



# THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of  
Verona United Methodist Church

June/July  
2018

**VERONA UMC  
& AISLE 7  
FELLOWSHIP  
CHURCH STAFF  
As of July 1, 2018**

**Rev. Bob Weeks**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Shawna Hiner**  
*Campus Pastor  
Aisle 7 Fellowship*

**Jennifer Cook**  
*Office Administrator*

**Sheila Fair**  
*Treasurer*

**Joy Tinsley**  
*Music Director*

**Matthew Simpson**  
*Worship Leader—  
Aisle 7 Fellowship*

**Linda Toler**  
*Organist*

**Rhonda Reeser**  
*Pianist*

**Amanda Hall**  
*Director Children's  
Ministries*

**Bill & Carolyn Harlow**  
*Directors Youth  
Ministries*

**Phyllis Mauzy**  
*Nursery Director*

**Ken & Donna Cason**  
*Custodial Staff*

## **New VUMC Pastoral Appointments Announced**

June and July will be months of important transition among our Pastors and church staff. Here are all the changes:


Our Aisle 7 Fellowship campus will receive a new Pastor—Shawna Hiner. Shawna has been a part of our congregation for over four decades and has served as our Office Administrator for the past 14 years. She will be licensed as a pastor on June 16th and will deliver the sermon at the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services on June 24th.

Aisle 7's present Pastor, Kevin McMullen, has received a new appointment to Mt. Tabor UMC located north of Harrisonburg. Kevin, Rachel, and their boys will soon move from their home near Buffalo Gap to the parsonage at Mt. Tabor.

Jeff Allen, our Visitation Pastor, will retire from his position on July 1st. His responsibilities will be carried out by Shawna and myself. Jeff will preach on June 17th. Jennifer Cook will replace Shawna as Office Administrator and Matt Simpson will become our new Worship Leader at Aisle 7 as Ethan Eldred moves to Massachusetts with his wife Grace to work in a regional theater. You can read more about Jennifer and Matt inside this newsletter.

We will have a reception on Sunday, June 3rd from 12:30 to 2:30 in the VUMC fellowship hall to welcome and say goodbye to our new and departing pastors and staff members.

Transitions bring challenges and opportunities. I hope you'll keep Shawna, Kevin, Jeff, Ethan, Jennifer, and Matt—and our church—in your prayers as we follow Jesus wherever he leads.

*Grace and peace,* 

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHAWNA**

Saying I'm excited about being appointed to Aisle 7 Fellowship is an understatement. This last year has been an incredible journey of learning, writing sermons, interviewing, lots of reading, and long hours. It has been one of the best years of my life as I heard God's call to become a pastor and knowing without a doubt this "is" what I was created for.

I have had confirmation and affirmation in many ways, giving me an assurance of God's call. The best part is, I have been able to go on this journey with you – my family. You have watched me grow for the last 41

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### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEVIN**

So, I'll start with the hard stuff. As you may be aware, I will be leaving Aisle 7 Fellowship at the end of June and moving to be the new pastor in a church located just north of Harrisonburg, Mt. Tabor UMC; Shawna Hiner has been appointed as your new pastor. For those of you not familiar with Shawna, she grew up at Verona UMC and was baptized and confirmed here as a youth. She has a heart for this community and is excited to take on this role. I wish her all of the best in the transition and as your new pastor.

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**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  
July 16**

Please submit items to  
Shawna Hiner by date  
above for the August  
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](http://www.veronaumc.net)  
and check it out!  
You can also receive  
weekly announce-  
ments by email.  
Call 248-7777  
to sign up.

**Annual Conference Hampton VA**

Join several thousand United Methodists, both laity and clergy, at the Hampton Conference Center from June 15-17. Shawna Hiner will be licensed at the ordination and commissioning service on the evening of June 16th. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Bob for more information.

**New Staff Members Announced**

*The Staff-Parish Relations Committee feels blessed to announce  
the hiring of two new staff members at our Church:*

**JENNIFER COOK** will begin her work as our Office Administrator on June 11th as Shawna Hiner is licensed for pastoral ministry and begins her first appointment as a Local Pastor. Jennifer is married to BJ. They are the parents of four children from nine to 16 years of age. A life-long resident of Verona and graduate of Ft. Defiance High School, Jennifer has an Associates Degree from Johnson and Wales University. She is an active member of Barren Ridge Church of the Brethren where she and her husband serve in a number of ministries, including as youth leaders. She created and produced her church's monthly newsletter and has served as an office assistant in school and business settings.

