



**February
2016**

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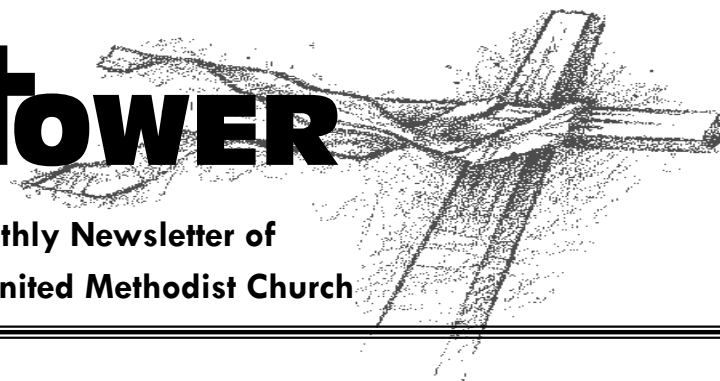
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THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



From the Pastor

There's an old, old saying: "Know thine enemy." With so many temptations today for pastors to keep their sermons "positive," I'm not sure how well we know the primary enemy of humanity; or how this adversary operates to draw us away from God and into dysfunction and brokenness.

For the six Sundays of Lent I've prepared a sermon series entitled "'Not the Way It's Supposed to Be.'" That title is taken from one of the most readable and impactful books on the nature of sin I've ever read. Assigned the book in a class at Duke Divinity School, my vision of the nature of sin and the glorious riches of God's grace was changed forever by author Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

On Sunday mornings, and at our Pastor's Bible Study on Sunday evenings, we'll explore why we cannot begin to appreciate God's grace until we understand the extent and destructive nature of our sin. By identifying the various ways sin invades our lives—and the ways we tolerate and even cultivate it—my ultimate hope is that through the cross of Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit can transform and restore our souls to the state God originally intended.

Here is the schedule for the sermon series "Not the Way It's Supposed to Be":

February 14	The Loss of Eden
February 21	How Sin Distorts and Ruins
February 28	A Cancer of the Soul
March 6	Parasite & Masquerade
March 13	Sin, Folly and Addiction
March 20	Our Best Efforts
March 27	Easter Sunday Message—Victory in Jesus

A famous violinist named Joshua Bell once played for 45 minutes in a D.C. subway station. Though he played a \$3 million violin and had sold out a Boston theater just two nights before, only six people stopped to listen to his music.

Who are the celebrities around us? Is it possible that someone on a mission from God is in our midst, but we don't recognize them? God can speak through "the least of these" among us but the sad fact is that often we're not listening. We're in too much of a hurry to pay attention. Or we deem someone too young or too old; too poor or too uneducated; too plain or too strange.

The prophet Isaiah once said that there was nothing about Jesus that should attract us to him (Isaiah 53:2). In other words, judging by appearances, we might have ignored him if he had walked down our street. Let's do our best to notice the people who cross our paths each day. They may be angels in disguise!

Bob

**What you
tolerate today
will dominate
you tomorrow.**

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 February 15

Please submit items to
Shawna Hiner by date
above for the **March**
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

Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper

February 9, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

*Pancakes, Sausage, Cooked Apples,
Orange or Apple Juice & Coffee*

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by Homebuilders Sunday School Class

Proceeds benefit our church missions



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 10 at 7 p.m.

A special offering will be received for the
Verona Community Center



Disaster Relief Mission Trip

Plans are being finalized for the Mis-
sion Trip to South Carolina. We will be leaving the church after the early service on
Sun. Feb. 21 and returning around 5pm on Sat. Feb. 27. We currently have 8 individu-
als who have committed to participate. We have room for up to 2 more individuals
who would like to be a part of the trip. We will be staying at the Trinity United Meth-
odist Church in Andrews South Carolina. Our work sites will be in Kingston South Car-
olina. We will be installing laminate flooring in several houses and possibly small
amounts of tile flooring. Materials are being provided.

The costs of the trip will include gas for vehicles, food for meals while on site
and a donation to the host church for providing a place to stay and facilities for us to
cook breakfast and Supper each day.

