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Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



September
2017

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From the Senior Pastor

Please keep our Church Council and its members in your prayers as they seek God's vision for the year to come in preparation for our November 12th Charge Conference. Especially pray for wisdom for these committees: Staff-Parish Relations, Finance, Lay Leadership and Trustees.

It's the first Sunday morning in August and Lydia and I are at our son's home in Monument, Colorado, 7,500 feet above sea level.

Being in Colorado gives me several good excuses not to go for long walks with Lydia

The air's too thin. I will more than likely collapse before we reach the end of the driveway.

The land is too unpredictable. Who knows when we might walk off a cliff? The weather is too changeable. We could be a mile from the house and get caught in a summer blizzard.

I know I could come up with more excuses. "What if...?" is a favorite starting point for many of the excuses that come out of my mouth. And I'm pretty good at expanding on those "what ifs" and excusing myself from a lot of fairly safe activities:

What if we leave home for a week and the thermostat malfunctions and cools the house down to 60 degrees the whole time we're gone.... Imagine the electric bill!.... (This actually happened this summer)?

What if I show up at a church for the first time and nobody talks to me?

What if I agree to serve on a committee and the meetings interfere with a Redskins game?

There is no end to a human being's ability to make excuses. But excuse-making carries a terrible price-tag.

It robs us of blessings and opportunities.

In Colorado I would have missed seeing the rabbits and deer and wildflowers on that walk. I would have been deprived of standing on a hillside and watching the sunset over Pike's Peak. And I would have been robbed of the bracing wake-up call of a Colorado wind announcing a cold-front's invasion on a hot summer day.

Living life under the tyranny of our excuses forces us to carry with us the regret of what might have been. *What if* I had spent more time with the people around me? *What if* I had spent more time with God? *What if* I had placed my faith and my life in the hands of The Most High?

What if I stop being robbed by my doubts and begin living the abundant life that comes through the grace of God in Jesus Christ alone! Grace and peace,

Bob

Our Mission

WE **GLORIFY CHRIST** AS WE:
REACH PEOPLE AS THEY ARE
RELATE THEM TO GOD
EQUIP THEM TO SERVE WITH
 US, AND
GO FORTH TO MAKE A HOLY
 DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

**Newsletter
 Deadline is
 September 18**

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

**Fall Festival
 Sept. 30 from 8am-1pm**

*All proceeds benefit disaster relief teams/ VUMC food
 pantry / Verona Community Center*

**We have volunteers for the following:**

- **United Methodist Women's Booth**
- **Bake Sale, Craft items** - UMW and Rebecca Circle
- **Apple Dumplings**-Jean & Bernard Bean, Apple Dumpling Gang (made 9/29)
- **Pork Rinds**- Pastor Bob Weeks
- **Apple Butter**- Morris Hickman/Seekers Sunday School Class
- **Silent Auction** - Nancy & Bob Evers, Barbara Shuler
- **Yard Sale** - Lisa Glover **Kid's Activities** - Amanda Hall
- **Set up and take down** - The Harlow's and Youth

We NEED volunteers to help with the following:

- **Brunswick Stew Cooks** - Chuck & Ruth Wright and Aisle 7 Fellowship
- **Apple Butter Stirrers/Canners** (Sept.23) - Apple Dumpling Helpers (9/29)
- **Barbecue Chicken and Pork Rinds**
- **Hot Dog Stand**-10:30-1 p.m.

Items NEEDED:

- **Canopy Tents** to borrow for outdoor activities
- **Firewood** for Apple Butter (Sept. 23) and Brunswick stew (Sept. 30)
- **New and gently used items** for Silent Auction
- **Small Pumpkins** - **Pint & Quart Jars** for Apple Butter (need by Sept. 20)
- **Baked Items/Craft Items** - **Yard Sale Items**
- **Sugar** for Apple Butter and Apple Dumplings (need by Sept. 20)

Please put items on stage in designated areas beginning Sept. 17. All donated items need to be on the church stage before Noon, Sept. 29 to be priced.

Sign up sheets will be passed during Sunday School and to the congregation during Worship Service. See where God is calling you to participate in this important missions event.

Questions? Contact Lisa Glover (248-3379) or lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com



**Concert Saturday,
 October 21, 7pm**

Every Now and Then Band
 (the former Hee Haw Band)
 will have a concert to benefit the
 2018 Youth Mission Trip.

