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Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



**February
2017**

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From the Senior Pastor

I am very excited about our children's ministry move to a weekly children's fellowship on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. Our B.L.A.S.T. (Believe, Learn And Share Together) events have been held monthly the last couple of years. Rising attendance, more volunteer help, and the children's positive response have made a move to meeting every week possible. Be sure to bring your children, grand-children, neighbor's children, etc.!

I've just returned from an hour and a half of planning with twenty of our members serving in the areas of Witness, Outreach, Nurture, and Age-Level ministries. It was a lively session with plenty of great ideas. I appreciate our leaders and the time they take to lead our church. Please keep them in your prayers. It is only with God's grace and leading that we can fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ!

There is no better way to make an eternal difference in someone's life than sharing Jesus with them.

A few years ago Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Church in the Chicago area wrote a best seller entitled "Just Walk Across the Room." The book proposed a simple idea—what if we stopped making evangelism such a complex, frightening mystery and simply looked at it as sharing a precious gift with a friend. Here are some quotes from Bill Hybels' book that I hope will inspire you to share the gift of Jesus Christ with someone you know:

- "If you really believe in the redeeming and transforming power of God's presence in a person's life, then the single greatest gift you can give someone is an explanation of how to be rightly connected to him."
- "Most people who wind up in the kingdom of God can trace their salvation back to a single, life-changing conversation with a Christ-follower."
- "As Christ's followers, we're accountable for regularly moving in circles with people far from God, uncovering their stories with compassion and grace, and then naturally and consistently making ourselves available when God opens a door of opportunity."
- "...you just might be the single flame in someone's dark night who reminds them that there is a God who created them, who loves them, and who yearns to relate with them, starting from right where they are."
- "God, please help me live every day with an awareness of eternal realities."
- "Grander Vision Living. It doesn't take much, really. Just an intentional shift in focus. From my needs and wants to the needs and wants of others."

I am planning a three-part Sunday evening class based on "Just Walk Across the Room" beginning March 13th. I hope you'll be able to join us!

In Christ's service

News...

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 February 20

Please submit items to
Shawna Hiner by date
above for the **March**
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



Super Bowl Sunday “Kick Off” Luncheon

Please support our Youth Group by joining them for lunch prior
to the **BIG SUPER BOWL KICK OFF** on **Sunday, February 5** from
10:45 am to 1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Menu:** Chili, Taco Soup, Side Salad, Chips and Crackers for Soup, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade or Water.
- **Free Will Offering**
- **Dine-in or take-out available**
- *All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Ohio.*

Shrove Tuesday **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper** February 28, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

*Pancakes, Sausage, Cooked Apples,
Orange or Apple Juice & Coffee*



Free Will Offering

Sponsored by Homebuilders Sunday School Class
Proceeds benefit our church missions

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 1 at 7 p.m.

A special offering will be received for the
Verona Community Center



Lenten Prayer Evening, Friday, March 10, 7 pm

“And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord teach us to pray as John also taught His disciples.” Luke 11:1

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for Easter. It is also a time for self-examination and focusing on our relationship with our Lord.
On March 10, Susan Allen will be leading us for the Lenten Prayer Evening. It will be a joint meeting with Aisle 7 at 7:00pm in the Community Center. All are invited to set aside a couple of hours to seek God, encourage and strengthen our brothers and sisters in Christ. It will be a time of worship, teaching, praying and fellowship.

We all have our prayer time, but we need to model the Church of Acts. They did three things as a church: 1)studied the word, 2)prayed, 3) celebrated communion.

Please join together and strengthen each other and strengthen our church. If you have questions, contact Pastors’ Bob, Jeff and Kevin or Susan Allen and Dick Watson. Please pray for this evening apart and make it a priority during Lent.

In Christ’s Service, Dick Watson, Nurture Team-Spiritual Formation & Growth



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

The following groups/teams/classes are scheduled to host Coffee and Fellowship time on Sundays in February and March.

Information and instructions are posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. If there are questions/concerns please contact the Church Office.



- ◆ February 5 Petal Pushers
- ◆ February 12 Esther Circle
- ◆ February 19 Seekers
- ◆ February 26 Youth
- ◆ March 5 Open Door
- ◆ March 12 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ March 19 Worship Team
- ◆ March 26 Home Builders

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

We Need Adults to work with our Sunday School at all age levels – Please contact Children’s Director Amanda Hall.

Altar Flower Donations There is a calendar in the narthex for anyone wishing to 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 for further information.



Food Pantry Donations

Assist local families in need of food!

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.

