

# The Corner Journal



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## JULY 2018

*Please Pray for our  
Mission Team  
in Guatemala*



*Please Pray for our Youth  
Mission Team in PA*



*Happy 4th of July  
Celebrate Your  
Independence!*

*Celebrate 2018 VBS  
Combined Worship  
July 22, 10:30am*

*UMW Sunday w/  
Guest Missionaries  
Combined Worship  
July 29, 10:30am  
Fellowship Meal after*

## OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Do you remember some of the stories from the Old Testament from your childhood Sunday school classes? I remember fondly the way my Sunday school teacher, Ms. Lou Allen, would move the Bible characters around the felt board and tell us about their adventures. During July, we're going to try and reclaim some of that nostalgia, by focusing on some Old Testament Bible

stories during worship, and also celebrating our Vacation Bible School and hearing about the mission field from some former missionaries, Bob & Olga May.

On July 1, we'll talk about Joseph and his dream interpretations. On July 8, we'll explore the story of strongman, Samson. Finally, on July 15, we'll think about wisdom, by recalling the story of Solomon and the baby.

There is lots going on in our church and community this summer. As you are reading this (the first week of July) we have folks serving in Guatemala (Carol & Carolyn), and the youth mission team is in Pennsylvania. Walt is preparing to serve in Russia next month, so it is an exciting time for serving in Jesus' name in all sorts of places. Please pray for these folks and their experiences and that God would use them in a special way. Please pray also for our Vacation Bible School. Pray that God would help us share the story of Jesus' love in ways that connect with children. Pray that God would send to us some children and their families who need the encouragement and love that we can provide, and the grace that only God can provide.

Later this month, I'll depart to serve my annual tour at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. Please keep me in prayer so that God will equip me to share the light of Jesus Christ with airmen and families who serve and live in that setting.

Read also in this newsletter about exciting times on the Harrisonburg District, with mission opportunities, and the chance to welcome our new District Superintendent.

I look forward to exploring some oldies but goodies from the Bible with you. See you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

*Erich*

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**MONTH AT A GLANCE:**

- 7/ 1 Memorial Service for Don Phillips 2pm, 1pm Visitation  
 7/ 1 Youth Mission team depart for PA, 3pm  
 7/ 1 NH Youth Mission team using FH, 7pm-7am  
 7/ 8 Church Council, after late worship  
 7/ 9 Finance Committee, 7pm  
 7/ 9 Relay for Life Wrap Up Meeting, 5:30pm, FH\*  
 7/14 Decorate for VBS - Auditorium & Sanctuary  
 7/15 VBS Registration & Kick-Off Party Inn Lawn Park, 4-6pm  
 7/16 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/16 Trustee Meeting, 7pm, Image Class  
 7/16 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/17 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/18 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/19 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/20 VBS 6-8:30pm  
 7/22 Combined Service, 10:30am Celebrating VBS  
 7/26 Faith on Tap, 6:30pm, Hawksbill Brewery  
 7/29 UMW Sunday, Combined Worship & Luncheon, 10:30am  
 \* Not a church event

**HAPPENING EVERY WEEK THIS MONTH:**

- Tuesday, ASAP, 5-7pm, Auditorium\* Private Meeting  
 Thursday, Men's Bible Breakfast, 7:15am, FH-Men Only  
 Thursday, Noon Community Service, Seventh Day Adventist  
 Thursday, Praise Band Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

**Welcome Reception, Sunday, July 15th, 2-5pm**

Dayton UMC to Welcome  
 Superintendent Victor Gomez and  
 Mrs. Heather Gomez & Ms. Jessenia Gomez

**Corrections & Updates to the LUMC Pictorial Directory:**

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***Happy Birthday!***

- 7/ 1 Jim Grieve  
 7/ 6 Joel Osborne  
 7/ 6 Betsy Campbell  
 7/ 9 Missie Deibert  
 7/11 Candice Bennett  
 7/11 Layne Vickers  
 7/11 Joanne Lee  
 7/16 Berkley Bennett  
 7/19 Brett Raeburn  
 7/19 Millie Covington  
 7/24 Larry Hakel  
 7/31 Dave Naser



