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PARTNERING WITH GOD TO: CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

MESSENGER

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A Note From the Pastor

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For some reason I've been hearing a lot lately about the word, "balance". It seems that most of us are trying to live a balanced life. We try to keep ourselves away from any extremes in this life and more aligned with the middle road of balance. We try to maintain a balance of healthy eating and exercise to offset those times we ate the wrong foods and didn't feel like exercising. We try to maintain balance in our behavior by offsetting our bad actions with good ones. A husband brings his wife flowers when he forgets an important date. A friend tries to say something nice after saying something a little too harsh and critical. Sometimes we even try to get ahead in our quest for balance. For instance, a teenager may unexpectedly volunteer to work around the house because he or she knows they need money for the dance Saturday night.

Yet, when it comes to the unconditional love we Christians are called to offer to others, we tend to get a little out of balance. We don't love unconditionally as Jesus taught us. Rather, we live with a complicated love system of deposits and withdrawals. We love others based on the status of their love account with us. If they haven't been loving toward us, we respond in kind. We're nice to someone, especially strangers, only if they're first nice to us. We accept someone who is different from us only if they're willing to think and act like we do. We forgive

someone only if they first apologize. And we don't apologize quickly and sincerely but, only when it seems we have no other choice to make a difficult situation go away.

Jesus never led a balanced life when it came to love. As the writer of 1st John tells us, we love because Jesus loved us first. That may not sound too extreme, but if we consider how unloveable humankind really is, it's not only extreme, it's downright radical. For Jesus, love was never about balance. It was never about deposits and withdrawals. It was never about us being good enough to deserve or earn his love. It was always about his offering up a sacrificial kind of love that didn't expect to receive love in return. It was a love that was pure, honest, and forever.

I often wish I could love like that. I know I'm trying and every once in a while I feel like I might be making a little progress. But deep down inside I know I have a long way to go. But here's the good news for me, and for you too. Jesus loves us unconditionally despite our not loving him back. Jesus loves us unconditionally despite our reluctance to love others the way he wants us to. And Jesus loves us unconditionally, despite our foot-dragging when it comes to forgiving others. There's nothing wrong with wanting to live a balanced life, until it gets to the expression of love. That's where all of us could be a lot more unbalanced, a lot more extreme, and a lot more radical, just like our Lord Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

Birthdays This Month

6	Samantha Lawson
6	Mary Kent Mullins
8	Lisa Davis
9	Leigh Feathers
10	Carter King
11	Mary Anne Berger
15	Anthony Houchens
17	Robert Taylor
18	John Ganoe
18	Payton Wilson
19	Jordan Alvarez
19	Dawn Lawson
21	Corey Bass
21	Candace Davis
24	Erva Shifflett
25	Pat Glassmyer
25	Zee Lawson
28	Virginia Snow
29	Kevin Freid



December Birthdays

5	Kelly Baker
5	Jeff North
6	Sara Haney
9	Gary Lam
10	Jessica Garth
12	Jon Roche
17	John Williamson
18	Amie Richardson
20	Joel Warren
20	Julian Woodward
23	Gail Grant
24	Nancy Haney
25	Chris Jeziorski
25	Gaitlyn Perkins
25	Doris Sims
27	Marjorie Howell
28	Isaiah Hensley
30	Cierra Hensley
31	Junior Eppard

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LEGACY CIRCLE



In an effort to broaden our reach and support the legacy of our UMW unit, the United Methodist Women Unit of Stanardsville United Methodist Church has supported the establishment of a new circle. This circle is geared to girls, teens, young women and working women. The circle is committed to expanding mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. The circle meets in the church's Fellowship Hall, the first Sunday of each month, September to May, at 9:30 a.m. to work on mission projects while enjoying fellowship and sharing. Our first project was making Teddy Bears for emergency personnel to provide comfort to children during difficult or traumatic situations. The teddy bears were presented to Aaron Anderegg and his team at Greene County Rescue Squad by Stanardsville UMC pastor, Chuck Winner, Jane Winner, Kim Eppard, Olivia Wishert, and Allison Dunnivan on Saturday, October 26.

Men's Gathering

All men of the church are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, for a time of fellowship and good food at the home of Steve Morris, 1533 Rosebrook Road in Stanardsville.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all the expressions of sympathy shown me and my family at the passing of my brother. Your prayers, visits, calls, messages, cards and hugs are very much appreciated. I can't express how much they mean to us. Love you all.

