



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



June 2017

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Visitation Pastor

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From the Senior Pastor

"God is good, all the time!"

"All the time, God is good!"

This church has so many people who are "people blessers." Blesser is not a commonly used word, but it certainly fits the many members of our church who bless others on a daily basis.

They are channels of God's goodness in countless ways.

- There are the *prayer groups* that gather during the week, lifting up hundreds of names in a continuous flow of requests for God's blessings.
- There are the "*Petal Pushers*" who are constantly planting and digging up, planting and digging up. Most churches do a little landscaping and then let it sit for a few years. The Petal Pushers will not be content with their landscaping efforts until they have reached perfection! I sometimes think that if they had been around during the seven days of creation, our Creator God would have certainly put them in charge of arranging the flowers and forests!
- Consider our *mission teams* that work near and far. Every year our youth travel to different states to spread God's love while getting some paint on their clothes and hammer-induced bruises on their thumbs. At least two to three times a year our adult mission teams head out to the Eastern Shore or West Virginia or Tennessee or South Carolina... wherever God leads them and wherever the needs are greatest.
- There are our *choir members and their accompanists*. Both our worship services are blessed with the fruits of their talents and dedication to practice. I love being up front with them where the volume is loudest and the spirit of the singing is inescapable.

Other primary channels of God's goodness at our church:

- Our *Verona Community Center volunteers*.
- Our *hospitality team* providing fellowship and bereavement meals.
- Our *children's ministry* which is swiftly growing.
- Our *youth ministry* and its outreach to youth beyond our congregation.
- Our *Salt & Peppers Fellowship* providing ways for our seniors to grow in friendship.
- Our *Staff* of 15 dedicated to creating a dynamic church ministry that shares the Gospel, builds God's Kingdom, and creates a truly loving Body of Christ at VUMC.
- And, of course, the Apple Dumpling crew, the Blood Drive volunteers, our Church Council and Lay Leaders, our Sunday School teachers, our Day Care,....

Is God calling you to be a blessing to someone? There are so many opportunities in this world to be a "blesser" and all the ministries listed above can provide you with a way to get started. On the second Sunday in August we'll be having a "Leadership and Ministry Fair," giving you the opportunity to meet firsthand with representatives of these groups, ask questions, and get involved.

I hope that through one of these ministries you'll become a living channel of blessings for the God who is good all the time!

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
 June 19**

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

New Members Nancy Talley (50 Hermitage Rd., Staunton, VA 24401) and Judy Hardee (83 Lime Springs Ln., Mt. Solon, VA 22843) were received into membership at VUMC on May 21st. We are excited to have Nancy and Judy as part of the church family at Verona UMC!

Church Directory Pictures will be taken Tues., June 13 - Sat., June 17, 2:30-8:45 p.m. Please make an appointment for your family right away. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the main entrance for your convenience. **After June 4 you will need to call 866-557-2253 and sign up.** Each family will receive a free copy of the new directory and a Free 8 x 10 family portrait. There is no obligation to purchase additional portraits; however, those who wish to do so may get additional copies. Our directory needs you!

**Shawna Hiner Preaching on Father's Day**

Pastors Bob Weeks and Kevin McMullen will be in Hampton for the Annual Conference of The Virginia United Methodist Church from June 16-18. Shawna Hiner, a declared candidate for licensing as a Pastor and our church's Office Administrator, will preach at both services at VUMC and at the 10:45 a.m. service at Aisle 7 Fellowship.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration June 11

Join **Reverend Jeff and Susan Allen** on Sunday, June 11th at Verona UMC from 2 to 4pm, as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. They will renew their vows at 2 pm in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. No gifts please. Your presence is the best gift of all! [Jeff is our church's Visitation Pastor].

Free Staunton Braves Tickets It's that time of year! The Staunton Braves baseball team is sponsoring "Church Family Night With the Braves" Sundays June 4th & 25th. Free tickets are available through our church office.

Online Giving is now **10%** of our giving! Thank you to all who have signed up! Our goal by the end of 2017 is 15- 20%! 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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed Amanda is updating the children's Sunday School teacher list. Please contact her at 540.280.1455, or amanda-yumc@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.

