

July 2018

Jesus is Able...

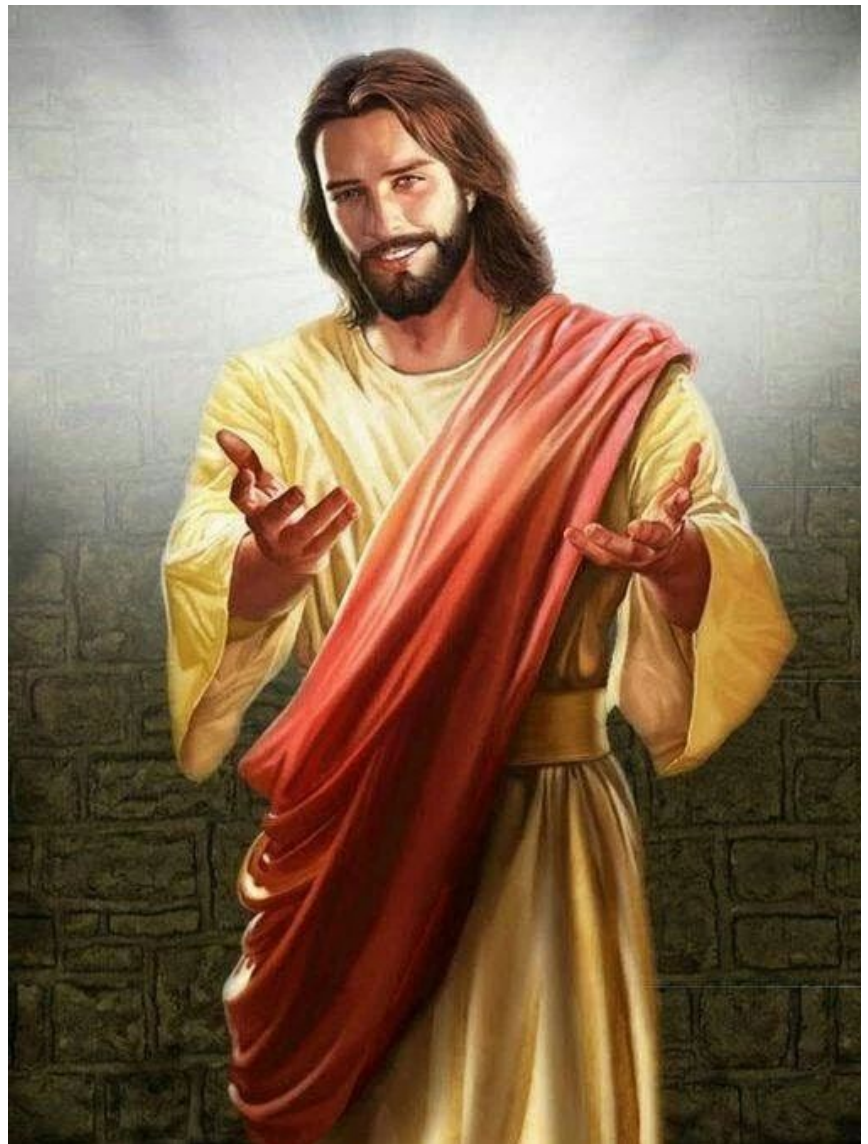
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Because of weakness, man is not always able to accomplish what he claims. Thankfully, the same cannot be said about Jesus. If Jesus makes a promise, He is able to accomplish what He has promised. Knowing this, we can place full confidence in the Savior and follow Him wherever He may lead. Let's notice three things that the Scriptures say that Jesus is able to do.

Jesus is able "to subdue all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:21). In this verse, Paul described how Jesus will transform our bodies so that we will "be conformed to His glorious body." The promise indicates that Jesus' power is greater than all things that are physical, and it clearly implies that Jesus is greater than all men.

Jesus is able to keep what we "have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul's description of Jesus helps us to see that our Savior will keep His promises. If we will commit ourselves to Him, He will commit Himself to us. Just as Jesus "committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23), we can commit ourselves to the righteous judge knowing that "He is able to keep what we have committed to Him until that Day." It should be noted, however, that we must commit to Him. If we do not, have no hope (see Hebrews 5:9).