**MATT SIMPSON** will begin his ministry as Worship Leader at Aisle 7 on June 3rd. Current Worship Leader Ethan Eldred will move with his wife Grace to Massachusetts to begin work with a regional theater. Matt is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Religion and Culture and is completing his first year of seminary at Eastern Mennonite University. His primary musical talents are vocals, drums, and guitar. Matt has varied experience working as a praise team member and leader; with church mission teams; as a "Calling 21" intern in churches; with technology teams, and with young adult and youth groups, and through music ministry and preaching.

*Thank you to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and especially the members of the hiring sub-committee who conducted interviews and reviewed applications.*

**Fire Pit Fridays**

Fun for the Whole Family

Fridays | July-August | 6-8pm

WEATHER PERMITTING

The field between Union Bank & Verona UMC

S'more's | Fellowship | Devotion | Music | Kids Activities

Bring a friend and a lawn chair. If you are interested in providing firewood, music or a short devotional please contact Shawna at

[shawnahiner@vaumc.org](mailto:shawnahiner@vaumc.org) or 430-5462.

*Sponsored by Aisle 7 Fellowship and Verona UMC*





## 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. Information and instructions posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. Questions or concerns? Please contact Church Office.



- ♦ June 3 Worship
- ♦ June 10 Petal Pushers
- ♦ June 17 Esther Circle (Father's Day)
- ♦ June 24 Seekers
- ♦ July 1 Homebuilders
- ♦ July 8 Witness
- ♦ July 15 Youth
- ♦ July 22 Rebecca Circle
- ♦ July 29 Open Door

**Coffee Time:** We are looking for additional new groups/teams/classes/families/couples to add to the Coffee Time list – If you are willing to do this about 4 times a year (or even once a year) please contact the Church Office at 248-7777.

### Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

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

**Altar Flower Donations** 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 at 248-7777 for further information.

### Snacks for Community Center Cafe

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



## Food Pantry Donations

**URGENT:** Assist local families in need!

On the First Sunday of each month we have a special collection for items for our church food pantry. Collection boxes are located at the Donation Center in the main church entrance and lower entryway. You can leave items at any time during the month. **We do NOT need plastic bags at this time. Thank you.**

**WE CAN ESPECIALLY USE:**

**Plastic Bags, Toiletry & Personal Hygiene Items**

## Salt & Peppers News Corner

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

**Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, June 12 at 11:30 at Stacks Food & Catering at 125 S Augusta Street.**

Call Sandy at 717-468-8067 if you need directions. Please let us know by Monday, June 4 if you plan to attend and if you need a ride to the restaurant.

There are no activities planned for July.

**For more info on upcoming events, contact:**  
 Sandy McAllister -255-6488, Carolyn Anson -294-2061  
 Gayle Meeks -248-1325, Faye Wills -476-5555

## A New Bible Study

starting July 11th at 7 p.m. at the  
 Verona Community Center

# Ephesians

*Building a Community in Christ*

Led by Pastor Shawna, Aisle 7 Fellowship  
**To Register: [shawnahiner@vaumc.org](mailto:shawnahiner@vaumc.org)**

We long to belong. We crave unity.

We want to be loved and accepted by others. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about uniting all things in Christ. Here we learn how to break down what separates us from God, one ethnic group from another, husband from wife, parent from child, employer from employee. These studies provide a vision of the new society God has planned in his church.

## Volunteer Opportunity at the Verona Community Center

Do you have just 1-1/2 hours once a month on a Thursday evening? The community center hosts two groups on Thursday evenings--an ESL class and a chorus. The volunteer shift is from 5:30 - 7:00pm. The cafe is closed to visitors during this time. The plus? Listening to a beautiful choir warming up!

### Help the VUMC Food Pantry

Our food pantry is seeking donations of plastic bags, toiletries, and personal hygiene items. Place items in the Donation Center at the church entrance.

