



# HBC Alive

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### Point to Ponder

**If you can trust a puzzle company to make sure every piece is in the box to complete the puzzle, than why can't you trust God that every piece of your life is there for a reason?**



**At "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus" VBS kids discover they are anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.**

Kids participate in Castaway and Sing and Play where they prepare of the day's adventure by singing fun songs and meeting fun Bible memory Buddies! There will be Ship Rec Games and tropical treats at snack time. Kids will learn how real kids are living out their faith in really cool ways and of course there will be Bible Stories and the morning will end with Sail Away.

Shipped Wrecked is for kids from age 3 (must be born before January 1, 2015) through those who just finished the 5th grade.

**Our dates are a little different than last year, so mark your calendar now! VBS will be held from Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 9 am - 12 noon each day.**



Volunteers are being recruited now! We need your help to make this year's VBS fun, memorable and exciting for the children who attend. If you can help even just for a day, please sign up on the Communication Card or talk to Sarah Northen or Eli Withers.

Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to bring their children.



**Registration forms are available in the foyer and also online ... please register ahead of time!**

## From the Pastor's Desk by Mark White

Dear Friends in Christ,

What does it mean to be church in today's world? This question is close to my heart and one in which I have been reflecting on recently. I realize people will have different answers for this question. Some think of church as a building or as an institution. Some think of it in terms of programs. Some think of it as an organized set of practices and beliefs.

These certainly factor in, but Jesus' first vision of church was much simpler. In fact, it is so simple we may miss it. He said in Matthew 18:20 that church is where "two or three are gathered in my name." In other words, it doesn't take many people to be church.

Paul adds to this understanding with a brilliant metaphor for the church. He speaks of it as the "Body of Christ." Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit, because all those parts make up a single body, so it is with Christ." And at the heart of this body is "the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

So the church is a living, breathing organism who embodies the love of Jesus Christ. And love is what makes this body stand out from everything else. We are called by Jesus to share love with others, but Jesus knew this wouldn't be an easy task. That's why he insisted that the disciples go out "two by two" (Mark 6:7).

We can certainly share God's love by ourselves, and yet, we tend to be more effective when we work alongside others. When I think about what it means to be church, I think about being together and working together with other believers. This helps us spread the love and good news of Jesus Christ. That's why it is a blessing to be part of a church community where we find support, encouragement, guidance, and direction.

I share this with you knowing that summer vacations are just around the corner and inevitably, they will pull us away from one another. Just remember that while we may find ourselves apart, we are still the church and we still need each other. We need to be with other believers so we might embody and share the love of Christ with our world.

Grace & Peace,



Deacon Nominations will continue through Sunday, June 10. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to serve on HBC's Leadership Team to lead the church, its members and its ministries. Please fill out the form in the Sunday bulletin and place it in the offering plate or return to the office. Only church members can be nominated and they have to be a member of HBC for at least one year.



COMING SOON

A brand new Sunday School Class will be offered during the summer months beginning June 3! This class will meet in the Young Adult classroom on the second floor at the east end of the church building. Just go through the door on the Liberty Street side of the pulpit area of the church and go up the stairs on the right hand side after you go through the door way. Follow the hallway at the top of the stairs and you will find it on the right.

This class is an opportunity to talk about the basics of the Bible as well as the basics of our Christian faith. It is designed for wide open conversation - a time to ask questions, to share our own stories and to learn from one another. And we'd love for you to join us. If you don't have a Sunday School home or if you just want to try something different for the summer you're invited! This is for all ages and anyone is invited to join us beginning at 9:15 on Sunday, June 3! See you there!





## LT Update by Carl Crocker

### Student Day and Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 3 we will recognize and honor our high school and college graduates. Our youth will be leading us in worship that morning. Make plans to attend worship on June 3 and support our youth! They are our future.



**HBC has been invited to host a table about our Cheese Ministry at the Farm to City event at Explore More Discovery Museum on Saturday, June 30 (note change in date) from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are needed to give out cheese samples and flyers for our Cheese Ministry. Please contact Mark White at [mark@hbcalive.org](mailto:mark@hbcalive.org) or the church office if you are able to volunteer.**

#### A Father's Love

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!  
I John 3:1a



he was strict and taught me much about this life. I never appreciated the

hard work he put into being a father until I became a father myself and started a lifetime of worry over my daughter's well being. It is a commitment that doesn't end for any parent.

