



THE TOWER



Monthly Newsletter of
Verona United Methodist Church

September
2018

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& AISLE 7
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FROM PASTOR BOB—

Many years ago I purchased a book titled "The Jesus Style" by Gayle Erwin. Just like our savior Jesus, it was simple and straightforward. And it changed my life.

So I'm excited to have both of our campuses—Verona and Aisle 7—participating in a six-week sermon series on "The Jesus Way" beginning September 2.

Sometimes it seems that we try every way but "the Jesus way" in our personal lives and in our life together in the church.

To succeed we try the way of *consumerism*—appealing to our base desires to have more stuff, even if we're not sure what to do with it.

We try *celebrity*—attempting to gain status and popularity even when it means compromising the person God created us to be

We find ourselves drawn like flies to *charisma*—following others not because they are authentic and speakers of truth but because they just have that particular manner and appearance that appeals to us.

We try raw *power*—bullying and threatening and black mailing others in order to get our way.

Sometimes it seems like we try every way but the Jesus Way.

What is that Way? Why is it so different? Why should I follow it?

The Jesus Way can be summed up in three simple words that Jesus uses over and over in the Gospels: *repent, believe, and follow*. While our fallen instinct is to hide our sins, doubt God's Word, and go our own way, Jesus calls us to live in a constant state of humility before God and others—to believe God's Word—to follow His Son. If we find ourselves compromising those three things in order to reach some self-contrived goal in life, we will eventually end up miserable, frustrated, and lost.

The Jesus Way is the opposite of the philosophy that "the ends justify the means." For Jesus it is the means that will determine our end. Do we recognize and repent of our sins? Do we believe, really believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life? And are we willing to take up our cross and follow Him? If we can focus on these three actions, then we can trust that Jesus will bring us not only home to heaven, but also to a place of joy and peace in this life, no matter what the circumstances we find ourselves in.

I hope you'll join us throughout September and into October for this life-altering series of sermons on living life the Jesus Way. And don't forget that in the midst of the series we'll celebrate Youth Sunday together on September 16th at both VUMC services as our youth lead us in worship and share their own testimonies of faith.

Grace and peace, Pastor Bob Weeks

News...

Our Mission

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

Newsletter Deadline is September 17

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 Jennifer in
the church office:

248-7777 or
jennifercook@
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

New Sermon Series Starts Sept. 2nd

The Jesus Way

A 6-Week Sermon Series at Verona UMC & Aisle 7 Fellowship

- Sept. 2 **Love** the Jesus Way John 15:9-17
- Sept. 9 **Be Holy** the Jesus Way Matt. 5:38-48
- Sept. 16 **Youth Sunday** at VUMC
 Follow the Jesus Way (A7F only) Luke 9:56-62
- Sept. 23 **Rodney Bussard**—Guest Preacher at VUMC
 Forgive the Jesus Way (A7F only) Matt.18:21-35
- Sept. 30 **Be Rich** the Jesus Way Matt. 19:16-30
- Oct. 7 **Serve** the Jesus Way John 13:1-17

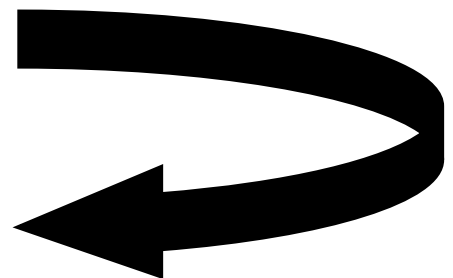


Thursday, September 13, 12-5pm

Walk-ins welcome! Give Blood! Save a life!

Looking Ahead:

- Oct. 12 - Apple Dumplings
- Oct. 13 - Fall Festival
- Oct. 14 - Back to Church Sunday
- Oct. 21 - Light the Night Halloween Event
- Oct. 23 - 25 - Church Revival





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. Information and instructions posted on back of first cabinet door in the kitchen. Questions/concerns? Contact the Church Office.



- Sept. 2 Home Builders
- Sept. 9 Witness Team
- Sept. 16 Youth
- Sept. 23 Rebecca Circle
- Sept. 30 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 CAN ESPECIALLY USE:
Toothpaste and canned fruit**

Salt & Peppers News Corner

*For anyone with a little “salt and pepper”
in their hair!*

Fellowship Dinner

Please join us for dinner on Saturday, September 22 at 5:30 pm in the church social hall. Menu will be BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit and dessert.