If there are those who cannot go but would like to contribute toward the cost
of the trip, you may do so by making out a check to Verona United Methodist Church
and designating it for the Adult Mission team. You may give them to the church office
or to Larry. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Looking for a Family Council Chair or Co-Chairs

This person(s) leads the Family Council team in taking care of organizing meals in the
church including breakfast on Easter morning, breakfast on Memorial Sunday, the
Church Picnic in the fall, and the Homecoming Sunday covered dish dinner. The coun-
cil also prepares meals after a funeral if the family requests.

There are many people on this committee to help with food preparation—we are
looking for someone to take the lead. Lillie Cash has done a magnificent job for many
years but would like to step down from this position. She will be glad to tell you eve-
rything you need to know. Please contact the church office at 248-7777 if you are in-
terested in serving in this position.

Dinner and a Variety Show February 27, 5:30-7:30pm

Come out and enjoy supper and variety show put on by the youth group. We will also
have a dessert auction during the variety show. Menu: spaghetti, side salad, tea, lem-
onade, and coffee.

The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

The following groups/teams/classes are scheduled to host Coffee/ Fellowship time on Sundays in January through early March.



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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| ♦ January 31 | Witness |
| ♦ February 7 | Petal Pushers |
| ♦ February 21 | Seekers |
| ♦ February 28 | Youth |
| ♦ March 6 | Open Door |
| ♦ March 13 | Rebecca Circle |

Coffee Time: We are looking for additional new groups/teams/classes/families/couples to add to the Coffee Time list – If you are willing to do this about 4 times a year (or even once a year) please contact 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).

Altar Flower Donations There is a calendar in the narthex for anyone wishing to sign up to donate flowers on any Sunday. Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and help beautify the sanctuary. Call church office for further information.

Nurture Team Meeting Tuesday, February 2 at 7pm in Room 146.

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 also 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

Dinner and an Evening with Carol Burnett ~VUMC Fellowship Hall Saturday, February 6th at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening filled with laughter and good food as we spend time with "Carol Burnett and Friends".

Please let us know by 1/31/16 if you would like to attend.

Lunch at Traditions in Harrisonburg, VA Thursday, March 10th at 12:00pm

Transportation will be provided upon request.

RSVP by Monday, March 7th.

Peace in the Valley ~ Wolfhaurt Dinner Theater Wytheville, VA ~ Thurs. April 7th, 12:00 pm

We have reserved 40 spots for what promises to be another wonderful Gospel performance by the Wolfhaurt Dinner Theater. The cost is \$50.00/person. We will leave the church at 8:45am and plan to return by 6:00pm. **A deposit of \$25.00 is due by February 28th with the balance due on March 28th.** Please let us know asap if you would like to attend as it may be possible to reserve additional seats.

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, January 31st**– RSVP for Carol Burnett Dinner
- **Saturday, February 6th**– Dinner and a Evening with Carol Burnett at VUMC
- **Monday, March 7th**– RSVP for Traditions
- **Thursday, March 10th** - Lunch at Traditions at 12:00pm
- **Thursday, April 7th**– Peace in the Valley at The Wolfhaurt

Please make checks payable to VUMC with "Salt & Peppers" listed on the memo line. You may give the checks to Faye or Carolyn or drop them off at the church office.

For more information on any of these events, call:

Laura Gurkin-887-2889/ Faye Wills-234-9410

"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:

In Pastor Bob's Office:

Monday, Feb. 1 at 9 AM
Monday, Feb. 8 at 9 AM
Monday, Feb. 15 at 9 AM
Monday, Feb. 22 at 9 AM
Monday, Feb. 29 at 9 AM

In Golden Deeds Room:

Wed., Feb. 3 at 6 PM
Wed., Feb. 10 at 6 PM
Wed., Feb. 17 at 6 PM
Wed., Feb. 24 at 6 PM

Thank you to everyone who contributed socks, stocking hats, gloves and scarves during December. Our "Sock Tree" collected almost 200 items! Your donations are now being distributed through our VUMC Food Pantry, ComfortCare, and New Directions.



...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS

Online Giving Now 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.