The month of June is an exciting time of the year. School is getting out, and summer begins. Vacation Bible School is not only a great deal of fun, but it is an amazing way to reach out to people who have never heard of Jesus. Summer is my favorite time of year - cookouts, fishing, swimming, camping, vacations. Spending time with friends and family, building memories together.

How much more does one Heavenly Father think about us? What a privilege it is to be called a son of the Living God! What a joy to know that we are His children! We are sons and daughters of the High King! Let's give Him praise!

June is when we celebrate Father's Day. My earthly father had a lot of faults, but

Vacation Bible School is a month away! We are so excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our children and our helpers this year! Have you signed up to be apart of Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus?

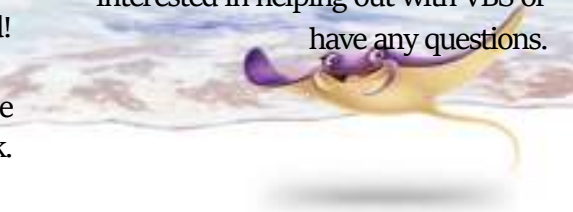
Have you registered your child(ren) to be apart of this wonderful week?

It is a great way to begin the summer! We've had lots of folks from the community who've already signed their children up now let's get all our HBC folks to get their kids registered!

And we do still need a few more folks to help out during the week.

Would you be willing to help us out? It is a great way to show the children how important they are to us and you might even have fun while you're doing it! All those who will be helping out in any way are invited to a meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 10 in Room B-4 - we'll see you there!

Please speak to Sarah Northen, who is usually floating around the nursery on Sunday mornings, if you'd be interested in helping out with VBS or have any questions.





## Plenti-nine Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, June 20

Play and Buffet Lunch  
at Swift Creek Mill Theatre  
Colonial Heights  
"Always a Bridesmaid"  
9:30 am - 7:30 pm  
Cost is \$52

(Dennis & Judy Simmons, facilitators)

### Thursday, June 28

Frontier Culture Museum and Lunch  
at Mrs. Rowe's  
(Marie Graham, facilitator)

### Tuesday, July 10 & Thursday, July 12

Bell Ringing  
for the Salvation Army  
(Jeff Weaver, facilitator)

### Thursday, July 28

Quarterly Meeting  
Picnic at Hillandale Park  
6 pm  
Cost is \$8

### Tuesday, October 2 -

### Wednesday, October 3

Trip to Lancaster, PA  
"Jesus" at Sight & Sound  
Play at Bird in Hand Theatre  
Guided Tour of Amish Country  
(Tony & Marie Graham, facilitators)



## June Ministry Focus - First Impressions

Did you know that we have a First Impression Committee here at HBC? Many people may not know what the First Impression Committee does but you can see its members at work each Sunday. This committee was formed in 2004 to ensure we create a "first impression" for our visitors that is warm, welcoming and informative. The greeters at the doors on Sunday mornings are part of the committee making sure that visitors as well as our members receive a warm welcome upon arriving at HBC. We provide four greeters each Sunday, one at each of the Main Street and Liberty Street doors before Sunday School and before our worship service. We also make sure we have greeters in place for special services such as the Christmas Eve Service. In addition to greeting, the First Impression Committee makes sure that we have a person in place at the Info Desk on Sunday mornings before and after Sunday School to answer questions about the nursery, Sunday School classes, restroom locations, really anything related to the church. We hand out gift bags to first time visitors.

In addition to what we do on Sunday mornings, we keep an eye on areas of the church that may tend to get a little cluttered or in disarray and clean them up/out every so often to keep our church building looking clean, fresh and updated. We make recommendations to the appropriate committees when areas of the church need to be updated to create a positive first impression. Occasionally the committee will recommend a church "work day" to involve as many members of the church as possible to help get the outside grounds and the inside of the building spruced up.

These are some of the main activities of the First impression Committee. Does this sound like something you would like to get involved with? We would love to have you as a part of our committee! If you want to help out, please indicate on the back of the Communication Card on Sunday mornings this month or let the church office know and you will be hearing from us!



