



Brosville Beacon September 2022



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Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Some church people have Covid again. I pray to God for their protection and safety. And also, I pray for their healing.



We have a church event coming up. The Yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, starting at 7 AM. All money will go to help the playground project. We need many hands and prayers for a successful Yard Sale. Please contact Geraldine Rayfield if you have a question.

Yesterday we had a clergy welcome party at Smith Mountain Lake State Park. The meeting was the first in person meeting after Danville and Lynchburg became one district, the Mountain View district. I was glad to see new clergy and their families.

Some people worry about many changes in the Virginia Conference and the United Methodist Church. One of their concerns is that Danville and Lynchburg became one district. I know what they worry about, but we need to trust God. We know the UMC is having a tough time now. In this situation, we need to pray more for our UMC future and God's guidance. I am sure that God will make a way for the UMC and the Virginia Conference.

I love the gospel song, "God Will Make a Way," written by Don Moen. When I had a tough time, I listened to this song. The song encouraged and assured my faith. The words are really good. Here are some of the words. "God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me." God is good, so we need to trust God, and he will take care of us. I believe that God will make a way for us.

Blessings, Pastor Intek

BUMC PLAYGROUND PROJECT



We are still in the process of collecting donations for the Playground Project. If you have not given so far we encourage you to do so. We have to-date collected \$5,441.50. We have a ways to go. Think about how much the children will enjoy this playground. It is wonderful to see the "children" playing together outside!

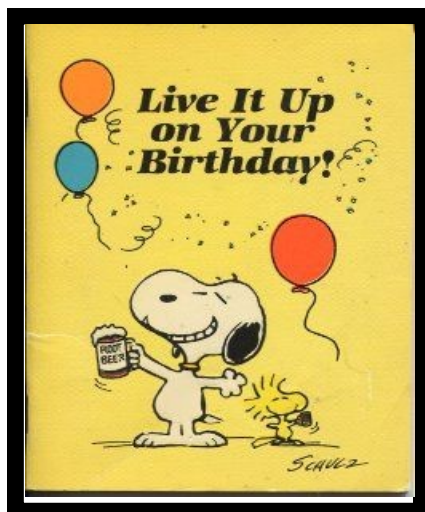
Thank You's

Thank you so much for the O'Kelly's gift card. I miss you all and look forward to coming back to Sunday School and Church. Love, Becky Moore

Thank you so much! I appreciate you'll letting me use your grounds. God bless you'll.

Love in Christ, Betty Carter and Roger Walker
(They were married here outside on August 27th).

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



If there are names to be added or deleted from these lists, please call or email the church office to let us know.

September

12 Joselyn Kent
14 Debbie Bryant
16 David Long
27 Norma Jo Allen
29 Frances Thorne

Anniversaries

2 Charles & Jeanne Burnette
22 Dennis & Jackie Minter

October

15 William Johnston
26 Catherine Allen

Anniversaries

4 Morris & Venus Hendrix
5 Mark & Glenda Oakes
16 Howard & Lauren Moore
18 Jody & Angela Frazier

Prayer Request: Katherine Blair, Alleyne Dickens, Carrole Dickens, Calvin & Brittany Gibson, Sandra Hardy, Champ Hardie, Chad Marion, Becky Moore, Lauren Moore, shootings around our nation.

Church Shut-ins: Chris & Charles Davis, Edith Gammon,

Stay calm,
I am hugging you
in my prayers.



Labor Day – The offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th and reopen on Tuesday, September 6th.

Wenonda will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 11:00 AM. We hope you can come out and join us.

Prayer Warriors will meet on Sept. 7th and 21st at 5:00 PM.

Family Reunions coming up: September 18 Oakes', September 25 Moore's

You will find baskets in the Narthax, coming in the door at the ramp, and in the fellowship hall left by the Prayer Warriors with prayer cards. Please fill out one and drop it in the offering plate if you know someone that you would like for us to remember at Prayer Warriors.

Address will be needed also if you have available.

