



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



**July - August
2017**

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From the Senior Pastor

Ahhhh, summertime and the living is easy

Jesus often spoke about times and seasons—and the need to prepare and be ready for what lies ahead. I came across this reflection by John Burke recently and felt it summarized beautifully our responsibilities in every season of our lives:

"If you're a Christ follower in the summer of life will you fully follow Him in gratitude, or act like you don't need him? If you're in the autumn of life, will you trust in him to help you overcome, or go your own way? If you're in the winter of life, will you let it harden your heart, or will you lean into his resurrection power to faithfully hold on, knowing spring is coming? Consider what season you're in, and decide what you're going to do with Jesus."

Thank you to our Food Pantry Volunteers

I want to thank our dedicated Food Pantry volunteers who every week collect, store, and distribute food to our neighbors in need in the Verona area. Through the years thousands of persons have felt God's love and mercy through this mission—thank you to all who have donated food, money, and most importantly, their time and energies as volunteers. *(Please don't forget to bring your donations of food to the Donation Center in the main entryway to the sanctuary.)*

Prayers for our youth mission team

Please keep our 26 youth and adult leaders in your prayers as they complete their week-long mission trip to Chillicothe, Ohio. They left on June 24th.

Are you ready for the Olde Time Revival on July 9th?

You are encouraged to be part of a state-wide revival service happening at VUMC on Sunday afternoon, July 9th from 3 to 6 p.m. If you haven't heard Bishop Sharma Lewis preach, you are in for a soul-stirring afternoon. We'll sing many of the hymns associated with "olde time" revival services—"Softly and Tenderly," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Nothing But the Blood," "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and many more, all led by Michael Berkley of Woodlake UMC. There will also be a refreshment time mid-way through the gathering, set up by dozens of churches from throughout the Harrisonburg District.

Together we can do more!

On Sunday, August 13 we'll have a "Ministry Fair" all morning into the early afternoon. Representatives from our church's many groups engaged in ministry through VUMC will be on hand to answer your questions about volunteer opportunities.

Pastor's Bible Study on Discipleship Coming August 20th

Go to page 8 for details on this Sunday evening Bible study.

Grace and peace, *Bob*

Our Mission

WE GLORIFY CHRIST AS WE:
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
August 21**

Please submit items to
Shawna Hiner by date
above for the September
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

News...

Pot-Luck Dinner at VUMC Hosted by UMW

Save the Date! Sunday July 2nd @ 5pm

The UMW will host a Church fellowship pot-luck dinner on Sunday, July 2nd at 5pm. Special musical entertainment will be provided by Chris Campbell Music, and former members of The Coachmen!

Be Part of Our August Ministry Fair

On Sunday, August 13th we are offering your group or ministry an opportunity to inform the congregation about your mission, activities and opportunities for volunteers. Please contact the church office if you are interested in having a table and display in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on that Sunday. Our Lay Leadership Committee will send you guidelines and suggestions for your display (your display does not need to be elaborate - the primary purpose is to make contact with potential volunteers and provide them with basic information about your group or ministry).



Evening of Prayer

Friday, July 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

at Verona UMC

This will be the second in our church's quarterly evenings of prayer (VUMC & A7F together). We'll focus on prayers of repentance. This prayer time is just two days ahead of the "Olde Time Revival" being held by The United Methodist Church Virginia Conference at VUMC and will be a great opportunity to prepare our hearts for revival!

Olde Time Revival

With Bishop Sharma Lewis
At Verona United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 9th, 3-6 p.m.
Great food, music & preaching



Blood Drive

Virginia Blood Services at VUMC
Thursday, July 6 / 12- 5 p.m.

Walk-ins welcome! Give Blood! Save a Life!



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



- ◆ July 2 Youth
- ◆ July 9 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ July 16 Open Door
- ◆ July 23 Worship Team
- ◆ July 30 Home Builders
- ◆ Aug. 6 Witness
- ◆ Aug. 13 Petal Pushers
- ◆ Aug. 20 Esther Circle
- ◆ Aug. 27 Seekers

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.