FAMILY FUN

**MOVIE  
NIGHT**

**The Children's Ministry and Missions Committee would like to invite you to our Game and Movie Night on Friday, June 1 on the church lawn!** Bring your lawn chairs to sit on and join us for games and popcorn. We will have cornhole, can jam, chalk drawings and a ring toss and if you have a favorite lawn game bring it there's always room for more. Games will begin at 7 pm followed by the movie "Ferdinand" after sunset.

Please invite friends and neighbors. This is a First Friday for Downtown Harrisonburg and we are hoping this event will be an opportunity to reach out to our community and invite them to join us.

## Youth Update by Katelyn Belcher

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our youth group would like to invite everyone to join us for Youth Sunday on June 3. We have been very busy making preparations and planning the service. We are so grateful to our church family for providing us with this incredible opportunity as we showcase our youth group members' many talents. Matthew and Katie Mozingo will lead us in worship songs and Caroline Hayes will once again preach for the service this year. We will also take time to honor and recognize recent college and high school graduates within our church family. Our service last year received so much praise and support from you and we are so truly grateful for your encouragement!

For 2018 it was our goal to fundraise \$1,850.00 to enable our youth group to attend Passport Camp this summer. As of May 2018, we are only a few dollars shy of that goal and we still have our big yard sale and chicken barbecue fundraiser coming up on June 16!



If you are spring cleaning, please consider donating items for our upcoming yard sale. You can reduce clutter in your home and donate to a great cause—a win-win! We will begin collecting items to sell on Sunday, June 10 in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate items before the collection date begins, please let Katelyn Belcher know and she can arrange that for you. We can also pick up larger items if help is needed. Thank you HBC family for your continued support of our youth group!



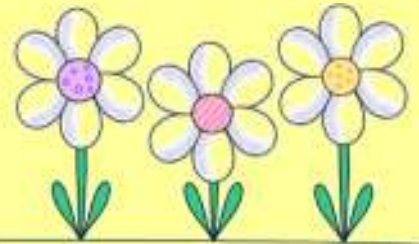
Matthew Mozingo will be graduating from Spotswood High School.

Tuka Capita graduated from South Arkansas Community College with Associates Degree in General Studies.

Brandon Hawley has a Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Chloe Logan graduated in May from James Madison University with a Master of Art.

The Missions Committee would like to thank all of you who donated to the Mercy House Basket. The timing of this endeavor was impeccable and we were able to see God at work as the apartment we sponsor just came available for a new family. We delivered the basket last week and Mercy House was so thankful for the abundant supply of items to help this new family feel more at home in a new environment. Blessings to each of you! You made a difference!



**Our Preschool has openings for the 2018 fall and 2019 spring semesters. It is for children ages 3 & 4. You can choose the 3-day or 5-day program. Both are from 9-11:30 am each day. If you are interested in having additional information, please contact Sharon Wampler at 540-896-2953 or mamawamp@gmail.com.**

## JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Community Worship	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> meets every Monday at 6:30 am at Mr. J's Bagels on East Market.				1  Mark White (MOC)	2 11 am Bag Lunch  3 pm Memorial Service for Mary Ella Gibson
3 Student Day!  5 pm Gazebo Dedication	4	5	6 10 am Ladies Prayer Group at Bridgewater Home  6 pm Youth Bible Study at Belchers	7	8  Eli Withers (MOC)	9  11 am Bag Lunch
10  11:30 am VBS Workers and Helpers Info Meeting (Rm B-4)	11  7 pm LT Meeting (Rm B-4)	12  7:30 pm Finance Meeting (Rm 111)	13  6-8 pm Youth to Clothes Closet	14	15  Youth Camp Out on Church Lawn  Mark White (MOC)	16  Yard Sale
<b>Youth Yard Sale Collection (Fellowship Hall)</b>						
17  2-6 pm Kachin Baptist Church	18	19	20  6 pm Youth Bible Study at Belchers	21	22  Eli Withers (MOC)	23  11 am Bag Lunch
24  5 pm Youth Passport Camp Meeting	25	26	27  6 pm Youth Bible Study at Belchers	28	29  Mark White (MOC)	30 11 am Bag Lunch  9:30 am-1 pm  FARM to CITY explore more with us!
	<b>Vacation Bible School 9 am to 12 noon</b>					