Music will include a little country, rock, soul, oldies & hymns.

Refreshments Provided / Free Will Offering



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.



- ◆ September 3 Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- ◆ September 10 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ September 17 Open Door
- ◆ September 24 Worship Team
- ◆ October 1 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.

Altar Flower Donations Sign up to donate flowers on any Sunday. Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and help beautify the sanctuary. Call church office at 248-7777 for further information.

Snacks for Community Center Cafe

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



Food Pantry Donations

URGENT: Assist local families in need!

On the First Sunday of each month we have a special collection for items for our church food pantry. Collection boxes are located at the Donation Center in the main church entrance and lower entryway. You can leave items at any time during the month.

WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:

TOILET PAPER AND SOAP

(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!

Tue. Sept. 26 ~ Richmond VA

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, September 26 for a trip to Maymont Estate in Richmond. We will leave the church promptly at 8:00 am for a tour of Maymont Mansion which was built in 1893 by Major James and Sallie Mae Dooley. There is about ¼ mile walk from the parking lot to the mansion and the tour lasts about 1 hour. We will then have about an hour to walk through gardens before departing for a 1:00 pm lunch stop and plan to be home by 4:30 pm. The cost of tour plus gas for van is \$13.00 per person and does not include the cost of your lunch. **We will need your reservation & payment by Sunday, September 17.**

Thurs. Oct. 19 ~ Waynesboro VA

We will have lunch at The Purple Foot in Waynesboro at 11:30 am. Watch for sign-ups at a later date.

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

Mark Your Calendars for these Great Events

September 17—Youth Sunday

September 30—Fall Festival

VUMC Fall Festival

October 21—Concert

Benefits Youth Mission Trip

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

Indoor Community Yard Sale, Sept. 23rd at Verona Community Center

Come and be part of this great opportunity to buy and sell and support the community center.

Tables will be set up in Gray Hall at the community center on Saturday 9/23 from 7-12am.

Tables: \$20/table or \$15/table for 2+ tables
VCC will accept donations of quality items for its own table.

Setup is Friday evening 9/22, from 6-8pm

To reserve a table or volunteer and other inquiries, call Ethan Eldred at 540.251.1276 or email VeronaCCManager@gmail.com

"Afterburner!" Join the Fun on Friday Nights this Football Season

The Community Center's Shenandoah Room will be open this Fall after Fort Defiance home Football games with Aisle 7 Fellowship and Fort Defiance Young Life hosting. There will be music (live music and DJ's); games like corn hole, Foosball, Nine-square-in-the-air, and air hockey; snacks and drinks.

Volunteers are needed to hang out with the kids, bring snacks and drinks, and setup/cleanup. The four dates are 9/15, 9/22, 10/13, and 10/27, volunteers needed any time between 8pm and 12.

Numbers that Matter thru 8/27/17

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	210/41
Worship 8/27/17—VUMC/A7F	194/ 45

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7752

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

THE DANIEL PLAN

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH

Daniel Plan Class Offers Healthier Lifestyle

Tuesdays - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Beginning September 5 at Verona Community Center

The Daniel Plan is an eight-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 leader-added essential, Fun! Books \$16 from leader and 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 call [540-255-3987](tel:540-255-3987)

Education SUNDAY

is September 10

Join us on at both worship services on September 10th as we honor and pray for our community's and church's educators.



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.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Sunday Sept 10** 5:30-7pm youth meeting in the fellowship hall. We will review the Youth Sunday worship service to be held Sept. 17. Everyone helping or interested in helping should plan to attend. Supper will be provided
- ◆ **Sunday, September 17 is Youth Sunday** at the 8:30 and 11am worship services at VUMC. Come and participate as we lead worship and say thank you to our church family
- ◆ **Sunday, September 17** Youth meeting 5:30-7pm in fellowship hall with supper provided
- ◆ **Thursday, September 21, 6-7:30pm** Youth serving the Verona Ruritans in the fellowship hall (BRMH). Youth and adults are needed
- ◆ **Sunday Sept 24** Youth outing (location to be announced)

Children's News

★ **BLAST- Back to BLAST Celebration** September 10 at Shenandoah Valley Campground. We will be tubing down Middle River, grilling hot dogs, and enjoying some fellowship. **All participating children will need an adult with them in the water.** The river is very shallow, and very calm at the point where we will be tubing. Personal flotation devices are encouraged for small children. Tubes are

provided. Dinner will be served as we finish tubing. **Volunteers are needed to grill hot dogs, and set up dinner during tubing at 4:00pm.** All participants meet at Shenandoah Valley Campground at 4:00pm. Please let Amanda Hall know if your family will be participating.