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Brunch and Bible Trivia, VUMC Social Hall Saturday, February 11th 10:00 am

You are invited to brunch and a friendly round of bible trivia on Saturday, February 11th in the VUMC social hall. **RSVP by Sunday, February 5th. The Menu:** Sausage, egg, and cheese casserole or Ham, egg, and cheese casserole, Fresh fruit, Biscuits with all the fixings, assorted Danish, Coffee, juice or water.

The Million Dollar Quartet, Riverside Dinner Theater Fredericksburg, VA - Friday, March 3rd

This 2010 Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning musical dramatizes the now-famous 1956 impromptu recording session at Sun Record Studio in Memphis during which early rock and roll stars Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis met and jammed just for fun. On December 4, Carl Perkins was scheduled to record some songs with a new performer, Jerry Lee Lewis. Unexpectedly, Elvis Presley happens to stop by the studio along with his girlfriend, a singer named Dyanne. Remarkably, Johnny Cash also stops by to meet with recording impresario Sam Philips. The four musicians soon begin talking and singing together. On the outside chance that something great (and lucrative) might come out of the session, Philips flips the switch on the studio recorder and the rest is rock and roll history. Hit songs include Blue Suede Shoes, Folsom Prison Blues, Great Balls of Fire, Hound Dog, See You Later Alligator, and many others.

We have reserved 32 seats for the matinee on Friday, March 3rd. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and return by 7:00 pm. The cost is \$68/person which includes a delicious and extensive lunch (taxes and gratuities included), the performance, the van rental, and fuel. **A 50% deposit of \$34.00 is required by Jan. 15 and balance due by Feb. 12.**

Army Field Band, Wayne Theater

Waynesboro, VA - Monday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

Enjoy an evening with the Army Field Band on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. The performance is “pay as you will”. We will leave the church at 6:00 pm as we need to be seated no later than 6:45. You may also meet us there. Please **RSVP by Jan, 9th** if you **think** you would like to attend. We can easily adjust our numbers without penalty for reserved seats. We want to ensure that we can get seats for anyone who might be interested.

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



1st Anniversary Celebration!

Sat., March 18, 6-8:30 p.m.

*Free Food &
Entertainment*

**Faithful Men
Desperate Measures
Valley Harmony**

**Please come and join us as we
celebrate the first anniversary of
the Verona Community Center!**

**“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

Mondays at 7 p.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 1/22/17

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	45
Worship Avg. 2016—VUMC/A7F	119/37
Worship 1/22/17—VUMC/A7F	200/55

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	5726

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

BackPacks for Braves

Cici's Pizza Night February 2

Get your Pizza dinner and leave receipt in bucket by cash register to give donation to Verona Elementary!

The second semester at Verona Elementary is off and running! We are currently feeding 27 children each week. The items 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 food items in the red tub marked Backpacks for Braves located in the front hall,

If you would like to help shop, pack bags, and/or deliver these weekend food Backpacks – please contact Sue MacTavish.



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.

FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Sunday February 5th 10:45 am-1:00 pm Super Bowl luncheon. Youth and parents are needed to assist with preparing meal, setting up tables, serving meal, and cleaning up afterwards.

Sunday, Feb 12th 5:30-7pm youth devotion, supper will be provided

Sunday, February 19th 5:30-7pm Hearts game, supper will be provide youth and adults can play. Parents are welcome to stay or come and be with us and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Sunday February 26th 5:30-7pm youth devotions supper will be provided.

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

As of February 5th B.L.A.S.T Meets Weekly

BLAST (Believe, Learn & Share Together) for ages 4yrs-5th Grade will be held every Sunday beginning February 5 from 5 to 6:30pm—Children

will be grouped according to age: Ages 4 through 2nd grade and 3rd thru 5th grade. Each group will spend 30 minutes learning songs with our Music Director Joy to share in future Sunday morning worship services... and 30 minutes in activities with Amanda. Dinner provided.

- **VBS Planning Meeting for 2017**—Come to a planning meeting on February 12 immediately following the 11am service, in the children's Sunday school room downstairs, Room 141.
- **Sunday School Change**—Starting in Feb. children's classes will be grouped by these ages: Ages 3.5 to grade 1 & grades 2 through 5.





Verona Community Center

Report to VUMC Council - January 17, 2017

2016 in a nutshell—*We finished the year in a blaze of glory!* As of December 75, over 54,444 guests came to the center and café – far beyond our expectations for the first nine months of operation. All users have had only positive comments and have extended their appreciation for having this venue in the community. In addition, excluding the cost of renovations to the building, we had over \$23,000 in positive cash flow.

