



# THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of  
Verona United Methodist Church

April  
2019

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## From the Senior Pastor

*Please read more inside about our church's North Carolina Mission Trip; our Holy Week and Easter schedules; and the dates for our June Vacation Bible School!*

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—With the first signs of spring all around us (wild onions springing up, forsythia's blooming; my first allergic reactions to pollen), I thought it might be a good time to plant the seeds of something that is rare in our world: gracious and wise speech.

With the advent of the electronic age over the past century—radios, televisions, computers, smartphones, CGI, etc.—we have been increasingly inundated with sights and sounds assaulting our senses and creating chaos in our minds. Free speech and free enterprise may bring us blessings, but they can also create an environment where it is hard to distinguish between the sights and sounds we should be paying attention to... and the sights and sounds that should be ignored and even guarded against.

So as we make our choices around what news sources are “fair and balanced” and which deserve the label “fake news,” let's be sure to carve out time in our days to hear God's voice so that our thoughts and words echo his. Let's stop shouting for the world to hear us and instead calmly speak the Gospel of truth. Let's stop talking over each other but instead listen carefully and prayerfully. Let's bless our enemies rather than cursing them. Let's set aside words of intimidation and replace them with words of grace and truth.

God's Word is clear—those who call him Lord must not be a people who shout and curse and twist the truth. Our words must be seasoned with grace and not poisoned with hate. Hear what God's own word has to say on this subject:

**Psalm 19:14:** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.*

**Psalm 141:3** *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.*

**Ephesians 4:29-31** *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

**Proverbs 4:24** *Put away from you a deceitful mouth And put devious speech far from you.*

**Colossians 3:8-10** *But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him--*

**James 3:9-10** *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.*

May we be instruments—and proclaimers—of His peace, 

**Our Mission**

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

**Newsletter  
Deadline is  
April 22**

Please submit items to  
Jennifer Cook by date  
above for the April  
Newsletter. By phone,  
248-7777 or email,  
jennifercook@  
veronaumc.com

If you would a copy of  
**Church Council Minutes**  
please contact Jennifer in  
the church office:

248-7777 or  
jennifercook@  
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...**

**United Methodist Women  
are sponsoring a  
YARD SALE**  
**7 AM – 12 PM at Verona UMC**  
**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**rent a table or 2 to sell your excess stuff!**  
**Contact Joy Utbert at 540-569-2702 to rent a table**

**Easter Egg Hunt**



*Saturday, April 13 at  
11:00 a.m.*

*Free Hot Dog Lunch  
Provided*

Egg Hunt Volunteers  
needed! Please let

Amanda Hall know if you are interested  
in hiding eggs, running a craft station or  
helping with lunch. Volunteers will need  
to be at the church at 10:30 am.  
Email amandavumc@gmail.com

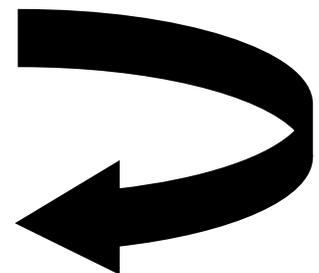


**Blood Drive on  
Thursday, April 25th  
12 pm - 5 pm**

*Mark your calendar and  
plan to give!*

**Looking Ahead to May:**

- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 13—CC Board Meeting 5:30 pm / SPRC Mtg. 7 pm
- May 14—Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 19—Simply Gospel Concert 7 pm
- May 21—Church Council Meeting 7 pm
- May 26—Memorial Day Service in Cemetery 7 pm

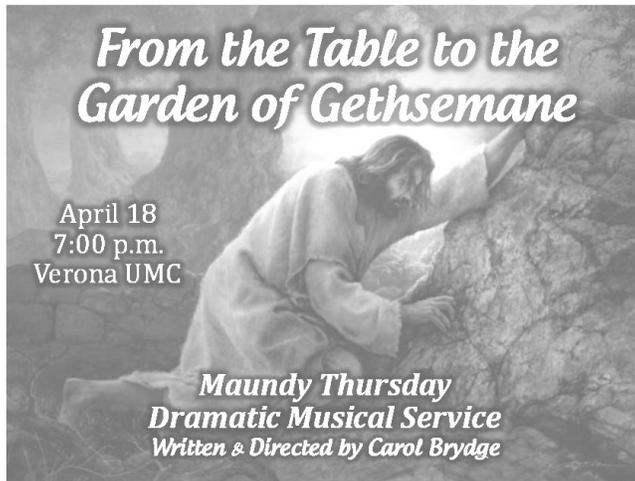


**Verona UMC Daycare  
Spring Yard Sale**

**May 11th at 7am at Verona UMC**

*Help support our excellent daycare program!  
BBQ Chicken will be sold by the Verona Ruritans  
during the yard sale*

