

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

... from David's Desk

How can any caring Christian be happy who is also aware of the sad “facts” of our broken world: the historical facts of Auschwitz, of ethnic cleansings, of school shootings, of lynchings, of cancer, of Rwandan genocide, not to mention the darkest “fact” of history: the “fact” of the Cross of Jesus Christ? Who can be happy given these sad “facts” of our broken world?

This disturbing question was raised recently in an essay by the Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Currie, the interim Executive Director of the Foundation for Reformed Theology. In response to this disturbing question, Dr. Currie refers to several great teachers in our Christian faith, in particular, he refers to the great Christian Theologian, Karl Barth. Professor Barth writes: *“If you have heard the Easter message, you can no longer run around with a tragic face and lead the humorless existence of a man (or woman) who has no hope. One thing still holds, and only this one thing is really serious, that Jesus is Victor...”*

The Dr. Currie follows with his thoughts: *“Barth is not talking about putting on a happy face that ignores human suffering or the tragic dimensions of life. But he knows that Easter is true, and therefore it would be a great sin to despair, to let evil convince us that Jesus is not Victor. There is a smile that encompasses heartbreak, a Sunday that knows all about Good Friday yet proclaims a gospel that possesses a deep-throated laughter, a laughter that is fuller and richer than the hurts we inflict on ourselves and others.”*

So, you and I have heard the “Good News” of Easter. Of course, we have also heard the “bad news” that our broken world tells us everyday. Never the less, we can be “happy”, not because we are ignorant of the “facts”, but because we know the “final fact” of history: that Jesus is the Victor! God, in Christ, has spoken the final word of grace We know how it will turn out in the end!

The Hitlers, the Ide Amins, and the Osama ben Ladens of the world may think that they will have the final word, but they will not. Jesus is the Victor, and so, you and I and all who believe in and follow Jesus can be happy and at peace in this world, for we wait in hope of the world that is to come.

Peace in Christ,

David



Congratulations to Kaycee Kincaid

Class of 2023 ~ James River High School

Kaycee is the daughter of David and Jennifer Dogan Kincaid. She graduated from James River High School with distinction and is a Four Year Letterman for softball. Kaycee will be attending Ferrum College where she will study Elementary Education and play collegiate softball. Kaycee is the recipient of the Denise Scholarship Award.

Kaycee is the catcher for the JRHS Softball team. The team has had a lot of success this year. The team is Regional Champions and will be playing in the State Tournament starting Tuesday, June 6.



Garland's Favorite Quiche

- 1 package of non frozen hash browns (from dairy case)
- 1/3 cup butter melted.
- 1 cup of chopped ham (I use the John Morrell ham cubes already chopped)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar
- 1/4 chopped red bell pepper , or the color of your choice)
- 1/4 cup of chopped onion
- 4 eggs beaten
- 1 cup milk (I like half cup regular and half cup of half and half)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



Heat oven to 425. Press hash browns into pie plate , and drizzle the melted butter over the potatoes, including the edges. Bake in oven for 25 minutes. After potatoes are out, REDUCE the heat to 350.

While potatoes are in oven, whisk the eggs, then salt, pepper until blended. Once potatoes are out of oven, layer the ham , 1/2 cup cheese, onion and pepper on potatoes. Some people add more spicy things to the layer , peppers for example.

Then pour the egg mixture over top and bake in oven 25-30 minutes till knife comes out clean. Now sprinkle the rest of cheese on top and let sit few minutes to melt . Enjoy...

This is good with a small green salad and sliced fruit or whatever sides you like.

Jane Jones

Calendar for June 2023

Two Opportunities to Celebrate Church Music in June



Special Music in June ~ Worship Committee

June 11 during church ~ Gathering music will begin around 10:20 with local musician, songwriter and guitarist David Austin. David will be collaborating with Lori to provide gospel favorites and vocal harmonies on multiple instruments. *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"*

June 17 at 6:30 pm ~ The Fincastle Mennonite Church choir will present a concert for the community at The Fincastle Presbyterian Church. There will be a Love Offering supporting their endeavor to build a new school. Refreshment/Fellowship time to follow in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Committee

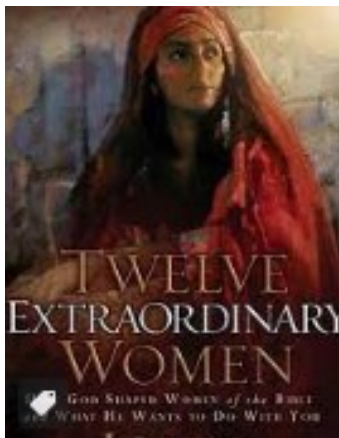
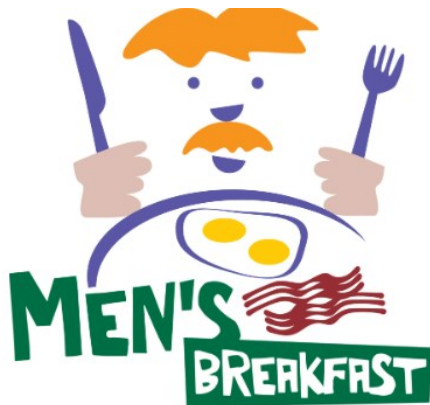
Saturday, June 17

At

North Star Restaurant

FFIF

(Feel free to invite a friend)



Christian Education Committee

Bible Study led by Lyn Burton

Tuesday, June 13 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall



A Note from the Editor (and “preacher’s wife”): David has mentioned to me that he would like to preach a sermon series and would like some ideas that would be of interest to you.

Also, I know after each of his sermon’s I usually have questions or points of discussion to help me understand what he has just said. Does that ever happen to you? If you ever have a question like that, send it to me (psdicke@yahoo.com) and I will get him to answer it and report it in the next newsletter. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE: August 13—Worship and Fellowship at the Creek

More info to follow

Community Corner

What's Happenin' Around the Town of Fincastle

The **Library of Virginia is coming to Botetourt County Libraries!** Join us on **June 10th** for a visit from LVA On the Go to explore research resources, discuss regional and family history with knowledgeable LVA staff, and discover educational materials, children's activities and much more. (at the Fincastle Library)

Schedule of presentations:

- 10:00 AM: Genealogy 101
 - 11:00 AM: *Virginia Untold* - provides digital access to records at the Library of Virginia that document the lived experiences of enslaved and free Black and multiracial people.
 - 11:30 AM: *Virginia Chronicle* - a historical archive of Virginia newspapers, providing free access to full text searching and digitized images of over 3 million newspaper pages.
 - 12:00 PM: Genealogy 101
 - 12:30 PM: *Virginia Untold* - provides digital access to records at the Library of Virginia that document the lived experiences of enslaved and free Black and multiracial people.
- 1:00 PM: *Virginia Chronicle* - a historical archive of Virginia newspapers, providing free access to full text searching and digitized images of over 3 million newspaper pages.



As you travel around Fincastle, notice the pretty flowers that are on display.

Historic Fincastle has put 6 pots of flowers around town: Big Spring, Wysong Building, Chamber of Commerce Building, Early Cabin, Corner of Main and Church Street, and Corner of Main and Water Street.

Big Spring Garden Club and the Town of Fincastle have filled the flower boxes on Main and Roanoke Street.



Visit the new walking trail from The Big Spring Park to Breckinridge Elementary School.