Jesus "is able to aid those who are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). According to the writer of Hebrews, Jesus has this ability because He has faced the same types of temptations that we face (Hebrews 4:15). He understands our struggles; He sympathizes with our weaknesses. Because of His compassion, He is both willing and able to help us in times of need. Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). **Truly, Jesus is able!**





Our event *Coffee With The Pastor* had a very nice turnout and was a great opportunity to get to know some of the newest faces at New Hope UMC. *We all welcome you to the New Hope UMC family!*



**The United Methodist Men hard at work helping to keep our church looking its best!
*Thank You Gentlemen!***

STAY IN THE KNOW

Due to the cancellation of the June Church Council Meeting. We do not have any minutes for you at this time. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12th at 6:30pm.

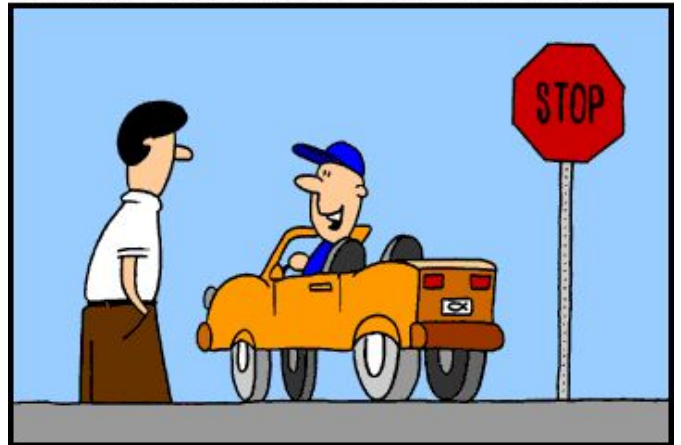
Real-Life Church Bulletin Bloopers...

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The Ladies Society will be selling their new cookbook at the church supper this Wednesday night. The proceeds will help purchase a stomach pump for our community hospital.

Services are at 11:00am and 6:30pm.
Come early if you want a back seat.

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SURE MY NEW CAR IS REALLY THIN, BUT I DON'T CARE BECAUSE I PLAN TO TRAVEL THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW



PICKLES, PICKLES, PICKLES

We are looking for a person or persons, who are willing to help make 20-25 quarts of pickles for the HOTS in November. If anyone is interested, please see John Morse, he is willing to give his stainless steel canner and several dozen quart jars to those who are willing to help.

Mark Your Calendars!



Mr. Eun Chan Kim, an outstanding Korean pianist studying in Baltimore, Maryland will perform his music on both ***Saturday, July 21st at 7:00pm and also on Sunday, July 22nd at 10:30am.***

Mr. Jae Weon Huh, another outstanding Korean pianist studying at the Hochschule University for Music and Theater in Hannover Germany will perform his music on both ***Saturday, August 4th at 7:00pm and also on Sunday, August 5th at 10:30am.***



Please plan to come to both events and bring your family and friends to have a great time of worship, fellowship, and music!

Kid's Corner

(Parents please feel free to print this page for your kids to color while you read them the story.)

(Luke 10:25-37)

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'What must I do to receive eternal life?'

Jesus answered him, 'What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?'



The man answered, " 'Love the Lord our God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself' "

"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."

But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.

It so happened that a priest was going down that road: but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levites also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side.

But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw hi, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal

and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

The next day he took out tow silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.' "

And Jesus concluded,
"In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?"

The teacher of the Law answered,
"The one who was kind to him."