# Easter Events



## Maundy Thursday Musical Drama

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

(written & directed by Carol Brydger)

**O**n Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 7 p.m., come and experience through music and drama the story of the Passover meal and share the cup and bread of communion with Jesus and his disciples. As Jesus journeys to the Garden of Gethsemane, you will see and feel his agony as he cries out to his Father in prayer. You won't want to miss this soul-stirring evening enriched by Scripture, narration, drama and acoustical music.



## Good Friday Worship

*Join us on April 19 at 7 pm in the Verona UMC sanctuary*

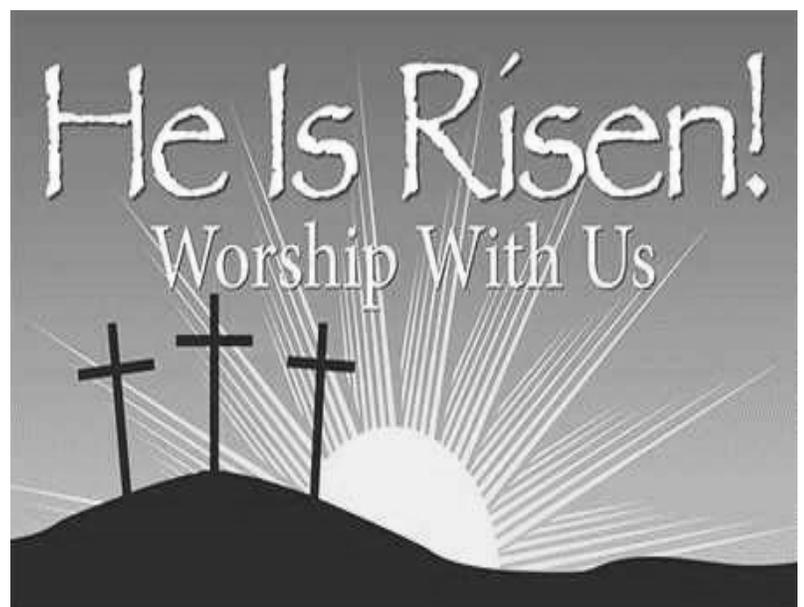
On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).

The name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. Paradoxically, the day that seemed to be the greatest triumph of evil was actually the deathblow in God's gloriously good plan to redeem the world.

## Easter Sunday Schedule April 21

- 6:30am Sunrise Service (light breakfast follows)
- 8:30 & 11 VUMC Worship
- 10am VUMC Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Aisle 7 Fellowship

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





## The Nurture Work Area

### Between Services Coffee Time

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



April 7 - Worship Team	May 5 - Witness Team
April 14 - Petal Pushers	May 12 - Homebuilders
April 21 - Esther Circle	May 19 - Fearless Conv.
April 28 - Seekers	May 26 - 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.

**Altar Flower Donations** Sign up to donate flowers on any Sunday. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. 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.

### Food Pantry Hours:

Every Tuesday: 9am-11am  
 2nd & 4th Thursday: 6pm-7pm

## Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

**April 5th**, Singer Wanda Eaves Taylor at Waynesboro Theater for a Friday night performance at 7:30 pm; van will leave VUMC at 6:30 for those who wish to meet at the church.

