



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



October 2017

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Homecoming Revival

3 Nights—Oct. 24, 25, 26 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Matthew Bates, 10/24; Rev. Gayle Thornberry, 10/25; Shawna Hiner, Oct. 26

Homecoming Sunday

Oct. 29th with special music, preaching with Rev. Weeks, and a fellowship dinner following the 11:00 service.

From the Senior Pastor

[Our Sunday evening Pastor's Bible study recently discussed the 22 questions below. These questions, with their roots in the birth of the Methodist movement, continue to aid disciples to follow Jesus almost three centuries later as we "Encourage one another daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 3:13]

In 1729, while Methodism's founder John Wesley was a student at Oxford, he started a club with his brother Charles, a group soon mockingly dubbed "The Holy Club" by classmates. The Holy Club never exceeded twenty-five members, but many of those made significant contributions to the rise of evangelical Christianity in the 1700's. In addition to Charles and John Wesley, the group included George Whitefield, a primary force in both the Great Awakening in America and the Evangelical Revival in England.

John Wesley saw in the Holy Club the "first rise" of Methodism. Club members rigorously self-examined themselves each day with these 22 questions:

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite? 2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate? 3. Do I confidentially pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence? 4. Can I be trusted? 5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits? 6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying? 7. Did the Bible live in me today? 8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day? 9. Am I enjoying prayer? 10. When did I last speak to someone else of my faith? 11. Do I pray about the money I spend? 12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time? 13. Do I disobey God in anything? 14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy? 15. Am I defeated in any part of my life? 16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful? 17. How do I spend my spare time? 18. Am I proud? 19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican? 20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it? 21. Do I grumble or complain constantly? 22. Is Christ real to me?

These questions, asked of ourselves sincerely and regularly, can aid in stemming the growth of sin in our hearts so that Christ might fully reign. With the aid of the Holy Spirit as we study God's Word and put it into practice each day, I truly believe that an entire church, community, and world can be revived and transformed to the glory of God!

Bob

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
 October 23**

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 **Monday, October 2nd 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 again with Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and Aisle 7 Fellowship 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 the week of St Francis' feast day because of his love for animals. Our services include a verbal blessing and are held in the field next to our church building where different animals can gather. Blessings may occur indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. 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.

NOTE: Are you a dog lover? Come to our Fall Festival on September 30th, 8AM-1PM and receive a free dog toy (limited to first 50 requests, one per dog).

“Faithful Men” Music Concert Sunday, Oct. 15, 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.**



Concert Saturday, October 21, 7pm

“Every Now and Then Band”
 (the former Hee Haw Band)
 will have a concert to benefit the
 2018 Youth Mission Trip.
 Music will include a little country,
 rock, soul, oldies & hymns.

Refreshments Provided / Free Will Offering

Homecoming Revival Oct. 24-26

Rev. Matt Bates, Rev. Gayle Thornberry and Shawna Hiner will be our 2017 Homecoming Revival speakers. The revival will be held from October 24th through 26th from 7 until 8:30 p.m. each evening. This year's theme is “*What a Glory He Sheds on Our Way!*”

- Reverend Bates, who will open our revival on Tuesday, October 24th. He served Verona UMC as Senior Pastor from 2008 through 2011.
- Reverend Thornberry, our preacher on the 25th, currently serves Crimora and Annex UMC's as Senior Pastor.
- Shawna Hiner will be the speaker on our closing evening. Shawna is a candidate for pastoral ministry and VUMC's Office Administrator.

Homecoming Sunday will be held on October 29th. A covered dish lunch will follow our 11:00 service. The Family Council will provide meat and drinks.



The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



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| ♦ October 1 | Home Builders |
| ♦ October 8 | Witness Team |
| ♦ October 15 | Petal Pushers |
| ♦ October 22 | Esther Circle |
| ♦ October 29 | 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.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

Adults needed to work with Sunday School at all age levels – Contact Children's Director Amanda Hall.

Snacks for Community Center Cafe

We are always in need of snacks for the Verona Community Center Café. Little Debbie's products, small bags of chips, small packages of cookies, energy bars, peanut butter crackers, etc. are always popular. Just bring by the café Monday through Friday or drop in the container in our church's Donation Center.