If your birthday is this month and you do not see your name, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

- 7/5/69 Leif & Faith Carlson 49 Years!  
 7/13/68 Cliff & Joanne Lee 50 YEARS!  
 7/2/60 Sam & Betty McNeely 58 Years!  
 7/12/86 Ron & Layne Vickers 32 Years!  
 7/14/08 Michael II & Ellen Weaver 10 Years!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

If your anniversary is this month and you do not see your names, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

**Please Pray for our church members in**

**Senior Centers & Nursing Homes:**

**Betsy Campbell:** 110 Luther Rd. Dickson, TN 37055

Whispering Pines: **Norma Good**

200 Leakesville Rd. Luray, VA 22835

Hidden Springs: **Nell Strong**

973 Buck Mountain Rd., Bentonville, VA  
 22601



**Please keep our members in your daily prayers:**

Bj Garner, Leif Carlson, Walt Gordon, June Clark, Norma Good, Ann Moody, George Nosek, Mary Jane Ricketts, Barbara Shenk

**Fellowship Plans 2018 - Mark Your Calendars**

**September 9, Church Picnic, Lake Arrowhead, 10:30am**

October, Date TBD, Hayride & Bonfire

November 16, Turkey Trot Soup Supper, 6-8pm

December, Date TBD, Make & Take Christmas décor.

**Faith On Tap, July** - Meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Hawksbill Brewery to fellowship and discuss religion. Topics vary. Everyone is welcome!

**2018 Women's Book Club / Gathering**

July & August: Location TBD and Sept-Oct: Location TBD

Contact Beverly Wood at 860-0795 with questions or to volunteer your home, or [beverly@thewoodhome.net](mailto:beverly@thewoodhome.net).

**Luray United Methodist Preschool:** The 2018-2019 School Session in the best little Preschool in town is **FULL**. We have waiting lists for 3 & 4yr olds. Applications are on the web site, [lurayumc.org](http://lurayumc.org). If you are interested in student sponsorship, or providing financial help, Email: [preschool@lurayumc.org](mailto:preschool@lurayumc.org)



**The July Communion Rail Offering will bless Page One.**

**The July Grocery Cart will bless Page One!**

**Needs:** Canned fruit, pasta, tuna/meat, boxed dinners and any non perishable food items.



**The Page Free Clinic:** Can use File Folders, File Folder labels and large manila envelopes. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the church office.

**Kitchen Announcement - Please Help Us !**

We thank you for providing our snacks. At the conclusion of the snack time please wash and put away all dishes. Also clean the counter tops and tables. Please place any unused food in Ziplock bags, found in the pantry second shelf on the right, or if liquid, in Glad® containers, found in the pantry, bottom shelf on the left. If you leave items in the refrigerator, be sure they are marked appropriately with the date on the Ziplock bag, or if container, using the tape and marker in the bag on the freezer. Items left in the refrigerator are removed regularly if they appear dried out or past their expiration date. Also, anything you place in the freezer **MUST** be dated. If not, it will be discarded. Leave the kitchen so it is ready for the next user.

**LUMC 2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Sign Up Now!**

**JULY 15th Picnic and Registration at Inn Lawn Park from 4-6pm. Come Dunk the Pastor! Lots of Fun & Games!**

**Bible School will take place at the church:**

**Monday - Friday, July 16 - 20th, 6-8:30pm**



**CLICK, or highlight & right click to Open THE LINK BELOW TO FIND ALL THE EARLY REGISTRATION INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THIS YEARS BIBLE SCHOOL :**

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/vbslurayumc>

If you can help with VBS, please sign up to Volunteer! It's going to be another Fun & Exciting week of Vacation Bible School, VBS! Please find a Volunteer sign up in your bulletin or in the Narthex, or Office Lobby.

