

The Corner Journal



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**AUGUST
2018**

*Fit Faith
New Sermon Series*



*Women's Book Club
Meeting at
Beverly Wood's home,
August 16 at 6:30pm
Bring a book you love or
would love to have time
to read ...*

*Luray United Methodist
Preschool Orientation*

*August 28th
6:30-7:30pm
4th Floor*

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

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Fit Faith

Most of us are ever aware of changes we need, could, or should do to be healthier. If you scan any newsstand as you stand in line at the market, you'll see all kinds of headlines that include diets with interesting names that might inspire you to change your eating patterns. I always find that interesting, considering you've got a grocery cart full – likely of items that aren't on that diet.

I've always been inspired by folks that go from the couch to doing some amazing physical feat, and time after time they talk about how the first step in their process of being able to achieve their goal was a small movement. One article I read featured a guy who had lost almost 200 pounds, and he did so through bicycling. He mentioned how at first he couldn't even pedal to the end of his street without being out of breath and having to stop and rest. But he didn't give up. He accomplished his goal over time through commitment and consistency. Each day he would ride his bicycle, and each week he was able to go a little farther, and breathe a little easier, and the weight began to come off and he began to be transformed. What if there was something in his story and so many similar stories of transformation that might apply to our life of faith? What if we began to desire and work towards fitness in our faith – realizing that our spiritual life is just as important a factor in our overall health as our physical health?

During August, we'll explore this idea of training in faith, and how we as a church can encourage one another to 'get off the couch' and train towards a livelier spirituality. Throughout Scripture there were references and images to 'training' and growth within the faith. Sometimes we are too content, and we actually need to *do something new* in order to awaken our faith and become aware again of all that God is doing in us and in our world. So come and join in worship, fellowship, and learning as we explore Fit Faith during our August worship. I hope to see you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

Erich

MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- 8/ 5 Volunteer One Hour at Page One, 3pm
 8/ 5 SPRC Meeting, 6pm, FH
 8/11 Private Party, FH*
 8/16 Women's Book Club, Beverly Wood's home, 6:30pm
 8/28 LUMPreschool Orientation, 6:30pm, 4th Floor
 8/30 Faith on Tap, 6:30pm, Hawksbill Brewery
 * Not a church event

**HAPPENING EVERY WEEK THIS MONTH:**

- Tuesday, Bible Study with Pastor Ellen, 11am, Image Class
 Tuesday, ASAP, 5-7pm, Auditorium* Private Meeting
 Thursday, Men's Bible Breakfast, 7:15am, FH-Men Only
 Thursday, Noon Community Svc, Luray Church of the Brethren
 Thursday, Praise Band Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Corrections & Updates to the LUMC Pictorial Directory:

The Surratt's and the Angier's have disconnected their home phone numbers. Please use their cell numbers listed in the directory if you want to reach them.

Larry & Elly Hakel: lhakel1@comcast.net

Julia Verba cell: 244-8402/Carey Verba 742-4110

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Daniel & Susan Brubaker: 405 Hamburg Road, Luray

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Garnett Brockman: Garnett.Brockman@vafb.com

Jim & Bonnie Sullivan phone: 540-421-3970

Judy Suddith email: jshounddogs@gmail.com

**Happy Birthday!**

- 8/ 1 Barbara Shenk
 8/ 8 Don Garner
 8/10 Nell Strong
 8/12 Lauren Sours
 8/13 Susan Brubaker
 8/13 Dave Covington
 8/15 Jane Thompson
 8/20 Cliff Lee
 8/22 Robert Spencer
 8/24 Timothy Rocke
 8/28 Nancy Gordon
 8/30 Ben Vickers



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!

8/28/82 Garnett & Sheryl Brockman 36 Years!

8/24/13 Josh & Julia Knight 5 Years!

8/27/83 Robbie & Deanna Jenkins 35 Years!

8/7/04 Ken & Eileen Knesch 14 Years!

