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Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church

November
2018

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FROM PASTOR BOB—

*Home is where the heart is.
There's no place like home.
I'll be home for Christmas.*

All of these phrases are familiar to you, I'm sure. While everyone may not have a warm spot in their heart for a family or church home, we all recognize a true home is a place of security; a place of love; a place where no matter how long you've been away or how far you've traveled, the door is always open. Most importantly, it is a place where the Spirit of the Lord resides and presides!

Home is on my mind as I write during Homecoming Week at our church. Maybe you were there for one or all of the three nights of Homecoming Revival. Maybe you were at one of the Sunday morning worship services and the fellowship meal afterward.

Did you feel at home? I hope so. Because every church—whether meeting in a cave, a house, a humble chapel in the woods, or a towering cathedral, should feel like home. What happens in those places—places where the people of God gather to worship and listen together for God's leading—determines what kind of home it is. Some are a bit (or a lot) dysfunctional and others overflow with God's love.

But even when that place we call church is broken, it is still a home. It's a place of memories that can reinforce and reinvigorate our faith, take us back to times when we were given more grace than we deserved and times when we needed hugs from people who understood and empathized with our struggles.

The building we often call "church" has no meaning without those memories of people living out their faith with love and grace. The Bible tells us that we are the "living stones" God is using to build a holy people. Jesus himself didn't have a physical home in this world (Matthew 8) but he was the foundation upon which His Church would be built and he promised that when he returned to His heavenly Father he would prepare eternal homes for each of us. Perhaps the greatest contemporary example of what it means to be church can be found in the millions of homeless and persecuted Christians worldwide who find their home not in physical structures but in their faith in Christ and each other—a church built not with human hands but with the "living stones" of the redeemed.

Whether it is homecoming Sunday or going home for the holidays, it's the presence of God and the love of his people that make a place a home. May the bricks that surround us on Sunday mornings never be a barrier to God's love flowing into our hearts and out into the world. May our memories within those walls bring more than a nostalgic yearning for the good old days—may they also inspire us to go outside the walls of Verona UMC's sanctuary to share the Good News of Jesus and bring others into the household of faith. And may our greatest desire be to one day stand before the holy throne of heaven with our family of faith and hear our blessed Savior say, "Welcome home!"

Our Mission

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

**Newsletter
Deadline is****November 19**

Please submit items to
Jennifer Cook by date
above for the November
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...**November—A month to be Thankful**

To everyone in our church family who contributed in any way to helping us with our **Apple Dumplings**, Thank you! We need people taking orders, making the dumplings, packaging, and selling them to make this so successful! Thank you all so very much! We will be making Apple Dumplings again on November 2nd! This will be our last dumpling-making until February 2019. -Jean Bean

Thank you to everyone who in any way contributed to the success of our annual **Fall Festival** on October 13th. After expenses, we raised over \$6,500 for our adult mission program, our church food pantry ministry, the Verona Community Center, and Aisle 7 Fellowship! - Lisa Glover

All Saints Sunday is November 4th

We will have a special time in both worship services to remember loved ones and friends who have gone on to their eternal reward, including a video with names and pictures of members of our church who have passed away since last November. Candles will be available to light in memory and honor of family members and friends who are now with the Lord. We invite everyone to bring framed pictures of friends and loved ones whose lives have shaped and influenced you in your faith journey. These photos will be placed around the sanctuary.

Celebration Singers at VUMC Nov. 18

The Celebration Singers will bring an evening of Thanksgiving praise to VUMC on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. This is St. Paul UMC's well-known musical ensemble who sponsor and perform at St. Paul's annual dinner theater each spring. Accompanying them will be the Reverend Norm Ramsey.

Community Thanksgiving Service 11/18

Our community Thanksgiving service will be held Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Sidney UMC. The Rev. Bob Weeks of Verona UMC preaching. This is an annual event that includes area pastors and churches, including VUMC.

**Thursday, November 8, 12-5pm***Walk-ins welcome! Give Blood! Save a life!***Looking Ahead:**

Nov. 4 - All Saints Sunday
Nov. 11 - Charge Conference (6pm)
Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday (8:30 & 11am)
Nov. 18 - Celebration Singers at VUMC (6pm)
Nov. 18 - Community Thanksgiving Service (7pm) at Mt. Sidney
Dec. 2 - Children's Christmas Program (6pm)
Dec. 9 - Choir Christmas Program (6pm)
Dec. 16 - Cookies with Santa at VCC (2pm)
Dec. 16 - Blue Christmas Service - (4 pm)
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services A7F (5pm) / VUMC (7:30pm & 11:00pm)





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.



- Nov. 4 - Homebuilders
- Nov. 11 - Witness Team
- Nov. 18 - Youth
- Nov. 25 - Rebecca Circle

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. 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 Caf 

We are always in need of snacks for the Verona Community Center Caf . 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 caf  Monday through Friday or drop in the container in our church’s Donation Center.



Food Pantry Donations

URGENT: Assist local families in need!

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

**WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:
Toothpaste and canned fruit**

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!

Please join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, 11/18 at 12:30. Please RSVP by Monday, 11/12

Saturday, Dec. 1st - Our December event will be a trip to Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg for their Christmas play. Check their website for more details. We will leave the church at 12:45 on Saturday for 3pm show. Cost is \$23.00 per person (ticket cost and transportation) We will stop for dinner along the way back, place to be determined and will be at your cost. We only have 30 tickets available on a first come first serve basis. Full payment is due when you make your reservation. Reservations are due by 11/18

For more info. on upcoming events, contact:

Faye Wills –234-9410, Sandy McAllister –255-6488, Gayle Meeks 248-1325 or Carolyn Anson 294-2061

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 Monday Morning Prayer Group Mondays at 5 am, Verona Community Center
Wednesday Evening Prayer Group Wednesdays at 2 pm, next to Choir Room



Community Center Report

Since it's opening in 2015, the Community Center has served over 33,000 people

- The Verona Community Center Café had 632 guests in September 2018, an average of 24 guests each day the café was open. This exceeded the monthly goal by 182 guests. Forty-four events held at the community center during September totaled 917 guests.
- To date, the Community Center has exceeded the previous year's guest and event totals by 17%
- Showers were used 42 times in September, bringing the total number used since the showers opened in May to 132. Laundry facilities were used 58 times in September, bringing the total for the year to 193.

ORGANIZATION The community center is now incorporated and has filed for non-profit status with the federal government, a step which will allow for donations to the center to be tax-deductible without going through the church. It will also increase our eligibility for grants.

SUPPORT Your financial support is crucial to our on-going service within the Verona community. Send donations made out to Verona Community Center to P.O. Box 780, Verona, VA 24401

Volunteer Opportunities

Is God nudging you to give back to your community? Being a host at the Verona Community Center can be a rewarding and fun way to be in ministry with VUMC/A7F. Shifts are 3 hours, M-F, with an occasional need for 1.5 hour shifts. Some shifts available on weekends for events. Contact Lydia at

Lydspot@yahoo.com.



Free Blue Christmas Devotions—Light in the Darkness

The Advent and Christmas season is often associated with joy, love, generosity, and unity. But for many people, this time of year magnifies loneliness, anxiety, grief, and despair. While others are enjoying celebrations with their friends and families, those who are hurting often feel even more lost, abandoned, and alone than ever.

Blue Christmas is a devotional book for the 28 days of Advent and Christmas Day. Each devotion includes a scripture selection, meditation, prayer, and suggested Advent action. Blue Christmas reminds us that all of our Christmases, even the darkest ones, can be filled with honesty and hope if we are first willing to sit in silence and bring our deepest fears to God.

Blue Christmas Worship Service—Dec. 16 @ 4 pm

Numbers that Matter thru 10/21/18

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| Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance | 89 |
| Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F | 205/38 |
| Worship 10/14/18—VUMC/A7F | 203/47 |

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

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| General Fund Weekly Need | 8064 |
| General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018 | 7497 |

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

Help Process VUMC Offerings

We currently have a total of six counters (three teams) and would love to have at least one more team—two more teams would be great!

If you are interested in hearing more about this volunteer opportunity please contact Donna May at donnaawm@outlook.com or 540-448-4220.