★ **Children will sing at both services on Sunday, September 10 (Education Sunday)**

★ **BLAST-** Starting September 17, we will begin weekly BLAST from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Dinner will be served each week. We will be focusing on our Christmas Production (to be performed December 3).

★ **Halloween Event- October 22 (5pm to 6:30pm)** This year we will be replacing our annual Trunk or Treat with a new event called "Light the Night". Games will be set up for children throughout the church building, and families will be invited to come through the church to participate in the activities. There will be a bounce house, cake walk, free hot dogs and chips, emergency vehicles, and lots of games for kids. If you would still like to decorate a trunk, please let Amanda know, as we can have those outside. **Volunteers are NEEDED!** Please let Amanda know if you are interested in running a game station. NO PREP! Just show up!

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

Greetings from Aisle 7!

Well, it's officially the end of summer and what a summer it was! The eclipse has come and gone and kids have been back in school for weeks already. I for one am looking forward to coming season with cooler weather, fall sports (especially football), and the coming holidays.

The last month has certainly been quite eventful around here! The end of July and first week of August saw a team from Aisle 7 go on our much anticipated Service and Learning mission trip to Cherokee, NC to serve the Cherokee nation. We were able to complete some much needed home repairs and improvements and continue to build a relationship with the Cherokee people. I am eagerly anticipating next year's trip and being able to continue to pour God's love into the community there. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether volunteering on our trip or at any of our many fundraisers or simply being intentional about praying for our team and the work we were doing in Cherokee.

The other major event that has had a large impact on our church (and me personally) was the now infamous events in Charlottesville, VA. I was asked to take part in standing along with others from the Charlottesville Clergy Collective, at First United Methodist Church in downtown, offering aid or sanctuary to anyone in need. I witnessed firsthand some very intense displays of bigotry and hatred that have served to open up some difficult, but honest, conversations in our church.

The Sunday after the event, we decided to do church differently at Aisle 7. Instead of a traditional sermon, we placed our chairs in a circle and had an open discussion about the impact it had on each of us, on Charlottesville, on our country, and, most importantly, the impact it had on God's kingdom. We will be continuing this valuable and unifying discussion on Sunday, September 10th at 6pm in the Verona Community Center. We hope to be able to draw members of our community from all walks of life to take part in the discussion; whoever you are and whatever you believe, we want you there too.

We have just begun our new sermon series on Salvation, but I am already looking forward to the weeks after when we start our next sermon series: Back to the Basics: the Fundamentals. I plan on spending a few weeks going over the fundamentals of our faith, speaking about who God is, the person and holiness of Jesus, and what He did for us. We will also go over the traits, spiritual gifts, and the person of the Holy Spirit.

I am so excited to continue to grow in faith and understanding with all of you in the coming months. Thank you again to all of the volunteers that make Aisle 7 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 me know! In the meantime, my door is always open if anything is weighing on your heart.

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin McMullen

Homecoming Revival Speakers Announced

Matt Bates, Gayle Thornberry and Shawna Hiner will be our 2017 Homecoming Revival speakers. The revival will be held from October 24th through 26th from 7 until 8:30 p.m. each evening. This year's theme is *"What a Glory He Sheds on Our Way!"*

Reverend Bates, who will open our revival on Tuesday, October 24th. He served Verona UMC as Senior Pastor from 2008 through 2011.

Reverend Thornberry, our preacher on the 25th, currently serves Crimora and Annex UMC's as Senior Pastor.

Shawna Hiner will be the speaker on our closing evening. Shawna is a candidate for pastoral ministry and VUMC's Office Administrator.

Homecoming Sunday will be held on October 29th.



- 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.

What is a Methodist?

When John Wesley listed the characteristics that identify disciples in the Methodist tradition, he wrote:

A Methodist is one who has “the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;” one who “loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength.” And while he thus always exercises his love to God....he accordingly loves his neighbor as himself, he loves every man as his own soul.
His heart is full of love to all mankind.”

Thank You to Revival Volunteers

The Older Adult Council of the Virginia United Methodist Churches wishes to thank everyone at Verona UMC for your help in hosting the Olde Time Revival with Bishop Sharma Lewis on July 9th. We’ve received many comments on how lives were deeply affected and changed by the event.

