



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Serving the Community Since 1813

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From the Pastor's Study...

First of all, thank you to Mindy Ward and Beth Larsen for agreeing to take over the newsletter. They have taken on a large task, and I want to express my personal thanks to them for stepping up and using their talents to bring news of the church to you every month now.

And a great big thank you to Alana Frazier, and her assistant, Wayne, for their dedication to publishing the newsletter pretty much ever since I came to Elk Creek seven years ago. Our appreciation for all that you both have contributed. I hope each of you reading this will let them know how much you appreciate their taking on these jobs.

Max, our dog, is so demanding; he wants walks every day. I humor him as much as I can. He's a little terrier mix, with some chihuahua and dachshund ancestry. At eleven years old, everybody that sees him remarks how lively he still is. He likes his naps, and can be content to lay next to, or on, one of us; but, when I see those sad, pleading eyes and wagging tail, I know he's telling me it's time to get the leash.

Recently, I took a walk with Max and my Father who, although he is showing the wear-and-tear of his nearly 84 years, is always up for a walk with the dog even after a couple of tumbles earlier this year trying to walk a neighbor's dog for her.

As I set out with both of them, I noticed how much things around me had changed. Just the day before I was wondering when the leaves would really begin to fall. Now they were red, yellow, brown, even a few that still looked a little green, were everywhere. Then the phone rang.

It was Mindy reminding me that I had a deadline coming. As we talked, I thought about those trees standing there, perhaps shedding some leaves and looking more exposed than they have for many months. But even though they were losing their leaves, repeating a process that has gone on since the beginning of time, they still stand there tall as ever, waiting for better days to come.

So does Max. So does Dad. So should we all. No matter what happens in the coming days, in the coming years, no matter an illness, or inflation, or unexpected or bad news from overseas or from your family, we all can appreciate a God who still will equip us to endure what life brings our way, who will bring better days, and has done so since the beginning of time.

I have to stop now—Max is walking briskly towards me, with those eyes....

Mickey

Dearest Church Family,

It is hard to believe I have been on this journey with leukemia since April! The love and support you have shown for Phillip and I only reflects Christ in you! From the blood drive, cards, calls, texts of encouragement, meals, prayers, to this recent basket you sent filled with such thoughtful gifts! I am enjoying everything! Thank you, dear brothers and sisters.

*Love to each of you.
Linda Mason*



Check this out-

Did you know our church cemetery has a video on YouTube thanks to a person who publishes under the name **Cemetery Ridge Films**? There are several complimentary comments following the video . Here is the link and accompanying text.

[\(1571\) Elk Creek Baptist Church Cemetery - Mineral, VA - YouTube](#)

51 views Feb 26, 2021

Elk Creek Baptist Church Cemetery is located on Kentucky Springs Road in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia, and is the final resting place of over 100. Visited and filmed September 5, 2020. I film cemeteries, graveyards, church yards, nature, and other places I find interesting. Cemeteries are beautiful, peaceful places to reflect and I want to help preserve the way they looked at a certain time. I contribute regularly to Find A Grave and I've been thanked numerous times by relatives and researchers for documenting places they may not be able to visit. I mean no disrespect and sometimes spend time tidying up places that don't necessarily receive it on a regular basis.

Stewardship Opportunities

At the last business meeting, there was a request to send out the Stewardship Service areas that were drafted with the church bylaws while we continue to work through some of the other bylaw changes that are still pending.

In order to improve the organization and communication around each of these areas of stewardship, we would like to first understand which areas people are interested in serving.

We will be gathering responses through December 1st. An email will be coming out soon with the stewardship areas and whether or not the areas require church membership. We ask that you reply to that email or let one of the deacons know how you would like to be involved. There will also be a listing posted in the fellowship hall.

Please also let us know the level of participation that you are interested in:

- o Would like to serve as the lead in a particular area
- o Don't want to be the lead but would like to part of the regular and ongoing planning and coordination
- o Would simply like to be made aware of activities and events as they develop so that you can volunteer to assist from time to time.

We don't want to assume that you are interested in a particular area simply because you have been involved in the past, so please speak up. Some folks may want a break from a particular area or an opportunity to engage more in a new area. Our journeys are all different and our areas of interest may evolve as our relationship with the Lord and with the church continues to grow.

It is exciting to see the growth in our church and the willingness of so many to serve the church and the community, so that we can better share God's light, His love, and His greatest gift with others.