### Verona Community Center or Aisle 7 Fellowship?

Please remember the Verona Community Center and Aisle 7 Fellowship are two separate ministries. From time to time we hear folks refer to the community center as "Aisle 7." They are not the same and their finances and operations are entirely separate from each other. Aisle 7 Fellowship rents space in the community center each Sunday morning into the early afternoon. The rest of the week the community center is available for use by other groups. If you are making a donation to the community center, please make your check out to "Verona Community Center." If you are donating to Aisle 7 Fellowship, please make it out to "Aisle 7 Fellowship." Thank you!

### Help Process Weekly Offerings

We currently have a total of 6 counters (3 teams) on Sunday mornings and would love to have at least one more team (two more teams would be great!) If you are interested in hearing more about this volunteer opportunity please contact Donna May at [donnawm@outlook.com](mailto:donnawm@outlook.com) or 540-448-4220.

### Online Giving Available

It's easy, safe and secure. Go to ([veronaumc.com](http://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

*Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center*

#### Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

*Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., next to Library*

## Numbers that Matter as of May 20, 2018

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance | 92     |
| Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F           | 218/39 |
| GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*  |        |
| General Fund Weekly Need             | 8091   |
| General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018        | 7116   |
| General Fund for May 6-20, 2018      | 22,785 |

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

## Harrisonburg District Farewell Celebrations

FROM THE HARRISONBURG DISTRICT LEADERSHIP: We have been blessed for the past 8 years with strong, encouraging leadership by District Superintendent Tommy Herndon and 13 years with the faith-shaping, educational, and consulting ministries of Glen Langston.

Both of these dedicated men will be leaving service in our district on July 1. **A celebration of their ministries will be held on Sunday, June 10, from 2 to 5 pm, at Dayton UMC. Refreshments will be provided and several presentations made at 3:30 p.m..**

**We are encouraging every church to receive a special offering honoring Tommy and Glen. Funds should be sent to the District Treasurer: JoAnn Liskey, 4856 Shen Lake Drive, Rockingham, VA 22801 by May 15. Make checks payable to Harrisonburg District, UMC. Please mark the memo line with "Celebration".**

There will be a card basket at the Celebration for each of them. A card with your personal note of appreciation will be a keepsake and reminder for them for many years! Please make financial gifts through your church offering instead of in your card. Individuals who are unable to attend the celebration may send cards to: The Recipient's Name c/o Ron Robey 2587 Martz Rd., Rockingham, VA 22802.

### Come hear Shawna Hiner's first sermon as a Licensed Pastor

at 8:30 & 11:00 on Sunday, June 24th.

Her sermon title:

*"Who'd A Think It?"*





**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



- **Sunday, June 3, 6-7:30pm**—Cook-Out at Lilly Dresch's (38 Middle River Dr., Verona). We will meet at the church.
- **Sunday, June 10**—Commissioning of Youth Mission Team to Mexico at 8:30 a.m. service
- **Sunday, June 10-June 17**—Youth Mission Trip to Mexico. Please keep the youth and adults in your prayers. Our team is honored to be serving with Bittersweet Ministries. You can like their Facebook page or visit the website [bittersweetministries.org](http://bittersweetministries.org).
- **Sunday, June 24, 8:30am**—Commissioning of Youth Mission Team to Delaware at 8:30 a.m. service
- **Thursday, June 28, 6:30-7:30pm**—Load the trailer for our Delaware Mission and share a potluck meal. Youth attending the trip and parents, please come for supper and trailer loading.
- **Saturday, June 30**—The Youth Mission Trip to Delaware leaves. Our team will be working with Group Mission Trips to serve and worship in Wilmington, Delaware. We will spend Saturday evening at Aldersgate UMC and worship with them on Sunday morning. Please keep our youth and adults in your thoughts and prayers.

### Children's News

#### Summer Playground BLAST -

June 10, June 17, June 24 | 5 - 7p.m.

Summer BLAST playground is a time to get our children together to play on the playground and enjoy time together. Parents bring a lawn chair and enjoy some adult fellowship time while your children play.



**VBS 2018- "Follow the Leader"** Monday-Friday, June 4-8, 6 to 8:30pm. Please contact Amanda at 540-280-1455, or [amandavumc@gmail.com](mailto:amandavumc@gmail.com) if you would like to help in any capacity.

*Sunday school classes/groups are needed to prepare and serve dinner nightly.*

**VUMC & A7F Children will sing at the Vesper Service held at Gypsy Hill Park on Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:30pm.**

**2018 4th of July Parade** —We will participate in the July 4th parade at Gypsy Hill Park. Here's what we need: 1 ) Truck to pull trailer 2) Trailer to use as a float 3) Volunteers to decorate the float 4) Adults & Children to participate in the parade. We have to have a few of these things in place before we submit an application. If you can help with any of these areas, please email the church office at [shiner@veronamc.com](mailto:shiner@veronamc.com) or email Amanda Hall at [amandavumc@gmail.com](mailto:amandavumc@gmail.com).

## Summer Camp at Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

Summer Camp programs (day camp & overnight) for children & youth designed to:

*Create a Christian environment in an out-of-doors setting that will be conducive to personal and group experiences with God and learning His will for our lives.*

**Visit the website for more information:**

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/>

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

***BROCHURES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE***

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

## Start a Small Group Adventure

I've participated in many small groups over the years. The first consisted of 4 people studying the book, *The Celebration of Discipline*, by Richard Foster. I remember it well because of its impact on my spiritual life.

I'm convinced that small groups can make a real difference in our faith journeys as we learn from each other, pray together, and grow in our walk with Christ.

***So consider forming a small group this summer.*** It could be a couple of friends getting together once a week, bi-monthly, monthly. A small group can be short-term may become a continuing small group. Keep it simple and comfortable. Study, share, and pray together.

Verona UMC has multiple copies of study books available for any small group to use. They range from 4 copies of *"6 Things We Should Know About God"* to 28 copies of *Intentional Choices: Discovering Contentment in Stressful Times*. Some are new materials, some dated. The list is available through the church office.

***Susan Allen, VUMC Christian Education Coordi-***

## Verona Community Center Report

**The Center continues to serve the needs of the community** as a gathering place for meetings, parties and other activities. Guests to the no-pay internet café are increasing to use laptops and Wi-Fi. We are pleased to have served 30,167 guests and 1,034 events since our opening in March 2016. We are booking more events, particularly on weekends, and are seeking volunteers who can help on weekends and evenings, as well as fill in during summer vacation time.

**The showers are operational** and have been used 61 times to date. The laundry has been used 44 times. We are looking into sound treatments in the café area and hallways to alleviate noise issues particularly when there are multiple events. We held a fundraising dance on Friday with the Boogie Kings and proceeds of \$425 benefit operations of the center.

**A team with Mission Madness from Hampton** did painting and cleaning of the center recently, and we have had two community service workers helping with cleaning and set up several days a week.

**We are filling a unique need** in our community through this outreach program. Thanks to each of you for your continued prayers and support for the center and our dedicated volunteers who serve.

*Judith Cariker, Chair*

## Way to Go Graduates!

### Alyson Bishop

Riverheads High School  
Plans: Blue Ridge Community College  
Parents: Teresa Bishop and Chuck Bishop  
Grandparents: Bob and Barbara Shuler

### Gena Chandler

Fort Defiance High School  
Plans: Easter Mennonite University (Psychology)  
Parents: Kim Chandler and the late David Chandler  
Grandparents: Barbara Collie & the late Leonard Collie

### Samara Little

Fort Defiance High School  
Plans: Blue Ridge Community College  
Parents: Stephen and Chrystal Little  
Grandparents: Barbara Collie & the late Leonard Collie

### Kyle Bishop

Virginia Tech University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Economics  
Parents: Teresa Bishop and Chuck Bishop  
Grandparents: Bob and Barbara Shuler

### Morgan Chestnut

Eastern Mennonite University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Plans: Works at Augusta Health In-Patient Surgical Unit  
Parents: Mark and Regina Chestnut  
Grandparents: Herthel Chestnut; Roosevelt & Mary Rowe

### Sarah Jennings

Eastern Mennonite University  
Major in Nursing BSN & a Minor in Youth Ministries  
Plans: Serve as Off-Site Adventure Director at Overlook this summer. Take NCLEX this winter and find job  
Parents: Ron and Lisa Jennings  
Grandparents: Don and Eleanor Jennings

### Cameron Little

School: Dabney S. Lancaster Community College  
Degree: Associates in Forestry  
Plans: Pursue Fire and Rescue career full-time while volunteering with the Weyers Cave Fire Dept.  
Parents: Stephen and Chrystal Little  
Grandparents: R.W. and Connie Rohrer

