

# The Corner Journal



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**SEPTEMBER  
2018**

*Hopeful  
New Sermon Series*



*Women's Book Club  
Meeting at  
Beverly Wood's home,  
September 20th*

*Luray United Methodist  
Preschool Begins  
Tuesday, Sept. 4th*

*Church Picnic at  
Lake Arrowhead  
September 9, 10:30am  
Fried Chicken, Beverages  
& Paper products  
Provided  
Bring a Side  
Dish/Salad/Dessert to  
share... See you there!*

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The summer is ending as I write this. Despite the heat, soon fall will be among us, and colors will change and temperatures will drop. Seasons changing gives us reason to think about the transitions of our lives as well. We move thru seasons of wellness, and seasons of stress. We celebrate occasions of transition, like graduations, weddings, and new births that change our lives in significant ways. In the midst of it all is our faith – our belief in the unchanging and constant love of God, which speaks salvation and freedom in all the changes that come with life. Sometimes change isn't easy, or even good. An extended illness, the loss of a loved one, the movement of someone in your life that cause friction or lessens connection. In the midst of all the changes of life, God offers us something more than stability. God's presence and promise gives us hope. Hope is hard to define, I think it is easier to describe. So we will explore stories and figures in the Scripture during September that have something to tell us about hope. Hope is not simply something good, I think it is a Christian distinctive. I think it is something, like grace, that our world deeply needs, and only Jesus can offer it. So in that way, the Church can offer a great gift to our world in the hope that comes thru Jesus Christ. Won't you join me as we embrace the opportunity God gives us to be *hopeful!*



On another note, you'll notice some new opportunities for ministry popping up this fall. I encourage you to jump in and try something new, or something new for you! Check out a Sunday school class, Bible study, or one of our musical ensembles. Go gleaning or volunteer at Page One, or join with us as we take communion to nursing homes. Go deeper!

Finally, the parsonage family (The Bennetts) wishes to express our great thanks to the church and the trustees in particular, for the kitchen renovations at the parsonage. We are enjoying the upgrades and thank you for your care and support of us!

Remember, I'm here for you, to help you embrace hope. I would love to talk with you if you would desire pastoral support.

I'll see you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

*Erich*

**MONTH AT A GLANCE:**

- 9/ 1 Wedding - Sanctuary 4pm\*
- 9/ 2 Finance Committee after late worship
- 9/ 2 Communion to Nursing Homes, meet here 2:15pm
- 9/ 2 Volunteer 1 Hour at Page One, meet there at 3pm
- 9/ 4 Preschool Begins!
- 9/ 5 Handbell Polish 6:30pm, Handbell & Choir Fellowship gathering, 7pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30pm
- 9/ 6 Ruritan's, FH\*
- 9/ 9 Church Picnic: Combined Worship at 10:30am at Lake Arrowhead's Lyons shelter - Then the picnic
- 9/10 Trustee Committee, 7pm, Image Class
- 9/11 NO Tuesday Bible Study - resumes 9/18
- 9/13 Choices mtg, FH\*
- 9/16 Church Council Meeting, after late worship, Image Class
- 9/18 Community Choir\*
- 9/20 Women's Book Club, 6:30pm, Beverly Wood's home
- 9/22 UMW Prayer Breakfast, 9am, FH
- 9/25 Gideon's, 6:30pm, FH\*
- 9/28 Wedding Rehearsal, 5pm, Sanctuary\*
- 9/29 Wedding, 2pm, Sanctuary\*



\* Not a church event

**HAPPENING EVERY WEEK THIS MONTH:**

- Tuesday-Thursday, Preschool, 3 & 4yr olds, 8:30-11:30am
- Tuesday, Bible Study with Pastor Ellen, 11am, Image Class
- Tuesday, ASAP, 5-7pm, Auditorium\* Private Meeting
- Wednesday, Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Auditorium
- Wednesday, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Underground
- Thursday, Men's Bible Breakfast, 7:15am, FH-Men Only
- Thursday, Noon Community Svc, Luray Christian Church
- Thursday, Girl Scouts, 6-8pm, Image Class\*
- Thursday, Praise Band Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

The September Communion Rail Offering will bless: [Page One](#)



