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# Tree Planted by The Stream of Water

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“For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.” Psalm 1:6 NIV



Recommended Reading: Psalm 1

Hiking along the Shenandoah River, I witnessed many trees along the riverbank that had achieved massive size and spread their branches all over. In Psalm 1, the righteous are like a tree that has rooted itself next to a stream. I believe the first chapter in the book of Psalms is an introduction to the entire book; the righteous or godly who follow God are exemplified by those writing the Psalms. The second major group is the wicked who do not seek God, who is like dry grass in the wind.

The righteous meditate on God's word. Let us take time to read through the Psalms. There are Psalms for times when you feel glad, Psalms for when you feel sad, and Psalms for when you feel mad. All these feelings appear in the assortment of authors. The Psalms were read through and prayed through by the Jewish people, including Jesus. In fact, at Jesus' darkest moment on the Cross, he cries out the first line of Psalm 22 upon the Cross. I believe the Psalms are a treasure for us to say and pray today.

Psalm 1 reminds us that we can live fruitful lives by following God and seeking to live out His word daily. I have provided a reading plan for the Psalms throughout the Fall; you are welcome to join me in praying the Psalms this Autumn. God watches over those who seek to follow His will and desire. I invite you to start reading the Psalms today!

***Gracious God, we thank you for the words you gave to those who wrote the Psalms. Help us to make these words our prayers. We thank you for your gracious love for us.***

***We pray this in Jesus' Name.***

***Amen.***

## A Psalm for the Day– Fall 2022



Date	September	October	November
1	1-2	50	104
2	3-4	51	105
3	5-6	52-53	106
4	7	54-55	107
5	8	56-57	108-109
6	9	58-59	110-111
7	10-11	60-61	112-113
8	12-13	62-63	114-115
9	14-15	64-65	116-118
10	16	66-67	119
11	17	68	120-121
12	18	69	122-123
13	19-20	70-71	124-125
14	21	72-73	126-127
15	22	74-75	128-129
16	23-24	76-77	130-131
17	25-26	78	132-133
18	27-28	79-80	134-135
19	29-30	81-82	136
20	31	83-84	137-138
21	32-33	85-86	139
22	34	87-88	140-141
23	35	89	142
24	36-37	90-91	143
25	38-39	92-93	144
26	40-41	94-95	145
27	42-43	96-97	146
28	44-45	98-99	147
29	46-47	100-101	148
30	48-49	102	149-150
31	X	103	X

# PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Starting September 20<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to join Pastor Jonathan at the Parsonage in Bible Study, for a journey through the major events found in the Scriptures. We will be exploring the major highlights of the grand story of Scripture. We will discuss Creation, the Fall, Israel, Jesus, the Church, and the New Creation. The series will run from **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. You can also attend the study via Zoom, if that works better for scheduling.

*Happy Anniversary!*



Sarah and Larry Brissing

*Happy Birthday!*

Nancy Olson

Garrett Basinger

Hunt Lyman

Sarah Brissing

Bryan Wright

Aimee Chase

Ed Wright

Beth Eichberger

Howard Armfield



Sunday, October 2nd, 2 pm at National Sporting Library & Museum

Address: 102 The Plains Rd. Middleburg, VA

Bring your beloved pet to be blessed by Pastor Jonathan.

Invite your friends and family too!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY. JAN COXWELL

Jan's daughters and granddaughter surprised her and the congregation with a birthday lunch catered by The Cracker Barrel, one of Jan's favorite restaurants. All of Jan's favorites were included: ham, chicken & dumplings, turnip greens, macaroni and cheese, and biscuits. Instead of a cake, there were birthday cupcakes from Heavenly Cupcakes in Haymarket. They were, indeed, heavenly!

Jan has been a driving force in our church for over 20 years, serving as president of the women's group, secretary of the administrative council, and church secretary.

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### Administrative Council Hosts Disaffiliation Webinar

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Wednesday, September 21st, 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm

MUMC Board will host a webinar put together by Virginia Conference's assembled Team Jeremiah to help explain the disaffiliation process for congregations interested in separating from The United Methodist Church.

Pastor Jonathan will provide a Q&A after showing the 90-minute video.

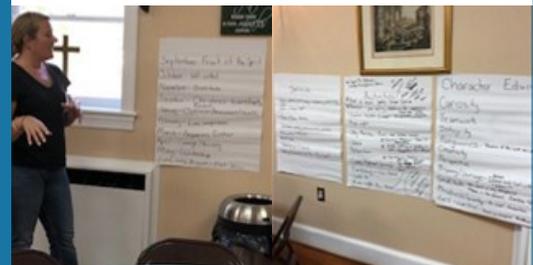
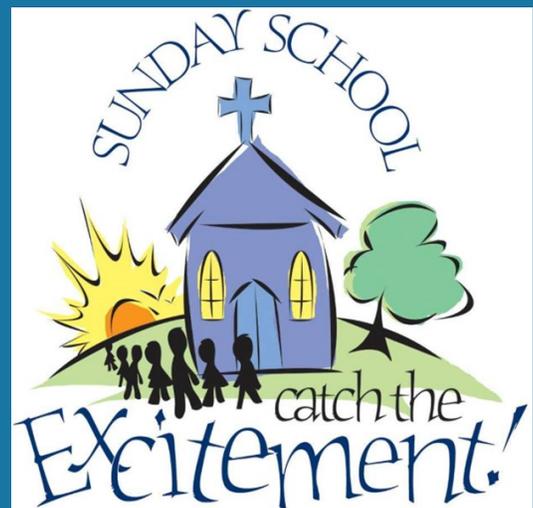
## Finance Report—August 2022

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All bills were paid for August with the exception being Conference items, of which we are paying approximately \$1,000 per month. We will not pay conference in full for the year.

