

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS					
01	Earl McCall Adele Hatcher Bob McMillen Mia-Elizabeth Miller	06	Thomas Meyers Eleanor Chadwell Terry Knerr Michael Gibbons	14	Dawn Hinkle Betsy Blauvelt Todd Hemminger
02	Jim Brown Mark Mills Sonny Dyke John Allison Rachael Pavalok	07	Peggy Thompson Biddie Keller Cameron Piper Carolyn Hanson	15	Caroline Carter Eleanor Lee Donnie Quarton Leslie Bowers
03	Jewel North Carole Williams Dennis Hult Jennifer Jantosciak Clara Heaton Jessica Quinney	08	William Dahn Hannah Graham Annajean Aduddell Janice Twele Haleigh Brady Dawn Marshall Amanda Keatts	16	Forrest Anne Duncan Sharon Kuykendall Eric Baker Phyllis Blankenship Curly Hazelette, Jr. Robert Myers Lori Cockrell Anthony Crescienzi
04	Gloria McFall Scott Maddox Kaileigh Jessup	09	Megan McDaniel Tyler Crump Matt Poe	17	Brady Clawson Sara Waller Jill Johns Logan Schultz Pat Lawler Jonathan Bukva
05	Gary Totten	10		18	Heather Orndorff Mark Bower Richard Braddock Kelsey Gibbons Kayla Gibbons Megan Mills Penelope Dublin Ann Mitchell Judy Ford Will Poe, Jr. Seth Mills
06	Leisha Martin Burton Baltzer, III	11		19	Eleanor Haller Mel Medved Keegan Detweiler Edward Shideler Tom Bowen Sawyer Pond Pauline Woodward Evan Crump Amiira Lanterman Riley Anderson

Circle Meetings:

Deborahs—First Wednesday, October 1st. @ 7:00 PM in the Library (Call Violet Carter, 635-8401 for further information)

Marthas—First Tuesday, October 7th. @ 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich. We will be working on the Jewelry for the Bazaar. (Call Jean Brown for further information 631-9185)

Naomis--First Tuesday, October 7th @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Wimer, hostess, Susan Hrbek to lead preparation of apple dumplings. (Call Pat McMillen for further information, 636-9818)

Ruths--Fourth Tuesday, October 28th @ 1:00 PM at Shirley Taylor's home. (Call Shirley Taylor for further information, (635-2045)

Sarahs- --First Wednesday, October 1st. @10:00 AM. (Call Ginger Marlowe for further information, 635-7560).

UMW News:

The **Annual FRUMW Book Sale** was held in the Fellowship Hall, September 5,6,7th and was its usual success under the leadership of Violet Carter. The ladies of the UMW gave of their time in setting up, maintaining order of the sale items and cleaning up at the end. Remaining books are to go to the Strasburg library. Thank you, Violet and ladies off the UMW for all your help. The profits for the event were about \$750.00, The UMW voted to add funds from the UMW Mission fund to total \$400.00 for each recipient, namely the local Phoenix Project and the "Away Mission", "No Diphtheria".

The **Winchester District Mini Encounter** was held September 6th at the Stephens City UMC with Violet Carter and Lillian Sloane as the leaders. It was very successful with about 40 people in attendance.

Coming Events:

October 3rd to 4th, the UMW Spiritual Retreat at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg.VA

Call Jacque Bowman (635-4948) for further information.

October 24th-25th FRUMW Annual Fall Bazaar in the Fellowship Hall. The Chairpersons are Jacque Bowman(635-4948) and Jean Brown(631-9185). The tables will be the **Jewelry, Baked Goods, Country Store, Crafts, Painted Eggs, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Food** (for eating)

The Bazaar on Friday, October 24th will be 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the dinner (5:00 pm to 7:00 PM) of Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and cake. Cost is \$8.00

Saturday, October 25th, 8:00AM-2:00 PM with ala carte lunch of homemade soups, hot dogs, egg salad sandwiches, chips, soft drinks, cake and pie beginning at 10:30 AM

October 28th Executive Committee in LFK room at 7:00 PM. All officers and circle leaders are to attend. If you are not able to attend, please send a substitute and call Mary Burke (635-5045)

