

KEYSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTER
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A new year is off to a good start. Of course, the weather has not cooperated leaving us with several closed days, low attendance and slow progress on the new playground. Volunteers are critical to keep our programs going. Special thanks to the WMU at First Roanoke and the WMU of Roanoke Valley. These groups are providing volunteers for the adult bible study and the after school. Thanks to a couple of volunteers, we have started the Little Lamb pre-k back and the quilting class. If you want to volunteer positions are open from 2-4pm with the after school preparing a snack meal for children, a driver to pick up food on a Monday morning (call about this one) Thursday at 4:30 to 5:30 to do some cleaning, or help with the adult bible study group give me a call at 540-342-8452. If no answer, leave a message. We are closed on Fridays.

We are excited to provide the children and adult programs another space to learn about God. In May of 2024 we purchased the lot behind our building. The Child/Adult Bible Playground is going slow but we don't question God's timing, we embrace it. Please follow us on face book for progress or just drive by and take a tour. The weather and various contractors' schedules have taught me more patience than I thought I had. This will not be a slide and swing playground but a way to teach the bible in fun and loving ways for all ages.

Little Lamb Art time learning to glue/making a lamb—after school wearing hats donated- honoring Sam and Phil who retired in Dec after 19 years as the maintenance guys -first lawnmower turned into a planter



The children moving the pavers for playground entry--Their last official service was to create a safe entry into the new playground



Dates to Remember:

- Sign up for our annual 5K walk/Run now on line via our face book race page or in person. This is one of our fundraisers and this year we are celebrating our 10th year.
- Annual motorcycle ride to support the after school, July 26, 2025
- Summer camp sign up May 1
- School supply collection June & July
- Feb 18—Little Lamb Learners 9:30 -12:30
- Feb 20—quilting 9:30- 11:30
- Feb 24—no school no after school
- Feb 25—Little Lamb Learners 9:30-12:30
- Feb 27—Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:30 (with lunch served)
- March 4—Little Lambs 9:30-12:30
- March 6—quilting 9:30-11:30
- Tuesdays Little Lamb 9:30 to 12:30
- March 20—Adult bible study 9:30 to 11:30 (with hot meal)
- Closed March 24 –28 Spring Break no programs
- April adult bible study resumes on Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30
- April 21—closed

WE FOLLOW ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR CLOSINGS

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED

CALL FOR FULL DETAILS 540-342-8452

- DRIVER ON 1ST MONDAYS TO PICK UP FOOD DELIVERY (1-2 HOUR TIME INVOLVE, 11am to 12 noon)
- DRIVER FOR 2ND AND 3RD MONDAY STARTING IN OCTOBER
- SUMMMER CAMP HELP WITH PRE-K AND CHILDREN GRADE 1-5

REMINDER, PLEASE USE OUR PO BOX FOR CORRESPONDENCE, MAIL IS NOT SAFE AT PHYSICAL ADDRESS

PO BOX 13042 ROANOKE VA 24030

****Please call before making deliveries to make sure someone is in the building**

****We are hiring: Ministry Assistant 25 to 30 hours Monday to Thursday
Summer pre-k lead teacher 6 weeks prior to school starting
Director in training**

EASTER FOOD BOXES 2025

Easter food boxes will be given out April 17. Deadline to donate items is April 10th. We will prepare 50 food boxes with shelf life and perishable items of milk, bread, butter, eggs, and whole chicken. The cost for perishables is \$875. The following items will go in each box.

- 1 large box instant potatoes
- 1 15 oz can peas
- 1 15 oz can fruit
- 1 15 oz can corn
- 1 15 oz can green beans
- 4 cans soup
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 1 box or bag of brownie mix
- 1 25-foot roll aluminum foil
- 1 small box plastic wrap
- 1 small just add water pancake mix
- 1 small bottle syrup
- 1 small box spaghetti 1 24 oz size pasta sauce (no glass jars)
- 1 box saltine crackers
- 1 small box tea (no black)
- 1 box gelatin jello (not pudding)
- 1 small bottle cooking oil
- 1 small bottle dish detergent
- 1 round box of salt
- 1 box cereal
- 1 jar jelly or jam (no glass)
- 1 small jar peanut butter
- 1 pkg gravy
- 1 box hamburger helper
- 2 boxes mac n cheese



Monthly Food/Supplies Needed at Keystone Community Center Updated February 2025

January – soups, instant oatmeal, saltine crackers, evaporated milk, hot chocolate, (packets), spaghetti pasta and sauce, chicken and beef broth, bottled water small and regular size

February- bottled water, canned meats, instant potatoes all sizes, rice/dried beans, ravioli, beefaroni,

March- (usually this is the Easter month to collect for food boxes and there is a separate list for those) Check our website or call for a list

April – canned fruit, canned vegetables, juice boxes & pouches, apple juice all sizes, grape juice, bottled water

May- peanut butter all sizes, jelly & jams, different kinds of crackers, cereal all sizes and kinds

June – pop tarts, small boxes of cereal, breakfast items frozen and shelf life, bottled water

July – microwavable foods, fresh fruits and veggies, sugar all sizes, salt & pepper, coffee beans, brownie and cookie mixes. Bottled water

August – small bags of rice, dried beans, hamburger helper pastas, evaporated and shelf-life milk, dessert and packs of cookies, soups, bottled water

September- just add water pancake mix, syrup, cereal, frozen pancakes, personal hygiene items, feminine products, chicken nuggets

October- separate holiday food box list available, gravy mixes, canned meats, small bottles of ketchup, mayo, mustard, instant oatmeal, hot chocolate packs, juice boxes & pouches

November- bar and liquid hand soap, check holiday food box list, any foods to stock pantry

December- mac n cheese, tissues, crackers, soups

YEAR-ROUND ITEMS – small packets of ketchup, mustard, mayo, coffee beans, ramen noodles, granulated sugar, canning supplies; large and small lids

Monthly bags are given out to the participants of our programs with the majority given the last Thursday of the month. Emergency bags are available for counseling agencies with a client in need of a one-time help.by appointment. The pantry is also used to prepare meals for those in our programs. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes are given out the week before the holiday.

We also accept gift cards to purchase items we may not have in stock like milk bread, cheese, ice cream, etc.

Large and small bottles of water are also needed as we took the water fountains out after Covid.

Items used in the building- bleach, plastic spoons, forks, Styrofoam plates, 8,6-, and 5-ounce cups, disinfectant wipes, copy paper, toilet bowl cleaner with bleach.

Financial support is always a blessing and can be made payable to Keystone Community Center and mailed to PO Box 13042 Roanoke VA 24030 or online at Keystone Community Center. Org

Program summaries:

After school: We have 15 children on roll, PreK to 5th grade. (Normally we don't take pre-k but his 1st grade sister was in the program and there was an emergency situation so we let him come. The children have a different bible teacher everyday which is a great help. First Roanoke WMU has been a major help in providing 1 or 2 helpers with preparing the snack, almost every day, The children are learning a variety of stories in the bible and on Thursday when I teach, we mainly work on music especially Easter songs. We hope to do an Easter program in April.

Adult bible Study- this group is down to 3 faithful attendees with 1 homebound and 1 coming when she is not working. In December I made the choice to not have meetings Jan, Feb, and March every week only the last Thursday and still give out the monthly bag of groceries. The attendees are all over 70 and the reason for the change was the weather. It has been a good choice as the weather has proved to be not safe for older people to be out. The WMU of Roanoke Valley has been providing a teacher for all the meetings and even providing meals.

Little Lamb Learners (pre-k) 2 volunteers have stepped up to work with this small group, each giving 2 times a month. I have 2 little boys that are happy and like sponges taking in everything being taught. This group will run into May.

Food Pantry is being kept up by 2 volunteers that come in 1 to 2 times a week marking dates and packing bags when needed. Grinding coffee beans, and keeping me up to date on stock so I can make plans to collect items needed.

Backyard gardens- Plans are being made for a first meeting in March to see who will be having a garden in 2025. I know of at least 4 so far.

Quilting- I have 4 people who want to start the group back so I will meet with them on Thursday in February and March in place of bible study and have a new day in April and May.



B, is for bird feeder---sporting handmade hats—after school playing a game