-Submitted by Donna Duerson, Clerk

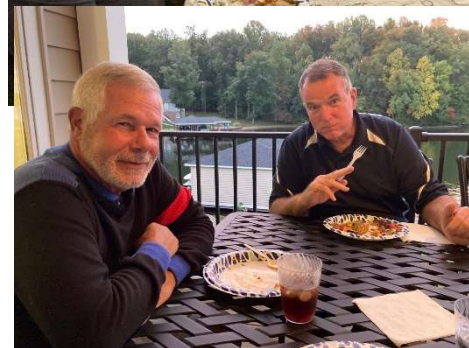


Goings and Comings

The church building and outdoor sanctuary received some much-needed attention recently. The carpet was shampooed and the outside of the church treated to eliminate the spiders that were homesteading. The benches at the waterfront were pressure-washed and plans are in place to build new benches to replace (Thank you, Wayne Frazier and Ed Bryk)

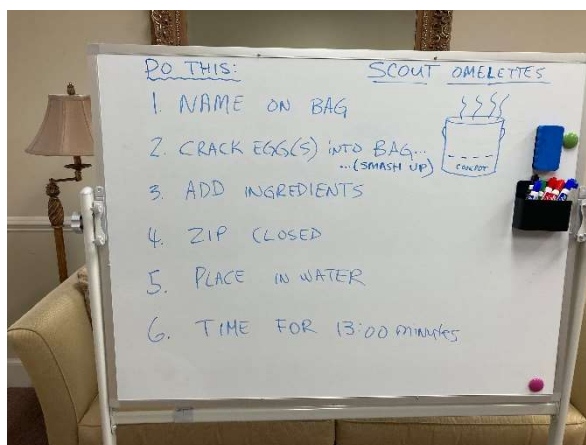
The **Quarterly Business Meeting** was held October 9th. If you did not attend, the minutes from the meeting should be forthcoming.





The **Women's Fellowship** gathered on October 13th at the home of Kristin and Doug Barmoy for dinner. Spouses or a guest were included. Good food and a beautiful sunset were enjoyed by all.

The **Men's Breakfast** was held on Thursday, October 27th. For those still curious how to make a Scout Omelette, read on....





Christmas is coming...

Advent begins November 27th. Mark your calendar and join us to decorate the church and sing Christmas carols at 6:30 pm. If you like to bake Christmas cookies, think about bringing your favorite to share.

Inundated with requests for charitable donations? Not certain who to trust with your money? Mike and Linda Bridges discovered a website that can aid you in feeling you are donating to a reputable charity. Check out CharityNav.org

And if ordering gifts from Amazon, don't let their charitable giving go to waste. Order through AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and a portion of your total will be donated to the church. For help registering your account, contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315.



Volunteer Opportunities

- **Food providers for Sunday morning fellowship** after the 8:30 service. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or call Coral Losinski, 571-366-9500, or Bunnie Wyckoff, 202-286-8954, for more information.
- **Wednesday Book Study Snack and Study Leader(s)** to facilitate discussion of current book on specific Wednesdays. Contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com, for more details.



Outreach Opportunities

- **A planning meeting for Christmas Joy** (our Christmas outreach for shut ins) will be held on Tuesday, 15 Nov at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Bunnie Wyckoff 202-286-8954 or Alana Frazier 703-282-2393 for more information.
- **Road cleanups are underway** sponsored by Lake Anna Beautification Friends. Call Jody Korman, 804-502-1128, or Carol DeZorzi, 703-582-5446, to lend a hand.
- **The ECBC Woodchucks have come out of summer hibernation** and are active once again collecting, splitting, stacking and distributing wood to people who may have to decide between staying warm and putting food on their tables this winter. A small area on the east side of the church property that is accessible via the old Mine Road driveway has been cleared for storage out of sight and easier access. It seems that God has provided us with all the tools we



need for now. Thank you to Ed Bryk who has generously offered the use of a much-needed dump trailer! Additionally, Butch Weaver graciously lends his tractor to help us move heavy objects and brush as needed. With plenty of chain saws and other tools for the work, and with the splitter contributed to the ministry by the church, we are able to get the wood ready for use without the heavy work of manually splitting. So far, we are blessed with an overabundance of wood sources. Currently, we are networking with other organizations to get wood to those most in need this winter. If you have any questions about the ministry or would like to get involved, contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743.

- **Young Life of Louisa can always use your help.** Contact Susan and Dane Swenson, 703-863-9972, susanswenson466@gmail.com.

Mission Opportunities through Baptist Goshen Association (BGAV)

- **Disaster Response Baby Boxes** – Part of the BGAV's new disaster response program for supply distribution, Goshen is collecting supplies to fill 240 baby boxes so families can have the essentials to care for their baby during a crisis. This is a brand new idea and Goshen is the first to put together these needed supplies. Plans are to pack boxes in the spring (depending on donations) to be prepared for hurricane season 2023. The boxes (will be provided) are to contain: a tube of Desitin (4 -ounce), 1 pacifier (in packaging), 1 bottle (8-ounce in packaging), 1 blanket, 1 sm. box of disposable diaper sacks or 4 gal trash bags, 3 packs of unscented wipes (50-100 count each), 2 packs of name brand diapers (25-35 depending on size). For any questions, contact the Goshen Ministry Center and Tammy will return your call. 540-894-8440.
- **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes** – Shoe boxes are available from the church. Samples of filled boxes are set up in the back of the sanctuary. Boxes are due at the church by 14 November. For more information, contact Mary Virginia Polonsky, 571-217-8411.
- **Hope for Appalachia** (<http://hfavateam.com>) - make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall. Needs: Hats & Mittens (due by October 1st yearly). Also, fleece blankets (new-if making, should be two 1 1/2 yard pieces tied), clean current style prom dresses (new or used), and Hope Boxes (all due by Feb. 1st each year). See website for more info on any of the above ministries or how you could be a mission team.
- **Mission Stitchers** - All are invited on Sat, November 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns. Needs: Flannel by the yard (new), flannel bed sheets and pillowcases (new or gently used), 100% cotton quilt batting or 80% cotton/20% polyester quilt batting, cotton pillowcases (new or used-no stains, no microfiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new), modern white wedding dresses (gently used). For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540-661-6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.
- **Old prescription eye glasses and men's neckties** being collected for a missionary in Guatemala.*
- **Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders.** Note: Bottles should be rinsed and labels removed.*

Note: Donations may be left in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Each year we support the Alma Hunt Mission Offering, but who was Alma Hunt?

Alma Hunt (October 5, 1909 – June 14, 2008) was executive secretary of the [Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union](#) (WMU) from 1948 to 1974. She was born in [Roanoke, Virginia](#) and was an ordained minister of the Rosalind Hills Baptist Church where she vocally opposed the Southern Baptist Convention's prohibition of women in the role of church pastors or military and prison chaplains.

One of Hunt's first initiatives after being chosen to head the WMU was to support the formation of the women's department of the [Baptist World Alliance](#), and also the BWA's interdenominational [North American Baptist Women's Union](#). Among other things, from 1976 to 1985, Hunt served as consultant on women's mission work for the Baptist [Foreign Mission Board](#) which named her an honorary emeritus missionary in 1987. In 1998, the WMU of Virginia and the Baptist General Association of Virginia named the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions in her honor. ([Alma Hunt \(Baptist leader\) - Wikipedia](#))



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Weekday Book Study 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall, 6:45-8:00 pm.

November Calendar

- 4th Lake Anna Beautification Friends Road Clean Up, 10:00 am to noon, meet at the church
- 6th Bible Study, Session 1 at 12:30 pm *A Long-Ago Birth In A Right-Now World* by Michael B. Brown
- 9th Book Study. 6:45 – 8:00 pm. Final session of *Hope for the Hurting* by Tony Evans
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 12th Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes Due
- 15th Planning Meeting for Christmas Joy, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- 20th Deadline for articles for the newsletter
- 22nd Community Thanksgiving Service
- 23rd NO Book Study tonite.
- 24th Happy Thanksgiving
- 27th Advent begins. Decorating the Church and Carol Sing at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Donations of Christmas cookies welcome.



December Calendar

- TBD Gift and Food donations for Christmas Families
- TBD Louisa Health Care Center Caroling and Tree Decorating
- 8th Book Study. 6:45 – 8:00 pm. Book to be determined.
- 18th Combined Christmas Service 11:00 am
- 20th Deadline for articles for the newsletter
- 21st Book Study. 6:45 – 8:00 pm. Book to be determined.
- 24th Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm
- 25th Christmas Day



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSERIES

November

Lisa Bane	3
Jody Korman	5
Joan Webb	5
Beth Larsen	7
Rusty Brown	9
Randy & Cindy Bock	10
Erin Robertson Weakley	11
Scott Hale	13
Tom Pitcher	15
Alvin Brewer	19
Jay Canova	19
Anna Jones	22
Woody Jenkins	25
Linda Mason	28
Cecilia Hoffman	23
Grayson Hoffman	23
Cecilia & Peter Hoffman	28
Sissie & Keith Sharp	28

December

Mary Faccone	4
Sandra & Tony Wilson	4
Michael DiFranco	10
Katie Dick	10
Butch Weaver	11
Ronda Reeves-Long & Bill Long	11
Seleste Brannon	14
Jean Brannon	18
Jean & Dan Brannon	18
Phillip Mason	18
Catherine Brown	19
Phillip Brown	19
Kim Brown	21
Grace Grecco	22
Missy Liebold	29
Wayne & Joan Webb	30
Bobby Jones	30



Families in crisis, The people of Ukraine, Mickey Robertson, Marie Snyder, Martin Koenig, Hugh Iwanicki, Don Iwanicki, Ronnie Robertson, Paul Woody, Maureen O'Hara, Hudson Anderson, Glen Mattott, Andrew Croce, Donna Duerson, John Pixley, Chuck Craddock, Phoebe Koenig, Ray Hart, Ludlow

Gaines, Kay Arnold, Doug & Ellen Hewitt, Daniel Roberson, Hilda Jarvis, Judy Anderson, Matt Smith, Keith Jones & family, Rick Clore, Joyce Myers, Krista Seltzer, Cheyenne Bungay, Linda & Phil Mason, Robert Rodecap, Laurie Gunther, John Pescatori, John Fuggett, Rosalyn Cooke, Christiana Lewis, Greg Laurent, Cindy Morrell, Diane (Veronica Schnippel), Carl Peterson, David & Carol Dommissie, Brenda Proffitt, Debby Burt, Jacob Reeves, Della Wynn, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Mark Robertson, Ruth Cramer, Mike Fleck, Tim McIlhaney, Butch Weaver, Erin Robertson Weekley, Bobby Phatt, Mya Thompson, Lyla Christie, Dennis McFarlane, Doug McFarlane, Bruce Hunter, Alfred Sletton, Catherine Proffitt, Opal Holshauser.

POTLUCK!! How many times have you been asked to share a recipe for a dish you brought to a potluck dinner? This month we are spotlighting Pastor Mickey's infamous baked beans.

Fay's Baked Beans

Ingredients:

5-6 cans of beans in combination to suit your preference, drained and rinsed

Baked or barbecue beans (mostly)

Cannelloni

Black Beans

Barbecue sauce

Worcestershire sauce

Ketchup

Mustard

Brown Sugar, optional

Molasses, optional

1 Tbl Olive oil

1 Onion, medium, chopped

1-2 Green pepper, chopped

Garlic to taste, optional

To the extent one person "taught" me to cook, I would have to credit my Mother, whose name was Fay. Other than that, for me there has been a lot of trial-and-error. She, Emeril, and others, though, encouraged me to use a "freestyle" approach, so whatever feels good to you is fine for this recipe. This is a bit of a variation of what she taught me.

Rinse and combine the beans in a large bowl. To this add the barbecue sauce, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, and mustard. Optional additions are brown sugar or molasses, depending on your sweet tooth. It just depends on what you are trying to do with it, and your personal taste.

In a frying pan at a medium temperature, saute the chopped onion and green pepper(s) until soft. If desired, add garlic just before removing, (so it doesn't burn). Add this mixture to the beans.

Place the bean mixture in one or two baking dishes. Cover with thick-cut bacon. (Note that during baking, the bacon will shrink, so pack it on top.

Bake at 350 – 375 degrees depending on your oven for about 45 minutes, or until the bacon is clearly done. Place a cookie sheet under your baking dish if you think it might boil over.

Looking Ahead....

Sign Up Now for our 2nd Elk Creek Blood Drive: 19 Jan, 12:00 to 6:00 PM

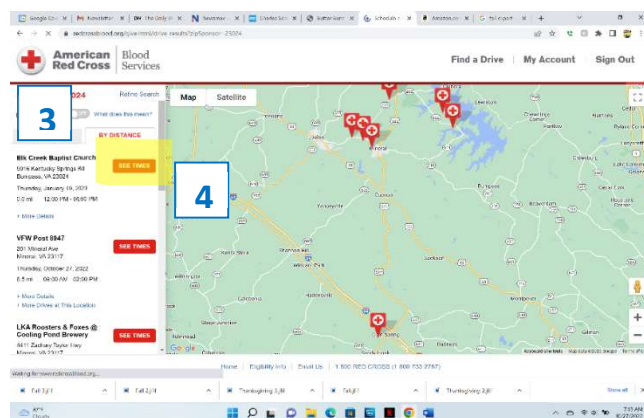
We're fast approaching our second Elk Creek Blood Drive. We had a fantastic 31 units donated at our last drive, with 49% of donations being first time donors.

Note: If you are a regular donor, there is a 60 day wait time between donations so please plan accordingly.

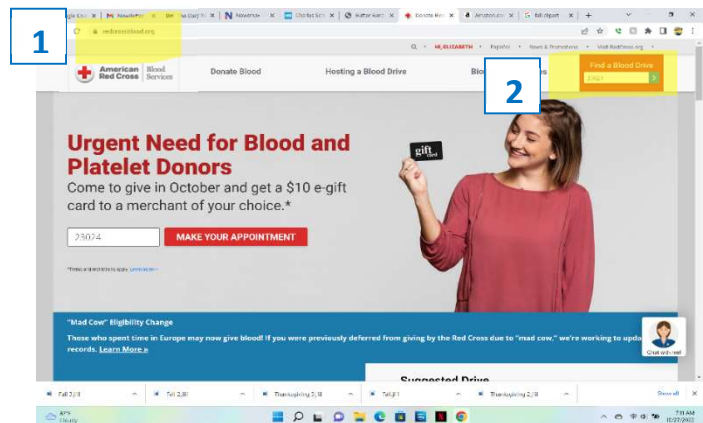
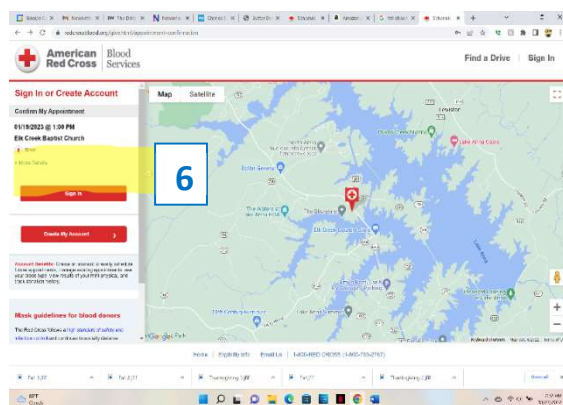
If you have questions, need assistance, or want information regarding platelet donation, contact Beth Larson at u2skyhag@gmail.com

STEPS for signing up:

1. Go to redcrossblood.org
2. Enter 23024 in "find a blood drive". Click blue arrow

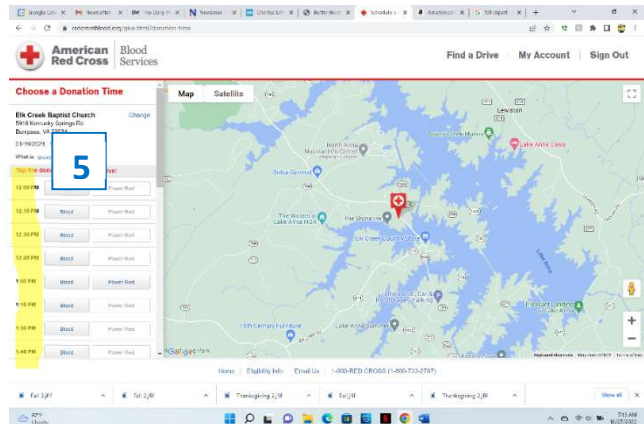


5. Choose your time. "Blood" is a traditional donation. "Power Red" is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation



3. Select "By Distance" tab

4. Select "See Times" next to Elk Creek Baptist Church



while returning your plasma and platelets to you. It takes about 30 minutes longer than a normal donation.

6. Then you either sign in, or create an account if you haven't done this before. The steps are straight forward.

STAY TUNED (IN)....

- **If your contact information changes**, please remember to notify the church. Send changes to your address, phone number and/or email address to Mindy Ward, dm3ward@gmail.com, 301-335-8315, so we can update our directory.
- **If you cannot come in person**, tune into the 11:00 am service on Mixlr app. Download the app on your mobile phone or computer, select “Listen” and search for ECBC-5916.
- **Visit our website** – elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org – and like us on Facebook page.
- **Need access to our secure online directory?** Email the webmaster, web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org, for access to the secure directory.
- **Check out the Goshen Baptist Association website** – www.goshenassociation.com



Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

– Vivian Greene

Together in Christ,

Mindy Ward

Beth Larson

P.S.

Please send items for the newsletter to Mindy Ward, dm3ward@gmail.com.