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FALL WORSHIP PLAN

The Session is excited to announce our worship plan for the autumn months! Our professional-grade livestream technology is now in place after a long supply chain delay and we are thrilled that this gives us the enhanced capability to be **ONE CHURCH with multiple ways to engage**. Our dream has been and continues to be that we would create worship and ministry opportunities that are as accessible to everyone as possible. We are happy to announce that beginning Sunday, September 20 we will be offering in-person worship gatherings on Sunday mornings at 10:30. A separate document will be sent in our weekly update on September 8 outlining our in-person procedures, so make sure you check your email or postal mail for that information.

Our livestream technology means that we will be able to host an in-person worship service that is sent live to your home, so whether you choose to engage by being here in-person, viewing the video online, or listening on your phone, we will all be engaged in the same worship as a united congregation. The recording of worship will also be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook if you would like to engage our worship at another time – or experience it again! More information including links will be sent in the weeks to come.

We will continue to send the weekly update, bulletin, devotional, sermon manuscript, and other materials to our members who do not have email via postal mail.

Here is our timeline:

September 13 – livestream only at 10:30 (our first livestream!); no in-person attendance

September 20 – in-person worship and livestream begins

October 11 – Sunday School for all ages begins

This timeline allows us to ramp up in a measured way that ensures that we don't get ahead of ourselves and have to pull back – we want to be too safe than too sorry to the best of our abilities.

We are excited to be one church with multiple ways to engage and ask that you join us in prayer as begin this phase of our worship and ministry! Blessings,

Seth

Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of
Jesus
2 Peter 3:18

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Mission Team

Dick Miller Fund

Stimulus checks have been spent. The extra benefits have stopped for those on unemployment. The requests for assistance with rent, utilities, etc. have started to pick up. Each request is screened and investigated to the best of our ability, and the team votes on whether to honor the request (in whole or part) or deny.

Please keep this fund in mind with your giving. Make checks payable to the church and earmark "Dick Miller Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration.

Budgeted Funds

In August, CCPC used budgeted funds to support this local mission: OPEN DOORS



Open Doors is a homeless shelter for those not eligible to stay at other shelters during the winter months

In past seasons, 40 beds were available from November through March from 6:30 pm to 7:00 am. This is subject to change for the 2020-2021 Open Doors season.

Local faith communities provide locations, volunteers, and meals for homeless guests.

Volunteers offer community, fellowship, and connections for those they serve.

<https://www.valleyopendoors.org/>

Prayer Ministry

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16

This article is intended to be read not only by adults but also by children and youth.

When should I pray?

- First thing in the morning
- At mealtime
- When I need something
- When I am happy
- When I am scared
- When I am sad
- At bedtime
- Anytime is the right time to pray!

Who do I pray for?

- Your family
- Those in need
- Those who are sick
- Country and leaders
- For yourself



Sometime during the next few weeks our children and youth will receive a WHEN SHOULD I PRAY? chart encouraging them to think about when to pray and for whom to pray. As we begin another church year in September, our focus will be on talking to God (this is prayer) and to know He hears our prayers.

As we regularly pray for our children, youth and college students at CCPC, let us remember to pray for all of the children, teachers, administrators, and medical

teams as they strategically plan for safe schools and how to meet the needs of those attending school in person and for those who will be learning virtually.

"For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8.

Take a few minutes to pray "The Lord's Prayer" as a family. Matthew 6:9-13.

Office Closed

Please mark your calendars! The office will be closed on the following dates - September 3, 7, 14, 24, and 28.



Greeter/Elder on Call for September:

Dianne Brown - 540-578-5219
Phyllis Simmons - 540-830-4244

Please keep in prayer:

- ♥ Colleen Long
- ♥ Luanne May
- ♥ Alison Trost
- ♥ Jerry and Charlsie Miller
- ♥ Ken McNulty
- ♥ Terry and Linda Morris
- ♥ Carolyn Stilwell (Carole's daughter in law)
- ♥ Lois Burkholder (Norma Bowman's sister)
- ♥ Barbara Ritchie (Wanda Ritchie's daughter in law)
- ♥ Lori Evans (George's sister)

Adult Formation

Our next adult formation series, Present and Future Hope, will start Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00pm and will run through Wednesday, October 21. The series will also be recorded and posted to our website for later viewing. We will explore the meaning of resurrection, the mission of Jesus, and what happens at "the end." We will address questions like, "what happens when I die?" and "what will happen when Jesus returns?" using scripture as our guide. Look for ways to engage in our weekly updates.

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued generosity towards God's work at Cooks Creek!

Our income as of August 31 is \$208,163.98. This amount includes the \$31,657 given to the Capital Campaign in 2020. Our expenditures in 2020, including capital upgrades, total \$207,339.60. This leaves us with a 2020 operating surplus of \$824.38. We have expenses of approximately \$5,500 for our livestreaming system which have not yet been paid.

Our goal for income for the year is \$353,660 which includes our annual ministry expenses and raising \$57,000 to meet our capital campaign goal, so we have to remain diligent to meet our goals and be financially strong for the future.

To learn how to 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.

Since we can't picnic together we're having

BBQ CHICKEN TO GO!!

Date: Sunday, September 20

Where: West Rockingham Ruritan Park

Pickup Time: Between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm

Important: Signup Required

Why: So we know how much chicken to prepare

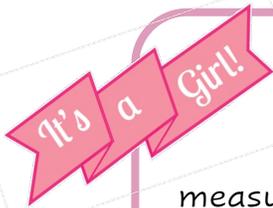
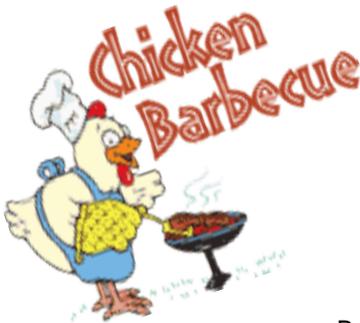
Signup Deadline: Sunday, September 13

Parents: Order a half for each child (no matter how young)

Why: Leftovers – Fixings for another meal – YUM!

Sign up online or call: Phyllis Simmons 867-5238 or 830-4244

Guidelines for safety: Masks and social distance



Congratulations to Kevin and Morgan Boccock on the arrival of their first little girl! Rowan Reid was born on Saturday, August 8th, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Rowan is welcomed by her little brother, Bayler and by grandparents Tom and Pam Boccock, as well as Uncle Brian and Aunt Natalie.

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



Dennis Early 2/2	Bellaire at Stone Port 1684 Port Hills Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-810-3168	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	4248 Grattan Price Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-568-8448
Nelson Miller 12/25	Bridgewater Retirement Community Unity House 302 N 2nd St. Bridgewater, VA 22812	Colleen Long 7/6	Shenandoah Terrace 447 W. Old Cross Rd. New Market, VA 22844
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 101 540-564-3574
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 330 540-564-5611
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
		Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527



FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2020

\$19,324.35

DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$530.00
Civic Organizations	\$100.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$443.00
Businesses	\$725.00
Total Deposits	\$1,798.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Hamburger	\$388.70
Bread	\$69.30
Hot Dogs and Buns	\$158.64
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$2,543.56
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 75 gal. - \$251.45 Sharp Shopper 49 gal - \$178.52)	\$429.97
Repairs to Appliances	\$70.00
Total Disbursements	\$3,660.17
Balance as of July 31, 2020	\$17,462.18

This month our balance is about \$1,862 less than last month, and our contributions were about \$3,100 less, also. We still have a good balance and people are still supporting the pantry well. Food items to fill the bags cost about \$700 less this month. Last month we served 65 families but only 57 this month. One, who usually comes but didn't come Thursday evening, came on Friday and picked up for herself and someone else, so that really makes 59 who were served. Two families came for the first time. It is interesting that of the 57 who came, 20 had only 1 or 2 in the household, 16 had 3 or 4 in the household, and 21 had 5 or more in the household. We continue to give hamburger because Sharp Shopper has it at a good price, and the people like it be-

cause they can use it so many ways, but this month we added hot dogs and buns. Strangely, it is more difficult to get hot dogs than hamburger. We gave approximately 1,733 pounds of food in the prepacked bags. In addition, each family received 2 pounds of hamburger, a pound of hot dogs, an 18-count carton of eggs, a package of buns, and a loaf of bread with large families receiving 2 loaves.

A serviceman repaired a refrigerator and a freezer last month, but the bill for \$70 came this month. All seem to be working well now.

We thank Mt. Olive for hosting the distribution in July. After bagging on Tuesday evening, they took the bags upstairs so that they could work out of the vestibule Thursday. Because of

the weather forecast of hot weather and sporadic showers, we thought this would be wise. The drive-thru pickup is still working smoothly, so we will continue this for a while, I hope we can return to registering inside when cold weather comes. Clover Hill UMC will be the hosts for the distribution on August 27. They will provide an inspirational insert and eggs for each family. We plan to serve 70 families.

Some of you may have noticed that the food pantry sign was missing in front of the church for a little while. After being there 11 years, it was showing its wear, so we thank Fred Simmons, who made the sign, for giving it a face lift.

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FOOD PANTRY REPORT, CONT.

Well, here it is August 6, and we have been dealing with this virus and its effects a little over four months, and right now coming out of this is not really on the horizon.

At least some of us may feel like sitting down and listing all the ways our lives have been disrupted, family members have suffered loss of income, inconveniences have caused an unwelcome change in routine, concern over how the changes in the school procedures this fall will affect our children and staff, and having a real pity party. Our complaints may remind us of Jeremiah's recounting his list of

woes in Lamentations 3. Telling God exactly how bad things are and how we feel is not a bad thing to do, but then we must not stay in this mode. In Lamentations 3:22-25, Jeremiah pivots and says that, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul. Therefore I hope in Him! The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." It is the poor who bear the brunt of any problem in society. Regardless of whether we serve

low numbers or high numbers of families, all who come need us. And almost all of them have a smile on their faces and say thank you. Let us pray that in the short time we see them now, the food we give and especially the limited interactions with us give them not only food for the body but food for the spirit and that these few minutes may be encouragement and a reminder that all these good things come from God. He's got their backs!

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Do you want to watch a live performance at Sight and Sound Theater from the comfort of your living room?! It's here! The first live performance ever broadcast from Sight and Sound Theater!

Just follow the link below to view the performance of



Queen Esther

on September 4th, 2020



<https://www.sight-sound.tv/packages/queen-esther-live/videos/queen-esther-live>

Taken from the Sight and Sound webpage:

This is a pay-what-you-want event with a minimum price of \$25. If you plan to view the event with a large group, we kindly ask that you consider the number of households in your viewing party when making your purchase.

PLEASE NOTE: The broadcast will begin at 7PM ET and will include a 30-minute pre-show and a 20-minute intermission. Be sure to tune in as soon as the live stream begins so that you don't miss a moment. Please know that this is a true live event so you will only be able to watch this in real time. Features such as pause, fast forward, rewind, and download will be unavailable. To avoid interruption, you will need to maintain an active internet connection for the entirety of the event. Additionally, after the live stream ends, the show will no longer be accessible.

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- school _ _ O _ _ _
- paper _ _ O _
- wisdom _ _ O _
- read _ _ _ O _
- play _ _ _ _ _
- learn O _ _ _ _
- grow _ _ O _ _ _
- pencils _ _ _ _ _
- pray _ _ O _ _
- art _ _ _ _ _
- student _ _ _ O _ _
- kids _ _ _ O _ _
- apple _ _ _ O _ _

"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, learn, kids, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



Word Search



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

- YELLOW
- PIE
- BROWN
- RAKE
- ORANGE
- COLD
- CRISP
- AUTUMN
- RED
- LEAF
- CHANGE
- APPLE
- TURKEY

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	 OFFICE CLOSED	8	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11	12
13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15	16	17	18	19
20 "Picnic" Pick up chicken at West Rockingham Ruritan	21	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED Food Pantry 4-6	25	26
27	28 Courier Deadline OFFICE CLOSED Session @ 6:30 pm	29	30			

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Beth Phillips | 15 - Eddy Wampler |
| 2 - Jennifer Heatwole | 19 - Jacob Scott |
| 3 - Earnest Cornett | Lucy Seymour |
| 4 - Isla Eberly | Carole Stilwell |
| 5 - Matthew Brittle | 20 - Timothy Earley |
| 6 - Elaina Garrison | 21 - Ashley Hughes |
| 8 - Sallie Wolfe Garrison | Kynlee Hughes |
| 9 - Donna Kay Ritchie | 23 - Chase Heatwole |
| 10 - Morgan Boccock | 24 - Kelsey Miller |
| 11 - Rick Moats | 27 - Addison Bridges |
| 14 - Hunter Barnett | 30 - Carolyn Wampler |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Terry & Natasha Pence
Matthew & Rachel Switzer
- 10 - Tom & Pam Boccock
- 15 - Steve & Fran Smith
- 16 - JD & Diane McCurdy
- 20 - Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley
- 22 - Tom & Gail Frye
- 24 - Brad & Jana Miller

