

# AUGUST 2023 WORSHIP GUIDE

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*This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of July 2023.*

*Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel.*

*Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family. - Pastor Jonathan*

## Cherryvale's New Red Carpet and Freshly Painted Walls



Friends and Family of Cherryvale United Methodist Church:

All buildings need upkeep and maintenance, "things" rust and decay and do not last forever. Our church building is no different. As we continue to beautify our worship space to the glory of God, there are a couple of opportunities before us; to update and maintain our church, adding to our worship of God:

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# August Worship

## Worship Aug 6

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

### Call To Worship

All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread. Taste and see that God is good! Here in truth, we will be fed! All who hunger, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming, from loneliness and longing. Taste and see that God is good! Here in joy, we keep the feast! All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good! Here in peace, we have been led!

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we need you. From our internal struggles to the suffering we encounter in our world, we confess that we need you because, without you, we would be forever stuck in cycles of conflict and harm. We wrestle against one another, fighting for who is right and who is wrong, all the while neglecting the ways we harm by refusing to work together for the good of our neighbors. We deflect responsibility for caring for the vulnerable to others instead of embracing our call to respond out of the abundance You have given us. We hunger for you, and yet we seek fulfillment in all the wrong places. We feed our fear of scarcity instead of our trust in your abundance. We fuel our apathy instead of pouring ourselves out in service. We nourish our prejudices instead of meeting you in friendship with those we once called strangers. God, we need you. Forgive us.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. The gifts that we bring today are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world. Yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, the hungry may receive all they need, and can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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## Worship Aug 13

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

### Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, and make known the Lord's deeds among the world. We sing to the Lord. We sing praises to Him, and tell of all His wonderful works. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. We seek the LORD and His strength. We seek His presence continually. People of God, remember the wonderful works God has done, His miracles, and the judgments He spoke. Remember and rejoice in the one sent to redeem us from our sin. We praise God as we call Him our Lord and Savior and as we place our trust in His name.

### Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for the times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. Help us to always trust in you, the one who is, who was, and who forever shall be.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you that your grace provides us with secure shelter even amid our times of doubt and despair. Our lives periodically seem adrift from the refuge of your unwavering love. Lift us from the depths of selfishness and greed. Restore our hope and help us to find contentment in you so that we may offer these tithes and offerings as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray. Amen.

# August Worship

## Worship Aug 20

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

### Call To Worship

Seeking God's way, unsure of what lies ahead; Let the wisdom of God's word help us learn to love. Confronted by difficulty, stretched by possibility; Let the strength of God's faith help us grow in love. Challenged by setbacks, distressed, or confused; Let the promise of God's grace help us persist in love. Let us worship the God whose love is all victorious.

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have failed to be obedient to your Word, we have not done your will, and we have broken your law. We have not fully committed ourselves to you. We say we know you, but our hearts, and our actions, show we only know about you. We follow the tradition of the world rather than your life-giving way of life. Our hearts easily fall into evil when given the choice. Our sin is ever before us. Forgive us and draw us closer to you so that we can know you more deeply, and love you more dearly.

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## Worship Aug 27

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ex 1:8-2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

### Call To Worship

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?" You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God! Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?" You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer! Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?" You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer! Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?" You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! We gather together, built on the rock of faith, bringing to You our thanks and praise!

### Prayer of Confession

God of the lost, we look for you in all the wrong places, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. God of new life, in forgiving us, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. So, we do ask for your forgiveness, that you may build each of us into Your Church.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving and generous God: As we offer our gifts this day, we confess that when confronted with Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" our answer is ambivalent at best. Even when we get the words right, we know our lives give a different answer. We turn away from the suffering and oppression of your children. We accumulate wealth and prestige and ignore the poor and powerless. You give and hold nothing back, and we give from our excess and resent being asked to do more. Help us to respond with the answer that comes from the center of our being and that is demonstrated in our living. In Christ, we pray. Amen

## Psalm 84 - Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **43 bold** words or phrases from Psalm 84

How **lovely** is your **dwelling** place, O Lord of hosts!  
My **soul** longs, indeed it **faints**, for the **courts** of the  
Lord; my **heart** and my **flesh** sing for joy to the living  
God. Even the **sparrow** finds a **home** and the  
**swallow** a nest for **herself**, where she may lay her  
**young**, at **your altars**, O Lord of hosts, **my King** and  
**my God**. Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever **singing** your **praise**. **Happy** are those whose  
**strength** is in you, in whose heart are the **highways**  
to **Zion**. As they go through the **valley of Baca**, they  
make it a **place of springs**; the **early rain** also covers  
it with **pools**. They go from strength to strength; the  
**God of gods** will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of  
hosts, hear my **prayer**; give ear, **O God of Jacob!**  
**Behold** our **shield**, O God; look on the face of your  
**anointed**. For a **day in your courts** is better than a  
**thousand** elsewhere. I would rather be a **doorkeeper**  
in the house of my God than live in the tents of  
**wickedness**. For the Lord God is a **sun and shield**; he  
**bestows** favor and **honor**. No good thing does  
the Lord **withhold** from those who **walk uprightly**.  
**O Lord of hosts**, happy is **everyone**  
who **trusts in you**.

