



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



November 2017

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It's that time of year—fall festivals, homecomings, revivals, community Thanksgiving services, and preparing for the beauty and joy of the Christmas season.

It's easy to get caught up in these yearly cycles. To enjoy the scenery as days roll by but to lose sight of the deeper meanings of each day and each event. Revivals, for instance, aren't simply an opportunity to hear some good preaching and soul-stirring singing. They are an appeal to God on high to look down upon his wayward children with grace and forgiveness; to cleanse our hearts of all the worldly concerns that weight us down; to baptize our souls again in the wind and fire of His Spirit.

Homecomings aren't simply a few hours of reminiscing with old friends. They are a foretaste of that great homecoming in heaven, when we experience what our minds cannot conceive, what our hearts cannot encompass.

Thanksgiving services are just what they sound like—a time to give thanks to the Creator of all for the blessings we take too much for granted. To remind us as we grumble on our earthly journey, that God is good all the time.

And, of course, Christmas. God's grace, love and glory in a child in a manger with the shadow of the cross and joy of an empty grave not far behind. Don't let the days and seasons roll by without taking time to remember and give thanks for the beauty of our life together in Jesus.

Bits and pieces...

We Welcome Carolyn Hamrick, Sue Malesky, Shelley Hall, and Holley Watts as our newest church members. Please look inside for their contact information.

Congratulations to Sue Leonard and the Fort Defiance volleyball team. The team finished their season with a 21-1 record and now enter postseason play.... And to the Fort cross country team as they enter into District and Regional competition—Ben Harlow is a member of the team.

Thank you to Amanda Hall and all the volunteers who helped with the "Light the Night" alternative Halloween event for children. Over 200 participated.

Thank You to Our Homecoming Revival Preachers— Matt Bates, Gayle Thornberry, and Shawna Hiner. Three evenings of great blessings.

Thank You Choir, Accompanists, and Joy! Your inspiring music was a blessing to all who attended our Homecoming Revival services.

The Petal Pushers have wrapped up the growing season for flowers and will be resting a bit more along with their plants through the winter.

Thank You to Our Food Pantry Volunteers for your continued hard work!

The Apple Dumpling Gang continues to bless our church's ministries.

Helen Sullivan has served as our Blood Drive Director for many years. She is retiring after the Nov. 9th drive. Thank you Helen!

News...

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
November 15

Please submit items to
Shawna Hiner by date
above for the Dec. & Jan.
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

Set Your Clocks Back—Daylight Savings Time Ends Sun. Nov. 5

All Saints Sunday is November 5th

We have a special time in both morning worship services where we remember those who have passed away since November of last year. If you have a picture of a loved one you would like used that day in the slide show on the screen, please call Shawna in the church office at 248-7777.



Blood Drive

Virginia Blood Services at VUMC Thurs., Nov. 9, 12- 5 p.m.

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

Our Church's Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 12, 6pm

Open to all. Reports on the church's ministries will be shared, leadership positions elected, and our budget for 2018 will be presented for approval. All members have voice—Church Council members alone have vote.

Harrisonburg UMC District Conference and Leadership Training Event- Sun. Nov. 19

This year we will gather at Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg. District Conference will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the Leadership Training Workshops taking place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join together in a time of fellowship and refreshments between the two events and enjoy a Mission & Ministries Fair.

- Workshop #1: EXPERIENCING MISSION CENTRAL
- Workshop #2: SPIRITUAL SIGHTS & SOUNDS - Worship and the Arts
- Workshop #3: EXPLORING MINISTRY - The Call of a Lifetime
- Workshop #4: PINNACLE LIVING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
- Workshop #5: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
- Workshop #6: UNITED METHODIST MEN
- Workshop #7: THE WORK OF THE CHURCH TRUSTEES COMMITTEE
- Workshop #8: JOHN WESLEY - A Spiritual Model of Living for You
- Workshop #9: THE WORK OF THE STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMM.



Children's Thanksgiving Processional Sunday Worship Services, November 19

For information, see the children's news on page 5

Community Thanksgiving Service November 19 at 7 p.m.

Our community Thanksgiving service will be at Mt. Pisgah UMC this year with the Rev. Derek Boggs of Salem Lutheran Church is preaching. This is an annual event that includes area pastors, including our own at VUMC.



