



# THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of  
Verona United Methodist Church



May  
2017

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## From the Senior Pastor

**May is a Special month!** There are more “special” Sundays in May than any other month. May 14th is Mother’s Day and UMW’s Sunday; May 21st is Graduation Sunday and Aldersgate Day (see article inside); and May 28th is Memorial Sunday. I hope you’ll be in worship each Sunday as we celebrate these special moments and how God is at work in our church and world through Jesus Christ!

**W**ith two of our church members—Sue MacTavish and Shawna Hiner—on the path to becoming licensed pastors in The UMC. What responsibilities are they taking on? What differences are there between a licensed pastor and an ordained pastor?

**Educational requirements for Pastors** I am an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, a process that required almost twelve years of study and preparation, including undergraduate and postgraduate degrees along with a series of interviews and assigned papers ensuring I was called to and equipped for pastoral ministry. Licensed Local Pastors do not have the requirement of an undergraduate degree (although many have two- or four-year degrees) but are required to engage in a rigorous five-year “Course of Study” while they serve in a local congregation. Throughout the process of licensing and ordination, the UMC has a system that ensures the Pastor is receiving direction, evaluation, training and support.

**A Pastor’s duties and responsibilities?** Our United Methodist Book of Discipline summarizes the “Responsibilities and Duties of Ordained Elders and Licensed Pastors” in this way:

1. The responsibilities of [ordained] Elders are derived from the authority given in ordination. Elders have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service, serving the local church and in extension ministries in witness and service of Christ’s love and justice. Elders are authorized to preach and teach the Word, to provide pastoral care and counsel, to administer the sacraments, and to order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry as pastors, superintendents, and bishops.

2. Licensed pastors share with the elders the responsibilities and duties of a pastor for this fourfold ministry, within the context of their appointment.

Some Christian denominations restrict the role of a pastor to preaching, teaching and administration of the sacraments and a few other actions such as visitation, counseling and officiating at weddings and funerals. But a United Methodist Pastor has much wider responsibilities which we believe are consistent with God’s Word. Pastors are shepherds and overseers. That means they have a wide responsibility to equip, lead, and protect their congregations. A Pastor in the UMC has an administrative responsibility to ensure that the congregation is fulfilling its goals and vision. This includes oversight of stewardship and financial matters. Pastors are ex officio members of all committees and chair the Lay Leadership and Nominations committee. Ultimately, in partnership with the church’s laity, their mission is to build the body of Christ as a community of faith extending the Kingdom of God into the world.

Grace and peace,

**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  
 May 22**

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

## Honor Our Mothers this Mother's Day, May 14

Bring a mom to worship this Mother's Day as we honor the women in our community who teach, support, and love our children.

**Memorial Sunday Service in the VUMC Cemetery**

Please join us and our local VFW on **Sunday, May 28th at 7 a.m.** as we remember and honor those who have defended our freedoms with the ultimate sacrifice.

**Annual Memorial Sunday Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.** If there is a Sunday School class, committee, or other group that would like to serve the annual breakfast after the Memorial Sunday service, please contact the church office at 248-7777.

**Attention Graduates** We will recognize our High School and College Graduates on Sun. **May 21 at both worship services** —please let the church office know by **May 14** if you are, or know of, a Verona UMC 2017 High School or College Graduate. Please let us know school degree/diploma and date. For High School Graduates, let us know further education plans, if any. For College Graduates, include all who graduated since last June's recognition - i.e., 2016 Dec. Grads, and let us know of further education/job plans. **If you have a picture of your graduate, turn it into the office by May 14 for our Grad bulletin board.**

**Volunteers Needed for Church "Moving Day"**

*Call the church office at 248-7777 if you can help move office furnishings and other items on Sat., Apr. 29, 9am until noon.*

Our church council has approved the following changes to rooms at VUMC. This will require a number of volunteers to help move items from room to room. Hand trucks will be helpful.

- 1) The choir room will become the treasurer's office
- 2) The treasurer's office will become the children's ministry office and an auxiliary office space for staff
- 3) The library will become the choir room (library will be eliminated)
- 4) The church history display now in the library will be moved to the rear entry area on the lower level.