Children's Sunday School Classes to Be Reorganized

With a growing number of children coming to Sunday School, Children's Ministries Director Amanda Hall has announced that changes are coming to the age groupings for classes. Watch the weekly E-Tower and announcement sheets for details.



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:

TOILET PAPER AND SOAP

(The regional Food Bank doesn't have these items so they must be purchased by our church food pantry).

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

Lunch at The Purple Foot ~ Waynesboro VA Thursday, October 19 at 11:30am

We will have lunch at The Purple Foot in Waynesboro at 11:30 am. Let us know if you would like to ride on the church van or meet us there. We will leave the church at 11:00 am for those of you who are interested in riding in the van. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 15th if you plan on attending.

Thanksgiving Dinner - VUMC Social Hall Sunday - November 19 at 12:15 PM

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served following the 11:00 am service. Reservations are required (to prepare enough food) by Monday, November 13th.

Wohlfahrt Haus' Christmas - Wytheville, VA Friday - December 15 at 12:00 PM

Please plan to join us on Friday, December 15 for a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus' Christmas Program. We will leave the church at 8:30 AM & return by 7:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious Holiday feast before you are completely immersed in the Christmas season. This original production is stuffed with all the Christmas songs you know and love, as well as dazzling dance numbers and beautiful costumes! This fun-filled Holiday production also features a breath-taking Nativity which is sure to put the whole family in the Christmas Spirit.

The cost will be \$52 per/person (this includes gas, meal & show). Please let us know by Nov. 5th if you would like to attend. A deposit of \$25.00 will be due at the time of your reservation with balance of \$27.00 due by Dec. 3rd.

Please give ALL payments to the committee members or Shawna Hiner. DO NOT put the payments in the offering plate.

For more info. on upcoming events, contact:

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



At the recent Harrisonburg District Council on Ministries Meeting, **Sarah Jennings** was elected to serve as the Young Adult At Large Member representing the Harrisonburg District at the 2018 Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton, Virginia.



Need for Weekend Volunteers at Verona Community Center

*Can't volunteer on weekdays?
Are you sometimes free for 2 or 3 hours on a
Saturday morning or afternoon
(or an occasional Sunday afternoon)?*

We have more and more groups using the center on weekends and we have a great need for volunteers to be present during their events. For more information and/or to volunteer. For more information and/or to volunteer, Contact the new Operations Manager, Ethan Eldred at 540-251-1276 or email veronaccmanager@gmail.com

"Afterburner!" Join the Fun on Friday Nights this Football Season

The Community Center's Shenandoah Room will be open this Fall after Fort Defiance home Football games with Aisle 7 Fellowship and Fort Defiance Young Life hosting. There will be music (live music and DJ's); games like corn hole, Foosball, Nine-square-in-the-air, and air hockey; snacks and drinks.

Volunteers are needed to hang out with the kids, bring snacks and drinks, and setup/cleanup. The four dates are 10/13, and 10/27, volunteers needed any time between 8pm and 12.

Computer Classes Verona Community Center will host three sessions of computer classes on Thursdays Oct. 5th, 12th, and 19th from 2:00-3:30pm.

Session I: What is a Computer? Basics from how to turn on your PC to how to use a mouse, keyboard, and printer for PC beginners.

Session II: What is the Internet? How to browse safely and securely to do useful things like email, connect with friends, and find information.

Session III: Computer as a Job Search Tool: Using a computer and the internet to find and apply for work.

*Pre-register by talking to volunteer at
VCC or by calling 540.251.1276*

Numbers that Matter thru 9/24/17

Winter weather and only one worship service on Jan. 1 & 8 severely affected attendance and offerings in January. Please consider "catching up" on your offerings if you missed during one of those Sundays.

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	92
Worship Avg. 2017—VUMC/A7F	204/42
Worship 9/24/17—VUMC/A7F	204/49

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2017	7616

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

Finance News

Budgets for Program Teams were due Monday, September 25. If you have not turned yours in, please turn it into the church office ASAP.

- Finance Committee Budget Meeting will be Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30pm, RM 146.
- Finance Committee and Church Council Budget Meeting will be Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00pm, RM 146.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



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



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 1st 5:30-7pm youth devotions supper provided

Sunday October 8th 5-7pm 9 square; supper provided. Meeting at VCC

Thursday October 19th 6-7pm serving the Ruritans

Saturday October 21st set up and clean up plus snacks for "Every Now and Then" band. Proceeds benefit youth mission

Sunday October 29th 5:30-7pm youth devotions and supper provided.

2018 youth mission trip June 30th-July 7th Delaware. This trip is open to all youth 6th-12th grades. We will be painting and some small construction jobs. These trips are geared for the youth. This is an amazing trip which is sponsored by Group Workcamps. If you are interested in attending please let Bill or Carolyn Harlow know by Dec 1st.

A special thank you to Tammy Shifflett for helping with youth Sunday.

A special thank you to Lisa Jennings for assisting making bean soup bags. The youth made a bean soup (40-50) bags were donated to the food pantry.

Children's News

Sunday, October 1 | Children's Communion Sunday

During the month of September, our children have been learning about communion, and increasing their knowledge of this symbol of our remembrance of Christ and God's love for us. The entire 8:30 service, including communion, on October 1 will be geared toward the children. Children will remain in the sanctuary for the entirety of the service.

WEEKLY BLAST from 5 to 6:30pm. Dinner will be served each week. We will be focusing on our Christmas Production (to be performed Dec. 3).

"Light the Night" Sunday, October 22, 5pm

Please join us for this Christ filled Halloween event. Games, candy, prizes, bounce house, cake walk, emergency vehicles, hot dog dinner, and more! Come dressed in your costume and be ready for some fun!

- **Cake donations needed!** Please bring to church on Oct. 22 and place on the stage.
- **Volunteers needed** to help run games and serve food.

Please contact Amanda amandavumc@gmail.com if you would like to help!



Mark Your Calendar!

- **November 19-** children's thanksgiving processional at both services.
- **December 2, 9am to 12pm-** Dress rehearsal for children's Christmas Musical. We'll have a pancake breakfast and prepare for our play while parents can enjoy a morning of Christmas shopping!
- **December 3, 6pm** "Sing a song of Christmas" children's Christmas musical. Rehearsals will take place during weekly BLAST events.

Greetings from Aisle 7!

It's hard to believe we are about to begin the month of October already! After such a great summer, full of mission trips and fellowship, I am looking forward to this next season of football and cooler weather before we get into the excitement and anticipation of the Advent season.

We are starting off this October on an awesome note with our next Song Sunday on October 1st. We want to spend a Sunday morning singing old hymns and contemporary praise songs, and we'll even learn the history behind a few of them as well. We will also have a Ladies Craft Night coming up on the following Friday, October 6th from 6-8pm in the Community Center. Ladies of all ages are invited as we make a craft, share in fellowship, and have a small devotion. Lastly, we will be having our monthly Community Meal potluck dinner Oct 29 at 12 noon. These meals are a great time to come together in fellowship over good food, and are open to all. Bring a dish to share if you're able, but no matter what, we would love to see you there.

I also want to let everyone know about an ongoing event that we at Aisle 7 are sponsoring. In an effort to be able to serve the community we live in as much as we can, so we have begun a regular get together called Afterburner (more details are available elsewhere in the newsletter). We're looking for volunteers to help us staff the building after Fort Defiance home football games to give the youth a place to safely gather and continue hanging out. As well, we are in need of people to donate snacks and drinks also. We generally arrive around nine and keep things going for a few hours. If you are interested in helping the community or your teen or tween is interested in hanging out after the game, we would love to see you all there!

I have loved being able to spend the last several weeks in our sermon series on Salvation, and seeing all of the great conversations that have come out of it. However, after our Song Sunday, I'm excited about beginning our new series, "How to Read the Bible". My hope is that by exploring the origin, content and purpose of the Bible, we can all gain more understanding of God's intent in crafting the words and stories we read about.

Thank you again to all of the folks that make Aisle 7 the warm, welcoming place that it is week after week! If you are interested in being a part of what we do every week, please let me know. We are always looking for more help. In the meantime, my door is always open if anything is weighing on your heart.

