27
28	29 Office Closed	30				

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Chase Lyons | 16 - Lanna Higgs |
| 2 - PD Leftwich | 17 - Ashley Shoemaker |
| 3 - Cody Cornett | 20 - Lydia Eberly |
| 5 - Laura Ann Leftwich | Adley Kline |
| Dylan Heatwole | 22 - Christian Frye |
| Lynn McNulty | 23 - Ray Heatwole |
| 8 - Teagan Bocock | Curtis Long |
| Claire Brittle | 24 - Nelson Alexander |
| John Canter | 27 - Sam Spicher |
| Peggy Spangler | 29 - Audrey Garrison |
| 9 - Kayden Hughes | |
| Layton Scott | |
| 12 - Ken McNulty | |
| 14 - Diane McCurdy | |

November Celebrations



Dates to Remember

- 7- All Saints' Celebration
- 18- Food Pantry 4-6 pm
- 21- Communion
- 22- Session 6:30 pm
- 25 & 29- Office Closed

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 - John & Nancy Canter
- 17 - Sam & Donna Kay Ritchie
- 25 - Donald & Bernie Custer

Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour on Sunday morning, November 7th!