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 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!

Praise in the Park—Staunton Tuesday, August 15, 7pm

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, August 15th for a "Praise in the Park" gospel concert at the bandstand in Gypsy Hill Park. These musical events are sponsored by a local church & are free to the public. You would need to bring your own lawn chair. Music starts at 7pm with Heather Snow & West Waynesboro Quartet performing at 8pm. Food concessions are available.

RSVP by Sunday, August 6th if you are going so we can reserve sufficient space for your chairs & sit as a group. We will not be providing transportation unless you need a ride. If you need a ride be sure to contact one of the committee members.

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:

Faye Wills –234-9410,
Sandy McAllister –717-468-8067,
Gayle Meeks 248-1325 or Carolyn Anson 294-2061

Mark Your Calendars for these Great Events

July 2—Fellowship Dinner

Independence Day Fellowship Dinner at 5 p.m.
Sponsored by the Verona United Methodist Women

July 7—Prayer Evening

VUMC Prayer Evening 7-9 p.m.

July 9—Olde Time Revival

at Verona UMC from 3 - 6 pm. sponsored by the Virginia Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries.

August 13—Leadership and Ministry Fair

Sponsored by the Lay Leadership Committee of VUMC

September 17—Youth Sunday

September 30—Fall Festival

VUMC Fall Festival

October 24-26—Homecoming Revival

Three evenings of Revival services

October 29—VUMC Homecoming

A day of remembrance, celebration and fellowship



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, Contact the new Operations Manager, Ethan Eldred at 540-251-1276 or email veronaccmanager@gmail.com

New Donation Center at VUMC

We've moved all our donation boxes to the front entryway of the church, near the sanctuary and nursery. There you can make donations to the food pantry, Backpacks for Braves program, Kits for Conference, and Honey Bee ministry.

"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

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 6/25/17

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	210/40
Worship 6/25/17—VUMC/A7F	248/ 37

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7930

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



Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our Children's Ministry Director, Amanda Hall, is recompiling the children's Sunday School teacher list. Please contact her at 540.280.1455, or amanda-umc@gmail.com if you are interested/still interested in teaching children's Sunday School. Even if you have taught in the past, please contact her to be added to the new contact list.



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.

JULY & AUGUST YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- **Saturday, July 1**—Youth Mission Team returns home
- **Saturday July 22, 3-11pm**— Youth pool party at Mike and Kim Cash's. Come and bring a friend. We will have a cookout, enjoy the pool and roast marshmallows. Meet at Verona UMC.
- **Sunday, August 13, 5:30-7pm**—Dinner & Devotions, BRMH
- **Sunday August 20, 5:30-7pm** —Dinner & Devotions, BRMH
- **Sunday August 27, 3-7pm**—We will hang out at KC and Scott Morlino's, bring your river shoes and swimming suits we will get in the river, play games—dinner provided.

Youth, we have an opportunity to serve... LEARN is an organization offering ESL (English as Second Language) classes. They need a youth and an adult to assist with child-care from 6:50-8:10pm on Thursday evenings at Verona Community Center. The classes just started; if interested in helping, please call Carolyn Harlow at 540-578-5575.

Thank you for all the financial support and prayers for our youth mission team. God chooses some to stay and pray, some to support financially, some he sends out to be his hands and feet. We are truly honored to represent Verona UMC. Thank you for the bottom of our hearts. Youth Mission Team

Children's News

BLAST - Summer Sundays Playground Edition! Come and go anytime between 5 - 7 pm

In lieu of BLAST being held in the summer months, we will have the church playground open to any children and parents who would like to join in on some playtime and fellowship. The playground will be open from 5-7 pm each Sunday evening throughout the summer. Parents- Bring a lawn chair! Children can play on the playground, bounce in the inflatable bounce house, and enjoy water play (some Sunday evenings). Time is flexible! Invite friends!

