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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

Goshen's Board extends call to Keith Wollenberg as part-time RuraLove Coordinator. During 2020, RuraLove celebrates its 25th year of ministry to local families in crisis.



Keith Wollenberg, RuraLove Coordinator

A message from Keith:

Greetings to all in the Goshen Association. I would like to introduce myself to all whom do not know me. My name is Keith Wollenberg and the Goshen Board has just elected me to serve our association as RuraLove coordinator. Currently I pastor Mine Road Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, VA. I am a graduate of Andersonville Seminary and currently enrolled there in the Bachelor of Ministry program. My wife and I have three children and three grandchildren. But that is enough about myself.

In 1995, RuraLove was birthed as part of our association to serve Christ Jesus in the communities where He has planted us. Our motto is "Neighbor Helping Neighbor." We can go directly to scripture for this command, Matthew 22:36-40 tells us, **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: 'You shall love your



neighbor as yourself.' **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." With this in mind we go out. This ministry has grown to become something to be very proud of as we serve the Lord.

It is my hope and prayer to work together with Joy Dickens and all of the tremendous volunteers that in this ministry to have a greater reach in our communities by identifying additional to serve those in need and crisis. Many times we go out into the mission field to serve. At RuraLove we are tremendously blest to go out but often times to have the Lord to bring the mission field to us. What a blessing He has given us.

Over the coming months I hope to be able to meet with our associational churches and develop relationships and to encourage involvement in the RuraLove ministry. I strongly ask all Goshen churches to be in prayer as to volunteering with RuraLove and seeking to encourage youth to participate. God Bless all!

Mission Opportunities

Project for August: Color marble comp. books; 5"x7" puzzle books for Goochland Women's Correctional Center to be given out by the Chaplain.

RuraLove 540.894.8440 IS OPEN! A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. We need churches who will *follow up* with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

The Thrift Store is open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-Nov.

Needs (to go to local families in crisis): **Chest of drawers, AC units, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, electric can openers, brooms, cleaning supplies, crib sheets, linens, blankets, recliners, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.**

We accept a wide variety of items not listed such as building supplies, household & kitchen goods, decorations, and much more. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Smaller donations may be left in the green wooden donation shed anytime. Larger donations may be brought to the warehouse on Wednesdays 7 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up **LARGE** items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept old style TVs, lg. entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues (*we do not have funds for repairing and neither do our clients*) also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, we cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call 540.894.8440 for info.

Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165 Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. www.bethany.org/Fredericksburg 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd. #107, Fredericksburg 22407

Fred. Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org

Hope House 540.371.0831 Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children, 902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg

Shelter for HELP in Emergency 434.963.4676 Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville

2019-2020 Ministry Action Budget

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| Budget | 170,833.00 |
| Monthly Needs | 14,236.00 |
| Received June | 8,494.00 |
| Received Oct.-June | 105,590.00 |
| Budget | - 22,534.00 |

Mission Stitchers

*All are invited to join on
Saturday, August 15, 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.

Joyce and Terry took all the dresses, pads, and underpants to Little Dresses for Africa in July to their headquarters in Michigan in July successfully. They will give us a report in next month's newsletter.

For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com

Thank You Notes from Goshen's Property and Grounds Committee

A big thank you to Rudy Hornburger (pastor of children and youth at Louisa Baptist), Johnny Collins, and Tucker Swanson along with Louisa's youth: Jordon, Nathan, and Faith who did some painting at the Goshen Ministry Center. We appreciate your service.

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A special note of thanks to Nadine and Ken Garvin and Jan Mecks for the lovely garden work they did at the RuraLove warehouse and on the grounds of the Goshen Ministry Center. Your efforts will be enjoyed by all who visit the facilities.

## RuraLove Ministry Update



RuraLove re-opened June 17th to the public while asking customers to practice safe distancing and wear masks inside buildings. In the past month you (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) have ministered to:

- 12 Families with financial needs (**\$5,208.26**)  
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with a household need
- 1 Family with a whole household
- 1 Family with clothing
- 1 Family with a project

Served 184 families with clothing

Served 622 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,573.75**

**One hundred percent of all sales  
and donations go to local families in crisis.**

# CHURCH NEWS

**Louisa** is looking for volunteers (**men, women & teens**) and churches to partner in "Louisa Cares 2020." For a project recommendation, information, or to volunteer email: PastorRichardSandberg@gmail. [www.louisabaptistva.org](http://www.louisabaptistva.org)

**Mineral**—Healing Heart's class reconvened (additional instructor needed); Early Bloomer Aerobics meets 8 a.m. in the Family Life Center Mon., Wed., Fri.; "Summer of Miracles" youth program is in full swing; a new Bible class meets on Thursdays; sewing ladies are making and distributing masks; men of the church are gearing up for "Louisa Cares" by assisting friends and neighbors with home repairs, etc.; the Prayer Committee meets Tuesdays at noon.

**Walters** "Come for all things are now ready" Revival will begin Sunday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. service with special music "Mercy's Well." A luncheon follows. The Revival will continue Aug. 2-5 at 7 p.m. each night. Brother Jack Ernest will be the guest speaker. All are invited to attend each service. [www.waltersbaptist.com](http://www.waltersbaptist.com)

**Zoar**—John Miller (retired DoM) has accepted a call from Zoar as their Interim Pastor.

## Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Pray for **Hebron Baptist** (Spotsylvania) as they search for a pastor.

Pray for **Louisa Baptist** (Town of Louisa) including pastor Richard Sandberg and minister of children and youth, Rudy Hornberger.

Pray for **Mechanicville Baptist** (Boswell's Tavern) and pastor, Ted Williams.

Pray for **Memorial of Columbia** (Columbia) and interim pastor, Jim Benson.

## Help Needed for Work Day

at Leland-Madison Park Saturday, September 19

A work day is planned at Goshen's Leland-Madison Park (on Route 20 in Orange Co.) on Saturday, September 19 from 8 a.m.-noon. **Volunteers are needed!** Bring your youth group or Sunday school class and help with our yearly maintenance projects. We need lots of weed eaters and people to run them. Also bring yard tools and gloves. Call 540.894.8440 for more information. Rain date: October 17.



## Parkinson's Support Group

A Parkinson's Support Group is held the first Monday of each month in the fellowship hall of Louisa Baptist Church at 1 p.m. The group is for caregivers, family, and friends. Call Cathy for more info, 540.894.3973.

## "Campbell's Comments"

When Jude was writing to friends he said "I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that the Lord has once for all entrusted to us." (Jude vs.3)

As Goshen churches deal every week with the changing demands of an insidious virus we are contending for the faith in new and differing ways. The Greek word from which we formulate 'contend' is the Greek word from which we formulate 'agonize'.



It is one thing to contend or agonize over the ways to fight powers and principalities but now we have to contend with an invisible virus that kills people and is no respecter of persons or position. How can we contend, how can we be equipped to face the unseen foe?

Perhaps the answer is too simplistic. "Trust the experts" Trust those whose lives and giftedness are in research, and immunology, and in medicine. Even if they may not admit it their giftedness in their fields is a gift from the God of creation. When society trusted the polio vaccine it was successful. When Smallpox vaccine was trusted it was virtually eradicated. Perhaps it is time once again to recognize that the Lord may just have placed the scientific community where it is to protect and defend His creation.

Politics and personal privilege will not conquer COVID. Protests and laughing away the advice of experts will not solve COVID. Demanding your right of not wearing a mask or ignoring social distance doing your own 'thing' will not conquer COVID. You are perhaps just another "Typhoid Mary" without being conscious of it.

To contend for the faith is to be willing to do whatever it takes to be able to share the gospel of love and salvation. To contend for the faith may mean wearing a mask so that we protect those around us. We may not pass and offering plate but we can still place our offerings in a container. It may not be convenient to 'contend' or agonize over the best way to be the family of faith but it may be the most effective way. If we trust the guidance of gifted scientific leadership we just might be on the way to conquering COVID. The closer we get to conquering COVID the sooner we can continue contending with the powers and principalities of the real enemy of the people. ~ Don

## Louisa Cares 2020 is quickly approaching-sign up now!

A one day ministry (Saturday, Sept. 12) for **men, women and teens** designed to show the love of Christ and meet people's needs in Louisa.

**Who is eligible to benefit?** Anyone in Louisa County who: has annual household income below \$30,000, single parent, handicap, spouse of deployed military, elderly, etc.

**How can you or your church get involved?** You can refer projects; Be on a Leadership Team; Volunteer; Help with Funding.

Rev. Richard Sandberg Coordinator, 540.967.1364, cell 540.223.5840 or email [PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com)

**Goshen Counseling Center:** 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117  
Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C phone: 540.894.8440  
email: samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

**Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School—Romania** contact  
Brittany Garton: Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org or check out  
Ruth School's website at : www.project-ruth.org

**Living Hope** Community Centre News—South Africa  
(Ministering to those living with HIV/AIDS).  
Www.livinghope.co.za

**Door of Hope**—South Africa (Saving unwanted babies)  
www.doorofhopesa.com or facebook.com/doorofhopeSA

**Arise Ministry Group**—South Africa www.arisemg.org.za

*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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## AUGUST

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|----|------------------------|--------------|
| 3  | Hunter Anniversary     | Retired      |
| 5  | Hart Anniversary       | Waldrops     |
| 6  | Mary Beth Miller       | Orange       |
| 6  | Richard Sandberg       | Louisa       |
| 9  | Wayne Collis           | Gordonsville |
| 9  | Terry Graham           | Retired      |
| 10 | J/T Miller Anniversary | Zoar         |
| 11 | Clore Anniversary      | Retired      |
| 13 | Murph Terry            | Retired      |
| 13 | Robin McClary          | South Anna   |
| 14 | Pauline Cornwell       | Retired      |
| 17 | Trish Stone            | Berea        |

## AUGUST

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| 1  | Benefit RuraLove Clothing & Yardsale 8-12:30 |
| 6  | Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.           |
| 15 | Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2                    |
| 18 | Nominating Committee Meeting GMC 10:30 a.m.  |
| 24 | Board of Directors Meeting GMC 6:15 p.m.     |
| 24 | Budget Prep. GMC 7 p.m.                      |

**If you are interested in training for any type of Disaster Relief work, webinars or in-person trainings are available. Please visit [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) click "Sending Volunteers" then "Disaster Relief & Response" and the "Training Calendar" is at the bottom of the page. You may also make donations on this site and 100% goes to help people in crisis.**

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