This success has been due to the very dedicated volunteers who staff the center five days a week and numerous weekends for events, welcoming guests, giving tours and promoting use for activities, and others planning and scheduling. A quick calculation of volunteer hours for those 9 months was 2,860, and if they were paid only \$10 per hour that would have been \$28,600 in wages alone!

The Management Board meets monthly to track activities and finances and address issues when needed. This dedicated group of people has followed operations very effectively and will continue to do so this coming year with emphasis on fund development and advertising use of the center. We have produced a promotional rack card which will be placed in local businesses and distributed to clubs and organizations.

We are now advertising for an Operations Manager to oversee the management of the center to help grow our organization even more.

Our Open House and Ribbon Cutting was held in May with a large crowd and was televised on Channel 3. We had an array of events during 2016, including birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, numerous business meetings, prayer and Bible study groups, Christmas dinners and youth events. Some large events included: a memorial service with 125 attending; Wilson High School Class of 58 reunion dinner for 120; Donuts with a Deputy 310; Cookies with Santa with over 300; and a Community Christmas Eve Service with 152. We had a benefit concert and a yard sale that brought in nearly \$1,000.

We are deeply grateful to the Verona Ruritans and Greater Verona Business Association for their financial support, as well as to the many VUMC members, other individuals and private organizations who have contributed heavily. Still others have generously donated equipment and professional time. A \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation of the Blue Ridge will be used for youth programs.

In September we had a very successful Business Luncheon for all Verona businesses resulting in over \$5,000 in donations. A reception was held in October for all volunteers to extend the Board's appreciation for their dedication and extra efforts to operate the center. A One-Year Birthday Anniversary with benefit concert will be held on Saturday, March 18.

<u>Year-end Stats:</u>	Café guests	3,910
	Event guests/users	<u>6,274</u>
	Total guests/users	10,184
	Events held	233
	Café Box Donations	\$1,831
	Use Donations	\$30,525

Treasurer's Report to date December 31 for operations - Income \$104,472 and expenses of \$80,790, leaving a positive balance of \$23,682 (exclusive of renovations balance).

We are so grateful for VUMC's vision and support of this community outreach ministry. We ask your continued prayers for the center and for the dedicated volunteers operating it. Thank you!

Judith Cariker, Chairperson

VCC Management Board of Directors:

VUMC	Roz Carper, June Collie, Judith Cariker
Partners	Rev John Crawford, Bobbie Howell, Doug Houff
Community	Breanna Grandstaff, 2 vacancies
Ex-officio	Rev Bob Weeks, Rev Kevin McMullen, Fred Wills, and Wayne Smith (Trustees Rep.)

Greetings from Aisle 7!

It's hard to believe that the second month of 2017 is about to begin. For such a short month, February is a very full month. In just 28 days, we manage to pack in the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras just before the beginning of Lent (and, of course, the most important of all February holidays, Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day on February 4th).

Amidst all this competition, we appreciate everyone's continued support and encouragement!

Now, for some exciting news: we have added drums to our worship band! I want to send out a big thank you to Ethan and the rest of the worship team for working so hard to make our worship music so good every week. I love being part of an even more powerful worship session with this new added dimension in our music and I pray you'll like it too.

In other news, we are hosting an ongoing monthly community meal the last Sunday of each month, with our next one being February 26th, at noon. For those of you who haven't attended a community meal with us before, we encourage you to come out share in the food and fellowship. We ask you to please, if able, bring a simple dish to share. This meal is open to anyone in the community and is more about the fellowship and getting to know one another than it is about putting out a fancy feast for everyone.

Also, a short-term Bible study will be coming up at the end of February. We're planning on Tuesday evenings and would love to have you join us. If you haven't been part of an Aisle 7 Bible study or Life Group before, we would love for you to come see what it's all about and have an opportunity for real, honest, fellowship in a smaller setting. More details will be provided soon, but please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining.

Looking even more into the future, we hope to see you at our Aisle 7 & VUMC Lenten Evening of Prayer on Friday, March 10th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Verona Community Center. This will be a time to pray and quiet our hearts and minds to better hear what God is trying to tell us. This particular prayer time will help prepare our hearts for the coming of Easter as we reflect on our need for repentance and Jesus's resurrection.