About 450 persons attended, our largest attendance ever at our annual Olde Time Revival.

Fall Lay Servants Training

Our District’s Fall Lay Servants Training will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Vision of Hope UMC in Harrisonburg from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and District Conference. The cost is \$20 that includes: textbook/materials, snack and lunch.

The following courses are being offered:

BASIC taught by Rev. Bob Talbott (1 person registered as of 8-29-17)

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS taught by Rev. Glen Langston (7 people registered as of 8-29-17) and this class will definitely BE TAUGHT.

UNDERSTANDING THE DISCIPLINE (UM POLITY) taught by Rev. Tommy Herndon and Rev. Al Tuten (2 people registered as of 8-29-17)

NOTE: On September 9th, any class with less than 5 folks, will be cancelled.

REGISTER NOW, IF ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. The classes are open to All MEMBERS of the United Methodist Church, not just Lay Servants. Advanced registration is requested by Sept. 9 by contacting Dale Dodrill, at cell 770-402-0752, home 540-828-3925, email hdumc.layservants@hotmail.com or Brenda Woods, District Adm. Assistant, at 540-433-2382, email harrisonburgdistrict@vaumc.org.

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

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

Choir Rehearsals Resume Wednesday, September 6

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).

Sept. 3	Choir Sits in Choir Loft
Sept. 6	Choir Rehearsals Resume
Sept. 17	Youth Sunday ~ NO CHOIR
Oct. 24, 25, 26	Revival ~ Combined Choir
Oct. 29	Homecoming
Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Sunday
Dec. 9	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program
Dec. 10	Christmas Program

**Let's remember to pray for,
and support with our donations,
the people in Texas who were
devastated by the winds and
rains of Hurricane Harvey:**

Contributions for UMCOR* Disaster Relief 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"

*United Methodist Committee on Relief



Have you ever wondered how you can truly meet the needs of other people? How your compassion can be redemptive and help those around you break the prisons of poverty they find themselves in?

A new 8-week class on "Redemptive Compassion" will be held at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Weyers Cave beginning in October and ending before Thanksgiving. The class will be held on a Monday or Tuesday (TBD soon).

Redemptive Compassion is a biblical perspective on how the church should be working to help people in need, holistically. This class will help with our understanding of what it means to be a person in need as well as explore how to best meet those needs through Godly love and compassion, hopefully beginning the process of transformation to break those prisons of poverty our neighbors so often find themselves in.

This class is made possible by the Love INC affiliate located in Fishersville. For more information, people may contact me, Rhonda Carwell through email (rdecarwell@gmail.com) or phone (540-290-2570). I am excited about this great opportunity we have and hope that many people will join us. It truly is a life changing experience!

Help Verona UMC Raise Funds for Showers at the Community Center



With your help (and the help of some local donors from the community who have offered to provide matching funds for the money raised at Verona UMC) we hope to have showers installed and operating at the Verona Community Center before the end of 2017. The plumbing is already roughed in and we need to raise an estimated \$2,500 to complete the installation.

TO DONATE

1) Drop by or mail your checks to the Verona UMC office at P.O. Box 47, 406 Lee Hwy., Verona, VA 24482

Make checks out to VUMC with the notation "VCC Showers."

2) You can also give online through our church website. Select "VCC Showers" from the drop-down list.

Showering may not seem like a luxury but for someone who has fallen on hard times it might be something they simply are not able to do. There are a number of situations that someone who takes advantage of the ministry might be experiencing. They may have running water in their kitchen but due to plumbing problems have no water in the bathroom. They may have been evicted or have no home to take a shower in.

There are also mission teams traveling through the area who can take advantage of the showers as well as the future possibility of the community center serving as a disaster relief center in the event of flooding or another natural disaster.

The showers will be open during special hours during the week. Toiletries will be provided at the center for persons who come without soap, shampoo, etc. Volunteers will be specially trained to manage the ministry during the special hours the showers are open during the week.

District UM Men's Fall Rally and Dinner

will be held Tuesday, Sept 19th at 6:30 p.m., at Furnace UMC in Elkton. The guest speaker will be the Rev. David Burch. Cost for dinner is \$14. Please contact Rodney Bussard at 540-457-1417 by September 10th if you would like a ticket.



