



**June
2016**

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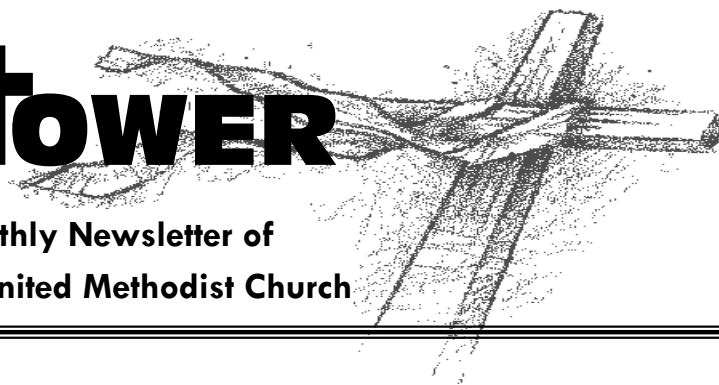
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**Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church**



From the Pastor

In mid-May The United Methodist Church appeared to be in crisis at its world-wide, every-four-years General Conference in Portland, Oregon, threatening to sink like a great ship straining to move in too many directions under too many captains. One internet headline shouted, "All Hell Breaks Loose at United Methodist Conference." As numerous special interest groups vied to take the helm, one delegate in Portland appropriately quipped, "I believe we're even confusing God at this point."

Eventually, the Council of Bishops, urged on by delegates' impassioned pleas for the Bishops to exercise their leadership, came up with a plan—of sorts. All proposals concerning human sexuality were tabled. A commission will be formed to review those portions of The Book of Discipline addressing human sexuality. And a special General Conference will be called to address these issues, presumably in 2017 or 2018. (Note: The United Methodist Church has never held an interim General Conference in its history. That one is to be held is evidence of the threat the issues surrounding the practice of homosexuality represent to the unity of the church.)

By tabling the proposals and forming a commission, we effectively kicked the proverbial can further down the road and nothing changed.

My personal observation is that our central crisis as a church is not around human sexuality. It is around the Bible as our authoritative source for faith and practice. Some question whether the Bible is a trustworthy guide for life in the 21st century? Others challenge whether we can hold up the Bible as authoritative on the practice of homosexuality while largely ignoring its condemnation of divorce and cohabitation outside of marriage? Still others wonder whether such an ancient document can provide all that is needed to lead a modern, culturally relevant church into the future?

The result of this crisis of confidence in God's Word means that many churches have lost the beacon that once guided them in their mission. Tragically, the Bible is used more as a source of inspirational quotes on Facebook than as the foundation for our life together as Christ-followers. As week by week we journey through the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings, I am impressed with the single-minded devotion of the first Christians to searching the Scriptures as a guide to truth and daily living. There they found affirmation for what they had witnessed with their own eyes: that Jesus was the risen Son of God. They found a foundation for the hope that sustained them. Led by the Spirit, sustained by God's Word, they suffered persecution and death rather than compromise God's will for their lives.

The church of Acts was united around the person of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all God's promises in the written testimony of the prophets. In contrast, the contemporary church in America—drifting away from God's Word on a tide of cultural relativism—has so lost its way that it is in danger of degenerating into an association of humanistic causes that cite the Bible only when it advances their agendas.

It is time we studied and meditated on God's Word anew, repented of our sins, and asked Jesus to return to the throne of our hearts. When Paul heard of the divisions in the Corinthian Church around issues of personalities and spiritual gifts and immorality, he appealed to the Scriptures and to the church's common bond in Christ. Paul was so convinced that knowing Christ was the ultimate goal in life that he threw away a lifetime of achievements in order to serve his Lord: *"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.... (Philippians 3:7-8).*

May we have the vision and the heart to ask God to cleanse our hearts of all our vain pursuits so that there is room for Christ alone.

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 June 20

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

Honor Your Father on June 19!

We encourage you to bring those special men in your life to our
FATHER'S DAY worship services on June 19.
We'll have a surprise gift for every man in attendance.

Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 29 at 7 a.m. in the church ceme-
tery. The Family Council will provide breakfast after the service in the social hall. Ser-
vices at 8:30, 10:45 (Aisle 7), and 11 will also be held.

