



Sunrise C.O.B. Newsletter

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District Disaster Auction:

The Shenandoah District's 17th **District Disaster Auction** will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on **Friday and Saturday, May 15-16**. The purpose is to raise money to support the denomination's disaster response work. On **Friday (May 15)**, the **Golf Tournament** at Heritage Oaks will begin at 8:00 A.M. (we will have two teams participating). The **Oyster and Country Ham Dinner** will be served from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. and the **Livestock Auction** will begin at 5:00 P.M.

On **Saturday (May 16)**, **Breakfast** (pancakes and omelets) will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 A.M. The **Main Auction** will begin at 9:00 A.M. and a BBQ Chicken or Chicken Tenders **Plate Lunch** will begin at 11:00 A.M. There will be Children's Activities and many other fun activities and it is all for the good cause of helping persons whose lives have been touched by a natural disaster. **Adam and Kristi Zirkle** serve as our Disaster Auction Representatives.

National Older Adult Conference:

The denomination's **National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)** will be held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on **September 7-11**. Speakers will include Bob Neff (Bible Study leader), Chris Bowman and David Waas. The theme will be "Legacies of Wisdom: Weaving Old and New." Brochures with information about other speakers, the schedule, registration and housing are on the table in the Entryway.

Vacation Bible School:

Under the guidance of **Cara Joiner** and some of her Girl Scout friends, Sunrise Church will be holding its first **Vacation Bible School** on **June 21-26**, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Classes, crafts, snacks and recreation will be offered for children ages three through twelve, beginning on Sunday evening and running through Thursday. On Friday evening at 6:30 there will be a picnic and program at Purcell Park. All Sunrise children are encouraged to attend and bring their friends. (Some teaching positions still need to be filled.)

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Leadership Team - Mini Minutes:

April, 2009:

HEARD that giving to the budget (including giving to the "general fund" and "building fund") during the first three months of this year was \$7,242 below expenditures during the same period.

HEARD the Steward Team report

- the church work day on April 11 was successful with mulching, trimming cleaning out storage rooms and assembling shelving accomplished.
- a church Yard and Bake Sale will be held on June 20, beginning at 7:00 A.M.

HEARD the Fellowship/Hospitality Team report

- the church Ice Cream Social will be held on July 12.
- the congregation will eat at CiCi Pizza after worship on August 9.

HEARD the Outreach Team report

- our collection for the Blue Ridge Food Bank totaled \$1,764. (This included \$500 of matching funds from the denomination.)
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be the last of April.
- Blanket Sunday will be August 30.

HEARD the Worship/Education Team report

- Charlotte French has agreed to teach a Bible study group during the day.
- Vacation Bible School still needs volunteers to teach and help.

APPROVED a proposal to establish a "standing order" for the Advent and Lenten Devotional Booklets published by our denomination.

Joint Planning Meeting:

On February 23, the Leadership Team met with the Master Planning Team to receive a report from the recent planning meetings. The Leadership Team approved the following five priorities:

- Plan and develop Small Groups for discipleship and fellowship opportunities. *(Assigned to the Fellowship/Hospitality Team.)*
- Launch a mid-week program to serve persons of all ages for the community. *(Assigned to the Outreach, Fellowship and Education Teams.)*
- Plan and implement a Gift and Talent Survey. *(Assigned to the Gifts Discernment Team.)*
- Intensify Bible study opportunities. *(Assigned to the Worship/Education Team.)*
- Plan and organize a Vacation Bible School. *(Assigned to the Worship/Education Team.)*

Annual Conference:

This summer's **Annual Conference** will be held in San Diego on **June 26-30**. **Carole Hoover** will be serving as our delegate with voting privileges at the business sessions. (**J. D. Glick** is also planning to attend.) This year's Moderator is David Shumate, District Executive of the Virginia District. (David preached at the dedication of our church building in 2005.)

Directory Changes:

Please make the following changes in your Church Directory:

- Darin Keith and Karen Bowman
203 S. Pope Street, Bridgewater
- Cathy Diehl
cdiehl73@yahoo.com
- George Donovan, Jr.
**1266 Country Club Court,
Harrisonburg 22802**
- Crystal Lantz (non-resident)
**2223 Cedar Street, Richmond, VA
23223**
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dscharf@shentel.net
- Mary Smith
**Bridgewater Home, Rm. 164-B
302 N. Second Street, Bridgewater**

Pastor's Preaching Schedule:

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May 3	"The Many Become One" • Mark 5:1-20
May 10	MOTHER'S DAY "Family Resemblance" • 1 John 4:7-21
May 17	BROADWAY HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHOIR
May 24	"God Does Not Play Favorites" • Acts 10:1-35 • Matthew 5:45b
May 31	PENTECOST SUNDAY "Can These Dry Bones Live?" • Ezekiel 37:1-14
June 7	COMMUNION SUNDAY "Inheriting the Family Treasures" • Romans 8:12-17
June 14	"Worship as Gathering and Scattering" • Isaiah 6:1-8
June 21	"Perfectionism's Perilous Pursuit" • Matthew 5:48
June 28	Guest Preacher: Fred Laspina, Deacon at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Honoring Our Graduates:

We offer our congratulations to those in our church family who are completing courses of study. Our graduates include the following:

- **Stephanie Thoma** graduated from James Madison University in December with a Bachelor of Music with a major in Music Education. She will be pursuing a teaching position in Princeton, New Jersey.
- **Sam Funkhouser** is graduating from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Philosophy and Religion and minor in Music. (Sam is the Valedictorian of this year's JMU class.) He will begin as a student at Princeton Theological Seminary next fall.
- **Juli Dove** (daughter of Dorothy Dove) completed a Career Program in "Materials Handling" at Woodrow Wilson Center for Employment. She is seeking employment.
- **Cara Joiner** (daughter of Curtis and Gayle Joiner) is graduating from Broadway High School and will be a student at Bridgewater College in the fall.
- **Megan Long** (daughter of Jeanette Long and granddaughter of Christine Garber) is graduating from Harrisonburg High School and will be attending Blue Ridge Community College in the fall.

Congratulations:

Our Sunrise Choir honored Sam Funkhouser and Stephanie Thoma on April 22 with a cake, card and gift of money to celebrate their upcoming wedding on May 10. Sam will be attending Princeton Seminary and Stephanie will pursue a teaching position. We wish them our best and appreciate their involvement at Sunrise Church. Congratulations Sam and Stephanie!



Church Yard & Bake Sale:

Planning for our congregation's first **Yard and Bake Sale** is underway. It will be held on **Saturday, June 20**, in our church parking lot. If you have any items you would like to donate for sale or for more information, please contact Cathy Diehl (867-0256). Proceeds from the sale will be applied to the organ purchase.

Broadway HS Choir to Sing:

The **Honors Choir** from **Broadway High School** will be leading our 10:00 A.M. morning worship on May 17. Crystal Stone is a member of this group.

May/June '09 Bulletin Board:

- The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering is an annual opportunity for persons to support the mission work of our denomination. Your gift helps to provide aid when disaster strikes and to rebuild lives by strengthening struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds and wells. *Please clearly mark your gift for OGHS.*
- The daytime **Bible Study** group lead by Charlotte French will be meeting on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30** at the Church House. They will be studying *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. This study focuses on “finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life.” There is room for more persons to participate. Call Charlotte (433-0874) for more information.
- Our new **Rogers Trillium Masterpiece Organ** was installed the first of March and has been used each Sunday since March 8. To date, \$16,320 has been received toward the \$28,355 (purchase price less memorial funds) needed for the purchase. As you can see, additional donations are needed. Please clearly mark your gift for “Organ Fund.” Thank you for helping to make this purchase which enhances our worship of God.
- Our SUNRISE team raised \$3500 for Walk MS on April 4! Special thanks to Sunrise team members Margaret Bolton, George Donovan, Emily and Missy Elliott, April and Clay Gordon, Joyce Hoover, Vickie Hunter, Evan Lindamuth, Shelby May, Mike Simpson, Bonnie Swecker, Stephanie Thoma and Gwen Whetzel. Team captain Cheryl Plank greatly appreciates all who participated in the Walk and through giving donations.



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