We were \$300 short of the \$5,000 we need in tithes and offerings. Your financial support has been consistent this year, and with year end in sight, we have to look at our staffing and see how we work to keep all employed next year. We are currently working on the budget to make some decisions. We'll keep you informed.

Have you noticed our new walkways? The one running parallel to Route 50 is our new memorial walkway, which can and will generate income as we get the word out to the community. Stay tuned for more information next month to see how we can raise funds to help our church.



**We had a great meeting of the minds lead by Sarah. Lots of great ideas for our children and church family to enjoy together. The first activity is a movie. "Inside Out" will be shown outside after a pizza party inside. Bring your blanket, sleeping bag or chair and come enjoy a great movie and popcorn. Bring a friend!!!!**

# United Methodist Women

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## August 2022

The program began with Mike Edwards giving an opening prayer followed by Jan Coxwell presenting the program on “Boulder Crest”. The owners Ken & Julia Falke began the program in 2010. They built 37 cabins for families of the military and first responders to stay in for R&R. It has grown and has helped many families since the beginning.

### OLD BUSINESS

We reviewed the projects that were accomplished since the last meeting.

- Paint the Pastors office.
- We had our hot dog & lemonade sale. It was successful. The money is designated for Angel Tree.

Our guest speaker for May has another engagement and will not be able to come. Jonathan mentioned contacting Ellen Stamp to come and talk about Corrie Ten Boom. The topic is on the concentration camp. This will be held during our women’s Sunday Service. A date will be announced later. We will ask Karen to choose music that will pertain to the speaker’s topic. We will also ask Rectortown and put the info in the town news.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mike suggested having a luncheon with guest speakers about our Angel Tree mission. It would be a “Great Fall Luncheon”. It was suggested to ask Wanda from Aldie Elementary and Tootie Warner from Banneker Elementary to talk on Backpack Buddies. They are the parent liaisons for those schools. We would invite Rectortown Church, also. Possibly in November. More information to come.

It was discussed in February we would like to have a spaghetti dinner and auction of filled baskets in the fellowship hall. More discussion to follow.

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Cards were sent to Gail May and Shirley Bell. A visit to Shirley was well received. We will be visiting Jane Deane and Jane and Richard Hannah in the near future. Anyone that would like to go please contact Jan Coxwell.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

Debbie gave the treasurer’s report. Beginning balance \$2572.08 with a deposit of \$360 gives us a balance of \$2932.08. A collection was taken up and a deposit will be made making our balance \$2945.08.

### MISCELLANEOUS

We will be measuring for the 7 window shades and buying them soon.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Antler, Jan Coxwell, Debbie and Mike Edwards, Jonathan Lamb, and Reiko Lewis.

**Our next meeting is September 8th** downstairs in the Sunday School room. Mike Edwards will present a program on The Suitcase Project. Rectortown will be invited to attend our meetings.

October 13 we will meet at the parsonage, and Pastor Jonathan will present the program.

WE INVITE ALL THE LADIES AND THEIR FRIENDS TO JOIN US

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

# Administrative Council Minutes—August 2022

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Present: Rev. Jonathan Lamb, Mark Johnson, Mike & Debbie Edwards, Jan Coxwell, Beth Eichberger, Ron and Gail May, Leah Ferguson

## New Business

### Nomination

- The committee met today to discuss new committees. They will reach out to people on the list.
- Trustees and SPRC chose who will be the chair of their committee.

### Kingdom Kids

- Planning one event per month
- Movie and Pizza Night---Sept 9<sup>th</sup> outside weather permitting. Inside otherwise.
- Calendar of events will be place on the bulletin board
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup>..... Planning a potluck meal for First Responders

## Old Business

### Weddings

- Leah present prototype of wedding brochure. Cost to print 200 brochures is \$137.42. Approved by council. Leah will pay for brochure holder on front fence.
- The wedding scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> has presented problems by not adhering to the contract. Leah given advice on handling the cancellation of the wedding if necessary. Suggested that she should be more direct.
- The pastor will set the cost of a wedding according to size of the wedding.

### Secretary

Julie needs to be more direct about what are and are not her duties.

### Trustees

- August 29<sup>th</sup> will be the start of work on the front sidewalks. The Boy Scouts will remove the old bricks and stack them in the back yard near to the food bank. They will use the brick to make a patio and will place a picnic table on it.
- Wildwood Landscaping Co. is laying the sidewalk in front of the church. The cost is approximately \$13,000.
- The engraved brick will cost \$150 each for 2 lines and 14 characters.
- Mark Johnson will get the forms needed to order the bricks.
- There will be a dedication with a meal.

### Finance: See attached

### Pastor's Report

- There will be a Bible Study starting on September 20 at 6:30 pm at the parsonage and will also be on Zoom.
- Starting in September the church will be open at noon for prayers
- On September 21 there will be a webinar on the Visions of the Church. An email blitz will inform the parish-ioners.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jan Coxwell*

Council Secretary

**PEACE ON EARTH**  
(ISAIAH 11:1-9)



"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
and the calf and the young lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them."

**ISAIAH 11:6**

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 UMW, 2pm in the downstairs Sunday School room	9 Back to School Night, 6pm-9pm	10
11 First Responders Appreciation Sunday (potluck)	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at the Parsonage	21 Disaffiliation Webinar, 6p.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	