



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church

July/August
2019

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From the Senior Pastor

I read a lot of columns by a lot of pastors. Some are concise and to the point. Most are a bit long-winded (sorry, but it's the truth). Pastors are preachers and being long-winded is a professional hazard.

So I'll get right to the point (and then drone on for awhile because I just can't help it). *Following Jesus can't be done with words alone (see James 1:22-25)*. The devil can convince us that if we "babble the Gospel" long enough we're bound to wear someone down. That people will give their lives to Jesus just to stop us from preaching at them.

But for every word we preach there must be a bus-load of actions adding power to our words. People need to see us living out the Gospel. Living like Jesus. Walking in his steps, not just talking about something we really aren't willing to live out.

So (and here's where I'll put a stop to the words), I want to thank everyone in our church who shares Jesus by walking in his steps. Every youth and adult on the summer mission trip. Everyone of our youth working up at Camp Overlook this summer. Every volunteer in the food pantry or the community center or in the kitchen cooking for a grieving family. Every teacher, every lay preacher, every one who crosses boundaries to be Jesus to their neighbor.

You are God's will come alive and the Kingdom of God is in our midst because of you!

The last few weeks have been a tough time for many in our church and community. Family members and close friends have said good-bye to this world and there seems to only be emptiness where they once stood. But for a church established on faith in Jesus Christ, there is a message to share that can fill that emptiness.

At every funeral—whether in our sanctuary, at a funeral home, or by a graveside—I share this message: *"We are a flesh and blood people who struggle with flesh and blood sins who need a God who loves us enough to die for us in the flesh. A God who is powerful enough to shatter and destroy the chains of sin and death so that we can meet him face to face and live with him forever by his grace alone" (see Romans 6:3-9)*.

That is the message the church has been established to share with the world. The good news that Christ has come and died and risen and is coming again—a message of hope. May it be a message that flows easily out of our hearts!

It's summertime "and the living is easy." Right? Not exactly. For our family summertime is mowing grass, weeding gardens, and keeping an eye on the bee hives. It's family visits and vacations. It's mission trips and camping trips. It's taking the dog to the vet and attending the Annual Conference for the Virginia United Methodist Church. It's baseball games and July 4th parades. And for Lydia and me it's celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary this year (that's so hard to wrap my mind around).

Summertime, and the living isn't really easy. In fact, it can be downright exhausting. But in the end, I don't think any of us would want to live a year without it.

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ,

News...

UP-COMING SERMONS

*We're spending the summer exploring the stories and teachings of Jesus in **The Gospel of Mark***

July 7 - When Religion Gets in the Way of God *Mark 7: 1-23*

July 14 - Feeding the Multitudes....Again *Mark 8: 1-10*

July 21 - The Rich Young Ruler *Mark 10: 17-31*

July 28 - Inside Out *Mark 11: 12-14, 20-24; 13: 28-30*

August 4 - Priceless *Mark 14: 1-11*

August 11 - Bittersweet *Mark 14: 13-20*

August 18 - Concluding Thoughts *Mark 14:50-52; 16: 1-8*

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

**Sept./Oct. Newsletter
Deadline is
August 19th**

Please submit items to
Jennifer Cook by date
above for the
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

 **The Verona Community Center**
is now a part of Amazon's "Smile Ama-
zon" program for non-profit organiza-
tions. Go to smileamazon.com and select the Verona Community Center,
Inc. Every time you make a purchase, Amazon will donate half of one
percent of the purchase to the community center!

Staunton Community

Vesper Service

Our children will be singing
Wednesday
evening,
July 3rd
at Gypsy
Hill Park



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**



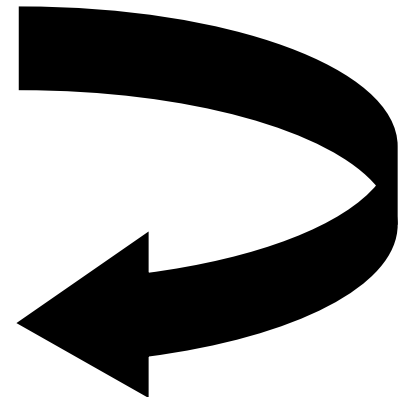
**American
Red Cross**

**Next Blood Drive on
Thursday, August 22
12 pm - 5 pm**

Mark your calendar to give!