This is a great way to give when you are out of town, especially for extended periods of time. It is also helpful for those who dislike writing checks—just a few minutes at your computer and you can set up your donations to be repeated for as long as you like. You can use a credit card, debit card, or e-check and donate to our church's general fund, youth or adult missions, organ fund, the new Verona community center, Aisle 7 Fellowship, or other special church funds.

Important note: when you make your donation using an e-check, the cost to the church is 1% of the donation. When you use a credit or debit card, the cost to the church is 3% of the donation. You will be given the option to pay the processing fee for the church.

Ultimate Values

By Michael Slaughter

Collectively, Americans owe over \$800 billion in credit-card debt. If credit-card interest rates average between 13 to 15 percent, and many are higher, you don't actually have to do the math to know that the interest charges are astronomical. In fact the average American household with unsecured debt has over \$15,000 in credit-card debt alone. So, how did we reach this point?

In part it is because it is so tempting for us to confuse imagined needs with real needs. The prophet Isaiah cautions us, *"Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare."* - Isa.55:2

Jesus warned repeatedly, *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Jesus was prophetic even for the 21st century in his admonition to keep one's guard up. If I have been "window shopping" online, the next time I open Facebook, the retailer whose site or product I had perused repeatedly shows up as a sponsored ad on my newsfeed, sometimes with a tailored ad featuring the exact product I had been looking at. The next time I perform a search on Google, the search-results page jumps in on the action as well.

We have allowed ourselves to be sucked into the consumerism vortex and can soon convince ourselves that almost all of our wants are needs.... Americans spend \$370 million a year on pet costumes. We spend \$5 billion a year on entertaining ringtones. Perhaps ringtones and pet costumes are not your area of weakness. I suspect you could name something that is, something that may very well be considered as foolish in the eyes of others....

There is no clearer indicator of our ultimate values than our financial priorities and practices — how we spend, how we live, how we save and how we give reveal the true altar of our hearts....

Look for a sermon series and Bible studies at VUMC on "True Treasures" coming after Easter Sunday.

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.

FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Sunday, Feb. 14, 5:30-7:30pm**—Youth meeting, dinner provided (practice skits for variety show), BRMH
- ♦ **Thursday, February 18, 6:30-7:30pm**—Youth to prepare meal for Ruritans, BRMH
- ♦ **Sunday, Feb. 21, 5:30-7pm**—Youth meeting, dinner provided (practice skits for variety show) BRMH
- ♦ **Saturday, February 27, 5:30-7:30pm**—Youth fundraiser, dinner and a variety show. Mission team will meet after clean-up. Any youth wanting to participate in the variety show please let Carolyn Harlow, Grace Dick or Tammy Shifflett know. Proceeds will benefit youth missions.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 28, 8:30am**—Youth are providing refreshments during the coffee time, BRMH
- ♦ **Sunday, February 28, 5:30-7pm**—Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH

Verona Congregation—thank you for thinking of us and thank you for your gift at Christmas time. We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to serve as the youth leaders, we feel so blessed to be part of a group that serves VUMC and community youth as well.

Bill and Carolyn Harlow, Youth Leaders



Coming Soon! All new busy bags are being created for the children for worship time. They will be for ages 2 and up. We will also be getting new lap trays for the children to use for the activities in their busy bags.

Hey Kids!

Join us for another BLAST
Activity on Sunday, February 14
4-5:30 pm ~ BRMH



Contemporary Worship Leader for Aisle 7 Fellowship

Are you musically gifted and spiritually alive in Christ? Aisle 7 Fellowship is a new congregation of Christians in Verona, Virginia, just north of Staunton. We are praying God will send us a worship leader who will share our commitment to love as Jesus loved and praise the Lord with all our being. We begin worship in February 2016 in the brand new Verona Community Center.

Responsibilities: The Worship Leader will work closely with the campus pastor and launch team to:

- Help identify the worship needs of the developing congregation;
- Lead the music and other worship components of worship gatherings;
- Develop a worship leadership team;
- Serve as a spiritual mentor to worship leadership team members.

Qualifications: As we pray for a worship leader, we believe God will send the right person. The only firm qualification is that you be a growing disciple of Jesus Christ with a burning desire to see his Kingdom grow.