The current space used for the choir room requires choir members to climb a steep and narrow stairway to the choir loft. This is extremely difficult for older members. Moving the choir room to the library will allow choir members to enter the sanctuary on the same floor level.

The treasurer's office is located in an insecure space. Ground level windows, walls that do not connect to the hard ceiling above the ceiling panels, and the room's use for multiple purposes make it extremely vulnerable to theft and unauthorized access. Making the current choir room a dedicated space for the treasurer's office eliminates these concerns.

**Blood Drive****Virginia Blood Services  
 will be here****Thurs., May 4, 12-5 p.m.***Walk-ins welcome! Give Blood! Save a Life!***Saturday, May 20**

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



- ◆ May 7 Open Door
- ◆ May 14 Rebecca Circle (Mother's Day)
- ◆ May 21 Worship Team
- ◆ May 28 Home Builders (Memorial Weekend)
- ◆ 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.



## Food Pantry Donations

*URGENT: Assist local families in need!*

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

### WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:

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

## Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

### Monticello and Michie Tavern Charlottesville, VA

## Thursday, May 25th

You are invited join us for a fun filled day as we tour Monticello, the home place of Thomas Jefferson, and eat lunch at Michie Tavern. We will leave the church at 10:30 and head directly to Michie Tavern where we will eat an early lunch. The menu consists of fried chicken, pulled pork barbecue, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, stewed tomatoes, green beans, coleslaw, beets, cornbread, biscuits, and peach cobbler....we won't go hungry that is for sure! After lunch, we will go to Monticello where we will have time to tour the home, the gardens, and visit the gift shop. We plan to return around 4:00 pm.

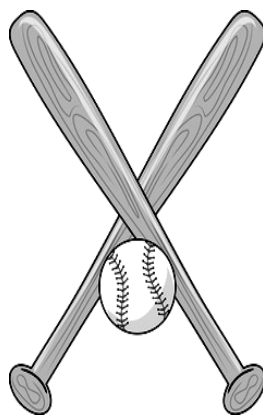
## Dates to Remember

- **May 7th** - Balance due/Monticello/Michie Tavern
- **May 25th** - Monticello and Michie Tavern

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

**For more information on upcoming events, contact:**

Faye Wills –234-9410, Sandy McAllister -255-6488, Gayle Meeks –248-1325, or Carolyn Anson, 294-2061



## Church Softball

Games are at the Weyer's Cave Ruritan Softball field (behind the fire department), May-July (or August with playoffs), two or three games per week, usually Mondays thru Wednesday evenings. Players are asked to commit to at least one game per week. We still need just a few more people to field a team.

*Call Bob Anson at 294-2062 for more information or to sign up!*



## Need for Weekend Volunteers at Verona Community Center

*Can't volunteer on weekdays?  
Are you sometimes free for 2 or 3 hours on a  
Saturday morning or afternoon  
(or an occasional Sunday afternoon)?*

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

## 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 4/23/17

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	90
Worship Avg. 2017—VUMC/A7F	205/43
Worship 4/23/17—VUMC/A7F	212/36

### GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)\*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7214

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



The Verona Community Center continues to operate smoothly and is getting busier with more events being booked, particularly on weekends with family gatherings, bridal showers and children's birthday parties. Even the Easter Bunny visited with area children at the center on April 8!

During our first full year of operation we are delighted to have served 13,840 persons; 5,008 who visited the internet café and 8,762 who attended 367 events! We celebrated this milestone with a Music Festival last month and over 250 attendees enjoyed the joyful sounds of Desperate Measures, Virginia Girlchoir, Valley Harmony Chorus and Faithful Men. This benefit brought in over \$1,000 in donations.

The Verona Ruritan Club had an indoor yard sale at the center on April 1 with proceeds of \$766 given to the center. With the donation of a washer and dryer, the center now has a "laundry ministry" for displaced persons or travelers on a donation basis.

