



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



**April
2018**

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From the Senior Pastor

"April Fools, go to school, tell your teacher she's a...." You probably remember the rest of this childhood April Fools' rhyme. And you probably aren't happy about its message—especially if you are a teacher. Such is the nature of April Fools Day rhymes and pranks. It's fun for the perpetrators. Not so much for the victims.

Here's proof that April Fool's Day isn't always a joking matter. In 2016, after a series of April Fool's Day news releases caught the Chinese government flat-footed and embarrassed, the government banned practical jokes and the spreading of "fake news." Some Chinese citizens thought the ban itself was an April Fool's joke! But the government was serious. I'm glad our government didn't react that same way when, on a recent April Fool's Day, Taco Bell announced that they had purchased the the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to reduce the country's debt and were renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell!

So how should Pastors react when Easter falls on April Fools Day? Reschedule Easter? Prohibit practical jokes in the sanctuary? Not likely. What we can do is see the tremendous irony of the intersection of Easter and April Fools Day and preach the Gospel message that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the greatest April Fools prank of all time.

Here's why: After Jesus' death, his followers scattered and shrank away into the dark shadows of Jerusalem. Only a few women had the courage to approach his tomb, not to see if he had risen but to anoint his body. In everyone's eyes, Rome, as always, had triumphed and the religious authorities had rid themselves of one more false messiah.

Jesus was dead. Period. That was the universal perception of what had happened. So much so that when the women ran to tell Peter and the disciples that Jesus was alive, the disciples thought they were hysterical; spreading an idle tale. They rebuked the women using the Greek word for nonsense. You might say their response was "This is an April Fools joke, right?"

Despite six predictions in Luke that Jesus would rise from the dead, it seems that not a single disciple—including the women who were initially shocked and disbelieving at the sight of the empty tomb—believed that Jesus would actually rise from the grave. It was the greatest April Fool's prank of all time and it fooled everyone. No one thought it could be true. Yet it was. Eventually the Apostle Paul reports that there were 500 witnesses to the resurrected Christ and the foolishness of the cross and resurrection became the centerpiece of his preaching.

Some years ago Michael Card created an album called Scandalon with a series of songs explaining why the life of Jesus was a scandal in the eyes of the world. In the song "God's Own Fool" he describes the foolishness of following Jesus this way: "*When we in our foolishness thought we were wise, He played the fool and He opened our eyes. When we in our weakness believed we were strong, He became helpless to show we were wrong.*"

Happy April Fool's Day and Happy Easter! May we all believe in the foolishness of the world's wisdom, and in the wisdom of Christ's foolishness.

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
 April 16**

Please submit items to
 Shawna Hiner by date
 above for the May
 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
 to sign up.

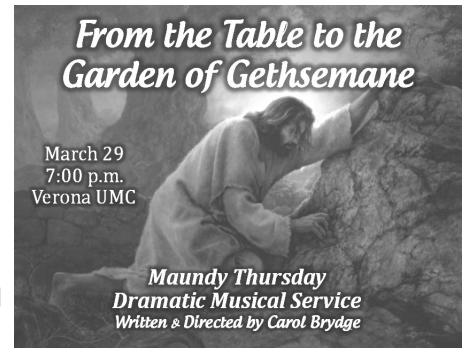
News...

**Maundy Thursday
 Musical Drama**

**“From the Table to the Garden of
 Gethsemane”**

(written & directed by Carol Brydge)

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., through a
 musical drama, you will learn of the Passover Meal
 and subsequently share the cup and bread along
 with Jesus and his disciples. As Jesus journeys to
 the Garden of Gethsemane, you will observe, and perhaps feel, the agony he experi-
 enced and about which he prayed to his Father. You won't want to miss this soul-stirring
 evening enriched by the scriptures, narrations, drama and acoustical music.



**Good Friday
 Worship Service**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Led by VUMC's Combined Chancel Choirs

On Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. A service
 of inspiring music by our choirs reminding us of
 the day Christ died on the cross for the salvation
 of the world.



Easter Sunday Schedule ~ April 1

- **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service –
 light breakfast follows**
- **8:30 & 11:00 a.m. VUMC**
- **10:00 a.m. Sunday School –VUMC**
- **10:45 a.m. Aisle 7 Fellowship**



Annual Release of the Butterflies after 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Confirmation & Baptism on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday at VUMC will be an exciting time of celebration. At the 8:30 worship ser-
 vice we will welcome four of our youth as professing members of Verona United Meth-
 odist Church. All four completed recent Confirmation classes taught by Pastor Bob. They
 are: Madi Reeser (baptism and confirmation), Bryan Wills (confirmation), Wes Harris
 (confirmation), and Sydney Breeden (confirmation). All four will also attend the 11:00
 service to be welcomed into the church.