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

Come see us Saturday September 30th at VUMC's Fall Festival - We will be kicking off our fundraiser sale of RADA knives & other kitchen items.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW events listed below

Sept. 9 – District Prayer Breakfast – 9:00 am at Bridgewater UMC

Sept. 17 – VUMW Unit Meeting & Dinner for VUMC Youth

Sept. 30 – VUMC Fall Festival Bake Sale & RADA Fundraiser

Oct. 12 – District Annual Meeting – 7:00 pm at Dayton UMC

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 Coord.

Lydia Weeks – Reading Program

Joy Tinsley – Nominating

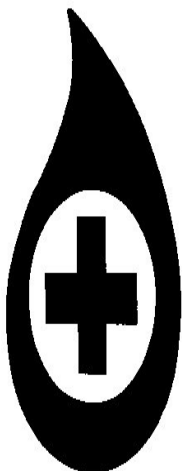
**Not a
Member
of the
United
Methodist
Women?**

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



Blood Drive Update

After many, many years of dedicated service to our Blood Drive Ministry, Helen Sullivan is retiring. Helen has helped with this ministry for over 15 years. She's made countless sandwiches, delicious banana cake with homemade caramel icing (which is the best cake in the world according to Shawna Hiner). She has tirelessly served so many, and we thank her for her service to the community, the church, and most importantly to the Lord! Thank you Helen Sullivan!

We are excited that Janet McAllister will be stepping into this role beginning in 2018. Thank you Janet for accepting this position!



Blood Drive

**Virginia Blood
Services at VUMC
Thurs., Sept. 7
12- 5 p.m.**

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



Remember in Prayer

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

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you so much for the graduation gifts you gave me. Thank you for all you have done for me. You all have helped me more than you will ever know.

Thank you, Luke Jennings

Thank you all so much for all of the support that has been shown to me as I have worked my way through deciphering my call. VUMC has given me many opportunities for ministry as well as a place to call home. I am so grateful for the blessing of the DICE scholarship to help me financially as I pursue a Christian Education focused degree from Eastern Mennonite University.

Blessings and Love, Sarah Jennings

Thank you for the thoughtful and generous gifts. I feel very grateful to be a member of a church where the staff and congregation are so kind.

With love and blessings, Courtney Brooks

Thank you for all the cards, food, visits and prayers. Your love and support will be remembered.

With Love, The Cason Family

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Marie Cason and family upon the recent loss of her husband, Ken Cason, Sr.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Barbara Alexander in the loss of her mother, Pat Huff.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Don Swanson in the loss of his brother-in-law.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Wilma Shuey in the loss of her brother, Wilson Clark.

Verona Community Center — Report to VUMC Council - August 22, 2017

The Center continues to serve our community with a safe place to visit with friends for a cup of coffee, use the internet and wi-fi on a daily basis, as well as holding events. Since our opening on March 21, 2016, we are happy to have served 18,352 persons that would not otherwise been served with the amenities the center offers.

Our art line has been hung and we hope to have a local artist showcase his paintings soon. Plans are progressing for computer classes for low-income families and seniors under the Community Foundation grant. We're pursuing ideas for several fundraisers this fall.

	<u>3/21/16-12/31/16</u>	<u>TD 2017</u>	<u>Since Opening</u>
Café guests	3,862	3,030	6,892
Event guests	<u>6,322</u>	<u>5,138</u>	<u>11,460</u>
Total guests/users	10,184	8,168	18,352
Events held	233	304	537
Café Box Donations	\$1,831	\$938	\$2,769
Use Donations	\$30,515	\$19,009	\$49,524

Treasurer's Report to date 2017 for operations - Income \$50,757 and expenses of \$58,982, leaving a deficit of \$8,324, however, with 2016 carry-over, we are still at approximately \$12,000 positive balance.

As we continue to grow the center, we ask for your prayers for our volunteers, Operations Manager 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, and donate snacks and water for the cafe.