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin McMullen



The Children of Curtis and Shirley Carter invite you to celebrate their 10 years of marriage and their 85th birthdays on Saturday, October 14 from 2-4 pm in the Verona UMC Fellowship Hall. *Your presence is your present.*



- 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 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
- Donations can be made from your phone, computer, tablet—anywhere you have internet
- 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/>

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.

What Does It Mean to Be a Church Member?

A Four-Part Sermon Series, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29

Pastor Bob will lead us through four weeks of searching the Bible for answers to "What does it mean to be a church member?" For several decades church membership has become less and less important to many in our nation. The question is, "Why?"

On the first Sunday of our series, October 8th, we'll also have a "Name Tag Sunday" with everyone present given a simple name badge to wear. In a congregation our size, it's a great way to discover the names of those folks you've not had a chance to meet (and for some of us to remember those names we forgot somewhere along the way).

On October 22nd we'll renew our membership vows and welcome new members into our congregation.....

Your Response to Recent Hurricane Disasters is Overwhelming!

Relief Donations Approach \$10,000

VUMC members have donated almost \$10,000 in September to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Relief fund. 100% of these funds will be used to aid victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma (and any other hurricanes that effect the U.S. during this hurricane season).

42 Flood Buckets valued at \$2,800 donated by VUMC members

42 five-gallon flood buckets (also known as cleaning buckets) were donated by VUMC members in September as part of a Virginia Conference-wide drive. An estimated 1,000 buckets were collected from the conferences 1100 churches. The buckets contain cleaning supplies from sponges to trash bags to cleaning detergent.

Join a VUMC Prayer Group

Pastor's Prayer Group

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., next to Library

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

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 information on how to get involved—248-7777.



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).

Oct. 24, 25, 26

Revival ~ Combined Choir

Oct. 29

Homecoming

Nov. 19

Thanksgiving Sunday

Dec. 9

Dress Rehearsal for

Christmas Program

Dec. 10

Christmas Program

**Let's remember to pray for,
and support with our donations,
those throughout the southeast-
ern U.S. who were devastated by
the winds and rains of Hurricanes
Harvey and Irma:**

Contributions for UMCOR* Disaster Relief can be made through our regular worship offerings or by dropping your check off at the church office.

**Make checks out to Verona UMC
and note on check:**

"UMCOR Advance #901670"

*United Methodist Committee on Relief 100% of your offering will go to direct disaster relief



Have you ever wondered how you can truly meet the needs of other people? How your compassion can be redemptive and help those around you break the prisons of poverty they find themselves in?

A new 8-week class on "Redemptive Compassion" will be held at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Weyers Cave on Tuesdays, Oct. 3—Nov. 21.

Redemptive Compassion is a biblical perspective on how the church should be working to help people in need, holistically. This class will help with our understanding of what it means to be a person in need as well as explore how to best meet those needs through Godly love and compassion, hopefully beginning the process of transformation to break those prisons of poverty our neighbors so often find themselves in.

This class is made possible by the Love INC affiliate located in Fishersville. For more information, people may contact me, Rhonda Carwell through email (rdecarwell@gmail.com) or phone (540-290-2570). I am excited about this great opportunity we have and hope that many people will join us. It truly is a life changing experience!

Funds Have Been Raised for Showers at the Verona Community Center



With your help (and the help of the some local donors from the community who provide matching funds for the money raised at Verona UMC) showers will soon be installed and operating at the Verona Community Center. The plumbing is already roughed in and the \$3,000 raised will allow us to complete the installation.

Why Showers?

Showering may not seem like a luxury but for someone who has fallen on hard times it might be something they simply are not able to do. There are a number of situations that someone who takes advantage of the ministry might be experiencing. They may have running water in their kitchen but due to plumbing problems have no water in the bathroom. They may have been evicted or have no home to take a shower in.

There are also mission teams traveling through the area who can take advantage of the showers as well as the future possibility of the community center serving as a disaster relief center in the event of flooding or another natural disaster.

The showers will be open during special hours during the week. Toiletries will be provided at the center for persons who come without soap, shampoo, etc. Volunteers will be specially trained to manage the ministry during the special hours the showers are open during the week.



**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Sun. November 5**



Blood Drive

**Virginia Blood
Services at VUMC
Thurs., Nov. 9
12- 5 p.m.**

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



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

It's not too early to shop for Christmas gifts! The UMW has several fundraiser items that would make great gifts – for yourself or someone else! Please stop by our table at the Fall Festival, and throughout October in the Fellowship Hall. Or you can contact one of the officers listed below. Available are:

- 2018 calendars
- Angel Baby books
- Attractions Coupon books
- Rada Knives

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW events listed below

- **Thurs. Oct. 12 , 7pm** – District Annual Meeting at Dayton UMC – contact Joy Utberg for car pooling
- **Sat. Nov. 11** – District Leadership Training Meeting – Mountain Valley UMC
- **Sundays, Nov. 12 & 19** – World Thank Offering collection
- **Sat. Dec. 9** – VUMW Unit meeting (Officer installation, Candle Burning) with light refreshments, followed by caroling & Soup for shut-ins

If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 471-0263 , or reach out to one of the other officers:

Gayle Meeks – VP	Linda Garber - Secretary
Millie Davis – Treasurer	Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coord.
Lydia Weeks – Reading Program	Joy Tinsley – Nominating

**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.

Rada Knives The United Methodist Women are selling Rada Knives this fall. These are high quality knives and utensils that last a lifetime. Gift sets can be purchased, as well as individual items. We will be accepting orders until the end of October, and will have a demonstration table at the Fall Festival. Payment must be made with the order and delivery will be made December 3rd, in time for Christmas! Catalogues are available outside the church office and in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. All orders should be turned in to Joy Utberg, Millie Davis, or the church office.

UMW Books Mark Twain said "Those who don't read good books have no advantage over those who can't." Did you know that the UMW has many good books available for anyone to borrow? United Methodist Women have a long history of encouraging women (and men) to read books in four categories: Nurturing for Community, Spiritual Growth, Social Action and Mission Education. One of the books available right now is "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe--a book about a mother and son that started their own informal book club during the time she was going through cancer treatments. It is a New York Times bestseller. One reviewer calls it "A graceful, affecting testament to a mother and a life well lived" and another says, "This book is robust with love and laughter." To borrow this book or to see the other books that are available contact Lydia Weeks or Lisa Glover.



Remember in Prayer

Thelma Smith, Dot Hess,
Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver,
Willie Lockridge, Ronald
Smith, Margaret Helmick,
Jean May, Inez Fultz,
Charles Cook, Howard
Rexrode, Elijah Smith, Don
& Caroline McFaden, Glen
Sutton, Roger Moats, Louise

Roadcap, Frances Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson,
Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy
Welliver, Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Arlene Simpson

*So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right, for we
will reap at harvest time,
if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers and support during the passing of my mother. *Patty Chittum*

Thank You for all the prayers, cards and kindness shown during the recent loss of my brother, Ernie.

Thank you, Bill Sullivan and Family

Thank you so very much for the cards, calls, and prayers from you after my fall. I really do appreciate everything that you did for me. May God bless and be with each of you. You are a wonderful Church family.

Very Sincerely, Linda Toler

A Special thank you to Donna and Kenny Cason for cleaning the covers and replacing light bulbs at the BBQ Pit!

Apple Butter Crew

Thank you to our volunteers and donors for a successful blood drive. 41 blood products were collected. Our next blood drive will be Thursday, Nov. 9 from 12-5pm.

Helen Sullivan

Magazine Article Highlights VUMC's History

The October issue of the Virginia Advocate featured several churches who have integrated their churches' histories into their present-day mission. The following is excerpted from the three-page article on our own church's efforts....

FOR A REPRINT OF THE COMPLETE ARTICLE, CONTACT OUR CHURCH OFFICE AT 248-7777.

The Rev. Bob Weeks, senior pastor at Verona UMC in the Harrisonburg District, is a lover of church history, and at his church the congregation has connected the past to the present.

One of the ways they have done this is by making practical and symbolic use of an old railroad lantern used to light the 1870s community washhouse where the church first met 140 years ago. Last year the Church transformed an old grocery store into the new Verona Community Center and planted a new worship community named Aisle 7 Fellowship. At the dedication of the community center in March 2016, the now electrically-wired lantern was hung in the center of the entryway. The lantern is left permanently on as a sign of the light the church hopes the center will be for the community.

Weeks answers some questions below about the church and their connection with their history: ***Why do you think it's important to preserve church history?*** "There are a multitude of reasons. The foremost

is that our church's story is not simply about our present reality and the hope of what is to come. The Scripture grounds all that we are and will be in the stories of our past. We are woefully ill-equipped to move through the present and into the future unless we have learned not only the biblical stories of our faith, but also the stories that connect us to our more recent past."

"Preserving church history can also help us overcome an unfortunate malady of the church in 21st century America. We are a generation that increasingly longs to eliminate all risk, to move only when and where there is absolute certainty. But in our congregation's history there is story after story of people of faith taking risks for the sake of the Gospel. In 140 years we have met in five different locations. We have planted churches. We have been part of multi-point charges and found our way to status as a station church. We have been United Brethren, Evangelical United Brethren and now United Methodist. The community around us has changed so much that the majority of buildings and businesses that were here a half century ago no longer exist."

"Through wars and depressions and cultural revolutions, the church of Jesus Christ in Verona has pressed on with a message of hope in the midst of change. Preserving the stories of our church and community provide us with context, inspiration and strength for what lies ahead."

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - October 2017

10/1 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

10/2 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
6:00pm Blessing of the Pets, Outside

10/3 6:30pm Finance Meeting, RM 146

10/4 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:00pm 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

10/8 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

10/9 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm WRE, RM 147

10/11 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:00pm 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 10am Rebecca Circle, RM 146

10/15 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 6:00 pm *Faithful Men* in Concert-Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

10/16 2:00pm Esther Circle-RM 144

10/17 7:00pm **Church Council/Finance Budget Mtg**, RM 146

10/18 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:00pm 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

10/19 7:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH (Youth serving)

10/21 **7:00pm CONCERT to Benefit Youth Missions** (former Hee Haw Band), BRMH

10/22 **5:00pm KID'S HALLOWEEN EVENT**
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

10/23 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center

10/24 **7:00pm REVIVAL-Rev. Matt Bates**

9/27 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
7:00pm REVIVAL-Rev. Gayle Thornberry
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

10/26 **7:00pm REVIVAL-Shawna Hiner**

10/29 **Homecoming Sunday**
 12:00pm Covered Dish Luncheon
 5:00pm BLAST ages 4-5th grade, BRMH
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

**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.**

October Birthdays

10/1	Jeff May	10/11	Pat Foster
10/4	Lakin Stacy		Lisa Auwarter
	Hope Bridges	10/12	Kenny Cason, Jr.
10/6	Teresa Tutwiler		Lisa Shifflett
10/7	Inez Fultz		Lee VanLear
	Mart Moore	10/13	Steve Woods
10/8	Ellen Gray		Justin Chittum
	Cindy Stuart	10/14	Connie Neighbors
10/9	Barbara Alexander	10/15	Curtis Carter
	Nancy Wheeler		Scott Phillips
	Dallas VanLear		Jeff Reed
	Heather Davis		Kyle Bishop
10/10	Lillie Cash	10/16	Cindy Gibbons
	Kim Chandler	10/17	Betty Jackson
	Alex Davis		Addison Crummett
	Sara Jones	10/18	Janet Myers
	Wayne Wheeler		Samantha Breedon
	Dylan Thornton		Miakota Phillips
		10/19	Scott Arbogast
			Logan Hilbert
			Travis Chittum
			Larry Wagoner

10/20	Willie Lockridge	10/30	Bob Wiseman
10/21	Patsy Dastoli	10/30	Cathy Elkins
	Phyllis Mauzy	10/31	Howard Rexrode
10/22	Ben Harlow		Kacey Davis
10/23	Jim Neighbors		
	Ginger Blum		
	Tyler Lackey		
10/24	Vivian Dunsmore		
10/25	Jessica Showalter		
10/26	Chad Brown		
	Kristen Shreckhise		
	Emily Carwell		
	Josh Drega		
10/28	Tony Marcum		
	Donna May		
	John Mozingo		
	Tara Welch		
	Noah Bussard		
	Ashley Showalter		





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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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C	S	W	E	A	T	E	R	F	A	L	L



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?



KID'S KORNER