New Sermon Series on ACTS Begins April 8th

Pastor Bob will begin a sermon series on the Book of Acts the week after Easter. The
 series will extend through the first part of July. Come and hear how through prayer and
 the leading of the Holy Spirit, the early Church turned the world upside down!



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



- ◆ Apr. 1 Worship *Easter*
- ◆ Apr. 8 Petal Pushers
- ◆ Apr. 15 Esther Circle
- ◆ Apr. 22 Seekers
- ◆ Apr. 29 Home Builders
- ◆ May 6 Witness
- ◆ May 13 Youth *Mother's Day*
- ◆ May 20 Rebecca Circle
- ◆ May 27 Open Door

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 do NOT need plastic bags at this time. Thank you.**

WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:

Canned Fruit Cocktail, Beets, Mixed Vegetables

THINKING ABOUT HOSPITALITY

AT VERONA UMC

“It’s not what you have.
It’s what you offer.”

“Hospitality is love in action.
Hospitality is the flesh and muscle
on bones of love.”
- Alexander Strauch

“For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” - Jesus in Matthew 25:42-46

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Saturday, April 14 / 7:00 p.m.

“Anne of Green Gables Play” at the Wayne

Please join us on Saturday, April 14 for the play, “Anne of Green Gables “ at The Wayne Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

For those who have signed up, we plan to leave the church at 6:15 pm.

For more info on upcoming events, contact:

Sandy McAllister –255-6488,

Gayle Meeks -248-1325, Faye Wills –476-5555



Volunteer Opportunity at the Verona Community Center

Do you have just 1-1/2 hours once a month on a Thursday evening? The community center hosts two groups on Thursday evenings--an ESL class and a chorus. The volunteer shift is from 5:30 - 7:00pm. The cafe is closed to visitors during this time. The plus? Listening to a beautiful choir warming up!

Aisle 7 & VUMC Partner In New Transitional Housing Ministry

The trailer in Meade's Trailer Park, purchased with donations from VUMC members in 2012, will now be used in a trial transitional housing ministry headed up by members of our Aisle 7 Campus. For five years Barbara and Earl Morris, VUMC members, lived in the trailer rent free while paying the lot fee and utilities. After Earl's death and Barbara's move to live with her son in Goshen, the trailer became available again. The VUMC Church Council recently approved Aisle 7's proposal for use of the program to aid people seeking a short-term housing solution while working toward permanent housing. For more information, contact Doug May, VUMC Council Chairperson.

Help Process Offerings

We currently have a total of six counters (three teams) on Sunday mornings 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.

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.

Join a Prayer Group

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do as a church. In the Bible we are called on to pray without ceasing—come join your voice!

Pastor's Prayer Group

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

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

Numbers that Matter as of March 25, 2018

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	92
Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F	209/40
GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*	
General Fund Weekly Need	8091
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018	6914
General Fund for March 4-25, 2018	27,032

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

Introducing the Wesleyan Covenant Association

with the Reverend Keith Boyette

Saturday, April 28 / 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Verona United Methodist Church

Register at shiner@veronaumc.com

We believe change is coming to The United Methodist Church, and as we live into what comes next, the Wesleyan Covenant Association will connect, encourage, and resources clergy, laity, congregations, and regional chapters by:

- Committing to the primary authority of Scripture and the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Creating a unified response to the Bishops' Commission recommendation that would maintain traditional, orthodox Methodist beliefs
- Developing a plan for a positive, faithful future.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) connects Spirit-filled, orthodox churches, clergy, and laity who hold to Wesleyan theology. It is an association and network of individuals and congregations who share a common understanding of our Wesleyan doctrine and desire to become a vibrant, faithful, growing 21st-century church.

The presentation will include a time for Q&A and Reverend. Boyette, President of the WCA, will be available after 12:30 for further conversation. No lunch is planned but there are several restaurants nearby, or you may bring a bag lunch. Absolutely everyone is welcome. Come and learn.

Reverend Boyette, President of the WCA, will also preach at our 8:30 & 11:00 services on April 29



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.

APRIL YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, April 1, 6:30am-Easter Sunrise Service**—Youth leading the service, participating in drama skits for the service. Breakfast provided by youth immediately after the service. ***Youth and parent help is needed with the breakfast.***
- **Sunday, April 8, 3-5pm**—Sr. High (9-12th grades) making wooden auction items at the Morlino's
- **Sunday, April 8, 5:30-6:30pm**—Jr. and Sr. High Youth meeting-Community Center
- **Sunday, April 8, 6:30-7:15pm**—Delaware Mission Team Meeting-Community Center
- **Sunday, April 15, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner-BRMH
- **Saturday, April 21, 4pm**—Preparing for auction and supper. Youth and parents needed to help!
- **Saturday, April 21, 5:30pm—Dinner & Auction (Auction at 6:45pm)**

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS! DONATE YOUR CRAFTS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, COLLECTOR ITEMS, ETC. Contact Carolyn Harlow.

- **Sunday, April 29, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner-BRMH

**Children's
News**

WEEKLY BLAST
Sundays | 5-6:30 p.m.
Social Hall | Dinner Provided



- **NO BLAST- Easter Sunday (April 1)**
- **Children's Church- April- The Lord's Prayer**
- **Easter Sunday, April 1-** children will be singing at the 8:30 and 11am services. Practices are occurring during Sunday night BLASTS.
- **VBS 2018- "Follow the Leader"** Monday-Friday, June 4-8, 6 to 8:30pm. Please contact Amanda at 540-280-1455, or amandavumc@gmail.com if you would like to help in any capacity. Sunday school classes/groups are needed to prepare and serve dinner nightly.

2018 4th of July Parade —We will participate in the July 4th parade at Gypsy Hill Park. Here's what we need: 1) Truck to pull trailer 2) Trailer to use as a float 3) Volunteers to decorate the float 4) Adults & Children to participate in the parade. We have to have a few of these things in place before we submit an application. If you can help with any of these areas, please email the church office at shiner@veronaumc.com or email Amanda Hall at amandavumc@gmail.com.

Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

Summer Camp programs (day camp & 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!



AUDIT for Church Account Holders Attention all groups (classes, women's groups, ministries) with accounts in our church's name. Please begin to prepare for the audit which will be done in April. Please make sure you give your audit form and all of your bank statements to Sandy Rankin or leave in the church office. Thank you.

The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m. in Room 146. Please mark your calendars. We will audit accounts of church groups at this meeting.
Sandy Rankin, Finance Chair

Sight & Sound Theater: "Jesus"

The United Methodist Men at St. Paul's UMC is planning a bus trip to Lancaster, PA on **Thursday, July 26**. Cost is \$97 per person. Contact Lou Phelps at 886-0845 for more information. **Registration deadline is April 20th.**

Thank You Mission Team!

Our team was in Daytona, Florida Feb. 26 - March 3rd replacing a roof damaged by Hurricane Irma. Team members included Noah Bussard, Mark Wright, Pastor Kevin McMullen, Rodney Bussard, Mike Cash, Carolyn Harlow, Doug May, Ray Patterson, Wayne Smith, Jerry Van Lear, Mike and Joy Utberg, Fred and Larry Wills.



Upcoming Chicken BBQ's

Saturday April 21

Proceeds benefit the Cub Scouts

Saturday, May 12

Proceeds benefit the Verona Ruritans



Yard Sale
Saturday, April 21
7 a.m. - Noon

Verona UMC Fellowship Hall

Proceeds benefit the

VUMC Daycare

**HYMN
 FESTIVAL**



The 5th Annual Staunton Choral Society

Hymn Festival

Sunday April 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Verona United Methodist Church

Featuring

**The Staunton
 Choral Society**

The Combined Choirs of Verona United Methodist Church have been invited by the Staunton Choral Society to participate in this Hymn Festival

An offering will be collected to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization
www.stauntonchoralsociety.org
www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety

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

- The Combined Choirs will present a Good Friday Service on **March 30th at 7:30pm**. "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" A musical service reflecting the scenes of Calvary.
- **WEATHER POLICY**-in case of bad weather the Adult Choirs follow the Augusta County School Schedule. If School is closed or has an early release, there will be no choir rehearsal.

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).



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

The Verona UMW will be collecting supplies for UMCOR Kits for Conference. This year, only Hygiene kits, School kits, and Flood buckets will be accepted by UMCOR. We will solicit specific supplies for the hygiene and school kits by putting “ornaments” on the “UMCOR Kits for Conference” tree in the Narthex. Please take one or more ornaments, purchase the requested supplies and put them in the designated donation bin at the front entranceway. We would ask that all supplies are donated by Mother’s Day.