Graduates Recognized Congratulations to Luke Jennings (Riverheads H.S.) and Courtney Brooks (Fort Defiance) on their high school graduations; and to Sam Davis upon his graduation from Virginia Tech. All were recognized and given gifts at our May 21 worship services.

**Saturday, June 24**

*At Verona United Methodist Church.
 Proceeds benefit the Verona Ruritans.*



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

The following groups/teams/classes are scheduled to host Coffee and Fellowship time on Sundays in June. Information and instructions posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen.



Questions/concerns? Please contact Church Office.

- ◆ June 4 Witness Team
- ◆ June 11 Petal Pushers
- ◆ June 18 Esther Circle (Father's Day)
- ◆ June 25 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.

A Little Humor

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."



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!

Day Trip to Smith Mountain Lake Thursday, June 22

Please plan to join us for a day trip to Smith Mountain Lake VA Dare Cruise on Thursday, June 22. The Cruise is from 12:00-2:00pm. Cost of cruise plus gas for van is \$25.00. We plan on going for lunch before cruise. Lunch cost not included (allow \$12). We leave the church at 8:00am. RSVP by June 4. Payment is also due by June 4.

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 Calenders 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 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

Prayer Life Group

Sundays at 10 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

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

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

Online Giving Available

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

Numbers that Matter thru 5/21/17

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	91
Worship Avg. 2017—VUMC/A7F	206/42
Worship 5/21/17—VUMC/A7F	204/38

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7703

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



New Daniel Plan Class Starts at the Verona Community Center on June 6 from 6:30-8pm

The Daniel Plan is a six-week Healthy Lifestyle Program - *eat like God intended* - and, yes, you will lose weight! For men and women, this program is comprised of five essentials, Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends, and an instructor-added essential - Fun. Books are \$16 and the class is free, although a small donation for use of space is appreciated. Class size will be limited, so please register at: carikerj@comcast.net or 540-255-3987.

Aisle 7 Receives Grant from UMC

We recently received news that our Aisle 7 Fellowship has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500. The grant is to be used specifically for promotional items for Aisle 7 Fellowship.

Dear Pastor Bob and Pastor Kevin:

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that Aisle 7 Fellowship of Verona, Virginia will receive a 2017 United Methodist Communication's New Church Start Grant.

United Methodist Communications (UMCOM) will provide a one-time \$2,500.00 grant to help promote your new faith community



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.*

JUNE YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, June 4, 5:30-7:00pm**—Youth Devotions and Supper provided
- **Friday, June 9, 7:00-10:00pm**—Game Night at VCC. Come and bring a friend!
- **Thursday, June 15, 6:00-7:30pm**—Youth and adults needed to serve Ruritans
- **Sunday, June 18, 8:30am service**—Commissioning Youth Mission Team
- **Thursday, June 22, 6:00pm**—Loading the trailer; we will eat out together after the trailer is loaded.
- **Saturday June 24th-July 1st**—Youth Mission Trip to Chillicothe, Ohio

*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!*

Church Family Night With the Braves™

Sundays June 4th & 25th. Free tickets are available through our church office.

Children's News

BLAST- Summer Sundays Playground Edition **Come and go anytime between 5:00 - 7:00pm**

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 - 7pm 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!

VBS 2017-June 19-23, 6 to 8:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS - Please contact Amanda if you are available and interested in helping! We can use help with a variety of things.

DINNER DURING VBS- if your group/ Sunday school class is available to provide dinner and serve the VBS children, please contact Amanda. We still need Wednesday through Friday night to be covered.

***Email Amanda if you can help in any way
amandavumc@gmail.com***



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

BackPacks for Braves

To ALL Verona UMC individuals and groups who have donated dollars, organized donation drives at their work place, arranged for corporate gifts donated, filled the red tub with puddings, fruit cups, cereal, juice. THANK YOU

The school year has ended with the closing of Verona Elementary and thus the end of our Backpack program.

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one at Verona UMC for your help for this United Methodist Women sponsored program. We have made a real difference in the lives of some very needy children in our Verona Community. Your gifts of food and dollars have been appreciated so much and we say thank you.

We also say thank you to the Verona UMC Food Pantry program for allowing us to piggy-back with orders from the Food Bank, thus allowing our dollars to go much further.

We especially thank those who have physically helped us over the years (I hope I don't miss anyone):

Treasurer: Millie Davis

Packers: Ron McAllister, Dick Watson, Pat Forester, Louise Lockridge

Deliverers: Sandy and Ron McAllister and Pat Forester.

Shoppers: Food Pantry Crew (Danny Link, Benny Craun, Laura Gurkin, Gail Smith, Steve Woods, James Davis)

From the bottom of our hearts, Your "chief cooks and bottle washers" Sue & Doug MacTavish

Greetings from Aisle 7!

Summer is almost here. The days are getting longer and hotter, kids are starting their long break from school, and may be most importantly, its grilling season! I look forward to summer every year and all the opportunities to be outdoors; this year is no different. In fact, our church is planning on celebrating the season by having more hot dog lunch giveaways this summer. Last year we had such a blast and an amazing turnout each time, so we are excited to do it all again. Stay tuned for dates and details as we get closer!

May saw another opportunity for the ladies of Aisle 7 to get together for a Women's Event. We have done several of these events over the past year, and I hear it's always a lot of fun to get together, make a craft, and share in friendship with each other. Another women's event will be coming up on June 2nd- this one will be led by Tessa Hickman and family.

We are so excited to prepare for our upcoming planned mission trip to Cherokee, NC, to work with the Indian reservation there. The trip will be taking place from July 29 - August 5. The trip is currently full, but we can always try and squeeze in one more if you're interested. If you want to be a part of what God is doing through Aisle 7 in Cherokee, we are always looking for help fundraising this awesome trip. Any ideas or donations are welcome! Right now we have a great fundraising opportunity with Texas Steakhouse selling coupon cards for \$5 each and keeping 100% of the proceeds. Speak with me to purchase your own card, or to pick up a stack to sell.

June is our official Bring-a-Friend month! If you believe in what we are doing and feel Aisle 7 has made an impact in your life or the Valley, I'd love for you to talk to others about it. Bring someone with you one Sunday. Tell someone at a gas station about us. Post about Aisle 7 on social media. My hope for June is that we will all try and introduce just one other person to our church and what what God is building here!

There are also lots of great ways this month to connect with each other outside of our normal Sunday services:

- Our softball season is in full swing! Aisle 7 has partnered with Verona UMC in creating a softball team this spring. If you want to come cheer us on, we usually play on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Weyer's Cave Fire Department.
- We've had a lot of success with our Wednesday night Life-Group at 7 pm at the community center where we meet to discuss theology and faith, and share our struggles together. It's a great way to get to know one another in a supportive, casual environment—there's always room for one more.
- Also, we will be hosting our monthly church potluck on the last Sunday of May, the 28th, at 12pm. These meals are a great time to come together in fellowship over good food, and are open to all. Bring a dish to share if you're able, but no matter what, we would love to see you there.

We have an amazing staff of volunteers who make Aisle 7 the great place it is each week, but we are looking for a few extra more helping hands. If you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to have your help! We have opportunities in the nursery, greeting, Sunday morning setup, or in a variety of other areas. Please contact me if you can help out in any way, or if anything is weighing on your heart. My door is always open.

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin

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.

Every **WEAKNESS**
you have is an opportunity
for God to show
His **STRENGTH** in your life

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my
power is made perfect in weakness.*

2 Corinthians 12:9



**Evening
of Prayer**
Friday, July 7
7-8:30 p.m.
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!

Helping Hands Ministry

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

Questions? Call Doug May at 241-5605.

Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

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

Visit the website for more information:

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/>

or call the camp office to register
today: 540-269-2267

**BROCHURES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

Once you have attended your week at camp you can submit your receipt to the VUMC office for reimbursement of half the cost!

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.

WHEN *Life* GETS
TOO HARD TO STAND
Kneel

Verona Community Center Report

The Center continues to operate smoothly thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and oversight by our volunteer Management Board. Operations Manager Ethan Eldred has been on board for over a month and is now handling all aspects of the operations assigned to him in an excellent manner.



We are working on sound treatment by hanging theatrical curtains in the lobby area and also installing art line in the hallway to be able to exhibit works of local artists and bring more visitors into the facility.

The community center has received a \$3,000 grant for 2017-18 from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge to conduct computer education classes for low-income families and seniors which we are planning for late summer and fall.

At its annual banquet recently, Woodmen Life presented the Center with a Community Partner Award and a large US flag for the lobby. They had previously donated US and Virginia flags at our opening. Thanks to the Verona Ruritan Club that held a yard sale at the center on April 1 with all proceeds of \$766 given to the center.

To date in 2017, we have served 1,637 guests in the non-pay café and 3,730 guests at 186 events held at the center. This brings our total since opening last March of 5,499 café guests and 419 events with 10,052 guests, for a grand total of 15,551. We are happy to have been able to serve this many people, most of whom would not have been served otherwise. Kudos to all volunteers who have served these guests so faithfully and courteously!

Treasurer's Report to date 2017 for operations - Income \$35,712 and expenses of \$31,650, leaving a positive balance of \$4,063.

As we continue to grow the center, we ask for your prayers for our volunteers and Management Board. You can also support the center by volunteering for a 3-hour shift from time to time, donating funds on line or via check, have an event there and spread the word to others, donate snacks (individually packaged), or just drop by for a cup of coffee and visit with volunteers.

Thank you!

Judith Cariker, VCC Management Board Chair

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.

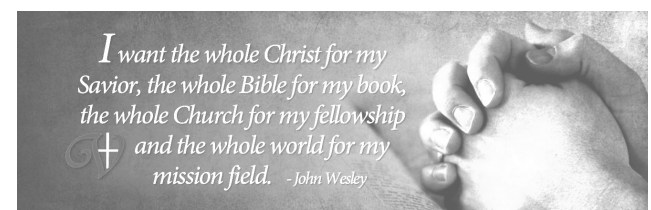
To sign up or to receive a confirmation packet with more information, call 248-7777 or email shiner@veronaumc.com

A New Sunday School Class for Moms

Moms of all ages are welcome. 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!



Old Time Revival

*Sponsored by the Older Adult Council
of the Virginia Conference of
The United Methodist Church*

- **Dynamic Preaching**
- **Inspiring Music**
- **Free refreshments**
- **Great Fellowship**
- **Free-will offering**

**Our Host Church: Verona United Methodist Church
406 Lee Highway in Verona, Virginia**

just off I-81 in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley near Staunton, VA

Sunday, July 9 from 3 'til 6 p.m.

***Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice
in you? - Psalm 85:6***

Our revival preacher will be Bishop Sharma Lewis, presiding Bishop of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church



Michael Berkley, Associate Director of Music at Woodlake UMC, will lead us in a powerful time of worship, including the church's most inspiring hymns



Pre-registration is not necessary... but it will help if we know you and your group are coming—call 540-248-7777 to pre-register or for more information



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

Congratulations to Lillie Cash for being recognized with a UMW Special Mission pin for her dedication to serving others! She led the Family Council over 8 years, preparing countless fellowship and bereavement meals for members of our church and community. Lillie got a standing ovation at the early service when her name was announced! What a humble servant she is!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our church family has responded with the usual generosity with donations to UMCOR Health Kits and Bedding Kits. We received enough supplies & monetary donations to provide 3 Bedding Kits and 100 Health Kits! When I announced this at the Church Council meeting, Doug MacTavish was concerned about how to get them to Hampton. What a great problem to have!

Save the Date! Sunday July 2nd @ 5pm

The UMW will be hosting the 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!

**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 these UMW events:

- Saturday, June 3 - UMW Day at Ferrum College
- Sunday, June 11 – fundraiser event – see Circle leaders for info
- Monday, June 19 – Serving VBS Dinner

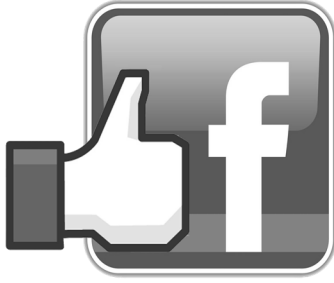
If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 943-6846, or reach out to one of the other officers:

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

Seen on Facebook in May....



Video Link of Verona UMC's own Hope Bridges singing "Verona Goodbye" written by her father as a farewell tribute to Verona Elementary School, permanently closing in May 2017. Hope is a member of our VUMC children's choir.

"The West Virginia United Methodist Conference Division for Flood Relief is very appreciative for this group of skilled volunteers from your church that came to Richwood WV to work on flood survivor homes. The list of projects they completed are too numerous to list. You should be proud of these church members. Thank you for your dedication and hard work." *[This entry was accompanied by a photo of the team from VUMC & A7F]*

Did You Know? Over the years, in partnership with Mt. Pisgah UMC and our Aisle 7 campus, we have fielded a number of hard-working, talented softball teams with outstanding records. Thank you to Bob Anson and Earl Shifflett, our most recent coach and manager, for their inspired leadership! If you are interested in being part of our church softball team for the Christian fellowship and exercise, please contact the church office at 248-7777 and we'll pass your interest along to Bob and Earl.

Link to Sports Article Featuring Ben Harlow Great sports article in the News Leader on May 1st focusing on VUMC youth Ben Harlow plus...a picture of and quote from VUMC member Sue Leonard.

Lillie Cash Receives UMW Award On May 14th at our 8:30 a.m. service, Lillie Cash received the United Methodist Women's "Mission Recognition Award." Well deserved for someone who has faithfully and selflessly served others in Christ's name for many years!

New VUMC History Display Thank you to Harry Lockridge, the late Paul Alexander, Curtis Carter, and the many VUMC historians who kept such detailed records of our church and community dating back to the 1870's. We've recently moved our historical records, photos, and artifacts to a more easily accessible and visible location in the church building. Displays have been updated and printed copies of our church history are available. As followers of Christ, we are a people not only of the present and future, but also of the past. May the examples of God's grace and blessings told in these displays inspire us to greater faith in what lies ahead.



- Online giving means your offering is received by the church no matter what the weather or if you are out of town
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- 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/>

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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).



Don McFaden
Caroline McFaden
Glen Sutton
Roger Moats
Louise Roadcap
Frances Johnson
Ray Smith
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
Larry Mauzy

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude I feel towards all of you as I think back on our time at VUMC. I believe in my heart that the Lord brought us to the valley for a time of healing and restoration at a time when we needed it most. We found that healing within the doors of VUMC as you opened your arms and welcomed us into the congregation. Through the years you all have shown us the unconditional love of Christ and the acceptance that comes from being a part of the body of Christ. I will be forever grateful to God and YOU ALL for that gift. It is truly one that can never be replaced or taken away!!

May God continue to use YOU ALL in mighty ways to further His kingdom. There is no doubt you are His faithful soldiers who march forward with love, compassion, and forgiveness in your hearts. Scott, Jordan, Zack and I were truly blessed to be a part of your lives for so many years!!!

All my love, Laura Gurkin

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the Family of Helen Miller. Helen passed away May 7, 2017.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the Family of Susan Sams, mother of Patty Chittum, who passed away May 19, 2017.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Bill Sullivan in the loss of his brother, Robbie Sullivan.

WE WALK BY
FAITH
NOT BY SIGHT

Just a note to let you know that God has blessed Middle River WRE with a total of **\$5,251** from offerings and sponsors at this year's spring concert. A big thank you to the churches for getting the word out and to the support shown through the offering. Thanks also to the churches that donated cookies for the children. *Larry Wills, President Middle River WRE*

Thank You to the congregation and friends for the Happy 88th Birthday wishes! 88 isn't so bad! *Polly Brumfield*

Faye and I would like to thank the current and former members of the New Dimensions Class who contributed to the very generous gift for my retirement as the teacher of the class. Many individuals have blessed us since 1978 with their attendance in the class. We are indeed fortunate to have had them as a part of our lives and to have been able to share God's message and his love through the lessons presented. We hope the current members will be able to find another Sunday School class and will continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. *Larry Wills*

Thank you to our church family for the food, prayers, visits and cards. You are truly a blessing! *Curtis and Shirley Carter*

The Staunton Choral Society wants to thank you, again, for hosting the annual Hymn Festival. *Sincerely, The Staunton Choral Society*

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - June 2017

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| 6/4 | 5:00pm Summer BLAST ages 4-5th grade, Outside
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 6/20 | 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Finance Committee RM 146 |
| 6/5 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center | 6/21 | 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 6/6 | 10:00am Staff Meeting | 6/22 | 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School |
| 6/7 | 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 | 6/23 | 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School |
| 6/9 | 7:00pm Youth Game Night, VCC until 10pm | 6/24 | Chicken BBQ-Verona Ruritans
VUMC Youth Leave on Mission Trip |
| 6/10 | 10am Rebecca Circle, RM 146 | 6/25 | 12pm Vacation Bible School Celebration-BRMH
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 6/11 | 2-4pm The Allens' 50th Wedding Anniv. Party-BRMH
5:00pm Summer BLAST ages 4-5th grade, Outside
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 6/26 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center |
| 6/12 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center | 6/27 | 10:00am Staff Meeting |
| 6/13 | 10:00am Staff Meeting
2:30pm Church Directory Pictures until 8:45pm | 6/28 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 6/14 | 2:30pm Church Directory Pictures until 8:45pm
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 | | |
| 6/15 | 2:30pm Church Directory Pictures until 8:45pm
7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving) | | |
| 6/16 | 2:30pm Church Directory Pictures until 8:45pm | | |
| 6/17 | 2:30pm Church Directory Pictures until 8:45pm | | |
| 6/18 | FATHER'S DAY
8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |
| 6/19 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
4:00pm Esther Circle-RM 144
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School | | |



Vacation Bible School June 19-23

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.



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| 6/1 | Tim Rexrode | 6/11 | Russell Davis |
| 6/2 | Rodney Bussard
Rhonda Reeser
Jordan Morlino | 6/12 | Jamie Glover
Jason Lambert |
| 6/3 | Don McFaden | 6/13 | Kristen Swanson |
| 6/5 | Joe Huffman
Patsy Mayle
Mike Powers | 6/14 | Myrtle Lambert
Carolyn Harlow
Lorena Karicofe |
| 6/7 | Joanne Watson | 6/15 | Heather Andes |
| 6/8 | Tessa Hickman
Eleanor Jennings | 6/17 | Amy Hisey |
| 6/9 | Jeff Weeks | 6/18 | June Flavin
Sandy Rousseau
Titus Showalter |
| 6/10 | Shirley Carter
Bill Sullivan | 6/20 | Amanda Hall |
| | | 6/21 | Barbara Morris |
| | | 6/22 | Colton Lackey |
| | | 6/23 | Reid Tutwiler |
| | | 6/24 | Ken Cason, Sr. |
| | | 6/25 | Doris Thompson
Wayne Smith
Scott VanLear
Andy Tutwiler
Dustin Zickefoose |

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| 6/26 | Curtis Craig
Wally Arms |
| 6/27 | Shirley Webster
Jayne Tooley
Cindy May |
| 6/28 | Don Dixon
Elsie Walker
Janet McAllister
Scott Gurkin
Jeffrey Weeks |
| 6/29 | Sandy Rankin
Conrad Sandhage
Jeff Bean
Chrystal Little |
| 6/30 | Winston Jackson
Becky Woolfrey
Bobby McAllister
Dreama McAllister-Wilson
Stephen Little
Jeremy Spiggle |

*May my teaching
drop like the rain,
my speech condense
like the dew;
like gentle rain
on grass,
like showers
on new growth.*

Deuteronomy 32:2(NRSV)





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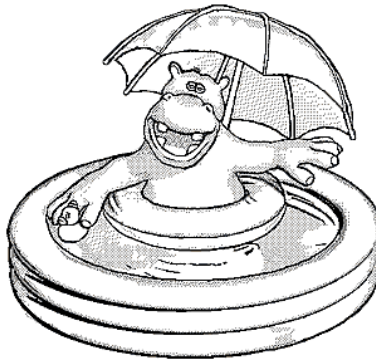
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Sunday Schedule:
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.



**HOT
 SUMMER
 DAYS**

Use the word list to find and circle all of the words in the puzzle that have a 'Hot Summer Days' theme.

- Word List**
- BARE FEET
 - BEACH
 - BOAT
 - FLIP FLOPS
 - FLOWERS
 - ICE CREAM
 - LEMONADE
 - POOL
 - STRAWBERRIES
 - SUMMER
 - SUNSCREEN
 - SUNSHINE
 - SWIMMING
 - UMBRELLA
 - WATERMELON

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