

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2024

Psalm 124 (from September 29's message)
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth...
(Psalm 124:8)

New Interpreter's Bible (12-volume Bible Commentary) writes, "To profess that God is our fundamental help means to profess that we are *not* sufficient to create and secure our own lives and futures. In short, we need help (italics added)." It is quite a radical statement, because it is the complete opposite of what the world tell you. The world would say, be independent, be self-sufficient, make your own life, don't ask for help (before that, don't admit that you need help)!



But today's text encourages us to be vulnerable and honest with ourselves! We do not have everything in order. We are broken. We need help. We need God's help. But we also need help and support from others We cannot do 'life' alone. Life is too much to bear on our own.

May Greenwood be a community where people feel safe to say, "I need help!" But not just being able to say it, but actually *find* help and support we all need at different times of our lives. My hope is that, each of us will extend his/her hand and be someone's support, showing Christ's love and mercy to others. May God's blessings and peace be with you. Keiko



Calling All Children (and Adult participants)!
 Trunk or Treat
 Sunday, October 27 right after worship



Fall Cleanup Workday
Saturday, October 19
9:00 am

Please come and help get our church ready for coming season!



Ladies' FUN FELLOWSHIP
Second & Fourth Tuesdays
at NOON

All ladies are invited!

Attention Leaders—Mark Your Calendar NOW!
Administrative Council—Sunday, October 27 at noon

Shenandoah River District & Charge Conference
November 3, 3:00 pm

Shenandoah University, Stimson Auditorium

****Registration is required to secure seating—contact Pastor Keiko if you plan to attend!**

CCAP Sunday & Red Wagon
THIRD Sunday of each month
(October 20)!



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



Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to Steve Mills and his family. His mother, Mary E. Kelley, went to be with the Lord on October 2, 2024. She was a faithful servant of Christ over the years, and she beautifully shined the light of Christ until the very end.

Visitation (11:00am) & Service (noon) - October 12 at Omph South Chapel
Condolences may be sent to: 220 Ebenezer Church Rd, Gore 22637

Starting Sunday! Each night begins at 7:00 pm—hope to see you there!

Octoberfeast

October 6-8

Sow • Harvest • Reap

Sunday: Rev. Dr. Michael Browder
With musical guest Higher Power

Monday: Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez, District Superintendent
Potluck dinner beforehand

Tuesday: Rev. Dr. Margaret Kutz
Hymn sing!



*Please help with the UMCOR
Cleaning Buckets. Details
are emailed to you.*



*THANK YOU for YOUR ongoing commitment,
support and stewardship to Greenwood UMC!
Please help us finish the year strong!*

Thank you for YOUR Support!



Mary Lou was thankful for church friends—she was able to raise \$535 for Access Independence's "Ramp Up" event on September 14.



The family of dear brother Walt is thankful for the successful "Walt Cunningham Inaugural Golf Tournament" on September 27 to support WATTS.

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, The family of Mary E. Kelley, Green Valley, Greenwood UMC (people & leadership), 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 (packing date TBA).

Thank you for your support!



FALL REFLECTION

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays

We see the Creator's hand.

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,

fruit that falls, frost's first kiss

We see the Creator's hand.



Night Without A Bed

Students at Greenwood/Market Street participated in "Night Without a Bed" event on September 27-28. They have also raised \$340 for Family Promise Northern Shenandoah Valley.



Health Minute

Health Minute will be back in November! Thanks, Jeff!

Our partner church, Market Street, is hosting WATTS on November 16-23! THANK YOU, Greenwood UMM & United Women in Faith, for providing meals to the guests!



We still need donations for the following items:

Plastic cutlery, paper plates, cups, napkins

Powder coffee creamers, sugar

Bottled water

Instant lemonade (in cans)

Cold breakfast items (pop tarts, granola bars, muffins, fruits, milk, OJ)

***** Please contact Pastor Keiko for questions *****

September 8—Joint Outdoor Worship

It was a GREAT DAY of friends in faith coming together!



*In the meantime,
Sunday Mornings at Greenwood...*



We have saved a seat for you! Join us in worship! 9:00 am