### Jordan Shifflett

School: Virginia Western Community College  
Degree: Computed Tomography Imaging Studies Cert.  
Plans: Employed Martha Jefferson Hosp.—Imaging Dept.  
Parents: Lisa Shifflett Floyd and E.C. Shifflett  
Grandparents: George and Kaye Mazingo & Earl Shifflett

### Elizabeth Weeks Ward

School: Old Dominion University  
Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Major in Studio Art  
Plans: Career using automotive repair skills & art talents  
Parents: Rev. Bob and Lydia Weeks

## Thank You to the Verona Post Office

The Verona Post Office recently held a food drive in our community, raising over 1200 pounds of food items for our church food pantry. The next time you see your postal carrier, be sure to say “Thank you” from Verona UMC!

## Congratulations to Lisa Shifflett and Steve Floyd

Lisa and Steve were joined together as husband and wife during a ceremony in Staunton presided over by the Reverend Bob Weeks. Lisa is a member of Verona UMC.

**New Office Hours  
Starting June 11  
8 A.M.-2 P.M. Monday thru Friday**



## VUMC Chancel Choir News

### Summer Choir Schedule

Our last practice will be Wednesday, June 27. We will sit in the choir loft for the month of July. Special music will be provided. *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).*

### Summer is Here!

*The last adult choir practice is June 27. No choir Robes until Fall! The choirs will sit in the choir loft for July but August is a time for family and friends. We resume practice on September 5th. New music has been ordered and Christmas is being planned. Thanks for all your hard work !*



# VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

## United Methodist Women News

### *From Joy Utberg, UMW President:*

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth. Our mission initiatives include providing educational opportunities and working for justice through service & advocacy. One of the educational opportunities provided is the **Annual Mission Encounter Weekend of learning & fellowship**.

This year's event is being held July 27-29 at the 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. It is open to everyone – you do not have to be a UMW member to attend. The studies being offered this year are:

**Missionary Conferences of the UMC** – Alaska Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference & the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

**What About Our Money? – A Faith Response** – Understanding money within the context of faith.

**Embracing Wholeness**- Living in a covenant relationship with creation & communities.

**Children's study of Money Matters.**

**Please mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW events listed below:**

- Sunday, June 3 – Assemble UMCOR kits during Fellowship time
- Monday, June 4 – UMW serving dinner for Vacation Bible School
- July 27-29—Mission Encounter Weekend, Smith Mountain Lake

**If you have any questions about the UMW, or are thinking of joining, please feel free to contact me at 569-2702, or reach out to one of the other officers:**

Gayle Meeks – VP

Linda Garber - Secretary

Millie Davis – Treasurer

Grace Dick – Spiritual Growth Coord.

Lydia Weeks – Reading Program

Joy Tinsley – Nominating

### **VUMC UMW Circle Meetings**

Esther Circle–3rd Monday 2 pm at the church–Linda Garber & Linda Wiseman, Co-Chairs

Rebecca Circle –2nd Saturday, 10am at the church – Gayle Meeks, Chair

**Not a  
Member  
of the  
United  
Methodist  
Women?**

Talk with me and let me tell you about how Great it is to be a *United Methodist Woman*

**Joy Utberg,  
Verona UMW Pres.**

## Mentors Needed for All God's Children Camp



All God's Children Camp is just around the corner and they are in need of mentors this summer. Ninety total mentors will be needed, 30 for each camp, both male and female. Please consider giving a week of your time and mentor a camper whose mother or father is incarcerated. For more information, please contact Lori Smith at [lttlelori@gmail.com](mailto:lttlelori@gmail.com) or 571-245-9591.

Camp dates and locations are:

June 17-29: Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area)

June 24-29: Camp Overlook (Shenandoah Valley area)

July 29-August 3: Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore)



**SHAWNA HINER—CONT'D FROM PAGE 1**

years and have nurtured and encouraged me. You have celebrated the joys in my life and carried me through the difficult times. Thank you doesn't suffice, but THANK YOU!

God created us to be in community with Him and one another. Verona UMC is a wonderful example of what "community" is supposed to look like. You are here to worship every Sunday, you are here during the week for Bible study, food pantry, meetings, caring for our church grounds, fixing toilets, serving dinner at VBS, serving a wonderful meal to a family grieving the loss of a loved one, using your vacation time to go on mission trips, sending cards, making calls, praying, helping in the church office, writing dramas, playing music, singing, working with our children and youth and the list continues. You are not just a community who talks about doing something – you do it! You have shown me what it means to be Christ to those in our community.

I will miss being the Office Administrator but I am thankful I am able to continue to be part of Verona UMC and its ministries in this community through Aisle 7 Fellowship. My priority in ministry is to "Grow In Christ, Grow In His Word, and Grow His Kingdom." I will do my part and allow God to do His. I will be faithful and obedient to His call and plan for me, for Aisle 7 Fellowship and for Verona UMC. I am excited for what's in store for Aisle 7 and how we can be the "light of Christ" in our community!

I do have a few things planned this summer and hope both campuses will participate. We will have "Fire Pit Fridays" in July and August from 6-8pm in the field between VUMC and Union Bank (weather permitting) with music, S'more's, a short devotion and activities for children – fun for the whole family! I will also begin a Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7pm beginning July 11. This study, "Ephesians - Building a Community in Christ" will go along with our Summer Sermon Series on Ephesians. For more info on these events, please contact me at my new email, shawnahiner@vaumc.org.

May we live in such a way that honors God and one another!

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Shawna*

**5 PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CHURCHES:****Radical Hospitality****Passionate Worship****Intentional Faith Development****Risk-Taking Mission and Service****Extravagant Generosity**

People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities. The presence and strength of these five practices demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Pray that our church will bear fruit for God's Kingdom!

**Mark Your Calendars!****Saturday October 13th**

If you'd like to  
volunteer please  
contact Lisa Glover at  
248-3379 or email  
lisa\_glover\_2@hotmail.com

**Helping Hands Ministry**

**T**here are a number of small building and repair projects in our community (in neighbors' homes and around our church building) that can be taken care of in a short amount of time with one or two people doing the work. A list of these projects is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex between the Sanctuary and Social Hall. Please review the list weekly to see if there is a project you are capable of doing. If the project will take a few more people, gather up a group and take care of it.

Questions? Call Doug May at 241-5605.

**Ways to Serve at VUMC**

It may be assisting as an usher, greeter, Scripture Reader or AV operator during worship... or working with our landscape beautification team, The Petal Pushers... or teaching children's Sunday School... or in a dozen other ways. Call the Church Office today for more info on how to get involved—248-7777.



Thelma Smith, Dot Hess,  
Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver,  
Willie Lockridge, Ronald  
Smith, Margaret Helmick,  
Jean May, Inez Fultz, Charles  
Cook, Howard Rexrode, Eli-  
jah Smith, Don & Caroline

McFaden, Glen Sutton, Roger Moats,  
Frances Johnson, Ray Smith, Harle Jackson,  
Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill &  
Nancy Welliver, Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey,  
Arlene Simpson, Corkie Collie, Scott Arbo-  
gast, Marie Cason, Ellen Gray, Ronnie &  
Kathy Poarch, Parker Staples, Donna Cason

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## *Notes of Sincere Appreciation*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls and those attending the family visitation after the passing of my sister. Harry and I want to express our appreciation for the love and support of our church family.

*Love & Blessings, Louise Lockridge*

Verona United Methodist Women—I feel so blessed to be honored by all of you on Mother’s Day. I am very grateful for each one of you— your support, guidance, leadership, and your strong faith. You are inspiring and I’m very blessed to know you and be apart of your church family. I am inspired about the mission work you are doing and the difference you make in many lives. I pray that Lord bless and keep you and his face continue to shine on each one of you. You are living beyond yourself and making a difference! I’m very proud of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. *Love, Carey Harlow*

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me during my time of the surgery, and lifted my family and me up during this time. I appreciate so much the cards and love gift and phone calls and the offer of seeing if we needed meals. We were well blessed! God is a wonderful God and everything went well. I am healed up and back on my feet. Thank you so much!  
*Twilla Bridges*

### **KEVIN McMULLEN—CONT’D FROM PAGE 1**

I have been so proud to be your pastor for these past few years and to see how much we have been able to show God’s love to our community and the world. We have been able to take part in almost a dozen mission trips, providing disaster relief for victims in Florida and West Virginia, improving the lives of the Cherokee people in North Carolina, taking youth to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, and as far as the Dominican Republic.