The VUMC Children's Choir will perform July 3rd at Staunton's "America's Birthday Celebration"!

The children will perform at the Vesper Service from 5:30 to 6 p.m. All VBS children are invited to sing with us, as we will be singing VBS songs. We need older VBS participants (middle and high schoolers) to participate as well to assist the children. We will meet at VUMC at 4:30 to travel together (using the church van) but may need parent volunteers to carpool, depending on numbers. Children will wear their VBS T-Shirt. Please let Amanda or Joy know if your child can participate

***For more information email Amanda
amandavumc@gmail.com***

AISLE 7

FELLOWSHIP

a new united methodist church

Sunday Worship 10:45

Contemporary Casual

ALL WELCOME

No Exceptions!

www.aisle7church.org

540-324-8788

Greetings from Aisle 7!

How lucky we are to live here in the United States where we can celebrate our freedoms. We celebrate the founding of our country in July and each day we enjoy freedoms unknown to many parts of the world. Some we take for granted – like summer break from school or summer family vacations, or even the freedom of expression without the fear of being arrested.

However, all the freedoms we have as U.S. citizens pale in comparison to the freedom we have in Christ. Jesus breaks our bondage to sin and death and gives us new citizenship in heaven; and this citizenship (and its freedoms) are not bound to material possessions or personal rights. The freedom we have is eternal. We are free to live without fear of death and abandonment. We are free to live in God's love and grace. We have the promised freedom of life in heaven with Christ with no pain or suffering. Oh, what beautiful freedoms we have as Christians!

I am so excited that Aisle 7 is able to express the freedom of love this summer by sending a mission team down to Cherokee, NC. We have the blessing of serving a family in the Cherokee Indian community, rebuilding their home and helping the permanent missionary teams in the area continue to build trust and friendship with the Cherokee people. Thank you so much for all the folks supporting us through this journey, and a special thank you to the team for sacrificing a week away from work and family to serve others. What a privilege it is to have the freedom to share Christ through our hard work.

We've also got a couple great fundraisers coming up that we'd love to see you all at. On Saturday, July 8th, we're hosting a Beach Dance Party at the Verona

Community Center from 7-10pm. And we're doing a Chick-fil-A fundraiser in Waynesboro on July 13th, from 5-8pm; stop by and grab a chicken sandwich and support a great cause. If you'd like to financially support our mission trip directly please visit Go-FundMe.com/Aisle7Cherokee or donate through the church website. Thank you for all of your support- you make our work possible!

VBS went very well, thanks to the efforts of both VUMC and Aisle 7 staff and volunteers. It is such fun to see the kids in our community learn about God in a safe, fun, environment. The theme this year was "Around the World with Jesus," where the kids learned the Bible teaches this is God's world and we are all God's children.

The Aisle 7 Ladies events are held at the Community Center every other month and the ladies are always trying new crafty things. Our latest event was painting rocks – interesting, right? This idea came from our own Tessa Hickman and the local Shenandoah Valley Rocks group on Facebook, where people paint rocks and hide them in the community for people to find. We were able to join the fun, but also promote that Aisle 7 was the one behind these particular rock creations. Keep your eyes open, you might just find one (I hear some of them may be near Gypsy Hill Park).

We continue with our Community Lunch tradition and hold a meal right after church 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. Please join us and bring a dish to share if you're able, but no matter what, we would love to see you there!

Please don't hesitate to speak to me if anything is weighing on your heart, or if you feel the Lord calling you to help us out in any way. My door is always open.

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin

Mark Your Calendars!



**Saturday
September
30th**

If you'd like to volunteer or have ideas for this year's Festival please contact Lisa Glover at 248-3379 or email lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com

VUMC Scholarship Applications Available

FOR UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPENSES:

The candidate must be a member of VUMC who attends or desires to attend an accredited college/graduate school, in order to pursue a career in full-time Christian Service. The candidate may receive from the scholarship fund an amount up to, but not exceeding \$1,000 per year or \$500 each semester.