Also, as a way of remembering their sacrifice, on May 29th, **you are encouraged to display in the VUMC sanctuary your framed photographs of veterans in your family who have passed away.**

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. Fred Wills will make sure the tables and chairs are set up for each event. Please contact the church office at 248-7777.

New Hours for Verona Community Center

- Cafe open from 8:30-5:30, Monday-Friday.
Groups may reserve rooms from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Cafe open 8:30-noon on Saturdays.
Groups may reserve rooms from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- Starting May 31 volunteer shifts for the cafe will be for 3 hours:
8:30-11:30; 11:30-2:30; 2:30-5:30.

Volunteers also needed for Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Contact Lydia (Lydspot@yahoo.com or 886-1460).

New Prayer Meeting on Monday Evenings

Rodney Bussard is leading a prayer meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings at the Ve-

rona Community Center. This is for EVERYONE and follows a simple format of devotions, prayer requests and prayer. If you are looking for a time to pray with others, you are invited to join Rodney and others who are seeking God's healing and peace through prayer every Monday.

**Virginia Blood
Services will
be here Thurs.,
June 23, 12-5 p.m.**

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



Blood Drive



Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 4

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 May and part of June.



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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| ♦ May 29 (Memorial WKND) | Home Builders |
| ♦ June 5 | Witness Team |
| ♦ June 12 | Petal Pushers |
| ♦ June 19 (Father's Day) | Esther Circle |
| ♦ June 26 | 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 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).

Summer Sermon Series

Come each Sunday to VUMC and Aisle 7 and take a 13-week journey through the Book of Acts. Schedule for June and July:

June 5—Youth Mission Team Commissioning	Acts 2:37-47
June 12—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Acts 3:1-10
June 19—Father's Day / VA UMC Annual Conf.	Special
June 26—Vacation Bible School Sunday	Acts 4:23-31
July 3—Extravagant Generosity	Acts 4:32-37
July 10—Soliciting Celebrity	Acts 5:1-11
July 17—Youth Sunday	
July 24—Hallelujah Anyhow (Martyrdom)	Acts 6:8-7:60
July 31—Hymn Sing	

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!

Breakfast at Kathy's Restaurant In Staunton Wednesday, June 22 at 8:30 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast
and a time of fellowship!
RSVP by Monday, June 20th

Salt & Peppers Dates to Remember

- **Monday, June 20th** - RSVP for Kathy's
- **Wednesday, June 22nd** - Breakfast at Kathy's

Make checks payable to VUMC with "Salt & Peppers" listed on the memo line. Give the checks to Carolyn Anson or drop them off at the church office.

*For more information on upcoming events, contact:
Carolyn Anson -294-2061*

Verona/Mt. Pisgah/ Mill Creek Softball Team Game Schedule

This year's softball team includes players from Verona UMC, Mt. Pisgah UMC, and Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

We are playing in the Weyers Cave Ruritan Church Softball League at the Weyers Cave Community Center. Make-up games are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays when necessary. Playoffs will begin on Monday, August 1.

Questions? Call Bob Anson at 294-2062 or 248-5697.

Come out and support our team!

Monday 5 /23	8:30 P.M.	Tuesday, 7/5	8:30 P.M.
Tuesday 5/24	7:30 P.M.	Wednesday 7/6	7:30 P.M.
Tuesday 5/31	7:30 P.M.	Monday 7/11	7:30 P.M.
Wednesday 6/1	8:30 P.M.	Tuesday 7/12	8:30 P.M.
Monday 6/13	6:30 P.M.	Monday 7/18	6:30 P.M.
Tuesday 6/14	8:30 P.M.	Tuesday 7/19	8:30 P.M.
Monday 6/20	7:30 P.M.	Monday 7/25	7:30 P.M.
Tuesday 6/21	7:30 P.M.	Tuesday 7/26	7:30 P.M.
Tuesday 6/28	6:30 P.M.		