Thank you again to everyone who continues to take time to a part of what God is doing through Aisle 7. We are always looking for new folks to help us out with our day to day needs in the church, so if you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

In God's awesome grace, Pastor Kevin

Trip to Sight & Sound in PA to see "Jonah"

A group from St. Paul's UMC is planning a trip to see a performance of "Jonah" at Sight and Sound in Pennsylvania in Friday, July 21 and VUMC members have been invited. This will be a one-day trip at a cost of approximately \$100 for your ticket and transportation (meals are NOT included).

The organizers hope to have enough people to fill a Quick's bus between our two churches. Please contact Lou Phelps at 540-415-0013 if you would like to attend or need additional information.

Sermons for February

- 2/5 **Why Faith is Essential to Salvation**
Romans 5:1-8
- 2/12 **Will All Good People be Saved?**
Ephesians 2:3-10
- 2/19 **Can I Really be Sure I'm Saved?**
Romans 8:14-17;38-39
- 2/26 **Christ's Return—What You Need to Know**
I Thessalonians 4:14-18

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.

Lay Servant Academy— Mar. 31- Apr. 2, 2017

The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping laity to carry out the mission of the church of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. All courses are open to everyone. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church to learn more about leadership, personal faith development and a deeper understanding of the UMC. Many courses offered this year will support those seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Lay Speakers. To register and for more information on the Academy, visit the website. Registration questions may be directed to Sandy Kelley at sandkelle@yahoo.com and other questions to Beth Christian at bethchristian@vaumc.org.



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

FROM JOY UTBERG, UMW PRESIDENT:

Please mark your calendars for some upcoming events listed below, especially the first Unit meeting on February 26 for the annual Call to Prayer service.

- Feb. 2 – UM Day at General Assembly – Richmond
- Feb. 26 – VUMW Unit meeting – Call to Prayer & Self Denial – Stay tuned for details coming out early in February
- Mar. 18– District Spiritual Life Retreat –9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Vision of Hope UMC (snow date March 25).
- Mar. 25 - VUMW Executive Meeting-Room 146
- April 22 (tentative) – Potato bar luncheon for Food Pantry clients & community

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—Meetings To Be Announced

Rebecca Circle—meets 2nd Sat., 10 am at Gayle Meeks, Chair

BackPacks for Braves

Happy New Year! We start off 2017 feeding 27 children at Verona Elementary. Please leave donated food items in the red tub located in the front hall, marked Backpacks for Braves. We need small cans of wieners & beans (wiener beanies), fruit cups, apple sauce cups, small bags of chips, granola bars, pudding cups.

If you would like to help shop , pack bags, and or deliver these weekend food Backpacks – please contact me at 248-3607.

Thank you, Sue MacTavish



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).

Ash Wednesday Service—March 1

The 8:30 and 11:00 Choirs will sing at the Ash Wednesday service. Robes will be worn and we will meet at 6:30p.m. in the Choir Room.

Inclement Weather Rule:

If Augusta County Schools close early or cancel school, **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL!**

* *The 11 a.m. Choir will begin wearing robes on Sun. Nov. 6th and wear them through Easter.*

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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.



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Don McFaden
Glen Sutton
Roger Moats
Louise Roadcap
Frances Johnson
Ray Smith
Charles Cook
Larry Staples
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

Congratulations to Kevin and Dana Woolfrey on the birth of their son, Logan Alexander Woolfrey, born October 25, 2016. Proud grandparents, Dennis and Becky Woolfrey.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Roger Moats, Corieta Smith and Dot Moyers in the recent loss of their sister, Bonnie Nuckoles.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Clint Harmon in the loss of his father, Jim Harmon.

Thank You for Sharing God's Love To a Grieving Soul—

You reached out to me
When I was in need
You came by my side
And held me as I cried
You held out your hand
Telling me, "I understand"
You gave me new hope
When I felt I couldn't cope
You cheered up my heart
When you made me laugh
You showed me love
When life got really tough
At my point of need,
You became Jesus to me.

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Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thanks to everyone for the cards, phone calls, and all other acts of kindness shown to me at the death of my sister, Bonnie Nuckoles on December 29, 2016. *Dot Moyers*

Thank you so very much for your very generous gift at Christmas. It was very thoughtful of all of you to do this. I enjoy working with all of you. May 2017 be a most blessed year for each of you. *Blessings, Linda Toler*

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you too for a faith in Christ I have seen in you and for sharing that faith with me. May God richly bless the ministries of our church throughout the New Year. *Love in Christ, Pastor Jeff and Susan Allen*

Many thanks to everyone for all the cards and prayers during my illness and recovery. May God richly bless each of you. *Ollie Knighting*

Dear Verona United Methodist Church,
Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! We hope you are well and rejoicing in the Lord.