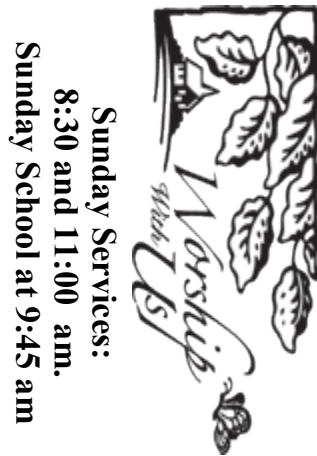


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 Patti Henson, Housekeeper

Office Hours: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 Sunday School: 9:45 am

Return Service Requested

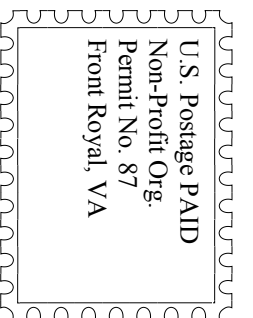


Sunday Services:
 8:30 and 11:00 am.
 Sunday School at 9:45 am

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UMW Fall Bazaar

October Events





*¹ My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God. ²I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. God doesn't want his children holding grudges. ³And, oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them work things out, do your best with them. ⁴
⁵Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in God!! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. ⁶⁻⁷Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. ⁸⁻⁹Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. --Philippians 4:1-9 selected*

This passage from Philippians is one of my favorites. It has served me well in times of worry, times of fear, and in times of celebration. I remember my first New Testament exam in seminary. Everyone was very nervous. This particular professor gave out a lot of information, and although we had been inundated with paper to help us prepare, none of us were sure what to expect. I felt as nervous as anyone, and then my hand touched a card my sister had sent me with these verses on it. I felt led to stand up and share these words with the class, and I did. The atmosphere in the class seemed to change; I know my heart did.

Sometimes when life gets hectic, pressured or full of decisions, God's peace can seem illusive. When it feels like you can never do enough, the wind is in your face and there are more thorns than roses—life feels fractured and like egg shells—and any sense of God's wholeness can seem to slip through your fingers. What I like about this scripture is that it gives voice to all of this, acknowledging all that we face and how we cope with it. These verses articulate some of the life-robbing ways we often respond, and gives us life-giving guidance as a solution; not to our problems, per se, but how to live with and through them.

Now that fall is here, but we aren't quite to the holiday season, how about we covenant together, as fellow travelers on the Jesus Way, to use this "in-between" time to center ourselves on God. I invite you to find a rose in everyday, and not obsess about the thorns. Name something good about your day, everyday; don't compose a litany of all that went wrong. Look for where God was at work in your day (or in/through you). If it is too hard to find that, ask God to show you. You might even try keeping a journal (in electrons or ink) of these things, even including the "warts and warthogs" you might experience. When we turn our hearts and lives to God, it is truly amazing what a difference it makes. Give it try with me—what do you have to lose?

Blessings,
Pastor Denise

Words cannot express how grateful I am to have this church family!
Over the last few months, during my mother's illness, during my mother's passing, and now my recent hospital stay, I have received an outpouring of love, cards, prayers, visits, and food. I am so blessed to be a part of FRUMC. It's been a very rough few months for me and it's been filled with great sadness, But with everyone's help, I'm managing to create a "new normal" life.

Thank you so very much and God Bless.
Keren Gibson

The Ruths subunit is only 5 strong, so we hope that the congregation will help us at Bazaar time. We are asking for Country Store items—some good "white elephant" items, small gifts of homemade canned goods, candy, popcorn, paper items and items of saleable interest. Thanks so much!

LIBRARY NEWS...

Don't forget the library outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. There is lots of good reading for all ages!

Stewardship Reflections...

When we are generous—to God as well as our families, friends, neighbors, and others who may be in need—our hearts are filled with joy; they are enlarged by the very act of giving. When we give generously, we become even more generous.

"Some give generously, yet grow all the riches; others withhold what can be given, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, while one who gives water will get only water in return."

Proverbs 11:24-25

"He who pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor."

Proverbs 22:21

Appreciation is extended to Mark and Cathy Bower and Adele Medved for cleaning the flower beds at the parking lot.