The last few months have seen us successfully coming together to take over and renovate the trailer (owned by Verona UMC) with the intention of providing a temporary home for someone in need. We have had three amazing and full Easters with big church family celebrations, and Christmas services filled with little sheep and laughter while celebrating Jesus. We had some hard and open discussions in the aftermath of Charlottesville, where we looked each other in the eyes on Sunday and showed once again how we are a church who does things differently. We celebrated two traditional Seder dinners, and experienced its significance together. We did free lunches of hot dogs, chips, and soda in the summers and had a softball team in the spring. And that’s just the big events- phew!

But you all partnered with me in smaller, consistent ways too, week after week. You shared your thoughts on God and my sermons in real time, asking thought-provoking questions which helped a lot of us (especially me) grow in my understanding of Christ. Some of you showed up every week to our Wednesday night LifeGroup and shared your joys, doubts, and everyday struggles. And others came regularly to our Ladies Night events where you got to laugh, fellowship, and create a beautiful craft. We all got together every month for a potluck where we simply shared our lives and our food together as a community. You opened yourselves up to me, and I have been deeply honored by your love and your friendship.

My hope for you all is that Aisle 7 continues doing the things that made us a welcoming place for people to come and share in fellowship. I would love to see the trailer be used soon for a family that could benefit from your generosity, and to see our Wednesday night LifeGroup grow and flourish into 3 or 4 more just like it. I pray the Verona Community Center continues to welcome groups like Young Life and be a place for area youth to hang out and be accepted. I pray Aisle 7 continues to be a place in Verona for growing relationships with God and each other. And I pray you all go forward and love God and each other boldly and fearlessly.

Thank you for sharing your lives with me, for worshiping beside me, for volunteering alongside me, for “buying in” and for making Aisle 7 the wonderful church it is today and has been for over 2 years. We absolutely could not have come this far without your prayers, your service, and your gifts. Here’s to the next chapter, for all of us.

*In His Grace, Pastor Kevin*

# Verona UMC Calendar of Events - June/July 2018

## JUNE 2018

- 6/3 12:30pm Reception for Staff Members-BRMH
- 6:00pm Youth-Cook Out at Lilly' Dresch's/meet at church
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/4 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
- 6/5 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
- 6/6 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- 6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/7 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
- 6/8 6:00pm Vacation Bible School
- 6/9 6:00pm Chicken BBQ-Verona Ruritans
- 10:00am Rebecca Circle, RM 146
- 6/10 5:00pm Summer Playground BLAST
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/11 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 6/13 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- 6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/15 Annual Conference June 15-17, 2018
- 6/17 5:00pm Summer Playground BLAST
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/18 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 6/19 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting-RM 146
- 6/20 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- 6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/21 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth Serve Dinner)
- 6/24 5:00pm Summer Playground BLAST
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/25 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 6/27 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- 6:30pm 11am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15pm 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 6/28 6:30pm Youth -Potluck Dinner/Load Trailer-BRMH

## JULY 2018

- 7/1 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/2 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 7/3 6:30pm Children Sing at Vesper Service-Gypsy Hill PK
- 7/4 10:00am 4th of July Parade-both campuses in Parade
- 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THE MONTH OF JULY
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/6 6-8pm Fire Pit Fridays-outside weather permitting
- 7/8 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/9 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 7:00pm SPRC Meeting-RM 146
- 7:00pm Daycare Board Meeting
- 7/11 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THE MONTH OF JULY
- 7:00pm Bible Study on Ephesians-Comm. Center
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/12 12-5pm Blood Drive-BRMH
- 7/13 6-8pm Fire Pit Fridays-outside weather permitting
- 7/15 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/16 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 7/17 7:00pm Church Council Meeting-RM 146
- 7/18 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THE MONTH OF JULY
- 7:00pm Bible Study on Ephesians-Comm. Center
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/19 7:00pm Verona Ruritans, BRMH (Youth Serve Dinner)
- 7/20 6-8pm Fire Pit Fridays-outside weather permitting
- 7/22 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/23 9:00am Pastor's Prayer Meeting, Community Center
- 7/25 6:00pm TOPS, RM 143AB
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer Meeting, Golden Deeds
- NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THE MONTH OF JULY
- 7:00pm Bible Study on Ephesians-Comm. Center
- 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141
- 7/27 6-8pm Fire Pit Fridays-outside weather permitting
- 7/29 8:00pm AA , RM 302 & AL-ANON, RM 141