We will need many hands and food donations. We appreciate any help you can give.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

In Celebration AFTER VBS—Vacation Bible School, there will be a combined Worship Service on Sunday, July 22nd at 10:30am to see all the Great Things Learned in VBS!

*Please keep all our LUMC Mission trip people in prayer*

*Guatemala - Departing, June 30th*

*Blue Knob, PA - Departing, July 1st*



## UMW Sunday Celebrates Peacebuilding Through Mission with Bob and Olma May

**Sunday July 29th -  
Combined Worship with a  
Fellowship Meal afterwards.**



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 5th Sunday in July for UMW Sunday and the Fellowship Luncheon to follow. We are thrilled to have Bob and Olma May of Bergton, VA share their experiences when they served abroad for the United Methodist Church as peacemakers primarily in Palestine, Afghanistan, Tonga and the Philippines. Come welcome them, hear their witness and thank them for their service.

### DID YOU SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES?

If so, please email the church office: [lurayumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:lurayumc@embarqmail.com) and let us know the dates of your service, what branch, and where you served. Thank YOU for your Service!!



### ANNUAL DISTRICT MISSION TRIP

This year, we are planning on working locally so we can have a Building Blitz and finish up our Mission Central project by the end of July.

The Mission Central building is the largest outreach project of the district and it can be completed with everyone's assistance!

This project is the new structure located at 1712 Smithland Road in Harrisonburg, just behind Cedar Grove UMC.

We will be working the second week in July 9-14

Please help us bring this important outreach project to fruition:

- \* No cash outlay on your part
- \* No insurance forms to fill out
- \* Sleep in your own bed
- \* Do not have to commit for the entire week
- \* Most importantly, you get to work with Pastor Bob

Please contact Pastor Bob Talbott at [pastor-bob.asburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor-bob.asburyumc@gmail.com) or Bill Lalla at [billlalla@gmail.com](mailto:billlalla@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

Seven years ago, I received a phone call from my District Superintendent, telling me there was an appointment available where I could serve. He gave me the profile of two churches located in the northern part of Frederick County in a rural area and very conservative. Frankly, I asked how he thought my gifts and graces could be used. I grew up in one of the largest cities in the world and I was to be their first cross-cultural pastor. I don't think he was able to respond, at least not clearly to me, but deep inside, I could hear a voice saying: "God is with you. Trust in the Lord." All of a sudden, I smiled and without hesitation, I responded, "Here I am, Lord" and accepted the appointment. As the appointment was being described to me, I heard challenges, but more than that I heard potential.

I never forgot my very first Sunday worshipping at the new appointment. After I returned home that day, I told my wife, Heather, with excitement: "This church is going to become vital." And yes, in the last seven years the church was able to see increases in worship. They went from three children to about twenty. This church became a vital congregation by being more and more active in ministry and in mission. They share God's love to others. A few months ago, I received another call, but this time to meet our Bishop face to face. I always pray that God would allow me to be in a place long enough to make a difference, but especially to be God's instrument. When I met Bishop Lewis, she invited me to serve God in the Cabinet. That voice spoke to me, once again: "God is with you. Trust in the Lord." I know God is with me. I know the Holy Spirit is present. I know Jesus is watching over my shoulder. I asked the Bishop where she wanted me to serve and Harrisonburg District was mentioned. All of a sudden, I smiled and without hesitation, I responded, "Here I am, Lord" and accepted the appointment.

Thereafter, I received a directory for the Harrisonburg District and since, each day, I pray for each pastor, for each church, for each staff member, for each lay person, for each committee, and for each name in the directory. I invite you today to join me in prayer for this month of July. Every Friday morning, I will have a personal time with God and invite you to pray with me where you are. I will begin at 7:00 a.m., but if that time does not work for you, please pray when you are able. Please pray for the following:

Pray for your new District Superintendent. As I lead you, I pray for an understanding heart, wisdom, and a humble heart.

Pray for my wife, Heather, and our daughter, Jessenia, as they will also make transitions. Pray for the new pastors and their families.

Pray for our Harrisonburg District. I pray that we continue to enhance and be a vital district.

If you are clergy, pray for your congregation. If you are a lay person, pray for your pastor and your congregation.

Pray for our United Methodist Church all over the world and for unity, where love and peace may prevail.

Pray to God to be uncomfortable until we do what God wants us to do here in the Harrisonburg District.

May the Harrisonburg District trust You, O Lord. God, You are with us. You are our God and we are Your children, and we respond by saying, "Here We are, Lord." Let us continue to work for the Kingdom of God.

*In God's service,  
Victor Gómez*





# JULY CHURCH HELPERS

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

Elly Hakel

**ACOLYTES 830/11:**

7/ 1 Olivia Grieve/Zach Cummings  
 7/ 8 Cerenity Stevens/Allison Atkins  
 7/15 Caleb Grieve/Berkley Bennett  
 7/22 Drayvin Stevens & Jeremiah Bennett  
 7/29 Abby Knesh & Zach Cummings

**USHERS 11am:**

7/ 1 Wanda Butler/Meredith Houff  
 7/ 8 Bill Cook/Jon Sisler  
 7/15 Ron Vickers/Berkley Bennett  
 7/22 Robert Spencer/Judy Peabody  
 7/29 John Graves/Wanda Butler

**GREETERS - 8:30:**

7/ 1 The Chamberlain's  
 7/ 8 Jim Grieve  
 7/15 Ken & Eileen Knesh  
 7/22 Jeff & Elaine Thomas  
 7/29 Betty White & Alex

**GREETERS - 11:00:**

7/ 1 Bill & Joan Cook  
 7/ 8 Helen Harman & Wanda Butler  
 7/15 Jon & Lisa Sisler  
 7/22 Walt & Nancy Gordon  
 7/29 Nancy Bell & Mary Lou Owens



**READERS - 8:30:**

7/ 1 Bruce Clark  
 7/ 8 Debi Swing  
 7/15 Gerald Dovel  
 7/22 Faith Carlson  
 7/29 Jim Grieve

**READERS - 11:00:**

7/ 1 Jim Grieve  
 7/ 8 Walt Gordon  
 7/15 Meredith Houff  
 7/22 Gail Kyle  
 7/29 John Miller

**COUNTERS:**

7/ 1 Jim Grieve & Walt Gordon  
 7/ 8 CR Suddith & Walt Gordon  
 7/15 CR Suddith & Gerald Judd  
 7/22 Alice Gray & Gerald Judd  
 7/29 Alice Gray & Jeff Jennings

**AUDIO VISUAL: 830 / 11am**

7/ 1 Jeff Jennings/Larry Hakel  
 7/ 8 Garnett Brockman/Bill Ricketts  
 7/15 Sam McNeely/Ron Vickers  
 7/22 Combined VBS  
 7/29 Robert Spencer, Combined



**NURSERY - 8:30:**

7/ 1 Karen Grieve  
 7/ 8 Betty White  
 7/15 Carla Chamberlain  
 7/22 Elly Hakel  
 7/29 Sheryl Brockman

**NURSERY - 11:00:**

7/ 1 Candice Bennett  
 7/ 8 Winn Jennings  
 7/15 Betty White  
 7/22 Winn Jennings  
 7/29 Heather Sours

**FLOWERS:**

7/ 1 Debi Garrett  
 7/ 8 David & Carol Angier  
 7/15 Walt & Sharon Surratt  
 7/22 Mike & Cathy Weaver  
 7/29 John Graves

**SNACK:**

7/ 1 The Hakel's  
 7/ 8 The Surratt's  
 7/15 Barbara Lam Stevens  
 7/22 Combined - VBS  
 7/29 Combined & Fellowship Meal



**REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

Preschool - On Summer Break  
 Bible Study with Pastor Ellen - 11am in the Image Class. **On Break until Fall ASAP** - Tuesday nights from 5-7pm in the Auditorium (non-church related)  
 Children's Choir - On Summer Break  
 Hand Bell Choir - On Summer Break, after 6/20  
 Chancel Choir - On Summer Break, after 6/13  
**Men's Bible Breakfast Club** - Thursday mornings from 7:15-8:15 am  
**Each Thursday** - 12 Noon Community Service - **Luray Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 Each Thursday - Noon Bible Study in the Image Classroom - On Break until Fall  
**Praise Band Practice** - Thursday nights at 7pm, sanctuary



**2018 LUMC Church Council Members:**

Dale Houff-Church Council Chair  
 Cathy Whittle - UMW President  
 Walt Surratt-Treasurer  
 Beverly Wood-Communications  
 Robert Spencer-Missions  
 Faith Carlson-Staff/Parish  
 Wanda Butler-at Large Member

Cathy Weaver-Council Secretary  
 Sharon Surratt-Board of Trustees  
 Ron Vickers/Carol Angier-Fellowship  
 Julia Verba-Worship  
 Karen Grieve-Sunday School Super.  
 Rusty McCoy-at Large Member  
 Rev. Erich Bennett

Jeff Jennings-Lay Leader  
 Larry Hakel-Financial  
 Tommy Page-Outreach





**TOPICS FOR BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study w/Pastor Ellen - On Break Until Fall**

**Thursday Mornings, 7:15am - Men's Bible Breakfast  
Breakfast and Bible study with a lot of discussion in the Fellowship Hall. "Men Only".**

**Thursdays at Noon - Bible Study - On Hold Until Fall**

**Sunday Mornings, 9:45am Children's Sunday School**

School Aged Children are taught using HeartShaper curriculum by Standard Publishing

3yr Old Sunday School Class

Preschool - Age 4 until start Kindergarten

Early Elementary - K-3rd Grade

Older Elementary - Grade 4-8

**Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am High School Class, In the Underground - Grade 9-12 - Bible Verses**

**Adult Sunday School - All Ages - CrossWalk, Image Class, 4th Floor**

**Adult Women's Sunday School Bible Study Class - Parlor, Sanctuary level**

**2018 COMMUNITY NOON WORSHIP SERVICE - ROTATING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

FEBRUARY - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL - LUMC

MAY - MAIN ST BAPTIST

**JUNE - ST. MARK LUTHERAN**

**JULY - LURAY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

AUGUST - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER - LUMC

DECEMBER - MAIN ST BAPTIST

**Chancel Choir:** *Bases: CR Suddith, Jim Ashanky, Larry Hakel, Dale Houff, Jim Grieve; Tenors: Erich Bennett, Dave Naser; Altos: Cathy Whittle, Alice Gray, Layne Vickers, Judy Suddith, Carol Miller; Sopranos: Julia Verba, Elly Hakel, Nancy Brubaker, Cathy Ashanky, Beverly Daugherty*



**Weekly KIT Email (Keeping in Touch)**

This is an informative weekly email to let you know what is coming up or happening at the church each week. Call or email the church office to be added to the list.

**Keep in Touch!**

**TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN:**

If you have need for prayer and would like to be placed on our prayer chain, call the church office or Peggy Turner 743-3386.

If you would like to be called when a situation comes up that needs prayer, or if you could be a caller, calling 5 -6 persons once you receive the message, let the church office know.



**Praise Band:** *Cathy Ashanky-Leader/Piano/Singer, Jim Ashanky-Singer/Devotions, Erich Bennett-Guitar, Bruce Clark-Singer, Daniel Deavers-Drums, Abby Knesch/Singer; George Nosek-Singer, Tommy Page-Singer/Devotions, Doug Raeburn-Guitar & Robin Stevens-Singer*



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