We greatly appreciate your regular support of the ministry of Church Planting International. Please find enclosed CPI's 2016 Ministry Summary and 2017 Goals. A 2016 financial report is also available upon request at: info@churchplantinginterational.org

If you have any questions about CPI, please don't hesitate to ask us. Thank you again for helping to make possible the mission the Lord has given us!

In His Service, Steven Shepard, President CPI

We all know angels roam among us - and two visited the Verona Community Center this afternoon.... They looked at everything and noticed that our new donated washer was not hooked up and that some painting needs to be done still in the back. They left but 20 minutes later came back with hoses, hooked up the washer and tested it. They will also come and finish up the painting in the back—said they would love to do something in the youth center if needed. The gentlemen are professionals doing home services and remodeling....

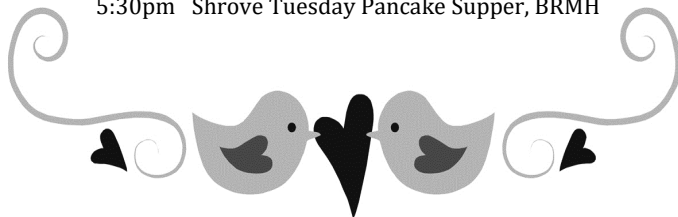
God is so good to us - so keep praying and thanking him for bringing us this far so successfully and for what he is doing as we speak!

Blessings, Judith Cariker

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - February 2017

- 2/1 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
- 2/2 7:00pm Lay Leadership Meeting, RM 146
- 2/5 10:45am Super Bowl Luncheon-BRMH unitl 1pm
5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 2/6 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
7:00pm Prayer Life Group-Community Center
- 2/7 10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Women's Bible Study, Community Center
- 2/8 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
- 2/11 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
10:00am Salt & Peppers Brunch/Bible Trivia, BRMH
- 2/12 SCOUT SUNDAY (both services)
12pm VBS Planning Meeting, RM 141
4:00pm NA, RM 146
5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 2/13 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
7:00pm Prayer Life Group-Community Center
- 2/14 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 2/15 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
- 2/16 7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving)

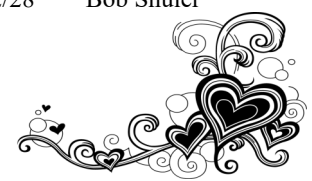
- 2/19 5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 2/20 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
7:00pm Esther Circle-Golden Deeds SS RM
7:00pm Prayer Life Group-Community Center
- 2/21 10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting, RM 146
- 2/22 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
- 2/26 5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 2/27 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
7:00pm Prayer Life Group-Community Center
- 2/28 10:00am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, BRMH



**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.**



	2/6 Ronny Rhinehart	2/13 Lauren Austin	2/22 Debbie Van Pelt
	2/7 Paul Tutwiler	Lori Racca	Mackenzie Halterman
	Barbara Breeden	Laura Minor	Matthew Halterman
2/2 Avery Shuler	Laura Cason	2/14 Linda Garber	2/23 Ashley Whitesel
2/3 Robert Ritchie	Brian Gingerich	Laura Andes	Susan Dewert
Randy Smith	2/8 Fred Bowen	2/15 Philip Dedrick	2/24 Cindi Shoop
David Roadcap	Charlotte Ritchie	2/17 Pastor Bob Weeks	2/24 Adam Cash
Chris Lockridge	Lisa Glover	Amy Callison	2/25 Matt Forester
Scott Cash	Melanie Blosser	Chad Simmers	Sam Davis
2/4 Jim Long	E.C. Shifflett	2/18 Sonja Boice	2/27 Stephen Reeser
Joyce Brubeck	Sondra Harold	2/19 McKinsey Shifflett	Dalton Rowe
Jalane Reed	2/10 David Wright	Faye Blacka	Deacon Moore
Veronica Clark	Alyson Bishop	Natalie Hiner	
Dustin Riley	2/11 Sheila Swanson	2/20 Brandy Austin	2/28 Bob Shuler
Michael Racca	Glen Sutton	Nick Shearman	
2/5 Kristen Landes	Teresa Cook	2/21 Carolyn Simmers	
		Shawn Garber	





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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.

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask
Seek
Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
 U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L
 O R R K P U J I U R Z D C K O
 O N E O L F N P I P I A Q H W
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 T N O F U N J C E S I N S A O
 I J C W D K S D G I J V Q I A
 O Q K I F B E K P I V J E L A
 N M M W N M J J P V W E M Y P



FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK