



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church

May
2018

**VERONA UMC
& AISLE 7
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From the Senior Pastor

Because of You— Primarily due to the generosity of this congregation, the Verona Community Center continues to grow in its service to our community. It is the home for our Aisle 7 Fellowship and according to a recent report from VCC Board of Directors Chairperson Judith Cariker, after 2 years of operation, the center has served 28,634 guests in the cafe and at 967 events!

Thanks to your donations, the laundry has been used over 50 times since installation last fall. Showers installed several weeks ago have been used 61 times, 60 of those times by the mission team from the University of Missouri which slept and ate at Verona UMC during Holy Week while working with Project Grows. The community center continues to serve individuals and groups from every part of the Verona community.

Series of Sermons on The Book of Acts Continues—Our three-month sermon series on the book of Acts is off to a great start. As a companion to our sermon series, I whole heartedly recommend the movie "Paul the Apostle" to you as a poignant way to relate to the imprisonment of Paul and the persecution of the early Christians in Rome. While the movie doesn't employ the usual techniques employed to entertain audiences, I'll admit that by the end of the movie I was both inspired and moved to tears! Acts is the story of the early church expanding God's Kingdom into much of the known world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Give Thanks—It's been an interesting beginning to spring! Cold and warm fronts are fighting for dominance—snow in mid-April is followed by temperatures in the mid-70's. Trees and flowers are blooming but are prepared to retreat if a frost descends in the early dawn hours. The world as God created it is an amazing dance of life as the gray of winter gives way to the colors of spring. This would be a good moment to say a pray of thanks to our Creator for the wonder of it all!

Pastoral Appointments and Staff Positions— Within a week or so we'll be announcing a new pastoral appointment for Aisle 7 Fellowship. In addition, with Shawna Hiner and Ethan Eldred leaving their staff positions, we have openings for our Church Office Administrator and Aisle 7 Worship Leader respectively. Please keep the hiring committees appointed by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in your prayers as well as Shawna, Ethan, and Kevin McMullen.

Prayers for The United Methodist Church— Please continue to pray for the people and leaders of The United Methodist Church throughout the world as we continue the process of addressing crucial issues dividing our churches.

A Thought for the Month: *"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'" -Billy Graham*

Grace and peace, *Bob*

News...



Honor Our Mothers this Mother's Day, May 13

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

District Superintendent Preaching May 6th

Harrisonburg District Superintendent Tommy Herndon will be our guest preacher at both worship services on Sunday, May 6th. Reverend Herndon will be retiring in June at the Virginia Annual Conference after eight years as our District Superintendent.

Memorial Sunday Service in the VUMC Cemetery

Please join us and our local VFW on **Sunday, May 27th at 7 a.m.** as we remember and honor those who have defended our freedoms with the ultimate sacrifice.

Annual Memorial Sunday Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

If there is a Sunday School class, committee, or other group that would like to serve the annual breakfast after the Memorial Sunday Service, please contact the church office at 248-7777.

Attention Graduates

We will recognize our High School and College Graduates on Sun. **May 20 at both worship services** —please let the church office know by **May 13** if you are, or know of, a Verona UMC 2018 High School or College Graduate. Please let us know school degree/diploma and date. For High School Graduates, let us know further education plans, if any. For College Graduates, include all who graduated since last June's recognition - i.e., 2017 Dec. Grads, and let us know of further education/job plans. **If you have a picture of your graduate, turn it into the office by May 1st for our Grad bulletin board.**

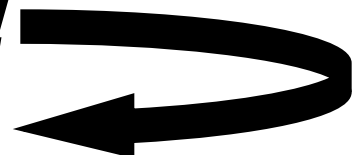


Virginia Blood Services will be here Thurs., May 10, 12-5 p.m.

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

LOOKING A-H-E-A-D!

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| Sunday, May 13th | Mother's Day |
| Sunday, May 20th | Graduate & Pentecost Sunday |
| Sunday, May 27th | Memorial Day |
| Sunday, June 3rd | 6-8 p.m. "Staff Welcome & Appreciation Fellowship" |
| Sunday, June 17th | Father's Day |



Combined June/July Newsletter

We will have a combined June/July Newsletter. If you have any information that needs to go in for those two months please send by May 14 to Shawna at shiner@veronaumc.com. Thank you.