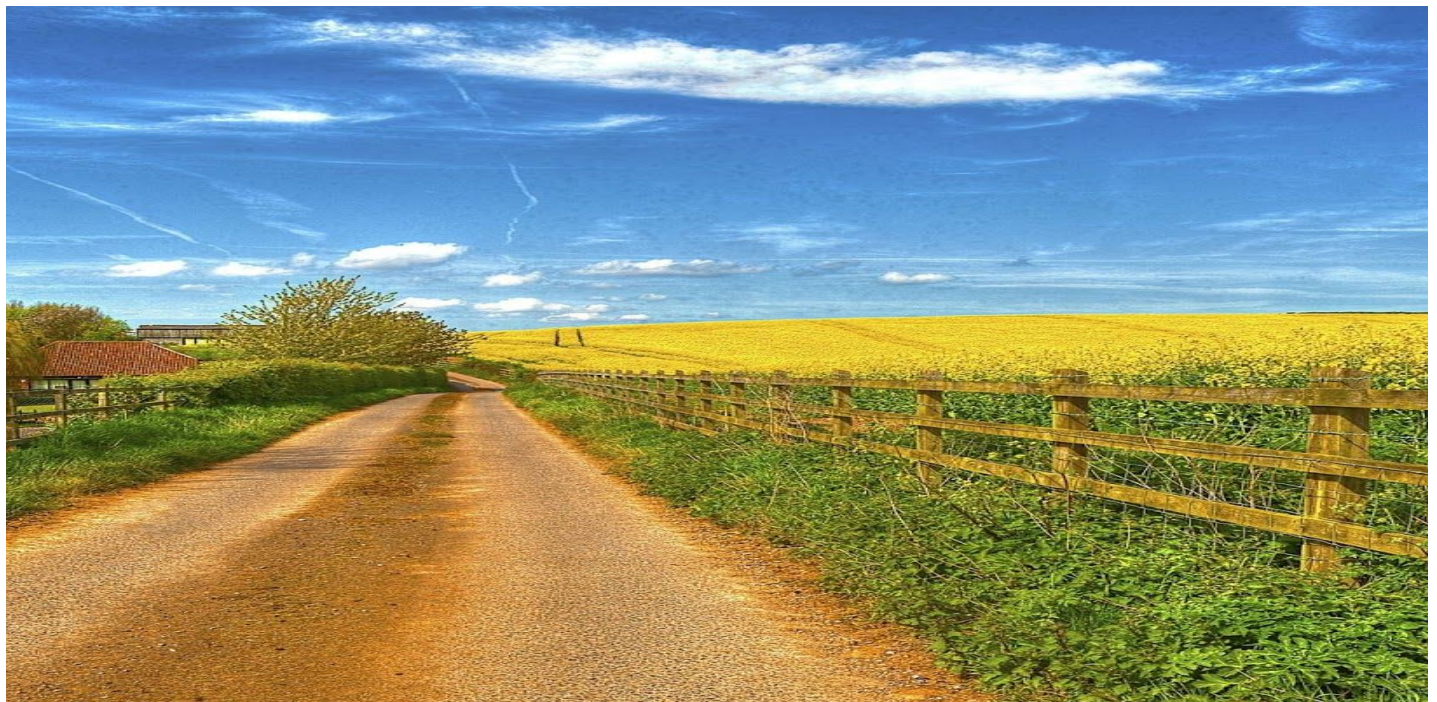
Jesus replied,
"You go, then, and do the same.'

**We are looking for two
Hand Crank ice cream makers.**

Do you have one?

Can we borrow it?

**Please contact Wanda Harding
if you can help us.**



Rural Life Sunday and Annual Church Picnic

On Sunday, July 29th, we will celebrate Rural Life Sunday! Come to Worship Service in your trucks, tractors, on horseback - whatever mode of transportation you prefer!

And wear whatever you feel comfortable in - your jeans, your overalls, your boots!

This Sunday we will celebrate and honor the fact that our small, rural church has served God and our local communities for over 160 years!

Also, please plan to attend our Annual Church Picnic starting at 5:30pm, where we will have food, fellowship, friends, music and more!



It Takes A Village!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE Who Helped Make our 2018 Vacation Bible School
- Paul and the Underground Church - **A HUGE SUCCESS!**

It truly takes a Village - there were over 60 adults that contributed their time, talents and efforts to help make our 2018 Vacation Bible School a Huge Success for over 30 children in our church and local communities!

And we send out a Big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you!







1 - Kyle VanLear


3 - Stephanie Kerley

4 - C.J. Botkin
- Suzanne Lank
- Irene Morrison

6 -  Leon & Mary Sheets

7 - Ava Funk

8 - David Shiflett
- Jeffrey Walker

9 - Barbara Greene
- William Harding
- David Layman
-  Charles & Phyllis Fretwell