**May 7th**, We will be traveling to the New Market Battlefield Military Museum for a tour on Tuesday morning. The tour starts at 9:00 and last approximately 2 hours which includes a film; this is a two-story facility and **does not** have an elevator. We will leave VUMC at 7L45 am to allow about half an hour before the tour for restroom breaks and browsing. After the tour, we will be eating at Southern Kitchen at 11:30 (at your own expense). Weather permitting, we will then be allowing about 60--90 minutes to browse historic downtown New Market. The cost of travel and the tour is **\$9.00 and must be paid with your reservation by Sunday, April 14, 2019.**

**For more info or to make reservations, contact:**

Faye Wills –476-5555, Sandy McAllister –255-6488, Gayle Meeks 248-1325, or Carolyn Anson 248-5697

## 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 info on how to get involved—248-7777.

## Join a Verona UMC Prayer Group & Experience the Power of Prayer

**Pastor’s Morning Prayer Group** Wednesdays at 9 am, Verona Community Center  
**Wednesday Evening Prayer Group** Wednesdays at 6 pm, next to Choir Room



## Staunton Choral Society

with Congregational Singing

**Saturday, April 6th 4PM**  
 Bethel Presbyterian Church  
 563 Bethel Green Rd  
 Staunton

**Sunday, April 7th 4PM**  
 Verona United Methodist  
 406 Lee Hwy  
 Verona

Raymond Hebert, Director  
 Cameron Pampus, Assistant Director  
 Jihye Lovelace, Piano

Free-will offering to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c)(3) organization

### The 6th Annual Staunton Choral Society Hymn Concert: "The Song Victorious"

....will be held at Verona United Methodist Church on Sunday April 7th at 4pm. As we are in the middle of the Lenten Season, our Directors have put together a program of beautiful Lenten Music. Verona UMC members Melinda Wills and Doris Wright join me in hoping that you can attend our concert "The Song Victorious" on either Saturday April 6th at Bethel Presbyterian or Sunday April 6th at Verona UMC- we REALLY love seeing your smiling faces in the audience!  
 -Sue MacTavish

## Welcome to Our New Members at VUMC

**Susan Hartley** transferred her membership to VUMC on February 17, 2019. Susan worships with our VUMC campus. Her mailing address is 39 Fieldhaven Place, Staunton, Virginia 24401

**Ann Link** transferred her membership to VUMC on March 17, 2019. Her worship campus is Aisle 7 Fellowship. Ann's mailing address is 10 Kenview Avenue Verona, Virginia 24401.

# REDEMPTION

*a sermon series for Lent*

**A**s followers of Jesus, we work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12), all the while remembering that all our work and effort are a response to God's grace, not a way to earn grace. During this season of Lent, we remember God's work of redemption through the cross of His Son Jesus., focusing on the narrative of Scripture where God's story is a story of redemption - unfolding in lives, families, and nations through the ages.

## Lenten Sermon Series at Our Verona UMC Campus

**March 31** Out of Egypt Exodus 12

**April 7** The Unfamily Becomes Family Ruth 4:13-17

**April 14** The Thief and the Garden Luke 23:32-43

## REACH OUT TO HELP OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME

- ◆ **Pastor's Discretionary Fund—Helping local residents' emergency needs**
- ◆ **UMCOR U.S. Disasters Fund—Note on check "UMCOR #901670"**
- ◆ **UMCOR International Disasters Fund—Note on check "UMCOR #982450"**
- ◆ **Donate to our Adult Missions or Youth Missions—Note either fund on check**



## Community Center Report

**Since it's opening in 2016, the Community Center has served over 40,000 people!**

- The Verona Community Center Café serves hundreds of guests each month with free coffee, snacks, and wi-fi.
- Showers and laundry facilities are used daily for those in our community who lack one of both of these services. Also, mission teams from out of the area use the center's showers while serving in our community.
- Training for new volunteers is available by contacting Lydia Weeks at lydspot@yahoo.com.

### Support the Community Center:

Your financial support is crucial to our on-going service within the Verona community. Send donations made out to Verona Community Center, P.O. Box 780, Verona, VA 24401. The center is now an IRS-recognized non-profit organization—your donations are tax-deductible.

**What are you doing on Thursday afternoons?** Spending three hours occasionally at the Verona Community Center is a great way to serve your community!! The 2:30-5:30 shift is often available for volunteers. Usually it's quiet -making it a great opportunity to catch up on your reading. Other times it can be busy - a chance to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. To volunteer at VCC contact Lydia at Lydspot@yahoo.com or call 886-1460.