Our Mission

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

Newsletter Deadline is May 14

Please submit items to Shawna Hiner by date above for the June/July 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 announcements by email. Call 248-7777 to sign up.



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



- ♦ 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

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Richmond Canal Cruise and State Capitol Tour

Please plan to join us on Friday, May 18 for a guided one hour tour of the State Capitol in Richmond in the morning. After a 12:30 lunch, we have an hour reserved boat ride with the Riverfront Historic Canal Cruises. The total cost for the Capitol tour, the boat tour and travel expenses is \$30 per person and does not include the price of your lunch. We have only 30 tickets available. Reservations and full payment of \$30 is required by Monday, May 7. We plan to leave the church promptly at 8:30 am and return home between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

For more info on upcoming events, contact:

Sandy McAllister -255-6488,

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

Esther Circle's May Meeting

will be held at Aisle 7 Fellowship in the Blue Ridge Room on **Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** We are meeting with the ladies of Aisle 7 Fellowship. We will not meet Monday, May 21.



Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 12

Proceeds benefit the Verona Ruritans



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 6:30 p.m., next to Library

Numbers that Matter as of April 15, 2018

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	92
Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F	221/40
GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*	
General Fund Weekly Need	8091
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018	7098
General Fund for Apr. 1-15, 2018	23,306

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

Harrisonburg District Farewell Celebrations

FROM THE HARRISONBURG DISTRICT LEADERSHIP: We have been blessed for the past 8 years with strong, encouraging leadership by District Superintendent Tommy Herndon and 13 years with the faith-shaping, educational, and consulting ministries of Glen Langston.

Both of these dedicated men will be leaving service in our district on July 1. We know every church has stories to tell how these men have encouraged and enabled ministry with them. Please share the invitation with your church to express appreciation and celebrate with Tommy and Glen and appreciate the encouragement and support Carolyn and Tara have given them and all of us throughout their ministries.

The Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 10, from 2 to 5 pm, at Dayton UMC. Refreshments will be provided and several presentations made at 3:30.

We are encouraging every church to receive a special offering honoring Tommy and Glen. Funds should be sent to the District Treasurer: JoAnn Liskey, 4856 Shen Lake Drive, Rockingham, VA 22801 by May 15. Make checks payable to Harrisonburg District, UMC. Please mark the memo line with "Celebration". Tommy and Glen have given generously of their time and talents and we hope our offerings will reflect our appreciation for that.

There will be a card basket at the Celebration for each of them. A card with your personal note of appreciation will be a keepsake and reminder for them for many years! Please make financial gifts through your church offering instead of in your card. Individuals who are unable to attend the celebration may send cards to: The Recipient's Name c/o Ron Robey 2587 Martz Rd., Rockingham, VA 22802.



Youth Group is for 6th - 12th grades. BRING A FRIEND!

Our Youth Coordinators are Bill & Carolyn Harlow. Reach them at 578-5575 with any questions.

MAY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, May 6, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
- **Sunday, May 20, 4:00pm**—Mexico Mission Team Meeting (all members need to attend/ parents are welcome to attend also), BRMH
- **Sunday, May 20, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH

Thank you to everyone who donated items and bid on our Silent Auction; those who came to our dinner Saturday evening; and everyone who supported us on Sunday morning also.

We raised **\$1075** for our summer mission trips to Mexico and Delaware!

Children's News

Last BLAST for Spring
May 6 from 5-6:30 p.m.



BELIEVE, LEARN, & SHARE TOGETHER

Summer Playground BLAST - May 20, May 27, June 10, June 17, June 24 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Summer BLAST playground is a time to get our children together to play on the playground and enjoy time together. Parents bring a lawn chair and enjoy some adult fellowship time while your children play.

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!



Thank You

Thanks to Doug May and Ginger Blum, the old choir room has a fresh coat of paint and is ready to become the new office for our Treasurer, Sheila Fair and those who help count the offerings on Sundays.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER WANTED

Aisle 7 Fellowship, a two-year-old second campus of Verona United Methodist Church in Verona, Virginia is seeking a Worship Leader for its contemporary worship service. We began worship in 2016 in the Verona Community Center. As the "anchor" Christian fellowship of the community center, we are in mission throughout the week with other area churches in outreach to the poor, small group Bible studies, and other transformational ministries.

