

# GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

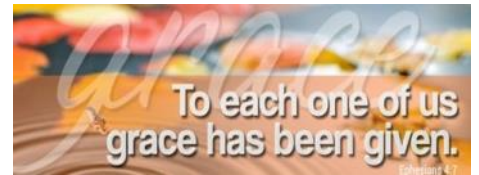
## August 2024

### *Grace (reflection from July 28's message)*

Have you had “dark” moments in your life? But how many of you experienced that those dark times became one of the defining stories in our lives?

John Wesley, founder of Methodist movement, surely had that experience. His ministry in Georgia was nothing but a failure. Due to his rigorous approach, he alienated himself from some of the people. Ministries to the natives did not go as well as he had hoped. In addition, he was hurt with the failed relationship. He returned to England with heart, price, spirit, and faith all broken.

But that eventually led him to so-called “Aldersgate experience,” when Wesley felt deep in his heart that, despite his sinfulness and imperfect nature, God loved him and embraced him all along. All he had to do was to receive the grace God offers and to live each day in grateful response to such amazing love. This realization changed him forever – and almost three hundred years later, United Methodist today are known to be the “people of grace,” who love and serve God and others, striving to participate in God’s work to transform the world. Do *you* know that God’s grace already surrounds you? Keiko



### **Mark Your Calendar NOW!**

#### ***Blessing of the Backpacks, August 11***

#### ***Joint Outdoor Worship***

**September 8, 10:00 am**

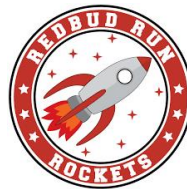
Jim Barnett Park, LIONS Sheleter

Potluck & Park Cleaning Service Project to follow!



United Women in Faith

### **United Women of Faith Collecting school supplies For Red Bud Run Elementary**



Please help collecting school supplies, so students may start a great school year! **Bring items by August 4.**

#### **Needed Items:**

Crayons Pre-sharpened pencils Glue Sticks  
Colored Pencils Dry-erase Markers Tissues  
Loose Leaf (wide ruled) Ziploc Bags Index Cards  
Scissors Highlighters Erasers Marble Composition Books

### **Ladies' FUN FELLOWSHIP Second & Fourth Thurs- days at NOON**

All ladies are invited!

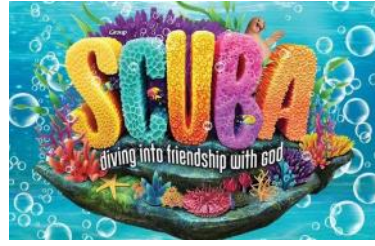


### **CCAP Sunday & Red Wagon THIRD Sunday of each month (August 18)!**

Donations will be sent to CCAP to help local families in need.



# Vacation Bible School 2024 SCUBA was a GREAT Success!

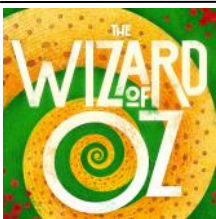


THANK YOU to all leaders & volunteers to make this program an awesome one!



## Health Minute

Health Minute is taking a summer break. Jeff will be back in September!  
He got to visit Montana where his mother lives.  
(with his mom and daughter Sophia) →



### Attention Families!

We are planning to go to Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre's "The Wizard of Oz" on Saturday, August 3.

Those who are going:  
Please meet at "Will Call" to get your tickets!

### Greenwood Fire Company Need YOUR help!

Their Annual Yard Party and Auction is Saturday, August 10, and they are looking for DESSERTS!  
If you are able to help, bring your items by 10:00 am on August 10!



**Let us Prayer for One Another...**  
**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND**



Those who have health challenges, Those who serve others,  
All schools (students, teachers and staff), especially another school year begins  
Those who are lonely, All ministries in Winchester—including WATTS, CCAP, Family Promise and others  
Those who are impacted by natural disasters  
The peace in the world—especially people in Ukraine and Middle East

**Let us pray for our friends and family at Greenwood:**

Coleman Lauderback, Larry Crane, Gary Sibert, Tasha Moomaw, Liam Starr, Don & Monti Vanness, Phyllis Tinsman, Quick Family, Carolyn York, Joe Ganci, Megan Eileen Davis, Charlotte Mae Brasnan, Dora Bell Lowe, Daniel Schneide, Amber Calvert, Connie Tilley, Barbara Kern, Farrah M, Susie & Larry Bell, Susie Sencindiver, Gary & Brenda, Linda Clem, Kaiden Wright, Shaw Family, Robbie Swartz, Barbara Ritter, Mossy Stemberger, Nancy Orndorff, Mable Carter, Larry Powers, Harry Powers, Daniel Whitney, Carrie Eichelberger, Marion Clowser, Beverley Soule, Donna Belle, Donna Kay Stemberger, Steve Jones, Kara Stemberger, Marshall Lorant, Ashlee Saxon, Ed Lambert, Carol Lambert, Brenna Taylor, Roger Stover, Bob Saville, Jace Anderson, Jay Hepner, Shirley Pierce Family, Caitlyn Roy, Linda Fenner, Dixie Townsend, Eva Moxley, Remy McDonough, Ryan Hardy, John Brill, Rodie Zubrack, Jeff Stickley, George, Sonja, Diane, Joanne, Kimberley, Linda B, Dana, Laurie, Cunningham Family, Kim Renner, Brenda Powers, EF Quillen, Judy Pruitt, Lilly Titus, Sarah Randall, Bob Giles, Betty Grew, Richard & Mary Lou Lantz, Debbie Lazur, Cecil Clem, Green Valley, Greenwood UMC, The UMC

**Thank you for your ongoing support to Backpack Ministry!!**

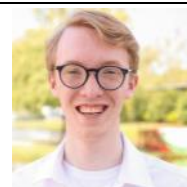
We continue to support families from Redbud Run Elementary School. You may donate funds (check payable to “Greenwood Women in Faith” with “Backpack”)



OR Donate Items: Individual mac & cheese

- Individual cereal boxes & bars
- Individual Peanut Butter crackers
- Individual fruit cups, applesauce

**Help pack items, too. Thank you for your support!**



**Welcome, Carter, to the Family!**

In July 2024, Carter Perryman came to the Greenwood family as our new musician. He is a student at Shenandoah University, a very gifted (and creative) musician, and has passion in Scouting (Order of the Arrow).

Please welcome him on Sundays!



Joshua, his friend Tony and Rev. Dr. Michael Beck, one of the speakers at AC

I enjoyed the Annual Conference 2024. I was one of the youth delegates from the Shenandoah River District.

This year was as exciting if not more exciting than last year. We voted on different topics, had a presentation during the moment of personal privilege (we gave Bishop Sue a kazoo!), participated in worship services, and had a fun time at the dorm at CNU.

I enjoyed my time at the Conference. I met several friends from last year, as well as new ones.

I would like to thank the district for the opportunity, and I would love to go again next year. Joshua Foster



## Calling ALL YOUNG LADIES!



Rev.  
Ahnna Lise  
Stevens-  
Jennings

Ahnna Lise  
currently serves  
as the associate  
pastor at Braddock

Street United Methodist Church where her roles  
include overseeing pastoral care, evangelism,  
Christian education, and worship leadership.



### Details

Ages: 18 (and out of high school) through 40

At least twelve women must register to hold the event, join us!

Participants do not need to be members of VAUMC or UWFaith.

This retreat is emphasizing spiritual rest. There may be outside  
activity, but almost everything will take place indoors.  
Call the registrar with questions.

### Scholarships

A very limited number of scholarships may be available by District  
for first-timers, repeat attendees, or ethnic minority women!  
Please contact your [UWFaith District President](#) or the registrar to  
find out ASAP.

Virginia Conference



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Young Women's Event



Beside still water He leadeth me...

**September 20-21, 2024**

You are invited to spend from

**6 pm Friday to 4pm on Saturday**

finding spiritual refreshment at  
Camp Overlook between Winchester & Harrisonburg.

Retreat Leader:

Rev. Ahnna Lise Stevens-Jennings

Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook

3014 Camp Overlook Lane

Keezletown, VA 22832

### Friday evening

5:00-6:30 Check in/registration

6:45 Dinner

7:30-9:00 Group gathering 1

9:00- Fellowship

### Saturday

8:30 Breakfast

9:15-12:00 Group gathering 2

12:15 Lunch

1:15-2:45 Group gathering 3

3:00-4:00 Worship/Communion

**If interested, please contact  
Pastor Keiko for details!**

## SHENANDOAH RIVER DISTRICT LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

The Shenandoah River District Lay Servant Academy, "Serving with Grace in the  
Wesleyan Tradition" will be held **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21 at  
Strasburg UMC.**

**Classes offered: Basic course, Spiritual gifts, United Methodist polity, Aging  
ministry in the 21st century, Preaching review.**

Online registration for the classes begins August 12. Registration is \$20 w/ a love offering for lunch.

