



**April
2016**

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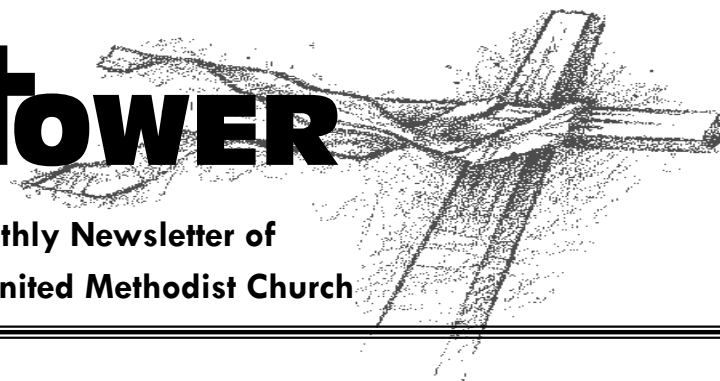
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**Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church**



From the Pastor

I recently saw this thought by an obvious believer in conspiracy theories: "We believe we can't breathe in outer space because that's what the government tells us. But what if it's all just a way of keeping us from trying to escape?"

There are a lot of things we accept on faith. Things that make sense but which we cannot personally prove. To make it through life, we have to sometimes trust people—and yes, governments—that we believe are trustworthy.

Of course, sometimes those people disappoint us. When that happens, it's sometimes hard to put our trust in them again. We may even become angry, cynical, or bitter. I know people who feel that way about God. Somewhere along the way they lost their trust in him when a friend died a hard death. Or a dream job went to another applicant. Or depression set in and they believed God wasn't there to pull them out of the pit.

But whenever I think of Jesus on that cross.... I realize that every disappointment, every loss, every pain, every grief I will ever experience was laid on our Savior's back as he hung on that cruel instrument of death. We are never alone in our suffering because Jesus has already taken that suffering upon himself. I trust him precisely because every step of my journey on this earth is a step he is taking with me as my Redeemer and Friend.

To say "praise God" for the remarkable journey our church has been on since last spring is an understatement. So I will say it three times: "Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!" Not only has God planted a new faith community in the midst of Verona, he has housed it in a community center serving every citizen, church, business, and civic group.

I encourage you to read Judith Cariker's encouraging report concerning the Verona Community Center inside this newsletter.

If you were in attendance at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services during Holy Week, you were blessed by our combined chancel choirs under Joy Tinsley's direction, pianist Rhonda Reeser, organist Linda Toler, and cellist Ethan Eldred (our new worship leader at the Aisle 7 campus). Thank you Lord, for giving us so many musically gifted members.

Have you seen the upcoming events for our Salt & Peppers group? Check inside this newsletter and consider signing up for what's coming up... you just need a little salt with the pepper in your hair!

Let's keep our youth—and their leaders—in our prayers. In a few months many of our older youth will be in the Dominican Republic and another group, primarily made up of our younger youth, will be in Pennsylvania. Both groups will be serving people in need.

Our Mission

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RELATE THEM TO GOD
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 US, AND
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 DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

**Newsletter
Deadline is
April 18**

Please submit items to
 Shawna Hiner by date
 above for the **May**
 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...**Aisle 7 Fellowship Dedication Sunday is May 15th**

Please mark your calendars for Aisle 7's special Dedication Sunday service on May 15th at 3 p.m. A7F will have their regular worship service at 10:45 a.m. and then invite churches and pastors from throughout the area to come together at 3 p.m. and celebrate with them the birth of this new fellowship of faith.

Youth Center Work Sessions We will be working on the Verona Community Center's "Youth Center" on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - First clean-up session
- Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. - Second clean-up session
- Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. - Painting

Questions? Please contact Pastor Bob at 280-3350 or bobweeks@veronaumc.com

Operation "In As Much" Needs You on April 16th

Do you have half a day to give to your community in Jesus' name? Operation In As Much is a cooperative project of area churches working to serve those in need in our area. You can be any age, gender, or skill level to help out. You'll serve from 7 am to 1 pm on April 16. Contact Doug May at 241-5605 to volunteer or for further info.

ComfortCare Women's Health Stride for Life 5/14

Pastor Bob and Lydia Weeks invite you to join them or sponsor them in this year's May 14th ComfortCare Women's Health Stride for Life. Proceeds from the walk benefit women and families receiving support through ComfortCare. Go to supportcc.org/stride.php to pledge your support online or call Lydia at 886-1460.

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 council 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. Please contact the church office at 248-7777.

Food Pantry Help is needed on Monday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. If you have some time and would like to help, please contact Danny Link at 255-1398.

**Blood Drive**

**Virginia Blood Services
 will be here
 Thurs., April 28, 12-5 p.m.**

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

**Upcoming
 Chicken BBQ's**

Saturday April 2

Proceeds benefit the Scouts

Saturday, May 14

Proceeds benefit the Verona Ruritans

The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



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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| ♦ April 3 | Witness Team |
| ♦ April 10 | Petal Pushers |
| ♦ April 17 | Esther Circle |
| ♦ April 24 | Seekers |
| ♦ May 1 | Youth |
| ♦ May 8 (Mother's Day) | Open Door |
| ♦ May 15 | Rebecca Circle |
| ♦ May 22 | Worship Team |
| ♦ May 29 (Memorial WKND) | Home Builders |

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.

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

****Schedule and Price Changes!!**

Please take note**

Peace in the Valley

**Wolfhaurt Dinner Theater, Wytheville, VA
Thursday, April 7th at 12:00 pm**

Please plan to be at the church **by 9:00 am (instead of 8:45)**. We will depart at 9:15 am with one stop along the way. We should be home by 6:00 pm. The balance for the performance is due **by March 28th** if you have not paid in full. We have 33 people attending!!!!

Patsy Cline Home Place

Winchester, VA

Thursday, May 19th

Join us for a day in Winchester as we tour Patsy Cline's birth place, have a delicious lunch and mill around the town of Winchester for a leisurely visit. We will leave the church at 9:45am. The tour is at 11:30 am and will last approximately 45 mins. We will have lunch at a place to be determined and if weather permits take a little time to browse around Winchester. We plan to leave Winchester around 3:00 pm. **The cost is \$7.00 for a group tour (instead of \$6.00 for seniors)**. The cost of lunch will vary, but should be no more than \$12.00. Please **RSVP by Monday, May 16th** if you would like to attend.

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, March 28th** - Balance due for Peace in the Valley
- **Thursday, April 7th** - Peace in the Valley at The Wolfhaurt
- **Monday, May 16th** - RSVP for Patsy Cline
- **Thursday, May 19th** - Patsy Cline and a day in Winchester

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, Apr. 4 at 9 AM
Monday, Apr. 11 at 9 AM
Monday, Apr. 18 at 9 AM
Monday, Apr. 25 at 9 AM

In Golden Deeds Room:

Wed., Apr. 6 at 6 PM
Wed., Apr. 13 at 6 PM
Wed., Apr. 20 at 6 PM
Wed., Apr. 27 at 6 PM

The Only Safe Rule of Giving

"I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If our giving habits do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we want to do but cannot do because our giving expenditures exclude them." – C.S. Lewis

**AUDIT for Church Account**

Holders Attention all groups (classes, women's groups, ministries) with accounts in our church's name. Please make sure you give your audit form and all of your bank statements to Sandy Rankin or leave in the church office by April 15. Thank you.

Sandy Rankin, Finance Chair

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.

Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 - April 28 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Verona Community Center Café.

Please consider joining us as we explore the "Perfect Love" of Christ, a study lead by Lisa Harper. You are more than welcome to stop by on any Thursday to join in the conversation! The homework is minimal and optional. It is truthfully just a time to fellowship and grow in our understanding of what it means to be completely and totally loved by Christ. There is no cost and no book required other than your bible. However, donations to the community center are welcome. Please contact Joanne Watson (540 292-9297) or Laura Gurkin (540 421-5707) if you would like additional information.

The 3rd Annual Staunton Choral Society **HYMN FESTIVAL** **SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016 AT 7 P.M.** **VERONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Featuring The Staunton Choral Society
directed by Raymond Hebert
with Congregational Singing

Four VUMC members will be singing:
Doris Thompson, Doris Wright,
Melinda Wills, and Sue MacTavish.

*An offering to benefit the Staunton Choral Society,
a 501(c) 3 organization, will be collected*



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.

APRIL YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 2nd 9am-noon Clean up at the community center, 8am-4pm youth are selling food at Meeting Place; proceeds will benefit the Dominican Republic youth mission trip

Sunday April 3rd 4:30pm Youth mission meeting (PA trip); 5:30-7pm youth meeting at VCC. Supper will be provided

Sunday, April 10th 5:30-7pm Youth meeting supper will be provided

Sunday, April 17th 5:30-7pm Youth meeting supper will be provided

Thursday, April 21st 6:30-7:45pm Ruritan meal

Thank you to Heather VanLear and Lisa Glover for helping with the youth meals in March!

Note that on April 3rd we will meet at the Verona Community Center due to the concert at VUMC.

We raised \$905 for youth missions at the variety show and dessert auction. We really appreciate everyone who came out and supported the youth, it was a wonderful evening as adults and youth shared their talent. A special thank you to Tammy Shifflett for helping with the youth skits for the variety show and for the sunrise service.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the children's Easter egg hunt!

We had numerous volunteers helping with children's activities, cooking lunch, hiding eggs, donating candy and eggs, stuffing eggs, setting up, and cleaning up. This wonderful event for the children was only possible because of YOUR help!

Amanda Hall, Director of Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School June 12 to 16

Volunteers needed! Please contact Amanda if interested in helping! We also need groups/ Sunday school classes to provide, cook, and serve dinner each night.

Hey Kids!

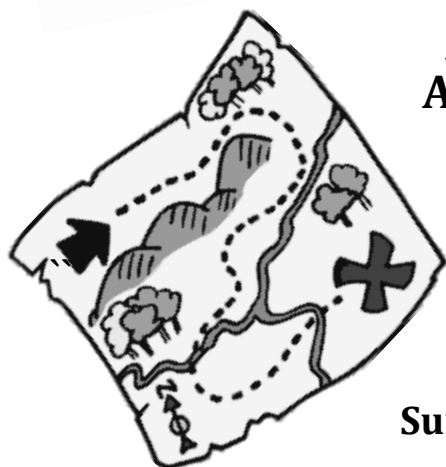
**Join us for another BLAST
Activity on Sunday, April 17
5:30—7:00 p.m.**

"Treasure Hunt"

Scavenger Hunt & Games

Dinner Provided

**(Downstairs
Sunday School Hallway)**



Verona Community Center

Report to VUMC Council - March 22, 2016

The Verona Community Center Management Board elected by this Church Council in January has met three times since. Members are: Keira Riccioni (Vice-Chair), Rosalyn Carper, Judith Cariker (Chair), Rev. John Crawford, Doug Houff, Bobbie Howell (Secretary), Matt Dietz, and Rev. Ed Pruitt. Ex-officio members are Rev. Bob Weeks, Rev. Kevin McMullen, and Fred Wills

We have set up four committees: Volunteer Corps Recruitment and Training, Operations and Programs, Fund Development, and Marketing. A volunteer handbook has been developed and training started. We have applied for two grants so far and a fund development plan is being developed. We are investigating the possibility of collaborating with agencies through the Greater Augusta Prevention Partners Coalition for programming for at-risk youth, parenting, tutoring and seniors.

All aspects of the facility, lease and build-out have been completed under the capable hands of Trustee Fred Wills, Pastor Bob, contractor Randy Sutler and many dedicated volunteers, with only minimal touch-up items left. Volunteers doing the demolition work, painting and other tasks saved us thousands of dollars as did reusing doors, lighting fixtures, etc. Tables, chairs, laptops, and equipment are in place, and Wi-fi and computers have been activated thanks to Doug May.

We received our Occupancy Permit on March 8 and began booking events that evening. As of today, 8 one-time events with potential income of \$1,306, and 7 continuous events with potential income of \$29,800 potential income have been booked. This would be a total of \$31,106. We have several events on some days, but for 284 remaining in 2016, we have 55 days of use already scheduled and requests for use are coming in almost daily. We are delighted to be working with several area churches as well.

The No-Pay Internet Café opened on March 21, and other scheduled activities begin this week; two continuous business meetings on Tuesdays, one during the day and one evening, a Bible study on Thursday evenings for six weeks, a continuous prayer group on Monday evenings, a soon-to-begin continuous Silver Sneakers fitness program on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and a number of one-time events. The Board has every confidence that operations will become self-sustaining very quickly.

At our last meeting of the VCC Management Board, it was unanimously approved to name the auditorium the John Gray Hall in memory of John Gray who operated a grocery store in that space from 1967 to 1997, was an active member of Verona UMC and a generous community supporter.

Our most critical need at this point is for a Person-in-Charge to coordinate all the scheduling of events and volunteers. Please pray with us for that person to be revealed to us.

Financial status: From August the beginning, until March 8, income has totaled \$107,964, and expenses totaled \$171,546 (rent/utilities/supplies \$16,418; remodeling \$155,128), which leaves a deficit of \$63,582. I have issued a Chairman's Challenge for \$63,000 in 63 days, and members are jumping on this as we speak. [Note: several large donations since this report have reduced the deficit by one-third].

It is phenomenal that this project has come to fruition in less than six months, and we are grateful for many dedicated volunteers and donors who have made it happen, with kudos to Fred Wills and Pastor Bob who have spearheaded this God-given mission from Day One, through thick and thin, doors going up and doors coming down!

We are planning a Grand Opening Celebration in May with praise to our awesome God who has made this happen seamlessly.

Judith Cariker, Chair, Management Board

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.

April 3: "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."

Prayer, Witness & Dinner April 24

Our next "PWD" will be Sunday, April 24 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. We will eat with the youth group again- please bring a covered dish to share. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact our church office (248-7777) if you will attend.

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.

Kits for Conference

Each year Verona UMC sends relief supply kits to Annual Conference. Doug and Sue MacTavish will handle this important ministry again. You can find the list of items and packing instructions for all the Kits on the UMCOR web site (<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>). UMCOR reports that: "We are currently at capacity with Birthing Kits. Please help us restock Health and School Kits."

Please bring kits to the church office or leave in the Choir Room the first 2 weeks of June (no later than June 12th). We will dedicate the kits on Sunday June 12th and then pack them up for transport to Annual Conference. Please follow the packing instruction carefully, and remember all items must be new and to include only the specified items.

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 veronacommunitycentervva@gmail.com for information or to volunteer



Yard Sale
SATURDAY
May 14
7 a.m. - Noon

Verona Community Center

Proceeds benefit the
Petal Pushers

"Caring for the VUMC Church Grounds"

There will be no yard sale on April 2
as advertised in March Newsletter



VERONA UMW

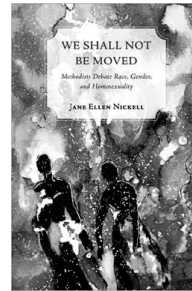


Remember your Prayer Partner

Please note our upcoming events

FROM SUE MACTAVISH—UMW PRESIDENT:

Please plan to attend the Verona UMW Unit meeting on Sunday, April 17, starting at 9:45 am in the Social Hall. The program will be a Book talk on the 2016 UMW reading book titled: "We shall not be moved." This book is a Bonus book so hearing this book talk gives you credit for reading two books!



Other Dates to Remember:

- **Sat. April 22, 10am**— Unit Executive and Circle Leaders meeting, Room 146
- **Fri. April 29 - Sat. May 1**-- Conference Spiritual Life Retreat – Blackstone Retreat Center
- **Sat. June 4** -- UMW Day at Ferrum College (let Sue MacTavish or Gayle Meeks know if you want to attend the fun day at Ferrum College)
- **Sun. June 12** – Kits for Conference due – leave at church office or in choir room

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

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

BACKPACKS FOR BRAVES

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

In March, 3 more children were added so we are currently providing weekend meals for 27 children at Verona Elementary. We have an immediate need for 100% juice boxes/pouches, fruit cups, pudding cups, tuna snacks, wiener beans (small single serving cans) and individual bags of chips and granola bars. Thank you so much for your support of this important community outreach.



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.**

Beth Moore Conference Update

We have 16 women attending the Beth Moore Conference in Norfolk, April 29/30. The ticket cost is \$69/ person. We have 7 rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn in Norfolk at a cost of \$113/room. *Laura Gurkin 421-5707*

Ways to Serve on Sunday

If you are interested in becoming involved in one of the following ministries, 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 PowerPoint slides
- Counters: Assist in the counting and recording of offerings.

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).



Mission Trip to Kingstree, S.C.

Our Mission Team was comprised of 7 church members: Noah Bussard, Mike Cash, Wayne Smith, Jerry VanLear, Fred Wills, Faye and Larry Wills. The team stayed in facilities provided by the First Baptist Church of Lake City, SC., a large church with showers, a basketball court, a youth game room and a recreation center.

This mission trip turned out to be a little different from our past experiences. The property owner, San Lee, actually worked along with us on several activities. San, whose American name is Michael, was born in Vietnam; he moved to the United States (Oregon) at age 19. He and his wife, Britany, have lived in South Carolina for 16 years. They have 3 children: Edward—15; Ralph—12; and Leon—8. Their home is located in Kingstree, SC about 15 minutes away from the church in Lake City.

As you recall, the flooding occurred in late September 2015. All of the flooding in Kingstree was from the Black River cresting. Flood stage for the Black River is 12'; the river crested at 22'. This was the worst flooding since 1973. The home received 4' of water above the front porch which is about 3+ feet above ground level. Further, it has rained 1-2 inches each week since the flood. Several inches of water are still across the road below Michael's home.

The work performed by the team included:

- Placed tile in the kitchen and hallway
- Rehung several doors throughout the house, included installing trim around the door. Since each door was different this became a very slow and exacting process.
- Installed Levelor blinds over a large window
- Installed laminate flooring in bathroom closet
- Installed bi-fold doors in pantry
- Repaired storm windows
- Replaced storm door on front of house
- Installed electrical box in living room

Faye Wills was our own personal chief. We ate very well and each of us thanks her for her contributions to our mission trip. All in all, the team had a very successful, but tiring week.

The team would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support before and during the trip. We especially want to thank our individual prayer partners who prayed daily for us during the time we were there. We also want to thank those who supported us financially. Without your support these types of trips would not be possible.

Submitted by Larry Wills and Jerry VanLear



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

Our Christian Love and Sympathy

are extended to Barbara Breeden in the recent loss of her aunt, Elsie Jones.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy

are extended to Bill Toler in the recent loss of his brother, Richard Toler.

Memorial Donations

- A donation to the VUMC memorial fund was received from Walter G. Steele in remembrance of his wife, Peggy S. Steele, who recently passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Steele were married at Verona EUB Church in June 1957.
- A donation by Jo Ann Cason and Donna Alexander to the Verona Community Center was received in memory of Paul Roadcap.

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits during my knee surgery and recovery. Your kindness is appreciated.
Kenny Cason, Jr.

Thank you for all the calls, prayers and cards during my recent knee surgery and recovery.
Bernard Bean

It has been a pleasure serving you! We appreciate your business and the confidence you have placed in us. Again, thank you!
Jeff Sheaves, Sheaves Floors

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped with our blood drive in February. 36 units were collected. Our next blood drive will be Thursday, April 28 from 12-4 p.m.
Helen Sullivan

My sincerest thanks and appreciation to all who called, sent cards, brought food, and visited through my weeks of illness. Thank you Reverend Jeff Allen for the uplifting prayer. I am truly blest and well on the mend. May God's richest blessings be with each of you!

"Mel" Holst

We want to thank everyone who made a donation to the Autism Walk on behalf of Brady, especially the Open Door class and The Apple Dumpling Gang. We are so grateful for your generous contributions! We also want to thank Pat Foster and Brett and Melinda Wills for bringing awareness to this event and worthy cause.
Alisa, Dan & Brady Fernez

Dear VUMC Family,
Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and words of caring in the death of Bill's brother, Dicky. Thank you Pastor Bob, for your call. May each of you have a very blessed Easter.
Very Sincerely, Bill and Linda Toler

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - April 2016

4/2	9:00-Noon Clean-up in Youth Center at VCC Chicken BBQ-Scouts	4/20	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
4/3	5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, VCC 7:00pm Staunton Choral Society Hymn Festival-Sanctuary	4/21	7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth are serving)
4/4	9:00am Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office 6:30pm Scouts	4/23	10:00am UMW Exec. Comm. & Circle Leaders-RM 146 3:00pm Verona Ruritans-BRMH
4/5	6:00pm Trustees Meeting, RM 146 (Bldg Walk Through)	4/24	5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH 5:30pm Prayer, Witness & Dinner eat with Youth 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
4/6	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	4/25	9:00am Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office 6:30pm Scouts
4/7	8:45am Salt & Peppers Trip to Wytheville	4/27	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
4/9	10:00am Rebecca Circle-RM 146	4/28	12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH
4/10	4:00pm NA, RM 146 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH 6:00pm Last Lenten Bible Study-RM 146 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141	4/29-30	Beth Moore Conference in Norfolk
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4/17	9:45am UMW Unit Meeting-BRMH 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 103		
4/18	9:00am Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Esther Circle		
4/19	7:00pm Finance Meeting, RM 146		

***Worship Services
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Our second campus,
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4/1	Faith Bridges	4/8	Donna Poe	4/18	Dot Farren	4/26	Megan Blosser
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		4/16	Alisa Fernez		Patsy Perry Myers		
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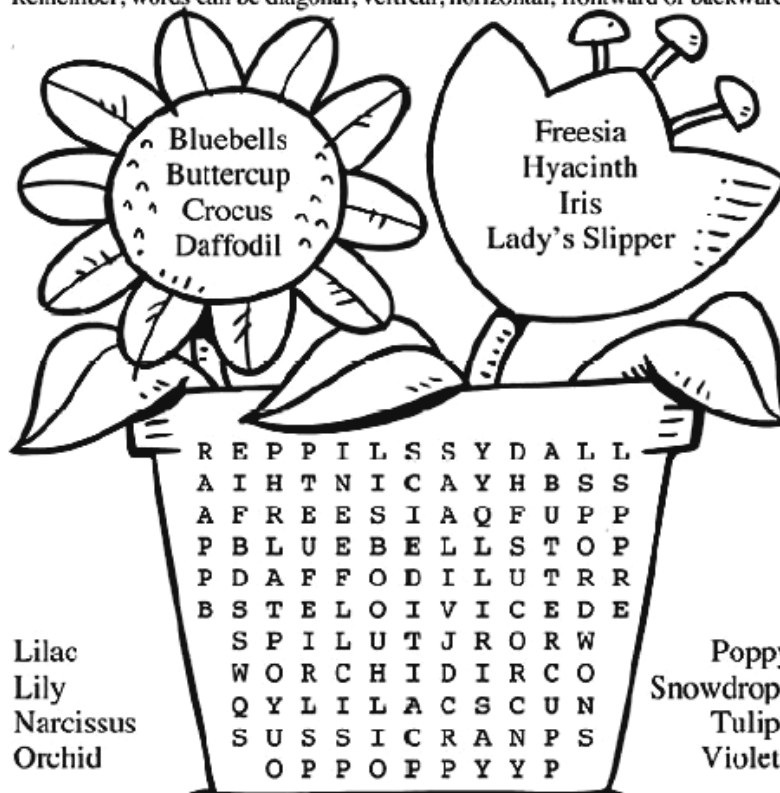
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Sunday Schedule:

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

Spring Flower Word Search

Try to find all of the hidden spring flower related words in the puzzle below.
Remember, words can be diagonal, vertical, horizontal, frontward or backwards.



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