



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



**April
2017**

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From the Senior Pastor

Why not invite someone to church on Easter Sunday? The coming weeks are a great time to ask your neighbors, family members, or co-workers, "What are you doing Easter Sunday?" Say a prayer for the Holy Spirit's leading and then walk across the room or the street and let them know that they are welcome to come and be part of our church family on Easter morning.

When I look at this blank page in front of me each month, my first impulse is to race ahead in a long litany describing all the great events and activities that await our church in the coming weeks. That's the world we live in, isn't it? Endless activities cascading one after the other with little space between. Even if our physical bodies aren't overly active, our minds race back and forth, to and fro, trying to embrace all the choices in front of us:

Which media to watch. What foods to indulge in. What to buy and what not to buy....

That's the beauty of Jesus' message. He invites us to rest—not alone, but "upon" him (I Peter 5:7). He encourages us not to worry about tomorrow for "today has enough troubles of its own" (Matthew 6:34). Jesus encourages us to learn lessons of simplicity from the birds and the fields.

So the blank first page of this newsletter offers me a monthly challenge. Can I resist the temptation to invite you to add to the stress in your life? Or will I instead share the wisdom of Jesus?

To be sure, I want you to peruse and take note of the activities inside these pages. But I also want you to use the discernment of God's Holy Spirit—the Spirit within you—to wisely choose what is God's Holy will for your daily regimen. Is there silence, sacred silence, in your days? Do you take time to retreat from the busyness of your days and spend time in God's Word? Do you speak with him and listen for his voice?

We are steadily moving toward that great and glorious day of Christ's resurrection on April 16th. If we are not prepared in heart, mind and spirit, that day will pass us by with little if any impact. If we are prepared, if we've prayed and meditated and spent time with our Lord in His Word and through His holy presence; if we've walked with Jesus on the way to the cross and grave; if we've served the lost he came to seek and save; then we can sing and shout, "Hallelujah, Christ is risen!" and know that Christ is risen indeed.

May the riches of His love and grace be yours this Easter and beyond.

In Christ's service

News...



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Mission

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REACH PEOPLE AS THEY ARE
RELATE THEM TO GOD
EQUIP THEM TO SERVE WITH
 US, AND
GO FORTH TO MAKE A HOLY
 DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Newsletter Deadline is April 17

Please submit items to
 Shawna Hiner by date
 above for the **May**
 Newsletter. By phone,
 248-7777 or email,
 shiner@veronaumc.com

If you would a copy of
Church Council Minutes
 please contact Shawna in
 the church office:
 248-7777 or
 shiner@veronaumc.com
*All meetings except
 Staff Parish Relations
 Committee (SPRC) are
 open to the congregation.*



Miss A Sunday?

Pastor Bob's
 sermons are online.
 Go to
 www.veronaumc.net
 and check it out!
 You can also receive
 weekly announce-
 ments by email.
 Call 248-7777

Holy Thursday Worship Come and bring a friend to our April 13th Holy Thursday worship service with communion. The service begins at 7 pm.

Easter Sunday Schedule –April 16

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Breakfast to follow in Social Hall)
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Praise Service—Aisle 7
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Butterfly
 Release**
 following the
8:30 & 11:00
 Easter services

Egg-Normous Easter Event, Saturday,

April 8th, 9:30 am—Noon



9:30 'til 10: Pancake breakfast
 and Easter Egg Hunt with the
 Easter Bunny at **Verona UMC.**

10 'til Noon: Crafts, snacks, games and visiting
 with the Easter Bunny at the **Verona Communi-
 ty Center.** Hosted by VUMC & A7F.

**We need
 plastic Easter
 Eggs for the
 Egg Hunt.**
 Please bring to
 the church
 office by **Apr. 5**

Adult Mission Trip ~ Volunteers Needed

The Adult Mission team will be traveling to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia on Sunday April 23 and returning Friday evening April 28th. We will be based out of the Emanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs. We will be working to repair homes and/or other structures damaged in the floods of 2016. We will sleep and eat at the Church. Experience is not necessary. If you would like to be a part of this mission experience, please contact Larry Wills- 540-457-1222-ljenew@aol.com or the church office. The drive time to this location is less than 2 hours. If you would like to come for just part of the week, we will make the onsite arrangements to accommodate you.