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.

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 4 - 5pm - Youth Missions meeting; 5:30pm Devotions and supper

November 11 - 5:30pm - No Youth due to Charge Conf.

November 15 - 6pm - Youth serving Ruritan meal. Youth and Adults needed to help.

November 16 - 6pm-9pm - Supper and baking Pumpkin Rolls. Youth and adults needed to help.

Taking preorders Nov. 1-15th let Bill or Carolyn Harlow know. Price: Whole - \$10 and Half - \$5.

November 18 - Youth selling Pumpkin Rolls during Fellowship Time (9:30-10 AM)

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.

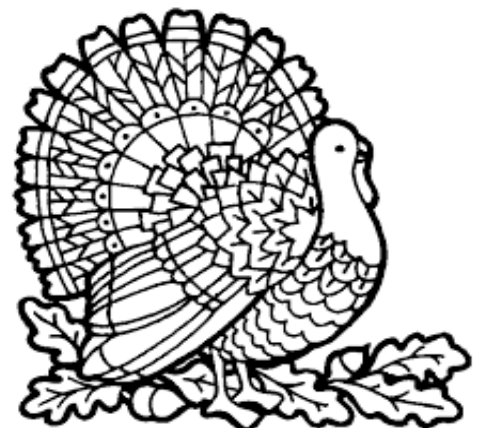
The 2019 Youth Mission Trip will take place June 22-29, 2019 in Winchester, Kentucky. We will partner with Group Work camps for the trip. This trip is open to all youth grades 6th (rising 7th in 2019) through high school. Post-high school and older are welcome to attend. We also need adult chaperones. This year we will try to have a final list of mission members by January 31; this allows us to finalize travel plans and determine financial needs. Each member is asked to donate \$100 towards the trip by January 21, 2019 and participate in fund raising. Take a few minutes to pray about this trip and ask God if he is calling you to serve in Kentucky, pray for the team or financially support them.



Children's Thanksgiving Procession

at both Sunday Worship Services on November 18

For information on how to participate, see the children's news on page 7



Summaries of Charge Conference Reports

Senior Pastor's Report for Charge Conference *(excerpts)*

2019 will mark my twenty-first year as a pastor and our church's 140th year as a congregation.... We continue to put our emphasis on mission, prayer, and discipleship. I believe that as both campuses focus on growing in knowledge of the Scriptures; prayer; service to others; and having the Spirit of Christ direct them, we will continue to be used by God to expand His Kingdom.

We have a group of amazing saints at Verona who want to make a difference for God's Kingdom and reach those who so desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus. Our leadership is visionary and we have many who gladly make sacrifices to God's glory. I look forward to the coming months and years as Verona UMC, Aisle 7 Fellowship, and the Verona Community Center touch thousands of lives in Verona and beyond.... I continue to pray for our United Methodist denomination as we wrestle within ourselves in preparation for a General Conference in February 2019 to deal with the questions surrounding human sexuality and biblical interpretation and authority. -Pastor Bob Weeks

Aisle 7 Fellowship Pastor's Report for Charge Conference *(excerpts)*

My time spent at the Community Center continues to be fruitful and has been a great way to meet new people. I recently started a new LifeGroup that meets on Mondays at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. One of the persons attending has become a regular at A7F (his first experience with a church). The other frequents the Community Center. I ask them what they are dealing with and we simply talk and close with a prayer. I want people to know someone cares and is not judging them for their past. I had a gentleman give his testimony the other week and he was so thankful for the community center and our Aisle 7 Fellowship. It has given him a safe and positive place to be for one of the few times in his life....

This relationship is opening doors I could never open. He has a heart for God and does not want to go back to who he used to be. He shares his testimony with many people and then introduces me to those he thinks I can reach. This is what I hoped for and dreamed of when I answered God's call to become a pastor. I look forward to witness how God will change lives through this man and Aisle 7....I see how God is using others in subtle ways to support Aisle 7. I continue to see new faces each week and God's Spirit is present and little by little things are changing and growing. I am excited to be part of something so wonderful and the opportunities Aisle 7 has to make a deep and long-term impact on our community. - Pastor Shawna Hiner

Lay Leader's Report for Charge Conference *(excerpts)*

Although no one can be sure of the future, I believe, based on our church's outward vision in recent years, that we will continue to support the great commission by carrying the good news of Jesus Christ into our world and beyond, and that our congregation - having been trained to think outwardly - will continue to present the gospel of Christ in creative, relevant ways. - Chad Brown

Lay Leadership (Nominations) Report for Charge Conference

Our Lay Leadership Committee is pleased to report that nominations for all leadership and committee assignments for 2019 have been completed with two exceptions. We would like to have a youth (middle school through 18 years of age) nominated to serve on our Church Council; and we need a person to serve as Decorating Coordinator, a position of responsibility for decorating the sanctuary during different seasons of the church year, including Christmas and Easter. If you are interested in serving or making a nomination for one of these positions, please contact our church office during the week at 248-7777 or emailing bobweeks@veronaumc.com.

A REALLY, REALLY BIG THANK YOU....

- To Lilly Cash and her dedicated hospitality team for an amazing Homecoming Fellowship Dinner
- To our Choir and their Director, Joy Tinsley, as well as accompanists Linda Toler and Rhonda Reeser for their dedication to the music ministry of our church, especially during our three-night Homecoming Revival
- To our Office Administrator Jennifer Cook for her hard work during a busy month
- To Amanda Hall for another great "Light the Night" event

Greetings from Pastor Shawna

My eyes are being opened and my heart is full of compassion as God continues to give me opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I had ideas of what I might do, who I might bring to Christ, how I might minister, what our worship service would like and God said, "That's nice Shawna, but not quite what I had in mind." I have tried to set aside my agenda and focus on God's Word and how He may be guiding me to do the work He has called me to do. It's working much better since I gave up control and began to do things God's way. I am more relaxed and have more joy and expectation of what God is going to do next.

Enough about me, I have to give credit to those God has placed at Aisle 7 to help further His Kingdom. They are willing to help with anything that is needed. They are the ones who will have the greater impact on our community. I am humbled at what I see happening on Sunday mornings and how the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of so many.

In the recent weeks I have been reminded of why Jesus came. In Mark 2:17, "On hearing this, Jesus said to them, *"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

I have had the privilege of encountering those who Jesus refers to in this scripture when I volunteer at the community center. I am building relationships, eating a meal and taking the time to listen to those who need the Gospel, who need to hear the Good News, to know that people love them and care about them.

This is not quite what I envisioned life would be like after July 1, but I praise God for what He is showing me and how he is leading me to shepherd His people. All honor and glory to God!

Children's News

Thanksgiving Processional—November 18. Costumes will be available Sunday, November 11 and the morning of November 18. Children should bring a canned goods or non-perishable foods to donate to our food pantry.

Staunton Christmas Parade—Monday, November 26. Parade starts at 7pm, and lineup begins at 6pm. We have a wagon, with bench seating, and *all* are invited to ride with us! Please let Amanda Hall, or Shawna Hiner know if you or your family would like to ride along with us.

Children's Christmas Program—"A Red Letter Christmas"—Sunday, December 2 at 6 pm. Refreshments served afterward. There will be a full rehearsal for children on Sunday, December 2 @10am (Sunday School Hour)

Christmas Chancel Choir Program—December 9 @ 6pm. Children need to dress in Christmas attire and be at the church at 5:30. They will perform two songs.

Cookies with Santa—Sunday, December 16 @2pm. Children are invited to enjoy cookie decorating, games, crafts, and visit with Santa during this fun filled event.



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 **UMCOR**
 United Methodist Committee on Relief



Response to Natural Disasters

As many storms threaten different areas around the world, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and our partners prepare to respond, especially to Hurricane Florence in the United States

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 Hurricane Florence, make your check out to Verona UMC with the notation: UMCOR Response #901670 . 100% of your donation will go to U.S. relief efforts.

Donations to International Disaster Response may be made in the same way with the check notation: UMCOR Response #982450.

VUMC Apple Butter for Sale

Pints (\$5) and quarts (\$8) of apple butter made right here at VUMC are for sale through the church office, Verona Community Center, and in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. Proceeds benefit our food pantry ministry, the community center, Aisle 7 Fellowship and adult mission teams.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings

Our Church Council has announced that our **Thanksgiving Sunday Special Offering** will go to Valley Mission and our **Christmas Eve Special Offering** will be donated to the UMCOR Domestic Disaster Relief Fund (aiding victims of recent hurricanes).



Food Pantry Collecting Turkeys for Thanksgiving

Turkey breasts or whole turkeys (12 lbs. or less) can be brought to the donation boxes in the church on Sunday, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. They will be distributed to families through the food pantry prior to Thanksgiving Day and churches, including VUMC.

We Welcome JMU Students Serving at Project Grows

A group from James Madison University will use rooms on the lower level Sunday School hallway, Nov. 2-4 from Friday until early Sunday morning. They will sleep and prepare meals at VUMC and use showers at the community center while working at Project Grows.



VUMC Chancel Choir News

Choir Rehearsals On Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

We will celebrate Thanksgiving as a combined choir on Nov. 18th at both the 8:30am service and 11am service.

Our Christmas program is Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. - *"Sing a Song of Christmas."* The dress rehearsal is Dec. 8th at 10am in the sanctuary. I am excited to have two new members Kerrie Fitzgerald and Laura Hackett! Now is a good time to join choir. We have new music, great musicians and many opportunities!

- Joy Tinsley, Music Director

Verona United Methodist Church Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 12 at 6pm

This major annual meeting held by every United Methodist congregation is open to all. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Victor Gomez, will lead us in a time of worship before reports and voting take place.

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



John Wesley's Election Advice (from his Journal, October 1774)

As our nation approaches the mid-term elections on November 6th, here is some good advice from Methodism's founder, John Wesley.

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.



Fall Back November 4

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

The Verona UMW Unit was presented with two awards at the Harrisonburg District UMW annual meeting in October. We were recognized as a Gold Unit for Living Into Our Purpose, and we were recognized as a Six Star Unit for giving to all Six Channels of Giving. We also received certificates for two members who read 1 book from each of the 5 categories of recommended reading. Those members were Polly Brumfield and myself!

This was the first year I focused on reading UMW books. One way that helped me was by using the smartphone app named HOOPLA. With a library card from any local library, you can use your library ID to check out either e-books or audio books. I have already read 4 UMW books using the HOOPLA app. There is another app called LIBBY, but I haven't found as many UMW books in the e-book format. If you are interested in audio books, there were quite a few that came only in audio format on both apps.

Upcoming events:

- ◆ November 1st, 6:30pm – Executive officer 2019 planning meeting. New incoming officers invited.
- ◆ November 10th, 9am - District UMW Looking Forward Together at Mt. Crawford UMC. Come out and hear Heather Gomez, wife of our new District Superintendent, speak on her work with immigrant resettlement.

Car-pooling is always available for District events! 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 Coordinator | 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

Join the UMW'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. Our circles here recently purchased five books from the Reading Program list. They are:

- ***I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old*** - a book about making peace with "whatever you are right now." It's about learning from the past and then moving past it.
- ***Coaltown Jesus*** - a short novel about Jesus' visit to a 17 year old whose brother has died.
- ***Global Girlfriends*** - How One Mom Made it Her Business to Help Women in Poverty Worldwide
- ***Hope Runs*** - An American tourist, a Kenyan boy, a Journey of Redemption
- ***Every Last Drop; Bringing Clean Water Home*** - a book for young people that shows how people around the world seek out and care for the precious liquid that gives us life.

For info about borrowing one of these books from our lending library contact Lydia (886-1460) or Lisa (248-3379)

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.



Benny Craun, Debbie Link, Barbara Breeden, Faith Bridges, Winston Jackson, Thelma Smith, Dot Hess, Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver, Willie Lockridge, 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, Kaye Mozingo

We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Teeghan Harper Rankin, daughter of Pamela and Michael Rankin, on September 30th;

Madelyn Alice Linger, daughter of Brian and Anzie Linger, on October 21st.

A Pastoral Prayer for Veterans Day

There have always been wars, dear God, because there have always been problems between human beings. As long as there has been history, battle lines have been drawn and people have fought with one another. We wish it were not so, and that we human beings had the kind of love and insight that would prevent war.

But, as it is so and we don't have that kind of love and insight, we offer our prayers for all those who have volunteered or been conscripted to fight their countries' wars. We thank you for their courage and often their heroism as they have faced the enemy in battle. We praise their selfless acts in behalf of fellow soldiers. We extol their wisdom gathered from the battlefield, and commend their eternal souls to your loving and forgiving care.

We remember especially all who presently serve in the armed forces of this and other countries, and pray for their continued safety and welfare. As they encounter danger, give them the insight to understand life and death, and enable them to be at peace with you and with themselves.

Bless the families of all who serve in the armed forces, and let your Holy Spirit rest upon them like a mantle to preserve them from anxiety and harm. Grant to each and every one of us a reminder of the way life itself is a struggle between good and evil, and prepare us to defend the good and not succumb to the evil we encounter.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Remember Veterans Day, November 11



Another growing season has come to an end, we try to keep our grounds looking pretty until after the Fall Festival. So many of you did a lot of hard work and the festival was a huge success. I love that the festival is not only about raising money but also a wonderful outreach for our community.

Our team has had some challenges with all the rain and overcast skies, however. Some of the moisture-loving plants thrived, and we didn't have to water the beds as much (so we are not complaining!). We were blessed to all stay healthy, always showing up and working hard. There are a dozen of us now: Joyce, Mary, Herthel, Linda, Dennis, Mary Jane, Betty, Steve, Don, Charles and our newest member and treasurer, Joy Utberg.

We are a group of dead headers, dirt diggers, tree trimmers and breakfast eaters, but most of all we are a tight little family of friends. If you would like to join us, we're always looking for another pair of willing hands... the more the merrier! Thank you for allowing us to serve in such a rewarding way. *-Patsy Mayle, Petal Pushers*

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Dear Church Family—Words cannot express my appreciation for the love and support of my church family during my recent surgery. Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and food. A special thank you to Pastors Bob and Shawna for their visits and concern for Harry and I. *Love to all, Louise Lockridge*

Dear Verona UMC—We worked alongside Becky Zickfoose for years at the VDSS Licensing Office and she was also our dear friend. Our office has not been the same since she retired last November, as she kept us all straight. She loved her family, her church and helping others. She will be greatly missed. *- Sharon DeBouver, Maureen Gallagher-McCleod, Julie, Kunowsky, Diann Reed, Jessica Silva and Carol Troxell*

Dear Verona Card Group—I cannot thank you enough for the inspiring cards you have sent to us. The cards are absolutely beautiful and I truly appreciated and enjoyed each and every one of the cards. May God continue to bless each one of you in the group. You are making a difference! *Thank you, Bill & Carolyn Harlow*

Dear Verona UMC—Thank you for supporting Camp Overlook's *All God's Children Camp for Children of Incarcerated Parents*. [\$500 donation] You have helped make it possible for these children to be surrounded in love by a caring mentor and other loving volunteers.... *Rev. Tommy Crosby (Executive Director)*

Verona UMC November 2018 Calendar

Church meetings/events

Nov. 8 - Blood Drive 12pm-5pm
 Nov. 11 - Charge Conference 6pm
 Nov. 12 - VCC Board Meeting 5:30pm
 SPRC Meeting 7pm Rm 146
 Nov. 15 - Ruritan Meeting 6:30pm
 Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday
 Children's Thanksgiving Processional
 Celebration Singers Concert 6pm
 Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm
 at Mt. Sidney UMC
 Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day

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 Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Verona Community Center and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201

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 - Sundays & Wednesdays; 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 Wednesday; monthly 6:30pm Rm 141

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

FAA - Thursday; weekly 6:45 Rm 201

Verona Ruritans - 3rd Thursday; monthly 7pm BRMH

November Birthdays

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





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Sunday Schedule:
 VUMC Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 VUMC Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 VUMC Worship 11:00 a.m.

Giving Thanks  **Word Search**

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
 The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 2. THANKS | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS | 11. HEALTH | 15. POLITE |
| 4. HOLIDAY | 8. CARING | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS |

