



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



**February
2018**

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From the Senior Pastor

Lord, I'm Coming Home

*I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm coming home.
I've wasted many precious years, now I'm coming home;
I now repent with bitter tears, Lord, I'm coming home.
I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord, now I'm coming home;
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word, Lord, I'm coming home.
My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I'm coming home;
My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord, I'm coming home.
My only hope, my only plea, now I'm coming home;
That Jesus died, and died for me, Lord, I'm coming home.
I need His cleansing blood I know, now I'm coming home;
Oh, wash me whiter than the snow, Lord, I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam;
Open wide Thine arms of love, Lord, I'm coming home.*

This isn't a song in our current United Methodist Hymnal, but I remember singing it in the church of my youth. There was a clear sense in songs such as "Lord, I'm Coming Home" that God was our home. To hope and trust in Him alone; to seek the cleansing blood of Jesus at the cross; to know the transforming power of His Spirit; to be embraced by his arms of love... these were the things that made life worth living. Though the song was written long before my birth, it spoke to my heart.

In Luke chapter 15, Jesus tells the story of a son who had wandered far from home. He confesses that he had sinned against Heaven and his father. He was willing to give up all the rights of a son if his father would simply let him come home. The beauty of the story is in the realization that the father was as anxious for his son to return home as was his son. Seeing him trudging down the road toward home, the father runs to embrace him. He orders a celebration to be held. He replaces his son's rags with the finest clothes available.

It may be that in this new year you find yourself far from God and far from home. You've been wandering for too long, lost in the wilderness of your sin. Jesus knows what you're going through. He knows your heart and he knows how to heal it. He is anxiously waiting for you—his child—to come home.

I pray that in this new year, you will trust in Him, turn away from your sins, and follow Jesus all the way to that home he has prepared for you in heaven.

Grace and peace, *Bob*

News...

Our Mission

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US, AND
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DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

**Newsletter
Deadline is
February 19**

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
to sign up.



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 4** from
10:45 am to 1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Menu:** Vegetable and Potato Soup, Salad, Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade
Free Will Offering
- **Dine-in or take-out available**
- **All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trips to Mexico and Delaware**

Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper **February 13, 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

February 14 at 7 p.m.



Confirmation Class Report

Confirmation Class in the United Methodist Church is an important step in a young person's spiritual journey, VUMC's confirmation class this year consists of four students: **Madi Reeser, Wes Harris, Bryan Wills, and Sydney Breeden**. Classes are taught by Pastor Bob Weeks during the Sunday School hour through March 4th. The students will confirm their faith in Christ during worship on Easter Sunday.

Join the Worship Team

Gayle Meeks' term as chair of our worship team has ended and with her retirement we're seeking some new folks to get involved. The worship team at VUMC has the following responsibilities:

- Schedule ushers, communion assistants, and scripture readers for each service.
- Decorate the worship area in an appropriate way for different seasons of the church year.
- Work with the pastor to ensure that our time in worship is an inspiring and faith-enhancing experience.



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—March. Information and instructions posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. Questions/concerns? Please contact Church Office.



- ◆ Feb. 4 Petal Pushers ◆ Mar. 4 Witness Team
- ◆ Feb. 11 Esther Circle ◆ Mar. 11 Youth
- ◆ Feb. 18 Seekers ◆ Mar. 18 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ Feb. 25 Home Builders ◆ Mar. 25 Open Door

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. A new calendar will be up for 2018. Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and help beautify the sanctuary. Call church office at 248-7777 for further information.

Snacks for Community Center Cafe

We are always in need of snacks for the Verona Community Center Café. Little Debbie’s products, small bags of chips, small packages of cookies, energy bars, peanut butter crackers, etc. are always popular. Just bring by the café Monday through Friday or drop in the container in our church’s Donation Center.



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 the Donation Center in the main church entrance and lower entryway. You can leave items at any time during the month. **We do not need plastic bags until further notice. Thank you.**

WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:

Canned Carrots, Beets, Mixed Vegetables

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Saturday, February 24 12:00 p.m. at VUMC

Please join us for a baked potato & salad bar lunch. Holley Watts will be talk about her experiences working in the Red Cross in Vietnam. Please let us know by Mon. Feb. 19 if you plan to attend.

Thurs., March 15 / 11:30 a.m. The Purple Foot - Waynesboro

We plan to go to The Purple Foot in Waynesboro on Thursday, Mar. 15 at 11:30 am for lunch. Please give us your reservation by Sun. Mar. 11 and let us know if you need a ride to the restaurant.