FOR CONFERENCES & EVENTS: VUMC members who are considering a career in full-time Christian service and desire to attend a Christian conference or event to explore their commitment, may receive an amount not to exceed \$500 per year to cover their expenses for the conference or event.

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE. Call 248-7777.

2017 Scholarship Recipient: Sarah Jennings

Sarah Jennings, a member of VUMC and daughter of Ron and Lisa Jennings, is a 2017 recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Verona UMC "Disciples in Christ Education Scholarship Fund." The scholarship fund was founded to support members of VUMC whose goal is to enter Christian ministry as a full-time vocation.

Sarah is a 2014 graduate of Riverheads High School and a current student at Eastern Mennonite University where she is majoring in Congregational and Youth Ministries. She has served as a summer camp counselor at Camp Overlook since 2013. She recently attended the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church as a young adult representative of the Harrisonburg District.

Please keep Sarah in your prayers as she pursues her education in order to serve Christ's church.

Online Giving

is now **10%** of our offerings!

Thank you to all who have signed up! Our goal by the end of 2017 is to have 15– 20% of our weekly offerings done online! Are you up for the challenge? Help us out and sign up now! We will post updates every other month regarding where we are in the process. Remember—online giving means more regular giving, less work for our counters, and no more checks to write out. It is simple to sign up—contact Shawna in the church office if you need help getting started.

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.

Virginia Conference Mission Trip to Tangier Island, Virginia

October 2 – October 7, 2017 (Monday-Saturday)

This is a conference trip so, you will be working with team members from other United Methodist churches from across the state. If anyone is interested, you can contact the team leader, Sam NeSmith.

9924 Mapleston Lane,
Richmond, VA. 23235
nesmith9924@gmail.com
804-323-9135
C: 804-337-8114

Jerry VanLear, Patsy Mayle, Joyce Brubeck and Doug May have participated in this mission trip before and all could answer questions about their experience.

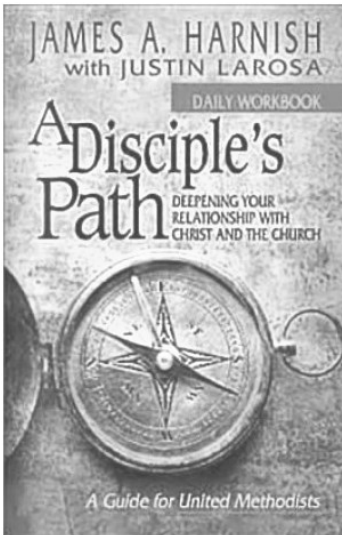
You will drive or carpool to Fairpoint Marina in Reedville. A boat will take all team members and supplies to the island.

Fee: \$350.00 - Due September 1st, includes boat transportation to and from the island, meals & lodging:

Date/Time: October 2nd, 10:00 a.m.
Back to Reedville by 10:30 on the 7th.
Leave from: Fair Port Marina
252 Polly Cove Road
Reedville, VA 22539

Pastor's Sunday Evening Bible Study 8/20 – 10/1

Join Pastor Bob Weeks in this 6-session exploration of what it means to follow Jesus with discipline and faith. We'll meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Sunday in Room 145 (no class Labor Day weekend).



A Disciple's Path

is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Whether used as an introduction for new members or a renewal course for existing members, the program guides individuals to **take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ.**

The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Participants will develop spiritual practices, discover their unique gifts, and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives and the lives of others.

This Daily Workbook contains six weeks of daily readings (five per week) that guide participants in learning and practicing seven essential spiritual disciplines:

- Prayer Scripture
- Meditation
- Corporate Worship
- Small-group Community
- Financial Generosity
- Gifts-based Service
- Invitational Evangelism

Each day's reading includes a Scripture, a message for the day, questions and prompts for personal reflection (with space provided for recording responses), and prayer.

"Whether you're just setting out or are further along the path of discipleship, this excellent resource will help you to take the next step." —Roger Scholtz, Senior Pastor, Manning Road Methodist Church, Durban, South Africa

"A Disciple's Path has the potential to revolutionize the way we view our participation in the church. Following this 'path' can transform us from wanderers into pilgrims." —Dr. Steve Harper, Professor of Spiritual Formation, Asbury Theo. Sem.

2017 Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are for youth in middle school and high school who desire to grow in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian - living out their faith, commitment, and God's call.

Classes will be held on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m., September 10 through October 29. Youth may participate whether or not they are baptized.

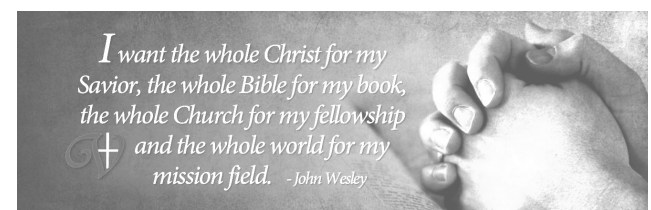
To sign up or to receive a confirmation packet with more information, call 248-7777 or email shiner@veronaumc.com.

A Sunday School Class for Moms

Moms of all ages are welcome to join us any Sunday at 10 a.m. in Room 143. For more info. contact: Amanda Hall amandavumc@gmail.com or Shawna Hiner shiner@veronaumc.com.

Have You Seen These Signs?

Four new signs have been added to the major entryways to our church building! Each offers a warm welcome or an inspiring thought as members and guests enter and exit the building. Take a look for them the next time you are at VUMC!



“Be a Lifelong Learner, an Influencer, a Servant”

Key notes from Bishop Sharma Lewis's closing message at The Virginia Annual Conference, 6/18/17

Proverbs 29:18 tells us that *“without a vision the people perish.”* I like the way another version of the Bible puts it: *“If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what God reveals, they are most blessed.”*

According to Andy Stanley, the importance of visioning begins with three important facts:

- 1) A vision is birthed out of a **CONCERN**
An inability to accept things the way they are.
- 2) A vision brings **CLARITY**
We need clarity in order to focus. God does not want us to wander in the wilderness.
- 3) A vision brings a sense of **MORAL CONVICTION**
It is not just that something *could* be done – it's that it *should* be done.

A vision weaves 4 things into our daily experience:

- A vision brings **EMOTION**
- A vision provides **MOTIVATION**
- A vision sets **DIRECTION**
- A vision translates **PURPOSE**

People who have a vision are always discovering **NEW, FRESH, CREATIVE, and INNOVATIVE** ways to do ministry.

Clergy, As long as you are you are biblically/theologically sound and follow the Book of Discipline, **BE FREE!**

Laity, as long as you are biblically/theologically sound and follow the Book of Discipline, **THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!** When the pastor brings you a new idea that is biblically/theologically sound and follows the Book of Discipline, don't say, “We've never done it like this before.”

The leader's passion, plus the congregation, plus community needs... where they intersect is where God speaks. At the appointed time, God's time, the vision will speak!

From 2012 to 2016 you spent four years in prayer with Bishop Cho, preparing the way for a new vision.

Now you are asking, “Bishop, what's the new vision?” After much prayer, discernment, sharing, and compiling the data of the 32 sessions held with laity and clergy throughout Virginia, our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is:

A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST IS A LIFELONG LEARNER WHO INFLUENCES OTHERS TO SERVE.
All Virginia United Methodist Churches will have a process of intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by your influence and your acts of servanthood.

online GIVING

easy. fast. effective

- 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 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
- Donations can be made from your phone, computer, tablet—anywhere you have internet
- 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/>

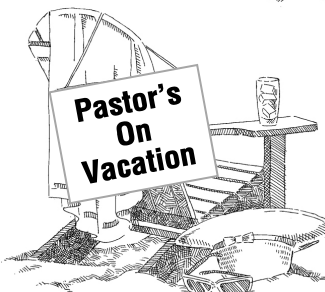
Note that there is a 3% fee paid by our church for use of a credit or debit card. You have the option to add that fee to your donation. If you use an e-check, the fee is 50 cents per transaction.

