



NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy and summers filled with deep sadness and pain. The common thread is that every summer was unique and had its own tale to tell.

Just as every *natural* summer has a story, so does every *spiritual* summer. We will each walk through the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us.

The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. Oh goodness, there is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry. It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so it can taste even

sweeter than the best summer strawberry. There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember *who* our spiritual gardener is and to remain in him always.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NIV)

Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.



The minutes from the May 10, 2022 Administrative Council Meeting will be included in the next newsletter, The Connection.



June 5	Holy Communion -Pentecost Sunday; Faith & Fun
June 6	Trustees Meeting 7 pm
June 12	Trinity Sunday (1 st Sunday after Pentecost)
June 14	Flag Day; Administrative Council Meeting 7 pm
June 19	Father's Day
June 21	First Day of Summer!
June 25	Ice Cream Social 1 pm to 3 pm
June 29	Micah Meal



- Youth Group: The Youth Group will be meeting once a month. Come join us!
- Bible Study Groups:
 - The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets Tuesdays online from 10 to 11 am
 - The Social Justice Book Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 pm.
 - Disciple Four Session - Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 7 pm
 - Children's Church - Each Sunday during the worship service, Children's Church will be held for those children between the ages of 5-10.



Stafford Food Security,

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

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR):

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor>

Stafford Junction: www.staffordjunction.org

Take Them A Meal: www.takethemameal.com

S.E.R.V.E.: S.E.R.V.E. is a local food pantry to help feed the Stafford community. 540/288-9602

Healthy Families Rappahannock Area - 540-374-3366.

How to help the people of Ukraine: For more information on how you can help, please visit <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>



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We are a Church that is very active.....

**UMCOR Cleaning and Hygiene Kits Drop-Off
Locations:**

Central Part of District

Fredericksburg UMC, 308 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg

Collection: Kits and Diapers (Size 3 - 6) from June 1st thru 12th,
Monday - Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm/Sundays 11:00 am-12:00 PM

For information regarding these kits please see links below:

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

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The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox

Gift Begins with You and Results in

Evangelism, Discipleship, and

Multiplication.

Heads Up!

Start your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox shopping early. Some of the "hard to find items" such as flip flops, sun glasses, etc are hard to find in the fall and winter months. You can find them during the summer season and it is even better if you find them on sale. Barbara Roberson was able to find flip flops at the Dollar Store and passed along this helpful hint. An Operation Christmas Child tote is located in the hallway to collect any items.



A TRUE BLESSING!

On May 16, 2022 at 4:38 am Fletcher Daniel Smith entered this world. Praise God for an uneventful delivery and for Fletcher's safe arrival. Congratulations to Powell, Lauren and Verity for the newest member of their family!



Maybe I have been living much too fast, too restlessly, too feverishly, forgetting to pay attention to what is happening here and now, right under my nose. Just as a whole world of beauty can be discovered in one flower, so the great grace of God can

be tasted in one small moment. Just as no great travels are necessary to see the beauty of creation, so no great ecstasies are needed to discover the love of God. But you have to be still and wait so that you can realize that God is not in the earthquake, the storm, or the lightening, but in the gentle breeze with which he touches your back - *Henri Nouwen*



A Dad is a person
who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends.
A dad can be one
of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong
In all that you do,
a dad's love plays a part.
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.
And each year that passes,
you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud
just to call him your dad!
Thank you, Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you!
Happy Father's Day.



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When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own

flags. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. The lyrics of "The Star-Spangled Banner," America's national anthem since 1931, are taken from a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. His words were set to the tune of "To Anacreon in Heaven," a popular British drinking song.



You scream, I scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!! What is your favorite flavor? On Saturday, June 25th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Church, come and see if your favorite flavor is being served or bring your favorite flavor to share! Homemade or store bought, doesn't matter! Toppings would be great too! Hope to see you on June 25th!



The Beauty of Flowers

You might notice that on Sunday mornings there are two vases filled with flowers on either side of the altar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship, contact Jane at (208) 761-6614 or idjcfanpm@gmail.com or stop her on Sunday morning and let her know when you would like to provide flowers for worship.



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Pollard Hall will be leading Adult Sunday School using the International Lesson 9 am on Sundays. Come and Worship!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK! Our congregation is growing literally! We are seeing more children in our congregation and want to bring a learning experience of knowing Jesus! Many thanks to Becky Hamm who has volunteered to organize the parents to provide this wonderful experience during the worship service. Even if you are not a parent, if you feel lead to teach these little ones, please feel free to contact Becky Hamm or Pastor Robin! It is truly an enriching experience and blessing! We love and care for our young church members and want them to know they are important!



HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

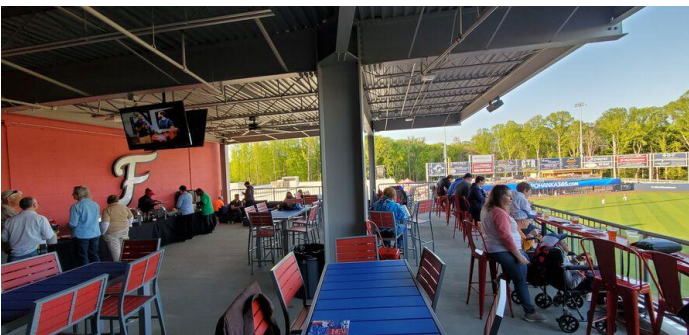
R. Caleb Leshner - Will be attending a post graduate program at the high school

Max Redman - Will be attending Mary Washington studying Computer Engineering

Camden Sullivan - Will be attending Virginia Tech, Masters in Chemical Engineering



A NIGHT OUT AT FRED NATS PHOTOS!



OUR FATHER
who art in heaven,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME, *Thy will be done.*
on earth as it is in heaven.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
but deliver us from evil.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
the power, and the glory
FOR EVER AND EVER, *Amen*

For Prayer requests, contact Gail Hall

(540) 848-4223 or craftygail@gmail.com

Healing: Cindy as caregiver for family members Don and Lori with MS, Jeanne Harrell, Jean Madison and strength for her caregivers, Ron N., Sharon Barry, Bonnie Bourne, Betty Harris, Frances Rollins, Ber Farls (congestive heart failure), Hope Guyer, Chase, James L., Linda B., Debbie Wallace, Warren Ueker, Juanita Henderson, Abby, Don Weaver, Sr. (shoulder), Lucille Raines (surgery), Ann Crouch (Rehab), Brenda O'Brien (surgery), Linda Scott (Rehab), Karen Zinn (surgery to remove mass behind eye), all those with Covid, Mary Johnson (Rehab), Pam Weaver (Knee surgery after fall), Vince Jones (infection), Amy (in ICU), Kevin Martin (knee surgery), Cyndi Quinn (auto accident), All those with Covid, Jarrett Frame, Werner Schultz (in ICU), Tony Marino

Cancer: Chris McCullough (pray for the chemo to remove the cancer cells and for strength) Theresa Boutchyard, Derby Thomas, Larry Snellings, Scott Bandy (surgery June 27th for mass on brain), Jodi Weaver, Micalyn, Danny Barnes, Mark Johnsen, Erin Wetzel., Bill Hauger, Stephanie Priddy, Melody Musante, Pricilla Elliott, Lorraine Richardson, Beth Middleton. Loraine Lemoinx

Families Grieving: Family of Bob Deaderick, Family of Jesse Stone, Moriah Smith and the Foringer Family as they mourn the death of her uncle who died in a car accident, Family of Dr. Don Reed, Family of Boyd Rawlings

Other Prayers: The Community of Uvalde, Texas, Government Officials, School Administration, Military, Law Enforcement, The People of Ukraine, Barry & Jen Messenger (house fire and healing for Jen's burns), Safe delivery for Rachael, praise for the safe birth of Fletcher Daniel Smith, Frank Gomillion in hospice care, family unity and resolution, healing for family, healing for those in pain, Teagan starting back at Shenandoah Park

Joy: Powell & Lauren celebrated their 13th Wedding Anniversary Monday, May 23rd, Morgan and April Burch are celebrated their Wedding Anniversary, May 25th



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If you are not receiving weekly church emails and you have not seen a text from the church in the last 30 days and you wish to, please contact George Williams at bucketokinawa@yahoo.com. Provide him your latest email address, your current cell phone number with your cell carrier (e.g., Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T, etc.)



I will be taking the summer months off in sending out The Connection for New Hope UMC. When we as a congregation were no longer able to come together to meet and worship due to the Covid pandemic, I felt God nudging me to come up with something to keep us all connected. I hope the newsletter has reached those of us who felt alone and isolated during that time. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of continuing to spread God's word.

- *Ginger Johnsen*