10 - Clara Breeding

11 -  Roosevelt & Mary Rowe


12 - Tuck Rogers
- Louise McCray
- Nathan Selmon
- Natasha Ritchie

13 - Debbie Arnold

15 - Hilda Painter
- Sharon Kile
- Dakota Canipe

15 -  Hunter & Martha Black
-  Jerry & Susan Coffman

16 - Andrew Viers
- Jase Harding

17 -  John & Helen Morse
- Theresa Humphries

18 -  Will & Elizabeth Harding

20 - Heather Arndt

22 - Helen Stogdale

23 - Margie Selmon
- Timothy Howdysshell

26 - Cathy Lewis

27 - Becky Breeding

28 - Beth Howdysshell
- Mary Sheets
- Earl Wilberger

29 - Arlene Crist

31 - Julia Arndt
- Nancy Howdysshell

Upcoming Events at New Hope - July 2018

- July 2, Monday at 7:00pm ~ Circle of Hope
July 3, Tuesday at 1:30pm ~ Sisters of Faith
- 7:00pm ~ Circle of Love Meeting at church
July 7, Saturday at 8:00am ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer
July 8, Sunday at 9:30am ~ Sunday School
.- at 10:30am ~ Sunday Morning Worship
- July 11, Wednesday at 6:45pm ~ Choir Practice
July 12, Thursday at 6:30pm ~ Church Council Meeting
July 14, Saturday at 8:00am ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer
July 15, Sunday at 9:30am ~ Sunday School
.- at 10:30am ~ Sunday Morning Worship
- After Worship ~ Luncheon and presentation from those who went
on the South Korean pilgrimage
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm ~ Welcome Reception for the new District
Superintendent, Victor Gomez at Dayton UMC
- July 17, Tuesday at 6:30pm - UMM Worknight followed by dinner
July 18, Wednesday at 6:45pm ~ Choir Practice
July 19, Thursday at 12:00pm ~ S.W.A.T. at Ciro's in Verona
July 21, Saturday at 8:00am ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer
- 7:00pm ~ Eun Chan Kim, Korean pianist from the Peabody
Institute in Baltimore, Maryland
July 22, Sunday at 9:30am ~ Sunday School
- 10:30am ~ Eun Chan Kim, Korean pianist from the Peabody
Institute in Baltimore, Maryland
- July 25, Wednesday at 6:45pm ~ Choir Practice
July 27, Friday-July 29, Sunday ~ Virginia Conference Mission Encounter at
the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center
July 28, Saturday at 8:00am ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer
July 29, Sunday at 9:30am ~ Sunday School
- 10:30am ~ Rural Life Sunday
- 5:30pm ~ Annual Church Picnic

August 2018

- August 4, Saturday from 8:00am-3:00pm ~ District United Methodist
Women planning meeting in the social hall
- 7:00pm ~ Jae Weon Huh, Korean pianist from the Hochschule
University for Music in Hannover, Germany
- August 5, Sunday at 10:30am ~ Jae Weon Huh, Korean pianist from the
Hochschule University for Music in Hannover, Germany



Nurse's Health Corner

Mental Health ~ Support Groups

Individuals need emotional and also social support when going through medical treatments, disease diagnoses and progression, rehabilitation, caretaking, addiction, remission, and more. When one has traumatic or difficult medical and nonmedical experiences, it is important for individuals to have social and emotional support which can come in the form of a support group. One may be comforted by others when one feels alone, depressed, anxious, overwhelmed, or hopeless. While everyone has different experiences and ways of coping with their situation, everyone can gain from emotional support and hope from others and develop comfort in knowing that others have experienced the same or a similar situation. If you or someone you know has a disease or disorder, is struggling with a diagnosis, is strained as a caretaker, or needs the comfort of others, consider attending a support group related to your situation. You may find strangers who become friends, practical advice for your disease or your loved one's disease, and also hope. Having others around you may benefit your mental health and well-being. Please see a health care provider for a proper diagnosis as well as seek professional counseling for support of any mental, physical, or emotional health diagnosis.

Below is a list of support groups provided by Augusta Health and in the surrounding area:

Diabetes Support Group

For those with Type 1 and 2 Diabetes and their family and friends. *For information, call the Diabetes & Nutrition Self-Management Education Program at 540.941.2537 or 540.213.253.*

Friends Listening to Friends

For newly diagnosed cancer patients who have fears, questions or concerns. *For information, call Leigh Anderson at 540.245.7105*

Stronger Together – Breast Cancer Support Group

For patients diagnosed with breast cancer. *For information, call Leigh Anderson at 540.245.7105*

Continuing Survivorship Group

For cancer patients who have completed treatment but still feel the need for continued support. *For information, call Leigh Anderson at 540.245.7105.*

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

For those who are impacted by Parkinson's disease and their family members, partners, and friends. *For information, contact Joyce Huddle: joyce229@comcast.net, 540.943.2229 or Ashley Reibel: AReibel@AugustaHealth.com.*

Shenandoah Valley Stroke Club

For those who have experienced a stroke and their family members, and friends. *For more information contact Shelley Payne at 540.332.4047.*

Grief Support Group

For individuals and families who have lost a loved one. *For information, contact Debbie Brown, Bereavement Counselor of Hospice of the Shenandoah at 540.932.4911 or dbrown@augustahealth.com.*

Diversions Ostomy Support Group

This group meeting is designed to share ideas and improve quality of life following ostomy surgery. *For information and hear the dates and times, contact 540.245.7236*

GriefShare

For individuals suffering the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling, child, family member, or friend. *For information, contact Nancy Jo Gibson, Director of Soul Care and Biblical Guidance at 540.886.2015.*

The Compassionate Friends

This is a self-help organization that provides support to families after death of a child. *For information, contact Zora Jenkins at jenkins.zora@comcast.net or 540.463.4558.*

Caregivers Support Group

For caregivers of elderly adults. *For more information, call 540.949.4151*

Mental Health America of Augusta

MHA-A offers a number of programs to educate the public about mental health and mental illness, to provide practical information and referral, and to enable mental health professional enrichment. *Advocacy, education, and other programs can be found by visiting or contacting www.mha-augusta.org, mhaa@lumos.net, 540.886.7181, or MHA-A, the Professional Building Suite 206, 101 W. Frederick Street, Staunton VA 24401.*

For information about ongoing or upcoming support groups on coping with death, grief, or mental illness, Dr. Cynthia Long of Western States is a Certified Grief Counselor and Chaplain. Dr. Long facilitates support groups based on request. *For more information or upcoming groups, contact Dr. Long at 540.332.8004*

Information provided by Lishey Dent, Intern from JMU, working with Community Outreach at Augusta Health. Contact Dana Breeding, RN related to the above information at 332-4988 or 932-4988.

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Lectionary Readings for July

July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22

1 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Annual Conference 2018



The theme for the 2018 Virginia Annual Conference, held June 15 -17, 2018, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, VA, was “*Servant Leaders Making a Difference*”. The conference theme was based on I Peter 4:10, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Service was incorporated in the conference theme and lived out in The Great Day of Service, a three-hour period on Saturday, June 16, when the conference was halted for conference attendees to participate in service.

There were 1,637 people who participated in the *Great Day of Service* on Saturday, June 16, from 2-5 p.m. The day of service allowed participants three options for service: the assembling of 3,000 UMCOR kits; participating in three social justice talks; and eight locations around the Hampton area with service projects that included cleaning historic cemeteries and alleyways.

The Rev. Tom Berlin, member of the Commission on a Way Forward, presented a report on the work of the commission prior to the start of the Clergy and Laity sessions on Friday, June 15. Berlin shared that materials from the commission will be available in July.

At the Saturday morning retirement service, 44 pastors retired. Nineteen people were ordained elders, two were ordained deacons, 11 were commissioned as provisional members, two were recognized for orders and 32 were licensed as local pastors in the Saturday evening Ordering of Ministry service.

Annual Conference members brought 44,774 disaster relief kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to Annual Conference. Kits included: 29,409 Hygiene kits; 13,367 School kits; 703 Birthing kits, 840 Cleaning kits, 16 Bedding kits, 102 Sewing kits, and 3 miscellaneous kits. Attendees of conference contributed almost 9,000 pounds of canned goods and boxed dry goods as part of the “4 Cans 4 Conference” drive.

Members approved a 2019 budget of \$31,615, down \$185,000 from the 2018 budget.

The Conference Treasurer reported that statistics show a decline, but membership stood at 320,000. Worship attendance stood at 100,000. Engaged in small groups were at 95,000. Some 75,000 serve in mission reaching over 1 million in their communities and around the world. Financial resources are good. Virginia Conference church members tithed \$200 million. Church owned assets generated \$25 million. Eight hundred and eighty-one churches paid 100 percent of their apportionments, a 2.6 percent increase over 2016.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

This year, we are planning on working locally, so that we can finish up our Mission Central project by the end of July.

The Mission Central building is the largest outreach project of the district and it can be completed with everyone's assistance!

This project is the new structure located at 1712 Smithland Road in Harrisonburg, just behind Cedar Grove UMC.

We will be working July 9th - 14th.

Please help us bring this important outreach project to fruition!

** No cash outlay on your part * No insurance forms to fill out * Sleep in your own bed*

** Do not have to commit for the entire week*

Please contact Pastor Bob Talbott at pastorbob.asburyumc@gmail.com
or Bill Lalla at billlalla@gmail.com

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