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

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

- April 12 7:00 pm – Harrisonburg District Evening Together at Mt. Tabor UMC, Lacey Spring. Car-pooling will be available
- April 22 – Unit meeting - details to come

If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 569-2702, 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

VUMC UMW Circle Meetings

Esther Circle–3rd Monday 2:00pm at the church–Linda Garber & Linda Wiseman, Co-Chairs
Rebecca Circle –2nd Saturday, 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.**

Mentors Needed for All God’s Children Camp



All God’s Children Camp is just around the corner and they are in need of mentors this summer. Ninety total mentors will be needed, 30 for each camp, both male and female. Please consider giving a week of your time and mentor a camper whose mother or father is incarcerated. For more information, please contact Lori Smith at lttlelori@gmail.com or 571-245-9591. Camp dates and locations are:

June 17-29: Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area)
June 24-29: Camp Overlook (Shenandoah Valley area)
July 29-August 3: Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore)

Greetings from Aisle 7

Even though I know for a lot of people Christmas is their favorite holiday; for me, it's Easter. I look forward to celebrating Jesus conquering death and changing the world in such a way that time itself was rewritten. I have often floated the idea among my family that this should be the occasion for giving gifts instead of Christmas. What a time to celebrate! I can't wait to do exactly that with you at our Easter service. I hope we are able to make it an event to remember.

In addition to Easter, there are many wonderful things coming up in our church calendar that we would love for everyone to take part in. We are now having our "Community Lunch" potluck right after church on the last Sunday of every month. This month it's April 29 at 12pm. These meals are a great time to come together in fellowship over a shared meal and are open to all. Please bring a dish to share!

We are also enjoying the continued success of our Wednesday night LifeGroup, meeting at 7pm at the Community Center. We are also starting up a new LifeGroup meeting on Sunday mornings before the service, from 10-10:30. If you are interested in joining us we would love to have you! Just talk to Joanne Watson or Pastor Kevin if you're interested. Also, stay tuned for details about our upcoming joint Aisle 7/ Esther Circle women's event! We look forward to working together to make it an awesome fellowship event for our women.

A little over one year ago, we began hosting the Young Life from Fort Defiance HS in the Verona Community Center. We have been blessed and encouraged to see their turn out of 40+ youth week after week...making friends, playing games, and having fun with others in a Christ-centered, supportive environment. If you'd like to help watch the community center while the teens are having their club, we'd love to have you volunteer.

I'd also like to give an update on the trailer owned by VUMC across the street at Meade's Trailer Park. In February, with the support of VUMC, we decided to invest our efforts in providing a safe, loving home to a family in need of temporary housing. Our team has been working hard these past two months to make it live-in ready. Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort! Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you feel called to help out or if anything is weighing on your heart. My door is always open. In His Grace, *Pastor Kevin McMullen*

Dancing
through the
DECADES

with the
Boogie Kings

Back by popular demand!

Friday, May 11
7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Verona Community Center
465 Lee Highway, Verona VA

Donation \$15 per person
to benefit operations of Community Center
No alcohol event

Costumes encouraged

Reservations appreciated for set up and snack purposes
carikerj@comcast.net or 540-255-3987

Softball Players Needed
Call Bob Anson at 294-2062
if you want to play

This is a co-ed team.
Games are played
at the Weyers
Cave Fire Dept.
beginning in May.



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, Frances Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver, Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Arlene Simpson, Corkie Collie, Scott Arbogast, Ellen Gray, Parker Staples

Congratulations to Jalen & Melanie Rhodes in the birth of their son, Jaythan Geronimo. Proud great-great grandmother, Jean May.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Elsie Walker in the loss of her husband, Joe Walker.



The Center continues to operate smoothly with the help of our wonderful volunteers who serve our guests so graciously. We are pleased to have served 26,920 guests and 910 events since our opening in March 2016. We are booking more events, particularly on weekends, and are seeking volunteers who can help on weekends and evenings.

The showers are near complete with trim work left. The laundry has been used 50 times since installation five months ago.

All expenses were basically in line with budget, although contributions are lagging. We are working on several fundraising events, the first scheduled for **Friday, May 11, a Dancing Through the Decades with the Boogie Kings.**

Thanks to each of you for your continued prayers for the center and all our volunteers. Thanks to those of you who serve and donate snacks for the cafe, we could not do this without you. *Judith Cariker, VCC Board Chair*

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

To our Verona UMC Family,
Thank everyone for the Cards and Prayers in the recent loss of Russ's brother, John.

Russ and Nancy Coiner

Thank you to Sheave's Flooring for refinishing the stage floor at not cost. *The VUMC Trustees*

To Verona UMC:

Verona UMC did just a splendid job with the Chat & Chew 2 held January 27. They did us all proud.

*Rev. Dave Rochford,
Staunton District Superintendent*

To the Apple Dumpling Gang,
Thank you to VUMC's Apple Dumpling Gang for purchasing lanterns and candles for the windows in the Sanctuary. Thanks to Joy Utberg for ordering those and picking the lanterns up in Charlottesville.