New Sunday School Class for Moms! ...Of all ages beginning Sunday, April 9 at 10

a.m. on the 3rd Floor (above the sanctuary). We will be using the "Fearless Conversation" series. This first 13 week study is entitled "Why Is Grace So Amazing?". These studies

help us get to know God and each other better by exploring "wondering" questions. It will also help encourage us to look to the Bible inductively for the answers to our biggest questions. Bring a Bible! For more information contact: **Amanda Hall** at amandavumc@gmail.com or **Shawna Hiner** at shiner@veronaumc.com.



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

The following groups/teams/classes are scheduled to host Coffee and Fellowship time on Sundays in April. Information and instructions posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. Questions/concerns? Please contact the Church Office.



- ◆ April 2 Witness
- ◆ April 9 Petal Pushers
- ◆ April 16 (Easter) Esther Circle
- ◆ April 23 Seekers
- ◆ April 30 Youth

Coffee Time: We are looking for additional new groups/teams/classes/families/couples to add to the Coffee Time list – If you are willing to do this about 4 times a year (or even once a year) please contact the Church Office at 248-7777.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

Adults needed to work with Sunday School at all age levels – Contact Children’s Director Amanda Hall.

Altar Flower Donations Sign up to donate flowers on any Sunday. Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and help beautify the sanctuary. Call church office at 248-7777 for further information.



Food Pantry Donations

URGENT: Assist local families in need!

On the First Sunday of each month we have a special collection for items for our church food pantry. Collection boxes are located at both entrances to the sanctuary. You can leave items at any time during the month.

WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:

Toothpaste / toothbrushes / toilet paper / deodorant / shampoo. (The regional Food Bank doesn't have these items so they must be purchased by our church food pantry).

Salt & Peppers News Corner

For anyone with a little "salt and pepper" in their hair!

Traditions Restaurant- Harrisonburg, VA Wednesday, April 26 at 12:00 PM

Please let us know if you would like to ride on the church van or meet us there. We will leave the church at 11:30 for those of you who are interested in riding in the van. **RSVP by Sunday, April 23rd.**

Monticello and Michie Tavern Charlottesville, VA ~ Thursday, May 25th

You are invited join us for a fun filled day as we tour Monticello, the home place of Thomas Jefferson, and eat lunch at Michie Tavern. We will leave the church at 10:30 and head directly to Michie Tavern where we will eat an early lunch. The menu consists of fried chicken, pulled pork barbecue, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cole-slaw, beets, cornbread, biscuits, and peach cobbler....we won't go hungry that is for sure! After lunch, we will go to Monticello where we will have time to tour the home, the gardens, and visit the gift shop. We plan to return around 4:00 pm. **The cost is \$50/person. Please let us know by April 9th if you would like to attend. \$25.00** will be due at the time of your reservation with the balance of \$25 due by **May 7th.**

Dates to Remember

- **April 9** - RSVP for Monticello; \$25.00 deposit due.
- **April 23rd** - RSVP for Traditions
- **April 26th**- Lunch at Traditions
- **May 7th** - Balance due Monticello/Michie Tavern
- **May 25th** - Monticello and Michie Tavern

Please give **ALL** payments to the committee members or Shawna Hiner. **DO NOT** put the payments in the offering plate.

For more information on upcoming events, contact:
Faye Wills –234-9410, Sandy McAllister -255-6488,
Gayle Meeks –248-1325, or Laura Gurkin - 887-2889

Order Your Apple Dumplings Now

Apple Dumplings will be made **Friday, March 31st.** Call 248-7777 to place your order! Pick up will be 12-4 pm on March 31. Proceeds benefit missions and projects around the church.



Need for Weekend Volunteers at Verona Community Center

Can't volunteer on weekdays?

Are you sometimes free for 2 or 3 hours on a Saturday morning or afternoon (or an occasional Sunday afternoon)?