Initial Salary: \$1,000 a month

Contact: Kevin McMullen, Campus Pastor, A7 Fellowship Email: aisle7kevin@gmail.com Phone: 248-7777

Community Center Nears Completion

The restroom floors and ceilings are done. Drywall is hung. Painting has started. Flooring throughout the center has been repaired and prepped for vinyl flooring.

A new heating/ac system is installed (provided by the building owner), and...We hope to be open in early March. Before that can happen, though, we need some help with painting and with purchasing equipment and furnishings.

The Verona Community Center, when complete, will be a place for church groups, civic groups, and youth organizations to work together in service to our community. A "no-pay" internet café will welcome guests and a large multi-purpose room will provide plenty of space for large gatherings, including a new faith community called Aisle 7 Fellowship. Other rooms will be dedicated to youth, children, and small group meetings.

Community Center Painting Blitz

We'll have a "painting blitz" at the Verona Community Center on Saturday, January 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come for an hour or more and help paint the new community center.

Painting supplies will be provided but we could always use extra:

- Roller covers (3/8 inch)
- Roller trays
- 9" paint rollers
- Paint roller extensions

It's crucial we make headway on the painting after the cancellation of a painting workday on the 23rd due to snow. Please call 248-7777 if you plan on coming or email bobweeks@veronaumc.com.

Community Center Management Board Elected

We are excited about the excellent Management Board that was elected by the VUMC Church Council last Tuesday. Members are:

Laura Gurkin, Dick Watson, Judith Cariker, Rev. John Crawford, Doug Houff, Bobbie Howell, Matt Dietz, and Rev. Ed Pruitt. Ex-officio members are Rev. Bob Weeks, Rev. Kevin McMullen, and Fred Wills.

GVBA Hears Community Center Presentation

Pastor Bob Weeks and Office Administrator Shawna Hiner attended the Greater Verona Business Association's monthly meeting on January 21st to share information about the Verona Community Center. About 40 persons were present representing area businesses.

Bob's presentation was well received and wide support for the center by the members of the GVBA was apparent. We hope this is the beginning of a strong, mutually beneficial relationship between the business community and the community center.

Thank You for Donations

We are so thankful for the \$60,000 from Verona UMC and the additional \$43,000 received from a variety of individuals, groups and businesses. These funds are being used primarily for the remodeling of the center.

We've also received some donations of furniture and miscellaneous items that are in good condition and fit our needs. Some items - such as our cafe furniture and kitchen cabinets - have been purchased second-hand, conserving our funds for other needs.

Honor or Remember a Loved One

You can place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday mornings by using the sign-up sheet on the big bulletin board in the Narthex hallway. Indicate the Sunday you want and call Shawna Hiner at 248-7777 by Wednesday of your week to let her know the type of flower arrangement you prefer and what you want printed in the bulletin. Cost is \$40 made payable to VUMC. Please write "Altar Flowers" in the memo line. You can leave a check in the offering plate or drop off at the office.

February 7: "Food Pantry Sunday"

Every week our food pantry, located in a house behind the church building, supports families lacking the means to adequately feed themselves. We encourage you to bring donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. Currently we are asking for baby wipes, black pepper, canned fruit, plastic bags, toiletry items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap and deodorant. Boxes are located at our church building entrances to receive your donations. You may also make financial donations on that Sunday - simply place your checks (or cash in a sealed envelope) in the offering plate. Be sure to note on your donation "VUMC Food Pantry."

Winter Luncheon Jan. 31, 11-1

The VUMC Youth are hosting a Winter Luncheon on January 31 from 11am-1pm in the social hall. All proceeds benefit youth mission trips.

Prayer, Witness & Dinner Feb. 28

Our next "PWD" will be Sunday, February 28 at 6 pm in room 146. All are welcome and encouraged to attend—Rodney Bussard will share his testimony. Contact Dick Watson or our church office (248-7777) for further information.

Read the Bible Through the Year

Once again our church is providing a Through the Year Bible Reading Plan to our members and friends. Pastor Bob says about this plan:

"The greatest feeling of accomplishment I ever had was when, at the age of 15, I read through the Bible for the first time. I used a plan similar to the one you'll be using with both OT and NT readings each day."

Pick up your copy from the church office or in the entryways to the sanctuary.

