

The View

News of the ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church June 2018

“We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others”

Helen Keller

Greetings from your Council President,

Spring is such a wonderful time of year. It is without a doubt my most anticipated of the four seasons. How can anyone not feel blessed by the songs of birds, the beautiful flowers, and long warm sunny days. The list could go on endlessly, or could it? Think for a minute, what if this was all taken away from us? Our quote this month comes from Helen Keller who at the age of 19 months lost her sight and hearing to an unknown illness. As we all know, the story continues through what some described as an angry, unruly childhood. Try to imagine, at that age, when children are so influenced by every sight and sound they encounter and then, it's gone.

I believe Ms. Keller is one of the most influential educators in history. Among the many lessons we can learn, one of the most powerful is overcoming adversity, or is it? It all started at the age of seven, at an old water pump in the yard when water ran across her hand and Anne Sullivan, her teacher, finally connected with her. From that moment on is history. Helen stopped being angry about what she lacked and spent the rest of her life learning, appreciating and sharing the gifts that she had. This was an amazing transformation. Now, how about that overcoming adversity comment!

When I look at Helen's life I wonder, is overcoming adversity the great lesson or, was it her passion to be a leader of encouragement to everyone she encountered. She had so many reasons to be discouraged from the obvious, to being accused of plagiarism, to the life challenges of an era when ADA wasn't even a thought. Regardless, she stood as the ambassador of encouragement throughout her life. This is unheard of right? Who else could we think about that throughout their life dedicated themselves to spreading a positive, encouraging sense no matter what challenges they faced? How about Mother Teresa, Anne Frank, Mahatma Gandhi, Pope Francis, Walt Disney, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther, oh, and don't forget, Christ. I thought about this and realized what the difference is between them and myself. They, like Helen, made a choice not to be influenced by situations or let people discourage them.

They decided there is already enough negativity in the world. So, these and other individuals dedicated their public and personal lives to uplifting and encouraging others. So then I thought, this is what I would like for people to think after interacting with me. And even more so this kind of sounds like what people should think about me as a Christian. So, I did some reading and sure enough Matthew 15:11 said it perfectly, “It's not what goes into a mouth that defiles a

LOOKING AHEAD

All fathers are invited to two events to celebrate their day. The Pleasant View women will serve a Father's Day breakfast on Saturday, June 9, at 8:00 a.m. and the ladies of Salem will honor fathers on Sunday, June 10, with dinner at Salem. Fellowship begins at 5 with dinner at 6. **There are sign up sheets for both events on the bulletin board.**

There will be a brief **congregational meeting** immediately following worship on June 10 to discuss using funds left over from the HVAC project to replace the outer doors.

Don't forget **VBS** to be held at Salem June 11-15 with the theme of ReNew. Each evening begins with supper for all at 5:30 and ends at 8. There are classes for all children age 3 through 5th grade. There are preregistration forms in the rear hall.

We will begin our **summer vespers** on Wednesday, June 20. We begin at 6:00 with covered dishes of salads and sandwiches and follow with a brief worship service and dessert. The theme this year will be **How Can I Keep From Singing?** and programs will be musical. Other dates will be July 18 and August 15. Plan to come and bring a friend.

WELCA NEWS: Service project for this year will be Minnick School, and we will be collecting kitchen supplies (paper plates and cups, napkins, and plastic utensils) during July. The **Fun Outing** will be July 10 at Crossroads, the Brethren Heritage Center. Cost is \$10 per person, and those going will pack a lunch and drink to enjoy on the grounds after. We will carpool from the church. The **VSWO Summer Event** will be Saturday, July 21 at 11. We will meet for a tour of Trinity Episcopal Church led by Lilchy Huffman and then go to Rowes for lunch. The buffet lunch will be \$20.31, inclusive of tax and tip. Those wanting to go to lunch need to notify Lucy Dennison (h-248-3702 or c-569-0813) and then send a check to her at 282 Seawright Springs Road, Mt. Sidney, 24467. Deadline is June 30.

Pleasant Memories met at the church on May 15. Michael Thompson had the devotions and Rebecca Perrin had the Table Blessing. Gary Flavin and Jim Sheets entertained the group with the "Sometimes Odd Couple." A planning group met after the meeting and decided not to meet during the summer but to encourage everyone to attend the vespers services the 3rd Wednesdays of June, July, and August.

A planning group consisted of Bill and Janet Braithwaite, Jimmy and Carolyn Cox, Kenneth and Joe Price, Jim Sheets, Rosemary Spell, and Michael Thompson plans to meet on July 15th after church to plan for the September and other fall programs. Other people who are interested in Pleasant Memories are invited to join the planning group. The tentative plan for September is to accept the invitation of the Perrins to meet at their home and to see their antique car collection.

Our **choir** will not rehearse on Wednesdays during the summer, but they will meet each Sunday morning at 10:45. If you would like to sing with us, just come to the choir room at that time. There's no commitment, and YOU are welcome.

WELCA

Minutes – May 8, 2018

The Pleasant View WELCA hosted the Southern Valley Bible Study at church. Chaplin Carl Trost presented a bible study on “Elderly in Scripture”. The study centered on old age, promises fulfilled, elderly wisdom, mark of God’s favor and blessing and widows. After the study, Ms. Fonda Sundeen, Director of Sales and Marketing at the Legacy talked about the Legacy which is a senior living center for ages 55 and older. It is part of the National Lutheran Community, which has been in existence for 120 years. There were 25 in attendance.