Shawna Hiner,
Office Admin.,
will be on
vacation
July 10-14



**Pastor's
On
Vacation**

Pastor Bob
will be on
vacation
July 16-21 &
August 3-10





VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

Join Us Sunday July 2nd @ 5pm

The UMW will be hosting the Church fellowship pot-luck dinner. The UMW is providing Hot Dogs. Special musical entertainment will be provided by Chris Campbell Music, and former members of The Coachmen!

Come see us Sunday August 13th at VUMC's Lay Leadership Fair

If you would like more information about United Methodist Women and what the organization does. If you would like to learn more about Verona's unit of United Methodist Women

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW events listed below

- July 28-29 - Mission Encounter, Bon Air UMC & Holiday Inn Express
- Aug 13 – VUMC Witness Fair
- Aug. 26 - VUMW Executive Meeting-Room 146 10 am

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 – meets 3rd Monday 2pm at the church– Pat Foster, Chair
 Rebecca Circle – meets 2nd Sat., 10am at the church – Gayle Meeks, Chair

**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.

**Pray to the Lord of All that in the coming years at
Verona United Methodist Church, He will do....**





Ministry Fair Offers Opportunities to Serve

On Sunday, August 13th we are offering our members an opportunity to learn about the goals and activities of the many groups and ministries at VUMC. Tables and displays will be set up in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on that

Sunday. Representatives from ministries such as our Food Pantry, Children's Ministries, Worship Team, Mission Teams, etc. will be on hand to answer your questions, including how you can get involved. If your group has not yet arranged to be part of the fair, please call 248-7777 or email shiner@veronaumc.com.

God Wants Us to Use Our Gifts and Talents

adapted from an article by Stewardship Team—October 14, 2016 personal-development | @ChrisBrownOnAir

Whatever your talent or skill is, guess what? God's behind it! But He didn't bless any of us with a talent or skill simply so we could look awesome or earn lots of cash. God wants us to steward those gifts for Him! Maybe you thought stewardship was just about money. Well, yes, that's a big part of it. But it's so much bigger than that. Stewardship is about everything in our lives—and that includes our talents.

If we want to please God—if we want to hear Him say, "Well done good and faithful servant" when we meet Him in heaven—then we must faithfully use our talents the way He wants us to. Colossians 3:23–24 tells us that everything we do should be for Christ: *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."*

So how exactly does God want us to use our talents for Him?

1. God wants us to bless others. In 1 Peter 4:10, we're called to use our gifts to serve others as stewards of God's grace. Now, in that context, Peter was specifically talking about spiritual gifts like prophecy and healing. Those are supernatural abilities God gives each Christ-follower, but the general idea of blessing others also carries over to talents. God doesn't give us anything just for our own benefit. After all, we're blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2)!

How can you put that into practice? Maybe there's a ministry that uses your skill or talent to help others. If you look in our community, you're sure to find a need you can meet with the talents God's given you. And if nothing exists, you can always start your own ministry!

2. God wants us to build His kingdom for His glory. God made us all different. That's great, because together, all of us make up the kingdom. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the body of Christ to a human body: Each of us is unique, but together we make the body complete. And Christ is the head of the body (Ephesians 5:23), so everything we do points back to Him. He directs it all!

In other words, God wants you to use your unique role in the body of Christ to glorify Him. So if God made you a singer, sing for Him. If your talent is a little less conventional—maybe you're good with numbers or with writing code—then find a way to translate that into a job for a God-honoring company or ministry. Use your God-given abilities to reach those who don't know Him—and give Him the credit for your talents.

3. People Need Church Membership. Finally, we recognize biblical membership matters because people need it. People need membership commitment because they need to be connected to a Christian community. This is not just for the sake of the faith community, but also for the sake of the individual.

