



Let Someone Else Do It?

By Ray Smith

Many of us still living recall the difficulties World War II brought upon the home front.

We shall never forget the sacrifices of those who fought on foreign shores to preserve the freedoms that we valued then, yet to-

day are so prone to take for granted. There were shortages of products that we consider, by today's standards, to be absolutely essential in maintaining the quality of life to which we have become so accustomed. Yet we survived and by God's grace became a stronger nation.

Today our church faces similar difficulties, not brought on by shortages of a physical nature (even though we sometimes find it difficult to separate our wants from our needs), but of spiritual revival, renewal of dedication, determination of spirit to see a job completed and well done.

How often have we heard or said, "I do my part, let someone else take it from there"? Where

OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ

Lawrence Allen, Virginia Agee, Brian Beckley Jr., Ashley Draper, Leola Frayser, Thomas Jackson, Jane Gray Kibler, Betty McKee, Pat Moran, Virginia Moran, Betty and Harvey Roach, Rita Robinson, Patricia Sotos, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, Carolyn Stone, Gloria Slingerland, Ann Taylor, Johnny Taylor, Mary Walker, Kim Winfrey

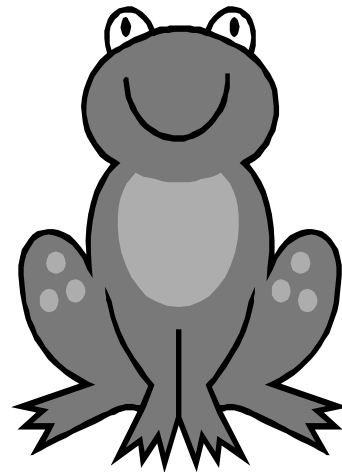
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From The Pastor

Greetings in the Name of Christ

Over the last five weeks you have heard sermons based on the book by Bishop Robert Schnase: *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*.

Each week we have looked at a single practice and explored ways that each of us could incorporate these different practices into our own lives. It has been our intent that each of us looks into our own hearts as we examine our own relationship with our God.



The five practices are routines which we need to develop through faithful practice. No one ever improved just by watching someone else performing a task. It takes hands on practice. There is an old saying, "practice makes perfect." As Christians we need to work toward perfection and that means we need to practice our faith.

- **Radical Hospitality**—in our own walk with Christ we receive God's love and offer it to others.
- **Passionate Worship**—we learn to love God with our heart, mind and soul, in prayer and in community worship.
- **Intentional Faith Development**—we learn to connect with others in God's Word as we grow in God's grace and mature in Christ.
- **Risk – Taking Mission and Service**— we offer ourselves to serve others, even when it is an inconvenience.

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Methodist Minute:

What is a United Methodist?

In the words of John Wesley, “A Methodist is... one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength.”

Today, John Wesley’s life and teaching still carry a special meaning for United Methodists whose goal is being faithful disciples of Jesus Christ:

- **Example** of sharing God through missions
- **Concern** with social problems
- **Belief** in the grace and forgiveness of God’s love
- **Openness** to ecumenism.

The Twig Bender — Trying Something Different

This month we’re changing the way we distribute your Greenwood UMC newsletter. Rather than mailing them out, we’re going to hand them out to folks at worship services.

. Some copies we’ll have to continue to mail — to shut ins for example. But wait! Hand carrying *The Twig Bender* to those who can’t make it to worship services could be a good ministry opportunity.

You can also read the newsletter on Greenwood’s website, www.gumcva.org.

Tell us what you think about this new distribution method. Give your feedback to Rev. Dean or Steve, or e-mail admin@gumcva.org.



Honor Our Graduates

Please join the Ruth Circle in recognizing this year's graduates:



Deanna Andrews, Adamarye and Riley Patterson's granddaughter, graduated May 19 from George Mason University, with a BA in Integrative Studies, Elementary Education Concentration. She will continue her education at George Mason for a Masters in Elementary Education and will continue working at a church's Children Program while in school.

Leslie Stone Abernathy, Carolyn and Ray Smith's niece, graduated from Radford University with a BS in sociology and a minor in anthropology, and is debating graduate school.

Andrew Lloyd Eric Crain, Carolyn and Ray Smith's grandson, will graduate from Atlee High. He's a member of the National Honor Society; has been on the golf team since middle school and is an enthusiastic drummer for several bands including Faith Baptist Church's praise band. He will attend Liberty University this fall along with older brother Taylor.

Samantha Ellen Hughes, Betty and Raymond Ritchie's granddaughter, is graduating from Hanover High. She plans to attend Longwood University this fall, with an emphasis in fine arts. Her life goal: teaching art.

June Communion Offering

The Samaritan Fund

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Despite Big Changes, Lamb's Basket Still Needs Many Volunteers

By Nancy Yeary

The Lamb's Basket has been through some huge changes since our last report.

Two members of the Lamb's Basket leadership have left the organization. The departure of these two persons has significantly affected us because of the resources and experience that they take with them.

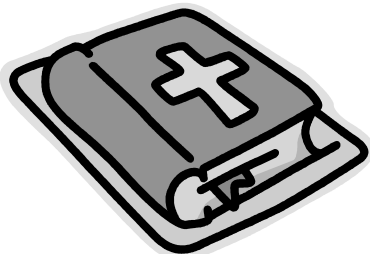
In the wake of this exodus two volunteers have worked five days a week at Lamb's Basket. I am one of the two. The other person, Ray Mallory is a lady that stepped up to the bat and has been doing the multitude of reports and paper work required of us by the Central Virginia Food Bank. I am familiar enough with the delivery of foods to the pantry



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Just Friends Class Starting New Bible Study

Beginning June 5 the Just Friends Sunday School class will begin a study of the book, *When All Else Fails...Read The Instructions* by James W. Moore.



During the 13-week course, we will discuss various parts of the Bible, like the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments.

Won't you join us for some good fellowship and a chance to learn more about God's Word? We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

FunRaisers

Fellowship Dinner

June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Menu: baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and blueberry pound cake. Entertainment: Come hear the voice of Stephanie Hetzel. \$5.00 per plate; sign up on the flyer in the bulletin or call the church office at 266-5341 by June 5.



Bag Lunch



Bag Lunch — Pick up your bag lunch after worship services June 26 for \$7.00. Menu: beef & cheddar sandwich, potato salad, coconut cake. Sign up today in the Narthex or call the church office by June 19.

Vacation Bible School

Dive In! Paddle Out! Catch a Wave!

Join us at Greenwood's Vacation Bible School beginning August 1. Special closing activity on Friday, August 5.

We'll have a second planning session on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at Greenwood.



Kits for Conference

Each year, The Virginia Conference collects kits at the annual conference for distribution in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).



UMCOR reports there is a need for all types of kits. As in past years, Greenwood will collect Kits for Conference again this year. Your Annual Conference delegates will transport the kits to this year's Conference in Roanoke in June. Kits most needed are: Health Kits, School Kits, Baby/Layette Kits, Sewing Kits. Kit contents lists can be viewed at the Conference's website,

It's important to remember that all items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Strict rules often govern product entry into many of the foreign countries these kits go to, so it's important that kits contain only the requested items — nothing more.

DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be removed and will delay the shipment. Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of kit in each box, with the contents clearly written on the outside of the box.

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people. UMCOR also accepts financial contributions; Every dollar you give to UMCOR goes to the program you designate. UMCOR is 100% efficient.

Drop off your completed Kits for Conference at the church office M — Th 9 a.m. to noon or at the alter, by Monday, June 13.

Greenwood Circles

Willing Workers

On June 1 the Willing Workers Circle will be meeting at the Red Lobster on Broad Street at 6:30 p.m. for our summer get together with our husbands and other guests. This will be our last meeting until the first Wednesday in September. Then we will be at Glenda Stalnaker's home.

Just a thank you to our Circle members who give of their time and themselves all year long. A special thank you goes to Maurice Hawkins who still reads to children at Barnes & Noble in the name of the Willing Workers Circle. Also Charlene Hawkins volunteers two days a week at Doctor's Hospital and Richmond Regional. Charlene is also a church office volunteer, along with Gay Stapleton. You can find Nancy Yeary at the Lamb's Bas-



Ruth

Have you ever wondered what you could do for the people on the street corners asking for money? You don't really want to give them money but you feel guilty not doing anything. The Ruth circle has come up with a solution. We have been making up goody bags with non-perishable items for just that reason. If you would like one of these bags to keep in your car, see any member of the circle.

The circle will be furnishing cake and ice cream to the after-school children in June for the summer birthdays and we will be making Kits for conference.

We will meet June 1 at Jade's Restaurant for dinner. Anyone interested in going give Adamarie Patteson a call at 266-6364.

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Samaritan Fund Supports UM Homes



By Arline Shafer, Hermitage Representative

Did you know that the United Methodist Homes Samaritan Fund campaign runs between Mothers Day and Fathers Day?

Samaritan Fund helps needy seniors who could not otherwise pay expenses at one of the UM Senior homes in Central Virginia including Windsor Meade (Williamsburg), Lydia Roper Home, Cedarfield, and The Hermitage.

These homes provide continuing care for independent living, assisted living, health care, memory, respite, and hospice care.

Residents are in a loving, Christian setting; no one is neglected, abused or ignored. Hermitage representatives and volunteers sometimes go there to live. Give; Learn more – who knows when you or a family member may need UM Homes and/or the Samaritan Fund?

Willing Worker's Circle — continued

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ket Monday through Friday. They are doing wonderful work there. Let's not forget to bring food items for the Lamb's Basket during the summer.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and we'll see you in September.

Another Bible Study Opportunity

"How to Study the Bible" led by Brian Johnson, Sunday Evenings, June 5, 12 and 19. We'll meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Greenwood Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

From the Pastor — Continued

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- **Extravagant Generosity**—we offer our material resources and give back.

