



The Beacon

August 2025

The Newsletter of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and Share His Love

Growing up in Virginia, August was always squarely part of summer. Known as the dog days of summer, I never had to worry if my August birthday would fall on a school day. In fact, there was the “Kings Dominion” law that forced schools to start after Labor Day, apparently so that Kings Dominion would have enough employees through their busy season.

This has seemed to have changed over time and now August seems to be a no man’s land between summer and the start of fall. While many families are still vacationing the beginning of the month, school in Clarke County now starts right in the middle of the month. Starbucks begins to roll out their pumpkin spice flavors and Costco, somehow, has Christmas decorations already.

Our church calendar reflects this chaotic energy that August now brings. Nothing says summer quite like ice cream. We will begin the month with our annual Ice Cream Social on August 2nd. Quickly things will shift, however, and on August 17th we will be getting ready for school with a Back to School Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks.

Whether you view August as the dog days of summer or time for back to school and the kickoff of fall, we invite you to join with us in the many wonderful opportunities of fellowship, worship, and community service here at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church.

Pastor Daniel



Scripture and Sermon Titles for August

8th Sunday after Pentecost-August 3rd

Philippians 4:4-20

Changing the Channel to Find Personal Peace

9th Sunday after Pentecost-August 10th

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Written on the Subway Walls

10th Sunday after Pentecost-August 17th

Romans 11:33 - 12:2

The Renewing of Our Minds

11th Sunday after Pentecost-August 24th

Hebrews 12:18-29

Fear and Trembling

12th Sunday after Pentecost-August 31st

Colossians 3:1-17

Holy Relationships


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Bible Quiz

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For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)

WELCOME BACK TO RISE!!

August 17th

4-5:00 p.m. RISE Kids

5-5:30 p.m. Dinner

5:30-6:30 p.m. RISE Youth



Clarke County Fair August 10-16, 2025

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 2, 2025

From 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
210 E Main St, Berryville VA - Fellowship Hall

Ice Cream
Flavors include:

- Peach
- Strawberry
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Grape-Nuts
- Vanilla

Homemade ice
cream using
Richard Byrne's
original recipes



**Plus: Cakes and
Cookies**

All are Welcome!
Invite your friends,
neighbors, and
family members
for great ice cream
and fellowship on
a hot summer's
day

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Music Moment

By John Hudson

This month we're going to learn the history behind a song that my mother and sister sing regularly when on the phone with each other - GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

In 1904, Civilla Martin was in Lestershire, New York, where her husband Walter was compiling a collection of hymns for the Practical Bible Training School. They were planning to travel to another town that day where Walter had a preaching assignment. Civilla woke up

sick, and her husband was about to cancel his plans, when their young child piped up and said; "Oh Daddy, you don't have to stay home because of mother - God will take care of us".

Mr. Martin caught his train and fulfilled his preaching obligation. When he returned home, Civilla handed him the words to GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU which she had written while he was away. Going to his home organ, he composed the music and it was first published in the songbook he was compiling for the school.

J. C. Penney, who was descended from a long line of Baptist preachers, was finding great retail business success when the Crash of 1929 and Great Depression threw him into crisis. His business deals turned sour and he was overwhelmed with anxiety and insomnia. Later he was hospitalized with shingles and his mental state deteriorated, saying "I was broken nervously and physically, filled with despair, unable to see even a ray of hope. I had nothing to live for".

While in the hospital, he heard singing coming from the little hospital chapel: *Be not dismayed, whate'er betide; God will take care of you.* He went into the chapel and listened to the song. "Suddenly - something happened. I felt as if I had been instantly lifted out of the darkness of a dungeon into warm, brilliant sunlight." All worry left him as he realized just how much the Lord Jesus Christ cared for him. As he became one of America's greatest retail merchants, he often recalled - "those moments in that chapel were the most dramatic and glorious twenty minutes of my entire life".

GOD WILL TAKE OF YOU.

THRU EV'RY DAY, O'ER ALL THE WAY.

HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.



WEE ANGELS LEARNING CENTER

July 2025



“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.” – Pablo Picasso.



**Summer Potluck
Honoring Our Over 80
Members -
Members of the Heart
August 24, 2025**

Come celebrate with us to honor our over 80 members (Members of the Heart) at a potluck luncheon immediately after the 10:00 service. This will be a potluck dinner with chicken provided and all members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Please join us for great food and fun.



**August 28th 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Join us for our monthly
Community Meal**



Aug 1	Joyce Erickson
Aug 2	Jonathan Meyer
Aug 3	Brian Bohall
Aug 4	Robert Heflin
	Robyn McGrath
Aug 6	David McDonald
Aug 7	McKenna Clotzman
Aug 8	William George Dellinger
Aug 13	Ellen Wilcox
Aug 15	Jacqueline Newcomb
Aug 16	Rev. Daniel Wray
Aug 19	Brody Ellis
	Sheryl Reid
Aug 24	Debbie Zimmerman
Aug 25	Terrie Sheaffer
Aug 26	Steve Stephens
Aug 28	Mildred Keating
	Russell Wege



Prayers

OF THE CHURCH



In the Military	Our Members	Family & Friends
Richard Harris	Doris Braithwaite	John Allen
John Pepper	Linda Burcham	John Wesley Allen
Triston Timbrook	Cheyenne Fowler	Katie Barsi
Jared Tinsman	Jean Hinson	Art Beamer
Tyler Tinsman	Jeanne Hudson	Warren & Mary Broy
Rye Whitehead	Len Lawson	Wanda Dunn
Jessica Young	Erin McDonald	Faith Kinney
	Kaia Meyer	Tim Mansfield
	Cindy Morin	Janet Moore
Shut-ins	Debra Neises	Stephanie Moore
George Dellinger	Adam Owens	Toni O'Connor
*Audrey Hudson	James Preston (JP) Puryear	Donna Patterson
*Alice Mansfield	Tim Wilcox	Lisa Perkins
*Cindy Morin	Debbie Zimmerman	Drew Pinilla
		Larry Rosenberry
		Gina Sutherlin
*Nursing home or	Families Grieving	Easton Tavenner
Assisted Living home		Pat Wince

Please be in prayer for our church, our employees, our community, our state, our nation and one another. In times of peril, God's people have spent time in prayer and fasting to seek divine favor for healing.

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A Path of Persistence

Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."

How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will?

When you grow weary, remember this promise in Galatians 6:9 (NIV). "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."