Worship Leader's responsibilities: The Worship Leader will work closely with the pastor to: 1) help identify the worship needs of the congregation as it grows; 2) lead the music and other components of our worship services; 3) continue to develop a worship leadership team; 4) serve as a spiritual mentor to worship leadership team members.

Qualifications: The primary qualification is that you be a growing disciple of Jesus Christ with a desire to see the Kingdom of God grow. Other qualifications: demonstrable musical abilities, especially with voice and instruments; familiarity with sound systems and worship software; and experience with planning and leading contemporary worship.

Initial Salary: \$800-\$1000/mo. commensurate with training/experience. Worship Leader starting date is June 10, 2018. Contact: SPRC Chairperson, Verona UMC. P.O. Box 47, Verona, VA 24482 or Phone: 540-280-3350

CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

Verona United Methodist Church is seeking a qualified individual to serve as Office Administrator. This is a salaried part-time position (9am-3pm, Monday through Friday with paid holidays and vacation) in a busy church office setting requiring multi-tasking, technical, and interpersonal abilities. Experience with Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint and social media communication platforms preferred. The position starts June 11, 2018. Salary will be commensurate with training and experience.

Verona UMC is a thriving congregation (250 average worship attendance for both campuses). The applicant must be a caring and passionate follower of Jesus Christ willing to work as part of a team under the supervision of the Senior Pastor. Send resume and letter of interest to: SPRC Chairperson, Verona UMC. P.O. Box 47, Verona, VA 24482.

ACTS—HOLY BOLDNESS

Author and Purpose

Acts is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Both were written by Luke, a physician who traveled with the apostle Paul. Luke's purpose for writing his Gospel (see Luke 1:3-4) applies to Acts as well: to give an "orderly" account of the early church after Christ's resurrection. Acts is a historical account of how the resurrection of Jesus changes everything through the birth of the early church.

Geographical Expansion Acts is the story of God's grace flooding out to the world. Nothing is more prominent in Acts than the spread of the gospel. Jesus promises a geographic expansion at the outset (Acts 1:8), and Acts follows the news of his death and resurrection as it spreads from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria, and the faraway capital of Rome.

Preaching The preaching of Jesus' death and resurrection is central in Acts. The Greek verb for "preach the gospel" (euangelizo) occurs more in this book than in any other in the New Testament. About a third of the book of Acts consists of speeches, and most are speeches of Peter or Paul proclaiming the gospel. The good news of the salvation accomplished in Christ and applied by the Holy Spirit extends to the "ends of the earth" through preaching.

God is central to the gospel's expansion. He is at the heart of the gospel message, the news that reconciliation with the Father is now possible through Jesus Christ. God the Holy Spirit is responsible for the growth of the church and its remarkable expansion.

God's Passionate Pursuit In Acts, "grace" is a parallel for "the gospel" or "salvation." Jesus' message is summarized as "the word of his grace," believers are said to have received "grace" or to be "full of grace," and they are challenged to continue in "grace." The missionaries in Acts proclaim the grace of God, and it is through this grace that people are able to respond with faith.

Acts reveals God's passionate pursuit of his people, beginning with his followers in Jerusalem, expanding to Samaria, then to the rest of the world. By the end of the book we see Paul living in Rome "proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31). The gospel draws people in, constitutes them as the church centered on the grace of Jesus, and then sends them out in mission to the world. The new group of believers is marked by the Holy Spirit, who creates such a distinctive community that others are drawn in, experiencing God's grace.

Barriers, Weakness, Opposition, and Persecution

The gospel spreads despite barriers of geography, ethnicity, culture, gender, and wealth. Many of these

barriers appear so inviolable that when the gospel is preached to a new segment of society, riots ensue. But Luke makes clear that no one is beyond the scope of God's saving power, nor is anyone exempt from the need for God's redeeming grace.

In Acts, the gospel expands not through human strength, but through weakness, opposition, and persecution. Demonic forces, worldly powers and authorities, governmental opposition, language and cultural barriers, intense suffering and bloody persecution, unjust imprisonment, unbelief, internal disunity, and even shipwrecks and snakes all threaten to slow down the gospel's advance. But opposition and suffering do not thwart the spread of Jesus' grace; rather, they only fuel it.