Betty Diehl, Chairman of the Southern Valley Women’s Organization, made the following announcements:

VSWO Summer event: Is Saturday, July 21 at 11 a.m. We will tour the Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton, Va. Lilchy Huffman will be our tour guide. After the tour, we will go to Rowes Restaurant for a buffet. The cost of the buffet is \$20.31, this includes tax and tip. Those who wish to eat at Rowes after the tour should notify Lucy Dennison at home (540-248-3702) or her cell (540-569-0813) by giving her your name and mail her a check for your lunch made out to Lucy Dennison at [282 Seawright Springs Rd.,Mt. Sidney, Va. 24467](https://www.google.com/maps/place/282+Seawright+Springs+Rd.,+Mt.+Sidney,+Va.+24467) by June 30.

VSWO Yearly Convention: is August 3 and 4 at Bethel Lutheran in Winchester. The previous mentioned service project of Puff Painted Socks, is no longer a project t this year. However, the Walker Caddies are still this year’s project. Churches participating in the project should bring (only one) caddie to the Convention. The rest should be given to a facility in the church’s community.

VSWO Fall Gathering: Is Sunday, October 21 at St.Jacob-Spaders Church at 2:00 p.m. Program is “Women in Justice”.

After the Bible Study, we had our May monthly meeting: **Minutes of the April Meeting:** were approved as posted in the Newsletter.

Offering: Sue Cook reported we have \$179.99 in our treasure. Offering today was \$27.00

Pleasant View Service Project for 2018. Will be Minnick School . We will collect kitchen supplies (i.e., paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils etc.) during the month of July and take them to Minnick in August.

Heavenly Hands: Linda Page reported that baby layettes were delivered to Alex (Price) Hall and Katie (Shiflett) Bates. Linda read a thank you note from Alex.

Fun Outing: On July 10, we plan on visiting the Crossroads in Harrisonburg, The Brethren Heritage Memorial Center. We have learned that the cost to tour the Center, is \$10 person. Due to that cost, our luncheon plans have changed. We will each take a packed lunch/drink and eat lunch on the grounds. We will meet at church and carpool to Harrisonburg.

Future Meetings: Rosemary Spell will have a program in August. September Judy Shuey will have the program and October we will attend the Fall Gathering. November is our Thank Offering. Joe Price encouraged each of us to keep a jar or bowl in our home and “daily” put money in it for something we have been thankful for that day. December we visit our shut-ins.

Next WELCA Meeting will be serving the Father’s Day Breakfast here at PV. At 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 9. Men planning to attend, please sign the list in the back hallway so we know how many to plan for. WELCA members bring your Love Offering that day.

Personals

Both Joy Campbell and Lou Cary spent some time at the hospital since our last VIEW.

New addresses: Dick Zullig, Catawba Hospital, 5525 Catawba Drive, Catawba, VA 24070
540-375-4200 Mail will reach him with no room number.

Linda Zullig, 104 Patton Farm Road, Apt. 259, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

540-221-4622 Linda misses her church family and invites members to visit her at her new home. She would also enjoy coming to worship with us, and you are asked to help in this ministry (our own UBER!) See Jim Sheets if you can help and he will set up a transportation schedule.

Congratulations to our new graduates:

Stephanie Jetton, graduating from Liberty University. Stephanie is wife of David, mother to Sibbie and Watts, and daughter of Karen and Rick Fauber.

Billy Coffin, graduating from VA Tech. He is the son of Bill and Rebecca Coffin.

Cody Coleman, graduating from Ft. Defiance HS. He is the son of C. A. Coleman.

Jordan Toman, graduating from Wilson HS. He is the son of Shawn and Kimberley Toman.



June Birthdays

John Cox	6-1
Ben Hastert	6-1
Jill Richter	6-2
Fred Bowers	6-3
Wanda Bowers	6-4
Mark Wheeler	6-4
Leslie Adkins	6-6
David Simmons	6-8
Zach Hastert	6-13
Mary Sue Hise	6-17
Chapman Toman	6-17
Bill Luders	6-18
Charlotte Ashman	6-19
John Arehart	6-19
Aaron Garber	6-20
Howard Ratcliffe	6-20
Kegan Knott	6-21
J. W. Cox	6-22
Alice Fauber	6-23
Aaron Adkins	6-24
Rebecca Coffin	6-26
Katelyn Miller	6-27

June Anniversaries



Fred & Vrla Leach	6-4-1966
Forester & Susan Wright	6-4-1988
Bill & Mary Tueting	6-7-1969
Shawn & Kimberley Toman	6-8-1996
Bill & Pat Luders	6-9-1989
Jason & Katie Garrison	6-12-2009
Kenneth & Alma Landes	6-13-1953
David & Von Simmons	6-25-1970

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Happening at Pleasant View in June

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Worship and Music Committee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	4 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	5	6 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	7 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 6:30 Council	8	9 8:00 Father's Day Breakfast
10 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 5:00 Father's Day Dinner at Salem	11 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS	12 5:30 VBS	13 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS	14 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS	15 5:30 VBS	16
17 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	18 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 12:00 Trinity Lunch	19	20 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 6:00 Vespers	21 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	22	23
24 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	25 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	26	27 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	28 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	29	30