Please let us know by Monday, 9/17 if you can attend. We look forward to having as many of our Salt & Pepper folks there as possible, and we hope to have a short entertainment time as well.

For more info. on upcoming events, contact:

Faye Wills –234-9410, Sandy McAllister –255-6488,
Gayle Meeks 248-1325 or Carolyn Anson 294-2061

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.

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.



Volunteer Opportunity

at the

Verona Community Center

Is God nudging you to give back to your community? Being a host at the Verona Community Center can be a rewarding and fun way to be in ministry with VUMC/A7F. Shifts are 3 hours, Monday-Friday, with an occasional need for 1.5 hour shifts. Some shifts available on weekends for events. Currently in need of help on Fridays. Contact Lydia at Lydspot@yahoo.com for more info.

VCC Yard Sale September 29th

Look for more information in weekly newsletter.

2018 5th Sunday Offerings

Our Church Council has designated special offerings to be received in every month with a fifth Sunday.

Here is our schedule through 2018:

September 30 - Adult Missions

December 30- Verona Community Center

Aisle 7 & VUMC Partner In Transitional Housing Ministry

The VUMC Church Council recently approved Aisle 7's proposal for use of VUMC's trailer in Mead's Trailer Park to aid people seeking a short-term housing solution while working toward permanent housing. A young couple and their little boy are currently staying in the trailer with a six-month agreement as they work toward housing self-sufficiency. For more info. contact Doug May, VUMC Council Chairperson.

Online Giving Available

It's easy, safe and secure. Go to (veronaumc.com) and click on the online giving banner OR drop by the church office during the week and Jennifer Cook will assist you in setting up your online giving.

Join a VUMC Prayer Group

Pastor's Prayer Group

Mondays at 9 a.m., Verona Community Center

Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., next to Library

Numbers that Matter thru 8/19/18

Sunday School (VUMC) Avg. Attendance	90
Worship Avg. 2018—VUMC/A7F	211/38
Worship 9/19/18—VUMC/A7F	203/33

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS (VUMC only)*

General Fund Weekly Need	8064
General Fund Weekly Avg. 2018	7625

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



- Online giving means your offering is received by the church no matter what the weather or if you are out of town
- With online giving, you can enter a contribution schedule for the whole year (or beyond) and never have to worry about whether or not you've missed a Sunday
- Online giving makes church planning easier as giving becomes more regular and predictable
- Online giving reduces your personal time in giving—stop ordering checks, worrying about the check you forgot to write, and searching for your checkbook on Sunday mornings
- Online giving gives you the opportunity to use credit or debit cards and e-checks
- Donations can be made from your phone, computer, tablet—anywhere you have internet
- Online giving allows you to make general or special donations

Contact Jennifer in church office - 248-7777 for help. To set up your account visit:

<http://veronaumc.net/online-giving/>

There is a 3% fee paid by our church for use of a credit or debit card. You have the option to add that fee to your donation. If you use an e-check, the fee is 50 cents per transaction.



SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

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.*

Sunday, September 9th - 5:30-7pm Devotion and supper; practice for Youth Sunday.

Saturday, September 15th - 6-9pm Youth will have supper at Ciro's; then to Aisle 7 for movie night "I Can Only Imagine." Bring a friend!

Sunday, September 16th - 8:30am & 11:00 am Youth Sunday at VUMC. Youth needed to help with the service.

Thursday, September 20th - 6-7:15pm Youth are serving meal to the Verona Ruritans. Youth and parents are needed to help.

Sunday, September 23rd - 5:30- 7pm Devotions and supper.

Thursday, September 27th - 7-8:30pm Bittersweet Gospel Band at VCC! Our youth are hosting the event. Proceeds will benefit Bittersweet Ministries as they reach out to youth and break down cultural differences. (Our youth worked along side Bittersweet Ministries while in Tijuana Mexico.) Youth and Mexico team members— if you can help with snacks and clean up that would be great!

Sunday, September 30th - 5:30-7pm devotions and supper.

BITTERSWEET GOSPEL BAND

ABOUT THE BAND: The Bittersweet Gospel Band began as an extension of Bittersweet Ministries, at the time a rehabilitation home for men in East Los Angeles. The home, founded by Pastor Gilbert Romero, was a half-way house, a safe place, where men young and old could find stability, self-discipline and healing from their broken lives as gang members, drug users, alcoholics, and the abuse they suffered from the hands of others.

Pastor Gilbert came out of this same world when God called him to ministry. In the mid-1990's, the Band began to minister to the main stream of the Church of the Brethren, and to other denominational and non-denominational churches as well, with a focus on reaching out to youth and breaking down walls of cultural division.

With the Band's music and Gilbert's preaching, Bittersweet concerts take on a revival atmosphere. Pastor Gilbert is a dynamic speaker and presenter, as well as a smooth vocalist, percussionist, and songwriter. Joining him since 1997 is Pastor Scott Duffey, who plays guitar, sings, and also writes some of the music. Scott and Gilbert are from different worlds, but God has put them together as a model for inter-cultural ministry.

Mark your calendars!

Don't miss the

**Bittersweet Gospel Band
Verona Community Center
Thursday, September 27th
from 7 until 8:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by our Verona UMC Youth.

*Free will offering to support VUMC
Youth Missions and
Bittersweet Ministries*



"Bittersweet Lane" is now available, a 15 song CD by the Bittersweet Gospel Band. It contains "If Only I Knew," "Jesus Never Loses," "I'm Blessed", "Cardboard Hotel," and more.



VUMC Fall Festival

October 13 from 8 am—1 pm

We Need Helpers!

Contact Lisa Glover at 540-248-3379

*All proceeds benefit our Mission Teams / VUMC food pantry /
Verona Community Center / Aisle 7 Fellowship*

We need volunteers to help with the following:

- United Methodist Women's Booth
- Bake Sale, Craft items
- Apple Dumplings
- Pork Rinds
- Apple Butter
- Silent Auction
- Kid's Activities
- Set up and take down
- Brunswick Stew Cooks
- Barbecue Chicken
- Hot Dog Stand

Items NEEDED:

- **Canopy Tents** to borrow for outdoor activities
- **Firewood** for Apple Butter and Brunswick stew
- **New and gently used items** for Silent Auction
- **Small Pumpkins**
- **Pint Jars with regular lid size** for Apple Butter
- **Baked Items/Craft Items**
- **Sugar** for Apple Butter and Apple Dumplings. Bring sugar to church by Sept. 28.



*Please put items on stage in designated areas beginning Oct. 1.
All donated items need to be on the church stage before Noon, Oct. 12.*

Note from Pastor Shawna...

Greetings!

I'm beginning to settle into my new role as a Pastor - learning how to switch gears quickly as needs arise; write sermons; and visit in the homes of our church family.

I've thoroughly enjoyed the Fire Pit Fridays this summer. What a great way to gather together outside of Sunday mornings! The kids have enjoyed the bounce water slide thanks to Amanda's hard work setting it up and taking it down! Our Fire Pit crowds grow each week and I want to thank all those who have donated food and water, helped cook the food, and provided firewood. Matt Simpson and Fritz and Peggy Horisk have provided wonderful music, including a lot of "oldies but goodies." On August 10 our VUMC Salt & Peppers group drew a large crowd and provided all the amenities. Thank you to all those who have come out, sat back, wolfed down a hot dog and marshmallow, and sung along!

We have received all the items from the United Methodist Communications grant of \$4,000 and are excited about how they will help get our Aisle 7 name out in the community. Items include banners, t-shirts, a large canopy, pens, and much more... all with our Aisle 7 logo and web address.

Sunday mornings have been wonderful with new folks coming each Sunday. I always enjoy those visiting from our sister campus across the street at Verona UMC. The Wednesday evening Bible study on Ephesians has gone well and will be wrapping up in September. We'll then start a new study - watch for an announcement soon.

Aisle 7 and VUMC are hosting a movie night on Saturday, September 15 from 7-9 pm at the Verona Community Center. The movie is this spring's moving story of Christian hope and faith, "I Can Only Imagine." Admission is free and we will offer hot dogs, popcorn and drinks for a donation. The entire community is invited - bring a friend along!

Lastly, I want to thank all of you at Verona UMC who have continued to support and encourage me these last few weeks. It is an honor to be the Pastor of Aisle 7 Fellowship. I look forward to how we will continue to be the light of Christ in the community of Verona and beyond.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Shawna

430-5462/shawnahiner@vaumc.org

Children's News

We are in need of people to help with set up, and clean up after the children's activities at the Fall Festival. Contact Amanda if you would like to help.

Sept 16- BLAST will resume on a weekly basis from 5:00 to 6:30 every Sunday evening. We will be working on our Christmas musical to be performed on December 2.

October 21 - Light the Night Halloween Event at 5pm. Volunteers are needed to help run stations, serve food, run the cake walk, etc. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Amanda.



For more information email Amanda at amandavumc@gmail.com

Special Sundays in September

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Join us on September 9th for "Education Sunday" as we honor and pray for our community's teachers and students, whether in a public school, a private school, a school at home, or at Sunday School. We want to make sure we are holding you up in our prayers!

YOUTH SUNDAY

The following Sunday, September 16th, is our annual Youth Sunday. Our youth, under the leadership of Bill and Carolyn Harlow, will lead our worship services at the VUMC campus, including preaching and music.



Sunday October 14th

Our Witness Team is planning for "Back to Church Sunday" at Verona UMC on October 14, 2018. National Back to Church Sunday is a national movement of churches reaching out to their communities with the message "You Belong Here," inviting others to find a community of people who are growing together spiritually, applying their faith to everyday challenges and supporting one another as well as the community at large.

Start thinking today about who you will invite to church that day. We'll be providing resources to help make your invitation easier.

If you would like to help the Witness Team prepare, please contact Corkie Collie at corks-mustang1@verizon.net.



2018 Homecoming Revival

"All for Jesus"

The theme and dates for our fall 2018 Homecoming Revival have been announced.

"All for Jesus" services will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at VUMC; on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Verona Community Center; and on Thursday, Oct. 25 at VUMC.**

Tuesday evening's preacher will be Pastor Norman Ramsey of St. Paul's UMC of Staunton.

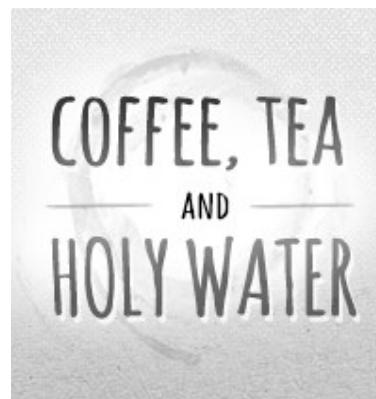
Wednesday evening will be an evening of praise with the One Family Band from Weyers Cave, the VUMC Choir, and Michael Berkley of Richmond leading us in our music.

Our Thursday evening preacher is Pastor David Vaughn of Calvary UMC in Stuart's Draft.

Homecoming Sunday will be held at 8:30 & 11:00 on Oct. 28th.

UMW Reading Program

Verona's United Methodist Women participate in the Reading Program that encourages members to think critically about current issues. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen our spirituality and to broaden our understanding of our mission work. Our unit has a suitcase full of books from the reading list.



Here is a new one that just arrived:

Coffee, Tea, and Holy Water—

The author provides a personal touch to profound questions about the nature and practice of faith as she travels to Brazil, Wales, Tanzania, China and Honduras. This book is about the places we meet, what we share, and the steps we take to cross geographical, cultural and personal borders. Contact Lydia (886-1460) if you are wondering where to find the books



VERONA UMW



Remember your Prayer Partner

United Methodist Women News

Please mark your calendars for the District Prayer Breakfast:

Sept. 8, 9am - District Prayer Breakfast at Evangelical UMC, Elkton. Car-pooling is available.

From Joy Utberg, UMW President:

Mission Encounter is an annual event sponsored by the Virginia Conference UMW focused on specific topics with a mission focus. Both Lydia Weeks & I attended the 2018 Mission Encounter over the last weekend in July. I attended the sessions on the three Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church, and the history behind their formation. The Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky is the closest to us and was formed to help the impoverished residents of Appalachia. My sessions were led by Lisa Nichols, the Director of Henry Fork, and she was very dynamic. We had the opportunity to learn about many mission projects, and celebrate the mission work supported by the UMW. When the time comes to register for next year's Mission Encounter I encourage you to consider attending. The weekend is open to EVERYONE, not just women & not just UMW members.

