

THE WITNESS

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Greetings my friends in the Name of the Lord!

The Apostle Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:15, "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth." Working hard to receive God's approval is not trying to make ourselves right with God through doing good works, but rather it is simply obeying God and what He says to do. I am not God's slave who He Lords over but rather I am God's child whom God loves. As I Peter 1:14 says, "So you must live as God's obedient children." And here is the thing, the more I obey our heavenly Father, the better life is for me. It is when I disobey my heavenly Father that life does not go well for me. God's Word is clear on what He expects from me and since I want to be blessed, I work hard. Knowing what the Bible says does take work and understanding what it says takes a lot of study. Still, I should be working at it if I want to be blessed since it is, after all, a commandment. The Apostle Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:15, "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth."

Let us pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thank You for forgiving my sins and saving my soul. Help me to work hard to obey You and receive Your blessing. In Jesus' Name, amen."

The peace of God be with you,

Pastor Stan

Membership Sunday

Membership Sunday will be held on May 21 for the 8:30 service. This gives you an opportunity to let Pastor Stan and the church office know if you would like to become a member of Toms Brook UMC at this time. Contact us if you have questions and would like to know more. If you would like to join at the 11:00 service, we will schedule that for another Sunday.

Missions & Outreach

Community Dinner-Our Missions Committee will be serving the next Community Dinner held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg on Wednesday, May 31. Anyone interested in helping with the dinner may contact Linda Baker (477-3550).

Kits for Conference-We will also be collecting kits for conference, please see how to assemble kits below. The last Sunday for turning in kits is June 11.

Health Kits

- 1 hand towel (15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches-kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (sturdy and longer than 6 inches-no pocket combs or picks please)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers (no emery boards, please)
- 1 bath size soap (3 ounces and larger sizes only & no Ivory or Jergens soap-do not remove from original packaging)
- 1 toothbrush (adult size only-do not remove from original packaging)
- 6 adhesive bandages ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch—1 inch size-common household Band Aids)
- 1 plastic bag (one gallon size sealable bag only)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (Do not put money in kit.)

Assembly Directions

Set aside \$1.00 for toothpaste put into separate envelope and mark, "Toothpaste" and put into church offering. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes:

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit.
- Box Weight (Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.)
- Name of Kit and Number of Kits on each box (Write on the outside of the box the type of kits and number of kits in the box.)

If you would like to contribute money for kits, write the check out to TBUMC and put "**Conference Kits**" in memo line. Each kit requires \$1 in shipping costs. Place money in offering and mark "**Kit Shipping**" on offering envelope or check.

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Hearts & Hands-Dinner Out

Hearts and Hands will meet for their annual dinner out at the Golden Corral in Winchester, on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. Those wishing to car pool should meet at the TBUMC parking lot no later than 6:15 p.m.

TBUMC Methodist Men

Thanks to all that help keep God's House and the grounds looking good. May God bless you with good health and the joy that comes from serving Him and using the gifts and talents He has given us.

Our monthly meetings will start back up this month on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. They are on the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to attend as we have a couple of new items of business to discuss as well as the ongoing business.

Relay for Life Auction-May 12

Relay for Life is having an auction on Friday, May 12. Food will be available at 5 p.m. and the auction will begin at 6 p.m. in the church parking lot. We need auction items: all items large or small accepted except for clothes. Please contact Becky Menges, Diana Bauserman, or J.J. Funkhouser for donations. Thank you.



Son Rise Breakfast

The Son Rise Service Breakfast has been a tradition for a long time. Several of us remember when our parents prepared it in the old church. The small wooden framed church did not have a kitchen. It only had a stove in the corner of a Sunday school room. Also at one time, the service was held on the hill behind the old Toms Brook School. A wooden cross was carried up the hill for the service. Later when the present church was built, the service was held on the hill behind the parsonage. As with many things, the Son Rise Service and breakfast have a long history. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed this year to continue this tradition.