*Thank you!*

*For your continued financial, prayer, and volunteer support for the Verona Community Center. We've served over 40,000 guests since 2016 thanks to your help!*

### Response to Natural Disasters

As many disasters threaten communities in the U.S., the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and our partners are prepared to respond.

Please join us in prayer for the areas affected and consider a gift to UMCOR Disaster Response.

To donate to **Disaster Response in the United States**, including hurricanes and fires, make your check out to Verona UMC with the notation: UMCOR Response #901670. 100% of your donation will go to U.S. relief efforts.

### Numbers that Matter thru 3/24/19

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	79
Worship Avg. 2019—VUMC/A7F	185/54

#### GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS\*

VUMC General Fund Weekly Need	8064
VUMC General Fund Weekly Avg. 2019	8098
A7F General Fund Weekly Need	1678
A7F General Fund Weekly Avg. 2019	1592

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



### To set up your account visit:

<http://veronaumc.net/online-giving/>

Contact Jennifer in the church office at 248-7777 for if you have questions or need assistance.

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.



The family of **Polly Brumfield** would like your help showering her with cards on her 90th birthday, April 25th.

Polly has been an active member of Verona United Methodist Church for 78 years! Her address is 69 Moorcliffe Lane, Verona, Va. 24482. Let's make this her greatest birthday yet!

### 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 and make sure you give your audit form and all of your bank statements to Sandy Rankin or leave in the church office **by April 4th**. Thank you.

*Sandy Rankin, Finance Chair*



**VERONA  
UMC**

# YOUTH GROUP

## Upcoming Dates:

**Sunday April 7th 5:30-6:30pm** - Youth meeting, devotion and supper 6:30-7:30 pm. Practice for Easter service. All youth needed to help

**Sunday April 14th 5:30-6:30pm** - Youth meeting, devotion and supper 6:30-7:30 pm. Practice for Easter service. All youth needed to help

**Sunday April 21st 6:30am** - Youth lead Easter sunrise service

**Sunday April 28th 5:30-7pm** - Youth meeting

**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.*

**2019 Youth mission trip** to Winchester, KY June 22-29th 2019. All youth ages 12+ are welcome to come on the mission trip. We will be partnering with Group Work camps this year; we will be serving in the Winchester community with painting and repairs for those in need. We will have devotions during the day and at night, plus morning and evening programs geared to youth. Please let Bill or Carolyn know if you are interested in attending.



Easter Egg Hunt

**Children's  
Easter Egg hunt is  
planned for Saturday,  
April 13th at 11 am**

*For details contact  
Amanda at  
amandvumc@gmail.com*

## CHILDREN'S NEWS



**VBS 2019 - ROAR!** June 10-14. Volunteers needed! Groups are needed to prepare and serve dinner each night. Contact Amanda

**Easter Sunday** - the children will sing at 8:30 am service at VUMC and at Aisle 7 at 11 am.

Release of the Easter Butterflies following each service.

**BLAST** - No BLAST on Easter Sunday.

**May 11** - We will have a special Saturday evening BLAST on May 11. We will meet from 5 - 7 pm. No regular BLAST on Mather's Day May 12th.

# Greetings from Pastor Shawna

To our Verona UMC / Aisle 7 Fellowship Family

We began Lent with a beautiful and meaningful Ash Wednesday Service on March 6. Thank you to everyone who came – we had many from both campuses and many from our community. Our Sermon Series in Lent has been “Sensing the Gospel” through-Touch, Sight, Taste, Hearing and Smell.



A7F will also participate in a Maundy Thursday Service (Drama) on April 18 held at VUMC. The A7F Praise Team and I, along with others at Verona UMC, will have a Good Friday Service on April 19 at 7pm at Verona UMC. Easter is Sunday, April 21. This is a great time of year to participate in these special services, which remind us of God’s love for us and the hope we have beyond this life.

We built the new stage at A7F on Mar. 2! We had around 16 people come out and help complete the project. It was a great day of working together! We are excited to have Doug Boxley, our new percussionist join Shelley and Sandy. He has been a great addition to the A7F Praise Team.

I am meeting with three teenagers who have made the decision to follow Jesus and be baptized! On Easter Sunday, we will baptize these young teenagers as well as have a time of remembering our own baptisms for those who have been baptized. We have had two transfer their memberships to Aisle 7 in the last two months.