Plans for our September Unit meeting have changed to accommodate our speaker. Donna Marshall-Nail, Linda Wiseman's cousin, will be presenting a talk on her travels to Honduras and the delivery of nearly 100 moon-bags to the young women there. Please join us to learn more about her mission trip. Everyone is invited!

Please make note of the date & time change:
Unit Meeting – Monday September 17th, 1:30pm, in the Open Door Classroom

The VA Conference UMW is sponsoring a Young Women's retreat (ages 18-40) at Camp Overlook September, 14-15. If any young women are interested in learning more about it, or getting a registration form, please see one of the officers listed below.

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 Coordinator
Lydia Weeks – Reading Program
Joy Tinsley – Nominating

VUMC UMW Circle Meetings

Esther Circle – 3rd Monday 2:00pm 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.



Remember in Prayer

Faith Bridges, Winston Jackson, Thelma Smith, Dot Hess, Patsy Dastoli, Ruth Weaver, Willie Lockridge, Ronald Smith, Margaret Helmick, Jean May, Inez Fultz, Howard Rexrode, Elijah Smith, Don & Caroline McFaden, Roger Moats, Frances Johnson, Ray

Smith, Harle Jackson, Jeff Spiggle, Joy Tinsley, Kitty Wine, Bill & Nancy Welliver, Farris Gwin, Wilma Shuey, Corkie Collie, Scott Arbogast, Parker Staples, Marie Cason, Kathy Poarch



VUMC Chancel Choir News

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, September 5th

We encourage prospective members to come and experience the fun and inspiration of a VUMC choir practice—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 15 minute "overlap" when the choirs practice together).



Coming September 15th—

"I Can Only Imagine"

Join us at the Verona Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 15th as Aisle 7 Fellowship sponsors a FREE showing of the Christian movie that has captured millions of hearts over the past few months. Based on the song of the same name that has brought hope to so many.

"I Can Only Imagine" is a gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, beautifully illustrating that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven. Please invite your friends!

DATE & TIME: Saturday, Sept. 15th at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Verona Community Center, 465 Lee Hwy.

REFRESHMENTS: Popcorn, candy, hot dogs, drinks

Notes of Sincere Appreciation

Dear Verona UMC,

Our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, phone calls and cards at the passing of our dear sister, Ella. Also a special thank you to Pastor Shawna for her special part in the service. We are so blessed to be a part of a caring and loving church family.

- Bill & Myrtle Lambert & family

Dear Verona UMC Family,

Thank you so much for the card, gift card, and my recognition at church. Each one of you has touched me in many ways to turn me into the person I am

and helped me along the way by filling my heart with the Word of God. I know that I will always have a home at church since I have been there since I was little. I was even baptized in this church. The words of Jeremiah 29:11 will always tick with me. Thank you all for everything.—Alyson

Dear Verona UMC,

A million thank yous for your prayers of healing and recovery on my behalf. Through and by the grace of God, the cancer is gone! Please keep me in your prayers. God bless you all—Peggy Ball

Dear Verona UMC,

Thank you for the gift certificates you gave me when I retired from the position of Visitation Pastor. What a joy that ministry was to me! I had the honor of walking with a few of the saints of Verona through their last days. So many loving people in this church. Than you again.

In Christ, Jeff Allen

Dear Verona UMC Community,

Thank you all for the generous graduation gift. Also, thank you for the undying support that is not only given to me, but to the rest of my family. I look forward to thanking all of you in person during church. Thanks again and God bless.

Sincerely, Aaron Kyle Bishop

VUMC September Calendar

Church meetings/events

- Sept. 10 - SPRC Meeting 7pm Rm 146
 Sept. 13 - Blood Drive 12-5pm BRMH
 Lay Leadership meeting 7pm Rm 146
 Sept. 15 - Movie night at VCC featuring
 "I Can Only Imagine"
 Sept 16 - BLAST begins 5pm
 Sept. 17 - Day Care Board Meeting 7pm
 Sept. 18 - Church Council meeting 7pm
 Sept. 30 - Mountaintop Sunday pack lunch and
 hike Humpback

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

Aisle 7 Fellowship, our second campus, meets
 at the Verona Community Center at 10:45 a.m.