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

For more info. on upcoming events, contact:

Sandy McAllister –255-6488,
Gayle Meeks -248-1325, Faye Wills –476-5555

“Apple Dumpling Gang” Donates Children’s Bibles

Our Apple Dumpling Gang has donated 30 children’s Bibles for ages 4 to 8 to be placed in our sanctuary pews. Our prayer is that the illustrated Bibles will help grow our children’s interest in and knowledge of God’s story.

Good Friday Service



Beneath the Cross of Jesus

March 30, 7:30 p.m. ~ VUMC Sanctuary

A musical service reflecting scenes of Calvary

Presented by VUMC Choirs



Volunteering at the Verona Community Center

Do you like people? Do you have 3 hours or more a month to serve your neighbors at the Verona Community Center?

Volunteers (men and women) are needed to serve as Hosts in the self-serve No-Pay Café, providing free coffee and snacks, and free use of laptops and internet.

Shift hours are available Monday through Friday: 8:30 to 11:30, 11:30 to 2:30, or 2:30 to 5:30 (hosting for some weekend events also available).

Aisle 7 & VUMC Partner In New Transitional Housing Ministry

The trailer in Meade's Trailer Park, purchased with donations from VUMC members in 2012, will now be used in a trial transitional housing ministry headed up by members of our Aisle 7 Campus. For five years Barbara and Earl Morris, VUMC members, lived in the trailer rent free while paying the lot fee and utilities. After Earl's death and Barbara's move to live with her son in Goshen, the trailer became available again. The VUMC Church Council recently approved Aisle 7's proposal for use of the program to aid people seeking a short-term housing solution while working toward permanent housing. For more information, contact Doug May, VUMC Council Chairperson.

Help Process Offerings

We currently have a total of six counters (three teams) on Sunday mornings and would love to have at least one more team, two more teams would be great! If you are interested in hearing more about this great volunteer opportunity please contact Donna May at donnawm@outlook.com or 540-448-4220.

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., next to Library

Numbers that Matter as of January 21, 2018

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	86
Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F	216/45

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8091
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018	6478
General Fund for VUMC (Month of Jan.)	19,435

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

2018 Lay Servant Academy March 2-4, 2018

4H Educational Conference Center –

775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA

<http://retreatatsmithmountainlake.com/>

We are excited to be offering some new classes this year and fantastic worship as we fellowship, worship, pray, and *Learn & Love like Jesus!*

The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. "The mission of the Virginia Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God."

All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take one. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church learn more about leadership, personal faith development, and a deeper understanding of the United Methodist church.

Our courses are designed to support those seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.

Encourage your friends and church leadership to come and learn!

For registration information,
contact Beth Christian at
bethchristian@vaumc.org (804) 347-5999

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.



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 4 - *Super Bowl Luncheon!*

- **10:45am—1pm** -Super Bowl Luncheon. Proceeds benefit youth mission trips. MENU: Vegetable and potato soup, salad, desserts, coffee, tea, lemonade
- **1:30pm** - Mexico Youth Mission Team Meeting

Sunday February 11

- **4-5:30pm** —11th & 12th graders planning for your future
- **5:30-6:30pm** —Youth Meeting Jr. and Sr. High/supper provided
- **6:30-7pm** —Delaware Mission Team Meeting

Sunday February 18

- **4-5:30pm**—Youth Drama Meeting; all youth interested in helping with drama skits please attend. All welcome!
- **5:30-7pm** —Youth Game Night. Bring a friend. Supper provided.

Sunday February 25

- **5:30-7pm** —Youth Devotions & Dinner

Thank you for coming and supporting the youth mission teams last Saturday. We raised \$794! A special thank you to Tammy Shifflett, who organized and planned the talent show, worked with the youth for their clapping skit and stick skit. Thanks to all of the music performers, you were truly amazing! Thanks to Pastor Bob for the "Hot Chip" challenge; let's just say, the chips are really HOT! Thanks to the ladies who performed the Perfect Church Skit; you did a great job. Thank you for a great night!

*Bill and Carolyn Harlow
Directors of Youth Ministries*

**Children's
News**

WEEKLY BLAST

Sundays

5-6:30 p.m. |Social Hall
Dinner Provided



- **No BLAST Feb 4** (Super Bowl Sunday)
- **Children's Council Meeting** —Sunday, February 11 at 12:30pm. We will be discussing VBS for 2018. Refreshments provided.
- **February Children's Church** will focus on learning the Lord's Prayer and its importance in our lives.
- **Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m.**- Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Activities at VUMC. Hot dog lunch provided.

Please see Amanda or email her at amandavumc@gmail.com



Report to VUMC Council - January 16, 2018

The Center continues to operate smoothly with the help of our wonderful volunteers who graciously serve our guests. We are pleased to have served 24,553 persons in the café and at 797 events since our opening in 03/16.

The Verona Moose Lodge has donated a bike rack for outside the front entrance and a defibrillator. A CPR/AED class was conducted 1/13/18 and 9 volunteers attended and were certified.

Sufficient funds have been raised for the showers in ladies and men's rooms, shower stalls have been delivered, however, have not been installed due to there not being the necessary drain pipes in place from the buildout. Hopefully this issue will be resolved soon and the showers operational.

The donated washer and dryer have been operation for over three months and have been used 28 times.

	<u>3/21/16-12/31/16</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Since Opening</u>
Café guests	3,862	5,446	9,308
Event guests	<u>6,322</u>	8,923	<u>15,245</u>
Total guests/users	10,184	14,369	24,553
Events held	233	564	797
Café Box Donations	\$1,831	\$1,596	\$3,427
Use Donations	\$30,515	\$33,227	\$63,742

Treasurer's Report year 2017 for operations - Income \$89,414 and expenses of \$97,394, leaving a deficit of \$7,480. All expenses were basically in line with budget, but contributions were only 61% of budget. We are working on a capital campaign to increase contributions. We are very appreciative of your continued support, prayers and offerings. Thank you!

Judith Cariker, Chairperson VCC Board of Directors

A Sermon Series Through the Psalms for Lent at Verona UMC

Lord, I'm Coming Home

- 2/18** **Instruct Me O Lord**
- 2/25** **He Has Done It**
- 3/4** **Reviving the Soul**
- 3/11** **They Cried to the Lord**
- 3/18** **Inward Truth**



FLORIDA MISSION

Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Florida

February 25-March 3, 2018

There was a great response for the Mission Trip to Florida. If individual plans do not change, we have 16 volunteers (13 men, 3 women). This includes individuals from Aisle 7 and from our congregation. Background checks on each volunteer are now underway. Exact details as to the exact location in Florida and type of work we will be doing will be available around the first of February. **A meeting of all members of the team will be held Mon. Feb. 12 at 7 pm in Room 146.** Final forms and details will be worked out at that meeting.

Please keep this team in your prayers as preparations are made. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of the trip, you may make a donation to Verona United Methodist Church and designate it for Adult Missions.

Email: ljenew@aol.com Phone: 540-457-1222

Verona Ruritans Offer three \$500 Scholarships

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

Address Updates

Polly Brumfield

69 Moorcliffe Lane, Verona VA 24482
248-3379

Elsie Walker

P.O. Box 852, Verona VA 24482
248-2955

Thank You to Everyone

who helped set up and take down on January 26-27 for the Bishop's program on "The Way Forward" for the UMC. It was a great day for everyone who came from far and wide to discuss the issues currently dividing our denomination.

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.

Ways to Serve at VUMC

It may be assisting as an usher, greeter, Scripture Reader or AV operator during worship... or working with our landscape beautification team, The Petal Pushers... or teaching children's Sunday School... or in a dozen other ways. Call the Church Office today for more information on how to get involved—248-7777.



VUMC Chancel Choir News

- The Combined Choirs will present a Good Friday Service on **March 30th at 7:30pm**. "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" A musical service reflecting the scenes of Calvary.
- Combined Choir Rehearsals for the month of March, 6:30-8:30pm.
- **WEATHER POLICY**-in case of bad weather the Adult Choirs follow the Augusta County School Schedule. If School is closed or has an early release, there will be no choir rehearsal.

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).



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

Many, many thanks go out to the women of the Esther Circle, led by Linda Wiseman & Linda Garber, who sewed Days for Girls bags of reusable sanitary supplies. Thirty of these bags were delivered by Bob's Lydia Weeks's niece Joy Peck Grainger to the young women of the Disha-CHORD School in Hyderabad, India. The left picture below shows the young women who have just received their own Days for Girls bags. These bags are critical to help the girls not miss any school days. The picture on the right is of the girls writing thank you notes to the Esther Circle!



**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.

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

- **Feb. 1** – UM Day @ General Assembly in Richmond
- **Feb. 25, 10:00 am** – Verona UMW Unit meeting for Call to Prayer & Self-Denial. Remember your Self-Denial Calendar you received with your 2018 UMW Directory
- **Mar. 8, 7:00 pm** – Verona UMW hosts the Harrisonburg District UMW Executive meeting – volunteers for refreshments will be needed
- **Mar. 17, 9:00 am** – Harrisonburg District Spiritual Life Retreat at Manor Memorial UMC in New Market. Car-pooling will be available

If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 569-2702, or reach out to one of the other officers:

Gayle Meeks – VP

Millie Davis – Treasurer

Lydia Weeks – Reading Program

Linda Garber - Secretary

Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coord.

Joy Tinsley – Nominating

VUMC UMW Circle Meetings

Esther Circle – meets 3rd Monday, 2:00pm at the church – Linda Garber & Linda Wiseman, Co-Chairs
Rebecca Circle – meets 2nd Saturday, 10am at the church – Gayle Meeks, Chair

Food Pantry News

During 2017 our Verona Church Food Pantry mission team worked diligently to reach people in our community with gifts of food, support, and friendship, and for this we give thanks. Our fifty member team spread God's love to many and brought smiles to the faces of those in need. Without the support of our entire church family this would not have been possible. Your generous financial donations and always keeping our collection boxes overflowing with the items we requested to stock our shelves may each be seen as our focus on making a holy difference in our local community and reaching people just as they are. Our doors are open each Tuesday and two Thursdays a month. Last year we helped many as seen below:



<u>Age</u>		
Children 18 and under – 1129	Adults 19-59 – 2266	Adults 60 and above – 711
Total People served – 4124	Total Families Served – 1413	

During the entire year our expenses were about \$15,000. This was only possible because God's love was alive and moving in our church family. Thank you to all who supported this mission with you faith, focus, and making a difference in the world in which we live. Without us all working together this would not have been possible.

REVIEW OF OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017

[Note: figures are rounded up or down]

2017 was a solid year financially for our church and we thank everyone who supported our ministries through your tithes, gifts and offerings. Highlights include:

- We finished the year with \$195,000 in all funds (not including \$140,000 in Day Care funds) This was an increase from \$174,000 at the beginning of 2017.
- Our income was \$430,295—\$2,600 more than our budget AND \$10,700 more than actual spending.
- Our Virginia United Methodist Fund investments netted \$20,085 in earnings (incl. in income figures).
- Our ONLINE General Fund giving was over \$36,000 for 2017, or approximately 8.5% of all giving.
- The total left to raise for the “Organ Fund” was reduced from \$48,490 to \$11,841.
- The \$72,000 line of credit debt (used for a new roof several years ago) was paid off.
- Our Adult Mission Fund increased from \$14,933 to \$22,075.
- Over \$6,125 was raised for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. \$5,204 was disbursed in meeting emergency food, medical, and housing needs in the local community.
- The Food Pantry Fund increased from \$16,254 to \$27,024.
- The Aisle 7 Fund increased from (-\$19,599) to \$24,615

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers I received after the passing of my brother, Lee McAllister. Lee had lived in Tulsa for over 40 years but grew up in Verona UMC. Many of the older, long term members remember him. He was a man of God who put God and his family first. Lee was a great role model for our family. He lost his battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 75.

Mary Jane Ayres

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards during the loss of my brother-in-law, Lee McAllister of Tulsa, OK. I appreciate such caring friends.

Janet McAllister

I want to thank all the donors and volunteers that helped make our blood drive a success on January 18. We collected 39 units!

Janet McAllister



Thelma Smith, Dot Hess,
Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver,
Willie Lockridge, Ronald
Smith, Margaret Helmick,
Jean May, Inez Fultz, Charles
Cook, Howard Rexrode, Eli-
jah Smith, Don & Caroline

McFaden, Glen Sutton, Roger Moats, Frances
Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle, Joy
Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver, Farris
Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Arlene Simpson, Corkie Collie,
Scott Arbogast, Ellen Gray, Parker Staples

Our Christian Love & Sympathy are extended to

- Nancy Taylor in the loss of her husband, Ted
- Jim Perdue in the loss of his mother
- Mary Lam in the loss of her niece
- Doug Snell in the loss of his brother, Roger
- Mary Jane Ayres in the loss of her brother,
Lee McAllister
- Becky Reeser in the recent loss of her uncle

Congratulations to

Caleb and Laura Spicer on the birth of their son,
Carter Austin, born 1/18/18. Proud grand-
parents, Kenny and Donna Cason; proud great
grandmother, Marie Cason.

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

WOW! What a great congregation we have at VUMC!
My 25 days spent in the UVA hospital was made a lit-
tle more tolerable when June would bring me Get
Well cards from y'all. "The many cards, phone calls,
meals, and hundreds of prayers got me through this
horrible experience." I am home now recovering with
physical therapy and hope to be back at church
soon. The love y'all have shown me and June is awe-
some! Keep praying for my recovery. With your
prayers and my doctor's skills, I look forward to a
complete recovery.