How to Help Verona Community Center & Aisle 7 Fellowship

- Consider being an Aisle 7 "Launch Team Member". Contact Kevin McMullen for information.
- Share about our new community center and Aisle 7 with your friends and family. Encourage them to consider giving support.
- If you are part of a group, encourage them to host a fund-raiser and give all or part of the proceeds to the community center.
- Make a monthly pledge - call 248-7777.
- Donate your time as a volunteer
- Pray for Aisle 7 Pastor Kevin and Rachael McMullen and their family.
- Pray for our neighbors who will become part of the community center and faith community.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Verona Community Center Volunteers

Can you give an hour, three hours, or an evening to the community center each week?

We will soon be scheduling volunteers to work in the café (no cooking involved) and other parts of the community center.

Email shiner@veronaumc.com for information or to volunteer



Welcome new members:

Paul and Cathy Yotka

540-271-4270

226 Harper St.

Weyers Cave, VA 24486

Kevin McMullen

Wife Rachael and sons Riley and Virgil

9 Neighbor St.

Verona, VA 24482



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

Please note our upcoming events:

FROM SUE MACTAVISH—UMW PRESIDENT:

Here are a few upcoming events that I would like to highlight:

- First, Feb. 4th is UM Day at General Assembly in Richmond. This is an interesting event and a chance to see our state capital and learn a little about how legislation flows in Richmond. You are provided information on how to 'lobby' for UMC issues/concerns with our state legislators, and provided time when you can meet with your representatives or sit in on a committee meeting. A good day. Registration is on-line at vaumw.com.
- The second is a first 2016 District-wide UMW event, Evening Together on Feb. 18th (Feb. 25th snow date). This year we are gathering at Otterbein UMC, Harrisonburg. The program will be on the Dayton UMC Youth Mission trip to New York City. A fun evening of fellowship with UMW ladies from the entire District.
- The Third is our First Verona UMW Unit meeting on Sunday Feb. 21st at 10:00 in the Social Hall. This is our annual meeting of Pray and Self-denial. Remember to collect your offering dollars using the pink calendar that you received with your 2016 UMB booklet.

Looking ahead to March, please mark March 19th on your calendars. This is the District Spiritual Life Retreat. It will be at Asbury UMC in their newly renovated building. The program will be presented by Barbara Phillips, who is one of the most creative devotion leaders I have seen in years. This will be a Wonderful event. There is a registration for this event and a fee of \$12.

As always, we will carpool to the District events, please let Sue MacTavish or Gayle Meeks know if you are going and if you would like to carpool.

Our UMW Circle Meetings:

Esther—meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm in homes – Pat Foster, Chair
Rebecca—meets 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am at Church

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 President

BACKPACKS FOR BRAVES

Remember to bring
food donations to
the VUMC Library
(red bin marked
BackPacks)

Prayer Groups Change Our Church and the World

We have three active prayer groups at VUMC that meet weekly to lift up the needs and praises of our church, community and the world. The first is a "Pastor's Prayer Group" meeting in Pastor Bob's office Monday mornings at 9 a.m. The second is an evening prayer group that meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Golden Deeds room. The third is a Friday meeting at 10 a.m. in Room 144 (especially for persons who are supporting adult children through times of crisis).



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 willing and 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.**

Beth Moore Conference Update

We have 15 women attending the Beth Moore Conference in Norfolk, VA on April 29/30.



I have purchased 15 tickets at a cost of \$59.00 per person. We have 7 rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn in Norfolk at a cost of \$113.00 per room. It may be possible to purchase additional tickets if you would like to attend. The price of \$59.00/ticket is good through January 29th. *Laura Gurkin 421-5707*

"Grace to Pardon"

Grace to Pardon
human err
the Father does
provide,
through loving eyes
He looks upon
the heart
to scrutinize
the ever frail,
struggling quest
of man
to survive
a world in which
His understanding
is often
most confined.

And powers surge
that we alone
cannot
recognize,
and desperation
fills our souls
that we, ourselves,
desire.

But in grace,
redeeming grace,
our virtue
is not lost,
for by the Father's
faithfulness
we're loved
at any cost.

And when we bow
our humble heads
to offer
simple prayer,
let us thank God
for the grace
that pardon's
human err.

*Thank you for your support and generosity!
Joy Tinsley, VUMC Music Director*

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 27:14

Ways to Serve on Sunday Mornings

If you are interested in becoming involved in one of the following ministries, just call our Office Administrator Shawna Hiner in the church office at 248-7777:

- Ushers: Collect morning offerings; assist guests with seating; be emergency contact for nursery
- Greeters: Greet guests at entryways and hand out worship bulletins
- Audio/Visual Team: Operate the soundboard and Power-Point slides
- Counters: Assist in the counting and recording of offerings.



Blood Drive

**Virginia Blood
Services
will be here**

**Thursday, February 25
12-5 p.m.**

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



Thelma Smith
Dot Hess
Patsy Dastoli
Willie Lockridge
Donald Smith
Ronald Smith
Margaret Helmick
Jean May
Inez Fultz
Howard Rexrode
Elijah Smith
Don McFaden
Jeff Spiggle

Barbara Breeden
Caroline McFaden
Glen Sutton
Roger Moats
Louise Roadcap
Frances Johnson
Ray Smith
Tammy Woods
Charles Cook
Larry Staples
Harle Jackson
Joy Tinsley
Bill Welliver
Jack Wine
Kitty Wine
Rev. Clay Knick

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Doris Wright in the recent loss of her sister-in-law, Mildred Wright Henson.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Ronnie Broce in the recent loss of his father, Grayson Broce.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Harry Lockridge in the recent loss of his sister, Maxine Yancey.

Congratulations to Mike and Elizabeth Powers in the recent birth of their son, Luke Wyatt, born January 12, 2016. Proud grandparents are Don and Debbie Powers.

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

I would just like to take a moment to truly thank the Seekers class and others who so willingly helped my family in replacing the roof, ceiling, etc. and for the financial support. It was a lot of hard work and I never expected the support you all offered. I was at a loss as to what to do when the roof and ceiling were caving in and a friend reminded me to put it in God's hands. When I did, He sent all of you! It was amazing to watch everyone put so much in to a project for us. My sons and I learned so much about roofing and often talk about the fun, sweat and tears put into our home. You have always been a part of our hearts and now you are all a part of our home. Thank you, again, for everything and we love you. I hope one day I will be able to help out each and every one of you – I'm a carpenter now, you know!!!

Lisa Auwarter

Thank you for your gift of \$663 given to Disaster Response (UMCOR). Your gift is greatly appreciated.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes

Notes of Sincere Appreciation Continued...

Dear Pastor Bob and Church Members,
Thank you for the prayers, support and cards during the illness and passing of our sweet Angel, Aubrey Lee.

Dana McCray and Family

Dear People of Verona UMC,
Thank you for the Christmas gift I received. Thank you even more for the generous ways you share your lives and your faith with Susan and me. May God's blessing rest upon you and this church throughout 2016.

In Christ, Jeff Allen

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so very much for your very generous gift at Christmas. Thank you, too, for all of the care and concert for Bill's health scare on Dec. 20th. We appreciate you caring. May 2016 be a blessing to each of you!

Love, Linda Toler

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift! I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! You mean so much to me in so many ways. You are not only generous at Christmas, but all throughout the year through your concern for my family, your compliments and appreciation of the music and most importantly for just being there! There have been so many times that you have been the voices of God's messages to me and you don't even know it. I never leave church without someone making a comment or doing something that makes my day brighter. You are an incredible group of people and I thank God for each and every one of you!

May His blessings be upon you all! Rhonda Reeser

To the Salt and Pepper's,
Thank you ALL so very much for the thoughtful Christmas gifts. While the gesture is GREATLY appreciated, we should be the ones giving you all gifts as our lives have been blessed by each and every one of you! Thank you for the opportunity to serve and thank you for the example of service that you have set before us. We are so very grateful to you!!!!

Happy 2016 and God Bless! Carolyn, Faye and Laura

Thank you all so much for the money you gave me. It is greatly appreciated!

Sandra Meade

I would like to say thank you to the people who made an anonymous donation to help provide a Christmas for my two daughters, Autumn and Destiny Hitt. It means so much to my family and me and I would like to say I am so grateful to know there are people out there that still care so much and have such a great heart! Thank you so much and may God Bless you!

Kevin Hitt

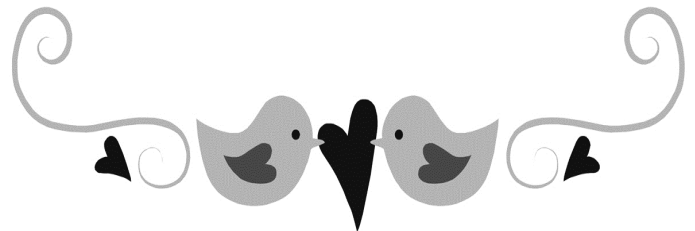
Thank you so much for your donation of \$632 from your fall festival for the Backpack for Braves program. Such financial help is critical to the program continuing. I also want to thank your church for housing and hosting the program. Such community support is integral to the success of this program. In addition, the availability of this program is integral to meeting the need of our community. Thank you so much for making this possible.

Sincerely, Janie Curtis

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - February 2016

2/1	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office	2/21	9:45am	UMW Unit Meeting, BRMH
	6:30pm	Scouts		5:30pm	Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
2/2	7:00pm	Nurture Team Meeting, RM 146		8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
2/3	6:00pm	TOPS, RM 143AB	2/22	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds	2/24	6:00pm	TOPS, RM 143AB
	6:30pm	11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		6:00pm	Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
	7:15pm	8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		6:30pm	11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141		7:15pm	8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
2/6	6:00pm	Salt & Peppers Dinner & a Movie, BRMH		8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
2/7	8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141	2/25	12-5pm	Blood Drive, BRMH
2/8	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office	2/27	5:30pm	Dinner and a Variety Show hosted by youth, BRMH
	6:30pm	Scouts	2/28	5:30pm	Youth Dinner & Devotions, BRMH
2/9	5:30pm	Shrove Tuesday Dinner, BRMH until 7:30pm		6:00pm	Prayer, Witness & Dinner-RM 146
2/10	6:00pm	TOPS, RM 143AB		8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 103
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds	2/29	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary			
	8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141			
2/13	10:00am	Rebecca Circle-RM 146			
2/14	12:00pm	Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, BRMH			
	4:00pm	NA, RM 146			
	5:30pm	BLAST Children's Activity, Downstairs			
	5:30pm	Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH			
	8:00pm	AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 103			
2/15	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office			
	7:00pm	Esther Circle			
2/16	7:00pm	Finance, RM 146			
2/17	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			
2/18	7:00pm	Verona Ruritan, BRMH (Youth are serving)			

***Worship Services
held each Sunday at
8:30 and 11 a.m.
with Sunday School at 10 a.m.***



2/2	Avery Shuler	2/6	Ronny Rhinehart	2/13	Lauren Austin	2/22	Debbie Van Pelt
2/3	Robert Ritchie	2/7	Paul Tutwiler		Lori Racca		Mackenzie Halterman
	Randy Smith		Barbara Breeden	2/14	Laura Minor	2/23	Matthew Halterman
	David Roadcap		Laura Cason		Linda Garber		Ashley Whitesel
	Chris Lockridge	2/8	Brian Gingerich	2/15	Laura Andes		Susan Dewert
	Scott Cash		Charlotte Ritchie	2/17	Philip Dedrick	2/24	Cindi Shoop
2/4	Jim Long		Lisa Glover		Pastor Bob Weeks	2/24	Adam Cash
	Joyce Brubeck		Melanie Blosser	2/18	Amy Callison	2/25	Matt Forester
	Jalane Reed	2/10	E.C. Shifflett	2/19	Chad Simmers		Sam Davis
	Veronica Clark		Sondra Harold		Sonja Boice	2/27	Stephen Reeser
	Dustin Riley	2/11	David Wright	2/20	McKinsey Shifflett		Dalton Rowe
	Michael Racca		Alyson Bishop		Faye Blacka	2/28	Deacon Moore
2/5	Kristen Landes		Glen Sutton	2/21	Natalie Hiner		Bob Shuler
			Teresa Cook		Brandy Austin		
					Nick Shearman		
					Carolyn Simmers		
					Shawn Garber		





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Sunday Schedule:

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

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK