

Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Virginia District Board

June 21, 2022, at Camp Bethel, Dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:00pm.

Updated 6/20/2022 11:12 AM



6:00pm OMC (circle if present):

Stephanie Naff (Chair), Sam Foster (Vice-Chair), Allison Mullins (Secretary), Terry Johnson (Finance Chair), Amanda Leddy (Program Chair), Charles Huffman (Property Chair), Kimberly Brown, Randall Eakin, Laura Harrington, Junior King, Stephanie DeHart Robinson, Peggy Sink, Scott Yingling, Barry LeNoir (ex-off Camp Director), Kathie Robinson (ex-off Treasurer).

I. Welcome. – Barry LeNoir & Stephanie Naff

II. Devotion. – Charles Huffman.

II. Approval of the Agenda. – Stephanie Naff.

III. Minutes from the April 2 OMC meeting (page ____ of this document). – Stephanie Naff.

IV. Reports and Information:

A. District Board Report; met on June 18, 2022 at Crab Orchard CoB in WV – Stephanie Naff.

B. Finances – Sam Foster & Barry LeNoir.

1. Camp Bethel Income/Expense data through 04/30/2022. *See attached PDFs.*

2. Financial Health: We ended April 2022 with a net positive of \$4,869. We expect to end May 2022 with a net positive of \$41,194, once two large PayPal transfers (May 11 & 31) are included into May's numbers. Our goal is another strong year so that there can be no argument against the absolute need for an "Office & Guest Services Manager" and bringing Daniel's and Mickey's salary up to minimum \$36,000.

3. Since 2018, we have built our reserves up to (*positive!*) \$227,038.85!

C. Programming – Barry LeNoir.

1. 2022 Summer Camps:

a. Camper Registration: We have 740 campers registered thus far, which includes 54 for the return of Carilion Camp Too Sweet June 26-July 1. This 740 also includes 33 participants in our return to Parent-Child Overnight Camp, which was held June 3-4 and enjoyed by all. By comparison, we had 554 total campers in 2021.

b. COVID Protocols: We've updated our 2022 protocols based upon recommendations by the VDH for summer camps. We also check the "COVID-19 by County" status weekly to see levels in Botetourt, Roanoke and surrounding regions, which, in turn, informs a few recommendations like masking.

2. Summer Staff:

a. Summer Staff Counselors: We have hired just enough counselors to maintain our supervision ratios for our camper Units. We're being extra careful to avoid COVID exposure, because we can't afford to lose anyone. All together, 15 male counselors, 15 female counselors, plus 10 coordinators. We restarted the CIT (Counselor-In-Training) program and 7 15-year-olds did their training June 14-17. Our 12-day Staff Training began on May 30, and we are excited and pleased with their positive effort and attitude thus far. Plus, they are really good singers! Kathleen is an EXCELLENT leader and programmer, and she has assembled an outstanding summer staff!

b. Kitchen Staff: Daniel Naff found just enough kitchen staff for AM and PM shifts. Great team thus far!

c. Summer Grounds Crew: Mickey could still use another regular, daily worker to help with mowing & trimming and other general tasks. \$12.50/hour, Mon-Fri.

d. We restarted our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program in 2022 for 4 boys and 3 girls ages 15+.

e. Staff Adoption 2022 for Prayer and Financial Support: We're excited that the Staff Adoption program has expanded in 2022 to 11 congregations and 1 ministers' group: Germantown Brick CoB; Northern Area Ministers; Summerdean CoB; Trinity CoB; Mount Hermon CoB; Daleville CoB; Bethany CoB; First Roanoke CoB; Central CoB; Ninth Street CoB; Smith Mountain Lake CoB; and Stonewall CoB, and possibly Peters Creek CoB and New Covenant CoB. About \$6000 is promised thus far with more expected through our 2022 Summer Offering once again going to the Staff Adoption Fund. June 5 was "Staff Adoption Sunday" with our staff fanning out across Virginia to worship with and meet these congregations.

f. We held our Staff Commissioning Dinner and Service on Friday, June 10, with 4 OMC members in attendance. See attached bulletin/service.

3. Sounds of the Mountains Fest April 8-9 had better-than-expected attendance, and everyone was very appreciative and helpful. SOTM Income as of May 31 = \$28,632.01. We expect another good net profit once all the expenses are meted out (credit card and Lowe's account breakouts through May 31 not yet received). Videos of EVERY story from 2022 is available to watch free at www.SoundsoftheMountains.org. With all the SOTM chairs and stage and food still set up, we hosted a meaningful memorial service for Buddy Crumpacker in the Gym on April 10 and fed the families/attendees afterward.

4. Memorial Day Family Weekend May 27-30 was well attended. Every facility and campsite was occupied, plus dozens of families camping in the Cave Trail Field. We held our first community pot-luck dinner since 2019 on Sunday May 29 in the Shelter-by-the-Spring.

D. Property – Barry LeNoir.

1. Dedication of the new Bandage Box Cottage was on Sunday, May 29 with several folks attending a 20-minute program of dedication. See attached bulletin/service.
2. FLEAS! YIKES! We have a flea problem in Whippoorwill Cottage that we are having trouble with. We've flea-bombed twice with 2 bombs, then 4 bombs, and we've vacuumed multiple times. We will continue cleaning and vacuuming, and we will install flea traps. Meanwhile, NO ONE is living in Whippoorwill.
3. Water Bacteriological Monitoring indicates presence of Total Coliform and E. Coli. We are in week 12 of a 20-week source water monitoring and testing program in accordance with the Waterworks Regulations (12VAC5-590-380 G 5 and 12VAC5-590-430) to assess the potential of surface water influence of our groundwater source. This involves one water sample per week (from our well). Mixed results continue (high-high-low-high-low-low-low-mixed), and more data will help us match whether guest use (Retreat Center septic?) influences results.
4. Bids for RV Village Construction:(\$246,845.77 in "Seed" escrow). We received quotes from Moore Excavating that do not include "turn-key" electrical work. Hubbard Excavating toured our site, but Shane Hubbard has not responded to my emails. I need guidance on what to do next, hopefully at our June 21 meeting. Kathie Robinson is helping reach out to other potential construction companies for bids (Thank You Kathie!) **Note: Barry and Mickey will need committee help with this complex process.**
5. 2022 projects: Ark Pond/Dam repair (Mickey contacted Reed Construction from Floyd); Gym roof repair (leaks in corners); final Adventure Village platform hut is completed; Bandage Box Cottage gutters and downspouts; Ark downspouts/drainage; Ark roof (aux kitchen); Ark floor & entrance, see #6.
6. \$49,330.58 was donated for repair of the Ark Dining Hall floor, with leftover going to potential Ark entranceway improvements (as discussed in the Master Site Plan and "Seed, Scattered and Sown" campaign goals). \$25,000 Anonymous Memorial Escrow is now replenished (from reserves for now) and is to be used for Ark renovations per that family's instructions. **Note: Barry and Mickey will need committee help with this complex process.**
7. Disc Golf Course: 9 baskets are in! Next is tee boxes, hole signs, parking area, info kiosk, CampBethelVirginia.org/DiscGolf
8. We have replaced beds & mattresses in the A-Frames and Daleville Cabin, with combined funds from the Byrd family and from the Bolton family. Carilion (Camp Too Sweet) bought us 14 new mattresses for Forest Lodge for \$2,204.

E. Anonymous Memorial Escrow Update – Barry and Stephanie

F. Personnel – Barry LeNoir.

1. *I commend our EXCELLENT staff: Daniel, Kathleen, and Mickey, our part-time staff Beth W (outdoor ed), Christian & George (maintenance), Elizabeth (office), Melissa (cleaning), and our superb Summer Staff Team!*
2. Spencer Knox is applying for AmeriCorps, and he will depart camp in late August. Thank you Spencer!
3. The memorial service for Buddy Crumpacker was held here on April 10 at 2:30pm in the Gym.
4. We need to discuss staffing moving forward. Personally, in my work, I am drastically behind and always trying to catch up. It's unsustainable, and I'm wearing down. See "VI. New Business, B."

V. Old OMC Business

- A. Ellen Thomasson memorial trust: no update.
- B. Credit Cards for Daniel & Kathleen: David Shumate submitted both applications long ago, but we don't yet have a cards for Daniel (March 31) or Kathleen (June 15). As such, we continue to use old cards for Wes Shrader (Dan) and Jenna Mehalso (Kathleen). Since each of our monthly limits is \$5000, especially during June & July we have to be careful to spread out big expenses (like Whitewater Rafting adventures and big program supplies). We already maxed Wes' card (Dan), and are close to maxing Barry's and Jenna's (Kathleen). *Raise limit to \$10,000+ per month!*
- C. Connecting camp's bank account to Square: **No Update:** Due to lack of time, I will not make any changes until after summer camps. I will, however, research the information as I have time to do so. At their December 7 meeting, neither David Shumate or the Commission on Stewardship had any hesitancy in allowing that to happen. I will research and learn more about what Square can do for us prior to linking our bank account. AND I will be sure we have the services we need from Square before I disconnect from PayPal, if at all. There would be a time of overlap between PayPal and Square.
- D. Barry has not yet revised the Master Site Plan document. For now, with the "SEED" money being distributed, we will begin with the RV Village and its accompanying expanded septic field.
- E. Future staffing for efficiency, and the idea of an Office Manager/Guest Services Coordinator.
- F. Revision of Virlina District Personnel Policies. **No Update.** This is still not finalized by the Virlina District Board.
- G. OMC to continue considering other ways to improve camp staff morale and retention. *Suggestion:* Can we offer salaries that include our insurance and salaries that exclude our insurance? Camp Bethel receives enormous savings if the

employee does not use our group insurance (ex: on their spouse's insurance plan, or purchasing insurance through the ACA). A \$4000 "without" still saves Camp Bethel lots of money. (See *Expense data in salaries/benefits for comparisons.*)

H. *Other old business:*

VI. New OMC Business.

- A. Committees or teams to help Barry & Mickey with completion of (1) RV Village, and (2) Ark renovations/repairs.
- B. Staffing moving forward.
- C. Raising monthly credit card limit, for at least Barry, from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (or more) per month.
- D. *Other new business:*

VII. Prayer and dismissal.

Outdoor Ministries Committee 2022 Meeting Dates:

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 9:00am OMEC, 10:00am OMC.

We had originally scheduled our 2023 Budget meeting for Saturday, August 27. Alas, the District Board Exec Committee claimed that day for their 2023 budget meeting, so we needed a new date for our 2023 Budget meeting. August 6 had the most YES votes.

November 11-12, 2022: Virlina District Conference, Grandin Court Baptist.

Upcoming Events:

Now through July 29, 2022: Summer Camps & Adventures.

2022 Story Videos are FREE to watch at SoundsoftheMountains.org.

August 6, 2022, 9:00am OMEC & 10:00am OMC = 2023 budget.

September 2-5, 2022: Labor Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.

September 3, 2022 (Sat), Camp Bethel PEP! 5K.

September 28, 2022 (Wed), 28th Benefit Golf Tournament.

October 1, 2022 (Sat), 38th annual Heritage Day Festival.

November 5, 2022 (Sat), 7:30am Fall Vol Workday, RSVP free meals.

November 11-12, 2022, Virlina District Conf @Grandin Ct Baptist.

December 8, 2022 (Thu), Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.

January 7-8, 2023 (Sat-Sun), Winter Camp Youth & Kids' Retreat.

January 9, 2023: Summer Camp 2023 Registration OPENS.

February 11, 2023 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.

March 9, 2023 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP.

March 31-April 1, 2023: Sounds of the Mountains Festival.

April 15, 2023 (Sat), 7:30am: Spring Volunteer, RSVP free meals.

May 26-29, 2023: Memorial Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.

May 29-June 9, 2023: Summer Staff Training.

June 2-3, 2023 (Sat): Parent-Child Overnight and Day Camp.

June 9, 2023 (Fri) 5:30pm: Summer Staff Commissioning Dinner.

June 11-July 28, 2023: Summer Camps & Family Adventures.

Minutes of the Outdoor Ministries Committee meetings, April 2, 2022

The OMEC met on April 2, 2022, 10:30 am at Camp Bethel with the following members present: Stephanie Naff (Chair), Sam Foster (Vice-Chair), Allison Mullins (Secretary), Terry Johnson (Finance Chair), Charles Huffman (Property Chair), Barry LeNoir (ex-off Camp Director), Kathie Robinson (ex-off Treasurer).

Welcome and prayer by Stephanie Naff.

Minutes reviewed from the February 12th OMEC meeting and approved as written.

Anonymous Memorial Escrow discussion. See "Anonymous Memorial Escrow" in OMC minutes.

No other business was brought forward. Adjourned for OMC meeting.

The OMC met on April 2, 2022, 11:30 am at Camp Bethel with the following members present: Stephanie Naff (Chair), Sam Foster (Vice-Chair), Allison Mullins (Secretary), Terry Johnson (Finance Chair), Charles Huffman (Property Chair), Randall Eakin, Junior King, Stephanie DeHart Robinson, Peggy Sink, Scott Yingling, Barry LeNoir (ex-off Camp Director), Kathie Robinson (ex-off Treasurer).

Welcome by Barry LeNoir & Stephanie Naff

Devotion was brought by Junior King who spoke about perseverance. Stephanie prayed.

Agenda was approved as written.

Minutes from the February 12 OMC meeting were approved as written with the addition of: 2021 SOTM Income \$32,536.39, Expenses \$10,936.26 and Net \$21,600.13

District Board Report by Stephanie Naff. David Shumate retiring on or about December 31, 2022.

Finances reported by Terry Johnson & Barry LeNoir. Daniel and Kathleen have been approved for credit cards. Kathleen to receive hers in June after 90-day trial period. For Camp Bethel Income/Expense data please refer to EXCEL spreadsheet. NET as of 3.29.2022 is \$108,352.91. Since 2018, we have built our reserves up to (positive!) \$227,038.85!

Non-Brethren Summer Camps this summer: William Byrd High School Band Camp returns to Camp Bethel July 24-30, 2022 (\$14,100 in 2021). West Salem Baptist Kids' Camp returns July 24-28 (\$4,898 in 2021). Camp Kesem VCU returns August 1-5 (\$20,169 in 2019). Salem High School Band Camp returns August 7-13, (\$32,490 in 2019).

Our dear friend Ellen Thomasson (Jones Chapel COB) passed on February 16, 2022, and Camp Bethel was named as a 20% beneficiary of her trust, valued at around \$600,000, so approximately \$120,000 once distribution of our pro-rata share occurs. We are truly blessed by this gift!

Anonymous Memorial Escrow: Barry and Stephanie reported - In 2008, Camp received a gift for \$25,000 to be used for construction of a "new cabin." We held this gift in an "Anonymous Memorial Escrow" to be used only for that purpose, and those funds remained there until we could proceed. Construction was thwarted by several unexpected roadblocks over these years. Then the Bandage Box cottage was rebuilt. However, after all this time has passed, the gifting family is unhappy and has requested that the funds to be returned to the Escrow and for them to have options for other potential projects. The Ellen Thomasson Trust gift will enable us to "return" the other gift into the Anonymous Memorial Escrow account, since ALL bequest and/or trust gifts are to be used for Capital Projects only, like the Bandage Box Cottage. Stephanie Naff has been very helpful in mediating this difficult situation as she has been speaking with the family. In the future, more talks will happen with the family that will include Hannah Jarrett, Chairperson of the district board. More updates to come.

Programming reported by Barry LeNoir. He spoke about the 2022 Summer Camps so far there are 332 campers registered as of March 31, 2022. Will need a large supply of masks, Clorox wipes, box-fan-air-filters, and patience for all COVID health protocols. For Summer Staff we still seek MANY Senior Counselors (age 18+) and only a few male Junior Counselors (16+). We've hired enough female JCs. We have hired all our "Coordinator" team roles. Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program returns in 2022 for ages 15+. 3 are committed thus far.

2022 "Summer Staff Adoption" program commitments thus far: 7 congregations/groups committee (Germantown Brick, Northern Area Ministers of Virlina District, Stonewall, Summerdean, Trinity, Mount Hermon, Daleville) for 18 staff with promised \$2,510. Our ability to declare this is an extremely valuable recruitment tool and helps with staff retention from summer to summer.

2022 Sounds of the Mountains festival is in-person April 8-9. Ticket pre-sales 109 thus far. We will video record the performances for use at the end of April in an online program similar to 2020 & 2021; free with donations encouraged. We have received \$19,181.59 from 2022 SOTM Sponsors already.

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Bids for RV Village Construction (\$246,845.77 in "Seed" escrow). We received quotes (enclosed) from Moore Excavating that do not include "turn-key" electrical work. Chris Moore attends Trinity Church of the Brethren. Received interest from Hubbard Excavating, Bowman Excavating, and Dudley Excavating. Barry awaits responses from Joe Bandy & Son (Kathie to call), Randy Hostetter Excavating, and Southwest Excavating. Received a definite "No" from Copland Excavation & Construction, and Site Pro.

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Personnel updates from Barry LeNoir.

Elizabeth Brancati is working part-time as our Administrative Assistant through August and she'll be helping with Guest Services soon.