Love, Corkie

I wish to thank my many church friends and pastors
for their hospital visits, cards, and above all, for the
prayers during my recent heart illness surgery and
hospital stay. Thank you to my close friend, Gayle, for
her presence as well.

Benny Craun

Notes Continued...

I wish to thank everyone for their love, prayers and for
the food and cards that was sent to me, when my brother,
sister and my niece passed away. I also would like to
thank Jean Bean and Pastors Bob and Jeff for being there
on the night my sister passed away. Most of all I want to
thank my church family and for God being there for me.
God Bless each and everyone!
Love, Mary Lam

The gift for timely "Thank You" notes passed me by, but
the gift of an incredible Church Family did not! Thank you
so much for the generosity shown in the staff Christmas
gifts. Your gift of kindness, love and support extends far
beyond any monetary gift that could be given. Thank you
again for all that you do for my family and for me, and I
thank God for each and every one of you! May God bless
you and your families in the New Year!
Rhonda Reeser

On behalf of the leadership Council of the Middle River
WRE, I want to thank Verona United Methodist Church for
their support of our program in 2017. With the generous
contributions from your budget, your Apple Dumpling
Gang, and your Sunday School classes and the support of
other churches, individuals, businesses, and community
organizations, we were able to end 2017 in very good fi-
nancial shape.

I also want thank you for the use of your facilities for
our fall concert with the Faithful Men, for the classroom
space to hold our regular Leadership and full Council
meetings, and to Shawna Hiner for her assistance with
copying our flyers and spring concert programs.

Larry Wills, President Middle River WRE

Thank you so much for the gift you gave me during the
Christmas season. The love you show through the gift and
in so many other ways warms my spirit. Thank you!

Love, Jeff and Susan Allen

Thank you so very much for the very generous gift at
Christmas! It was so thoughtful to be remembered in such
a nice way. May 2018 be a great year for all of you. Thank
you again. I enjoy working with each of you.
Linda Toler

Thank you to my church family for your generous gift this
Christmas season. Your love and support these last four-
teen years have meant so much to me!

Blessings and love, Shawna Hiner

Thank you for your support of "The Apple Tree Project"
and "Inmate Christmas". Through your support, Kingsway
helped 400 children receive Christmas presents. **Verona
UMC provided gifts for 60 children!** Kingsway changes
the lives of people by just letting them know someone
cares. This is possible through your contributions and
support.

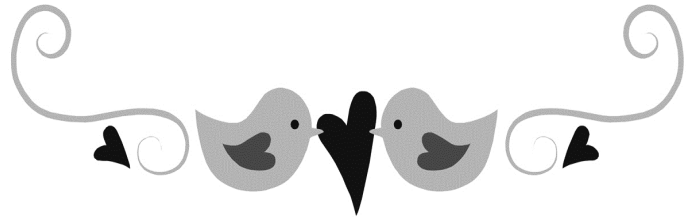
Sincerely, Louise Jennings, Director

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers in the recent
passing of my mom, Rose Perdue.

Blessings, Jim and Joan Perdue

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - February 2018

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| 2/4 | 9:45am Confirmation Class-Pastor's office
10:45am Super Bowl Luncheon, BRMH
1:30pm Mexico Mission Trip Meeting-BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 2/19 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
2:00pm Esther Circle, RM 144 |
| 2/5 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center | 2/20 | 7:00pm Finance Meeting, RM 146 |
| 2/7 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 2/21 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
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6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 2/10 | 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146 | 2/24 | 12:00pm Salt & Peppers Lunch, BRMH |
| 2/11 | 9:45am Confirmation Class-Pastor's office
12:30pm Children's Council Mtg, Downstairs
4:00pm Youth-11th & 12th graders/plan for future, BRMH
5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
6:30pm Delaware Mission Trip Mtg, BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 2/25 | 9:45am Confirmation Class-Pastor's office
5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 2/12 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
7:00pm Florida Mission Trip Mtg, RM 146 | 2/26 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center |
| 2/13 | 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, BRMH | 2/28 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 2/14 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |
| 2/15 | 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth Serve Dinner) | | |
| 2/16 | Apple Dumplings | | |
| 2/18 | 9:45am Confirmation Class-Pastor's office
4:00pm Youth-Drama Meeting, BRMH
5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |



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.



February Birthdays

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