We have more and more groups using the center on weekends and we have a great need for volunteers to be present during their events. For more information and/or to volunteer. For more information and/or to volunteer, call Lydia Weeks at 757-619-3515 or email lydspot@yahoo.com

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

C.S. LEWIS

Join a Prayer Group

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do as a church. In the Bible we are called on to pray without ceasing—come join your voice!

Pastor's Prayer Group

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Prayer Life Group

Sundays at 10 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., next to Library

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

Online Giving Available

It's easy, safe and secure. Go to (veronaumc.com) and click on the online giving banner OR drop by the church office during the week and Shawna can assist you in setting up your online giving.

Numbers that Matter thru 3/26/17

Winter weather and only one worship service on Jan. 1 & 8 severely affected attendance and offerings in January. Please consider "catching up" on your offerings if you missed during one of those Sundays.

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	89
Worship Avg. 2017—VUMC/A7F	181/43
Worship 3/26/17—VUMC/A7F	171/57

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7234

*Does not include designated gifts including the Community Center, Aisle 7 Fellowship, Food Pantry, Building and Memorial Funds, Youth Missions, etc.



AUDIT for Church Account Holders

Attention all groups (classes, women's groups, ministries) with accounts in our church's name. Please begin to prepare for the audit which will be done in April. Please make sure you give your audit form and all of your bank statements to Sandy Rankin or leave in the church office. Thank you.

Sandy Rankin, Finance Chair

The Finance Committee

will meet Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m. in Room 146. Please mark your calendars. We will audit accounts of church groups at this meeting.



Hours for Community Center

Cafe open from 8:30-5:30, Mon.-Friday. Groups may reserve rooms from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Saturday and 2-9 p.m. on Sunday. Call Judith at 255-3987.



Youth Group is for 6th - 12th grades. BRING A FRIEND!

*Our Youth Coordinators are Bill & Carolyn Harlow.
Reach them at 578-5575 with any questions.*

APRIL YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Sunday, April 2, 5:00pm**—Youth Mission meeting, Verona Community Center
- ◆ **Sunday, April 2, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, Verona Community Center
- ◆ **Sunday, April 9, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH/*Practicing for Sunrise service*
- ◆ **Sunday, April 16, 6:30am**—Easter Sunrise Service-led by youth/breakfast provided by youth parents (6:30-8am)
- ◆ **Sunday, April 23, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
- ◆ **Saturday, April 29, 6-10pm**—Dance/sponsored by youth mission team/held at VCC

*EASTER/Sunday, April 16, 6:30 am -The youth will be participating in the Sunrise Service for Easter, youth parents needed to help with the preparing the breakfast immediately following the sunrise service.
Please let me know if you can help!*

Dance for Missions—the Youth Mission Team is hosting a "Hollywood" theme dance at the Verona Community Center on **Saturday, April 29, 6-10pm**. A DJ will provide the music, we will take pictures, light refreshments provided. The dance is for all ages. **Tickets thru Apr. 22 \$8 single / \$15 couple**. Tickets at door \$10 single / \$20 couple. Dress attire will be casual or formal. *Proceeds benefit the youth mission team with 10% donated to the Community Center.*

*Keep us in your prayers as we plan and prepare for our June mission trip.
Your prayers and other support mean so much to us. Thank you VUMC!*

Children's News

BLAST (Believe, Learn & Share Together) for ages 4yrs-5th Grade is held every Sunday, 5 to 6:30pm
Dinner served. Bring a friend!
(No BLAST on Sun. April 16)



Children will sing at both services on Easter Sunday (Apr. 16). Children will enjoy a fun Easter Celebration for Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



Egg-Normous Easter Event, Sat. April 8th, 9:30 am-Noon

(Hosted by VUMC & A7F)

9:30 'til 10: Pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny at **Verona UMC**.

10 'til Noon: Crafts, snacks, games and visiting with the Easter Bunny at the **Verona Community Center**.

The VUMC Children's Choir will sing with the Staunton Choral Society on Sunday, May 21, 4:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton.

VBS 2017 June 19-23, 6:00 to 8:30pm. Please contact Amanda at 540-280-1455, or amandavumc@gmail.com if you would like to help in any capacity. Sunday school classes/groups are needed to prepare and serve dinner nightly. *Note-this year VBS is Mon.-Fri.*

Rent a Table at the Ruritan Yard Sale

Saturday, April 1, 7 am-12 noon at the Verona Community Center

Tables \$12 each or more than one just \$10

Proceeds benefit the Verona Community Center

Hosted by Verona Ruritans

Set up your table and items Friday, Mar. 31, 6-8 p.m.

Call Fred Wills 430-0612 for more information.

Verona Ruritans Offer Two \$500 Scholarships

You must be from Staunton, Augusta, or Waynesboro and have been accepted this fall to a trade, or two or four year school. Applications are due June 1st. Contact Fred Wills at 430-0612 or stop by the church office for an application.

Petal Pusher News

The sun is shining, the buds are popping, the birds are singing...it must be Spring is springing!

Our team of awesome hard workers: Joyce Brubeck, Herthel Chestnut, Mary Lam, Mary Jane Ayers, Linda and Dennis Garber, Betty and Steve Sutton, Don Powers, and Charles Cook will be back on the job on April 4th. Believe it or not there is always something that needs to be done. We're looking forward to another wonderful season—you may be surprised when you see some of the new things we've planted.

We know it's only by God's grace we are able to do what we do. We are always thankful for His gifts of sun and rain and our good health to be able to serve. Once again, we thank you for allowing us to serve in such a rewarding way. *Patsy Mayle*

BackPacks for Braves

We are currently feeding 27 children. ***Only 2 months left for School and until the closing of Verona Elementary and the end of our Backpack program.*** We still need donations to carry us through as we feed 23 children each week. The items that we need always seem to be the same but these really are the items that are on my shopping list each week: **small cans of wieners & beans (wiener beanies), fruit cups, small bags of chips, granola bars, pudding cups, snack size packages of cookies and self-stable chocolate milk.**

Please leave donated food items in the red tub in the front hall, marked Backpacks for Braves. If you would like to help, shop, pack bags, and or deliver these weekend food Backpacks *contact Sue MacTavish*

Greetings from Aisle 7!

Most people who know me know that I love to jokingly refer to March as the real "most wonderful time of the year," mostly because of March Madness. But the actual reason this time of year is so special to me is because we're in the season of Lent (okay, okay— and March Madness), which culminates in what is my favorite holiday, Easter.

Lent is a wonderful time of year to reflect on our relationship with Jesus and allow ourselves extra time to pray and grow closer to Him. Traditionally, we celebrate this time by giving something up for 40 days to remove barriers between ourselves and God and focus more clearly on Him. I can't wait to finally celebrate with you in April!

As some of you know, we are now having a Community Lunch right after worship on the last Sunday of every month. These meals are a great time to come together in fellowship over a shared meal and are open to all. Bring a dish to share; we would love to have you join us!

We also have a couple mission trips coming up. We will be taking a trip to help with flood relief efforts in West Virginia the last week in April. The trip runs from from the afternoon of April 23rd through Friday the 28th. The cost is \$50 per person.

We have also been invited to bring a half dozen people to Cherokee, NC to continue the Lord's mission work with the Cherokee people this summer. The trip will take place from July 29—August 5th and will cost \$500 per person (there will be plenty of fundraisers to help defray costs). If you are interested in either trip and want to be a part of what God is doing through Aisle 7 and Verona UMC in other communities, we would absolutely love to have you!

I also want to share our joy in being able to host Young Life from Fort Defiance HS in the Verona Community Center. Last semester we made the decision to partner with the group and it's been awesome to see their turn out of 40+ youth, week after week. It's a great way for the youth to make friends, play games, and have fun with others in a Christ-centered, supportive environment.

I would like to say thank you to Pastor Bob for delivering the final sermon in our series on Salvation this last month so that my family and I could take a trip to Florida for a few days. I was thrilled to be able to spend some quality time with my parents and my brother and his family, and get some much needed R&R in the (albeit slightly clouded) sun. My hope for everyone is to have some time set aside this year to spend with those we love. One of the ten commandments instructs us to rest and even Jesus took time to get away from it all; and though I sometimes have trouble slowing down, I hope that by doing so I can be a better pastor, husband, and father and can draw closer to God in the process. We definitely missed everyone at Aisle 7 though and were happy to return!

And lastly, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helps make our church the warm and welcoming place it continues to be every day of the week. We are always looking for volunteers to help us keep everything running smoothly! Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you feel called to help us out or if anything is weighing on your heart. My door is always open.

In His Grace, -Pastor Kevin McMullen

HYMN FESTIVAL



The 4th Annual Staunton Choral Society

Hymn Festival

Sunday April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Verona United Methodist Church

Featuring
The Staunton Choral Society
directed by Raymond Hebert
with Congregational Singing

The SCS will sing 7 pieces including : Aaron Copland's *The Promise of Living*, Michael Hassell's arrangement of *Jesus Loves Me*, Andrea Klouse's arrangement of *Prayer of the Children* and Donald Moore's arrangement of *This Little Light of Mine*.

There will be congregational singing of hymns from both the *United Methodist Hymnal* and the *Faith We Sing* and a time for Hymn requests.

Three VUMC members will be singing:
Doris Wright, Melinda Wills, and Sue MacTavish.

A free-will offering will be taken for the Staunton Choral Society. All members of the Society are volunteers including our director and accompanist. The Donations and Offerings we receive enable us to present Free Concerts to the Staunton area community and to pay small honorariums to the director, accompanist and other musicians associated with the concerts.

All donations are tax deductible.

www.stauntonchoralsociety.org
www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety

Helping Hands Ministry

There are a number of small building and repair projects in our community (in neighbors' homes and around our church building) that can be taken care of in a short amount of time with one or two people doing the work. A list of these projects is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex between the Sanctuary and Social Hall. Please review the list weekly to see if there is a project you are capable of doing. If the project will take a few more people, gather up a group and take care of it. Questions? Call Doug May at 241-5605.

Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

Summer Camp programs
(day camp and overnight)
for children & youth designed to:
Create a Christian environment in an out-of-doors setting that will be conducive to personal and group experiences with God and learning His will for our lives.

**Visit the website
for more information:**
<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/>
**or call the camp office to register
today: 540-269-2267**
**BROCHURES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE**
**Once you have attended your week at camp you
can submit your receipt to the VUMC
office for reimbursement of half the cost!**



Yard Sale
Saturday, April 22
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Verona UMC Fellowship Hall
Proceeds benefit the
VUMC Daycare



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

FROM JOY UTBERG, UMW PRESIDENT:

The UMW invites you to participate in a church-wide collection for the UMCOR health kits for Conference. The most needed kits right now are the Health Kits and Bedding Kits. Over the next few months we will be collecting the items below that are part of the Health kits. If you would prefer to donate funds towards the supplies or shipping costs, please make a check out to Verona UMW and give it to one of the UMW officers.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW events listed below:

- April 20- UMW Harrisonburg District Evening Together – 7PM @ Keezletown UMC
- April 22 – Potato bar luncheon at Verona Community Center for Food Pantry clients & community members from 12-1:30pm. Please see one of the officers if you are willing to help out.
- April 28 – 30 - Conference Spiritual Life Retreat – Northern VA 4H Center – Front Royal

Not a Member of the United Methodist Women?

Talk with me and let me tell you about how ***Great*** it is to be a ***United Methodist Woman***
Joy Utberg,
Verona UMW Pres.

If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 943-6846, or reach out to one of the other officers:

Gayle Meeks – VP	Linda Garber - Secretary
Millie Davis – Treasurer	Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Lydia Weeks – Reading Program	Joy Tinsley – Nominating

VUMC UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle—usually meets 3rd Monday, 2pm, RM 144 – Pat Foster, Chair

Rebecca Circle—meets 2nd Sat., 10 am, RM 146 - Gayle Meeks, Chair

UMCOR Kits for Conference - *In April we are asking for donations for the items below. Each kit requires the quantity noted.*

- **(6) Adhesive bandages:** $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch-size, Common household Band-Aids.
- **(1) Bath-size soap:** 3 oz. and larger sizes only, No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content. Do not remove from original packaging.
- **(1) Comb:** Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long, No pocket combs or picks, please. Rattail combs and combs without handle are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you.



Compiled by the
United Methodist Women
Verona United Methodist Church

Get Your Copy Today

"Angel Baby Stories: Powerful Stories of Faith"

Now on Sale by our UM Women for only \$10 a copy

You will want a copy of this outstanding book for yourself and more copies to give all your friends. True Stories of Faith written by members (or friends of members) of our Verona UMC Congregation. Get your copy Now!

When one woman told her story at the United Methodist Women (UMW) meeting, a fire was ignited. That one story prompted others to tell their stories and the idea for *Angel Baby Stories* was born. The UMW of Verona United Methodist Church pulled these powerful stories of faith together to share with others.

The stories are certainly not all about babies, and they are certainly not all about babies who died. But, they are stories about someone's baby whose life event somehow caused the author to realize that God had touched them and strengthened their personal faith in God.



VUMC Chancel Choir News

We encourage prospective members to come and experience the fun and inspiration of a VUMC choir practice—there are

no tryouts, all are welcome. The 11:00 choir practices from 6:30 to 7:30pm. The 8:30 choir practices from 7:15 to 8:15pm (there is a fifteen minute "overlap" when the choirs practice together).

The Combined Choirs will sing:

- April 9th ~ Palm Sunday ~ Robes
- April 13th ~ Maundy Thursday ~ Robes
(meet at 6:30pm in Choir Room)
- April 16th ~ Easter Sunday ~ Robes

online GIVING

easy. fast. effective

Online Giving Helps Everyone

- Online giving means your offering is received by the church no matter what the weather or if you are out of town
- With online giving, you can enter a contribution schedule for the whole year (or beyond) and never have to worry about whether or not you've missed a Sunday
- Online giving reduces our church volunteers' work in recording cash and checks
- Online giving makes more sense for younger adults who seldom handle cash or write checks
- Online giving makes church planning easier as giving becomes more regular and predictable
- Online giving reduces your personal time in giving—stop ordering checks, worrying about the check you forgot to write, and searching for your checkbook on Sunday mornings
- Online giving gives you the opportunity to use credit or debit cards and e-checks
- Online giving allows you to make a donation while it's on your mind, day or night
- Donations can be made from your phone, your computer, your tablet—anywhere you have an internet connection
- Online giving allows you to make general or special donations

Contact Shawna in church office (248-7777) for help. To set up your account visit:
<http://veronaumc.net/online-giving/>

Note that there is a 3% fee paid by our church for use of a credit or debit card. You have the option to add that fee to your donation. If you use an e-check, the fee is 50 cents per transaction.



Don McFaden
Glen Sutton
Roger Moats
Louise Roadcap
Frances Johnson
Ray Smith
Charles Cook
Harle Jackson
Joy Tinsley
Bill Welliver
Kitty Wine
Bobby Breeden
Fred Foster
Jeff Spiggle
Elijah Smith

Thelma Smith
Dot Hess
Patsy Dastoli
Willie Lockridge
Donald Smith
Ronald Smith
Margaret Helmick
Jean May
Inez Fultz
Howard Rexrode

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Mary Jane Staples and Family in the loss of her husband, Larry.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Pastor Jeff Allen and Family in the loss of Jeff's mother.

Confirmation 2017

For youth in middle
and high school
**September 10 through
October 29**

Classes held on Sundays,
9:45-10:45 a.m.

For youth in middle and high school who desire to publically declare their intention to live out the vows of the baptismal covenant. Pastors Bob Weeks and Kevin McMullen will share what it means to be a Christian, living out your faith, your commitment, and God's call.

Youth may participate whether or not they have previously been baptized. To sign up or to receive a confirmation packet with more information, call 248-7777 or email shiner@veronaumc.com

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to our volunteers and donors of our last Blood Drive, 29 units were collected. Our next Blood Drive will be Thursday, May 4 from 12-5pm in the Social Hall.


Thank you, Helen Sullivan

It's hard to believe it's been over a year since the Verona Community Center opened and Aisle 7 Fellowship began meeting! After a great celebration of the anniversary of the center on March 18th, I thought about the many, many volunteers it took to make the community center and our new church plant a reality. All served freely and with a deep commitment to serving all the members of our community.

I want to thank, on behalf of our church and our community center management board, everyone who has given their time, prayers, and energies to make these dreams of our church come true. While the majority of volunteers came from our congregation, we have also been blessed by those who have come from other churches and the general community.

Greater things are still ahead for the community center and Aisle 7. Why? Because we serve a God who is faithful to fulfill his promises. The good work God has begun through us he will surely finish. May we be faithful to his vision and led by his Spirit.

With deepest gratitude, Pastor Bob Weeks



**CHURCH PICTORAL
DIRECTORY**
**Mark Your Calendar
now for June 13-17**
More information will available in the upcoming months

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - April 2017

4/1 7:00am Yard Sale at Community Center until 12pm
 4/2 4:00pm SCS Hymn Fest, Sanctuary/BRMH
 5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, Downstairs
 5:00pm Youth Mission Meeting, Comm. Center
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, Comm. Center
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/3 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
 4/4 10:00am Staff Meeting
 4/5 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/6 7:00 pm Lay Leadership Meeting, RM 146
 4/8 9:30am Breakfast & Egg Hunt w/ Easter Bunny, BRMH
 10:00am Crafts & Snacks w/ Easter Bunny, Comm. Center
 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
Chicken BBQ-Scouts
 4/9 5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/10 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
 7:00 pm WRE Meeting, RM 147
 4/11 10:00am Staff Meeting
 4/12 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
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 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
 4/14 TBA Jewish Seder meal at Pastor Kevin's house
 4/16 6:30am Sunrise Service (breakfast to follow)
 8:30am Worship Service
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

OFFICE CLOSED
 2:00pm Esther Circle-RM 144
 4/18 7:00 pm Finance Meeting, RM 146
 4/19 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/20 7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving)
 4/22 7:00am Yard Sale, BRMH
 4/23 5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 4/24 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 4/25 10:00am Staff Meeting
 4/26 12:00pm Salt & Peppers Lunch at Traditions/H-burg
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**Worship Services held each Sunday
 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
 with Sunday School at 10 a.m.
 Our second campus, Aisle 7 Fellowship,
 meets at the Verona Community Center at 10:45 a.m.**



	4/9	Louise Roadcap	4/19	Johnny Thompson	4/27	Bill Gordon	
		Scott Morlino	4/22	Doug MacTavish	4/28	Vickie Racca	
		Mike Wagner		Bob Brydge		Leah Lam	
4/1	Faith Bridges	4/11	Joe Walker	4/23	Christy Phillips	4/29	Kevin Brooks
4/2	Carla Harris	4/12	Steve Sutton	4/24	Gloria Harrison		Patricia Rehm
4/3	Regina Chestnut		Kit Austin		Gena Chandler		Angelique Dawson
	Becky Minor	4/14	Bev VanLear		Drew Mazingo	4/30	Kimberly Hohenstein
	Greg Lambert		Benny Craun	4/25	Polly Brumfield		
4/4	Samantha Arnold		Alisa Fernez		Patsy Perry Myers		
4/6	Summer Turner	4/16	John Fultz		Robbie Spiggle		
	Kevin Custer	4/17	Margaret Callison		Levi McAllister		
4/7	Jim Perdue		Don Powers		Taylor Lam Wood		
	Donna Lane		Laura Hisey	4/26	Megan Blosser		
4/8	Donna Poe	4/18	Dot Farren		KC Morlino		
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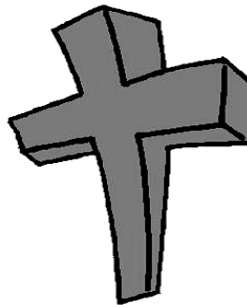
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Sunday Schedule:
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

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