## June Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 6/1 Tim Rexrode      | 6/14 Myrtle Lambert    |
| 6/2 Rodney Bussard   | 6/15 Carolyn Harlow    |
| Rhonda Reeser        | 6/17 Lorena Karicofe   |
| Jordan Morlino       | 6/18 Heather Andes     |
| 6/3 Don McFaden      | 6/18 Amy Hisey         |
| 6/5 Joe Huffman      | 6/18 June Flavin       |
| Patsy Mayle          | 6/20 Sandy Rousseau    |
| Mike Powers          | 6/20 Titus Showalter   |
| 6/7 Joanne Watson    | 6/21 Amanda Hall       |
| 6/8 Tessa Hickman    | 6/21 Barbara Morris    |
| Eleanor Jennings     | 6/22 Colton Lackey     |
| 6/9 Jeff Weeks       | 6/23 Reid Tutwiler     |
| 6/10 Shirley Carter  | 6/25 Doris Thompson    |
| Bill Sullivan        | 6/25 Wayne Smith       |
| 6/11 Russell Davis   | 6/26 Scott VanLear     |
| 6/12 Jamie Glover    | 6/27 Andy Tutwiler     |
| Jason Lambert        | 6/27 Dustin Zickefoose |
| 6/13 Kristen Swanson | 6/26 Curtis Craig      |
|                      | 6/27 Wally Arms        |
|                      | 6/27 Shirley Webster   |
|                      | 6/28 Jayne Tooley      |
|                      | 6/28 Cindy May         |
|                      | 6/28 Don Dixon         |
|                      | 6/28 Elsie Walker      |
|                      | 6/28 Jeffery Weeks     |

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| 6/28 Janet McAllister | 6/29 Scott Gurkin        |
| 6/29 Sandy Rankin     | 6/29 Conrad Sandhage     |
| 6/30 Jeff Bean        | 6/30 Chrystal Little     |
| 6/30 Winston Jackson  | 6/30 Becky Woolfrey      |
| Bobby McAllister      | Dreama McAllister-Wilson |
| Stephen Little        | Jeremy Spiggle           |
| 7/1 Kyle VanLear      | 7/1 John Rehm            |
| 7/2 Kirk Wagner       | 7/2 Scott Maynard        |
| 7/3 Laura Rohrer      | 7/3 Rose Armstrong       |
| 7/5 Jean Bean         | 7/5 Corey Chestnut       |

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 7/6 Bryan Wills       | 7/20 Ramona Jackson    |
| 7/7 Mary Jane Ayers   | 7/20 Corieta Smith     |
| 7/8 Laura Gurkin      | 7/20 Teresa Blum       |
| 7/8 Wesley Harris     | 7/21 Betty Lamm        |
| 7/9 Roz Carper        | 7/21 Gail Smith        |
| 7/10 Barbara Dedrick  | 7/21 Lindsay Shifflett |
| 7/10 Sally VanLear    | 7/21 Greg VanLear      |
| 7/11 Showna Hiner     | 7/21 Pattie Smiley     |
| 7/11 Betty Fitzgerald | 7/22 Doris Long        |
| 7/12 Brian Gingerich  | 7/22 Peggy Horisk      |
| 7/12 Linda Smith      | 7/22 Mark Chestnut     |
| 7/13 Corny Wills      | 7/23 Michael Dawson    |
| 7/13 Rachel Jennings  | 7/25 Tom Sailer        |
| 7/14 Justin Rexrode   | 7/26 Dennis Porter     |
| 7/14 Rebecca Austin   | 7/26 Tom Upton         |
| 7/14 Jessica Blosser  | 7/27 Stephanie Wiseman |
| 7/15 Chris Broce      | 7/28 Jean May          |
| 7/15 Rita Austin      | 7/28 Jed Alger         |
| 7/16 Brian Myers      | 7/29 Mindy Hickman     |
| 7/17 Dustin Dedrick   | 7/30 James Pugh        |
| 7/18 Louise Fultz     | 7/31 RC Moyers         |
| 7/18 Bill Mayle       |                        |
| 7/19 Ray Smith        |                        |
| 7/19 Logan Bean       |                        |



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 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  
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 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  
 S H Q J O W S E O I U R P H F  
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