

Community Works November 2024

October Updates:

Community Gardens- Last Free Market Friday: We had three volunteers at both the Stanley and Luray Gardens helping to do light garden chores, planting fall seeds, and passing out free produce. The Community Gardens still have work to be done. Consider becoming a Garden Buddy: <https://www.pickedinpage.com/garden-buddy>

PCPS Community Partnership Forum: working to bring together community members monthly to hear from one another and discuss ways to support the students and families of our community. *PCPS heard about us from our recent LTE's* and asked us to present CWorks to their attendees and invited us to join their ongoing meetings. Everyone is welcome to join the meetings. Reach out for more details about their meetings or mentorship programs.

Arise Supply Drive at Massanutten Country Corner's Oktoberfest- Community Event: Our community members donated a table full of supply items requested by Arise. We had 4 volunteers help with event set up and 7 volunteers to help during the event- collecting supply items, providing kids crafts , and take home prizes. We enjoyed watching the goats "help" families carve pumpkins and listening to Philly Born perform on a perfect fall day. Go visit Massanutten Country Corner and check out their UV Rock Room! **Arise is looking for additional volunteers** to help deliver meals to those without transportation.

Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects: November and December

JMAT ReEntry Life Skills Classes- is looking to bring in topics around finances and budgeting, nutrition, art, or any other life skills that may be relevant to those incarcerated to build skills and confidence for release. Reach out to Sara if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills.

Partnership with Grace Fellowship in Shenandoah: Packing Food Boxes and Collecting Supplies for the Page County Community Baby Shower

- **November 14th at 6:30pm** help pack food boxes that are free to anyone who is in need. *3-4 Volunteers needed.*
- **Saturday November 16th from 9:45 to noon** to pass those boxes out to community members *3-4 volunteers needed.*
- **November 1st-24th** we will be helping them collect baby items for their Free Community Baby Shower **on December 7th.**

Baby Shower items can be dropped off at:

Luray United Methodist between November 10th-24th. Preferred Drop off hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 am-12:30, Thursdays 10:30am-2:30pm, or by appointment by calling 540-743-6540. *OR* please reach out to Courtney with Grace Fellowship by text or call at 540-325-3068 to arrange a pickup/drop off location.

We need a volunteer with a larger vehicle to help us pick up the items from Luray Methodist and transport them to Grace Fellowship in Shenandoah. **New 2 U Thrift Store is graciously donating items from their store.**

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November 26th, 27th, and 28th- We want to help Terri Mayes as her amazing team prepares their **24th annual free Thanksgiving meals** for our community at the Luray American Legion. Everyone is welcome to stop by and get a plate or just spend some time with others who may not have plans for Thanksgiving. For more information or to request a meal delivery (for those without transportation) visit: <http://spinnersdinner.org/>

Volunteers needed:

- **November 26th-** [Looking for folks to cook turkeys! Everything is provided](#), we just need you to cook the turkey and drop it back off to us. For more details call: Terri at 540-244-7971.
- **November 27th from 8am-noon** for event prep- setting up tables and chairs.
- **November 28th from 8am-noon-** food assembly line helpers, they also need a few drivers to deliver meals to those without transportation at 10am.

Letters to the Editor Campaign- Can you submit a letter? Help us recruit new volunteers, potential partners, and connect with the broader community. We can provide you with a letter outline and you can personalize it- or you can write your own. Just reach out to the team.

Action item: [See one of our letters published? Take a clear photo and send it to us or save us a copy!](#) October LTE: <https://pagevalleynews.com/an-update-on-community-works/>

Community Works and Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR)- We developed a “Friends’ Raiser” to raise awareness, volunteer support, and funds to increase water quality testing in Page County. FOSR provides weekly data during the summer free of charge for the public to view.

- **Check out their complete summer E. Coli testing results:** <https://fosr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FOSRs-2024-Summer-E.-coli-Testing-Program-Quantitative-E.-coli-Concentration-Results-09.09.2024.pdf>
- Watch discussion by the Luray Town Council on 9/24/24 regarding Hawksbill Creek: (Skip ahead to minute 11 of the video) <https://www.youtube.com/live/ayFHmxYKCyQ?feature=shared>
- Watch the most recent discussion by FOSR and Luray Town Council on 10/16/2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40qkAhxfp4A>
- Luray Town Council approved \$2,500 in funding to the FOSR Page Initiative.

Facebook Action Item: Like, Follow, and Share: Community Works 4Page and the National Community Works FB: Community Works

Have an idea that might fit in with Community Works? Let’s chat!

PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

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November Quick Read Bulletin:

- **Friends of the Shenandoah River 2024 summer E. Coli test results:**
<https://fosr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FOSRs-2024-Summer-E.-coli-Testing-Program-Quantitative-E.-coli-Concentration-Results-09.09.2024.pdf>
- **JMAT ReEntry Life Skills Classes-** Reach out to Sara if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills.
- **Volunteer with us** at Grace Fellowship in Shenandoah on November 14th at 6:30pm and/or Saturday November 16th from 9:45 to noon packing food boxes and assisting during the community pantry.
- **Help us collect donations for a Community Baby Shower** on December 7th at Grace Fellowship. Reach out to Courtney by text or call at 540-325-3068 to arrange a pickup/drop off location.
- **Thanksgiving Week Volunteer Opportunities-** For more info visit:
<http://spinnersdinner.org/>
- **Help us submit letters to the local editors and connect with community members.**
Example: <https://pagevalleynews.com/an-update-on-community-works/>
- Want more info? Email: PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

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NEW & GENTLY USED **BABY ITEMS** NEEDED

Grace Fellowship Church in Shenandoah is in search of baby item donations for the annual Community Baby Shower. This event, held in December, offers **FREE** baby items to local families in need.

If you would like to donate, please reach out to Courtney Cabbage to arrange a pickup/drop off time and location.

Diapers & Wipes

Baby Clothes

Baby Gear

Feeding Supplies

Hygiene Items

Toys

Health & Safety

Items

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH**

205 N. 4th Street
Shenandoah, VA 22849

Courtney Cabbage

Call or Text

540-325-3068

gfccommunityevents@gmail.com

Items can be donated by contacting Courtney to arrange a pickup/drop off time and location OR at **Luray United Methodist from November 10th-24th**- Preferred Drop off hours for Luray United are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 am-12:30, Thursdays 10:30am-2:30pm, or by appointment by calling 540-743-6540.

VOLUNTEER

WITH US!



We need 4 volunteers to help Grace Fellowship during their monthly community pantry. Help us pack food boxes on 11/14 at 6:30 pm and/or help us pass out those boxes on 11/16 at 9:45 am.

**NOVEMBER 14TH @6:30PM AND
NOVEMBER 16TH @ 9:45AM**



Contact Us: Call or Text

540-607-6480



EMAIL:

PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

Grace Fellowship Church - 204 N 4th St, Shenandoah

For more info on the Community Pantry call/text

Courtney at 540-325-3068

Share and invite a friend or family member to join!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Help with Preparations and Set Up



24th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 26 - 27

We are looking for folks to just cook turkeys!
Everything is provided. Turkey and Roasting Pan.
We just need you to cook the turkey and drop it back off to us.
For more details call: Terri at 540-244-7971.



November 27

8am-Noon-Event Preparation
Setting up tables, chairs, food stations, and other event prep.

November 28

9am-4pm- Event Support
Food assembly line helpers.
Drivers deliver meals to those without transportation.



If you can only volunteer for an hour your support would still be gratefully received. You can reach out to the Community Works Local Coordinator, Sara for more details or contact Terri directly- just let her know you are a volunteer with Community Works.

To Volunteer, Contact:
Sara Finn
Local Coordinator-Page County
Community Works
540-607-6480



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