# Cherryvale Youth Fundraiser

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# INDOOR YARD SALE

AUGUST 19TH - 8AM TO NOON

SHOPPING  
DAY



**DONATED SALE ITEMS  
WELCOMED**

KITCHENWARES, HOUSEWARES, SMALL  
APPLIANCES, BOOKS, CLOTHING &  
ACCESSORIES, TOYS  
GAMES, COLLECTIBLES, GLASSWARE,  
CRAFTS, ELECTRONICS, HOME  
FURNISHINGS & MORE!



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50 Plus Singles Ministry

SEPTEMBER 24 @ 1 PM

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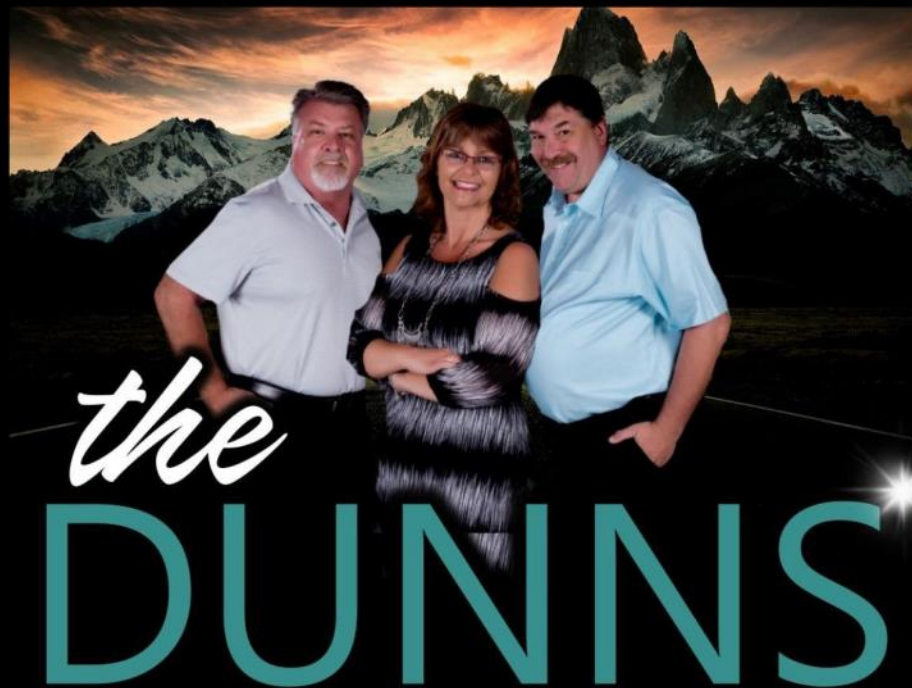
# BLOCK PARTY

SEPTEMBER 15TH @ 5 P.M.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 4 pm

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**DUNNS**

Join us for an afternoon  
of worship  
709 Cherry Hill Dr, Staunton VA

In Concert at Cherryvale Church



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The sanctuary has been painted. The carpet has been installed and paid for. The next item on our to do list, will be to update the pew cushions. The current cushions have foam which has severely degraded into a sand-like substance, and the fabric has become quite worn. Along with this, one pew on each side of the aisle will be shortened to allow for a wheelchair or other accessibility concerns. The cost of shortening the 2 pews is still being estimated with different companies; the cost of new pew cushions was initially quoted at \$7700-\$9500, and we are searching for lower costs still. If you would like to help with the cost, you may give towards the "building fund!"

And then, on a different note (pun intended), we have been given an exciting proposal to update the organ. Now many don't realize this, but the organ is a hybrid pipe/electronic organ. The technology used to generate the sound is now obsolete, and there is no way to fix the current problems of the degrading system which will eventually fail all together. There have been estimates of \$30,000 plus to replace the system plus another \$10,000 to update the speakers which are rotting and a couple are blown.

So, here's the exciting bit, our organ curator, Dan Smith, has given a proposal that will solve all the problems: if we allow potential organ purchasing clients to view and hear our system, Dan will update the sound generator to brand new technology, update all the speakers, install, shipping costs etc. all for \$9,500. Which given the other options, is quite a steal! So, if you are blessed by the music ministry of Cherryvale Church, consider offering some financial help towards this project. Mark your donation "music ministry" when you give to our church!

"Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments." Exodus 31:2

Jonathan S. Greer