We are happy to welcome Ethan Eldred as our new Operations Manager who began work on April 10 and look forward to his helping to grow our organization and provide more services and programs for the community. Contact Ethan at 540-251-1276 or email veronaccmanger@gmail.com

The tremendous success of the center during this past year is due to the dedication of many volunteers who staff the center each day. Kudos to each of you for the important role you play to make this a happy and welcoming place for our community.

*Judith Cariker, Chair, Management Board*



**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.*

## MAY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

*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!*

- Sunday, May 7th, 5:30-7pm—Youth Meeting; supper will be provided
- Saturday, May 13th, 10am-1pm—Car Wash at Ace Hardware to benefit youth mission trip; youth and adults needed to help with car wash
- Thursday, May 18th, 6pm-7:30pm—serving the Verona Ruritans

A special thank you to Tammy Shifflett for helping with the sunrise Easter service; we couldn't do this without you.

Thanks to everyone who brought egg casseroles and muffins for the Easter breakfast; and to those who helped set up and clean up. It was truly a beautiful Easter morning!

*- Bill and Carolyn Harlow*

## Children's News

**BLAST (Believe, Learn & Share Together)** for ages 4yrs-5th Grade is held every Sunday, 5 to 6:30pm  
Dinner served. Bring a friend!



**No BLAST on Mother's Day, May 14**

**BLAST** will be taking a break over the summer. Our last BLAST event will be our choral concert, May 21.

**The VUMC Children's Choir** will sing with the Staunton Choral Society on Sunday, May 21, 4:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton. **Children need to be at Christ Lutheran by 3:30pm.** We will enjoy dinner at CiCis Pizza after the concert. All participating children will be paid for.



**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 Tuesday through Friday night to be covered.

**Email Amanda if you can help in any way [amandavumc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com)

## BackPacks for Braves

Please leave donated food items in the tub marked Backpacks for Braves in the Donation Center.

*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*

Just a few weeks left for School this year and 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 UMW 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 Food Pantry program of allowing us to piggy-back with orders from the Food Bank thus allowing our dollars to go much further.

We must 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!

Happy Easter everyone! As we wind down from all of the excitement and the celebration of Christ conquering death, I just want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make this year a success.

As most of you know, before Easter there's the Jewish celebration of Passover, and this year, Aisle 7 decided to pay homage to the tradition by hosting a Seder meal on Good Friday. Seder actually means "order," that's because the meal takes place in a specific order to symbolize the events that took the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. Thank you to everyone who came out and took part; it was a wonderful evening, we enjoyed delicious food, and it was great to share with you in such a meaningful way.

Another great event was our Easter Eggstravaganza! In addition to a meet and greet with the Easter bunny, we had all kinds of fun crafts and ways to make it an awesome family day. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped.

Now for some news about what's coming up in May! Aisle 7 is joining up with Verona UMC and Mt. Pisgah UMC in creating a softball team this spring. We would love to have you come out and join! We will also host our monthly church potluck on the last Sunday of the month, April 30th at 12pm. Bring a side dish to share if you're able... we'd really love to have you join us, even after worship.

As you read this, 10 folks from VUMC and A7F are involved in doing some flood relief work in Richwood, WV. Our next mission trip will be to Cherokee, NC, to continue the Lord's work with the Cherokee people on the reservation there. That trip will take place at the end of July into the beginning of August. The trip will cost \$500 per person—we're looking for fundraising opportunities and ideas. If you are interested in helping and want to be a part of what God is doing through our church in other communities, we would absolutely love to have you!

We are involved in a sermon series entitled: "Mythbusters: The Bible Edition." Over the next few weeks we'll be walking through some common myths about Jesus and Christianity, and helping to break them down to explore the theology, evidence, and logic that unravels them. I'm excited to unpack these ideas with you in a relatable and honest way, and I hope you are too.

Thanks again to everyone who helps make our church the warm and welcoming place it continues to be every week. Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you feel called to help out or if anything is weighing on your heart.

*In His Grace, -Pastor Kevin McMullen*

## 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.

## Verona Ruritans Offer Two \$500 Scholarships

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



## 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!*



## Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6  
7 a.m. - Noon

*Verona UMC Fellowship Hall*  
*Proceeds benefit the*  
**Petal Pushers**

*"Caring for the VUMC Church Grounds"*

## A Mother's Love

Join us on May 14th as we honor our mothers

All mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." We are all different. She shared that as women we may "struggle, fail, start over, and celebrate." But we are mothers who can love unlike any other person.

A familiar mother's day poem written in the early 1900's is:

**M** is for the Many things she gave me,  
**O** means only that she's growing Old.  
**T** is for the Tears she shed to save me,  
**H** is for her Heart of purest gold.  
**E** is for her Eyes with love light shining,  
**R** means Right and Right she'll always be.  
Put them all together, they spell **MOTHER**.  
A word that means the world to me.



God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. We can love, give of ourselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes ... be the

first one up in the morning or the last one down at night. We juggle a lot of things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home, and sometimes finding time for ourselves.

Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As mothers, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us.

This scripture seems to be written just for mothers.

*"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:1-4*

Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. We as mothers need to love our mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them.

*"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3*

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

*"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." 1 John 3:18*

### Did You Know?

***The celebration of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, but the mother of Mother's Day in the United States was Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a Methodist from West Virginia.***

## 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](mailto:shiner@veronaumc.com)

## A New Sunday School Class for Moms

Moms of all ages are welcome. Join us any Sunday at 10 a.m. on the 3rd Floor (above the sanctuary). On May 14 we will move to Room 143 downstairs SS Hallway, 2nd room on left. For more info. contact:

Amanda Hall [amandavumc@gmail.com](mailto:amandavumc@gmail.com) or  
Shawna Hiner [shiner@veronaumc.com](mailto:shiner@veronaumc.com).

## Aldersgate Day

is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation.

Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Charles Wesley, John's younger brother, only a few days before had also had a conversion experience in the same place. The building where the meetings took place no longer exists. Aldersgate Street has been shortened by common Methodist usage to simply Aldersgate. The word has come to represent both the place and the experience.



# 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:

### Save the Date! Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5pm

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

### Please mark your calendars for these UMW events:

- May 14 - UMW Sunday—*Pastor Bob will give the message with UMW assisting in worship*
- June 3 - UMW Day at Ferrum College
- June 11 - fundraiser event

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 2pm at the church- Pat Foster, Chair  
 Rebecca Circle - meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### UMCOR Kits for Conference

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

**In May we are asking for donations for the items below.** Each kit requires the quantity noted.

- (1) Metal nail file or nail clippers (no emery boards, please )
- (1) One-gallon size sealable, zip-lock style bag
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Thank you for the supplies donated so far - we are close to having enough supplies for at least 80 kits!

*Items may be brought to the church office or  
donation center near the sanctuary. Thank you.*

# Staunton Choral Society Spring Concert

**Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m.**

at Christ Lutheran Church  
2807 N Augusta St. Staunton



*"Toward the Light"*

*with the*

## **Verona UMC Children's Choir**

*(7 of our children will be singing)  
and Xpressions Dancers*

Raymond Hebert, Director  
Jihye Lovelace, Piano

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



### **VUMC Chancel Choir News**

*We encourage prospec-  
tive 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 prac-  
tices 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).*

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## **Online Giving Helps Everyone**

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

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

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



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  
Helen Miller

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

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

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

**Congratulations** to Michael and Pam Rankin on the birth of their daughter, Teeghan Harper Rankin born April 7, 2017. Proud Grandparents, Gary and Sandy Rankin.



## CHURCH PICTORAL DIRECTORY

**Photos taken June 13-17**

More information will available in  
the upcoming months

**Parnassus UMC** is planning a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA to see "Then Sings My Soul" on Wednesday June 14. Cost is \$75. For more information contact Charles Curry at 292-2467.

# Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for being there for our family during the loss of Larry. We will never forget your act of thoughtfulness, caring and love. We appreciated the dinner that you sent to the house and for the meal the Family Council prepared after the funeral. It was wonderful! I also want to thank everyone from the church for the visits, cards and flowers. What a great church we have in love and support.

*Mary Jane Staples and Family*

Thank you for your cards, prayers and thoughts during my moms passing. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

*Rev. Jeff and Susan Allen*

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Apple Dump-ings on Friday, March 31. Our donation went to the following groups: WRE, Youth Mission Trip, Family Council (Bereavement meals), VUMC Food Pantry and the Verona Community Center. Thank you for your support!

*Bernard and Jean Bean*

The Food Pantry greatly appreciates all the help with the many needed personal items (tooth paste, toilet tissue, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) from many people and groups and Sunday school classes. This is a big help on our budget expenditure and makes our moneys go much further.

*Thanks, Danny, Gail, Benny and all of the re-stockers*

On behalf of Brady, we would like to thank everyone for your contributions to the Shenandoah Valley Autism Partnership 5K run/walk. Your generosity helped to make the event a great success. Many lives are touched by autism and the scholarships that SVAP provides give those in the autism community services and supports that they need and may not otherwise be able to afford. Again, many thanks.

*Alisa & Dan Fernez*

## 5th Sunday Offering

Our Fifth Sunday Offering on April 30 will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to meet emergency needs of families in the community and to meet the missional needs of the church. Ushers will have offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary to receive your special offerings.

## 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.

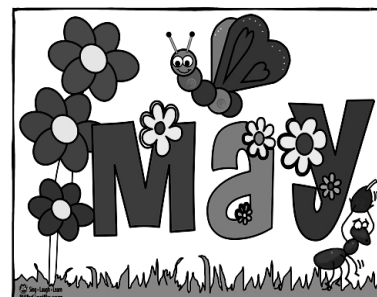
# Verona UMC Calendar of Events - May 2017

5/1	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142	5/17	8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
5/2	10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Trustees Meeting, RM 146	5/18	7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving) Chicken BBQ-Ruritans
5/3	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	5/21	9:30am Leadership Fair, BRMH 4:00pm VUMC Children's Choir sing with Staunton Choral Society at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
5/4	12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH	5/22	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
5/6	7:00am Yard Sale till Noon, BRMH	5/23	10:00am Staff Meeting
5/7	5:00pm BLAST Children's Activity, BRMH/Downstairs 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141	5/24	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
5/8	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting, RM 146	5/25	10:30am Salt & Peppers Trip to Charlottesville
5/9	10:00am Staff Meeting	5/28	7:00am Memorial Service in Church Cemetery 7:30am Memorial Weekend Breakfast, BRMH 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
5/10	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	5/29	<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b>
5/13	10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146	5/30	10:00am Staff Meeting
5/14	MOTHER'S DAY/UMW SUNDAY 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141	5/31	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
5/15	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center 2:00pm Esther Circle-RM 144 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142		
5/16	7:00 pm Church Council RM 146		
5/17	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		

**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.**



5/11	Fred Foster Jackson Wagner	5/18	Buzz Cain Debbie Powers Samara Little	5/27	Ruth Weaver Mel Holst Garrick Welch
5/12	Wanda Weaver	5/20	Lauren Mozingo	5/28	Helen Bussard Brent Hisey
5/13	Steven Cason Josh Hall	5/21	Martha Kiser	5/29	Heather VanLear
5/14	Pete Reeves Joy Tinsley	5/22	Cody Crummett Katilyn Huffman	5/30	Robert Roadcap
5/15	Frances Costello Linda Huntley	5/23	Troy Austin Larry Ritchie	5/31	Brett Wills
5/16	Sara Alexander Pam VanLear	5/24	Samantha Harlow Patty Wagoner		
5/17		5/25	Anita Moore Robert Minor Tracey Davis		
5/18		5/26	Dayton Moore Garnett Andes		
5/2	Davy Reeves, Jr. Robin Rexrode				
5/3	Mike Cook Melissa May Travis Chandler				
5/4	Helen Miller Jeff Harris				
5/5	Alicia Wright				
5/6	Larry Miller				
5/7	Saige Breeden				
5/8	R.W. Rohrer				





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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.

  
**Mother's Day**

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