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You Are Invited...

...to help Hope Distributed provide families in need with baby/infant care items.

Cooks Creek's Mission's Team is hosting a Baby Shower until October 17th to help provide Hope Distributed with the items they need to help these families. See page three for more details and how you can participate.

Baby Shower



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND

As the pandemic marches on with each day seeming to bring diverse and debated information, I continue to be grateful for the consistency and resilience of the saints at Cooks Creek. It is a difficult time, certainly, and we each react to this shared trauma a bit differently. I think we can take heart that the strong foundations we have laid in Christ as a congregation over the years are bearing us up during this hard era that just seems to persist. We can't ignore it or wish it away but we can remain faithful to the Lord and the good sense He has given us to discern His will together.

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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery Care	Preschool Care	Door Greeters	Sanctuary Usher
3	Ken McNulty	Katherine Lyons	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Katherine Lyons	1-Don Myers 2- Bob Scott	Ray Heatwole
10	Don Myers	Katherine Lyons	Nancy Miller & Katherine Lyons	Whitney & Paul Eberly	1-Brad Miller 2-Bob Scott	Chad Barnett
17	Steve Smith	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	1-Gerald Harper 2-Bob Scott	
24	Robin Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Katherine Lyons	1-Bob Scott 2-Don Myers	Chad Barnett
31	Barret Dalrymple	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Lee Anne & Donald Biller	1-Bob Scott 2-	

Dates to Remember:

- 3 - Communion
- 25 - Session @ 6:30
- 28 - Food Pantry 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Elders on Call: Brad Miller:
540-578-2846
Chad Barnett: 540-746-9662

Attendance Last Month

Sept	SS	Worship
5	20	59
12	21	69
19	37	78
26	45	67

Plus the 30-50 who faithfully watch online and listen via telephone.

Prayer Corner



Jerry and Charlsie Miller
Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
Sue Haley
Tucker-JD & Diane's grandson
Terry & Linda Morris
Raymond Ratcliff
Dennis Early - Declining health
Lanny Holsinger-brother-in-law of Fred and Phyllis Simmons- For his cancer treatment

Jim Fletcher-Nancy Myer's brother-in-law, who has Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Mike Simmons-In the hospital with COVID
Helen Suter-Recovering from fall and upcoming cancer surgery
Ronald Miller-Recovering from a stroke
Norman Smith-Recent hospitalization

Session

Class of 2021

Chad Barnett
Tom Boccock
Bob Scott
Adonica Miller
Don Myers

Class of 2022

Mark Williams
Terry Morris
Jim Suter
Brad Miller
Becky Pierce

Class of 2023

Skip Wallace
Ray Heatwole
Jeff Heatwole
Gerald Harper
Kate Dudley

The Largest Baby Shower in the Valley

We are having a baby shower! We will be collecting donations in the entry to the fellowship Hall through October 17th to assist Hope Distributed with their new program called Baby Hope for local babies in need. The items we are collecting are diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, lotions, baby shampoo and soap, baby wash cloths and towels, bibs, burp cloths and receiving blankets. We are asking that all products donated be new, please. If you have questions or you'd rather someone shop for you, please contact Adonica.



Open Doors

The Open Doors program will be kicking off their winter thermal shelter later this year where the doors will open earlier and a hot supper will be provided to the guests. The program will continue to be housed at the old Red Front building. The Missions Team of CCPC voted to host our usual two weeks which are on the following dates:

December 27, 2021 – January 23, 2022 and March 7 – 13, 2022

Please mark these dates on your calendar. Host churches will be providing/serving supper only. Food will have to be prepared either in our homes or at our church, since Red Front has no ovens,

stoves, or warmers. We will also need approximately 4 volunteers to serve the meals. There is still a need for grab & go breakfast items, other supplies, linen laundry assistance, and shelter cleaning, too. Some of this takes place off-site or while the shelter is closed to guests. There will be no need for bus drivers, over-night volunteers, etc. Watch for more information in the future.

Budgeted Funds

In September, CCPC used budgeted funds to support UKIRK Harrisonburg. UKIRK is a campus ministry for area college students on behalf of Presbyterian Church (USA). Students gather weekly to explore faith through worship, Bible study, mission, and fellowship.

UKIRK is supported by the local Presbytery of Shenandoah and covenant churches. For more information check out their website; <http://trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/ukirk.html>

Prayer Ministry

Hunger for God's word like food.

Thirst for it like water.

Soak in it like a Jacuzzi.

Put it on like a garment.

Weave it into your soul so that it becomes part of the fabric of your life. When you do, you won't be just trudging up the trail. You will be dancing in the footlights.

Taken from- "Just Enough for the Step I'm On" by Stormie Omartian

God will bless us and provide for all of our needs if we only seek

and trust Him. Prayer is the way we communicate with Him, anytime – day or night. As members of CCPC, let us pray for Pastor Seth as he teaches us God's word during Sunday School and morning worship service, and that we will continue to grow as a church family by building each other up while at the same time reaching out to others in need, especially those who do not know the Lord as their Savior. Prayers are needed for family and friends who have lost loved ones, individuals dealing with health issues, leaders of our country seeking God's direction, medical personnel caring for those during this pandemic, and educators teaching our children, youth, and college students. Let us give God all of the glory and praise for hearing our prayers!

*For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with
goodness. Psalm 107:9*

*Blessings,
Becky*

Weekday Religious Education

This year the Rockingham Public School system is again allowing students to attend Weekday Religious Education classes during release time.



We are hiring a Bible teacher for Fulks Run, Lacey Spring, & Plains locations. For more information, you can go to wreocks.com or call 540-438-9997.



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There are a few items I will highlight for us this month:

October 3 is World Communion Sunday and the first Sunday for our new hymnals (see my article in last month's newsletter for much more on the hymnals). Join us for a special communion celebration and the first Sunday of what I'm sure will be many years of giving God glory with our new hymnals.

Our adult Sunday School class, *Trusting the Bible: What We Believe About Scripture*, is off to a great start and will continue Sundays in the fellowship hall at 9:30 through October. We have averaged about 45 folks each time and you are welcome to join! We will be continuing our sermon series, *The Beatitudes for 2021*, through October and you are invited to see how these short teachings of Jesus can have an outsized impact on your life.

We are once again printing the bulletin and devotional for Sunday mornings. You can pick yours up in the narthex (where the offering plates are hanging out). We have launched our Connect Table at the main entrance and you can go there to get connected to all kinds of opportunities and information about what is going on at Cooks Creek.

The last project that was part of our capital campaign is under way. We are installing new equipment in the kitchen to make food prep

faster and easier. We have been waiting until we had a better idea when we would be hosting meals again and feel that now is the time to install this equipment. We'll keep you updated.

Reformation Sunday is October 31 and that is also "Dress Differently Day" at Cooks Creek. Whether dressing differently means wearing a costume, your slippers, or a gown, we encourage you to have a bit of fun and realize that God wants you to be fully present in worship about a zillion times more than He cares about what you wear to worship. And there could be more...

Blessings,
Seth

Financial Snapshot through September 2021

Income: \$200,378.00

Expenses: \$209,743.00

Thank you to those who have continued to make tithes and offerings to continue the work at Cooks Creek.

To learn how you can give online, on your mobile device, through the mail, or in-person, please go to cooks-creek-church.org/give or call the office at 540.867.5117.

Lessons from Lilies

Recently I was challenged to think about what consumes me — and what distracts me from giving God more. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we eat, drink and wear. I've

read those verses numerous times and usually respond, "Yeah, but the birds and lilies don't have mortgages and bills! How can I not worry?" I'm finally realizing that if I put Christ first, then my trust in him affects my day-to-day decisions. Plus, negative thoughts start to fade.

When do you respond, "Yeah, but ..." to God? Maybe it's when you want to sleep in on Sunday, or when the offering plate is passed, or when you're asked to teach Sunday school. Try reciting Matthew 6:33 often: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (ESV). When we prioritize Jesus, he guides us toward him and away from worries.

Julie Lee

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Cooks Creek Church,
Thank you so much for the roses and the adorable children's bibles. We are so appreciative of your kindness, prayers, and generosity. God has shown his love in so many ways through so many people during this crazy time!
Love,
Thomas & McKenzie
Grow



COOKS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN 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



**HIS LOVE
EXTENDED**

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 and 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	CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC	
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living Room #336 302 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 Crestwood, Walnut Room 330 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-5611
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	1285 Shank Drive Apt 323 Harrisonburg, VA 22802
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 August 1, 2021

\$24,511.33

DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$2,535.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$263.75
Civic Organizations	\$100.00
Total Deposits	\$2,898.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Bread	\$49.50
Ground Beef	\$479.04
Eggs (Reimbursed by Clover Hill UMC)	\$111.15
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$1,817.61
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 22 gal. - \$80.28 Sharp Shopper 78 gal. - \$309.38)	\$389.66
Produce Vouchers (Bananas \$113.50, Apples \$233.56, Grapes \$20.00)	\$367.06
Total Disbursements	\$3,214.02

Balance as of August 31, 2021

\$24,511.33

This month expenses were only \$315.27 more than income. The generosity and concern supporters of the pantry have for others are truly amazing. The families who come to us seem to enjoy the produce vouchers - 93 banana, 76 apple and 5 grape vouchers were redeemed. I'm a little surprised that more did not get grapes. Numbers were also a little higher this month: 52 families, 3 of whom were new. were served Thursday evening. Deliveries were made to 4 on Saturday, August 28, and I gave 3 emergency bags yesterday, so that makes a total of 59 families that were served. We continue to have people say that they only come when they need to, and all are very appreciative of what they receive. Based on what was distributed on Thursday evening, approximately 1340 pounds of food was given in the pre-packed bags. In addition, each family received two pounds of

ground beef, an 18 ct. carton of eggs, a 6-pound block of mozzarella cheese, and a loaf of bread with large families receiving two loaves.

We are still requiring everyone to wear a mask, and we are continuing to sanitize tables and chairs after each person registers. Most have been vaccinated, but we are still offering an information sheet of places and times where they can get the shot and are encouraging them to get it. I was pleased that at least 5 were vaccinated in August. The last several months, we haven't had the crowd of sometimes 30 people who used to wait early in the afternoon to get in. Usually, there are only 6-10 at the beginning and others come throughout the 4-6 p.m. time period. It's so much easier for them not to have to wait, and it's easier for us since we aren't hurried. A couple of them who do continue to come early have said they like

the prayer the workers have with them before we begin.

We thank Clover Hill UMC for hosting the pantry this month. Fairview COB will host the distribution on September 23. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. A recent devotional from Our Daily Bread made me think about "our people" and the current dark days the whole world is experiencing now. James Banks writes, "Our God is the master of unanticipated mercies. He's able to cause great good to spring up unexpectedly out of the hard gravel of life's most unfavorable circumstances. Watch Him closely. He may do it again today." Some of our folks have had circumstances in the last year or two aptly described as "hard gravel." One who comes to mind is a man whose wife died several months ago.

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He walks slowly, and although he seems to appreciate it when we ask how he's doing, he shakes his head and, even though he tries, can't yet bring himself to smile. We recognize the effort of the lady who is trying valiantly to overcome the emotional trauma of her husband's horrible death from COVID in February and the physical exhaustion she's

fighting as she continues to recover from her own bout with this virus. We pray that they and so many others will see good coming from God at unexpected moments and that they also will be comforted by the blessing of compassion they count on finding here.

Bea



FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

CHILDREN'S

CORNER

CORNER
CHILDREN'S



Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_y__ h_v_
 b__n s_v_d thr__gh
 f__th, __nd th_s_s n_t
 y__r_wn d__ng; t_s
 th_g_ft_f G_d__n_t th_
 r_s_lt_f w_rks, s__th_t
 n__n_m_y b__st.

__ph_s__ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV



FALL

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

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| apple | hay | oak | rake |
| cool | jump | owl | red |
| corn | leaf | pears | tree |
| crow | maze | pie | web |
| fall | nuts | pile | yellow |



Tree Valley Academy

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3  World Communion Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
14 Reformation Sunday 31	25 Courier Deadline Session @ 6:30	26	27	28 Food Pantry 4-6	29	30

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Vivian Burkholder
- 7 - Cailin Dolack
Brett Heatwole
- 8 - Linda Smith
- 9 - Sophie Newman
- 10 - Tom Frye
- 16 - Fran Smith
- 17 - Abby Harper
- 18 - Kathy Dalrymple
- 19 - Ryan Blosser
- 21 - Andy Funkhouser
- 23 - Brennan Miller
Blake Moats

- 25 - Norma Bowman
Phyllis Miller
- 27 - Flossie Andrews
- 28 - Hollis Switzer
- 29 - Wayne Swope

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Kevin & Morgan Boccock
- 10 - Timothy & Erin Earley
- 13 - Eric & Tammy Browning
- 16 - Bart & Michele Bridges
Wayne & Rhonda Swope
- 20 - Chase & Kate Dudley



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