The office and hotline numbers to **Phoenix Project** have changed. Our new numbers are:
Office: 635-2012 Hotline: 635-2300

Please pray for our infirmed and homebound...

Helen Seekford, Clemence Bruce, John Smith, Carrie Baker, Myrna Mason, Herbert McCall, Debbie Llewellyn, Esther McConahy, Frank Carter, Bernie Stokes, Ida Dehner, Kathryn Hall, Dorothy Scott, and Pauline Woodward

Please be in prayer the families of...

Esther McConahy, Nancy Parsons and our service men and women.

Special prayers go out to our missionaries...

Clara Biswas in Cambodia, Ann Kolbe in VIM Cambodia, and Beth Ferrell in Arizona

Let us also remember the families of all service persons...

Aaron Tuten, Lindsey Tuten, and Stephen Twele.



The Elizabeth B Sherman Child Development Center will be honoring the memory of Margaret Clay, a former preschool teacher at Front Royal United Methodist Church, by naming the Preschool Library:

THE MARGARET B. CLAY PRESCHOOL LIBRARY. If any of Mrs. Clay's former students would like to honor her memory, you can make a donation to the Elizabeth B Sherman Child Development Center.

Openings available at **EBS/CDC for Morning Preschool** program. Contact Pam Waters at 622-2503 or the church office.



Come to the **VINE**
Saturday Evening Worship Service
5:30 pm
Methodist Meeting House @ Happy Creek
Everyone welcome
Beginning Saturday Nov. 1st

Mission Box 2014

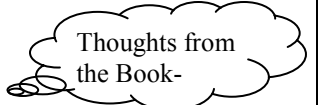
The **October** Mission Offering will be donated to **Mozambique Orphanage**

The **September** Mission Offering was donated to **Front Royal Ministerial Assn.**

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We need some volunteers to help count and record the weekly offerings. Time commitment is one Monday per month in the morning—approximately 9am until noon. Contact Donna Quarton at 635-1943 or dononnaq@comcast.net if you can help.

It's still me . . . just a new title. Ah, the wonders of change.



Every year Front Royal celebrates the changing of the leaves. While Front Royal has no responsibility for this change (it's one of those God things), some of our local businesses are absolutely dependent upon a successful "leaf" season. Fall colors are an exciting and anticipated change for our area. Other types of change make us anxious. Some changes make us downright scared. Change can bring sheer chaos into our midst. Early in the Bible we're told God brought order to the chaos. Whether you are facing exciting changes like expecting an addition to your family or the fearful changes of illness and age, remember God. Welcome God into your chaos. God's steadfast love for us never changes. It is the one thing we can count on every day, all day long!

Donna Quarton
Business Manager

From SPRC

SPRC is in the midst of filling 2 ministry positions at FRUMC, Director of Children's Ministry (part-time) and Minister of Music and Worship Arts (full-time). Position descriptions are available on the church website. We are blessed to have Melissa Chavez as our Interim Minister of Music and Worship Arts as well as our Director of Youth Ministry. SPRC has also completed work on position descriptions for all of our staff positions, which are available for your viewing in the church office. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff to partner with our committed laity as we "connect-love-serve" in Jesus' name.

Serving with you in Christ,

Susan Schall, Chair; Cathy Brishcar, Mary Burke, Tony Carter, Mel Medved, Don Petty, Allyson Shaner-Gillespie, Arnold Williams, Sr. Alan Wimer, Cathie Johnson, Annual Conference Delegate, Jim Wells, Lay Leader.



Meet Our Church Staff

Donna Quarton, Business Manager

It has been my pleasure to provide bookkeeping services for FRUMC since 1999. Recently due to increased responsibilities and duties, my title has changed to Business Manager. God provides each of us with our own set of skills and challenges. I have just enough OCD (challenge) blended with my organizational skills to oversee the fiscal management of our General Fund budget. I work with the Pastor and Finance Committee to provide information necessary for preparing the annual spending plan, record income and expenses, provide payroll services for both the FRUMC and EBSCDC staff, along with all the other duties necessary for the day-to-day business of FRUMC.