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

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - September 2017

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|------|------------------------------------|--|------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 9/2 | 10am | Rebecca Circle, RM 146 | 9/20 | 6:00pm | TOPS, RM 143AB |
| 9/3 | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds |
| 9/4 | OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY | | | | |
| 9/6 | 6:00pm | TOPS, RM 143AB | | 6:30pm | 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds | | 7:15pm | 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 6:30pm | 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 9/21 | 7:00pm | Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving) |
| | 7:15pm | 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 9/23 | MAKING APPLE BUTTER-COME OUT & STIR | |
| | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 9/24 | 9:45am | Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office |
| 9/7 | 12-5pm | Blood Drive, BRMH | | 5:00pm | BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH |
| 9/10 | Education Sunday | | | | |
| | 9:45am | Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office | | TBA | Youth Outing |
| | 4:00pm | BLAST ages 4-5th grade, Shenandoah Valley Campground/Tubing & Dinner | | 6:00 pm | Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145 |
| | 5:30pm | Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH | 9/25 | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| | 6:00 pm | Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145 | 9/26 | 9:00am | Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center |
| | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 9/27 | 8:00am | Salt & Peppers Trip to Richmond VA |
| 9/11 | 9:00am | Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center | | 6:00pm | TOPS, RM 143AB |
| | 7:00pm | SPRC, RM 146 | | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds |
| | 7:00pm | Daycare Board | | 6:30pm | 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 9/12 | 5:30pm | Age-Level Committee, RM 146 | | 7:15pm | 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 9/13 | 6:00pm | TOPS, RM 143AB | 9/29 | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds | 9/30 | 8am-1pm FALL FESTIVAL | |
| | 6:30pm | 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | | | |
| | 7:15pm | 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | | | |
| | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | | |
| 9/17 | Youth Sunday | | | | |
| | 9:45am | Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office | | | |
| | 5:00pm | BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH | | | |
| | 5:30pm | Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH | | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145 | | | |
| | 8:00pm | AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | | |
| 9/18 | 2:00pm | Esther Circle-RM 144 | | | |
| 9/19 | 7:00pm | Church Council, RM 146 | | | |

**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**

September Birthdays

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| 9/1 | Brycen Crummett | 9/6 | Cara Diaz | 9/13 | Lee Ritchie | 9/25 | Bill Toler |
| | Grace Dick | 9/7 | Dot Moyers | 9/14 | Todd Mauzy | | Jennifer VanLear |
| 9/2 | Gayle Meeks | 9/8 | Sarah Harmon | | Christine Harris | 9/26 | Jim Stuart |
| | Charles Douglass | | Abigail Fitzpatrick | 9/17 | Evan Shearman | | Preston Smith |
| | Michael Glover | 9/9 | Aaron Wills | | Ruth Ann Wright | | Jasmine Phillips |
| 9/3 | Catherine Shearman | | Sandy McAllister | 9/18 | Hallie Robinson | 9/27 | Corbin Dedrick |
| | Ron Jennings | 9/10 | Lori Wagner | | Becky Upton | | Donna Cason |
| | Christie Folden | | Scott Lackey | 9/21 | Robin Layman | | Charlie Stevens |
| | Ben Miller | 9/11 | Emily Carper Sterrett | | Jordan Brooks | 9/28 | Beth Breeding |
| 9/4 | Wes Bean | | Kathy Hitt | 9/22 | Shanna Morlino | | Josh Bean |
| | Heather Welcher | 9/12 | Jordan Gurkin | | Harle Jackson | 9/29 | Jim Jones |
| | Rob Halterman | | Dick Watson | 9/23 | Gary Breeden | | Betty Sutton |
| 9/5 | Esther Hanks | | Herthel Chestnut | 9/24 | Megan Maynard | 9/29 | Kaitlyn Sackett |
| | Peggy Saufley | | Kaye Mozingo | | Ronnie Daughtry | | Becky Reeser |
| | Kelli Hale | | Ben Bean | | Clint Harmon | 9/30 | Dennis Dull |
| | Isabelle Turner | | | | | | Wayne Simmers |





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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.

Fall Word Search

	R	A	C	O	R	N	X	S	N		
	N	E	F	A	E	L	Q	C	I		
ACORN	D	U	T	Q	X	U	V	A	K	PUMPKIN	
APPLE	H	U	T	A	I	C	H	R	P	RAKE	
DUCKS	A	C	C	R	E	S	U	E	M	SCARECROW	
HAYSTACK	P	D	R	K	A	W	R	C	U	SQUASH	
LEAF	P	E	N	U	S	A	S	R	P	SQUIRREL	
NUT	L	C	Q	I	K	U	W	O	E	SWEATER	
PEAR	E	S	N	E	W	J	A	W	A	WIND	
	K	C	A	T	S	Y	A	H	R		

Try to find all of the hidden autumn related words in the puzzle above.
 Remember, words can be diagonal, vertical, horizontal, frontward or backwards.

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