8/4/17 Travis & Liz Osborne

8/4/79 Mike & Cathy Weaver 39 Years!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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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 at the Lions Shelter, 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, August 30: 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

August 16th 6:30pm: Beverly Wood's home. Bring a book you love or would love to have time to read
 Sept 20 & Oct 18th at Beverly Wood's home

Book: Unafraid: Mary by Francine Rivers, #5 in the Lineage of Grace Series (available in hardback, anthology or boxed set - believe me, you'll want them all! - audio & e-book; MRLibrary has copies. Meet Mary, the young girl who was obedient to God and became the most revered woman in history - the mother of Jesus.

Contact Beverly Wood at 860-0795 with questions or to volunteer your home, or beverly@thewoodhome.net

The August Communion Rail Offering will bless: WRE Weekday Religious Education.

The August Grocery Cart will bless Choices!
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.



Please keep Walt Surratt in prayer as he heads to Russia for a Mission Trip. God Be With You Walt!



LUMC 2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School was a BIG success this year! We hosted between 50 and 60 children each night from July 16-20. This year we added a kick-off event at Inn Lawn Park with a dunk tank, cotton candy, and sno-cones as well as a picnic, and that was well attended and we managed to have beautiful weather for that event and for most of the week as well. This year we also offered a middle school 'experience'. The middle schoolers did a variety of local community service projects. They helped prepare paperwork for clients at CHOICES one evening, another was spent doing some re-arranging for the W. Luray Recreation Center, while another evening was spent installing the Books & Blessings Box near our office entrance. The VBS mission donations were to benefit Operation Christmas Child, and 2 full plastic totes were collected to fill shoeboxes this Fall, as well as over \$100 to apply to the shipping effort for Christmas shoeboxes. We couldn't have had a successful VBS without the congregational support. 48 adult volunteers and many more who donated items made VBS week possible. We are thankful for your time, donations, and energy to make a difference in the lives of children!

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. If you are interested in student sponsorship, or providing financial help, Email: preschool@lurayumc.org

New student orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 28 from 6:30 - 7:30pm on the 4th Floor.

Kitchen Announcement - Please Help Us !

Anyone Using the Kitchen or Providing Sunday Morning Fellowship Snacks....

At the conclusion of the snack time, event, or meeting, please wash and put away all dishes. Clean the counter tops and tables. Please take home and launder any towels and dish cloths used. Place any unused food in Ziplock bags, or if liquid, in Glad® containers, found in the pantry. If you leave items in the refrigerator, be sure they are marked appropriately with the date on the container or bag, 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. 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. We thank you for your help!

**UMW Sunday Celebrated, July 29th
Peacebuilding Through Mission
with Bob and Olma May**

DID YOU SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES?

If so, please email the church office:
lurayumc@embarqmail.com

Please let us know the dates of your service,
what branch, what you did and where you served.
Thank YOU for your Service!!

So far, Thank you to:

Erich Bennett, USAF
Brad Chamberlain, USN
Gerald Judd, USA
Sam McNeely, USMC
George Nosek, USA
Jimmy Sullivan, USN
Walt Surratt, USA



College Students: If you have a current college student,
please email the church office with their name, major and ad-
dress so we can remember them each month in the newsletter
and when we send care packages during exam time. We need
to let them "See the Love"

CHURCH HELPERS:

Would you like to join our church helpers?
There is a LOT to choose from.

Communion Steward - Help with preparing Communion
Acolyte - Help the Pastor and light the altar candles
Ushers - Help the Pastor at the 11am Worship Service
Greeters - Greet people coming to church & hand out bulletins
Readers - Read scripture verse during Worship
Nursery - Assist our Staff Nursery Worker
Counters - Count & Deposit Offering
AV Tech - Work the computer with Power Point to project the
service
Fellowship Snack - Prepare a light snack for Fellowship Time

We also need substitutes in all these areas. If you just can't
commit to serving in one area, which we do on a rotating basis,
we can always use substitutes.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added
to the rotation on any church helper category.

We also need Choir Members & Bell Ringers. Talk to Mark
Nichols!



Keep Our College Students in Prayer

Eva Bogdewic, UVA
Andrew Chamberlain, LFCC
Bradley Chamberlain, Old Dominion
Cassie Hutton, Radford
Danielle Martin, VT
Joel Osborne, VT
Catherine Spain, Liberty
Matthew Stevens, LFCC
Caroline Suddith, JMU
Destiny Cheyenne Wilson, So. Adventist University, TN
If we missed your student - Contact the church office

**"I Can!" Club
Volunteers Needed**

There are many ways to be a part of this ministry to children
who are at risk of falling behind at the very start of their
schooling. Men or women, high schoolers to octogenarians,
every level of completed education or experience with chil-
dren – anyone who wants to demonstrate the love of Christ
to young children learning to be learners can volunteer for I
Can Club!

There are five roles necessary to fill on Tuesdays and Thurs-
days mid-October through mid-April:

Setup and snack prep

This can be done in the afternoon ahead of arrival of
children (3:30-3:45). Making sandwiches is the hardest
task.

Arrival supervision (need 2 each day)

An adult needs to be waiting outside for the bus's arri-
val. Another adult needs to be inside to get children
ready for snack. At least one of these volunteers needs
to stay through snack time ending about 4.

Station tutors (need 4 each day, 4-5 pm)

All activities are already prepared so teaching experi-
ence is not necessary! A loving, encouraging attitude
and some patience, however, are required.

Cleanup

Parents are expected to pick up their children exactly at
5.

Substitutes

A few people willing to fill in for any role is critical for
smooth operation.

Contact Jane Thompson to volunteer or ask questions.

AUGUST CHURCH HELPERS

COMMUNION STEWARD:

Layne Vickers



ACOLYTES 830/11:

8/ 5 Olivia Grieve/Allison Atkins
8/12 Abby Knesch/Berkley Bennett
8/19 Drayvin Stevens/Jeremiah Bennett
8/26 Cerenity Stevens/Zach Cummings

USHERS 11am:

8/ 5 Charlie & Laura Yates
8/12 Ron Vickers & Bill Cook
8/19 Berkley Bennett & Jon Sisler
8/26 John Graves & Bill Cook



GREETERS - 8:30:

8/ 5 Dan Bogdewic
8/12 Garnett & Sheryl Brockman
8/19 Carol Eackles
8/26 Jeff & Winn Jennings

GREETERS - 11:00:

8/ 5 Mary Ann Suddith & Peggy Turner
8/12 Leif & Faith Carlson
8/19 Wanda Butler & Wanda Tate
8/26 Charlie & Laura Yates

READERS - 8:30:

8/ 5 Jeff Jennings
8/12 Eileen Knesch
8/19 Ken Knesch
8/26 Joanne Lee

READERS - 11:00:

8/ 5 Carol Miller
8/12 Dave Naser
8/19 Judy Suddith
8/26 Julia Verba



COUNTERS:

8/ 5 Dave Naser & Jeff Jennings
8/12 Dave Naser & Cathy Weaver
8/19 Garnett Brockman & Cathy Weaver
8/26 Garnett Brockman & Cathy Whittle

AUDIO VISUAL: 830 / 11am

8/ 5 Jeff Jennings/Bill Duke
8/12 Sam McNeely/Ron Vickers
8/19 ___/Larry Hakel
8/26 Alex White/Robert Spencer

NURSERY - 8:30:

8/ 5 Bonnie Sullivan
8/12 Cindy Lauritzen
8/19 Robert Spencer
8/26 Karen Grieve



NURSERY - 11:00:

8/ 5 Missie Deibert
8/12 Faith Carlson
8/19 Candice Bennett
8/26 Betty White

FLOWERS:

8/ 5 Robin Holland
8/12 Jim & Cathy Ashanky
8/19 Dale & Meredith Houff
8/26 Wanda Butler



SNACK:

8/ 5
8/12
8/19
8/26 Bill & Joan Cook



REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Preschool - On Summer Break

Bible Study with Pastor Ellen - Each Tuesday, 11am in the Image Class.

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 Church of the Brethren**

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 - 11am, Image Class

**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 Hake, Dale Houff, Jim Grieve; Tenors: Erich Bennett, Dave Naser; Altos: Cathy Whittle, Alice Gray, Layne Vickers, Judy Suddith, Carol Miller; Sopranos: Julia Verba, Elly Hake, 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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