The Worship Committee

To my Church Family,
It has been a year since the passing of my husband, Larry. Over the year, I have received so much support by your loving ways; through a card, visit, phone calls and your prayers.

I never realized how much you could miss someone but the church family and friends have helped me get through this. The church family came through again when my Grandson came down with Cancer. With your prayers and cards, my Grandson is going to be okay and will be in remission.

I take one day at a time and I thank "God" for staying with me and comforting me. I also thank "God" for sending "Angels" (friends and family) around myself and my family.

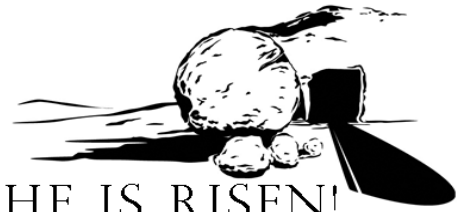
I still have a hurting heart but I know God is with me and my family.

Thank you for all of your kindness.

Mary Jane Staples

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - April 2018

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| 4/1 | EASTER
6:30am Sunrise Service-light breakfast to follow
<i>Regular Worship Services - 8:30 & 11am</i>
<i>Sunday School at 10 am</i>
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 4/19 | 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth Serve Dinner) |
| 4/2 | OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY
6:30pm Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 4/21 | 7:00am Daycare Yard Sale-BRMH until Noon\
BBQ Chicken-Scouts
5:30pm Youth Dinner & Silent Auction-BRMH |
| 4/4 | 5:45pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 4/22 | 5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 4/8 | 5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
3-5pm Sr. High Youth-The Morlino's
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, Community Center
6:30pm Delaware Mission Team Meeting, Comm. Center
7:00 pm Hymn Festival-Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 4/23 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center |
| 4/9 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
7:00pm WRE, RM 147 | 4/25 | 5:45pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
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7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | 4/28 | 10:30am Wesleyan Covenant Association Presentation
until 12:30pm, BRMH |
| 4/12 | 7:00pm UMW District Evening Together-Mt. Tabor UMC | 4/29 | 5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH |
| 4/14 | 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
7:00pm Salt & Peppers Trip to Wayne Theatre | 4/30 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 |
| 4/15 | 2-5pm Scouts Eagle Ceremony-BRMH/Sanctuary
5:00pm BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |
| 4/16 | 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
2:00pm Esther Circle, RM 144 | | |
| 4/17 | 7:00pm Finance Meeting, RM 146 | | |
| 4/18 | 5:45pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141 | | |



**Worship Services held each Sunday at
8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School
at 10 a.m. Our second campus,
Aisle 7 Fellowship, meets at
the Verona Community Center
at 10:45 a.m.**

April Birthdays

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| 4/1 | Faith Bridges | 4/9 | Scott Morlino | 4/19 | Johnny Thompson | 4/28 | Vickie Racca |
| 4/2 | Carla Harris | | Mike Wagner | 4/22 | Doug MacTavish | | Leah Lam |
| 4/3 | Regina Chestnut | 4/12 | Steve Sutton | | Bob Brydge | 4/29 | Kevin Brooks |
| | Becky Minor | | Kit Austin | 4/23 | Christy Phillips | | Patricia Rehm |
| | Greg Lambert | 4/13 | Annabelle Landes | 4/24 | Gloria Harrison | | Angelique Dawson |
| 4/4 | Samantha Arnold | 4/14 | Bev VanLear | | Gena Chandler | 4/30 | Kimberly Hohenstein |
| 4/6 | Summer Turner | | Benny Craun | | Drew Mozingo | | |
| | Kevin Custer | 4/16 | Alisa Fernez | 4/25 | Polly Brumfield | | |
| 4/7 | Jim Perdue | 4/17 | John Fultz | | Patsy Perry Myers | | |
| | Donna Lane | | Margaret Callison | | Robbie Spiggle | | |
| 4/8 | Donna Poe | 4/18 | Don Powers | 4/26 | Levi McAllister | | |
| | Nate Harris | | Laura Hisey | | Taylor Lam Wood | | |
| | | | Dot Farren | | Megan Blosser | | |
| | | | Helen Sullivan | | KC Morlino | | |
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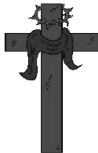
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Sunday Schedule:
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Easter Word Search Puzzle
 Circle the words that you find.

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| Cross | Jesus | Tomb |
| Dead | Joanna |  |
| Disciples | John | |
| Easter | Mary | |
| Father | Peter | |
| Gardener | Rabboni | |