Prayer meetings held Mondays at 9 a.m. at the
 Verona Community Center and on Wednesdays at
 6:30 p.m. in Room 201

Choir rehearsals held Wednesday evenings for
 11 a.m. worship choir from 6:30-7:30 /
 and for 8:30 a.m. worship from 7:15-8:15
 Rm 141

Rebecca Circle - 2nd Saturday; monthly 10am Rm 146

Esther Circle - 3rd Monday; monthly 2pm, Rm 144

Community meetings/events

AA - Sundays & Wednesdays; weekly 8pm, Rm 302

AL-ANON - Sundays & Wednesdays; weekly
 8pm Rm 141

NA - 2nd Sunday; monthly 3pm Rm 146

S-ANON - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; monthly
 6pm Rm 302

TOPS - Wednesday; weekly 6pm Rm 143

Girl Scouts - 2nd & 4th Wednesday; monthly 6:30pm
 Rm 141

Happy Notes - Thursday; weekly 9:30am in sanctuary

FAA - Thursday; weekly 6:45 Rm 201

Verona Ruritans - 3rd Thursday; monthly 7pm BRMH



9/1	Brycen Crummett Grace Dick	9/10	Lori Wagner Scott Lackey	9/23	Megan Maynard Ronnie Daughtry
9/2	Gayle Meeks Charles Douglass Michael Glover	9/11	Kathy Hitt Jordan Gurkin	9/24	Clint Harmon
9/3	Catherine Shearman Ron Jennings Christie Folden Ben Miller	9/12	Dick Watson Herthel Chestnut Kaye Mozingo Ben Bean	9/25	Bill Toler Jennifer VanLear
9/4	Wes Bean Heather Welcher Rob Halterman	9/13	Lee Ritchie	9/26	Jim Stuart Preston Smith Jasmine Phillips Corbin Dedrick
9/5	Esther Hanks Kelli Hale Isabelle Turner	9/14	Todd Mauzy Christine Harris Evan Shearman	9/27	Donna Cason Charlie Stevens Beth Breeding Josh Bean
9/6	Cara Diaz	9/17	Ruth Ann Wright Hallie Robinson Becky Upton	9/28	Jim Jones Betty Sutton Kaitlyn Sackett
9/7	Dot Moyers	9/18	Robin Layman	9/29	Becky Reeser Dennis Dull
9/8	Sarah Harmon Abigail Fitzpatrick	9/21	Jordan Brooks Shanna Morlino	9/30	Wayne Simmers
9/9	Aaron Wills Sandy McAllister	9/22	Harle Jackson Gary Breeden		

VUMC OUTREACH REPORT

This report is a “mid-year” report of the Outreach of Verona United Methodist Church. This is not a complete report, so please bring to my attention additions, corrections, expansions that can be included in a year-end report to our entire community. The real purpose of this report is to inform, document, recognize and encourage everyone to fully participate in living and fulfilling the Vision of Verona UMC. Outreach, as I see it, is everywhere and in everything we do!

The areas of ministry of outreach we are active in as a church include:

The Food Pantry: The food pantry team has been implementing system upgrades with computer tracking of clients as well as additional freezers and refrigerators, and other building updates for shelving, etc. to better serve our participants. Some statistics through July 2018:

2018 Food Pantry Totals for Clients Served	Total to date	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Ages 18 & Under:	700	145	83	76	84	105	105	102
19-24	124				19	36	33	36
25-35	165				37	41	44	43
36-50	177				47	44	43	43
51-59	234				56	62	52	64
19-59:	1221	218	160	143	159	183	172	186
60 & Over:	468	62	56	49	66	80	76	79
Total People (visits):	2389	425	299	268	309	368	353	367

Card Ministry: This is one area where we are providing a valuable ministry to our members, and I want to gather data as well as stories around how much this outreach ministry is appreciated.

Verona Community Center: Volunteers provide a number of services to our community through the community center begun by VUMC in 2016. While our church membership continues to make up the majority of community center volunteers, more and more volunteers are coming from other parts of our community. The free laundry service and showers are serving dozens in our community each month. Free laptop and internet usage continues to grow. We have distributed over 200 half gallons of milk to members of our community. Community groups have found the center a convenient place to hold meetings. A grant of \$2,500 is helping the center provide heating to a 1,000 sq. ft. area in the back of the facility so it can be used year-round.