For summer Kitchen Staff, Daniel Naff only needs two “afternoon shift” employees, May 30-July 29.

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Other updates from Barry.

The VBR TWENTY24 Junior Camps (cycling for girls; Olympic development) at Camp Bethel March 18-25 and April 12-18. We're also host to (pro) Kerry Werner's Virginia Blue Ridge Adventure event April 23-24.

Old OMC Business

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Also note that Weebly was bought by Square.

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Prayer was given by Scott and adjournment.

A Service of Commissioning for the 2022 Summer Staff of Camp Bethel in Fincastle, Virginia, June 10, 2022



5:30pm Picnic Dinner at the Ark Dining Hall (*donations for the meal are encouraged*)
6:00pm Commissioning Service on the Ark Lawn
6:30pm Dismissal & Trading Post open ('til 7:00)

6:00pm **Welcome and Announcements:** Barry LeNoir, Director.

Singing Together: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (*verses 1 & 2 only*)

Chorus: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth. We are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man – no more. Chorus
2. Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord, for all. Chorus

Leader to Gathered People:

Dear friends, all who take upon themselves the **name** of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the **example** of Christ. These counselors, coordinators, volunteers, and support staff are beginning their work among the congregations of the Virginia District Church of the Brethren, and the children, youth, and families of Virginia and beyond. We ask for God's blessing upon their endeavors, and we ask for the prayers of this supporting community.

Singing Together: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS (*verses 1 & 2 only*)

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord (2x), And we pray that our unity may one day be restored.
Chorus: *And they'll know we are Christians By our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*
2. We will work with each other, We will work side by side. (2x) And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Prayer by KATHLEEN: Eternal God, you have entrusted us to share your grace, your justice, and your love. You have given us your Holy Spirit for guidance, for courage, and for peace. You have invited us into relationship with your great Creation and with each other so that we may know you better. You have called us to be teachers and leaders together.

SUPPORTERS IN UNISON: *Loving God, believing that you are in our midst, we set apart these persons as summer missionaries in Outdoor Christian Education. May they serve selflessly and nurture the spiritual growth of each camper in their care. Bless these servants gathered here, and enable them to be channels of your grace. We pray, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-24, Assistant Program Coords, Elizabeth Brancati, Zander LeNoir, Lauren Naff

Singing Together: EVERY MOVE I MAKE

*Every move I make, I make in You. You make me move, Jesus. Every breath I take, I breathe in You.
Every step I take, I take in You. You are my way, Jesus. Every breath I take, I breathe in You.*

*Waves of mercy, waves of grace. Everywhere I look, I see Your face.
Your love has captured me. Oh, my God, this love – how can it be?*

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16. Coords: Nate Baird, Grady Beck, Zora Dulaney, Jakob Nipper, Grayson Preece, Keaton Wood

Commissioning of (1) Coordinators, Office Registrars, Kitchen/Support Staff, and Adult Volunteers,
 (2) Counselors: Adventure, Senior, Junior, Counselors-in-Training.

	Supporters to the 2022 Summer Staff:	Staff Response:
1.	<i>Will you nurture, teach, and serve, putting the campers first?</i>	Together as the Body of Christ, we will.
2.	<i>Will you live selflessly in community with your coworkers?</i>	Together as the Body of Christ, we will.
3.	<i>Will you faithfully represent the Church of the Brethren and the greater community of Christians as the Body of Christ?</i>	Together as the Body of Christ, we will.
4.	<i>You are hereby commissioned as Christian educators and summer staff in the outdoor ministry of the Virlina District Church of the Brethren.</i>	

OMC Rep -or- Virlina District Board Rep leads closing prayer:

LEADER: Gracious God, bless your servants at Camp Bethel. Grant them wisdom guided by your love, courage tempered by your justice, and peace as assured by your Holy Spirit, so that Jesus Christ will be honored, served, and shared.

EVERYONE IN UNISON:

We pray God's peace upon all who walk, and work, and play, and worship, and serve in this Holy mission. Amen.

Singing Together: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING? (MY LIFE FLOWS ON)

1. My life flows on in endless song, Above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet though far off hymn, That hails a new creation.
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing? **Chorus**

Chorus: *No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging!
 Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?*

3. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, From bells of justice ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?
4. In prison cell and dungeon vile, Our thoughts to them go winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing? **Chorus**
5. What though the joys and comforts die, The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night he giveth.
6. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his, How can I keep from singing? **Chorus 2x**



Singing Together: GO IN PEACE

Dismissal and Benediction: "Right arm over left arm... Spin out"

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR THE BANDAGE BOX COTTAGE

May 29, 2022, 4:00pm, Camp Bethel in Fincastle, VA

GATHERING

GREETING

Speaker: Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

People: God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Dear friends, we gather today to dedicate the newly rebuilt Bandage Box Cottage...

HERE IN THIS PLACE (GATHER US IN)

1. Here in this place, a new light is streaming. Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings. Brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken. Gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young – our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty. Gather us in – the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly. Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the cup and the water. Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the cup of compassion. Give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining. Now is the Kingdom. Now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-17; 25-26, and 16:12-13. *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

Speaker: We present the Bandage Box Cottage

People: to be dedicated to the glory of God and for service in making disciples.

ACT OF DEDICATION

Speaker: Dear friends, it is with joy that we gather to dedicate the Bandage Box Cottage.

People: Let us give ourselves anew to the service of God:

Speaker: our minds, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ;

People: our bodies, that they may be temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit;

Speaker: and our labors, that they may be according to God's will,

People: and that their fruit may glorify God's name and serve God's eternal purposes.

Speaker: In the name of the holy and triune God,

People: **we dedicate this building.**

Speaker: To the spiritual enrichment of all who come to seek knowledge,

People: **we dedicate this building.**

Speaker: To the loyal service of those whose time, gifts, and talents have rebuilt this structure,

People: **we dedicate this building.**

Speaker: And we dedicate ourselves anew to the service of humanity which is the true service of God.

People: **We dedicate ourselves anew to serving God's people.**

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, hear us who gather here to dedicate ourselves to your service.

Grant that those who come here, whether as campers, families, or guest groups,
may come with inquiring minds, honest purpose, and steadfast endeavor to do your holy will.

We give thanks to you for all your servants: our donors, workers, families, and friends,
by whose love and devotion we have come into our great inheritance of health, truth, faith, and this blessed place.

Help us guard this treasure, be blessed by it, nurture it,
and pass it on to the coming generation, that they may serve you;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Mau and Otey Families, who reserved the Bandage Box this weekend, welcome you to briefly tour the facility.
Please join our pot-luck dinner at 5:30 in the Shelter-by-the-Spring, and please bring a dish or dessert to share*

Partial List of Facility Needs by Building (Naomi, Junior, Stephanie)

Retreat Center

Fan in front bathroom

Ark

Loose board at bottom of ramp

Interior floor

Roof leaks in aux kitchen

LOTS MORE!

Heritage Lodge

Bugs in light fixtures

Need more storage space (under bunks? Or just open box space)

Caps on beds (new beds top bunks)

Shelves in bathroom

Ceiling in men's side bathroom

Fan in women's side

Floor in front of fireplace

More hooks on side opposite sinks

Forest Lodge

Bugs in light fixtures

Fans in bathroom

More hooks and storage shelves in bed area and in bathroom

Bugs in shower lights

Back exit door – gap when closed

Clean oven

Replace nails with hooks or shelves

Daleville Cabin

Outside windows need to be finished

Deck pressure wash and stain

Curling paint

Pleasant View Cabin

Two decks need replacing

Top board

Lower - some rotting

Need brighter lights

Hooks placement – not over beds

Mirror taped to wall

Paint door

Picnic table wash and stain

Friendship haven

Need more hooks and storage

Deck needs pressure wash and stain

Craft House

Windows ready to fall out

House of Pillars & StoneHOP Bunkroom

No hooks

Could put shelves in closet

Men's bathroom - fan not working

Ceiling on storage closet

Paint door

Crack in front window

Paint or replace windows and benches

Hillside Auditorium

Fans

Spray for wasps/bees nests

Check lights – 2 not working

Need leaves blown out

Wildwood Cottage

No hooks or shelves

No hooks in bathroom

Sink has tape on it

Light over microwave has burn marks on area around it

Deck needs pressure washing and stain

Door could use paint

Bluebirds' Nest Cottage

Hooks and shelves

Carolina Haven Cottage

More hooks and shelves

Could use paint

Gutters need attention

Whippoorwill Cottage

Porch needs attention

Stove elements

No screen

Women's Bath House

Shelves

Water leak in shower #2

Willoro Cabin

Screens on windows

Deck – some rot

Need storage

Finish interior, drop ceiling?, ventilation

Whispering Pines Cabin

Door

No screen