The September Grocery Cart will bless [Page One!](#)

**Needs:** Canned fruit, pasta, tuna/meat, boxed dinners and any non perishable food items.



See or pick up a hard copy of their new newsletter in the Elevator Lobby on the Bulletin Board

*If you would like to send a card of encouragement & love to Frances Smith - Please contact Carla in the church office for her address at her sisters house.*

*Happy Birthday!*



- 9/ 3 *Walt Gordon*
- 9/ 5 *Chase Suddith*
- 9/ 9 *Caleb Grieve*
- 9/11 *Reed Tate*
- 9/19 *Jeanie Judd*
- 9/21 *Cathy Ashanky*
- 9/26 *Wanda Butler*

*Previous Birthday's Missed*

- 7/2 *Bill Cook*
- 8/27 *Joan Cook*

If your birthday is this month and you do not see your name, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!*

- 9/9/9/72 *David & Carol Angier 46 Years!*
- 9/11/99 *Don & Bj Garner 19 Years!*
- 9/7 *Clay & Carol Gaunt*
- 9/6/80 *Dale & Meredith Houff 38 Years!*
- 9/5/92 *Jim & Teresa Parish 26 Years!*
- 9/12 *Reed & Wanda Tate*
- 9/4/99 *David & Heather Sours 19 Years!*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



*If your anniversary is this month and you do not see your names, please contact the church office so we can update our records.*



**Please Pray for our church members in Senior Centers & Nursing Homes:**

- Betsy Campbell:** 110 Luther Rd. Dickson, TN 37055
- Whispering Pines: Norma Good**  
200 Leakesville Rd. Luray, VA 22835
- Hidden Springs: Nell Strong**  
973 Buck Mountain Rd., Bentonville, VA 22601

**Please keep our members in your daily prayers:**

- Frances Smith, Jim Grieve, Bj Garner, Don Garner, Leif Carlson, Walt Gordon, June Clark, Mary Jane Ricketts, Norma Good, Ann Moody, George Nosek, Barbara Shenk



### Fellowship Plans 2018 - Mark Your Calendars

**September 9, Church Picnic, Lake Arrowhead at the Lions Shelter, 10:30am - The church will provide fried chicken, beverages & paper products. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.**

October, Date TBD, Hayride & Bonfire

November 16, Turkey Trot Soup Supper, 6-8pm

December, Date TBD, Make & Take Christmas décor.

### 2018 Women's Book Club / Gathering

**September 20th** at Beverly Wood's/Oct 18 at Elly Hakel's  
Book: *Unafraid: Mary* by Francine Rivers, #5 in the Lineage of Grace Series (available in hardback, anthology or boxed set) believe me, you'll want them all! - audio & e-book; MRLibrary has copies. Meet Mary, the young girl who was obedient to God and became the most revered woman in history - the mother of Jesus.

Questions, Contact Beverly Wood 860-0795 or [beverly@thewoodhome.net](mailto:beverly@thewoodhome.net)

### "I Can! Club" Volunteers Needed

There are many ways to be a part of this ministry to children who are at risk of falling behind at the very start of their schooling. Men or women, high schoolers to octogenarians, every level of completed education or experience with children – anyone who wants to demonstrate the love of Christ to young children learning to be learners can volunteer for I Can Club!

There are five roles necessary to fill on Tuesdays and Thursdays mid-October through mid-April:

Setup and snack prep – This can be done in the afternoon ahead of arrival of children (3:30-3:45). Making sandwiches is the hardest task.

Arrival supervision (need 2 each day) – An adult needs to be waiting outside for the bus's arrival. Another adult needs to be inside to get children ready for snack. At least one of these volunteers needs to stay through snack time ending about 4.

Station tutors (need 4 each day, 4-5 pm) – All activities are already prepared so teaching experience is not necessary! A loving, encouraging attitude and some patience, however, are required.

Cleanup - Parents are expected to pick up their children exactly at 5.

Substitutes – A few people willing to fill in for any role is critical for smooth operation.

Contact Jane Thompson to volunteer or ask questions.

### Join the Page County Alzheimer's Assn.

#### Walk to End Alzheimer's®

Saturday, September 29th at Ruffner Plaza

Together, we can provide care and support to improve the lives of Americans affected by Alzheimer's & dementia (including family, friends, & caregivers) and advance research to treat and prevent Alzheimer's.

There are many ways to join us!

Learn more about Alzheimer's at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

Consider and pray for those impacted by the disease

Make a tax-deductible donation to Alzheimer's Association

online at our team (see Carol Miller) page or by mail

Register to walk with our SYNERGY HomeCare of NorthWest

Virginia fundraising team by clicking on the link above

(highlight & open hyperlink) Or register your own team of family & friends for the walk.

### Luray United Methodist Preschool: The 2018-2019

School Session in the best little Preschool in town begins,

Tuesday, September 4th. Keep them in prayer!

If you are interested in student sponsorship,

or providing financial help, Email:

[preschool@lurayumc.org](mailto:preschool@lurayumc.org)



### Kitchen Announcement - Please Help Us !

#### Anyone Using the Kitchen or Providing Sunday Morning Fellowship Snacks....

At the conclusion of the snack time, event, or meeting, please wash and put away all dishes. Clean the counter tops and tables. Please take home and launder any towels and dish cloths used. Place any unused food in Ziplock bags, or if liquid, in Glad® containers, found in the pantry. If you leave items in the refrigerator, be sure they are marked appropriately with the date on the container or bag, using the tape and marker in the bag on the freezer. Items left in the refrigerator are removed regularly if they appear dried out or past their expiration date. Anything you place in the freezer MUST be dated. If not, it will be discarded. Leave the kitchen so it is ready for the next user. We thank you for your help!

**The Page Free Clinic:** Can use File Folders, File Folder labels and large manila envelopes. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the church office.

**Our Mission Teams are back in country! We will share their Mission Stories at an event, coming soon to Luray UMC! Watch for Details! You won't want to miss the presentations!**



**DID YOU SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES?**

If so, please email the church office:

lurayumc@embarqmail.com

Please let us know the dates of your service, rank, what branch, what you did and where you served.

Thank YOU for your Service!!

**So far, Thank you for your service to:**

*Jim Ashanky, USCG*  
*Erich Bennett, USAF - Active!*  
*Dan Bogdewic, USN*  
*Brad Chamberlain, USN*  
*Bill Cook, USA*  
*Don Garner, USN*  
*Larry Hakel, USA*  
*Gerald Judd, USA*  
*Sam McNeely, USMC*  
*George Nosek, USA*  
*Bill Ricketts, USA*  
*Jimmy Sullivan, USN*  
*Walt Surratt, USA*  
*Charles Yates, USCG*

**JOIN OUR CHURCH HELPERS:**

Would you like to join our church helpers?

There is a LOT to choose from.

Communion Steward - Help with preparing Communion  
 Acolyte - Help the Pastor and light the altar candles  
 Ushers - Help the Pastor at the 11am Worship Service  
 Greeters - Greet people coming to church & hand out bulletins  
 Readers - Read scripture verse during Worship  
 Nursery - Assist our Staff Nursery Worker  
 Counters - Count & Deposit Offering  
 AV Tech - Work the computer with Power Point projection  
 Fellowship Snack - Prepare a light snack for Fellowship Time

We also need substitutes in all these areas. If you just can't commit to serving in one area, which we do on a rotating basis, we can always use substitutes.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the rotation on any church helper category.

We also need Choir Members & Bell Ringers. Talk to Mark Nichols!

***Keep Our College Students in Prayer***

*Eva Bogdewic, UVA*

*Andrew Chamberlain, LFCC*

*Bradley Chamberlain, Old Dominion*

*Cassie Hutton, Radford*

*Danielle Martin, VT*

*Joel Osborne, VT*

*Catherine Spain, Liberty*

*Matthew Stevens, LFCC*

*Caroline Suddith, JMU*

*Destiny Cheyenne Wilson, So. Adventist U, TN*

*If we missed your student - Contact the church office*

**College Students:** If you have a current college student, please email the church office with their name, major and address so we can remember them each month in the newsletter and send some love during exam time. We need to let them "See the Love"

**Corrections & Updates to the LUMC****Pictorial Directory:**

*The Surratt's and the Angier's have disconnected their home phone numbers. Please use their cell numbers listed in the directory if you want to reach them.*

*Larry & Elly Hakel: lhakel1@comcast.net*

*Julia Verba cell: 244-8402/Carey Verba 742-4110*

*Jim Sullivan cell: 540-209-5505*

*Jim & Joy Richardson P.O. Box 126 Luray (540)235-6899 email: jimjoy321@gmail.com*

*Nancy Brubaker: 405 Hamburg Road Luray*

*Daniel Deavers: Daniel.Deavers@vadoc.virginia.gov*

*Daniel & Susan Brubaker: 405 Hamburg Road, Luray*

*Cary & Bev Wood Address: 20 Meadow Lane, Luray*

*Bill & Joan Cook: 10 Meadow Lane, Luray*

*743-3663 Email: wc54136203@gmail.com*

*Carol Gaunt email: cpgdrjml@gmail.com*

*Garnett Brockman: Garnett.Brockman@vaafb.com*

*Jim & Bonnie Sullivan phone: 540-421-3970*

*Judy Suddith email: jshounddogs@gmail.com*

# SEPTEMBER CHURCH HELPERS

**COMMUNION STEWARD:**

Layne Vickers

**ACOLYTES 830/11:**

9/2 Caden Stevens/Berkley Bennett  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Abby Knesch/Zach Cummings  
 9/23 Caleb Grieve/Allison Atkins  
 9/30 Olivia Grieve/Jeremiah Bennett

**USHERS 11am:**

9/2 Ron Vickers / Judy Peabody  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Jon Sisler / Berkley Bennett  
 9/23 Robert Spencer / John Graves  
 9/30 Bill Cook / Wanda Butler

**GREETERS - 8:30:**

9/2 Tommy Page  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Robert Spencer  
 9/23 Matthew & Caden Stevens  
 9/30 Cerenity & Drayvin Stevens

**GREETERS - 11:00:**

9/2 Jane Thompson / Meredith Houff  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Daniel Brubaker / Bill Duke  
 9/23 Heather Sours / Joy Richardson  
 9/30 Bill & Joan Cook



**READERS - 8:30:**

9/2 Sam McNeely  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Tommy Page  
 9/23 Bonnie Sullivan  
 9/30 Debi Swing - Combined

**READERS - 11:00:**

9/2 Layne Vickers  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Cathy Whittle  
 9/23 Laura Yates  
 9/30 Faith Carlson - Combined

**COUNTERS:**

9/2 Dale Houff / Cathy Whittle  
 9/9 Dale Houff / CR Suddith  
 9/16 Dave Naser / CR Suddith  
 9/23 Dave Naser / Jim Grieve  
 9/30 Chris Deibert / Jim Grieve

**AUDIO VISUAL: 830 / 11am**

9/2 Karen Grieve / Bill Duke  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Jeff Jennings / Bill Ricketts  
 9/23 Sam McNeely/Robert Spencer  
 9/30 Bill Duke



**NURSERY - 8:30:**

9/2 Betty White  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Elly Hakel  
 9/23 Sheryl Brockman  
 9/30 Bonnie Sullivan - Combined



**NURSERY - 11:00:**

9/2 Winn Jennings  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Missie Deibert  
 9/23 Faith Carlson  
 9/30 Candice Bennett - Combined

**FLOWERS:**

9/2 Jenny Atkins  
 9/9 The Angier's/Church Picnic  
 9/16 The Whittle's  
 9/23 The Ashanky's  
 9/30 Jim & Karen Grieve



**SNACK:**

9/2 The Knesch's  
 9/9 Church Picnic  
 9/16 Betty White  
 9/23 Bonnie Sullivan  
 9/30 Combined Svc



**REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

**LUMPreschool** - Begins September 4th - 8:25-11:30am, Tuesday - Thursday  
**Bible Study with Pastor Ellen** - Each Tuesday, 11am in the Image Class.  
**ASAP** - Tuesday nights from 5-7pm in the Auditorium (non-church related)  
 Children's Choir - Watch For Details  
**Hand Bell Choir** - Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm, Auditorium (9/5, 6:30pm Polish Party & 7pm Fellowship Gathering)  
**Chancel Choir** - Wednesday Evenings, 7:30pm, Underground (9/5, 7pm Fellowship Gathering, 7:30pm Rehearsal)  
**Men's Bible Breakfast Club** - Thursday mornings from 7:15 - 8:15am  
**Each Thursday** - 12 Noon Community Service - **Luray Christian Church**  
 Each Thursday - Noon Bible Study in the Image Classroom - On Break until Fall  
**Praise Band Practice** - Thursday nights at 7pm, sanctuary



**2018 LUMC Church Council Members:**

Dale Houff-Church Council Chair  
 Cathy Whittle - UMW President  
 Walt Surratt-Treasurer  
 Beverly Wood-Communications  
 Robert Spencer-Missions  
 Faith Carlson-Staff/Parish  
 Wanda Butler-at Large Member

Cathy Weaver-Council Secretary  
 Sharon Surratt-Board of Trustees  
 Ron Vickers/Carol Angier-Fellowship  
 Julia Verba-Worship  
 Karen Grieve-Sunday School Super.  
 Rusty McCoy-at Large Member  
 Rev. Erich Bennett

Jeff Jennings-Lay Leader  
 Larry Hakel-Financial  
 Tommy Page-Outreach





**TOPICS FOR BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study w/Pastor Ellen - 11am, Image Class**

**Thursday Mornings, 7:15am - Men's Bible Breakfast  
Breakfast and Bible study with a lot of discussion in the Fellowship Hall. "Men Only".**

**Thursdays at Noon - Bible Study - On Hold Until Fall**

**Sunday Mornings, 10-10:50am Children's Sunday School - 4th Floor**

**There is something for everyone, and if we don't offer it, let us know and we will see if others are interested too.**

**Nursery for Infants and preschoolers available 8:15-12:15 During Worship Services**

**3yr Old Sunday School Class - Stories & Sharing**

**Preschool - Age 4 through Kindergarten - Heartshapers Curriculum**

**Early Elementary - Grades 1-3 - Bible Lessons Planned by Teacher**

**Older Elementary - Grade 4-5 - Faithweaver Curriculum**

**Tweens - Grades 6-8 - A Lively Class using Gospel Light materials**

**High School - Grades 9-12 - Coming Soon! Need Volunteers 1 Sunday/Month**

**Adult Sunday School - All Ages - CrossWalk, Image Class, 4th Floor**

**Adult Women's Sunday School Bible Study Class - Parlor, Sanctuary level**

**2018 COMMUNITY NOON WORSHIP SERVICE - ROTATING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

FEBRUARY - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL - LUMC

MAY - MAIN ST BAPTIST

JUNE - ST. MARK LUTHERAN

JULY - LURAY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

AUGUST - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**SEPTEMBER - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

OCTOBER - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER - LUMC

DECEMBER - MAIN ST BAPTIST

**Chancel Choir:** *Bases: CR Suddith, Jim Ashanky, Larry Hakel, Dale Houff, Jim Grieve; Tenors: Erich Bennett, Dave Naser; Altos: Cathy Whittle, Alice Gray, Layne Vickers, Judy Suddith, Carol Miller; Sopranos: Julia Verba, Elly Hakel, Nancy Brubaker, Cathy Ashanky, Beverly Daugherty*



**Weekly KIT Email (Keeping in Touch)**

**This is an informative weekly email to let you know what is coming up or happening at the church each week. Call or email the church office to be added to the list.**

**Keep in Touch!**

**TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN:**

*If you have need for prayer and would like to be placed on our prayer chain, call the church office or Peggy Turner 743-3386.*

*If you would like to be called when a situation comes up that needs prayer, or if you could be a caller, calling 5-6 persons once you receive the message, let the church office know.*



**Praise Band:** *Cathy Ashanky-Leader/Piano/Singer, Jim Ashanky-Singer/Devotions, Erich Bennett-Guitar, Bruce Clark-Singer, Abby Knesh/Singer; George Nosek-Singer, Tommy Page-Singer/Devotions, Doug Raeburn-Guitar & Robin Stevens-Singer*



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