



**October
2016**

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**Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church**



From the Senior Pastor

In a hyper-active world of sensory overload, there are many things that vie for our time and attention. Churches are not immune. We can easily be physically, mentally, and spiritually overwhelmed by the temptation to be "all things to all people."

John Wesley once told his early corps of Methodist preachers: "You have nothing to do but save souls." Jesus had a focused mission statement: "To seek and save the lost." And our United Methodist mission statement is succinctly stated: "To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

In a rushed world with literally thousands of new church programs and books being marketed every year, we need to be careful that all we do contributes to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. May our mission always be clear and our hearts devoted to the glory of God alone.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

On November 9 we'll gather for our annual Charge Conference at VUMC to elect our 2017 leadership and adopt our 2017 budget. Our District Superintendent Tommy Herndon will preside. Please keep our Church Council and core leadership committees in your prayers as they prepare for the conference.

AISLE 7's CURRENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP TO VUMC

Within The United Methodist Church a new church plant such as Aisle 7 Fellowship is considered to be in a stage of birth and development that will one day lead to its chartering as a congregation of The United Methodist Church. For many church plants that may take five to ten years, or even longer.

Aisle 7 Fellowship currently relates to The United Methodist Church through the Charge Conference of Verona United Methodist Church. Until the day it is chartered, VUMC will oversee Aisle 7's growth and help it along its way toward chartering. Aisle 7 also relates to the Verona Community Center Management Board as a partner and user of the community center space.

Aisle 7 Fellowship has been a worshipping and serving congregation for just five months. Like most new church plants, it will have its growing pains and challenging moments. With the help of VUMC, the Virginia Conference, and the many individuals who have prayed and worked hard along the way, Aisle 7 is also week by week growing in Spirit and strength. With faith, a God-given vision, and firm commitment, I believe we will look back on this cooperative effort in the years to come as a shining moment in our church's history.

A QUOTE WORTH THINKING ABOUT

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do"—Steve Jobs

This is true not only of our daily jobs and professions ... it is true of our work for God's Kingdom. Fall in love with God and all God calls you to do and your work for the Kingdom will bear great fruit!

Our Mission

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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
 October 17**

Please submit items to
 Shawna Hiner by date
 above for the **November**
 Newsletter. By phone,
 248-7777 or email,
 shiner@veronaumc.com

If you would a copy of
Church Council Minutes
 please contact Shawna in
 the church office:
 248-7777 or
 shiner@veronaumc.com
*All meetings except
 Staff Parish Relations
 Committee (SPRC) are
 open to the congregation.*

**Miss A Sunday?**

Pastor Bob's
 sermons are online.
 Go to
 www.veronaumc.net
 and check it out!
 You can also receive
 weekly announce-
 ments by email.
 Call 248-7777

News...

Blessing of the Pets Our Annual Blessing of the Pets will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 6 p.m. at VUMC in the field on the south side of the building (weather permitting). All pets and their owners are welcome! Always a fun and meaningful event.

This year we are working together with Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in a combined event. We ask that you make sure your pet is securely leashed or caged for their own safety.

What Do People Do at a Blessing of the Pets? Many people bring their pets to be blessed on St Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Cantic of Creatures. The services may include a verbal blessing and are usually held at a place where different animals can gather.

Blessings may occur indoors or outdoors. Pets usually include dogs, cats, fish and birds but some may bring pet chickens, mice, snakes, etc. Some people choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend the blessing.



“Faithful Men” Music Concert Sunday, Oct. 16, 6 pm, VUMC Sanctuary

Each fall the Middle River Council of Weekday Religious Education sponsors a Christian music concert. This year, we will again host the concert in our sanctuary. The gospel group **Faithful Men** will begin the concert at 6pm.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Please make an effort to attend this concert to show your support for the WRE program in this community. It will be an opportunity to fellowship with and welcome the visitors from other churches in our community.

A freewill offering will be taken during the concert with **all proceeds going toward the operation of the Middle River WRE program.**

VUMC Homecoming Week

Homecoming Sunday this year is November 6. Worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with a covered dish dinner following the second service.

