



September 2016

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Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church



From the Senior Pastor

I recently received a text message from our church's Lay Leader, Chad Brown (Chad often sends daily messages of encouragement and prayers for our church and our ministry together):

"Pastor Bob,

In this morning's devotional I was reading Psalm 27, thinking across the sermon notes I took on one of your messages preached on January 8, 2012. It was titled, "No Fear of Failure." The two points I had written in my Bible's margins were:

- 1. The fear of the Lord is the only beneficial fear,*
- 2. Focus on God and he will bring you through it.*

I felt like this might be a good reminder for us both today."

Chad's remembrance of that sermon from over four years ago brought to mind another psalm of David—Psalm 124:

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

if it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us

as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We all have times when we become ensnared in conflict and feel the weight of others' anger. We become defensive. We lose sleep as stress and worry overwhelm us. Whether the conflict is within our family, at our work-place, in our neighborhood, or in the church—whatever the setting—God's Word reminds us that our trust should remain in The Lord, our Help and our Deliverer. Through prayers of repentance and prayers for those who oppose us, healing can take place as faith drives out fear.

May we trust in the Lord for all our needs this day.

In Christ,

Our Mission

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REACH PEOPLE AS THEY ARE
RELATE THEM TO GOD
EQUIP THEM TO SERVE WITH
 US, AND
GO FORTH TO MAKE A HOLY
 DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

**Newsletter
 Deadline is
 September 19**

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

CHURCH POTLUCK

**Sunday
 September 11
 12pm**

Church Social Hall

**Please bring
 a covered
 dish to share**

**Greetings from Aisle 7 Fellowship!**

As the month of August comes to a close and we begin looking forward to autumn, I want to once again express my deepest thanks to everyone in our congregation for another month of growth and fellowship in the Lord. Following up on the success we had in July, this month we had another amazing "cookout" held at the Verona Community Center. We were able to give away over 150 more lunches of hot dogs, chips, and drinks; and were able to spread the word about Aisle 7 to even more people in town. We passed out flyers about our church, and have seen a few new faces as a result on Sunday mornings! More than that, events like this help us partner with our community in love and generosity, which is close to my own heart because of the examples I find in Christ's love for us.

In addition to the excitement of last month, I am looking forward to the changes and events of the upcoming month as well. We would love to see everyone come out to our all-night prayer vigil being held across the street at Verona United Methodist Church, on Sept. 9. For those who don't know or may have never participated, a prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time intentionally set apart for the purpose of prayer. It can be a very powerful and fulfilling experience for everyone involved and I trust that this one will prove to be exactly that.

Also, our Wednesday night Life Group is going quite well and we're enjoying spending our time together every Wednesday evening at Verona Hardee's at 7 pm. Please feel free to come join the conversation as we look some different thoughts from the Bible this fall.

Another exciting development is that the Community Center's youth room is finally finished! We have been working for some time to complete a place for our youth group and the youth of the community that is uniquely theirs, complete with 3 basketball hoops, air hockey, foosball, couches, and a video projector. I know that the youth in our community will benefit in a big way from having this space to gather together in fellowship and fun. Watching this project come together has been such a blessing and is just another step towards our ultimate goal of creating a 24/7 faith community for all people.

In His grace, Pastor Kevin

The Nurture Work Area

Between Services Coffee Time

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



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.

- ♦ September 4 (Labor Day) Youth
- ♦ September 11 Rebecca Circle
- ♦ September 18 Open Door
- ♦ September 25 Worship Team
- ♦ October 2 Home Builders
- ♦ October 9 Witness Team
- ♦ October 16 Petal Pushers
- ♦ October 23 Esther Circle
- ♦ October 30 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).

Nurture Team will meet **Tuesday, September 6** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 141.



Food Pantry Donations

Assist local families in need of food!

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

Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 22 ~ Harrisonburg

Lunch at Wood Grill in Harrisonburg. Let us know if you are attending and whether or not you need transportation from the church by *Monday, Sept. 19*.

Friday, Oct. 14 ~ Middletown, VA

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

Sunday, November 20 ~ VUMC

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

December

We are still working on the details for attending a Christmas show. More info. on this in a later release.

For more information on upcoming events, contact:

Carolyn Anson -294-2061, Faye Wills -234-9410,

Fall Lay Servant Training will be held on **September 24** at **Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Course offerings and teachers are: Basic - Bob Weeks; Leading Worship - Laura Douglas and Al Tuten; Life in The Wesley Tradition - Joe Amend and Tommy Herndon. Advanced registration required by September 10 by contacting Dale Dodrill at his cell number, 770-402-0752, home number, 540-828-3925, e-mail: hdumc.layservants@hotmail.com or Brenda Woods, District Administrative Assistant, at 540-433-2382, or e-mail: brenda.woods@verizon.net Dale Dodrill, District Lay Servant Director.