Pat Holtzman



Church Finances

Total Operating Budget for 2019	\$193,126.00
Needed as of October 27	\$ 159,700
Received as of October 27	154,802
Under	\$ -4,898

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.



Thanks to Anne Lundgren for sharing
this wonderful sounding recipe.

RASPBERRY BARS

4 CUPS FLOUR
1 CUP SUGAR
1 EGG
1 TSP. SALT
1 1/2 CUPS BUTTER (3 STICKS)
1 CUP RASPBERRY JAM

Mix first 5 ingredients together and press 2/3 of the dough onto a cookie sheet (10 x 15). Cover with jam. Sprinkle remaining dough over all and add sliced almonds or chopped walnuts. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Youth at SUMC

I wanted to give you all an update on our youth. First, I would like to thank you all for your donations made to our youth fundraiser at the last sip n' chat. We will be having another sip n' chat fundraiser this Sunday. Our youth will be serving you all again and we invite you to attend.

We are fundraising for several reasons. We have at least 3 youth that will be attending Called 2019 youth conference at Eagle Eyrie and we would like to purchase their tickets, so that there is no financial cost for the family. Each ticket costs \$155, plus travel expenses. I would also like to cover the cost of Mrs. Eppard, who will be traveling with us. Here is the link to the conference if anyone is interested in taking a closer look. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/called-2019-conference-youth-retreat-tickets-69908996691>

Your donations also allow us to donate to Stop Hunger and we are hoping to take our group to the packaging event in December. Your donations also fund our fun activities as well. For example, we had a youth group on a Saturday evening in October at the farm, where we gathered by the fire, roasted hotdogs and marshmallows, played games and watched God's not Dead, light in the darkness on a sheet. We would like to thank Carroll Deane for arranging that for us and his help setting it up!! Also, we feed our youth dinner each time we gather, which is twice a month.

Please let us know if there is any help you all need at your house. We would love to have a day of "caring" and help members of our church with odd jobs.

Thank you all for your continued support!! **Erin Rocha**



**Plan to join your church family for a special Thanksgiving Service
on Tuesday evening, November 26, at 7:00 p.m.**

SPORTS SCHEDULES FROM WMHS

Varsity Football

(Blaise Van Dyke, Dave Mack)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Location</u>	
11/1	7:00 p.m.	Game	George Mason	William Monroe High School
11/8	7:00 p.m.	Game	Central (Woodstock)	Central (Woodstock)

Junior Varsity Football

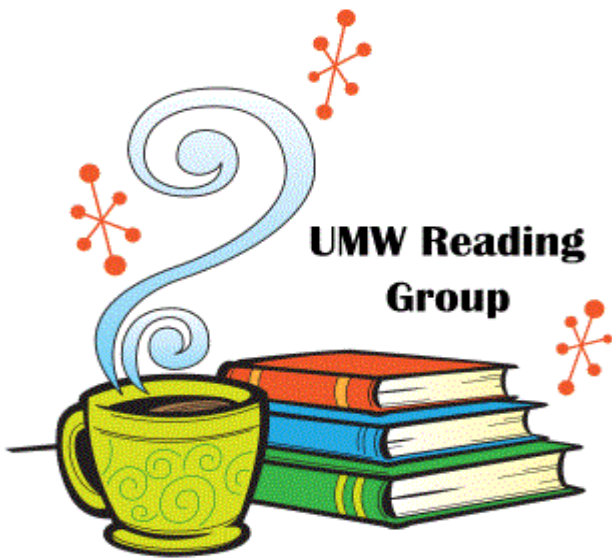
(A. J Van Dyke)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Location</u>	
11/7	6:00 p.m.	Game	Central (Woodstock)	William Monroe High School

Hands and Feet of Christ

- all those who helped by donations and/or time to help feed the band on October 11
- Judy, Jane, Marsha, Marion, and Connie Moore for taking the dinner to the Wesley Foundation in Charlottesville
- Connie Moore and Jane Winner for cleaning and organizing the Tuesday Table closet. Looks so nice and can find items
- Paul Harbulak for installing the new computer and all the work associated with that
- Val Shifflett for laundering ALL those tablecloths and napkins from the UMW District Breakfast Meeting.