Looking Ahead:

- Sept. 8—BLAST begins!
- Sept. 17—Church Council Meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 28—Day Care Fall Yard Sale
- October 5—Our Annual Fall Festival
- October 13—WRE Gospel Concert
- October 17—Red Cross Blood Drive
- October 22-24—Homecoming Revival
- October 27—Homecoming Sunday



5 Practices of a Peaceful Home

Learn to Laugh Proverbs 15:13 says, *"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed."* Laughter is like medicine, and laughing together as a family is highly therapeutic. And it doesn't take a lot of effort to find things to laugh about. My daughter and I listen to the "PG Comedy" channel on Pandora in the car. We all take group selfies making silly faces, which is compounded even more with the Photobooth app. Learn to laugh, even on tough days.

Cultivate Contentment It's quite difficult these days to "keep up with the Jones'." Families are crashing and burning today in the rubble of financial disaster because of consumer debt. We must have, and then we must have more. But Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:6-8, *"A godly life brings huge profits to people who are content with what they have. We didn't bring anything into the world, and we can't take anything out of it. As long as we have food and clothes, we should be satisfied."* (GW)

Alleviate Anger Proverbs 15:18 says, *"Hot tempers start fights; a calm, cool spirit keeps the peace."* (MSG) Not all anger is bad. Anger is just a normal human emotion. It's all about what we decide to do with our anger that matters. When we stuff our feelings inside and leak or explode later, nobody wins. The better solution is developing the practice of giving soft answers to one another. One of the best verses for families to learn together is found in Proverbs 15:1, *"A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up."* (CEV).

Walk in Wisdom To walk in wisdom, you need to walk together. Realize that your family is a team and everybody has a position to play. It's not the parents against the kids, it's the family becoming all that God intended together, as a team. **Parents**, God has given you authority within the home, not so that you can take the place of God in your children's lives, but so that you can be His representative. God has given you wisdom to guide them. And He will give you more! Proverbs 15:24 says, *"Wise people walk the road that leads upward to life, not the road that leads downward to death."* (TEV)

Express Gratitude Philippians 4:6-7 says, *"...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (ESV) There is incredible power in praying about tension and expressing thanks. There is a direct link between gratitude and joy, and often when we struggle to find joy, thankfulness is the answer.

To make your home an island in the midst of turbulent waters, try being intentional about discovering truth together, laughing together, encouraging each other. God knows we need peaceful homes more than ever! (from SermonCentral.com)



SUMMER FIRE PIT FRIDAY

August 2nd at 6 pm - Come join us!

Aisle 7's Praise Team will provide music!

Remember last summer's weekly Fire Pit Fridays? This summer we're rolling it all into one great evening of food, fellowship, and praise for the whole family.

Join us at the church's fire pit near the playground.

There will be plenty of food, water games for the kids, and s'mores of course! We will provide the meat, please bring a side dish to share plus your lawn chair!



Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, October 5th

If you'd like to volunteer or share an idea, please contact Lisa Glover at 248-3379 or email lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com



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.



July 7	Witness Team	Aug. 4	Worship Team
July 14	UM Women	Aug. 11	Petal Pushers
July 21	Fearless Comv.	Aug. 18	Esther Circle
July 28	Open Door	Aug. 25	Seekers

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 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.

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!

July—No Activities—relax, read your Bibles, and enjoy your summer vacation!

August—Come out and enjoy the "Fire Pit Bash" on August 2nd (see information on previous page). And please check your Sunday Bulletins for other upcoming events.

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

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.

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.

We have created the Helping Hands Ministry as a way to take care of the need in a timely manner (instead of waiting for a mission week) A list of projects has been posted in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Social Hall. Please review the list weekly to see if there is a project you are willing and capable of doing. If the project will take a few more people, gather up a group and take care of it.

A second list is also posted that allows people to request projects to be done. You can also select one of those projects without it being moved to the current projects list. Contact Doug May for more information 540-241-5605.

