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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."

Celebrating 40 Years As Goshen's Ministry Assistant



What a wonderful surprise! Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, gift card, and card. It is my pleasure to serve the Lord here at Goshen as your Ministry Assistant. God has so richly blessed me all these many years with so many Christian friends throughout this wonderful association. It truly is my privilege to continue serving our Lord alongside each of you. Thanks again.

In His Love >< Joy

Merry Christmas

✦ *If you weren't able to attend Goshen's Fall Missions Celebration, you can still watch on YouTube at your convenience:*

<https://youtu.be/CGVyoUDV7VU>

✦ *If you weren't able to attend Goshen's Fall Meeting, you can still watch at your convenience:*

<https://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org/goshen-2020>

Roma Camp of Dreams

Goshen is looking for volunteers to go to Romania in the summer of 2021 and put on a week long VBS at The Ruth School for the very poor Roma children. The last day of the VBS there will be an outing into the countryside for a big picnic. **Goshen is also collecting funds NOW to fund the VBS and picnic.** If interested contact Don Campbell at 540.894.8440 (GMC) or 804.304.4310 (cell) or email: dcampbell71@verizon.net

Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Camp of Dreams for the summer of 2021 for the very poor Roma children of The Ruth School in Romania (deadline 3-31-2021); Support for Chaplain Willett (chaplain at Goochland Correctional Center for Women—completely funded by donations) **Goal: \$4,000.** (Received as of 11/15/20 \$1,500.00)

RuraLove 540.894.8440, 587 Mica Road, Mineral, is 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. RuraLove always needs: Chest of drawers, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.

RuraLove accepts a wide variety of items not listed. Smaller donations may be left in the green wooden donation shed anytime. Please call ahead for larger donations. 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. Also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, RuraLove cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

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

Mission Stitches

All are invited on Sat, December 12, 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. For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com

2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received October	13,040.00
Received Oct-	13,040.00
Budget	- 22.00

Volunteers Needed

RuraLove is in need of volunteers to sort clothing. For more information contact Coordinator Keith Wollenberg at the Goshen Ministry Center, 540.894.8440.

RuraLove Ministry Update



RuraLove is open 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:

- 9 Families with financial needs (**\$3,847.08**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with a household need
- 1 Family with a whole house
- 4 Families with a medical equipment loan

Served 159 families with clothing

Served 454 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$3,836.50**

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

Please call ahead before bringing larger donations, 540.894.8440.

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist observed Federal guidelines required for safety as they handed out Thanksgiving food to needy church and community members.

Louisa is planning a live nativity on the front lawn of the church December 11-12.

Mineral has participated in the Operation Christmas Shoebox Ministry again this year. A praise service was held at Walton Park in Mineral. Mineral will help with Santa Council distribution. The senior ministry group is performing at local nursing homes with uplifting music to spread joy and cheer with residents.

Walters will have a Christmas Special on Sunday, December 20 at the 11 a.m. Worship Service. There will be special music by the adult choir and the manger scene acted out by the youth and children.

Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Pray for **St. Mark** (Goochland County) and pastor, Tracie Daniels.

Pray for **Trinity** (Louisa County)

Pray for **Vertical Life/Thornburg** (Spotsylvania County) and pastor, Danny Lester.

Pray for **Waldrop** (Louisa County) and pastor, Hubert Hart.

Pray for **Walters** (Spotsylvania County), and pastor, Jojuan White.

Pray for **Zoar** (Spotsylvania County), and interim pastor, John Miller.

Attention All Churches

Please complete a new 2020-2021 church mailing list and update your information including the number of prayer guides/offering envelopes you need for special offerings. Email to: wmuv@wmuv.org or mail to: Missions Mailing List, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group, due to Covid-19, has been postponed. The group plans to begin meeting again soon, but changes will have to be made. The group is for caregivers, family, and friends. Call Cathy for more info, 540.894.3973. www.Parkinson.org

Looking Ahead

January's Mission Opportunity will be support for Bethany Christian Services. Bethany Christian Services is not only a Crisis Pregnancy Center that gives all women an ultrasound to show them their child inside the womb; but also is an Adoption Agency; plus has a new program called, "Safe Families for Children" which helps place children temporarily in times of crisis. See www.Bethany.org for more info.

"Campbell's Comments"

It just does not seem possible. One year ago this month I came to be part of "The Goshen." I had no idea at that time of the blessings that would present themselves to the "interim Director of Missions". I have had the privilege of worshipping in many of our churches, some in driveways, some in fellowship halls, a few in sanctuaries. I have seen dedicated and resilient pastors not willing to be overwhelmed by an insidious virus. It seems that our churches have adopted the mantra "we will not give in, we will not give up".



Every time I pull into the ministry center driveway I look over to the buildings of RuraLove and I am reminded of the caring and commitments of our churches. As I walk through the aisles in the complex I see the evidence of caring churches and caring folks who help "the Goshen" express the love of Christ to those in need. When I enter the ministry center I am faced with a wonderful volunteer receptionist who handles incoming calls and requests in order to allow our Ministry Assistant to work more effectively.

I look down the hallway and see the large room where the council, committees and board meet to guide the work of Goshen. I also see the room where our pastors meet every month for a time of breakfast, fellowship and prayer. Over in the corner is the evidence of caring for the incarcerated.

The evidence of the outreach, love and caring of Goshen churches is all over the property. Everywhere you turn you can see the results of commitment to care.

It has been my privilege for these past twelve months to walk and work among such caring families of faith and I am grateful and blessed. I am also blessed beyond measure because of the outstanding and committed work of Goshen's Ministry Assistant Joy Dickens. The effectiveness of Goshen's DOM would be severely hampered if Joy were not at her desk day after day. Her skills and her knowledge have made my work enjoyable and possible. Please thank Joy for all she has done and is doing for "The Goshen." Thank you for the privilege of serving you for these past twelve months. May your Advent be blessed as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. On December 25 may your Christmas be merry because of the birth of hope, love, forgiveness and grace.

~ Don

In Sympathy

Condolences to Richard and Ashton Sandberg and family on the passing of his grandmother, Joyce Sandberg on Nov. 11.

Standing Rock 2021

~ New Volunteer Orientation and Site Leader Training
Feb. 27 at the BGAV building or online

~ New Volunteer Orientation and All Volunteer Training
April 17 at the BGAV building (hopefully)

~ **WMUV Week at Standing Rock is July 25-30**

Goshen Counseling Center: 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117
Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C phone: 540.894.8440
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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

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December

1	White Anniversary	Waller's
13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
17	Karen Clore	Retired
18	Everett Anniversary	Mineral
19	Williams Anniversary	Mechanicsville
20	Jerry Riggins	Retired
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
30	Jim Graham	Mt. Hermon
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

December

11/29-6	Week of Prayer for International Missions
3	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
12	Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
17	Financial Support Due for Chaplain Willett
21	Angel Tree Deadline GMC 1:00 p.m.

To donate and help people effected by disasters go to:

www.bgav.org or call 1.800.255.2428

100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis

Email address: GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

**The Goshen Ministry Center will be closed for the holidays beginning
Thursday, December 24 and will reopen Monday, January 4.**