Meeting dates: Sept. 7 and 21 at 5:00 PM

Jackie Minter

Report of the Lay Member of the Virginia Annual Conference

I was honored to once again represent Brosville UMC as the Lay Member to the 240th session of the Virginia Annual Conference held in Hampton, Virginia on June 16-18, 2022. The theme for the conference was “United as One in Worship”, based on John 4:24.

One highlight was the overwhelming endorsement of the Rev. Tom Berlin for the office of bishop. “I am not running for bishop. I am simply making myself available for discernment. Your endorsement is one of the most remarkable honors of my life.” The annual conference endorsed his nomination and gave him a standing ovation. Bishop Lewis laid hands on Berlin and prayed for him. It was a sparkling moment.

In other business, 8 churches were discontinued in 5 districts, three additional churches closed, and 2 new faith communities were started.

The District Initiative was approved creating 8 new districts from the current 16-district structure. What was the Danville District is now the Mountain View District, under the leadership of the Rev. Denise Bates. This change means that the district now includes Lynchburg churches.

In a difficult session, declaratory decisions concerning the disciplinary process of a pastor were addressed. Tensions arose within the body of the conference, and Bishop Lewis halted proceedings for prayer, and a large crowd gathered in front of the altar. An appeal was made to the Bishop to allow the decision to go to the Judicial Council. A vote was cast and the appeal was approved.

A Missions Service highlighted the many ways the Virginia Conference is in mission throughout Virginia, the country and the world.

42 persons were part of the 2022 retirement class, representing 1,154.5 years of service.

A Service of Remembrance recognized 77 conference clergy and laity who died.

A Service for the ordering of ministry recognized 22 persons who were licensed; 3 were commissioned as provisional deacons; 15 as provisional elders; 2 had orders recognized (including Pastor Intek!); 1 was ordained as a deacon in full connection; and 7 were ordained elders. It was a beautiful service. I was proud to be there for Pastor Intek.

The closing worship gave us the opportunity to sing together, and learn the ASL version of the hymn “Together We Serve.” I got to meet a beautiful service dog who was awesome!

The Rev. Dr. Steve Summers gave the closing sermon that he titled “From Mess to Bless.”

“I don’t want to insult anyone here,” he said, “but I think we are All messed up. Doesn’t the Bible say we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? Here’s the Good News,

“We move from Mess to Bless when we fully embrace that we are all sinners in need of God’s grace. We all need Jesus.” And to that I shouted “Amen!”, and made my way to the Blue Goose (my truck), and headed home. Of course I had to fill up with gas, which was \$5 a gallon.

I always appreciate the opportunity to serve God by attending annual conferences. One thing I did for the first time was to volunteer to be a golf cart driver for a couple of hours, taking people to their vehicles in the huge parking lot. That was fun! It was a joy to attend the 240th Virginia Annual Conference as the lay representative for Brosville UMC. I pondered the theme of the conference on the drive home. Jesus told the woman at the well that it’s not where we worship that counts, but how we worship. Brosville UMC, ponder this with me: is our worship spiritual and real? That was Jesus’ question to the Samaritan woman at the well. We must have God’s help, says Jesus, to worship Him as we should. May it be so.

Sincerely,
Katherine Blair



PREPARING FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL DAYS!

“Teachers, students, helpers, and backpacks” all prayed for and recognized on August 7th during the Worship Service. Also, a luncheon was given by the Nurture Committee for this special event. We also had two helpers to clean up the trash—Abby and Jason!



Abby & Jason

Daisy

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PROJECTS COMING UP! GET PREPARED

A Yard and Bake Sale is planned for Saturday, September 3rd. We need “stuff” for the sale. Please bring clean sellable items as soon as possible. They may be stored in the basement. There will be tables available for individuals also. Tables will be \$15/table. We will need items for the bake sale as well. You can contact Geraldine Rayfield for questions you may have.

GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF

Proceeds from this project will go to the Playground Project.

The Missions Committee is having the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12th. Get your creative juices working. Please spread the word to your artistic friends! Tables will be \$20/ table.



We will be putting together items for Backpacks on Sept. 18th at 2:00 PM at Whitmell.

Backpacking Project—Please save your plastic bags for this project. (Check for holes in the bags). Thank you



BACK TO SCHOOL PICTURES (CONT'D.)



Ethan



Brennan