## IMPORTANT!

**Aisle 7 will change our Worship service start time from 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, April 7.**

**Please share this information!**

We are excited about what God is doing at and through Aisle 7 and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. We appreciate the love and support from Verona UMC and are thankful for your faith and example of making disciples of Jesus Christ. I believe together we are making a powerful impact in the Verona Community and in God’s Kingdom.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Shawna  
430-5462/shawnahiner@vaumc.org

## Many Thanks!... From Pamlico County Disaster Recovery Coalition

Dear VUMC Church Members, Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of \$1,500 made through your North Carolina Mission Team. We now have some money that can be used to complete houses with some vinyl or carpet on the floor or some need identified that is not building materials. We have many people that have needs not met by our Gold Leaf Foundation grant for building materials.

Larry Wills and his team have been awesome this week. We had a minor set back with unexpected snow on Tuesday morning but they were able to bless Camp Caroline, where they stayed, with some repairs to damaged sleeping quarters. They then completed the roof on Tuesday & Wednesday. Thursday and Friday were busy days replacing the roof on another double wide mobile home.

Dear Larry Wills and Teammates,

Thank you for coming to Pamlico County to replace these two roofs. You all are awesome. Your generosity to replace Marvella and Pete’s back porch roof was a blessing. They and Evelyn Baroow are feeling thoroughly blessed. God bless you all and have a safe trip home.

*-Thank you again, Joy Baker, Chairman of Pamlico County Disaster Recovery Coalition*





## Donation Processors Needed

### DUTIES INCLUDE

- Counting and posting to accounts all cash and checks collected during the offering at regular services and special events/services or that come into the church during the week. Posting is done in our "Church Windows" accounting software.
- Accurately completing an Excel spreadsheet with all donations to the proper fund/account. This spreadsheet is provided to the treasurer.
- The spreadsheet totals and the items posted in Church Windows are checked and should always match.
- Ensuring that everything is posted correctly so that the Church financial reports and yearly giving statements are accurate.
- Keeping accurate backup documentation – copies of checks, giving envelopes and other documentation as needed each week.
- Filling out the deposit slip and taking the deposit to the bank (night deposit box).

**TRAINING IS PROVIDED** on Sunday Mornings downstairs in the Treasurer's office starting at 10 AM. Donation processing normally takes a team of two people about 2 hours to complete. Processing on another day (Monday or Tuesday) is fine after the processors have been fully trained and are confident of the procedures. Contact the church office (248-7777) to volunteer and/or for further info.



## Technology Team Forming

Technology has become a part of our worship and part of how our church functions. Individuals have helped out in the past and this has been a blessing to our church. People with all levels of ability and technology understanding would be on the committee.

Please contact Doug May if you are interested at 540-241-5605 or dougem@outlook.com

## Petal Pusher News....

Hip, Hip, Hooray, It's not raining today  
Spring is finally here to stay

Weeds are sprouting, bulbs are popping  
It's time this team got on their way

Joyce, Mary, Herthel, Linda, Dennis, Betty,  
Steve, Mary Jane, Don, Charles and Joy  
are all ready to play

We hope once again our church will display  
A welcoming call to those on their way

Come on in, take a look around  
Join us on Sunday to sing and to pray

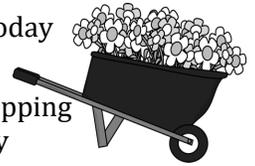
It's our pleasure to serve in our own  
special way We're thankful we're able  
to work today

So come on and join us I think we'd  
all say

It's not all work, sometimes we play

Again, thank all of you for allowing us to serve  
In such a rewarding way

*- Patsy Mayle, on behalf of the VUMC Petal Pushers*



## Verona Community Center Receives 501-C3 Status

After a year in the application process, the Verona Community Center, Inc.—initiated in 2015 by our congregation—received its notice of 501-c3 non-profit status this past week. This will allow business and individuals to make tax-deductible donations directly to the community center and for the community center to apply for grants which it could not qualify for while under the church's non-profit status. Please contact Judith Cariker, President of the VCC Board of Directors with questions.

**We are again soliciting donations of UMCOR kit supplies with this year's focus on Cleaning Buckets (used in flood recovery)**

The average cost of the items to fill the bucket is \$75.

Please take an ornament or two from the Angel tree in the Narthex noting specific items to be donated. Items needed by end of May.

Sponsored by UM Women.





## Sundays 5-6:30 p.m.

- Fellowship Hall
- Dinner Provided
- Children age 4-12

We are working on music for Easter!

## Verona Ruritans Offer Three \$500 Scholarships

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



## Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

**Day camp and overnight summer Camp programs just north of Harrisonburg 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 our website for more info:**

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com>

## 5th Sunday Offerings

Our Fifth Sunday Offering on March 31 will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to meet emergency needs of families in the community and to meet the missional needs of the church. Ushers will have offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary to receive your special offerings.



## VUMC Chancel Choir News

*Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays  
@ 6:30pm and 7:15pm*

*Combined Choir rehearsals will  
begin on April 3 for the May 19  
Simply Gospel Concert.*

# Simply Gospel Concert



The combined choirs of VUMC invite you to join us on **May 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in the VUMC Sanctuary for a special Gospel Concert. We will perform well-known hymns set in southern Gospel arrangements.

The VUMC Children's Choir will perform as well.

Special guests include Chris Tortorice and The Harriston Christian Center Praise Band.

Mark this date on you calendar for a fun evening of Music and Praise!



# VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

## United Methodist Women News

### From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

Don't forget the UMW sponsored yard sale from 7 am - noon on April 6th - rent a table (or 2 or 3) to sell your excess stuff, or come to see what others are selling!

The UMW invites any member of VUMC to participate in a Harrisonburg District UMC volunteer opportunity. We are committing of work at Mission Central in Harrisonburg once each quarter. The next time we will be serving in Wednesday, April 10 from 10 am - 1 pm and Thursday, April 11 from 5-7 pm. If you cannot commit your time, but can donate the following items, let me know; children's clothes, including coats, shoes, socks, undergarments for infant to 15 years old, and all sizes of disposable diapers. Contact Joy Utberg if you are interested.

**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.

**A big Thank You to anyone who has already purchased the supplies for the UMCOR cleaning buckets. There are still many ornaments left to choose from if you haven't taken one yet. Let me know if you have any questions.**

### Upcoming events:

- Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm– District UMW Evening together visiting Mission Central at Cedar Grove UMC
- Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – UMW sponsored Yard Sale
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am 0 Unit Meeting in BRMH

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 2019 officers:

Carol Brydge – VP Susan Walker - Secretary  
Millie Davis – Treasurer Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
Lydia Weeks – Reading Program Joy Tinsley – Nominating

### VUMC UMW Circle Meetings

Esther Circle–3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 2:00pm  
at the church–Linda Wiseman &  
Shirley Webster, Co-Chairs  
Rebecca Circle –2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10am

## Join the UM Women's Reading Program

The purpose of the United Methodist Women's reading program is to encourage women to expand understanding of God's mission, to increase sensitivity to all human beings and to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity. **Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers.** Inspiring and funny, the author tells hilarious and wrenching tales about various predicaments that have sparked her prayers and inspired her to encourage others to pray anytime, anywhere and any way.

**A Girl Called Problem.** This is a novel for young readers about a 13 year old girl and what happens when her people move to a nearby village.

Whatever Happened to Dinner? Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealttime. The (local) author examines the role food and mealtime play in the family.

**A New Dawn in Beloved Community: Stories With the Power to Transform Us.** These are stories of people, in their own words. Their goal is to help the church build beloved communities in ways that can transform the world. **For info. about borrowing books from our lending library contact Lydia (886-1460) or Lisa (248-3379)**



Debbie Link, Barbara Breeden, Faith Bridges, Winston Jackson, Thelma Smith, Dot Hess, Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver, Ronald Smith, Margaret Helmick, Jean May, Inez

Fultz, Howard Rexrode, Elijah Smith, Don & Caroline McFaden, Roger Moats, Frances Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver, Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Corkie Collie, Scott Arbogast, Parker Staples, Marie Cason, Kathy Poarch

### ***Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended To***

the family and friends of Shelly Hall who went to be with her Lord in March. Shelly was a member of VUMC and the Open Door Sunday School Class.