In addition to Homecoming Sunday, we will host three nights of revival services on November 1, 2, and 3. Preachers will be former VUMC pastors David Burch, Rudy Tucker, and Ed Pruitt. There will also be special music during the revival services.



**Sunday, October 23
 4:00 to 5:30
 at Verona UMC**

You won't believe how much fun you'll have! Decorate your trunk for Halloween as simply or as elaborately as you choose. Call the church office if you can participate giving out candy from your car trunk. We also need volunteers to help with set up, running stations, and cleaning up as needed. Candy donations are also needed.

The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

The following groups/teams/classes are scheduled to host Coffee and Fellowship time on Sundays in October and November.



Information and instructions are posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. If there are questions/concerns please contact Kim Cash, Chair or our Nurture Work Area.

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| ♦ October 2 | Home Builders |
| ♦ October 9 | Witness Team |
| ♦ October 16 | Petal Pushers |
| ♦ October 23 | Esther Circle |
| ♦ October 30 | Seekers |
| ♦ November 6 (Ann. Sun.) | Youth |
| ♦ November 13 | Rebecca Circle |
| ♦ November 20 | Open Door |
| ♦ November 27 | Worship Team |

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 Kim Cash at 607-7380.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

We Need Adults to work with our Sunday School at all age levels – Please contact Children's Director Amanda Hall or Kim Cash (Nurture Chair).



Food Pantry Donations

Assist local families in need of food!

On the First Sunday of each month we have a special collection for items for our church food pantry. Collection boxes are located at both entrances to the sanctuary. You can leave items at any time during the month.

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 14 ~ Middletown, VA

Trip to Middletown VA to tour Belle Grove Plantation. Cost will be either \$15 or \$20, depending on the group size, plus the cost of lunch at a place to be determined (approximately \$15) Reservations and fee due by Monday Oct 3rd (checks may be given to any committee member or left with Shawna. Please note "Salt & Peppers" in the memo line. We will collect \$15 deposit with a remaining \$5 (if necessary) due on trip day. We plan to leave the church at 8:45, tour from about 10:30 to 11:30, and get lunch on the return trip. Please get your reservations and deposits in to Shawna or one of the committee members by Monday, October 3rd; we have to submit our final count to them by Wednesday, October 5th.

Sunday, November 20 ~ VUMC

Thanksgiving dinner at VUMC following 11:00 service. Reservations required (to prepare enough food) by Monday, November 14.

Saturday, December 3 ~ Lynchburg, VA

We will attend the 2 pm matinee of "Jingle in the City" at Thomas Roads Baptist Church. This is a live Broadway-style musical featuring the Living Christmas Tree. Find out more: <http://viriniachristmasspectacular.com>. We have 15 tickets in prime section available on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$25 plus lunch on your own (usually around \$15). We will leave VUMC at 9:45 am and return by 7 p.m. We will try to purchase additional tickets if we have more interest than tickets, but those persons might not be seated with the rest of the group and could be in a non-prime seat.

For more information on upcoming events, contact:

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

"Where two or three are gathered in His name..."



... there He is also. We invite you to join us for **weekly prayer meetings** for our church on these dates:

Verona Community Center:

Monday, Oct. 3 at 9 AM
Monday, Oct. 10 at 9 AM
Monday, Oct. 17 at 9 AM
Monday, Oct. 24 at 9 AM

In Golden Deeds Room:

Wed., Oct. 5 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 12 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 19 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 26 at 6:30 PM

Welcome New Members!

We welcome the following new members to Verona United Methodist Church:

Ron & Sandy McAllister
209 Rome Ave., Staunton, VA 24401
Ray Patterson
285 Fadley Rd., Weyers Cave, VA 24486



Online Giving Available It's easy, safe and secure. Go to the church website (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.

Mission Central Help Needed

The Harrisonburg District UMC Mission Central needs volunteers to help with **switching clothes from summer to winter starting September 1st**. We will work Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 until the job is complete. Mission Central is located at Cedar Grove UMC, 1712 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg, VA

If we have enough help we may possibly finish in two weeks. We are in special need of clothes for infant girls. Call Artie Frederick at 540-208-7669 for further information.

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

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

Little Free Library

Now at the Verona Community Center

Take a book... return a book!

The purpose of Little Free Libraries is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. There are nearly 40,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing millions of books annually. We encourage you to drop by the community center and "take a book... return a book" at Verona's first Little Free Library!



Hours for Community Center

- Cafe open from 8:30-5:30, Mon.-Friday. Groups may reserve rooms from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Café Volunteer shifts are 3 hours: 8:30-11:30; 11:30-2:30; 2:30-5:30. Volunteers also needed for Thurs. evenings and Sat. mornings. Contact Lydia Weeks (lydspot@yahoo.com or 886-1460).

Volunteer at the Community Center

Can you give a few hours to the Verona Community Center each week? We are scheduling volunteers to serve as hosts on three-hour shifts, M-F 8:30-5:30 / Saturday 8:30-12
Email Lydia Weeks at lydspot@yahoo.com for information or to volunteer



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.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- ♦ Sunday, October 2, 5:30-7pm— Youth Dinner & Devotions, BRMH
- ♦ Sunday, October 9, 5:30-7pm—Youth Dinner & Devotions, BRMH
- ♦ Saturday, October 15, 2-7pm—Corn Maze, dinner out
- ♦ Thursday, October 20, 6:30pm-7:45pm—Ruritans meal, youth and adults needed to assist with serving
- ♦ Sunday, October 23, 6-7:30pm—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
- ♦ Wednesday, October 26, 4-7pm—Youth Serving a meal to a teachers group. Youth/Adults needed to assist

The 2017 Youth Mission Trip will be to Chillicothe Ohio June 24th-July 1st 2017. We are trying to finalize our mission members by December 2016. If you are interested in going on the youth mission trip please see Bill/Carolyn Harlow. This trip is for all youth 6th grade and older, and adults. These trips are geared for youth, they offer a scripture reading each day, morning and evening program, and giving back by doing community service work (painting, building wheelchair ramps, or other small home repairs). We will have a brief meeting at October 9th youth meeting to look at fundraisers and who will be attending the trip.

Mark your calendars now! The youth will be making Christmas gifts to give away. Sunday December 4th the youth will be painting (snowman picture) with Crafty Canvas (girls) cost is \$15. The boys we will be making tray out of wood (still finalizing the cost), this could also be used for a Christmas gift. Parents/adults are welcome to come paint with us, adults cost \$25. I will need a count by November 20th for *Crafty Canvas Painting*.



The children will be doing a Christmas production - "The Light Before Christmas".



We will have rehearsals on November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4 from 5:30 to 7. Dinner will be served each night.

The children will have their performance on December 11 at 6pm. Everyone is invited to attend! Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Sunday, October 23
4-5:30 p.m.

Back Parking Lot of the Church

Wear your Favorite Costume!

How You Can Help with Trunk or Treat

- ♦ *Cakes and baked goods are needed for cake walk*
- ♦ *Trunks needed*
- ♦ *Volunteers needed*

*Call Amanda at 280-1455 or
amandavumc@gmail.com*



Help Rebuild Our Playground

The playground used by the daycare and the community is in need of an upgrade. On October 6, 7, and 8 we need help in removing the existing railings and worn equipment and then covering the post with vinyl sleeves and installing vinyl railing throughout the entire structure. We will also be installing some new equipment for the children. The Daycare is providing the materials and will be providing lunch on Friday and Saturday for the workers.

On Thursday evening we will start around 6 to dismantle the existing railing. On Friday and Saturday work will start around 8 am. We will finish tearing out the old wood and install the new vinyl sleeves and rails. We can use help Thursday evening or anytime Friday or Saturday. Whether it is for an hour or for the entire time any and all help will be appreciated. For more information or to volunteer contact Larry Wills. (cell 540-457-1222 or lienew@aol.com). Advance notification is not necessary, just show up and enjoy the fellowship with the work!

Thank you!



to the Fall Festival Volunteers and all who made our 2016 Fall Festival a success.... To those who donated items for Apple Butter, Apple Dumplings, Bake Sale, Crafts, Silent Auction and Yard Sale...and to our stirrers,

tasters, canners, sales people and shoppers.

Special thanks to the following: Shawna Hiner, advertising, signs and emails. Sheila Fair, reimbursements, posting proceeds. Becky Woolfrey, beautiful bulletin boards. Bernard and Jean Bean and the Apple Dumpling Gang. Morris Hickman and the Seekers SS Class, Apple Butter. Wes Bean, load of firewood. Lu and Wade Weeks, use of their kettles. Youth and the Harlows, set up and take down. Homebuilders SS Class, the delicious breakfast. Pastors Bob Weeks pork rinds. Patsy Mayle and Petal Pushers, leftover yard sale items. Lydia Weeks, crafts. Amanda Hall, children's activities. Rebecca Circle and congregation, bake sale. VUMW and Sue MacTavish, coupon books, calendars, Angel Baby story books. Brian and Rhonda Reeser, Autumn Photo setup. Nancy, Bill Evers and Barbara Schuler, organization, collection and set up of the Silent Auction

We couldn't have done it without you. What a great day of fun, fellowship and working together. A total of **over \$4,000** will be divided among four local mission projects: 1) Adult Missions; 2) Verona Community Center; 3) Pastor's Discretionary Fund; 4) Backpack for Braves.

Lisa Glover, Fall Festival Coordinator

Visit Aisle 7 Fellowship

Aisle 7 Fellowship—meeting at the Verona Community Center on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.—is a second campus of VUMC. The atmosphere in worship is informal and relaxed, the music contemporary. We invite you to attend an Aisle 7 worship service and try out their small group Bible Study on Wednesdays at Hardee's of Verona. For info. call 248-7777.

Greetings from Aisle 7!

It's hard to believe that it's already October, when leaves change, kids are finally adjusted to being back in school - and everything turns to pumpkin spice. We have a lot going on with our church and our community that I'm excited to be able to share.

As many of you know, the Charleston, West Virginia area recently suffered catastrophic flooding. Homes were destroyed, families displaced, and millions of dollars suffered in damages to the area. Many churches and other organizations have come forward to aid those in need, and I'm ecstatic to say I will join other Aisle 7 and VUMC folks to lend a hand for a week in late September. We are working together with other churches across religious lines to get as much done as we can, and I'm personally looking forward to being able to give back in a tangible way to try and spread Christ's love.

Last month the ladies of A7F had a great time at our women's event, which even though it was "just" painting picture frames, was a wonderful chance to get to come together in fellowship and friendship. It was just another reminder that there's no substitute for being able to spend meaningful time with others. Since it went over so well, we are planning on doing another event on October 21st, so mark your calendars and watch for details to follow. We hope to see even more women from the church and community be able to come together for this next event.

Also, I was able to attend a multi-day church planting conference this month that was truly invigorating for me. Even though it's not our first month as a new church, we are still very young, so getting a little bit of guidance and perspective was extremely helpful. I'm looking forward to being able to introduce some new ideas to make our church even better and help us grow over the coming weeks.

I'm also excited to be able to welcome a church-planting coach, for a few days in mid- October who will be able to help us map out and envision what the future of Aisle 7 looks like.

Thank you again to all of the wonderful people who help make our church a success every week. We absolutely could not do this without you! We are always looking for new volunteers to help us out with our day to day needs in the church, so if you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. *In His grace, Pastor Kevin*

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Pastor Appreciation

If you see Pastors
Bob, Jeff and Kevin let
them know you appreciate
them and the great job
they are doing!

- sponsored by the VUMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee



Saturday, October 15
7 a.m.—Noon

VUMC Social Hall

Lots of great items!

Donations are welcome and appreciated

*Contact Patsy Mayle for more
information at 248-1857*

Hosted by VUMC Petal Pushers

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. If you'd like to learn how to do something, sign up with a group and help out. Questions? **Call Doug May at 241-5605.**

Samaritan's Purse The Esther Circle (a Verona United Methodist Women's fellowship group) will be filling Samaritan's Purse boxes for Operation Christmas Child at their October meeting at the home of Sandy McAllister (call Sandy at 255-6488 if directions needed). We welcome anyone from the church to contribute items for these boxes that are sent to children in many different Third World countries. For a list of suggested items for boxes go to the website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Lydia Weeks has a printed list of suggested items. Janet Myers has the boxes that will be filled at the meeting on Monday, October 17.



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

We accomplished a lot at our September meeting!

- Our Devotion/Program on Poverty theme was presented by President, Sue MacTavish and was based on the Luke 16: 19-31 – the story of the rich man and Lazarus.
- We set our Mission Giving Goal for 2017 at \$2000.
- We elected our new 2017 officers: President Joy Utberg; Vice President: Gayle Meeks; Secretary: Linda Garber; Treasurer: Millie Davis; Spiritual Growth: Grace Dick; Program Resources: Lydia Weeks; Chair of Nominating: Joy Tinsley
- The Offering was divided between Legacy 150 and Backpacks for Braves

Dates to remember:

- ♦ Oct. 13 – District Annual Meeting – 7pm at Broadway First UMC. Entertainment - Valley Harmony Chorus.
- ♦ Oct. 29-30 – Conference Annual Meeting – Good Shepherd UMC, Richmond
- ♦ Nov. 12 – District Leadership Training Meeting – Evangelical UM speaker will be Patricia Cline on Domestic Violence
- ♦ Nov. 13 & 20 – World Thank Offering
- ♦ Dec. 11 – Unit Christmas Tea – 3:00 pm in BRMH

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
Sue MacTavish,
Verona UMW Pres.



Mark December 11 on your Calendar!

This is the Date for our UMW Christmas Tea. Unit will provide the Tea. Bring your favorite tea cup, and some finger foods – tea sandwiches or sweets for 2 or 3 to share. Hats and gloves optional! (Please note: the tea is in place of the covered dish meal originally scheduled for evening of Dec. 1st) More information and details to be distributed later.

Ladies remember to get your “School Supplies” \$\$ to Millie Davis for the School Supplies (we need about \$10 per member – a big thanks to those individuals and circles who have already contributed). Millie reported: *We served the children of our food pantry patrons. This included 29 elementary school students, 18 middle school students, and 16 high school students. The grand total is 63 students that we helped to get ready for the first day of school. The families are so appreciative of what we do. We spent \$424.02 for the school supplies this year.*

VUMC UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle—meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm in homes – Pat Foster, Chair

Rebecca Circle—meets 2nd Sat., 10 am at Gayle Meeks, Chair

BackPacks for Braves

Verona Congregation --- We need donations for BackPacks for Braves (weekend food for needy Verona Elementary children). Our red bin has been moved to the front hall to make it more convenient to leave all your donations as you enter the church. Bin is marked Backpacks for Braves We need small cans of wieners & beans (wiener beanies) cereal bowls, fruit cups, small bags of chips, granola bars, pudding cups. And money! we will need to raise around \$4500 to provide the weekend meals (called backpacks) for the children at Verona Elementary. We expect to provide weekly packs for around 24 children – and it takes \$200 to feed a child for the entire school year. Please help us spread the word of this need in our Verona Community and other groups you may belong to. Checks may be made payable to Verona UMC with Backpacks for Braves in the memo line or if you prefer make your check out directly to Backpacks for Braves and give to our treasurer, Millie Davis, or me, Sue MacTavish.

- Thank you, Sue MacTavish



Compiled by the
United Methodist Women
Verona United Methodist Church

Get Your Copy Today

"Angel Baby Stories: Powerful Stories of Faith"

Now on Sale by our UM Women
for only \$10 a copy

You will want a copy of this outstanding book for yourself and more copies to give all your friends. True Stories of Faith written by members (or friends of members) of our Verona UMC Congregation. Get your copy Now!