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.



- ◆ November 5 Youth
- ◆ November 12 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ November 19 Open Door
- ◆ November 26 Worship Team
- ◆ December 3 Home Builders

Coffee Time: We are looking for additional new groups/teams/classes/families/couples to add to the Coffee Time list – If you are willing to do this about 4 times a year (**or even once a year**) please contact the Church Office at 248-7777.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

Adults needed to work with Sunday School at all age levels – Contact Children’s Director Amanda Hall.

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.

Apple Dumplings

Order Now! Apple Dumplings will be made Friday, November 10. Call 248-7777 to place an order! Pick up will be 12-4pm November 10. Proceeds benefit missions.



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 CANNED:

Potatoes, Carrots, Beets, Peas, and Mixed Vegetables

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

VUMC Fellowship Hall

Sunday - November 19 at 12:15 PM

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served following the 11:00 am service. Reservations are required (to prepare enough food) by Monday, November 13th.

Wohlfahrt Haus' Christmas

Wytheville, VA, Friday - Dec. 15 at 12:00 PM

We have sold our 30 tickets we have for this Christmas program & luncheon but we will have a “waiting list” in case someone is not able to go. Cost is \$52 per person & the balance of \$27 per person is due by December 3rd if you have not already pay in full.

We will leave the church promptly at 9:00 am & return by 7:00 pm. Please let us know if you plan on driving & not traveling on the van.

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 –255-6488, Gayle Meeks 248-1325 or Carolyn Anson 294-2061

“Reflections On Vietnam”

Verona UMC member Holley Watts will be a featured participant in “Reflections on Vietnam” from 6-8 pm on Nov. 9 at Central Library in Harrisonburg. Holley will share poetry and stories based on her own experience with the Red Cross during the war; the Harrisonburg Harmonizers will provide music; and there will be a premier screening of WVPT’s “Vietnam, Reflections of War.” There will be a brief presentation honoring documentary interviewees.

Thank you to Fall Festival Volunteers

What a day it was with over \$6,000 raised for our Food Pantry, Verona Community Center and Adult Missions! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard, prayed, donated items, attended, and greeted all our guests with Christian hospitality. We had a wonderful day of fun and fellowship.

- Lisa Glover, Chairperson

Thank you to Light the Night Volunteers

Thank you to everyone to helped with Light the Night, and donated cakes for the cake walk. It was a wonderful evening of sharing the love of Jesus with our community!

- Amanda Hall, Children’s Director



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 **Judith Cariker** at 255-3987/carikerj@comcast.net or **Lydia Weeks** 757-619-3515/886-1460/lydspot@yahoo.com.

Numbers that Matter thru 10/29/17

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	92
Worship Avg. 2017—VUMC/A7F	208/42
Worship 10/29/17—VUMC/A7F	207/34

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7598

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

Help Process Offerings on Sunday Mornings

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

Verona Community Center ~ Report to VUMC Council - October 17, 2017

The Center continues to buzz with activity with café users and increased event bookings for fall and winter. We are pleased to have served over 20,600 persons since our opening in March 2016. We are having events from tap dance class, dog training, baby showers, educational meetings and laser tag and everything in between!

A three-week basic computer class is being held and response was not as we hoped, so we will revamp the curriculum for next class. We had a yard sale on September 23 with net proceeds of \$410.

We are having a fun fund development activity on Friday, November 17 - a Senior Prom for adults, with Richard Adams and the Boogie Kings performing. Please plan to attend!

The Verona Moose Lodge is building a bike rack for outside the front entrance and may also donate a defibrillator. Church members and our volunteers are donating snacks and water for the café which is so much appreciated, along with other items like paper towels, hand soap, disinfectant wipes and cleaning supplies.

Sufficient funds have been raised for the showers in ladies and men's rooms, shower stalls have been delivered and this project will be completed within the next couple weeks.

	<u>3/21/16-12/31/16</u>	<u>TD 2017</u>	<u>Since Opening</u>
Café guests	3,862	4,061	7,923
Event guests	<u>6,322</u>	6,357	<u>12,679</u>
Total guests/users	10,184	10,418	20,602
Events held	233	405	638
Café Box Donations	\$1,831	\$1,210	\$3,041
Use Donations	\$30,515	\$24,147	\$54,662

Treasurer's Report to date 2017 for operations - Income \$72,098 and expenses of \$73,046, leaving a deficit of \$948, however with 2016 carry-over, we are still at approximately \$19,000 positive balance (exclusive of buildout).

Ethan Eldred, who served as Operations Manager since April, resigned that position last week. Operations and event bookings are reverting back to Judith, and volunteer scheduling back to Lydia Weeks, until a new person can be engaged.

The success of the center is due to all the gracious volunteers who have a heart for their community and give of their time and talent to serve our guests. Please drop by anytime to have cup of coffee with our volunteers and help us encourage and extend appreciation for their efforts.

We are very appreciative of your continued support, prayers and offerings from various events. Thank you!

Judith Cariker, Chair



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.

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, November 5, 2:30-7pm** - Youth meeting. Making wooden crafts and painting/staining at the Morlino's
- **Sunday, November 5, 7:00pm** - Mexico Mission Trip Meeting, BRMH
- **Sunday, November 12, 2:30-7pm** - Youth meeting. Finishing wooden projects from the 5th at the Morlino's
- **Thursday, November 16, 6-7pm** - Ruritans meal. Youth needed to help serve.
- **Saturday, November 18, 5-9pm** - Baking pumpkin rolls. Youth needed to help. The pumpkin rolls will be sold Sunday November 19th

2018 youth mission trip June 30th-July 7th Delaware. This trip is open to all youth 6th-12th grades. We will be painting and some small construction jobs. These trips are geared for the youth. This is an amazing trip which is sponsored by Group Workcamps. If you are interested in attending please let Bill or Carolyn Harlow know by Dec 1st.

Children's News

WEEKLY BLAST from 5 to 6:30pm. Dinner will be served each week. We will be focusing on our Christmas Production (to be performed Dec. 3).

Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 3, 6pm

- **December 2, 9am to 12pm**- Dress rehearsal for children's Christmas Musical. We'll have a pancake breakfast and prepare for our play while parents can enjoy a morning of Christmas shopping!
- **December 3, 6pm** "Sing a song of Christmas" children's Christmas musical. Rehearsals will take place during weekly BLAST events.

Children's Thanksgiving Processional Sunday November 19th



- Our children will participate in a Thanksgiving Processional and sing at both worship services on November 19.
- Costumes will be handed out on Sunday, Nov. 12 between services in the fellowship hall.
- Children should bring a box of cereal or pasta or a can of food for our Food Pantry to carry to the Altar, and gather in the back of the sanctuary dressed in their costumes a few minutes before the services start on November 19th.

Greetings from Aisle 7!

It's November and the time of year I most often find myself reflecting on what I'm thankful for this year. I think often times we are drawn to only see the negative actions or events in our society, forgetting to recognize the beautiful things around us; especially in light of so many tragedies (natural and man made) over the last few months.

Many studies have shown that it takes 3 to 5 positive thoughts or experiences to cancel out 1 negative thought or experience – isn't that crazy? What a great challenge for us this month: cancel out the negative things in our life and focus on what can be lifted up as praise to our Lord and Savior. This can be recognizing something as small as the leaves changing color to as big as a promotion at work or the healthy birth of a loved one. Here at Aisle 7 we have a lot to be thankful for:

- This year we were asked to make Brunswick Stew for the Verona UMC Fall Festival (with 100% of the proceeds being split between the Verona UMC Food Pantry, the church's Adult Missions Fund, and the Verona Community Center). We had a lot of volunteers who donated, prepped, and made the stew. All the hard work was rewarded as the stew sold out in under 30 minutes! I think it is safe to say the Brunswick Stew, and the Fall Festival, was a huge success.
- Our Small Groups are growing: we are looking to start two new Life Group at this fall. And the Lord is already blessing this goal as a couple folks have volunteered to host the new groups at their house or lead discussions.
- We are getting more and more folks joining us for the Community Meals, which are scheduled for the last Sunday of each month. We see several non-church goers visit on Community Meal Sunday and it is an honor to serve them with a warm meal and friendly conversation.
- Our VUMC/A7F youth group went to the Fields of Faith event at Fort Defiance for the second year in a row. For those not familiar with Fields of Faith, it is a student-led Fellowship of Christian Athletes event where youth invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. It was an inspiring evening for the youth and I'm excited to see how the experience will impact our youth.

Lastly, we were completely surprised and humbled by an amazing offer to support a Hurricane Relief Mission Trip in early 2018. The offer made was to match funds up to \$10,000 in an effort to have a team from Aisle 7 go to Puerto Rico and help fellow U.S. citizens recover from the destruction of a devastating hurricane season. This mission trip will be quite challenging as there is still many variables and unknown factors as we plan how to best help. Our goal is to work in conjunction with other teams and volunteers to help rebuild, support, and provide aid to folks that have lost everything. Please pray for us as we discern how to organize and prepare for this journey. And if you're interested in being a part of the trip, please speak to Pastor Kevin soon!

As always, thank you to all of the volunteers that make Aisle 7 church the warm, welcoming place that it is week after week! If you are interested in being a part of what we do every week, please let us know- we are always looking for more help! In the meantime, my door is always open if anything is weighing on your heart.

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin McMullen

Apple Butter for Sale

Quarts of apple butter made right here at VUMC are for sale for \$8 per quart. Jars are available for sale through the church office, Verona Community Center, and in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. Proceeds benefit our food pantry ministry, the community center, and adult mission teams.

Join a VUMC Prayer Group

Pastor's Prayer Group

*Mondays at 9 a.m.,
Verona Community Center*

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

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

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC



- 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/>

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 up to \$50, and 1% above \$50.

Your Response to Recent Hurricane Disasters is Overwhelming!

Relief Donations Over \$10,000

VUMC members have donated over \$10,000 to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Relief fund. 100% of these funds will be used to aid victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria (and any other hurricanes that effect the U.S. during this hurricane season). Relief donations can be made through our regular worship offerings or by dropping your check off at the church office. **Make checks out to Verona UMC and note on check: "UMCOR Advance #901670."**

UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

42 Flood Buckets valued at \$2,800 donated by VUMC members

42 five-gallon flood buckets (also known as cleaning buckets) were donated by VUMC members in September as part of a Virginia Conference-wide drive. About 1,000 buckets were collected from the conference's 1100 churches.



Christmas Carol Program

Sunday, December 10, 6 p.m.

Helping Hands Ministry

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

Questions? Call Doug May at 241-5605.

Ways to Serve at VUMC

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



VUMC Chancel Choir News

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).

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
Dec. 9, 10 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program
Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Christmas Program

**COMBINED CHOIR FOR
MONTH OF NOVEMBER
6:30—8:30 p.m.**

Fall is here just look around; leaves have fallen to the ground with geese flying over with their loud honking sound. Cold weather is coming, frost will be all around. It's time for us to take our rest—our job is over, we've done our best.

We've had a great season and the plants did their thing, all through the summer they never complained. Our team (Joyce, Mary, Herthel, Linda, Dennis, Betty, Steve, Mary Jane, Don and Charles) we all worked together, there were never any quarrels. We sweated, we laughed, we worked in the rain... to some passers-by we may have looked insane!

All through the summer the Good Lord played His hand—without His grace we couldn't have had a plan. As we've seen this summer what we do is gone in a flash. Let's treasure faith, love, family, friends and things that will last. So rest little chick-a-dees so when next spring rolls around, you'll be ready to plot and plan and dig in the ground. We hope you've found pleasure in what we do—the reason we do it, we do it for you.

Again thank you for allowing us to serve in such a rewarding way.

Patsy Mayle for the VUMC Petal Pushers

Early Response Team Leader Training at VUMC

This is a great opportunity for those who wish to lead a church or district Early Response Mission Team in the aftermath of natural disasters.

The training will take place on November 25th at 10 a.m. and last about 3 hours. Kirk Culpeper, Conference ERT Coordinator, will teach. Cost is \$55 and includes background check, ERT t-shirt, materials.

To register contact Rev. Kirk Culpeper, 757-434-0078, or email disasterinfo@vaumc.org

You may also contact Doug May of VUMC at 540-241-5605 if you have questions.