Acts and the Rest of the Bible Acts shows that the new Christian movement is not a fringe sect, but the culmination of God's plan of redemption. What was seen only as shadows in the Old Testament, God reveals finally and fully through Jesus Christ. The book of Acts does not primarily provide us with human patterns to emulate or avoid. Instead, it repeatedly calls us to reflect upon the work of God, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, establishing the church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The gospel's expansion is the culmination of what God has been doing since the beginning. Acts consistently grounds salvation in the ancient purpose of God, which comes to fruition at God's own initiative. This reveals God to be the great benefactor who pours out blessings on all people. Even the opportunity to repent is God's gift. - Justin S. Holcomb



VUMC Chancel Choir News

Summer Choir Schedule

Our last practice will be Wednesday, June 27. We will sit in the choir loft for the month of July. Special music will be provided. *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

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

The Verona UMW is collecting supplies for UMCOR Kits for Conference. We are soliciting 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, May 13th.

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

- Sunday, May 13 – UMW Sunday
- Saturday, June 2 – UMW Day at Ferrum College
- Sunday, June 3 – Assemble UMCOR kits during Fellowship time
- Monday, June 4 – UMW serving dinner for Vacation Bible School

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

Each day we face the possibility of change; change in ourselves, change in others, even change in our environment. Our faith changes over time too. Which leads me to ponder: So how do Christians grow? Well, in the same way we became Christians, right? Okay Kevin, I'll bite- so how did we become Christians? How was it even possible? Well, in Galatians 3, Paul powerfully reminds us that we are Christians because of Jesus's crucifixion and the faith we have in His promises.

Christ's death and resurrection is the single most important element of our faith and is what defines us and changes us. This is what we celebrate each Easter because without Christ's death and new life, we would have no hope for eternal life in the presence of a loving, but just, God. This is what we are currently exploring at Aisle 7: eternal life (heaven and hell) and the challenge to live boldly in the Gospel as Paul wrote to us in Galatians.

Each of us will experience an eternity beyond the physical bodies we inhabit now, and there is only one thing that will determine if eternity spent is in darkness and pain, or in the love and light of our Creator. That one thing is: Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Looking back a few weeks, Easter service was beautiful as we joyfully proclaimed He is Risen! I think the celebration of the resurrection was heightened for me because our church also celebrated Passover and shared a Seder meal - where we recounted the blessings of our Lord throughout the Old and New Testaments. Just as the Israelites celebrated Passover to remember their deliverance from Egypt, we celebrate Easter daily because we should never forget the power of Christ's sacrifice. We need to be reminded daily of the forgiveness and second chances we get each morning.

In other news at Aisle 7, here's a quick update with the church trailer across the street at Meade's Trailer Park. For those that don't know, we (Verona UMC and Aisle 7) decided in February to invest in the ability to provide a safe, loving home to families in need of temporary housing. To date, we have installed new flooring, painted walls, replaced the ceiling in the bathroom, replaced the toilet, painted kitchen cabinets, installed new baseboard heaters throughout, and did several other repairs. We are hopeful to have the trailer "move-in ready" by the end of April.

Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you feel called to help us out or if anything is weighing on your heart; my door is always open. And we welcome you to visit us some Sunday morning!

In His Grace,
Pastor Kevin McMullen

Dancing through the DECADES

with the **Boogie Kings**

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

Back by popular demand!

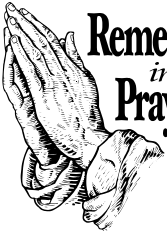
Helping Hands Ministry

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.

**Remember
in
Prayer**

Thelma Smith, Dot Hess,
Patsy Dastoli, Ruth
Weaver, Willie Lockridge,
Ronald Smith, Margaret
Helmick, Jean May, Inez
Fultz, Charles Cook, How-
ard Rexrode, Elijah

Smith, Don & Caroline McFaden, Glen
Sutton, Roger Moats, Frances Johnson, Ray
Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tins-
ley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver, Farris
Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Arlene Simpson, Corkie
Collie, Scott Arbogast, Ellen Gray, Parker
Staples

Petal Pusher News

Spring has finally ar-
rived—sunny, warm days
are here again! Our team:
Joyce, Mary, Herthel, Linda,
Dennis, Betty, Steve, Mary
Jane, Don, Charles and our

newest member, Joy Utberg are back to
work on Tuesday mornings.

I couldn't be more grateful for this
amazing bunch of loyal, fun loving, hard
working guys and gals. They show up and
are always willing to get the job done
right. We have some different ideas for
our beds and grounds this year. We hope
you'll enjoy what we do.

Anyone who would like to join us is
more than welcome. If you don't know
about planting, weeding, mulching etc. we
will be glad to teach you, no problem.
Once again, thank you for allowing us to
serve in such a rewarding way.

Thank you, Shawna, for all you do to
make our entry look good. I know I'm go-
ing to miss you so much, but I wish you all
the success as you move forward.

God bless you! Patsy Mayle

**Notes of Sincere
Appreciation**

Thank you for the sympathy shown after the passing
of my brother. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Bob Anson

Many thanks to the combined choirs of Verona Unit-
ed Methodist Church, Rhonda Reeser and Linda Toler
for a beautiful performance on Good Friday. They
also performed on April 8th with the Staunton Choral
Society and Linda Toler was the organist for this
event. Great Job!

Joy Tinsley, Director Of Music Ministries

Dear VUMC, I want to thank each of you for giving
your time to serve those impacted by Hurricane
Matthew in Northeast Florida. Your attitudes towards
missions and service were truly incredible. I am sure
that the work you did on Nancy and Juan's home will
have a lasting impact. Thank you for the love and
hope that your tam brought to this community! I
hope to serve with you again someday!

Maggie Armstrong, Volunteer Coordinator

Quotable John Wesley

*"What one generation tolerates, the next generation
will embrace." - John Wesley*

*"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holi-
ness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates
authentic community in which each person can be un-
leashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill
God's creational intentions."*

— How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer

*"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is al-
most essentially connected with it. One who always
prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both
for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses
God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him,
and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refus-
ing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreea-
ble or disagreeable to His perfect will."*

— How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - May 2018

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| <p>5/2 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</p> <p>5/3 6:00pm Esther Circle & A7F Women-VCC</p> <p>5/6 5:00pm LAST SPRING BLAST, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141</p> <p>5/7 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center</p> <p>5/9 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</p> <p>5/10 12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH</p> <p>5/12 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146</p> <p>5/13 MOTHER'S DAY
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141</p> <p>5/14 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center</p> <p>5/15 7:00pm Church Council Meeting, RM 146</p> <p>5/16 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</p> <p>5/17 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth Serve Dinner)</p> <p>5/20 GRADUATION SUNDAY
5:00pm Summer Playground BLAST
4:00pm Mexico Mission Team Meeting, BRMH
5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141</p> <p>5/21 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center</p> | <p>5/23 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</p> <p>5/27 7:00am Memorial Service-Church Cemetery
5:00pm Summer Playground BLAST
8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141</p> <p>5/28 OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center</p> <p>5/30 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</p> |
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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.

May Birthdays

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| <p>5/2 Davy Reeves, Jr.
Robin Rexrode</p> <p>5/3 Mike Cook
Melissa May
Travis Chandler</p> <p>5/4 Jeff Harris</p> <p>5/5 Alicia Wright</p> <p>5/6 Larry Miller</p> <p>5/7 Saige Breeden</p> <p>5/8 R.W. Rohrer</p> | <p>5/11 Fred Foster
Jackson Wagner</p> <p>5/12 Wanda Weaver</p> <p>5/13 Steven Cason
Josh Hall</p> <p>5/14 Pete Reeves
Joy Tinsley</p> <p>5/15 Frances Costello
Linda Huntley
Connor Harmon
Isabelle Fitzpatrick</p> <p>5/16 Sara Alexander
Nancy Talley
Pam VanLear</p> | <p>5/18 Buzz Cain
Debbie Powers
Samara Little</p> <p>5/20 Lauren Mozingo</p> <p>5/21 Martha Kiser</p> <p>5/22 Cody Crummett
Katilyn Huffman</p> <p>5/23 Troy Austin
Larry Ritchie</p> <p>5/24 Samantha Harlow
Patty Wagoner</p> <p>5/25 Anita Moore
Robert Minor
Tracey Davis</p> <p>5/26 Dayton Moore
Garnett Andes</p> | <p>5/27 Ruth Weaver
Mel Holst
Garrick Welch</p> <p>5/28 Helen Bussard
Brent Hisey</p> <p>5/29 Heather VanLear</p> <p>5/30 Robert Roadcap</p> <p>5/31 Brett Wills</p> |
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 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY

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