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

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

Verona Community Center:

Monday, Sept. 5 at 9 AM
Monday, Sept. 12 at 9 AM
Monday, Sept. 19 at 9 AM
Monday, Sept. 26 at 9 AM

In Golden Deeds Room:

Wed., Sept. 7 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Sept. 14 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Sept. 21 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Sept. 28 at 6:30 PM

*Don't pray when you feel like it.
Have an appointment with
the Lord and keep it.
A man is powerful on his knees.*

~ Corrie Ten Boom



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

Mission Central Help Needed

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

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

Join a Prayer Group

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

Pastor's Prayer Group

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

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

Friday Morning Prayer Group

Fridays at 10 a.m. at VUMC

Thank you to Larry & Mary Jane Staples for sharing a powerful testimony of faith and healing at our August 21st morning worship services.

Thank you to everyone who provided special worship music throughout the summer while our choirs were on vacation.

**Hours for Community Center**

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

Volunteer at the Community Center

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



Youth Group is for 6th - 12th grades. BRING A FRIEND!

*Our Youth Coordinators are Bill & Carolyn Harlow.
Reach them at 578-5575 with any questions.*

SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

September 11th

5:30-7pm Youth mission meeting and supper provided.
If you're interested in attending the youth mission trip plan to attend the meeting. Parents are welcome.

September 15th

6:30-7:45pm Ruritans meal, youth needed to help serve and clean up.

September 18th

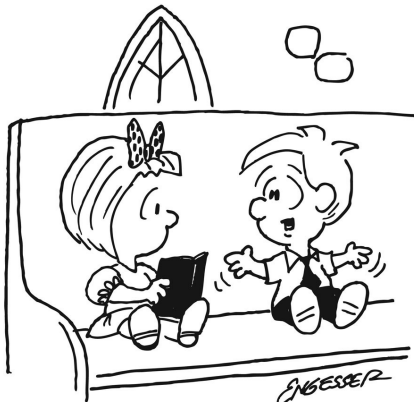
4:00-6pm Photo scavenger hunt. Supper will be provided.

September 25th

5:30-7pm Youth devotions and supper provided.

God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours,
Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of
Other People's Stuff



"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"

Sunday, September 18

5:00- 7:30 p.m.

Kids' Paint Night

For children in grades K - 5th grade. Children will be instructed by a professional artist in painting a priceless piece on canvas. Dinner will be served. All children who wish to participate

MUST RSVP by Sun. Sept. 11 by calling 248 7777 or emailing amandavumc@gmail.com.





Church-Wide Prayer Vigil Sept. 9th

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (II Chron. 7:14)."

Do you care for our church? Do you believe that prayer is essential to our unity as a church as we seek to fulfill God's will? Then I invite you to join me and others to pray for our church and each other.

We will hold a prayer vigil in the VUMC fellowship hall on Friday, Sept. 9 from 7 until 10 p.m. The building will remain open for prayer through the night for those who want to remain after 10 p.m. Refreshments and directions for prayer will be provided along with times of singing led by Ethan of Aisle 7 and Joy of VUMC.

We are hoping you will come and sacrifice as much time as possible in prayer as we ask God for direction and healing. Come at any time thru the night.

Please start praying NOW: Ephesians 1:17-23 (NIV)

*¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give **ME** the Spirit^{al} of wisdom and revelation, so that **I** may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of **MY** heart may be enlightened in order that **I** may know the hope to which he has called **ME**, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for **ME** as I believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

If you have questions, contact Bob Weeks, Kevin McMullen, Jeff and Susan Allen, or myself.

- In Christ, your servant, Dick Watson

West Virginia Mission Trip

Sunday, September 25 - Friday, September 30.

We need skilled and unskilled construction workers and people to plan and prepare meals. If you can help, contact Doug May: dougem@outlook.com or 241-5605.

Audio/Visual Ministry Team Volunteers Needed

Beginning the first week in September, our A/V Team will be called back into action for both morning worship services at VUMC. Cori McDaniel is taking a full-time position with the Forbes Center at JMU and we are returning to an all-volunteer team to operate our sound board and PowerPoint. **No experience is needed**, just a heart for ministry and willingness to learn. Please contact Shawna in the church office (248-7777). She will publish a schedule soon.

Questions About VUMC?

Join Pastor Bob on Sundays

Pastor Bob will be available in the sanctuary from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sundays to answer your questions about church membership at VUMC. Come with any and all questions, including what we believe about God, salvation, the Bible..., our mission and vision, opportunities for service, baptism and communion, etc. Let him know ahead of time if you are interested —for adults and youth. Questions? Call 280-3350.



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

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

Petal Pushers News

Dear Friends,

Have you seen our little band of Petal Pushers out working in the heat and rain?

I want to name them because some newer folks may not know just who or how many there are of us. Joyce Brubeck, Herthel Chestnut, Mary Lam, Linda & Dennis Garber, Betty & Steve Sutton, Mary Jane Ayres, Don Powers and Charles Cook.

I have not been able to help for the past couple of weeks, but as you can see everything was taken very good care of and is looking great! They are truly an awesome bunch!

I thank them and everyone else for their prayers for Charles Cook, Mary Lam and myself during some difficult days this summer. We are all doing great! Never underestimate the power of prayer!

Once again, thank you for your comments, and compliments and for allowing us to serve in such a rewarding way. *Patsy Mayle*

P.S. If you're willing to dig, sweat and sometimes get wet, you're more than welcome to join us!

"GraceInside"

Thank you so much for your gracious and loving and supportive welcome given Sunday, August 14. I really enjoyed my time in worship and in Sunday School. It seems like you all have an active and engaged worship.

The sum total of gifts should be close to \$1,000. I noticed another gift online as well. Thank you so much for making this possible.

If there is any interest in supporting something specific, we continue to advocate for Paul Ritter [an ordained UMC pastor], the chaplain at Augusta, to become full time. With his 1350 guys and waiting lists for worship service, we would love to find those who will help us make it happen. As an idea, we have one UMW group near Fluvanna that contributes a small monthly amount (20 dollars is an hour of work) to help keep FCCW's chaplain at full time... and another group does a fundraiser and designates the proceeds to the position specifically to be in her corner.

I know Verona is doing lots of amazing work and so often those who are actively working can bump into compassion fatigue - as there are so many good and worthy causes. I send my love and my deep gratitude for all you made happen for GraceInside - and for grace for those inside yesterday. As my Lexie would say, YOU ROCK!

*Keeping GraceInside,
Rev. Lynn Litchfield,
Director of Development*



**Saturday
September 24
7 am - Noon**

*All proceeds benefit local
Mission Projects*

We have volunteers for the following:

- **Breakfast** - Homebuilders Sunday School class
- **Calendars, Local Coupon Books, Pins, Angel Baby Stories books** - UMW
- **Bake Sale, Craft items** - UMW and Rebecca Circle
- **Apple Dumplings**-Jean & Bernard Bean, Apple Dumpling Gang (made on Sept. 23)
- **Pork Rinds**- Kevin McMullen
- **Apple Butter**- Morris Hickman/Seekers Sunday School Class
- **Autumn Photo Taking Display**- Rhonda & Brian Reeser
- **Silent Auction** - Nancy & Bob Evers, Barbara Schuler
- **Yard Sale** - Lisa Glover
- **Kid's Activities** - Amanda Link
- **Set up and take down** - The Harlow's and Youth

We need volunteers to help with the following:

- Brunswick stew cooks
- Apple butter stirrers and canners (Sept. 17)
- Apple Dumpling helpers (Sept. 23)

Items needed:

- Tents to borrow for outdoor activities
- Clothing racks to borrow for Yard Sale
- Fall decorations for Social Hall and Photo Display
- Small pumpkins
- Pint, quart jars and new lids for Apple Butter (need by Sept 10)
- Potted plants,
- Produce,
- Baked items, craft items
- Yard sale items,
- Plastic bags, tissue paper to wrap items Items for Silent Auction (minimum bids will be set this year)
- Sugar for Apple Butter and Apple Dumplings (need by Sept. 10)
- Brunswick Stew ingredients (downstairs kitchen and refrigerator)

Please put items on stage in designated areas beginning Sept. 10 All donated items need to be on the church stage before noon Sept. 23 to be priced. (Kitchen door will be unlocked)

Sign up sheets will be passed during Sunday School and to the congregation during Worship Service. See where God is calling you to participate in this important missions event.

Questions or suggestions?

Contact Lisa Glover (248-3379)
lisa_glover_2@hotmail.com



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

UMW Sunday with Rev. Lynn Litchfield a Success!

My thanks to all who helped make our 2016 UMW worship service a huge success! Wasn't Lynn Litchfield wonderful? I have heard nothing but praise for the service and thank you's for bringing Lynn to our church. Your response to the free-will offering was wonderful, raising nearly \$1000 for GraceInside. And to top it off, we managed to surprise Linda Garber with the Mission Recognition pin. Thank you, Linda, for all that you do for Verona UMC and the UMW.

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

Please mark December 11 on your Calendar. This is the Date for our UMW Christmas Tea (in lieu of the covered dish meal originally scheduled for the evening of Dec. 1st) More information and details to be distributed later.

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.

Dates to remember:

- ♦ **Sept. 1 – Reading Program Report Due**
- ♦ **Sept. 10– District Prayer Breakfast – 9:00 am at New Hope UMC, Joyce Winston, Conference UMW President, speaker. See Sue MacTavish or Gayle Meeks for registration form and information.**
- ♦ **Sept. 16-17 Conference Young Women's Retreat (ages 18-35)- Bridgewater UMC**
- ♦ **Sept. 18 – Unit Meeting – 10:00 am BRMH – Pledge Service Program & Candle burning. Program on Poverty**
- ♦ **Oct. 13 – District Annual Meeting – 7pm at Broadway First UMC. Entertainment - Valley Harmony Chorus.**
- ♦ **Oct. 29-30 – Conference Annual Meeting – Good Shepherd UMC, Richmond**

VUMC UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

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

BackPacks for Braves Verona Congregation --- We need donations for our BackPack s for Braves program (weekend food for needy Verona Elementary children). Our RED bin has been moved out of the Library to the front hall to make it more convenient to leave all your donations as you enter the church. The bin is marked Backpacks for Braves. We need small cans of wieners & beans (wiener beanies) cereal bowls, fruit cups, small bags of chips, granola bars, pudding cups. And money! we will need to raise around \$4500 to provide the weekend meals (called backpacks) for the children at Verona Elementary. We expect to provide weekly packs for around 24 children – and it takes \$200 to feed a child for the entire school year.

Please help us spread the word of this need in our Verona Community and other groups you may belong to. Checks may be made payable to Verona UMC with Backpacks for Braves in the memo line or if you prefer make your check out directly to Backpacks for Braves and give to our treasurer, Millie Davis, or me.

- Thank you, Sue MacTavish



Compiled by the
United Methodist Women
Verona United Methodist Church

Arriving Soon!

The long awaited UMW publication...

"Angel Baby Stories: Powerful Stories of Faith"

On Sale by UMW in late September
for only \$10 a copy

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

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

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

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.



VUMC Chancel Choir News

The choir will return for weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7.

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).

Flood Bucket Collection Success

The United Methodist Churches in the Harrisonburg District (VUMC and A7F included) collected over 200 flood buckets to aid victims of recent flooding in West Virginia, Louisiana, Texas and Maryland. The values of the buckets (\$60 each) came to over \$12,000.

The buckets were stored at the Verona Community Center and picked up on August 30th for nationwide distribution.

VUMC Homecoming Week

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

In addition to Homecoming Sunday, this year we will host three nights of revival services on November 1, 2, and 3. We have recently sent invitations to three former pastors of VUMC and will announce the speakers soon. There will also be special music during the revival services

Blessing of the Pets

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

This year we are working together with another local church to do a combined event. We ask that you make sure your pet is securely leashed or caged for their own safety.

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

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

Visit Aisle 7 Fellowship

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

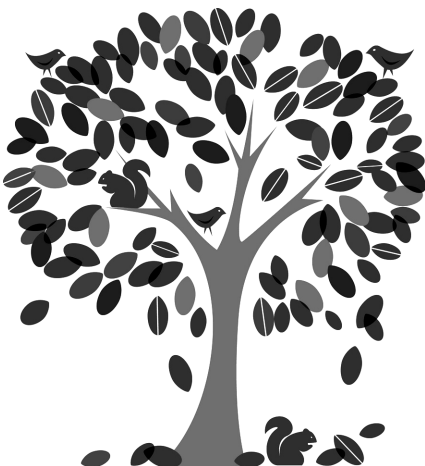
For more information, call 248-7777.



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

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Jim Revercomb in the recent loss of his mother, Doris Revercomb.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Libby Snell in the recent loss of her father, Tommie Powell.



Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who has been in prayer for our daughters Elizabeth Ward and Dee Dee Basham. We are trusting in the Lord and we see his healing hand at work in their lives. The cards to Elizabeth were a blessing to her and her new husband Matt. They could not believe the outpouring of love! A special thanks to those who came all the way to Virginia Beach to be with us through Elizabeth's surgery.

Bob and Lydia Weeks

I want to thank the church for their generous graduation gift along with the support given to students by our church family. As we all know, students have a lot on their plates, and without the extra support, I don't think many of us would make it through high school. I don't think the church realizes how much the youth rely on the church itself for respite from busy, everyday lives. Thank you again for your graduation gift. *Samantha Harlow*

A huge thank you to the awesome Petal Pushers team for taking such good care of our church grounds for the past several weeks. These folks prove time and again that they take our mission seriously and it's their pleasure to serve in such a rewarding way. Gotta love them!

Patsy Mayle

My dear church family and prayer warriors, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the prayers, food, cards and calls. I truly believe God hears and answers us when we pray. I have less pain and I'm getting stronger every day because of you. We have a wonderful church family and I feel so very blessed to be part of it. Can't thank you enough!

Pasty Mayle

Thank you Verona UMC for being a second home and teaching me about God. I'm so grateful for all the experiences and everything you've done for me. Thank you.

Garnett Andes

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent surgery and recovery.

Charles Cook

Thank you for the prayers and card during Anne's illness.

Johnny and Anne Thompson

Congratulations! Rob and Stephanie Wiseman are the proud parents of a baby boy, Robert Delmar Wiseman IV, born at 8:26 a.m. at Augusta Medical Center. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Verona UMC Calendar of Events - September 2016

9/4 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/5 **OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**
 9/6 7:00pm Trustees Meeting, RM 146
 7:00pm Nurture Meeting, RM 141
 9/7 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/10 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
 9/11 12:00pm **CHURCH POTLUCK (BRING A DISH), BRMH**
 4:00pm NA, RM 146
 5:30pm Youth Mission Trip (2017) & Dinner, BRMH
 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/12 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 6:30pm Scouts, RM 141,142
 7:00pm Daycare Board Meeting
 9/13 7:00pm SPRC Meeting, RM 146
 9/14 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/15 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth serving)
 9/17 Making Apple Butter
 9/18 9:45am UMW Unit Meeting, BRMH
 4-6 pm Youth Scavenger Hunt and Supper, VUMC
 5:00pm BLAST Children's "Paint Night", BRMH until 7:30pm
 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/19 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 7:00pm Esther Circle

9/20 7:00pm Church Council Meeting, RM 146
 9/21 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/23 Apple Dumplings
 9/24 **FALL FESTIVAL**
 9:00am Lay Servant Training-Asbury UMC until 5pm
 9/25 5:30pm Youth Devotions & Dinner, BRMH
 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, RM 145
 8:00pm AA, RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
 9/26 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
 9/28 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
 6:30pm 11:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15pm 8:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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.



9/1	Brycen Crummett	9/5	Esther Hanks
	Grace Dick		Peggy Sauflay
9/2	Gayle Meeks		Kelli Hale
	Charles Douglass	9/6	Isabelle Turner
	Michael Glover	9/7	Cara Diaz
9/3	Catherine Shearman	9/8	Dot Moyers
	Ron Jennings		Sarah Harmon
	Christie Folden	9/9	Abigail Fitzpatrick
	Ben Miller		Aaron Wills
9/4	Wes Bean	9/10	Sandy McAllister
	Heather Welcher		Evelyn Kirby
	Rob Halterman	9/11	Lori Wagner
			Scott Lackey
		9/12	Emily Carper Sterrett
			Kathy Hitt
			Jordan Gurkin
			Dick Watson
			Herthel Chestnut
			Kaye Mazingo
			Ben Bean

9/13	Lee Ritchie	9/25	Bill Toler
9/14	Todd Mauzy		Jennifer VanLear
	Christine Harris	9/26	Jim Stuart
	Evan Shearman		Preston Smith
9/17	Ruth Ann Wright		Jasmine Phillips
	Hallie Robinson		Corbin Dedrick
	Becky Upton	9/27	Donna Cason
9/18	Robin Layman		Beth Breeding
9/21	Jordan Brooks		Josh Bean
	Shanna Morlino	9/28	Jim Jones
9/22	Harle Jackson		Betty Sutton
	Gary Breeden	9/29	Kaitlyn Sackett
9/23	Megan Maynard		Becky Reeser
	Ronnie Daughtry	9/30	Dennis Dull
9/24	Clint Harmon		Wayne Simmers





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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.