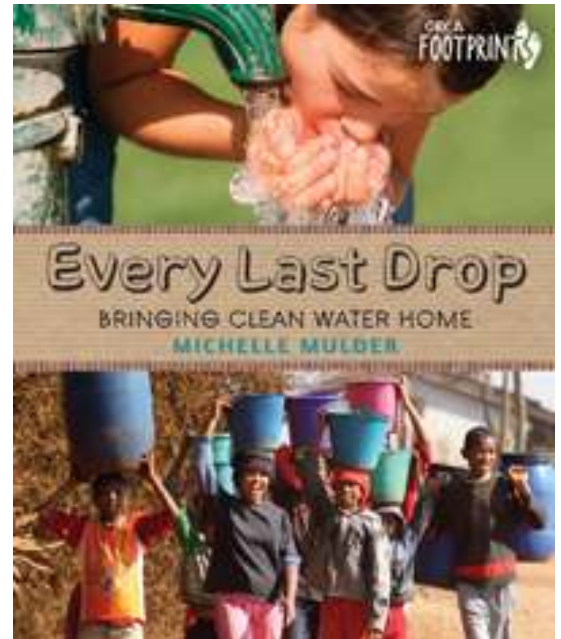


The UMW Reading Group will meet Thursday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Winner.

UMW BOOK REVIEW

Every Last Drop
By Michelle Mulder

This short and easy read had a profound impact on me. I was aware that some countries lacked adequate water supplies but never comprehended the extent of the problem until reading this book. Did you know that every 21 seconds a child dies of water-related illnesses? That in Africa alone, more than 40 per cent of children drink unsafe water. And, one in five children dies before their fifth birthday. A lack of clean water and basic sanitation is responsible for 1.6 million preventable child deaths each year. Millions more children suffer from waterborne illnesses. This book tells the story of the millions of women and children across the globe whose primary job is to collect water for their families. They are placed in dangerous and difficult situations to accomplish this task which prevents them from obtaining an education and jobs. It tells too, of the work going on through multiple organizations including UMCOR, to help these people obtain clean water and basic hygiene needs. This book spurred me to learn more and look for ways to help. Doesn't everyone on the planet deserve clean water and a chance at life?



Reviewed by Neddy Mac

November Opportunities

November Sip 'n' Chat

YPG, Liturgists, Acolytes

Sip 'n' Chat

- Nov. 3 Youth Fundraiser
- Nov. 10 Connie Flora, Sharon Morris, Jane Winner, Rhonda Houchens, Kimberly Eppard
- Nov. 17 UMW: Carole Mayhew, Cyndy Sprinkle, Bill Wade, Priscilla Schmitt, Donna Bates
- Nov. 24 UMW: Ellen Deane, Doris Swenson, Mary Greenwood, Barbara Ringle, Erva Shifflett, Marjorie Howell, Marian Durrer, Judy King

A merry heart doeth
good like a medicine.

Calling All Potential Liturgists - Acolytes, and Young People's Guides

We need you! Please sign up on Sign Up Genius if you would be willing to serve some Sunday. If you have trouble signing up, call the office and the secretary will sign you up.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS FROM THE PAST (NOT SUMC BULLETINS!!)

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

ASAP



Always Say a Prayer

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

John Ganoë, Scott Haas, Phyllis and Danny Michau, Patricia Guerra, Mike and Jennifer Rice, Wanda Cox, Joe Greenwood, Joyce Sims, Nory Sanabria, Linda Bush, Pete Pritchett, Ed Beatty, Elwood Mack, Sue Lam, Helen Monsees, Junior McFarland, Ernest Junior Shifflett, Mick Carrier, Sherri Morris, Ruth Hodges, Doris Snow, Ryan Herring, Evan Ballard, Tom Hoffman, Vince Taylor Webster, Troy Lamb, Martin and Alice Mooney, Barbara Ringle. Evan Hartnett, Mary Greenwood, Ralph Floyd, Trista Looney, Lila Cork, Melinda Engle.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

Bishop Sharma Lewis
God's Plan for "The Station"

THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

At Home	Eva Morris
Grace	Virginia Snow and Louise Hayes

Please call the church office at 434 985-3888 if you have a name you would like to submit for the prayer list.