Gloria Ryman, Historian

Summer Opportunities for Youth Discerning a Call

This summer, Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University are independently putting on a Youth Theology Institute for 10 days. Between the two schools, there are 80 openings available for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The institutes each capture different facets of the Christian faith for the common goal of equipping young leaders, exploring faith, learning from seminary faculty and seeking to nurture a call in their life. For more information, check out convergence@rmc.edu (R-MC) and www.su.edu/

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School Kit Materials

Cloth Bags will be available.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip only-no plastic scissors, please)
- 3 pads of paper (spiral or top-bound pads-150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad-no composition books)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (must be at least 1 inch long-remove from packaging)
- 1 (30-centimeter) ruler (Hard or flexible-cartoon characters are acceptable-no advertisements please)
- 6 unsharpened pencils (no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, cartoon characters are acceptable)
- 1 (2-inch) or larger size eraser (no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, cartoon characters are acceptable)
- 1 (24 count) box of crayons (only 24 count boxes, please)
- 1 (14x16 inch) cloth bag (The Missions Committee will provide the cloth bags.)

Assembly Directions

Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out.

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Food Collections and Outreach Reports

Lend-a-Hand Report -In March, the church had 4 calls or visits and spent \$70 for area outreach to 1 person/family with \$100 being sent to Valley Christian Outreach.

Compassion Cupboard -The donations for April were: 1 (15 oz.) veggie Chile, (1)15 oz. Chile beans, 1 (14.4 oz.) turkey chunks, 1 (14 oz.) brown rice, 1 (9 oz.) popover mix, 6 rolls paper towels, 3 (15 oz.) cans peas, 1 (15 oz.) tomato sauce, 4 (15 oz.) ravioli, 3 mac and cheese dinners, 1 (17 oz.) polenta, 1 (15 oz.) green beans, 1 (16 oz.) black beans, 1 (12 oz.) peanut butter, 1 tuna helper kit, 1 (14.5 oz.) green beans, 2 boxes iced tea mix, 4 loaves of bread, 2 (15 oz.) cake meal, 1 cake mix, 1 (6 in.) cherry pie, 1 (15 oz.) sauerkraut, 1 assorted box of apple jacks and 1 pkg. of brown and serve dinner rolls.

Bread of Life Food Pantry distributed 4,011 pounds of food in March to 64 families, which consisted of 184 individuals.

Lenten Collections – Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter-\$168, Response-\$99, and TBUMC Picnic Shelter-\$830.

New Creation Speaker-May 21

A non-profit agency that counteracts human trafficking

Sabrina Dorman-Andrew, Co-Founder & Executive Director of New Creation VA, will speak Sunday, May 21 at the 11:00 worship service here at Toms Brook UMC. A free-will offering will be received.

New Creation is a faith based non-profit counteracting human trafficking. They combat this issue through prevention education, awareness, design, and most importantly the hope of Christ. Did you know that human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states? Many people are unaware that modern day slavery exists in their community. New Creation works diligently in the Shenandoah Valley to educate and engage individuals to be a part of the solution. To learn more about the issue or their work visit www.newcreationVA.org.

With the belief that our voice, our prayer, and our movement can bring about change, we are continuously developing ways to equip others to join this work of justice. With a global mind and local approach, New Creation has linked with like-minded organizations in The Philip-pines, Haiti, Uganda, India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Peru and here in the US; ensuring our impact is felt around the globe.

Information we all should know:

24-Hour Human Trafficking Hotline by Polaris. Call or Text the National Human Trafficking Hotline for information, to provide a tip, or to get help!

1-888-373-7888 Text INFO or HELP to BeFree {233733}



Happy Mother's Day

“Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.”

- Billy Graham



Lay Ministry for May

Traditional Worship-8:30 a.m.

Modern Worship-11:00 a.m.

Inside Greeters:	Darrell & Becky Stickley	Trudy Stickley & Gloria Kronk
Acolyte:	Chelsea Stine	_____
Ushers:	Robert Neff-HU Darrell Stickley Becky Stickley Stan Maynard Cindy Hunter	Sean Davis
Visual Creation:	Linda Hudgins	Sharon McCarthy
Run Visuals:	Brian Funkhouser	Abby Davis
Sound Board :	Doug Midkiff	Elizabeth Davis
Communion:	Diana Bauserman—Set-up Dr. Stan Thompson, Bobby Funkhouser—Server	Elizabeth Davis—Set-up Dr. Stan Thompson, Paul Wieber—Server

S.S. Devotional Leaders/Pianists:

Coordinator: Mary Fay-333-2378

- May 7—Santee Stickley/Marcy Bauserman
- May 14—Mother’s Day/Marcy Bauserman
- May 21— Gloria Kronk/Marcy Bauserman
- May 28— Mary Fay/Marcy Bauserman

Note: This list will be posted on the church bulletin board for your convenience. Please find a substitute if you are unable to be present on a Sunday when you are scheduled to serve. Devotion leaders should contact the coordinator at the number provided.

**“Out of your relationship with God come life’s greatest treasures—
fellowship, wisdom, peacefulness of soul, eternal hope, gladness of heart,
direction and meaning, and a glorious purpose in all you do.”**

~Roy Lessin

Sermons & Scriptures for May

May 7	"Do You Give God Your Leftovers?"	Deuteronomy 26:1-10
May 14	"Honor Your Mother"	Ephesians 6:1-3
May 21	"Discernment"	Proverbs 3:21-26
May 28	"Understanding"	Proverbs 2:1-11

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthday

1	Michael Cockrell	19	Cheyenne Stout
2	Deanna King	20	Wilson Ryman
3	James Lichliter	21	Donna Eagle
5	Stan Maynard	23	Riley Burke
5	Megan Brennan	24	Anne Hart
6	Mitzi Burgess	24	Karen Peer
6	Larry Crabill	24	Emily Maddox
6	Ethan Funk	25	Fred Frenzel
7	Denyell Mauck	26	Trudy Stickley
8	Jensen Gochenour	28	Teresa Funkhouser
8	William Moser, Jr.	29	Cora Funk
9	Stuart French	29	Caroline Morefield
10	John Easto	29	Lois Morrison
10	Ellen Kern	30	Jennifer Funkhouser
11	David Mauck	31	Kimberly Richardson
11	Hal Morrison		
11	Whitney Lichliter		
12	Joey Gochenour		
12	Eunice Terndrup		
15	Betty Bly		
15	Chasity Funkhouser		
15	Mike Hunter		
17	Deanna Davis		

Anniversaries

3	Fred & Debbie Ritenour
9	John & Paula Gleaton
15	Scott & Heather Grabenstein
16	Rick & Kate Sowers
21	Rich & Kathy Church
29	Jimmy & Tina Maddox



TBUMC Prayer Group

A prayer time has been going on here long before I became the coordinator. It has been on different nights and is currently on Wednesday because many of the choir members have been participants and to help cut down on the travels to meetings to and from church. The time has been set at 6:30 -7:00 p.m. in the parlor to allow for a half-hour of prayer for the ongoing concerns and praise's that God has placed in our lives at Tom's Brook UMC. Updates on the prayer list are helpful as I put together an updated list at the beginning of the week.

~Jeff Delano

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~ Sunday Worship Schedule ~
Traditional Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Life Application Classes: 9:45 a.m.
Modern Worship: 11:00 a.m.

~Monday thru Friday~
Morning Prayer Service: 7 a.m.

2017 Annual Conference Offering

This year the Annual Conference special offering goal is \$200,000. Bishop Sharma Lewis is requesting contributions to support the six ministries listed below.

- Methodist Mission in Cambodia as they continue to purchase property for new churches and expand their fast growing mission.
- Brazil Methodist Church to keep children off the streets with the Shade and Fresh Water Project.
- UMC in Mozambique funding resources for training laity throughout the region for its growing churches.
- VA Conference Disaster Response to help repair and rebuild homes in Virginia destroyed by natural disasters.
- Ethnic Minority Missional Ministries to help fund grants towards ministry outreach to immigrants and other marginalized groups.
- VA Volunteers in Mission to provide funds to small membership faith communities to engage in mission that may lack resources.

If you would like to give, make your checks out to: Toms Brook UMC and put "Conference Offering" in the memo line.

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