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The Beech Grove STAR



Summer 2016

Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 3
EEF Celebration
Dinner, 7 pm

Tuesday, June 14
Flag Day

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day

June 27 - 30
Vacation Bible
School, 6 - 8 pm

Monday, July 4
Independence Day

Tuesday, July 12
Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, July 23
Zumba Kids Kick-Off

July 13 - August 10
Summer Bible Study
6 - 8 pm

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Pastor's Note

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord! As I write these words, I have just delivered a message to you about getting stuck in the drama of the world or accepting our Lord's gift of "Peace, I leave with you" (John 4:28).

The drama of this world focuses on power, prestige, materialism and personal pleasure, which keeps us engulfed in tensions that are never satisfied. The peace which Christ offers is not necessarily the absence of hostility, but, perhaps just the opposite, as Christ said, "I give you a peace the world cannot give."

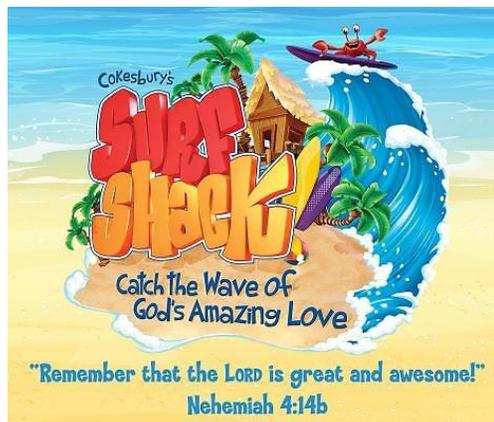
This gift is a peace that finds joy in the midst of all our anxieties. Perhaps we can shed light on the matter by reflecting on the words of this optimist:

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I have an important job to do.

My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

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VBS Returns to Beech Grove this Summer Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 • 6 - 8 pm



kids ages 3 through rising 5th grade as they catch the wave of God's amazing love. The week overflows with waves of fun including a variety of music, crafts, games, lessons and age-appropriate small group discussions.

Volunteers also are needed in a variety of areas, so please see Meredith Daugherty, Melissa Bartholomew or Rich Stevenson for more information and to offer your time and talents.

Register online today, and get the kids ready for a salty adventure they won't soon forget!

Register today at www.CokesburyVBS.com/BeechGrove



Happy Birthday!

JUNE

7 Annie Dillingham
 13 Barbara Rodham
 15 Janet Bonney
 18 Bob Freiler
 19 Sydney Tabor
 19 Brendan Jump
 23 Edward Crowson
 23 Darryl Yandle
 25 Karen Harris
 25 Madysen Simmons
 29 Jason Smith

JULY

1 Brenda Hawkins
 1 Chuck Rintamaki
 2 Paul Smith
 5 Pep Mims
 6 Parker Mims
 9 Maggy Hurff
 9 Karen McVey
 14 Phyllis Goodrich
 15 Katherine McIntosh
 16 Cheryl Carter
 18 Fanita Morris
 19 Madison Hill
 27 Katrina Coggins
 27 Ken Sawyer
 27 Pastor Keith Moore
 31 Pat Dillingham
 31 Shary Zirkle

***please let us know if we've missed your special day*



Happy Anniversary!

June 4: Edward & Corene Crowson (55 years)
 June 26: Steve & Laurie Schultz (34 years)
 July 11: Mac & Carole Clark (57 years)
 July 17: Arnold & Rose Brown (38 years)
 August 10: Jason & Melissa Bartholomew (20 years)
 August 11: Keith & Janet Moore (38 years)
 August 13: Barbara & Jeff Hill (22 years)
 August 24: Joanne & Richard Derring (53 years)

Welcome New Members and Confirmands †

Hannah Bartholomew †	Kaed Hartman †
Sammy Day †	Kenny Hartman
Charlotte Duke	Colin McVey †
Shirley Duke	Madison McVey †

Beech Grove UMC Mission Statement

Our Beech Grove family seeks
 our Lord's will and shares
 Christ's love with all.



It's not too late: Book Scholarship Applications due June 30th

It's time to apply for the \$500 college book scholarship! All candidates must have graduated from high school and be attending college this fall. Each applicant also must be a member of Beech Grove UMC, and scholarship money can be received annually for up to 4 years.

Interested students must submit an application by June 30, 2014. Applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified by the end of July. Current recipients still attending college need not reapply. Contact Sydney Tabor at #434-4465 with any questions or concerns.



Pastor's Note (continued from cover)

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or – I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or – I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or – I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or – I can feel grateful that they raised me.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or – I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or – I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or – I can shout for joy because I have a job.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or – I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or – I can appreciate that I have a place to call home.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a GREAT DAY...unless you have other plans! With God, all things are possible. Our attitude toward every aspect of life depends on what kind of day it will be. The time has come to claim the peace that is offered to us in Jesus Christ!

Words worth pondering, *Pastor Keith*



Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Beech Grove is looking to fill a new, part-time position (12-15 hours/week) to develop and oversee youth and children's programming for ages K-12 while serving as a spiritual leader and role model.

Please direct interested parties to the church website for a complete job description and application information.

Health & School Kits

Way to go, Beech Grove! Our congregation donated 192 health kits and 6 sewing kits to the Virginia Conference this year. Valued at \$12 and \$28 respectively, that's a combined total of \$2,472! Kits are distributed by UMCOR and help provide care for the most vulnerable people around the world during times of crisis.

Happy Father's Day

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

PROVERBS 23:24

Celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, 2016



Taylor Doughtie Plays On

Our 11:00 pianist Taylor Doughtie enjoyed a rewarding spring! At Virginia Wesleyan College's Spring Honors Convocation, she was the recipient of the Distinguished Graduating Senior in Psychology award for outstanding achievement in the major. Taylor also received the VWC Church Music Certificate at the end-of-year recital for her studies in sacred music.

On May 14th, she graduated Cum Laude as a Presidential Scholar with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Psychology. Taylor

will continue her education at Regent University in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program starting in August. We remain blessed by her talents and dedication to Beech Grove UMC and wish her all the best!



Beech Grove UMC's Plan for Ministry

**We are called to be a compassionate,
nurturing congregation who serves God
through prayer, worship, fellowship, study
and missions as we
"Honor the past, serve the present
and build the future."**



Hunter Ward completes Eagle Scout service project

A member of Boy Scout Troop 16, Hunter Ward recently completed work on his Eagle service project that added a pair of new longhouses --single-room, beehive-shaped structures covered with wooden reed mats-- and a wooden lean-to shelter to the Nansemond Indians' property near Lone Star Lakes in Chuckatuck.

In addition to securing the lumber donation and providing the heavy labor with the help of 25 Scouts and leaders over five weekends, Ward also raised \$2,600 to purchase the reed mats.

Ward is a 15 year-old freshman at Nansemond River High School and attends Boy Scouts at Beech Grove. He chose his project based on the tribe's long-running support for Scouting and to, in turn, support their efforts to replicate a 17th-century tribal village as part of a \$5 million Indian cultural and educational center on the site.

Ward also helped inspire two other Troop 16 members to support the Mattanock Town revitalization project with their own Eagle service projects.



★ Independence Day is Monday, July 4th ★