"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, June 6 at 9 AM
Monday, June 13 at 9 AM
Monday, June 20 at 9 AM
Monday, June 27 at 9 AM

In Golden Deeds Room:

Wed., June 1 at 6:30 PM
Wed., June 8 at 6:30 PM
Wed., June 15 at 6:30 PM
Wed., June 22 at 6:30 PM
Wed., June 29 at 6:30 PM

***The VUMC Finance Committee
will meet Tuesday, June 14,
at 7 pm, in Room 146
(a week earlier than scheduled)
due to Vacation Bible School.
Please make note of this
change. Thank you.***



...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS

Online Giving Available It's easy, safe and secure. Go to the church website (veronaumc.com) and click on the online giving banner OR drop by the church office during the week and Shawna can assist you in setting up your online giving.

Join a Prayer Group

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do as a church. In the Bible we are called on to pray without ceasing—come join your voice!

Pastor's Prayer Group (will not meet Memorial Day)

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Monday Prayer Group (will not meet Memorial Day)

Mondays at 7 p.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Next to Library

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

Trustees will NOT meet in June

Thank you to all of our Trustees for your hard work overseeing a number of major improvements and repairs to the church property of the past year.... Enjoy a month off!

Mark Your Calendars!



**Saturday
September 24, 2016**

If you'd like to volunteer or have ideas for this years Festival, please contact
Lisa Glover at 248-3379 or email
lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com

2 Reasons Christians Shouldn't Worry About Election Results

Excerpted from an article "4 Reasons Christians Shouldn't Worry About Election Results" by Mark Alan Williams

Even though we are to vote, Christians shouldn't worry about the election results. Here are [two] reasons why:

1. God is in control God is sovereign, meaning He is ultimately in control of everything, including election results. No matter who is elected by human vote, God is also in control. It's not either/or, it's both/and. I came to this realization of biblical truth later in life. When I finally did, it brought great peace to know that while people do things, God is still in control.

There is no situation where this is better described than in the issue of political leaders. Romans 13:1 says, *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."* (ESV) Whoever becomes President, Senator, Governor, Mayor and so on, is elected ultimately under the direction of God.

Sometimes we might think He made a big mistake, but nonetheless, He is in control. Perhaps God uses some leaders to judge people, or to humble people so that they look to Him, or to put nations in place so end times prophecies will be fulfilled. We may never know why God has "instituted" the leaders in office until the other side. But one thing we do know is that He is in control. This gives us peace.

2. Worry is always wrong Sorry to be so blunt, but the Bible is really clear about this. *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything."* (Philippians 4:6a NLT) If you're a Christian and worrying about election results, you're disobeying God's Word. It's as simple as that.

Of course, knowing this, I never worry about anything, I just get "concerned." The problem with this explanation is that word translated "worry" means

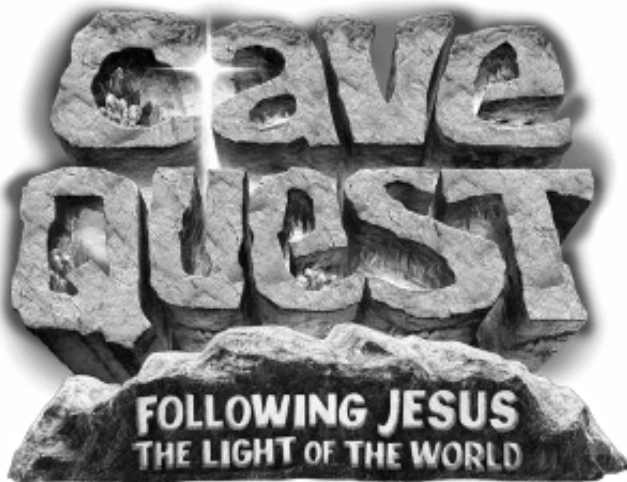
something akin to "concerned." The Greek word here means "to be divided, distracted." The idea is that we find our thoughts pulled away from what they should focus on to:

- too many hours watching political channels or listening to talk radio
- fretting about the election results
- debating or arguing with the "other side"
- constantly posting our viewpoints on social media.

Staying involved is not wrong unless it gets out of balance—an obsession. In fact, we should participate. But we should not be involved to the extent that the election, politics and government become our passion.

I have strong political and moral views. But, hopefully, I don't allow those opinions to become my focus. What should be my focus? The answer is in the latter half of the verse cited above. Again, it says, *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

Instead of worrying, we are to turn our concerns over to God in prayer and thankfulness.... Don't you love the promise, *"Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand...!"*



Vacation Bible School

June 19 to 23

Ages 3 to Rising 5th grade

REGISTER ONLINE

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/e/VUMC>

OR CALL 248-7777

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Amanda Hall at amandavumc@gmail.com if interested in helping! We also need groups/ Sunday school classes to provide, cook, and serve dinner each night.

Road Trip Ladies?

Joyce Meyer's "Love Life" Conference

St. Louis, Missouri

Thursday, September 29- Saturday, October 1

- Early Bird Registration - \$59.00
- Featuring Joyce Meyer, Beth Moore, Christine Caine, Kari Jobe, and Lauren Daigle



Ladies, I know it is a haul to get there, but what a line up! Feel free to contact me at 540-421-5707 if you would like additional information. Laura Gurkin

Clean-Up in Lower Level Furnace —The Fire Marshall requires that we keep the furnace room clear of all boxes and other miscellaneous items that have found their way there. If you have anything stored, please remove it by **June 15**, otherwise items will be disposed of. Thank you for your help in this matter. *The Trustees*

Free Staunton Braves Tickets It's that time of year! The Staunton Braves baseball team is sponsoring three "Church Family Night With the Braves" on Sunday June 5, Sunday, June 19, and Sunday July 3. Free tickets are available through our church office—drop by or call 248-7777.

Doug and Sue MacTavish have been chosen by Verona School to receive the **"We Teach the Children - Whole Village Award"**. This award is given by the Augusta County Education Association and is given to individuals who make significant contributions to the public school in their community. Your Commitment to the children in Augusta County schools has not gone unnoticed. Your time, talents and dedication are greatly appreciated.

*Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards, Secretary
Augusta County Education Association*

The Award Ceremony/Reception was held on May 12th at the Augusta County Government Center. Doug attended to accept the award while Sue was off at a UMW Dinner in New Market.

Free Community Center Workshops

Take advantage of these FREE workshops at the Verona Community Center in June. (Be sure to call 248-0207 if pre-registration is mentioned.)

- June 2 6 p.m. FREE WORKSHOP
"Navigate Social Security"
- June 4 11 a.m. FREE WORKSHOP (Repeat)
"Navigate Social Security"
- June 9 6 p.m. FREE WORKSHOP (Repeat)
"Navigate Social Security"
- June 15 10 a.m. FREE WORKSHOP
"Safe Banking for Seniors:
Identifying & Avoiding Scams.
Call 248-0207 to pre-register.
- June 16 6:30 pm FREE WORKSHOP (Repeat)
"Safe Banking for Seniors:
Identifying & Avoiding Scams.
Call 248-0207 to pre-register.

Honor or Remember a Loved One

Place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one by using the sign-up sheet on the 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 wording for the bulletin. Cost is \$40 payable to VUMC. Write "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and leave in the offering plate or at the office.

June 5: "Food Pantry Sunday"

Every week our food pantry, located in a house behind the church building, supports families in need. We encourage you to bring donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. Currently needs: baby wipes, black pepper, canned fruit, plastic bags, toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap and deodorant). Boxes are located at church entrances to receive donations. When making financial donations be sure to note on your donation "VUMC Food Pantry."

Volunteer at the Verona Community Center

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

Petal Pusher News

Glory Hallelujah, hip, hip, hooray
We had our yard sale Saturday!

So many donated, great things just arrived,
we could hardly believe our eyes.

Tables overflowing, clothes racks nearly full,
no space left in our social hall.

We had a great day, met lots of nice folks,
handed out flyers for Community Center hopes.

To all who donated we thank you a bunch,
couldn't do it without you we know that much.

To those who showed up to give us support,
we're so glad you did, you're very good sports.

Sweet blessings we're feeling
on this beautiful day,
our flowers are planted, we're on our way.

Cleaning and mulching we'll need to get done,
but we enjoy working in our precious Lord's sun.

So Glory Hallelujah, hip, hip hooray,
Thank you for allowing us to serve
in such a rewarding way!

Patsy Mayle



SAVE THE DATE!

Verona UMC Fellowship
Covered Dish Dinner & Program
Sunday, July 3
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.



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.

JUNE YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Thank you to Chrystal Little for providing supper to the youth in May!

- ♦ Sunday, June 5th - commissioning of Dominican Republic youth mission team at 8:30 service
- ♦ Thursday June 9th 4pm-10pm meal for Augusta County service authority. Youth and adults needed to help. Proceeds benefit PA youth mission team.
- ♦ Dominican youth mission team June 11-18. Please remember us in your prayers.
- ♦ Sunday June 12th 5:30-7pm— Youth meeting with supper provided
- ♦ Thursday June 16th 6:30-7:45pm—Ruritans meal... Youth and adults needed to help
- ♦ Saturday, June 25th 6 pm—Youth lock-in. We will meet at VUMC. Swimming at the home of Mike & Kim Cash; supper will be provided.

The following members of our youth group are graduating this year from high school. We are very proud of each one of you! Logan Hilbert, David Wagoner, Jenny VanLear, Angelique Dawson, Jordan Morlino, Tessa Hickman, Samantha Harlow, Connor Harmon, Cameron Little and Garnett A. Andes.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Youth Missions Report to the Verona UMC Church Council—May 17, 2016

This summer we have organized two mission trips for our youth and their adult sponsors:

- ♦ The Dominican Republic team is made up of 12 members: six senior high students, two college students, and four adults. We leave on June 11 and return June 18. The team will work on a water sanitation system to provide a village with clean water. During the afternoons we will work with children.
- ♦ The Spring Grove, Pennsylvania mission team has 23 youth and adults leaving on July 10 and returning July 16. The team is made up of Verona UMC youth, community youth and adults. We will be doing home repairs and painting for the community's poorest citizens.

Both mission trips are designed to take our youth out of their normal routines and to surround them in an atmosphere of reading and hearing God's Word, praising God thru music, and serving in Jesus' name. The programs are geared toward youth, encouraging them to dig deeper into their faith. Many of our youth have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior on these trips. I believe that, along with our regular youth meetings, we are assisting them in building a strong foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Our youth group meets almost every week, keeping the group connected with each other. Our normal routine is to share a meal and enjoy a time of fellowship followed by a devotion time. The combination of mission trips and regular meetings has resulted in a strong youth group at our church over the past five-plus years.

On behalf of both teams we cannot thank you enough for all the support we have received from the church as we meet the challenge of sending out two mission teams in one summer. To meet this challenge we also looked outside VUMC to raise funds. A few of our fundraisers included serving at JMU concession booths, a bake sale, a luncheon, a variety show and meal, sponsorship letters, meals for a teacher's association, Ruritan dinners, and a meal for the Augusta County Service Authority.

One youth shared this with me: "The trips have a very big spiritual impact on us by who we are serving, by getting to know and trust God, thru his readings in the Bible, and the people around you with a lot of the same stories." Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve and be blessed by this wonderful group of youth and their adult helpers.

Carolyn and Bill Harlow, VUMC Youth Directors

Aisle 7 Fellowship Pastor's Report

Greetings!

On behalf of myself and everyone at Aisle 7, I want to begin with a sincere thank you to all who participated in some way in our Launch Celebration May 15. It was a wonderful afternoon of good music, good food, laughter, and confirming God's call for our church; and while we have enjoyed all the excitement surrounding the opening of our new Verona Community Center—providing a place for the community to make use of our internet cafe, free coffee and pastries, and the rooms we have available for different community events—we thought it was not only appropriate but necessary that we celebrate the launch of our church as well.

We were so fortunate and blessed to have Pastor Bob and our District Superintendent Tommy Herndon in attendance. Both shared a few words of encouragement at our service. We were additionally blessed and humbled by all the donations of delicious food, from the meatballs to the deviled eggs, pimento cheese sandwiches, and fresh veggies. We even had a birthday cake to celebrate the "birth" of our new church.

We hope that our new congregation and its partnership with the community center will serve as an example for other church plants; providing a place from which we can serve as Christ has called us to do right here in Verona, while also serving as a much needed worship space. We believe that the partnership of a church plant and community center is an idea that will take off and transcend denominational and geographical borders.

I also want to express my gratitude and enthusiasm following a very successful leaders' meeting on May 15th as well. As Aisle 7 grows, we know we will have constantly changing needs in order to keep it running smoothly. This meeting helped us identify those needs, as well as identifying volunteers. I'm extremely pleased to report that the only need we currently still have is that of helping to

lead the setting up the worship space on Sunday mornings. If you feel moved by what our church is doing and you want to be a part of it by helping us fill this or another need, please don't hesitate to contact me. We would love to have you alongside us!

We were also given a unique and awesome gift in the form of an old Dietz railroad lantern, "loaned" to us from our sister church, Verona UMC. The lantern was used in the original meeting house used by our church's ancestors beginning in 1878, a community wash house that stood near the spot where we now worship. I was given the opportunity to wire it up and hang it in the Verona Community Center where it now glows with the help of electricity.



Although I always love a new project, I feel this one is particularly close to my heart, as it is a 24/7 light in our community, mirroring the way we all want to be the light of Christ in the world. I would encourage you to stop by the community center, have a cup of coffee, and reflect on the meaning and significance of this piece of history.

Finally, I am happy to report that I will be attending the Pastor's Licensing School for 10 days at the end of this month. I expect this to be a challenging, yet extremely educational, time for me as a new vocational pastor. This journey has been so fulfilling for me spiritually and I am excited about all that remains in store for me as I continue down the path on which Christ has called me. I want to extend a big thank you to Pastor Bob for all of his encouragement and support as he continues to mentor me daily, as well as everyone in the community who have given me this opportunity. I hope this will just be one more benefit to our church and the Verona/Staunton area as a whole.

I look forward to seeing each of you around the Community Center and on Sunday mornings! I anxiously await the good things I know God has in store for us this summer.

Aisle 7 Fellowship

www.aisle7church.org

www.facebook.com/A7Fellowship/

540-248-0208

Email aisle7kevin@gmail.com

In His grace, Pastor Kevin



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

Dates to remember:

- **June 4** -- UMW Day at Ferrum College
- **June 12** – Kits for Conference Due – leave at Church office or in Choir room
- **June 20** – VBS Supper
- **July 3** – Verona UMW Fellowship Covered Dish and program 5:00 – 7:30
- **July 29 – 31** Mission Encounter (School of Christian Mission) at **Randolph-Macon College**. Early Bird registrations are due by June 27th. (registration forms on VAUMW.org web site)
- **August 14th** – UMW Sunday, Rev. Lynn Litchfield from Grace Inside Prison Ministries, will be our speaker

Esther Circle—meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm in homes – Pat Foster, Chair
Rebecca Circle—meets 2nd Sat., 10 am at Church (except July & August), Gayle Meeks, Chair

Kits for Conference are due to the church on or before Sunday, June 12.

The Conference and UMCOR are asking for all kits but there is a special need for Health Kits and School Kits. **Please bring kits to the church office or leave in the Choir Room.**

Remember all items must be new and to include only the specified items.

VBS Supper The UMW is providing dinner for the VBS children and helpers on Monday, June 20th. Come give us a hand preparing around 5:30 p.m.

Not a Member of the United Methodist Women?

Talk with me and let me tell you about how Great it is to be a United Methodist Woman
Sue MacTavish,
Verona UMW Pres.

BACKPACKS FOR BRAVES

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

We are wrapping up another successful school-year of providing Backpacks for the Verona Elementary School Children. This program has been a huge success serving an average of 24 children weekly during the 2015-16 school-year. Doug and I could not have done it without the help of many of you who donated food items and helped with the weekly packing and delivery of backpacks. A special **SHOUT Out** to **Ron McAllister** who has tirelessly met with us each Monday morning all year to help with the packing. A big thanks also to Dick Watson who helped with the packing, to Tammy Shifflett who organized a major collection of food at White Wave, and to the Food Pantry team (Laura, Danny, Gail, and Benny) who keep a constant eye out for appropriate items from the Food Bank and Food Pantry. We also send a big thanks for the Financial Donations we have received from the Fall Festival, UMW circles, Sunday school classes and Verona individuals.

*Thank you, Thank you and Thank you,
 Sue and Doug MacTavish*



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.**

Ways to Serve on Sundays

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.
- Communion Assistants: Serving communion on first Sundays. All church members are eligible.

VUMC Chancel Choir News



The choir will take the summer off. Wednesday, June 15 will be the last choir practice until September 7.

If you are interested in providing special music a Sunday during the summer please contact Joy Tinsley at 540-487-0410.



Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

Summer Camp programs (day camp and overnight) for children & youth designed to:
Create a Christian environment in an outdoors setting conducive to personal and group experiences with God to learn His will for our lives.

Visit the website for more information:

overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com

or call the camp office to register today: 540-269-2267

BROCHURES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Once you have attended your week at camp you can submit your receipt to the VUMC church office for reimbursement of half the cost!

Our Honey Bee Ministry

After a winter of extreme swings in temperature, our church's beehives are enjoying the first weeks of spring. While the recent rains are bringing out the field of wildflowers we planted last year - and the pots of herbs - honey bees generally prefer warmer, drier weather to gather their nectar.

THE KEY QUESTION... WHEN WILL WE EXTRACT THE HONEY? For those who have been asking, the answer is sometime in early July and again in mid-August. The first crop of honey will go to



the honey bee ministry investors who generously donated so that we could purchase equipment last year. After the investors are supplied, we will sell the honey for \$8 per pound with proceeds going to our church's missions projects.

Questions?
Contact
Pastor Bob.



Gene Tutwiler
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
Charles Cook
Larry Staples
Harle Jackson
Joy Tinsley
Bill Welliver
Jack Wine
Kitty Wine
Bobby Breeden
Evelyn Kirby
David McAllister

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Ruth Knott in the recent loss of her brother, Earnest Armstrong.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Johnny Thompson in the recent loss of his uncle, Oscar Harris.

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

We had an amazing turnout of donors for our April Blood Drive. We **collected 44 units** of blood! Special thanks to Nancy, Pete and Bill for all their hard work. Our next blood drive will be **Thursday, June 23 form 12-5pm.**

Helen Sullivan

Thank you to Pastor Bob and my church family for their visits, calls, cards and prayers during my recent illness. It was very appreciated.

Thank you, Ruth Knott

Thank you to everyone who supported our participation in the recent ComfortCare Stride for Life. We raised \$520 to support their work to promote the value of life through the love of Jesus Christ by providing limited medical services for early pregnancy and reproductive issues and promoting healing from pregnancy outcomes.

Bob and Lydia Weeks

THE HONOR ROLL OF DECEASED VETERANS IN THE VERONA UMC CEMETERY

Bartley, Lynn Steele
Dunsmore, Julius R.
Edwards, Lawrence M.
Edwards, Roy
Fix, Larry
Hill, Charles Walker
Hinkle, Argie Lynn, Jr.
Long Sr., Everette
Long, Kenneth Bruce
Nitz, James Wilber
Powers, Frankie Carl
Powers, Frankie Carl
Powers, Lertie R.

Powers, James Samuel
Powers, Ronald Lee
Ralston, Franklin Eugene
Shumake, Ralph Lynwood
Steagall, Stephen G.
Stephenson, Hubert B.
Sutton, Luther H.
Sutton, Samuel J.
Sutton, William B., Jr.
Switzer, John Daniel
Thompson, Eugene Christian
Thompson, Horace M.
Thompson, Norwood Thomas
Wheeler, Henry Willis

Community Center Receives Major Donations from Community Groups

Our Youth Center has received a \$2,500 grant from The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge. The funds will be used to develop programs designed to benefit the youth of the Verona community.

The Verona Youth Center is in the final stages of remodeling - we hope to be open by the second week of June to serve our youth during their summer vacation (and for years to come).

OTHER RECENT DONATIONS:

\$1,000 from the Greater Verona Business Association
\$1,000 from the Verona Ruritans
U.S. and Virginia flags and stands from the Woodmen of the World
\$1,500 private donation to provide security system for center
\$26,000 from four anonymous donors
\$1,250 per month from Verona United Methodist Church

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - June 2016

6/1 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:00pm A7F Bible Study at Hardee's in Verona
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/4 Chicken BBQ-benefits Verona Ruritans
 6/5 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/6 9:00am Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6/7 NO TRUSTEES MEETING
 6/8 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:00pm A7F Bible Study at Hardee's in Verona
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/9 Youth Serve Dinner to Aug. Co. Ser. Auth.,BRMH
 6/10 Daycare Graduation, Sanctuary/BRMH
 6/11 10:00am Rebecca Circle. RM 146
 6/12 4:00pm NA, RM 146
 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/13 9:00am Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6/14 7:00pm Finance Meeting, RM 146
 6/15 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:00pm A7F Bible Study at Hardee's in Verona
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/16 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth serving)
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

6/19 Father's Day
 6:00pm Vacation Bible School Begins
 6/20 9:00am Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
 7:00pm Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm Esther Circle, Linda Wiseman's
 6/21 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
 6/22 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 7:00pm A7F Bible Study at Hardee's in Verona
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/23 12-5pm Blood Drive
 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
 6/25 6:00pm Youth Lock-In, VUMC
 6/26 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 6/27 9:00am Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6/29 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 7:00pm A7F Bible Study at Hardee's in Verona
 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.



6/1 Tim Rexrode	6/11 Russell Davis
6/2 Rodney Bussard	6/12 Jamie Glover
Rhonda Reeser	Jason Lambert
Jordan Morlino	6/13 Kristen Swanson
6/3 David McAllister	6/14 Myrtle Lambert
Don McFaden	Carolyn Harlow
6/5 Joe Huffman	Lorena Karicofe
Patsy Mayle	6/15 Heather Andes
Mike Powers	6/17 Amy Hisey
6/7 Joanne Watson	6/18 June Flavin
6/8 Tessa Hickman	Sandy Rousseau
6/9 Jeff Weeks	Titus Showalter
6/10 Shirley Carter	6/20 Amanda Hall
Bill Sullivan	6/21 Barbara Morris
	6/22 Colton Lackey
	6/23 Reid Tutwiler
	6/24 Ken Cason, Sr.
	6/25 Doris Thompson
	Wayne Smith
	Scott VanLear
	Andy Tutwiler
	Dustin Zickefoose

6/26 Curtis Craig
Wally Arms
6/27 Shirley Webster
Jayne Tooley
Cindy May
6/28 Don Dixon
Elsie Walker
Janet McAllister
Scott Gurkin
Jeffrey Weeks
6/29 Sandy Rankin
Conrad Sandhage
Jeff Bean
Chrystal Little
6/30 Winston Jackson
Becky Woolfrey
Bobby McAllister
Dreama McAllister-Wilson
Stephen Little
Jeremy Spiggle

*He gives
 strength to the
 weary and
 increases the
 power of the
 weak. Isaiah 40:29*





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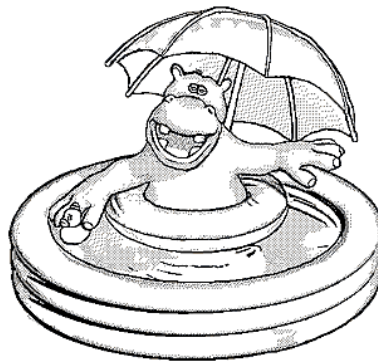
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Sunday Schedule:

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



HOT SUMMER DAYS

Use the word list to find and circle all of the words in the puzzle that have a 'Hot Summer Days' theme.

Word List

BARE FEET
BEACH
BOAT
FLIP FLOPS
FLOWERS
ICE CREAM
LEMONADE
POOL
STRAWBERRIES
SUMMER
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIMMING
UMBRELLA
WATERMELON

L E M O N A D E W Q G R F B E
F I G K G I T E A I E I P R V
P L I A H L N H T F Z E N I N
D A O C B I T B E S F U Y Q N
H I A W H E B A R W L V X J K
S E K S E S C R M I N G F K N
B E N E J R Q E E M Z K L Y G
G U J P A P S F L M S Y I L H
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KID'S KORNER