Individualist Christianity is a myth and a damaging pursuit. At the end of the day we're redeemed. We're placed in the body. The Bible specifically says he has redeemed us. He has transferred us, Colossians 1 says, from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son he loves. A kingdom has a king. The king has subjects and his kingdom has a community together where we function as God's people....

Membership doesn't save us. But it enables us to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ....



Thelma Smith, Dot Hess,
Patsy Dastoli, Willie Lockridge,
Ronald Smith, Margaret
Helmick, Jean May, Inez Fultz,
Charles Cook, Howard Rexrode,
Elijah Smith, Don & Caroline
McFaden, Glen Sutton, Roger
Moats, Louise Roadcap, Frances
Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle,
Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver,
Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Arlene Simpson

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Kim Cash and family in the recent passings of her grandmother, Margaret Landes; and her aunt, Roxie Houff.

Congratulations to Steven and Polly Cason in the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace born June 21, 2017. Proud grandparents, Kenny and Donna Cason. Proud great-grandparents, Ken and Marie Cason.

Thank you to our VBS volunteers and Children's Ministries Director Amanda Hall. Vacation Bible School was outstanding and a glory to God!



VUMC Chancel Choir News

Wednesdays
June 28-July 26
both Choirs will
rehearse at 6:30pm

*No Choir Rehearsal
in August*

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).

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for being such a loving and supportive church family. We appreciate the cards, hugs, prayers and so many words of comfort. We also thank you for the wonderful meal after mom's memorial service. As always, the food was delicious. Your thoughtfulness will be long remembered and cherished.

*Chuck and Ruth Wright
and the whole Helen Miller Family*

Thanks to all who got their picture taken for the Pictorial directory. The project appears to be successful. Look for your directory in early fall.

Corkie Collie, Witness Chair

Thank you for the use of the church building for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration. And a special thank you to all who were able to attend. The UMW, your Pastor, and many members of this congregation helped make this a day of fond memories for us. Thanks to our church family!

In Christ's love, Jeff and Susan Allen

VUMC Honey Now For Sale

\$8 per pound

All proceeds benefit
VUMC Missions



On Sale thru the Church Office

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - July-August 2017

JULY

7/2 5:00pm Church Pot-Luck Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 7/3 5:30pm VUMC Children's Choir Singing, Gypsy Hill Park
 7/4 **OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4**
 7/5 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
 7/6 12-5pm Blood Drive, BRMH
 7/7 7-9pm Evening of Prayer, VUMC
 7/8 10am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
 7/9 3-6pm **Olde Time Revival**-Food, Music & Preaching
 5:00pm Summer BLAST ages 4-5th grade, Outside
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 7/10 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm SPRC, RM 146
 7/12 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
 7/16 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 7/17 2:00pm Esther Circle-RM 144
 7/18 7:00pm Church Council, RM 146
 7/19 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
 7/20 7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving)
 7/23 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 7/24 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7/31 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center

7/26 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
 7/30 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

AUGUST

8/2 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/6 7:00pm WRE, RM 147
 8/7 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/13 9:30am Ministry Fair
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/14 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 8/15 7:00pm Finance Committee, RM 146
 8/16 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/17 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth serving)
 8/20 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/21 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 8/23 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/27 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 8/28 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 8/30 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 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 VCC at 10:45 a.m.**

July & August Birthdays

7/1	Kyle VanLear	7/14	Rebecca Austin	7/27	Stephanie Wiseman	8/12	Nicholas Jones	8/23	Thelma Smith
	John Rehm	7/15	Jessica Blosser	7/28	Peggy Tutwiler	8/13	Glen Flavin	8/24	Cole Ruoto
	Kirk Wagner	7/16	Chris Broce	7/29	Jean May	8/14	Brian Karicofe	8/26	Pam Davis
7/2	Scott Maynard	7/17	Rita Austin	7/30	Jed Alger		Emily Neighbors	8/27	Lu Weeks
7/3	Laura Rohrer	7/18	Brian Myers	7/31	Mindy Hickman	8/14	Erin Tutwiler		Diane Dull
7/5	Rose Armstrong	7/19	Dustin Dedrick	AUGUST	James Pugh		Casey Mozingo		Anita Hiner
	Jean Bean	7/20	Louise Fultz	8/1	RC Moyers	8/15	Iva Dixon	8/28	Cynthia Roadcap
	Corey Chestnut		Bill Mayle	8/2	Jeff Spiggle		Gabe Huffman	8/29	Stuart Webster
7/6	Bryan Wills		Ray Smith	8/3	Morgan Chestnut	8/15	Justin Shifflett		Destiny Hitt
	Mary Jane Ayers		Logan Bean	8/4	Pat Forester	8/16	Nancy Campbell	8/30	Seth Galvin
7/7	Gloria Ward	7/21	Ramona Jackson	8/5	Nancy Coiner		Carolyn Bean		Mary Pat Fleming
	Laura Gurkin		Corieta Smith		Braxton McAllister	8/17	Angie Quick	8/31	Mike Utberg
7/8	Wesley Harris		Teresa Blum		Patty Chittum		Doris Wright		Rhonda Carwell
7/9	Roz Carper		Betty Lamm		Caroline McFaden	8/17	Monica Weaver		John Gray Jr.
	Barbara Dedrick	7/22	Gail Smith		Christy Mozingo		Garnett Andes		Joyce Gray
7/10	Sally VanLear		Lindsay Shifflett	8/6	Shawn Brydge	8/17	Kailyn Nestor		
	Shawna Hiner		Greg VanLear	8/7	Mark Woods	8/19	Jordan Shifflett		
7/11	Betty Fitzgerald	7/23	Pattie Smiley		Mary Lam	8/20	Lisa Jennings		
	Brian Gingerich	7/24	Doris Long		Bobby Breeden		Margaret Helmick		
7/12	Linda Smith	7/25	Peggy Horisk		Alisa Brooks	8/20	Corryn Ruoto		
	Corny Wills	7/26	Mark Chestnut		Ally Reeser		Mike Cash		
7/13	Rachel Jennings		Michael Dawson		Jerry Lockridge	8/23	Amy Lambert		
	Justin Rexrode		Eddie Lambert		Bernard Bean		Betty Wymer		
			Tom Sailer		Fred Wills		Phyllis Porter		
			Pat Huff	8/8	Bee Myers		Barbara Richardson		
			Dennis Porter		Canyon Ruoto		Sydney Breeden		
			Tom Upton						





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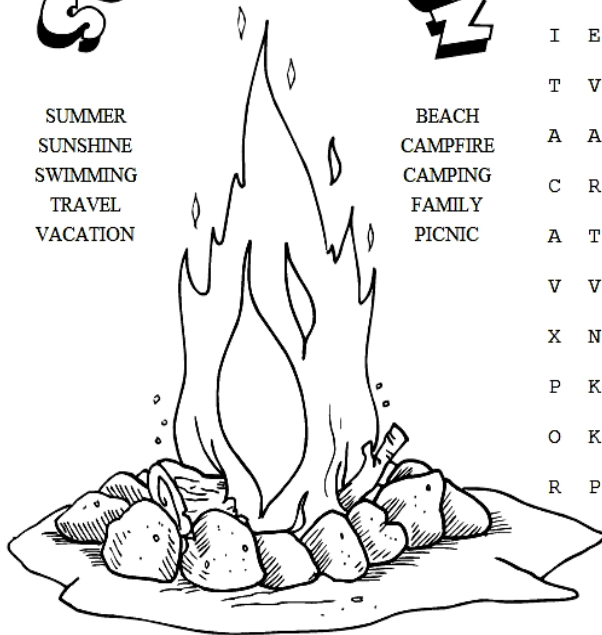
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Sunday Schedule:
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.



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