The Five Practices for Fruitful Living – receive God’s love, love God in return, grow in Christ, serve others and give back. This sounds a lot like what we say we believe and have printed on the front of our bulletin each week.

Practice, practice and then practice some more.

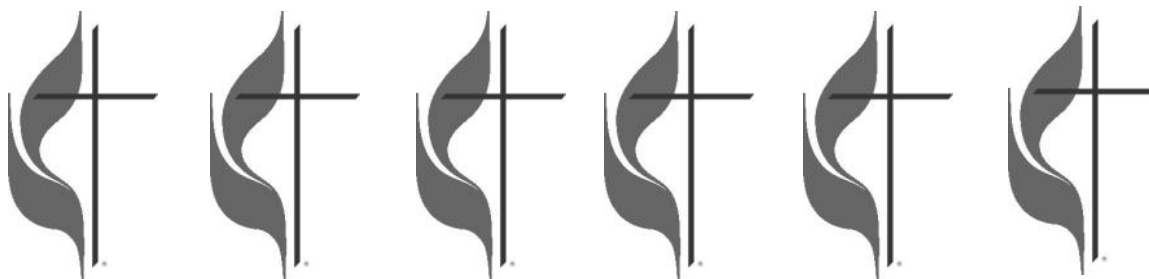
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Church Office Volunteers

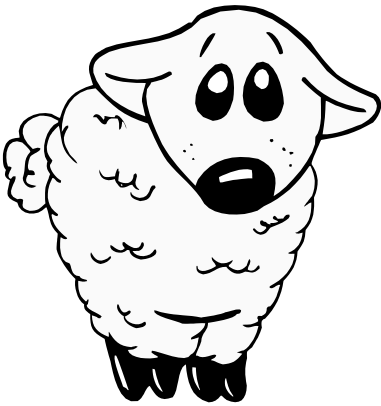
Now that vacation time is fast approaching we are in need of alternates to cover the church office when the regular volunteers are on vacation. The church office is staffed Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call Gay Stapleton at 672-8408 or the church office at 266-5341 if you can help.



Big Changes at Lamb's Basket

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that I can oversee the operations in the warehouse part of the pantry. We still do not have a manager of Lamb's Basket, so when things go wrong, we often need a "go to" person. Right now that has to be Teddy Martin, our president. He is on site as often as possible and deals with some tough issues.



We have also done a huge amount of cleaning and rearranging. To a first time visitor this would not be noticed, but when the "Bread Room" is no longer the bread room, you know there has been a real shake up. Volunteers are encouraged to make suggestions and this makes for a much happier, re-

laxed and fun place to work. Hugh, a beloved elderly volunteer, suggested saying the Pledge of Allegiance before our prayer each day. That is being done and Hugh is happy.

It was suggested that I report on the number of pounds of food donated by Greenwood. After seeing each day how much other churches donate it's unfortunate to see how little we donate in comparison. However, maybe this will inspire Greenwood members to dig a little deeper and give an extra jar of jelly now and then.

On the three days that we issue food to the clients, it takes about 20 volunteers each day to do the work. I am asking the members of the Greenwood church family, again, to consider giving some time to help with the chores. On the two days that we stock the shelves, we are also in great need of help. Don't forget we really need drivers with trucks to pick up food from Martin's, Food Lion, Trader Joe's, etc.

Pray about this and come see us.

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would we be today if, after Simon of Cyrene picked up the cross on the way to Golgotha, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, “This is as far as I can go, let someone else take it from here”? He knew the journey was not over, the work was not finished, the price had not yet been paid.

Let us then resolve to review where we stand in relation to the work of the Church. Are we willing workers, eager participants, confident supporters? Is our financial support where it could or should be? Do we rejoice at seeing goals met and new ones set? Are we joyous in the company of fellow believers? Are there relationships that need to be mended or extended? Is our prayer life vibrant, alive, ongoing, encompassing?

God help us to see where the needs are greatest and the fields the ripest. The rewards for faithful and dedicated service are out of this world!

Greenwood Church Family Celebrations

Birthdays



- Maywood Wallace.....June 2
- Adamarye PattesonJune 11
- Willis SheffieldJune 24
- Harvey Roach.....June 25

Anniversaries

- Betty and Raymond Ritchie.....June 9
- Brad and Gina LahockiJune 28
- Lavelle and Willis SheffieldJune 30

May Attendance and Offerings

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce”
— Proverbs 3:9

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Giving
May 1	22	48	2,939.50
May 8	24	67	1,942.00
May 15	24	61	1,086.00
May 22	25	59	2,260.82
May 29	Figures not available at press time		
<i>May Totals</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>8,228.32</i>
<i>Weekly Averages:</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>2,057.08</i>

\$2,725 offering needed weekly to meet Greenwood's 2011 operating budget of \$141,712. Your generosity is appreciated

Greenwood's Cornerstones

The Cornerstones would like to invite any one who is 50 or older to join us for lunch and an enjoyable time. The Cornerstones meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you!

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