Dear Friends in Mission at VUMC,

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

You can learn more about UMCOR's disaster response and development work by visiting our website at [www.Umcor.org](http://www.Umcor.org). Here you can also track your gift or set up monthly donations. There are photos, stories, videos, webcasts, and other resources available on the website to keep you informed or emerging needs and UMCOR's response, as well as offer you food for thought and reflection.

*-Grace and Peace Rolanda Fernandes;  
(General Treasurer )*

## ***Notes of Sincere Appreciation***

Dear Church Family, I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and love while I was in VCU Hospital, also for the visits and food that was given to me. It sure was a blessing. Thank you Pastor Bob for the visits, calls and prayers. I know with all your prayers and God's love I will be okay. God bless each and everyone of you. *-In God's Love, Mary Lam*

Dear Friends, Thank you very much for the many cards, calls, messages, visits and meals at the time of Dad's passing. My family and I are truly blessed to be members of such a caring and supportive church. God bless all of you! *-Love Carla Harris*

Dear VUMC & A7F Friends, we had a lot of amazing mac and cheese dishes for our 1st "Mac & Cheese Cook-Off." We raised \$400.25 for youth missions. It was a wonderful cook off! West Virginia University (Thelma Smith) won first place and James Madison University (Donna May) was runner-up. We cannot thank all the people enough who donated macaroni and cheese dishes and those who came out and supported our youth mission trip.

*Thank you, The Youth Mission Team*

### ***Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.***

*(Watchman Nee)*

*Live a life worthy of the Lord  
and please him in every way;  
bearing fruit in every good  
work, growing in the  
knowledge of God, being  
strengthened with all power  
according to his glorious might,  
have great endurance and  
patience, and giving joyful  
thanks to the Father.  
(Colossians 1: 10-12)*



# Verona UMC April 2019 Calendar

## Church meetings/events

- April 1** - WRE Full Council Meeting Rm 147
- April 6** - UM Women yard Sale 7 am
- April 7** - Staunton Choral Society Concert 7 pm
- April 13** - Children's Egg Hunt
- April 16** Finance Meeting 7 pm Rm 146
- April 18** Maundy Thursday Drama at VUMC
- April 19** - Good Friday Service at VUMC - 7 pm
- April 21** - Easter Sunday
- April 25** - Red Cross Blood Drive 12 - 5 pm
- April 28** - VUMW Unit Meeting 10 am
- May 11** - Day Care Yard Sale and Chicken BBQ
- May 13** - VCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- May 13** - SPRC Meeting 7 pm
- May 14** - Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 19** - Simply Gospel Concert 7 pm
- May 19** - BLAST Ends for summer
- May 21** - Church Council Meeting 7 pm

**Worship Services** held each Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 10 a.m.

**Aisle 7 Fellowship**, our second campus, meets at the Verona Community Center at 10:45 a.m.

**Prayer meetings** held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Verona Community Center and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201 at VUMC

**Choir rehearsals (COMBINED)** held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

**Rebecca Circle** - 2nd Saturday; monthly 10am Rm 146

**Esther Circle** - 3rd Monday; monthly 2pm, Rm 144

## Community meetings/events

**AA** - Sundays & Wednesdays; weekly 8pm, Rm 302

**AL-ANON** - Sun. & Wed.; weekly 8pm Rm 141

**NA** - 2nd Sunday; monthly 3pm Rm 146

**S-ANON** - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; monthly, 6pm Rm 302

**TOPS** - Wednesday; weekly 6pm Rm 143

**Girl Scouts** - 2nd & 4th Wed.; monthly 6:30 pm Rm 141

**Happy Notes** - Thursday; weekly 9:30am in sanctuary

**FAA** - Thursday; weekly 6:45 Rm 201

**Verona Ruritans** - 3rd Thursday; monthly 7pm BRMH



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		Alisa Fernz		Drew Mazingo		
	Kevin Custer	4/16	John Fultz	4/25	Polly Brumfield		
4/7	Jim Perdue	4/17	Margaret Callison		Patsy Perry Myers		
	Donna Lane		Don Powers		Robbie Spiggle		
4/8	Donna Poe	4/18	Laura Hisey		Levi McAllister		
			Dot Farren		Taylor Lam Wood		
			Helen Sullivan	4/26	Megan Blosser		
					KC Morlino		
					Doug McAllister		