When one woman told her story at the United Methodist Women (UMW) meeting, a fire was ignited. That one story prompted others to tell their stories and the idea for Angel Baby Stories was born. The UMW of Verona United Methodist Church pulled these powerful stories of faith together to share with others.

The stories are certainly not all about babies, and they are certainly not all about babies who died. But, they are stories about someone's baby whose life event somehow caused the author to realize that God had touched them and strengthened their personal faith in God.



VUMC Chancel Choir News

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).

Dates to Remember:

- Tue. Nov. 1 - Revival (Rev. Burch) Joint Choir
- Wed. Nov. 2 - Revival (Rev. Tucker) Aisle 7
- Thurs Nov. 3 - Revival (Rev. Pruitt) Joint Choir
- Wed. Nov. 9 - Charge Conference - NO CHOIR
- Sun. Dec. 18 - Christmas Program at 6 p.m. - Joint Choir
- Sun. Dec. 25 - Joint Choir -One Service 10 a.m.

Inclement Weather Rule:

If Augusta County Schools close early or cancel school, **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL!**

- * *The 11 a.m. Choir will begin wearing robes on Sun. Nov. 6th and wear them through Easter.*
- * *The 8:30 a.m. Choir will wear robes the month of December (Dec. 4 - 25).*

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- Online giving means your offering is received by the church no matter what the weather or if you are out of town
- With online giving, you can enter a contribution schedule for the whole year (or beyond) and never have to worry about whether or not you've missed a Sunday
- Online giving reduces our church volunteers' work in recording cash and checks
- Online giving makes more sense for younger adults who seldom handle cash or write checks
- Online giving makes church planning easier as giving becomes more regular and predictable
- Online giving reduces your personal time in giving—stop ordering checks, worrying about the check you forgot to write, and searching for your checkbook on Sunday mornings
- Online giving gives you the opportunity to use credit or debit cards and e-checks
- Online giving allows you to make a donation while it's on your mind, day or night
- Donations can be made from your phone, your computer, your tablet—anywhere you have an internet connection
- Online giving allows you to make general or special donations

Contact Shawna in church office (248-7777) for help. To set up your account visit:
<http://veronaumc.net/online-giving/>

Note that 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.



Elizabeth Weeks	Barbara Breeden
Thelma Smith	Caroline McFaden
Dot Hess	Glen Sutton
Patsy Dastoli	Roger Moats
Willie Lockridge	Louise Roadcap
Donald Smith	Frances Johnson
Ronald Smith	Ray Smith
Margaret Helmick	Charles Cook
Jean May	Larry Staples
Inez Fultz	Harle Jackson
Howard Rexrode	Joy Tinsley
Elijah Smith	Bill Welliver
Don McFaden	Jack Wine
	Kitty Wine
	Bobby Breeden
	Fred Foster
	Jeff Spiggle

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the family of Evelyn Kirby who passed away Sunday, September 4, 2016.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Wanda Weaver in the recent loss of her husband, James.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Janet McAllister and family in the recent loss of her husband, David.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Caroline McFaden and family in the recent loss of her sister, Emily Patterson.



Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you all for the chance to be with you and share about GraceInside. We are so grateful for your partnership as, together, we seek to change and transform broken lives. Thank you for your hospitality and heart for missions. Thank you for opening your heart to me.

Rev. Lynn Litchfield

Your generous gift provides the resources we need to supply, equip and support our broken and hurting families. Because of your generosity we are able to stand together with those affected to show how the power of love overcomes the forces of nature!

*God Bless, Ken
West Virginia Conference Center Staff*

Thanks so much for the cards and support at the passing of my mom. Thanks Pastor Bob for coming to visit and coming to family night. I really appreciate the prayers and support of the church.

Jim and Bonnie Revercomb

Thank you so much for everything you've done for me while I've been ill. I appreciate it greatly. I think of you all a lot and miss coming to church. I miss all my friends!

Love, Farris Gwin

What a blessing this "Angel Book" is. Thank you for publishing these stories and sharing them with me. I pray God will bless each of the contributors just as I know he blesses each one who reads it.

Sincerely, Joyce Winston

Thank you to all the teams and individuals who work so hard through the year to raise funds for missions, prepare hospitality meals, beautify our grounds, prepare first Sunday communion, inspire us with their music, teach our children, teens, and adults, lead our ministries..... There are so many ways God is being glorified through your lives!

Pastors Bob, Jeff, and Kevin

Thank You West Virginia Mission Team

We commissioned the seven members of our mission team at both VUMC services and the A7F service on September 25. The team is serving in Clendenin, WV from Sept. 25-30, replacing drywall and subflooring destroyed in this summer's flooding. They are sharing living space with another volunteer group, heading out to Clendenin at 8 a.m. each day, and returning to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Charleston in the evening, about 25 minutes from the worksites in Clendenin. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish their work.

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - October 2016

10/2	5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH	10/18	7:00pm Church Council & Finance Budget Mtg, BRMH
	6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145	10/19	6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
10/3	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center		6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142		7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10/4	10:00am Staff Meeting		8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
	6:00pm Blessing of the Pets-outside weather permitting	10/20	12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH
10/5	6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB		7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth serving)
	6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds	10/22	8am-5pm TOPS Fall Rally-BRMH
	6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	10/23	4-5:30pm Trunk or Treat Outside weather permitting
	7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		6:00pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH until 7:30pm
	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
10/8	10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146	10/24	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
10/9	4:00pm NA, RM 146	10/26	4:00pm Youth Serve Dinner for Teachers Group, BRMH
	5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH		6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
	6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145		6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10/10	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center		7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142		8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
	7:00pm WRE, RM 147	10/30	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
10/11	7:00pm Finance Budget Meeting-RM 146	10/31	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
10/12	6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB		6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
	6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds		
	6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
	7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		
10/14	8:45am Salt & Peppers Trip to Middletown VA		
10/15	7:00am Yard Sale Inside BRMH until Noon		
	2:00pm Youth-Corn Maze & Dinner Out until 7pm		
10/16	6:00pm "Faithful Men" Concert benefits WRE		
	8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		
10/17	9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center		
	7:00pm Esther Circle		

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.



	10/10	Lillie Cash	10/17	Betty Jackson	10/26	Chad Brown
		Kim Chandler		Addison Crummett		Emily Carwell
		Alex Davis	10/18	Janet Myers		Josh Drega
		Sara Jones		Samantha Breeden	10/28	Tony Marcum
		Wayne Wheeler		Miakota Phillips		Donna May
		Dylan Thornton	10/19	Larry Staples		John Mazingo
	10/11	Pat Foster		Scott Arbogast		Tara Welch
		Lisa Auwarter		Logan Hilbert		Noah Bussard
10/1	Jeff May	10/12	Kenny Cason, Jr.			Ashley Showalter
10/4	Lakin Stacy		Lisa Shifflett		10/30	Bob Wiseman
	Hope Bridges		Lee VanLear	10/20	10/30	Cathy Elkins
10/6	Teresa Tutwiler	10/13	Steve Woods	10/21	10/31	Howard Rexrode
10/7	Inez Fultz		Justin Chittum			Kacey Davis
	Mart Moore	10/14	Connie Neighbors	10/22		
10/8	Ellen Gray	10/15	Curtis Carter	10/23		
	Cindy Stuart		Scott Phillips			
10/9	Barbara Alexander		Jeff Reed			
	Nancy Wheeler		Kyle Bishop	10/24		
	Dallas VanLear	10/16	Cindy Gibbons	10/25		
	Heather Davis					





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

Autumn Words

M	A	P	L	E	T	R	E	E	Z	B	J
L	W	G	P	A	V	Y	E	L	L	O	W
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apple
brown
chilly
colors
fall

geese
harvest
hay
leaves
maple tree

October
orange
pear
pumpkin
red

rice
school
sweater
vegetables
yellow

What animal migrates in fall?

How is the weather in fall?



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