**New Church
Office Hours
M-Thurs 7 am—3 pm
Closed Friday**

Mexico Mission trip for Our 11th & 12th graders in June 2018

We will be partnering with Bittersweet ministries to build a house for a family in Cañon Carretas Mexico.

We will also help with children's Bible studies and other activities. The team will stay in a local bunkhouse and eat in a local restaurant and community center. The trip dates are June 11-16, 2018, each member will be asked to donate \$500 towards the trip.

We will only be able to take 12 members. There will be a meeting for those interested on Sunday November 5th at 7pm in the social hall.

Information about Bittersweet ministries:

At the heart of Bittersweet's work in Cañon Carretas is taking care of the children. By providing them with food, school supplies, and uniforms, kids are given a chance to pursue an education, break out of the cycle of poverty, and positively impact the community. Bittersweet also engages with the community in Cañon Carretas by facilitating the construction of simple but sturdy (and colorful) homes. With one less basic need to worry about, families are more likely to thrive and give back to the community.

If you are interested in participating in and/or supporting the mission trip, please contact Carolyn and Bill Harlow at harlowbill7@comcast.net

Concert Raises \$952 for Youth Missions

Thank you to the "Every Now and Then Band" and the 100-plus persons who turned out for a great concert on October 21st. The proceeds, over \$800, will be used to support our Youth Mission teams as they travel into the world to help others this summer.

Stamps for Missions

The Campbell Soup Can may be gone but the United Methodist Women are still collecting used stamps and coupons. A basket and sign are now in the same window the can was sitting in (outside the Sanctuary) if you would like to leave those items. Shirley Carter will collect those. Sorry for any confusion. Thank you for your support!

The Verona UMWomen



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

It's not too early to shop for Christmas gifts! The UMW has several fundraiser items that would make great gifts – for yourself or someone else! We will have Angel Baby books & Attractions Coupon books for sale thru early December.

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

- **Nov. 11** – District Leadership Training Meeting – Mountain Valley UMC
- **Nov. 12 & 19** – World Thank Offering collection
- **Dec. 9** – VUMW Unit meeting (Officer installation, Candle Burning) with light refreshments, followed by caroling & Soup for shut-ins. Please let me, or your circle leader know if you can help with making the soup!

If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 471-0263, or reach out to one of the other officers:

Gayle Meeks – VP	Linda Garber - Secretary
Millie Davis – Treasurer	Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coord.
Lydia Weeks – Reading Program	Joy Tinsley – Nominating

**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.**

VUMC UMW Circle Meetings

Esther Circle – meets 3rd Monday, 2:00pm at the church – Pat Foster, Chair

Rebecca Circle – meets 2nd Saturday, 10am at the church – Gayle Meeks, Chair

Rada Knives The United Methodist Women are selling Rada Knives this fall. These are high quality knives and utensils that last a lifetime. Gift sets can be purchased, as well as individual items. We will be accepting orders until the end of October, and will have a demonstration table at the Fall Festival. Payment must be made with the order and delivery will be made December 3rd, in time for Christmas! Catalogues are available outside the church office and in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. All orders should be turned in to Joy Utberg, Millie Davis, or the church office.

UMW Books Mark Twain said "Those who don't read good books have no advantage over those who can't." Did you know that the UMW has many good books available for anyone to borrow? United Methodist Women have a long history of encouraging women (and men) to read books in four categories: Nurturing for Community, Spiritual Growth, Social Action and Mission Education. One of the books available right now is "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe--a book about a mother and son that started their own informal book club during the time she was going through cancer treatments. It is a New York Times bestseller. One reviewer calls it "A graceful, affecting testament to a mother and a life well lived" and another says, "This book is robust with love and laughter." To borrow this book or to see the other books that are available contact Lydia Weeks or Lisa Glover.



Thelma Smith, Dot Hess, Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver, 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 Jean Bean in the loss of her sister-in-law, Peggy Thorne.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended Polly Brumfield in the loss of her sister, Betty Stoneburner.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Lisa Johnson in the loss of her father, Roger Johnson.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carolyn Hamrick Ph. 569-2416
214 Forest Ridge Rd., Staunton, VA 24401

Sue Malesky Ph. 713-2608
285 Fadley Rd., Weyers Cave, VA 24486

Shelley Hall Ph. 466-0387
43 Maple Dr., Verona, VA 24482

Holley Watts Ph. 248-3677
74 Church St., Verona 24482

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thanks to all of you who sent cards, phone calls, and all other acts of kindness shown us at the death of R.C.'s sister, Cora Lee Carroll, on September 11.
Dot Moyers

Thank you for the calls, prayers and many cards shown at the death of my sister, Cora Carroll.
Farris Gwin

Thank you for all the kind words, encouraging cards and thoughtful notes sent during "Pastor Appreciation Month" in October. We sincerely appreciate the loving spirit at Verona UMC Aisle 7 Fellowship. You are our brothers and sisters in Christ and we are humbled to be called your pastors.

Sincerely, Bob, Kevin, and Jeff

All mature adults—haven't been to a prom lately?
This is for you!

Senior Prom

Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30-10:30 pm

Verona Community Center

465 Lee HWY, Verona



**For your listening and dancing pleasure
Richard Adams and The Boogie Kings
Playing Oldies, Rock & Roll and Big Band**

Suggested donation \$15 per person to benefit operations
of Verona Community Center [No alcohol event]

Please bring a high school or prom picture for "Memories" wall

Reservations appreciated for setup and snacks purposes
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Verona UMC Calendar of Events - November 2017

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| 11/1 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB | 11/19 | 9:30am Youth Bake Sale-BRMH |
| | 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds | | 12:00pm Salt & Peppers Thanksgiving Lunch |
| | 6:30pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | | 2:30pm District Conference-Asbury UMC |
| | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service-Mt. Pisgah UMC |
| 11/5 | 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH | 11/20 | 2:00pm Esther Circle-Valley Pike Market |
| | 2:30pm Youth Project at the Morlino's | 11/22 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB |
| | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds |
| 11/6 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center | | 6:30pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 11/8 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB | | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| | 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds | 11/23 | OFFICE CLOSED—HAPPY THANKSGIVING |
| | 6:30pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 11/24 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 11/26 | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 11/9 | 12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH | 11/27 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center |
| 11/10 | Apple Dumplings | 11/29 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB |
| 11/11 | 10am Rebecca Circle, RM 146 | | 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds |
| 11/12 | 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH | | 6:30pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 2:30pm Youth Project at the Morlino's | | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| | 6:00 pm Annual Church Charge Conference-Sanctuary | | |
| | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |
| 11/15 | 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB | | |
| | 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds | | |
| | 6:30pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | | |
| | 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |
| 11/16 | 7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving) | | |
| 11/17 | 7:00pm "Senior Prom" at the Community Center | | |
| 11/18 | 5:00pm Youth use kitchen for baking | | |

**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.**

November Birthdays

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| 11/1 | Karen Neff | 11/8 | Amber Rowe | 11/16 | Tammy Powell | 11/28 | Louise Lockridge |
| | Andrea Saunders | 11/9 | Kevin Woolfrey | | Gary Harold | | Karley Arbogast |
| 11/3 | Courtney Brooks | 11/10 | Dylan Riley | 11/17 | Bill Harlow | 11/29 | Axella Sandhage |
| | Jake Showalter | | Russ Coiner | | Dean Chestnut | | David Duncan |
| | Ashley Tutwiler | 11/11 | Irene Sutton | | Ronald Smith | 11/30 | Amanda Wiseman |
| 11/4 | Sheryl Garber | | John Gray, III | 11/19 | Charles Cook | | |
| 11/5 | Wilma Shuey | 11/12 | Ronnie Broce | 11/21 | Tammy Shifflett | | |
| 11/6 | Charlotte Rexrode | | Morris Hickman | | June Collie | | |
| | Gary Rankin | 11/13 | Cyndi Thornton | 11/22 | Becky Zickefoose | | |
| | James Davis | | Wade Weeks | | Drew Wiseman | | |
| | Luann Gingerich | | Missy Stacy | 11/23 | Nancy Evers | | |
| 11/7 | Doug May | 11/14 | Wes Breeden | 11/26 | Michael Crawford | | |
| | Connie Breeden | 11/15 | Taylor Marcum | 11/27 | Travis Swanson | | |
| | | | Barbara Shuler | | | | |





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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.



**Thanksgiving
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