### June Birthdays

1st Dale Wright  
3rd Duane Sam  
Irving Byrd  
5th Donna Downey  
Larry Ecklund  
Sallie Darling  
Sara Kaje Moore  
10th Emily Hartman

14th Alan Miller  
Hunter Hayes  
17th Susan Huffman  
21st Sue Jones  
Michael Renfro  
23rd Faye Bland  
Terrie Childress  
27th Steve Smith

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined.  
~Henry David Thoreau

CLASS  
of  
2018



The church gazebo will be dedicated in memory of Andrea Lynch Lohr on Sunday, June 3 at 5 pm. Please join the Lynch and Lohr families and your church family for a brief dedication ceremony followed by light refreshments. Please sign up on the Communication Card if you plan to attend.



We express Christian sympathy to Linda Lambert upon the death of her husband and to Judy Embrey on death of her brother, Bob Lambert

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Ella Gibson upon her death.



On behalf of my siblings, thank you for the outpouring of sympathy, compassion, and generosity during the loss of our brother, Bob Lambert. For those who helped with the reception, to those who brought meals to our home, to those sending cards, thank you for easing our loss. Don and I are blessed to be part of a loving church.  
~Judy Embrey

**Prayer List**

**Our Church Family:**

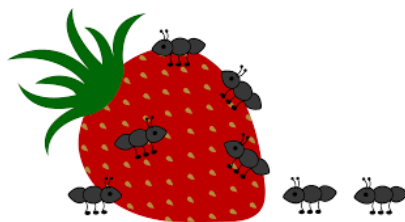
Don & Roberta Brown, Jeanne Christian, Christine Harker, Daniel Sanger, Paul & Glenna Stegall and Bob Tucker

**Our Extended Church Family:**

Margaret Shaw - mother of Courtney Keyes  
 Sarah Reynolds - daughter of Jeanne Christian  
 Emma Holsinger - granddaughter of Mel & Wayne Hannah  
 Sister of Robby Burke  
 Neil Varner - brother-in-law of Rob Lovell  
 Wallis Family - student of Julie Aittama  
 Paulette Nance - friend of Ralph & Sallie Darling



**Nursing Homes:** Betty Acker & Libby Keihn at Bridgewater Nursing Home; Leary Baker at VMRC Crestwood Assisted Living and Hank Bowers and Elma Cobb at VMRC Burkholder.



**Save the Date!**  
**Church Picnic**  
**Sunday, August 19**  
**4 pm**  
**Purcell Park**



Address Changes

Jane Messinger  
 127 Mill Stone Street  
 Bridgewater, VA 22812

Mac & Lola McBride  
 P. O. Box 1321  
 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

**Weekly Attendance**

Date	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
Worship	141	131	161	134
Sunday School	92	92	87	86

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Dr. Gary Ritcher, Choir Director  
Ebony Cleveland, Praise Band Leader  
Katelyn Belcher, Youth Director  
Rosemary Lonberger, Organist  
Dr. Tonya Menard, Pianist  
Susan Kiser, Financial Secretary  
Amy Cyzick, Ministry Assistant

July Newsletter Deadline: June 20, 2018

Please submit articles to Amy Cyzick at  
[amy@hbcalive.org](mailto:amy@hbcalive.org)

Our mission is to go and make  
passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

## GREETERS, INFO DESK WORKERS & DEACON OF THE WEEK

### June 3

Greeters: Jane Messinger & Shirley Cobb  
Info Desk: Karen Folsom  
Deacon of the Week: TBA

### June 10

Greeters: Patti Good and James & Pramila Robinson  
Info Desk & Deacon of the Week: Deb Douglas

### June 17

Greeters: Pat Dickens & Mary Laughland  
Info Desk & Deacon of the Week: Sherry Miller

### June 24

Greeters: Nancy Shomo & Karen Folsom  
Info Desk & Deacon of the Week: Jeff Obenschain