Join the Verona UMC Prayer Group & Experience the Power of Prayer
Pastor's Morning Prayer Group Wednesdays at 9 am, Verona Community Center



The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit
of the knowledge and fear of the LORD *(Isa. 11:2)*

Our 2019 High School Graduates

Benjamin Harlow, son of Bill and Carolyn Harlow, graduated from Fort Defiance High School. Ben will attend William and Mary with a major in Computer Science.

Anita Hiner, daughter of Tracy and Shawna Hiner graduated from Highland High School. Her Grandparents are Gideon and Peggy Hiner and the late Dave and Anita Fulk. Special Grandparents are Martha “KK” Kiser and Bill and Myrtle Lambert. Anita will attend Mary Baldwin University with a major in Education/Special Education.

Rachel Jennings, daughter of Ron and Lisa Jennings, graduated from Riverheads High School with honors. Her siblings are Sarah and Luke Jennings. She will attend Eastern Mennonite University with a major in Photography and Marketing and a minor in Music.

Paige Sailer, daughter of Tom and Wendy Sailer, graduated from Wilson Memorial High School with an Advanced Diploma with Tech Honors. Grandparents are Jerry and Bev VanLear. Paige plans to take a year off and then attend Community College and then transfer to a larger University to study Criminal Justice.

Aaron Wills, son of Brett and Melinda Wills, graduated from Rivermont Autism Program in Fairfield Virginia. Grandparents are Fred and Pat Foster and Fred and the late Brenda Wills. Aaron will continue his education at Rivermont.

Garrick Welch, son of Tara Welch and Mike Welch, graduated from Wilson Memorial High School. He is the grandson of Joy Tinsley.

Kaleigh May, Great-Granddaughter of Jean May, graduated from Fort Defiance High School.

Our 2019 College Graduates

Rachel Lambert, daughter of Greg and Amy Lambert, graduated from Old Dominion University with a Masters in Public Administration. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Myrtle Lambert.

Sue Patterson, graduated from Charis Bible College on May 18th after a 2 year program and received a certificate of license to minister the gospel.



In our over three years in operation, we are happy to have served over 46,000 persons!

Open for internet café guests and various events from birthday parties to dog training classes, we have served the Verona community with services they would not have otherwise enjoyed.

Our laundry and shower amenities have been a welcome benefit for some homeless individuals and transients. Free coffee or bottled water and a snack are very popular and appreciated while guests use the laptops or access wifi.

The success of the center has been largely due to our dedicated volunteers who have put in over 9,300 hours serving our guests. Thanks to those wonderful folks, the majority of whom are from VUMC. Blessings to each of you.

We are now a stand alone 501c3 non-profit organization and depend on our wonderful donors to exist. We are embarking on a campaign to renovate the back Shenandoah Room for more rental space to generate income for operating expenses. **Donations are totally tax-deductible and may be made to Verona Community Center, P O Box 780, Verona, VA 24482.**

We are governed by a volunteer board of directors consisting of ten persons in the community. A recent fundraising concert arranged by Valley Harmony Chorus had four wonderful musical groups enjoyed by a hundred attendees.

Our most pressing needs are for donations to help with operating expenses, as well as a few more volunteers who can fill in occasionally for summer vacations and some weekend hours. Shifts are normally three hours and handbook and brief training are available. If you can sign up as an occasional/substitute volunteer, please email Lydia Weeks at lydspot@yahoo.com or call 757-619-3515.

If you would like to hold an event at the center, please email Judith Cariker at carikerj@comcast.net or call 540-255-3987. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the center and its volunteers.

-Judith Cariker, President, VCC Board of Directors

Numbers that Matter thru 6/16/19

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	78
Worship Avg. 2019—VUMC/A7F	197/58

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS*

VUMC General Fund Weekly Need	8064
VUMC General Fund Weekly Avg. 2019	7606
A7F General Fund Weekly Need	1678
A7F General Fund Weekly Avg. 2019	1500

*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.

5th Sunday Offerings

Our next 5th Sunday Offering on Sept. 29 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.

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 the community center contact Lydia at lydspot@yahoo.com or call 886-1460.



VERONA UMC YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, August 11 - 5:30 - 7 pm Devotion and supper

Thursday, August 15 - 6 - 7 pm Youth serving Ruritans.
(Youth and parents needed.)

Sunday, August 18 - 5:30 - 7 pm Devotion and supper

Sunday, August 25 - 5:30 - 7 pm Devotion and supper

**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.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our 2019 Youth Mission Trip to Winchester, Kentucky on June 22-29th 2019

We partnered with Group Work camps again this year, serving in the Winchester, Kentucky community. Thank you for your prayers!

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Children's Church -

We are continuing to learn about Moses and his important role as a leader of God's people in the Bible. If you see one of our preschool or elementary age children around, ask them to tell you about Moses. They are full of information!

July 3rd - Vesper Service -

Our children will be singing at the July 3 Vesper Service at Gypsy Hill Park in connection with the Happy Birthday America celebration. Please come out to support them and enjoy the service. If your child will be participating, be on the look out for additional information.



Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School so great! We appreciate all of the volunteers that worked hard on food, crafts, leading groups, registration, music, teaching and everything else it takes to make VBS a success!

We couldn't do it with out you!

- Amanda Hall, Children's Director

Greetings from Pastor Shawna

Greetings!

It is hard to believe we're halfway through June as I'm writing this article. I thought things would slow down after Easter, and I find myself busier than ever – all for good reasons. I'm working on pre-work assignments for the Course of Study program at Duke Divinity. I will be gone from July 14-26 for classes. Please keep me in your prayers.



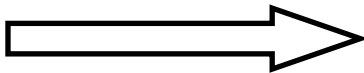
Our only daughter, Anita Faith Hiner, graduated from Highland High School on June 8th. I don't know where the time went—it seems like just yesterday I was holding her on my chest in the hospital and a few days ago I watched her walk across the stage to receive her Advanced Diploma. A beautiful young woman stood before me. Tracy and I couldn't be more proud. She had emblazoned on her cap, "In Christ Alone I am Found." My heart is full and I'm thankful she knows the Lord. I am excited she will be attending Mary Baldwin University in the fall (she'll still be close) and she is excited to be able to attend church every Sunday.

We have a quiet summer planned for Aisle 7 since I will be gone for the two weeks in July. I am thankful that in my absence Kim Cash will deliver the message on July 14 and Joy Tinsley will deliver the message on July 21. We will have one "Fire Pit Friday" on August 2, at 6:00 p.m. The Aisle 7 Praise Team will provide music. There will be food, water games for the kids, and S'mores of course! Please join us for a wonderful night of music, food and fellowship for folks of all ages!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us in so many ways. You are appreciated and loved. Watching God work in the lives of those attending Aisle 7 is simply beautiful and humbling. I am honored to be called to serve with Verona UMC at Aisle 7 Fellowship.

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

Results From Our Recent Weekly Email Polls



***"I have a blessed assurance that
Jesus Christ will bring me home to heaven"***

Absolutely - 84.6% (22) Sometimes - 11.5% (3) Never - 3.8% (1)

"You could not pay me enough money to..."

Jump out of an airplane (even with a parachute!) - 26.9% (7)

Crawl through a long, dark cave - 15.4% (4)

Preach a 20-minute sermon - 7.7% (2)

Eat insects and/or worms - 30.8% (8)

Move away from the Shenandoah Valley - 19.2% (5)

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**



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.



Become a Part of Our Technology Team

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

Nursery Staff Vacancy If you have a love for children and serving the needs of the church, you may be the right person to fill this paid position. You must be at least 18 years of age, able to work on Sunday mornings from approximately 8:15 a.m. until 12 p.m., and willing to submit to a background check. Occasionally the nursery is also available for special events such as Christmas Eve and Holy Week services. Compensation is \$13.52 per hour. Contact Nursery Director Phyllis Mauzy for further info. Applications are available through the church office.

Mondays Don't Have to Get You Down!

The Verona Community Center is a busy place on Monday mornings. Can you help occasionally from 11:30-2:30? Make a difference in your community! Contact Lydia: 886-1460 / or Lydspot@yahoo.com

Do Not Fear—God is at Work

Elijah believed He was the only faithful prophet left in a perverse generation. Noah was a righteous man — the only blameless person living on the earth at the time — who walked in close fellowship with God. Daniel was a servant of God in exile surrounded by enemies. If we are to awaken, we will be like them. We will not be conformed to this world and its values, copying its behaviors and customs, but we will let God transform us and our churches by renewing our minds and changing the way we think.

God is not done with the people called Methodists. For some time, I have sensed that we are in a season of labor and delivery before birth occurs. The people of God have been in such places before. During this portion of the journey, we are stressed, anxious, perhaps fearful and at times discouraged. The future has yet to be clearly defined. In known and unknown ways, God is at work shaping, forming, and molding us for the Great Awakening that is about to be unleashed in our midst.

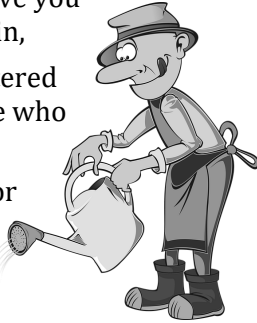
(from "Letters to the Churches" by Keith Boyette)

Petal Pushers

Well hello our friend, where have you been, you magical life giving rain,

We drug out our hoses and watered our posies and there were none who complained.

We've missed having Charles for the past little while, he brings so much laughter and joy, we all love his smile.



Our team works hard and are always on guard for the least little weed in our pots, we're trying some new things, we hope you'll enjoy; so far we like them a lot.

We've enjoyed being together; we've had wonderful weather and of course Steve, Dennis and Don are always so clever.

Our team welcomes new friends we're like rooster and hens, we all like to flock together, we work, sweat and play in all different kinds of weather.

Once again we thank you all for allowing us to serve in such a rewarding way.

-Patsy Mayle



Honey Bee Ministry Report

Raising funds for Missions!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to help with our first honey extraction of the summer. We extracted 125 pounds of honey! Our second extraction will be on Saturday, August 3rd from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

One pound jars of honey produced by bees on our church property and at Project Grows in Verona are now available through the church office for just \$8 per pound. All proceeds go to our church's mission projects. Remember—local honey contains pollen that can help with your allergies. Our honey is organic, i.e., hives are maintained without chemicals and the honey is strained but not heated.



*I will sing to the Lord as long
as I live; I will sing praise
to my God while I have being.*

Psalm 104:33

VUMC Chancel Choir News

*Choir practices will resume
on August 21st!*

*Prospective members will be welcome to
join us on that Wednesday evening:*

6:30 p.m. for 11:00 a.m. choir

7:15 p.m. for 8:30 a.m. choir.



We are excited to announce this Summer's Music Performances!

Please show your support for these individuals
each Sunday morning this summer!

July 7 - Karie Fitzgerald, Grace Dick & Joy Tinsley

July 14 - Chad Brown

July 21 - Fritz & Peggy Horisk

July 28 - Laura Hackett

August 4 - Kit Austin & Joy Tinsley

August 11 - Deb Powers

August 18 - Gary Breeden

August 25 - Susan Allen, Melinda Wills,
& Eleanor Jennings



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

Congratulations to Gayle Meeks and Linda Wiseman as they were recognized on UMW Sunday, for their devotion to the purpose and priorities of the United Methodist Women. Gayle has been the leader of the Rebecca Circle for years, and has served as an officer of the Verona Unit and on the Harrisonburg District. Linda has been the driving force behind the mission to provide reusable, natural menstrual kits to young women across the globe. Over 200 have been made and sent to at least 5 different countries. Linda is also Co-leader & treasurer for the Esther Circle. Thank you to everyone who donated money and supplies for the UMOCR Cleaning buckets. We were able to assemble 25 buckets to send to Annual Conference. With all the recent flooding in the Midwest, I'm sure these will be put to good use!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 26-28th, Mission Encounter @Smith Mountain Lake 4H Center.
Registration is due by July 15th.

See me for forms.

Aug. 17th, 10am, VUMW Officer meeting Room 146

Sept. 7th, 9am, District Prayer Breakfast @ St. James UMC

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–3rd Monday 2:00pm
at the church–Linda Wiseman &
Shirley Webster, Co-Chairs
Rebecca Circle –2nd Saturday, 10am
at the church – Gayle Meeks, Chair

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.

A House in the Sky: A Memoir of a Kidnapping That Changed Everything. The story of a TV reporter that was abducted in Somalia in 2008 and held hostage for 460 days. How she survived is inspirational!

Hollow Faith. This book takes a deep look into the mirrors of pop and church culture and asks the difficult question: "are the things we produce and consume defining us?"

Good Health, Good Life: 12 Keys to enjoying Physical and Spiritual Wellness. Joyce Meyer reminds us that each part of us -mind, body and emotions- serves a purpose in God's exciting plan for our future.

Bus to Corinth. A sequel to the novel The Well Women--a group of women journey through Greece. Like Paul's vision of Jesus, their lives empowering and transforming them forever.



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Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Corkie Collie, Scott Arbogast,
Parker Staples, Kathy Poarch

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended To

- The family and friends of Jeremy Spiggle. Jere-
my passed away on May 22nd.
- The family and friends of David Propst. David
passed away on May 29th.
- The family and friends of Pearline Sellers.
Pearline passed away on June 5th.
- Sue & Doug McTavish and family with the loss
of Sue's brother, Don Hanna, who passed away
on June 10th in Florida.

We Welcome Our Newest Members to Verona UMC

Emmett Calvin Hall

was baptized at Verona UMC on May 12, 2019. He is
the son of Josh & Amanda Hall. His big brother is
Carson!

The Shreckhise Family

will join Verona UMC on July 14th at our 8:30
service. During that same service Grace Shreckhise,
born March 14, 2019, will be baptized into Christ.
In addition to Grace, the Shreckhise family includes
her brother Jackson and parents Kristen and Rob.

*We are so glad to have all of you as a part of the
body of Christ at Verona UMC and Aisle 7!*



Margaret Helmick has moved to
Oak Grove Manor. Her new address is:
**8 Rainbow Lane ,
Room #8, Waynesboro, Va. 22980**

A Note of Sincere Appreciation

*To the United Methodist Women - Thank you for the
special Mission Recognition given to me. I am really
just part of a team of women who make the Moon
Bags! You truly surprised me! Thank you!*

-Linda Wiseman

*Dear Rev. Weeks and Verona UMC,
Thank you for hosting our Spring Hymn Festival. It
is always a pleasure performing at Verona UMC.*
-The Staunton Choral Society

*To my wonderful church family,
Sincerest, heartfelt thanks to all for the many birth-
day wishes received via cards, calls, visits and hugs!
It was a day of pampering and fun....God is SOOO
good! ALL THE TIME.* *-My love, Mel Holst*

*Verona United Methodist Church,
Thank you very much for the support over the years
and thank you for an amazing church family. Verona
UMC is a place I am glad to call home. I appreci-
ate the gift card!* *-Thank you, Rachel Jennings*

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the visits, food, prayers and calls. A
special thank you to Pastor Bob for the wonderful
service and to Pastor Shawna for what she added to
the service. Thank you to the ladies that provided
the food. You all hold a special place in our hearts.*
-Curtis and Shirley Carter

*Dear Verona UMC Church Family,
I cannot tell you how much your love and support
has meant to me and my family. The pain caused by
the sudden passing of my son Jeremy was eased by
your many prayers and acts of kindness. I will never
forget that you were there when we needed you.*
- Robby Spiggle

*The family of Cindy Alexander Roberts, daughter of
the late Paul & Judy (Dunsmore) Alexander, thank
you for your caring words, calls, texts, cards and
loving concern at her passing. Special thanks to
Rev. Shawna for her outreach to the family and for
the inspirational graveside service.*
- Wendell & Sara Alexander

*Card Blessing Group, I cannot thank you enough for
all the beautiful cards you send Bill and I. You also
send cards to Samantha frequently. I cannot tell
you how much this means to open a beautiful card
with a nice note of encouragement. You are truly
making a positive impact and sharing God's love.
Thank you—I am grateful for each one of you.*
- Carolyn, Bill and Sam Harlow

Verona UMC July/August 2019 Calendar

Church meetings/events

- July 3** - Vesper Service at Gypsy Hill Park
 (Our VUMC/A7F children are singing)
- July 4** - Independence Day
- July 14—26** - Pastor Shawna at Duke University
- July 16** - Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- August 2** - End of Summer Fire Pit Bash
- August 5** - WRE Team Meeting Rm 147
- August 17** - VUMC Executive Meeting 10 a.m.
- August 19** - Sept./Oct. Newsletter Deadline
- August 20** - Finance Meeting 7 p.m.
- August 22** - Red Cross Blood Drive 12 - 5 p.m.

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 11:00 a.m.

Prayer meeting held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Verona Community Center

Choir rehearsals held Wednesday evenings starting in August at 6:15 pm and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Esther Circle - 3rd Monday; monthly 2 p.m., 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 6:30pm BRMH



7/1 Kyle VanLear	7/13 Rachel Jennings	7/26 Dennis Porter	8/7 Alisa Brooks	8/19 Margaret Helmick
John Rehm	Justin Rexrode	Tom Upton	Ally Reeser	Corryn Ruoto
Kirk Wagner	7/14 Rebecca Austin	7/27 Stephanie Wiseman	Jerry Lockridge	8/2 Mike Cash
7/2 Scott Maynard	Jessica Blosser	7/28 Jean May	Bernard Bean	Amy Lambert
7/3 Laura Rohrer	Chris Broce	Jed Alger	Fred Wills	Betty Wymer
7/5 Rose Armstrong	7/15 Rita Austin	7/29 Mindy Hickman	Bee Myers	8/23 Phyllis Porter
Jean Bean	7/16 Brian Myers	7/30 James Pugh	8/8 Canyon Ruoto	Barbara Richardson
Corey Chestnut	7/17 Dustin Dedrick	7/31 RC Moyers	8/12 Nicholas Jones	8/23 Sydney Breeden
7/6 Bryan Wills	7/18 Louise Fultz		8/13 Glen Flavin	Thelma Smith
Mary Jane Ayers	Bill Mayle		Brian Karicofe	8/24 Cole Ruoto
7/7 Laura Gurkin	Ray Smith		Emily Neighbors	8/26 Pam Davis
7/8 Wesley Harris	7/19 Logan Bean		Erin Tutwiler	8/27 Lu Weeks
7/9 Roz Carper	7/20 Ramona Jackson	8/1 Jeff Spiggle	8/14 Casey Mozingo	Diane Dull
Barbara Dedrick	Corieta Smith	Morgan Chestnut	Iva Dixon	8/27 Anita Hiner
7/10 Sally VanLear	Teresa Blum	Pat Forester	Gabe Huffman	Cynthia Roadcap
Shawna Hiner	Betty Lamm	Nancy Coiner	Justin Shifflett	8/28 Stuart Webster
7/11 Betty Fitzgerald	7/21 Gail Smith	Braxton McAllister	8/15 Nancy Campbell	8/29 Destiny Hitt
Brian Gingerich	Lindsay Shifflett	Patty Chittum	Carolyn Bean	Seth Galvin
7/12 Linda Smith	Greg VanLear	8/4 Caroline McFaden	Angie Quick	Mary Pat Fleming
Corny Wills	Pattie Smiley	8/5 Christy Mozingo	Wally Arms	8/30 Mike Utberg
	7/22 Doris Long	Shawn Brydgc	8/16 Doris Wright	Rhonda Carwell
	Peggy Horisk	Mark Woods	Monica Weaver Campbell	8/31 John Gray Jr.
	Mark Chestnut	8/6 Mary Lam	Garnett Andes	
	7/23 Michael Dawson	Bobby Breeden	Kailyn Nestor	
	7/25 Tom Sailer		8/17 Jordan Shifflett	
			Lisa Jennings	





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 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.



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