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First Word

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Would you like to speak with the pastor?



First Church is blessed to have two wonderful and caring pastors who welcome every opportunity to speak, meet and pray with you. Our church keeps the Pastors quite busy with many tasks for which they are responsible,

such as: visitation, counseling, committee meetings, staff meetings, lesson plans, sermons, wedding preparations and funeral services, just to name a few. If you have a need for immediate pastoral care or would like to schedule some time with your Pastor, please contact the church office. You may also contact them at home.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Staff Parish

Relations
Committee (SPRC)



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Camp Overlook

The church has a discount available for Camp Overlook. Parents of youth going to Summer Camp at Camp Overlook, please coordinate with Donnie Newcome (888-3489).

Submitting a group of 5 or more applications together will save \$10.00 each off the registration fee. There are also discounts available for adults wishing to reserve

rooms in the Blessings Lodge.

Thanks,
Donnie Newcome

Worship Preview

June 1, 2008

Genesis 6: 11-22; 7: 24; 8: 14-19
Psalm 46
Romans 1: 16-17; 3: 22b-28
(29-31)
Matthew 7: 21-29

Graduation Sunday

Lectors: Youth both services

Flowers: The Harmon's

Acolytes: 8:30 am Olivia Dickens-Bowman & Bailey Disque & 11:00 am Grant Johnson & Connor Foulds

June 8, 2008

Genesis 12: 1-9
Psalm 33: 1-12
Romans 4: 13-25
Matthew 9: 9-13; 18-26

Communion Sunday

Lectors: Both services available.

Flowers: available

Acolytes: 8:30 am Alex & Chris Shepley & 11:00 am Spencer Corbett & Rachel White

June 15, 2008

Genesis 18: 1-15
Psalm 116: 1-2; 12-19
Romans 5: 1-8
Matthew 9: 35-10:8 (9-23)

Father's Day

Lectors: both services available

Flowers: The Marlins

Acolytes: 8:30 am & 11:00 am to be announced

June 22, 2008

Genesis 21: 8-21
Psalm 86: 1-10; 16-17 or Psalm 17
Romans 6: 1b-11
Matthew 10: 24-39

An Order for the Celebration of an Appointment & Commissioning of Faith Community Nurse

Lectors: both services available

Flowers: available

Acolytes: 8:30 am & 11:00 am to be announced

June 29, 2008

Genesis 22: 1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6: 12-23
Matthew 10: 40-42

VBS Presentation

Note Burning

Commission Rachel Carson for Mission

Lectors: both services available

Flowers: available

Acolytes: 8:30 am & 11:00 am to be announced



"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122: 1

Summer Hours at CCAP

Summer hours at CCAP will begin Monday June 2nd and end Friday, August 29th, from 9:00 am to noon.

Starting in mid-July and running through Au-

gust, CCAP collects new and gently used backpacks and all



the supplies that go inside for school. Please help all our children start the school year off right. If you are interested in volunteering please give Helen Kenny a call at 877-1209.

Children's Ministry News

Next Children's
Ministry Meeting

All Welcome to
Attend, Especially
Parents!

June 8th at 12:30 pm
in the Church Social
Hall

Watch for upcoming information on
Special Summer Programs for the
Children.

Willing spirits can find a place for
ministry by caring for our children in
the Summer Sunday School Nursery
on a rotational schedule. See Jean
Kellogg to sign on.

**A HUGE
THANK
YOU** to all
who do-
nated
their time,
money and
effort to
the March
for Babies
especially
**Dayle
Disque!**

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Are you ready for a vacation to Jerusalem?

We have many exciting things planned for the week of June 23-27, 2008. We will meet from 6:00 -8:00 PM. A light supper will be served prior to VBS. This is meant to be a family event, so please plan on attending with your family. Remember we are all part of the church family.

We are in need of several outdoor canopies to make our marketplace. If you would be willing to loan one to the church, please contact Amy Shepley at 667-7621. We also need a few more actors and tribe leaders.

Amy and Alex Shepley

Hop on over to VBS!



Remember These Individuals...

SHUT-INS

- Ruxton Health Care** Elma Anderson
(110 Lauck Drive Winchester, VA 22603)
- Rose Hill** Lula Lewis
110 Chalmers Court Berryville, VA 22611)
- Evergreen** Albert Robinson
(380 Millwood Ave. Winchester, VA 22601)
- Hilltop** Lucille Miller, Mary Everline
(111 Denny Lane Winchester, VA 22603)
- Westminster-Canterbury** Virginia Lee
290 Westminster-Canterbury Drive Winchester, VA 22603)
- The Willows** Hazel Fries, Jean Loy
(1881 Harvest Drive Winchester, VA 22603)

Please keep these service personnel in your prayers:

Sean Cloud Marine Corps
Stationed in Iraq

David Kent Marine Corps
Stationed in Iraq

Jeremy Duncan Army
Stationed in Kuwait

J. B. Hughes Army
Stationed in Iraq

Please let the church office know if there are persons in your family serving overseas who need to be added to this list.
Please remember in your prayers all the men and women serving our country.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Henry & Irene Reynard, Arlie Funk, Bill Bowman, Carol Patterson, Bonnie O'Hara, Phyllis King, Betty McCune, Bunky Woods, Anna Snyder, Bruce Clevenger, Dee Waddell, Tracy Kowasic, Kayla Roy, Noah Foley, Mike Brooks, James Ware, Lee Warner, Melissa Bozick, Susan Williams, Fran Ricketts, Sonny Cooper, Erika Reid, Therman Perry, Paul & Carey Booth, Bill Morris, Richard Mitcham, Margurite Huffer, Peggy Taylor, Jessie Sullivan, Nancy Johnson & Doug Allen, Matt Ergebright, Christina Daniels, Melvin & Virginia Fawcett, Stacey Fritts, Danny Campbell, Hailey Hassinger, The Keenan Family, Ian Paul Eckert.

Please keep this page from your newsletter and include those listed here in your daily prayers. Additional names to be included in your prayers, will be listed in the weekly bulletin insert. A complete updated prayer list will appear in next month's newsletter.

Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Charles Cochran, Larry Cooper & Family, Albert Elgin, Jim Petry, Jeanne Spaid, Nancy Palmer, Alice Shell, Steve Spaid, Velma Ritenour, Edith Anderson, Ruth Harrell, June Starke, Kathy Baccary, Jean Loy, Dick O'Hara, Doug Purnell, Mary Carter, Boyd Ramey, Bonnie Keplinger, Johnny Russell, Gary Fisher, Bucky Davner.



“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” Psalm 130: 1-2“

Discovery Preschool

Well, another year at Discovery Preschool has passed. It is so unbelievable how fast it goes every year. There were 49 graduates this year who are moving on to a new chapter in their lives. Check out the pictures outside the office of the beautiful quilts our children help make to donate to Project Linus. They are unbelievable!

Next year we will be celebrating Discovery Preschool's 20th Anniversary.

Wow, what an exciting time. Look for information to come about a grand celebration.

I would like to thank everyone who donated medicine for my mission trip to Honduras. I was able to collect more than I needed. I can't wait to return and share my experiences with all of you. Please pray for me to have a safe and memorable trip. Thank you also to the Hospitality Team for assist-

ing with the preschool graduation. You all were a great help!

Thank you for your continued support, the preschool is an incredible mission!

Have a great summer!

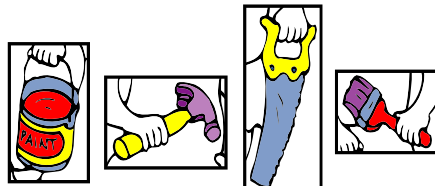
Debbie Macknight



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is looking for help to work on 5 houses in 50 days. (between now and the end of June) Crews of 3-10 volunteers are needed to help make the dream of home ownership a reality for families in need. Building skills are welcome but no experience is necessary. Habitat will teach you jobs you are comfortable doing. Enjoy the fun, fellowship and satisfaction of being involved. **Thank you for your help!**

***A Special Appeal to
Our Congregations!***



Work Project

The following work dates are available:

Week of June 1- Tues-Sat.

Week of June 8- Tues-Thurs.

Week of June 15- Tues- Sat.

Week of June 22- Tues-Sat.

No work will be done on Fridays!

To reserve a workday please contact our volunteer coordinator, Holly Slemmer at 540-662-7066 or volunteer@habitatwfc.org

Thanks for keeping Habitat, our volunteers and families in your prayers.



Congratulation Graduates

We are so proud of you and will miss you!

First United Methodist Youth Mission Statement

“We are servants of Christ witnessing to His people through our words and actions as we grow in discipleship.”

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June Youth News

Dear Youth and Parent's,

Summer time is a glorious and fun time of year! May we celebrate what God has given us in many different ways together this summer. Please go over the youth summer schedule and see where your able to come and be a part of what has been prepared in His name for you! As you will see there are many different opportunities (of course you are not able to attend all and not expected too) but are welcome to come and experience all you choose to!

Please take notice to a new opportunity on the schedule. It is our once a month Friday nights contemporary praise and worship/ bonfire out at the Apple Pie Ridge Campus. Watch for more details. If you are interested in taking a part in the praise and worship time please let me know.

I am personally excited to see how God will work through us this summer, please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

Mary



**High School
News**

June 1st- The youth will be hosting the out of town youth choir for breakfast and a luncheon after the 11:00 service. It is also the Graduation Sunday. We are asking you to bring a covered dish for the meal and help out if you are able. Please let me know if you are able.

June 7th- UMM Bar-B-Q out at the APR campus, youth will be serving the sides to go along with it. All proceeds from the meal will go toward the youth summer missions.

June 4th- 15th- I will be on vacation in California seeing my grandson, son and daughter-in-law. I love you guys but can't wait to get there and see my son and his family. If you have any needs or questions please do not hesitate to call Kristen in the office, I'm sure she will help you out.

June 16th- Meredith Hawkins will start as the summer youth intern for another summer! Welcome Meredith!

June 20th- Praise and Worship Bon-Fire out at the APR campus from 8-10 p.m. Please watch and listen for more details. If you have a really cool name to call our bon-fire praise time together please let me know.

June 21-27th- Junior High Mission trip to Fieldstone UMC in Christiansburg, Va.

June 29th- Church wide picnic and youth pound/silent auction. Please come out and support us, all the proceeds will go toward the summer youth missions. We will also commission Rachel Carson for her Voices of Youth trip during both worship services.



**Middle School
News**

June Youth News continued



June 3	Lauren Cowen	Mary Vorous
June 6	Lauryl Andrus	252 McGuire Road
June 6	Logan Corbett	Winchester, VA 22603
June 7	Rachel Hawkins	678-4014 email:
June 21	Chris Purvis	mvorous@fumcwinchester.org
June 21	Philip Robinson	New youth webpage:
		www.youth.fumcwinchester.org

UPCOMING DATES FOR CPR:

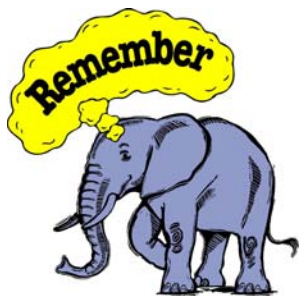
Four hours for a two year certification to save lives! What better way to spend your Saturday!

- June 21**
- July 19**
- August 23**
- September 20**
- October 25**
- November 22**
- December 20**



American Heart Association strongly advises that each student have their own book and CD for on-going reference. Those of you who would like to help defray the cost of your CPR class, may donate \$25.00 toward the cost of the course book. Please see Ellen Cavanagh or Ann Hoffman to register. Each class is limited to 8 students.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."



BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY

Once a month we will offer **Blood Pressure Sunday**. Blood pressures will be taken after each service and during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in this service, please register in the nursery with Ann Hoffman. Check out the following dates for Blood Pressure Sundays.

June 22nd
July 20th
August 24th
September 21st

October 26th
November 23rd
December 21st



JOIN OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM!

We need YOU if you:

- love to sing praise to God
- play a musical instrument (guitar, keyboard, drums, other?)
- want to share the word of God through scripture
- know the power of prayer

- have Power Point skills

This summer we will be offering a monthly

Prayer and Praise Worship experience at our Apple Pie Ridge Campus. To join our team contact Mary Vorous or Becky Cloud at 662-3151.

“Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.” Psalm 96: 9

Church Picnic

**Church Picnic Sunday,
June 29th**

**With Silent Auction &
Pound Auction**

(to benefit the Youth Mission Trips)
at the Apple Pie Ridge
Campus

from 1:00 p.m. to whenever the fun is over!

It's not too soon to start thinking about what kind of hat you are going to make & wear for the contest! Questions contact Roger McGaffick.



Don't be a dunce, remember to create your one of a kind hat!!!

Recently Norman Ramsey came to First Church to share his music and offer personal testimony. He told of an experience he once had singing in the choir for a Franklin Graham Crusade. While in the midst of the extensive planning that went into preparing for the crusade, one of the many volunteers asked, "Why do we have to do all of this planning? You have the facility reserved. Can't you just come on and have the festival? It will be great I'm sure." One of the leaders responded, "We could do that, but we do not feel called to be in the festival business. Rather we want to make sure the people who commit their lives to Christ at the crusade make a connection with Christians living in the area. That is why we work diligently with the local volunteers for the crusade."

John Wesley would often conclude his sermons by inviting those who desired to know more about the faith he had proclaimed to meet him at 5:00 a.m. the next morning. Those who come back the next morning, are then connected with one of his small groups or class meetings, as they were known. Members of these class meetings would meet weekly and inquire as to one another's spiritual well being.

Recently in confirmation class a question was raised asking if a person had to be a member of a church to be a Christian. This brings to mind a question Saint Augustine posed when he inquired, "Do walls make a Christian?" A person can be a solitary Christian but being in a church makes more effective witnesses for our faith. I could announce that I require no assistance to go anywhere I choose and begin walking to Chicago. Eventually I will get to Chicago but it will take a long time and the journey will be difficult. It would make more sense to board a train to Chicago. The ride will be easier across the diverse terrain, I will get there more quickly, and along the way I will enjoy the company of others. The church represents the vehicle through which we grow as disciples and practice our faith. We have many wonderful opportunities for you to grow and live out your faith at First Church. Come, and get on board.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug



A
Message
from Our
Pastor

Exert from the Upper Room "Child of God in Need"

Read Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

Moses said "Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'" -Deuteronomy 15: 11 (NRSV)

In the charity shelter, I glanced around the room at the gathered homeless people. They had each come for an evening meal. Sitting down beside an older man, I listened as he began to quote scripture after scripture. I asked how he knew so much of the Bible. He replied, "I'm a former minister."

This bearded vagabond changed my idea of the homeless, needy and poor. I now see each one more clearly as a child of God, one whom God expects us to love unconditionally, one for whom God

has hopes and plans.

Our reading for today is one of the most powerful in all of the Bible concerning our responsibility to the poor. The fact that the poor will never cease to be with us doesn't give us an excuse to ignore them. In fact, to the contrary, we are to "open (our) hand to the poor and needy in (our) land."

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to approach all opportunities to minister to those in need with open hands. Prepare us for each person, each divine appointment. Amen.

Thought for the Day:

How are my hands open to the poor?

Valerie A. Burgess (Alaska)

Prayer focus: The homeless in my town.

Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy in your land.'"

Pastors To Be Reappointed At First UMC

We are happy to announce that during the June 2008 VA UMC Annual Conference, Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer, will be reappointing Becky and Doug to serve First UMC Winchester for the upcoming year. Please take the

opportunity to thank our Pastors for their many gifts, talents and their dedication to service in our church.

Thank you,
The SPRC

(Staff Pastor Relations Committee)



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Director

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Choral Director

Melinda Russell
Hand Bell Director

Youth Choir Director

Amy Shepley & Mary Beth Ours
Children's Choir Directors



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Food for Thought from God's Word....

*"See that none of you repays evil
for evil, but always seek to do
good to one another and to all.
Rejoice always, pray without
ceasing, give thanks in all circum-
stances; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 12: 15-18*