



GOOD NEWS LETTER

... In the Age of Coronavirus ...



This newsletter is dedicated to “staying connected” by sharing what we have been doing since COVID began.

We have asked everyone to send in photos or just a few lines about what life has been like. Let's encourage each other with these little “snippets” of our lives while we are apart!

To start off — Here's what Sally Field has been up to of late.

“This is what I've been up to. To be fair, the flowers on the black background were about 1/3 done before everything went kerflooy. The background for the embroidered pictures, and the solo picture is a quilt top I pieced, I've not yet had a chance to actually quilt it. That will have to wait til the weather cools off. “





Ann Layman and Susan Hays (second from left) spent their quarantine editing and getting a book published for Botetourt’s 250th celebration. “Chronicles of Botetourt” was written by Ed McCoy. It was sponsored by Botetourt County Historical Society which donated copies to both Botetourt High Schools for their US History classes. Picture taken by Ann on August 10th.



Our neighbors practice social distancing, Covid or no Covid!
 - Chuck & Carole Geiger -



Willis and family at Family Camp

Here is a peek at Pat and Jay Gordon's activities during the pandemic. Looks like LOTS of nature and animals are involved!

Thankfully, fish don't wear masks!



Fine tuning auto lawn mowing



At last, someone to hug



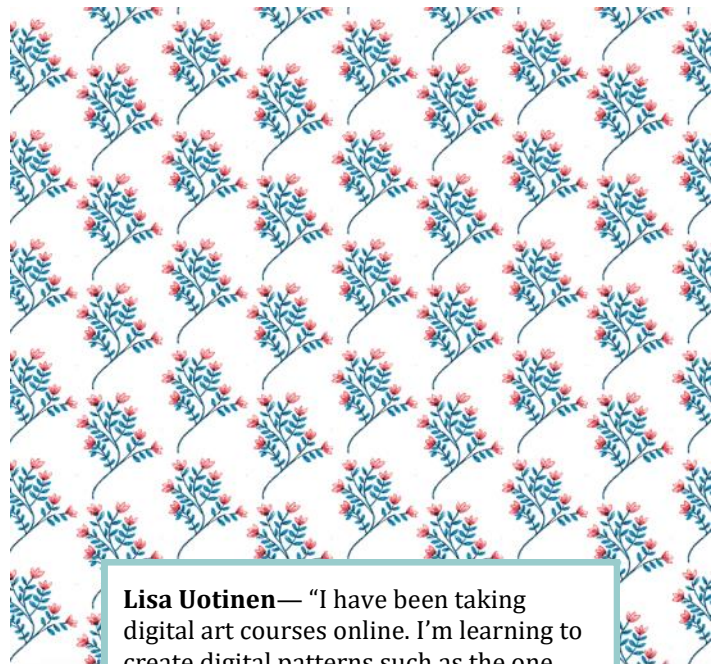
The boys are getting restless!
—by Larry Fischbach at The Glebe



Emmanuel Chapel Altar Chair re-covered and the beautiful cross stitch was done by Pam Garrison.



Along with book editing, Ann Layman is also experimenting with food color water to change the color of Queen Ann's lace for educational purposes



Lisa Uotinen— “I have been taking digital art courses online. I’m learning to create digital patterns such as the one attached. This pattern could be used for wallpaper, maybe?”

The Wilsies have been spending time with their children and grandchildren (and grand dogs) at the Greenbrier River Trail.



Wilsie Grandchildren



Bruce and Schaumann



Peter Howarth has been helping keep St. Mark's buildings and structures up to par as much as possible. Here's the repair to the front porch of the Ministry Center after rotten wood was removed and replaced with brick and concrete (minus paint).



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August & September Birthdays

August

8-6 Chris Moore
8-10 Helen Madine-Gregory
8-11 Griffith Wood
8-12 Nev Logan
8-13 John Layman
8-19 Lisa Uotinen
8-24 Tyler Rokicka
8-26 Jennifer Woodson
8-27 Debby Proffitt

September

9-1 Shirley Sydnor, Jim Johnston
Jessie Saunders
9-4 Gabriel Uribe
9-5 Justin Frechette
9-6 Peter Howarth
9-7 Flash Reynolds
9-11 Bobbie Lou Bowman
9-13 Jesse Wood
9-14 George Logan, Piper Gaul,
Charlie Webb
9-16 Jett Field
9-17 Buck Heartwell
9-20 Julian Plumb
9-23 Dan Collins
9-27 Abigail Swanson
9-29 David MacLeod, Anna Preston

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Thank you!

When God crosses our paths

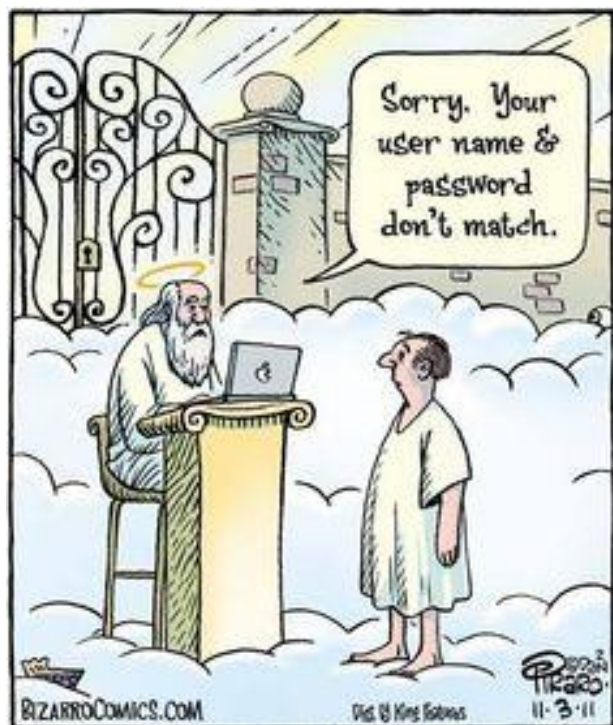
Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).

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**The church office will
be closed Monday,
September 7th for
Labor Day**



Gret and Mahlon definitely have green thumbs.
How pretty!

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WE HAVE THIS

HOPE

AS AN ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL

**FIRM
AND
SECURE.**

HEBREWS 6:19



Online
Worship

Here are the Zoom code numbers/links for our weekly services. This information remains the same week after week.

Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30am Sunday:

<https://zoom.us/j/529751141>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter meeting code 529 751 141

Service of Evening Prayer at 7:30pm Wednesday:

<https://zoom.us/j/515775059>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter meeting code 515 775 059