Youth Mission Trips: Two trips were undertaken this year, one to Delaware and the other to Mexico. As we heard from the youth participants and the trip leaders during worship in July, these are life changing experiences and also ways that we witness and make a difference in the world. Last month’s newsletter gave details on the number and names of participants and specific examples of how their presence made a difference in the lives of those they served.

Adult Mission Trip: The mission trip to Florida February 24 through March 3rd was another “positive, life impacting experience,” something I can say with certainty as it was my first ever mission/ministry experience. It also strengthened the bond of our church members from both VUMC and A7F as we came together to minister and work for others who truly were in need and came to know other aspects of God’s love for all of us.

VUMC OUTREACH REPORT (continued)

United Methodist Women: The UMW provides outreach in most, if not all, things they do.

Some examples I know of and want to help share with our congregation includes the assembling of Health Kits, and other care kits which the UMW coordinated the donations for and assembly of these kits to contribute to UMCOR and other relief missions. The UMW also provide school supplies to families that need some assistance getting their children ready for back-to-school.

VUMC children activities: BLAST, Bible School, children's church, etc.

Apple Dumpling Gang: A dedicated and energetic group of folks make and sell apple dumplings multiple times per year. These delicious dumplings bring awareness to VUMC and provides funds that are used to further outreach by supporting Weekly Religious Education (WRE) in local schools, Young Life, VBS, and other needs of our congregation.

Petal Pushers: Another dedicated and energetic group takes care of our grounds and ensures that our facilities are always inviting to Verona visitors.

***Thank You!** Every member and regular participant in our activities is also an extremely important part of our outreach! When you engage in intentional or even casual conversations about your love for Jesus and our various fellowship and worship opportunities, you are actively providing outreach for Jesus and Verona UMC, Aisle 7, and the Church. Together WE ARE THE CHURCH!*

[NOTE] This report describes some of the outreach efforts and there are more details that will be included in the "annual report" which will be published for our annual charge conference on November 11th. These highlight the local, regional, national and international reach and positive impact that Verona United Methodist Church has as we make a Holy Difference in the world—all for God's Glory.

Respectfully Submitted:

Raymond R. Patterson

When I look at the clues that indicate the nature of Jesus – born in a barn, questionable parents, spotty ancestry, common name, misdirected announcement, unattractive looks, reared in a bad neighborhood, owning nothing, surrounding himself with unattractive co-workers, and dying a shameful death – I find his whole approach unable to fit into the methods that automatically come to mind when I think about "winning the world." His whole approach could easily be described as non-threatening or non-manipulative. He seemed to lead with weakness in each step of life. He had nothing in the world and everything in God and the Spirit."
— Gayle D. Erwin, *The Jesus Style*



"When the mouth cries, I want to see God, the heart has reached its finest moment. Once we have sought and seen God, all other things have a way of finding us." — Gayle D. Erwin, *The YWH Style*



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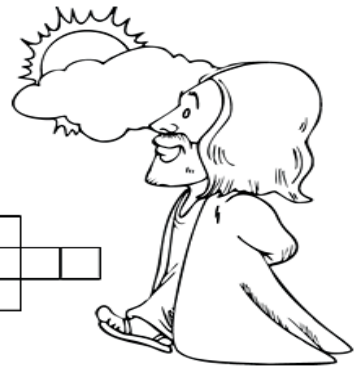
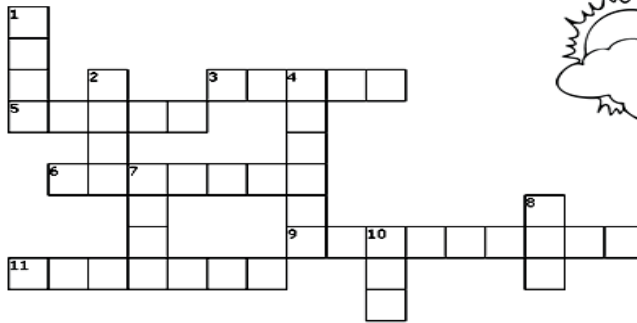
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 VUMC Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30-10 a.m.
 VUMC Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 A7F Worship 10:45 a.m.
 VUMC Worship 11:00 a.m.

Got Jesus?



ACROSS

- 3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
- 5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
- 6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
- 9. Evidence given by witness in court
- 11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

- 1. To understand something
- 2. The period from birth to death
- 4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
- 7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
- 8. The creator and ruler of the universe
- 10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	

