



# HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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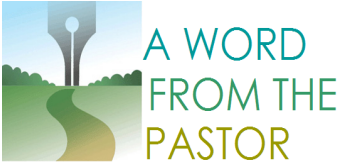
## Newsletter Staff

Rev. Ned Alderman, Pastor

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The Chancel Choir of High Street United Methodist Church will present their Christmas cantata, "The Word", on Sunday, December 11 at 5 PM. This program will be a combination of some of the best songs from cantatas they have presented over the last 20 years and is the first music event whereby the choir is able to present a program with a full ensemble of 25 voices since the 2019 Christmas season which was followed by the March 2020 Covid shut-down. Two rehearsals per week have been required to get this group ready, and per their director, Mike Pollard, this is a program that you will not want to miss. Bring your family and friends to share in this moving time of worship during this Advent season!



I realized years ago, as a lay person, that I prefer taking time off after Christmas rather than before. The time before Christmas seems so stressful, but, after Dec. 25, things seem to calm down. Perhaps that’s because Christmas actually starts Dec. 25. The 12 days of Christmas begin Dec. 26 and run through Epiphany, Jan. 6. Much of the world seems to ignore this.

Christmas carols stop playing in stores and on the radio after Dec. 25, and broadcasts of Christmas movies and specials stop everywhere except the Hallmark Channel after Dec. 25, yet Christmas has just started. I hope that we all find the peace of the season.

The days before Christmas do become harried: I didn’t realize that I had already registered for two December dates with the Foodbank. They are Wednesday, Dec. 14, box distribution at Hayden Village, noon-3 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 27, healthy food pantry at the new Foodbank facility on South Street, noon-3:30 p.m. Please let me know if you’re interested in helping at either or any other time, and please remember our backpack program, Wednesday, December 14, at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

I talked about biblical literacy in a sermon a few weeks ago. I started posting each week’s lectionary readings on Facebook in late October, and I’ll go ahead and give December’s readings here:

Dec. 4: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 11: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 18: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Dec. 31: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Remember our God Talk Bible studies Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Daily Dose. That’s a good way for us to stay in the word.

Grace and peace,



Dear High Street Family,

On December 14, Walker and I will be moving to our new home at The Cottages at Viniterra in New Kent County, Virginia. A highlight of our 30 years living “back home” has been our membership at HSUMC, the building of this beautiful church, and the faith in and love of God shown by our church family. Since the passing of Walker’s mother last January, we have struggled with what to do with the rest of our lives as we moved here in 1992 for Walker’s job and to be with our two widowed mothers. Now that our mothers are both deceased, our job here is done, and we feel we need to be closer to our son and his family. This was a gut-wrenching decision for us, and the logistics of the move are even more difficult; however, we will be living within minutes of our son Adam, his wife Mary Margaret, and our precious grandchildren Landon (age 8) and Mary Grace (age 4). Though farther away, we will always hold each of you close in our hearts and thank you for your love and support throughout the happy as well as the sad times of our lives. Please pray for us as we embark on this journey, and if you are anywhere between Williamsburg and Richmond in the future, please stop to see us at 8605 Terroir Lane, New Kent, VA 23124.

In God’s love,

**Becky and Walker Gillette**

757-651-8394 or 757-556-6991

Welcome our newest member to HSUMC  
**Swann Broocke**  
 Joined November 13, 2022  
 1401 N. High Street Apt. 214 Franklin, VA 23851



Thursday's at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall:  
**Megan Pontious** will lead a Knitting & Crocheting time for those who may want to get together with others for a creative, relaxing fellowship.  
 Come join us!



On **Tuesday, December 20**, there will be a "**Blue Christmas**" service at 7 p.m. at the church. This is a service for anyone having difficulties celebrating the holidays. Volunteers & participants are welcome, as this is a service of liturgy & readings, and there are several speaking parts.

**YOGA WITH JANE DECEMBER DATES**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Yoga—6pm	7 Chair Yoga—11am	8	9	10
11	12 Yoga—6pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Chair Yoga—11am	21	22	23 Chair Yoga—11am	24
25	26 Chair Yoga—11am	27 Yoga—6pm	28 Chair Yoga—11am	29	30	31

Thanks to all who supported our October Mission of the Month project! Your generosity has been overwhelming! Our goal was to be able to do 5 cleaning buckets full of supplies for UMCOR for victims of hurricanes and floods in the USA and beyond. After everything was counted and packed into the 5 gallon buckets, we ended up with 11 completed buckets and one extra bucket of extras.



Thanks to **Mike Ponder** who loaded them into his truck and drove them up to the District Office near Petersburg. They will then be delivered to the Virginia Conference Office in Richmond and eventually to a distribution center in Pennsylvania. Thanks to all of you who supported this project! Many of us remember what it was like to experience a flood!



HSUMC Members,

Our first **Widow's Might** Gathering was well attended and well received! Eight RSVPs but 16 attended lunch at Serve Wednesday, November 2! The back room was alive with eager conversations. I was pleased that the "Half Minute Hello" (Who you are and what you are doing) went well. If we keep that going every gathering, no one will be left out of the conversation.



**Jane Riddick-Fries** volunteered to lead the group forward. She has my full support! I will slowly withdraw from the gatherings even though Wednesday I was made an honorary woman!

I want to thank the Widow's Might Steering Committee for the work they put into getting this group of widows and women on their own started! **Ann Jervey, Gaynelle Riddick, Kathy Worrell, and Judy Riddick.**

The next gathering of the Widow's Might© is at 12-noon on Wednesday, December 7 at Three Guys Restaurant.

Here is a link to the pictures of the first gathering: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/esRw1f4J4oEiNSow9>

**Bill Billings**

**The Widow's Might meets at noon every Wednesday for lunch. Upcoming gatherings are:**

- November 2 - Serve Restaurant
- November 9 - HUBS Vine
- November 16 - Joe's Pizza
- November 23 - Village Back Porch Grille
- November 30 - Wydia's Restaurant
- December 7 - Three Guys Restaurant
- December 14 - Fred's Restaurant
- December 21 - Pino's Restaurant
- December 28 - Serve Restaurant



If you are widowed, or a woman living alone, please plan on joining us!



The United Women in Faith held the Methodist Marketplace on Saturday, November 19th from 10am to 4pm. We had a bakery, nut shoppe, doll store, Christmas house, High Street items, accessories, and knick-knacks galore. It was a day full of food, fun, and fellowship. Thank you to all who baked, brought items to sell, came to shop or made monetary donations.



In conjunction with the Methodist Marketplace on 11/19, the United Methodist Men cooked and sold Boston Butts. If you didn't get one, you missed out—it was delicious!!!

**Upcoming dates of United Women in Faith meetings:**

For December: Joint meeting of both Daytime/Night Time circles - Christmas Party on December 5 at SERVE Restaurant at 5:30 PM.

For January: **Morning Circle** - 10:00 AM on January 2 // **Evening Circle** - 5:30 PM on January 23  
**Executive Board** - 10:00 AM on January 24

All women are invited to come join us!!

**Kathy Worrell**  
President UWF



HSUMC's Kids Sunday School Kick-Off was held in the Fellowship Hall last on November 13. If you didn't make it, come on next week! Don't miss the fun!



**F3 NATION \* SATURDAYS \* 7AM**



**Soup for Supper** has resumed on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Donations will be accepted. Come join this fun time of food and fellowship!  
*Pancake Night will be 12/15.*

*God Answers Prayers*

If you have prayer requests, please send them to the church office via email [hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com) or by calling **562-3367**. They will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested.



Our backpack packing sessions have been going well. Thanks to everyone who has been coming. This is a great multi-generational project of High Street UMC. Come join us for our next packing session on Wednesday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks also to everyone who has sent in donations to support the 50 food insecure children who are sponsored by our church family.

**Mission Team's 3 Trees of Advent**

The Mission Team again this season offers opportunities of giving and sharing with others in need in our community and around the world. We hope you will choose to share with others this holiday season in some way.

**The Tree of Stars** - This tree is in the narthex and has the red and white stars. It has been a part of our giving for many years here at High Street. You may honor or remember loved ones, friends, or even strangers by donating a star for \$7.00. There will be a printed booklet with all of the names honored and remembered as well as the donors. The money raised from this tree is used to help fund the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as other mission projects local and otherwise.

**The Angel Tree** - This tree with angels is in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning Sunday, November 27th, there will be angel tags on the tree each with a child's age, gender, and a few gift suggestions. You may pick a child to help (please, no more than 3), choose a gift, wrap it and return it with the angel tag and ornament attached, no later than Sunday, December 11th. Please sign the form with your name and angel # when you take an angel off the tree.

**The Tree of Warmth** - This colorful tree is in the Open Door Cafe area. If you wish to help those in our local community who might not have the proper clothes to keep them warm during the upcoming cold winter months, please help decorate this tree with hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, jackets, coats, warm pjs, slippers, socks and even blankets. We ask that these items be new or clean and very gently used. You may put the items on the tree, under the tree, or in the wrapped box beside the tree. The deadline for these items is the first week of January. We will sort the items, and they will be distributed to children in need at S.P. Morton Elementary School, Riverdale Elementary School, and the clothing closet at the Franklin Cooperative Ministries.

**Other Mission Team News**

The Mission Team has been very busy this fall, and with the generous donations from our HSUMC family we were able to supply 11 completed cleaning buckets full of supplies brought in by you plus another bucket with extra supplies. These buckets were delivered to the Living Waters District office near Petersburg where they were then delivered to the Virginia Conference office in Richmond and then on to a warehouse in Pennsylvania where they will be distributed as needed to areas of flooding, hurricanes, and other disasters.

Then in November we had many generous donations towards our Thanksgiving project with the Franklin Cooperative Ministries. We were able to provide (35) \$25.00 Food Lion gift cards along with approximately 30 boxes of macaroni and cheese to the FCM's Thanksgiving Food Boxes. These boxes were given out to local residents in need the week before Thanksgiving. **Margaret Anne Smith**, the executive director of FCM, wrote me a brief email the day after the boxes and gift cards had been handed out. Part of it read..."I wanted to shoot you a quick happy email!! Everyone who picked up their food boxes today is a senior citizen, and every one of them has been so grateful about the box of food - but when Sallie hands them the gift card, every single person today has cried!! Happy, appreciative tears!! Well done High Street!!" Margaret Anne Smith *(You may read her full letter of thanks to HSUMC on the bulletin board between the narthex and the Open Door Cafe.)*

Lastly, the team has decided on our new project for our "Penny Project for 2023. We will be collecting pennies and other coins throughout the year for the "Society of St. Andrew". Its national headquarters is located in Big Island, Virginia. "SOSA is a grassroots, faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit working with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap between 96 billion pounds of food wasted every year in the United States and the nearly 40 million Americans who live in poverty. SOSA relies on support from donors, volunteers, and farmers as they glean nutritious excess produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest and deliver it to people in need across the United States. SOSA provides nutritious, healthy produce through programs such as the Potato Project, the Gleaning Network, Harvest of Hope, and the Seed Potato Project."

Besides collecting pennies, there will be lots of opportunities for our church to be involved in some of these projects close to Franklin, and learn more about this organization. We might even be able to bring a project two to our area. Keep collecting those coins and stay tuned for more information.



**THE HSUMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:**  
Monday, December 26 & Monday, January 2



**The Church Office will close at 12:30pm:**  
**December** Friday, 12/9 & Friday, 12/30  
**January** Friday, 1/6



Happy Holidays!!! The Angels are getting excited about all the Holiday cheer. The month of December they will be learning all about Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Also, the Letters C, J, and X. The month of January the Angels will be learning about Pets, Snowmen, Winter Weather, Nursery Rhymes, and Winter Animals and the letters W, R, and V.

Thank you everyone who ordered from our Midland Catalog fundraiser. We will let you all know when the items will be delivered. We will be hosting a Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser in January.

Thank you to Ned for buying the teachers Chick-Fil-A last month. It is one of our favorites.

GLA has a rather large before and after school care program. It is becoming expensive to feed the children their afternoon snacks. Any donations of prepackaged snack foods would be appreciated. I have Lays potato chips and goldfish on automatic Amazon delivery, and we go through them very quickly.

GLA will be opening a prek-3 classroom for the children who are turning 3 from the prek-2 classroom. We will begin using the classroom 137 again this month. The fall is when our religious exemption paperwork is due to the state. We passed all our inspections. Thank you for the use of this beautiful space.

GLA hopes that the Sunday School children are enjoying the new toys that were donated to their classroom. GLA will be closed for Christmas break December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope everyone has a Bless Holiday and Happy New Year.



In God's Love,  
Jill Thorpe, Site Manager



### HSUMC HARVEST PARTY, 2022

The Vitality Team hosted the Harvest Party on October 30th at the Bronco Club. As you can see by the photos, it was well attended and everyone had a great time! There were 38 children present plus an assortment of moms, dads, and grandparents. Kids heard stories from **Lorraine Whitehead**, carved pumpkins, rode in **Susan Holloway's** pony cart, participated in a Scavenger Hunt, enjoyed a hayride, ate hotdogs and cooked s'mores.

Enjoy the photos here and view additional photos from the party on High Street's Facebook page. Thanks to all who made this event successful!

**Kathy Worrell**  
Vitality Chair





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant 10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir & Cantata Practice/Choir Room	2 <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b>	3 7:00am F3 Nation 10:00am Girl Scout 1st Responder Event/Fellowship Hall
4 <b>Communion Sunday/Guest Pastor</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Open Door Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship Service 3:00pm Christmas Program Practice/Fellowship Hall	5 6:00pm UWF Christmas Party/Serve 7:00pm Praise Band Practice	6 6:00pm Yoga/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack <b>7:30pm Chancel Choir Performance at The Village</b>	7 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Widow's Might/Three Guys Restaurant <b>7:00pm Chancel Choir Performance at East Pavilion</b>	8 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant 10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir & Cantata Practice/Choir Room	9 <b>Church Office Closes @ 12:30pm</b>	10 7:00am F3 Nation 12pm Christmas Program Practice/Fellowship Hall
11 8:30am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Open Door Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship Service <b>5:00pm Christmas Cantata/Sanctuary</b> 	12 <b>Deadline for Advent &amp; Tree of Star Forms</b>  7:00pm Praise Band Practice	13 8:30am Prayer Group/Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Book Club Christmas Party/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack	14 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Widow's Might/Fred's Restaurant 5:00pm Backpack Packing/Fellowship Hall	15 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant 10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room	16 <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b>	17 7:00am F3 Nation 8:00am UMM Breakfast & Meeting/Fellowship Hall 12pm Christmas Program Practice/Fellowship Hall
18 8:30am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Open Door Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship Service—Jennifer will read her Carter Book <b>5:00pm Children's Christmas Program /Fellowship Hall</b>	19 7:00pm Praise Band Practice	20 7:00pm Blue Christmas/HSUMC 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack	21 <i>Winter Begins</i> <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b> 12:00pm Widow's Might/Pino's Restaurant 12:00pm GLA Polar Express Viewing/Fellowship Hall	22 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant 10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room	23 11am Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b>	24 7:00am F3 Nation 5:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 11:00 PM Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service 
25 11:00am Traditional Worship Service 	26 <b>Church Office Closed for Holiday</b> <b>11:00am Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall</b> 5:30pm UWF Evening Circle/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Praise Band Practice	27 10:00am UWF Executive Board Meeting/Library 6:00pm Yoga/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack	28 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Widow's Might/Serve	29 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant 10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room	30 <b>Church Office Closes @ 12:30pm</b>	31 7:00am F3 Nation 





# December

## BIRTHdays

- 1 Carolyn Bryant
- 1 Faith Stauffer
- 1 Hatcher Powell
- 2 Howie Soucek
- 3 Billy Birdsong, IV
- 3 Seneca Watts
- 4 Jane Riddick-Fries
- 5 Chad Jones
- 5 Lindsey Drake
- 5 Dylan Gayle
- 7 Sandra Whitley
- 7 Rachael Hopkins
- 8 Linda Jenkins
- 8 Curt Best
- 8 Tina Clifton
- 8 Meredith DeLuca
- 8 Michael Fox
- 8 Benjamin Kerbaugh
- 9 Tyler Rose
- 10 Tommy Napier
- 11 Alec Phillips, Jr.
- 11 Mike McGuire
- 11 Marie Smith
- 11 Coleman Phillips
- 12 Tim Stephenson
- 12 Clayton Kunz
- 13 Marjorie Peele
- 13 Sue Ratcliffe
- 13 Sam Dempsey
- 14 Jane Kay
- 14 Tami Holt
- 14 Michael Sugg
- 15 Pamela Griffith
- 15 Mike Pollard
- 15 Cary Kirkland

- 16 Ruth DeHaven
- 17 Justin Panikowski
- 17 Ali Frohlich
- 18 Harry Butler, III
- 18 Judy Belcher
- 19 David Betz
- 19 Caroline Parker
- 19 Arianna Blythe
- 19 Keegan Strozier
- 20 Adam Cornwell
- 20 Brandon Fenters
- 21 Dana Reesman
- 22 Barbara Prince
- 22 Nancy Underwood
- 22 Casi Hansford
- 22 Parker Pittman
- 24 J. T. Belcher
- 25 Diane Bracy
- 25 Sybil Newman
- 26 Jack Collins
- 26 Melissa Frisby
- 27 Betsy Bradshaw
- 27 Ellis Butler
- 27 Paige Weidemann
- 28 Terry Godwin
- 28 Michael Drewry, Jr.
- 29 Zak Wade
- 29 Jessica Holloman
- 31 Jake Pittman
- 31 Jamie Geary
- 31 Madeline Burgess






# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zack Duke	Tristan Gayle	Jackson Cobb	Julia Pollard
<b>Chancel</b>	Margaret Mackan	Margaret Mackan	Margaret Mackan	Margaret Mackan
<b>Flowers</b>	Linda K. Thomas	Susan & Lynn Powell	POINSETTIAS	POINSETTIAS
<b>Open Door Café</b>	Penny & Marie Smith	Jim & Jane Kay	Lori Vasser	NO OPEN DOOR
<b>Greeters 8:30</b>				
<b>Greeters 11:00</b>	Sanford & Jeanette Belcher	Rebecca Harper	Miles & Jessie White	Jim & Judy Belcher
<b>Lay Readers 8:30</b>	Susan Holloway	Mike Ponder	Harlan Lewis	Cara Butler
<b>Lay Readers 11:00</b>	Bill Bilings	Anne Williams	Judy Belcher	Margaret Mackan
<b>Ushers 8:30</b>				
<b>Ushers 11:00</b>	Walker Gillette Taylor Williams Robbie Griffin Evan Ponder	Walker Gillette Taylor Williams Robbie Griffin Evan Ponder	Walker Gillette Taylor Williams Robbie Griffin Evan Ponder	Walker Gillette Taylor Williams Robbie Griffin Evan Ponder r

# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1—<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>                      8:30am Contemporary Worship Service                      9:30am Open Door Cafe                      9:45am Sunday School                      10:00am Coffee &amp; Conversation                      11:00am Traditional Worship Service</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p> 	<p>2 <b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>10:00am UWF Morning Circle/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack</p>	<p>4 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b>                      12:00pm Widow's Might/TBA</p>	<p>5 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant</p> <p>10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose</p> <p>2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room</p>	<p>6 <b>Church Office Closes @ 12:30pm</b></p>	<p>7 7:00am F3 Nation</p>
<p>8 8:30am Contemporary Worship Service                      9:30am Open Door Cafe                      9:45am Sunday School                      10:00am Coffee &amp; Conversation                      11:00am Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>9 7:00pm Church Council Meeting/Dave Trader Room</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>10 8:30am Prayer Group/Fellowship Hall                      2:00pm Jennifer's Book Club/Fellowship Hall                      7:00pm Joint GLA Meeting/Face Trader Room</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack</p>	<p>11 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b>                      12:00pm Widow's Might/TBA                      7:00pm Mission Team Meeting/Library</p>	<p>12 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant</p> <p>10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose</p> <p>2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room</p>	<p>13 <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b></p>	<p>14 7:00am F3 Nation                      10:00am Girl Scout Meeting/GS Room</p>
<p>15 8:30am Contemporary Worship Service                      9:30am Open Door Cafe                      9:45am Sunday School                      10:00am Coffee &amp; Conversation                      11:00am Traditional Worship Service</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>16 7:00pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>17 9:00am District Clergy Training Event/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Book Club/Library</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack</p>	<p>18 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b>                      12:00pm Widow's Might/TBA</p>	<p>19 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant</p> <p>10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose</p> <p>2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room</p>	<p>20 <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b></p>	<p>21 7:00am F3 Nation                      8:00am UMM Breakfast &amp; Meeting/Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22—<b>Ecumenical Sunday</b>                      8:30am Contemporary Worship Service                      9:30am Open Door Cafe                      9:45am Sunday School                      10:00am Coffee &amp; Conversation                      11:00am Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>23 5:30pm UWF Evening Circle/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>24 10:00am UWF Executive Board Meeting/Library</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack</p>	<p>25 <b>Bulletin Info Deadline</b>                      12:00pm Widow's Might/TBA</p>	<p>26 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Fred's Restaurant</p> <p>10:30am The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose</p> <p>2:30pm Knitting Group/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00pm Soup4Supper/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room</p>	<p>27 <b>NEW OFFICE HOURS: Closed @ 1pm</b></p>	<p>28 7:00am F3 Nation</p>
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# January

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elliot Fox
- 2 Kelly Drake
- 3 Ben Thomas
- 4 Jackie Wood
- 4 Ryan Godwin
- 5 Joe Hutt, Jr.
- 6 Diane Bodenhamer
- 6 Jeff Hall
- 6 Joshua Bryant
- 7 Ann Britt
- 7 Natalie Padgett
- 8 Katherine Panikowski
- 8 Donna Dudley
- 8 Jennifer Jervey
- 8 Cate Richard
- 9 Nichole Wright
- 9 Knox Butler
- 10 Amy Panikowski
- 12 Wes Blythe
- 12 Beth Heflin
- 13 Jean Clark
- 15 Steven Hager
- 16 Beverly Myers
- 17 Wayne Blythe
- 17 Laurie Fox
- 17 Tess Pittman



- 18 Bryan Fenters
- 19 Dylan Burgess
- 19 Loren Keech
- 19 Rylan Shanks
- 22 Betty Modlin
- 22 Sandra Clarke
- 22 Pat Newman
- 22 Lisa Strozier
- 23 Eddie Burns
- 24 Doug Eitel
- 25 John Griggs, Jr.
- 27 Cindy Brelsford
- 27 Jessica Rabil
- 27 Darryl Cotton
- 28 Al Strickler
- 28 Susan Holloway
- 28 Elizabeth Blythe
- 28 Natalie Locke
- 28 Hugh Holloman
- 29 Erika Shaffer
- 30 Brian Jones
- 30 Zach Lee
- 31 Lindsey Jones
- 31 Clara Hamilton
- 31 Sadie Williams



# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<i>Acolytes</i>	Zack Duke	Tristan Gayle	Jackson Cobb	Julia Pollard	Zack Duke
<i>Chancel</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Flowers</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Kent & Jennifer Stephenson
<i>Open Door Café</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Greeters 8:30</i>					
<i>Greeters 11:00</i>	Margaret Mackan	Greta Hall	Glenda & Jim Jervey	Judy Riddick	Linda Maya
<i>Lay Readers 8:30</i>	Cara Butler	Jane Fries	Harlan Lewis	Rosalind Cutchins	Susan Holloway
<i>Lay Readers 11:00</i>	Mike Ponder	Margaret Mackan	Marie Smith	Jennifer Stephenson	Jim Yarborough
<i>Ushers 8:30</i>					
<i>Ushers 11:00</i>	Jim Jervey Wayne Bailey Frank Rabil Evan Ponder	Jim Jervey Wayne Bailey Frank Rabil Evan Ponder	Jim Jervey Wayne Bailey Frank Rabil Evan Ponder	Jim Jervey Wayne Bailey Frank Rabil Evan Ponder	Jim Jervey Wayne Bailey Frank Rabil Evan Ponder

## Advent Decorating Fund



Add to the beauty of our sanctuary and narthex at Christmas time by making a donation to the Advent Decorating Fund in honor of and/or in memory of loved ones. The Worship Committee will use these funds to purchase fresh garlands and large poinsettias as needed to decorate the inside of the sanctuary and the narthex.

If you would like to make a donation, please complete the information below. You may place the form, along with payment, in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or send it by mail.

**The deadline for your honorarium or memorial to appear in the Advent Booklet is Monday, December 12, 2022.**

A separate form is necessary for each donation. Additional forms are available in the

*In Honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree of Stars



This Christmas season give the gift that keeps on giving! For every donation of \$7.00 toward the support of our many mission projects, both local and global, a star will be placed on our Tree of Stars in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

If you would like to make a donation, please complete the information below. You may place this form, along with your donation, in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or send it by mail. Donations will be accepted through Christmas.

**If you would like your donation to appear in the Tree of Stars Booklet, your donation must be in by Monday, December 12, 2022.**

A separate form is necessary for each star. Additional forms are available in the church office.

*In Honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_



Memorials

High Street United Methodist Church  
Memorials and Honorariums  
11/20/2022



Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Herbert "Herbie" Martin Lewis, Jr.  
by: Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Gillette

Rita O'Berry Lewis  
by: Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Gillette  
Nancy O. Snellings  
Mr. and Mrs. Walker A. Gillette  
Kent and Jennifer Stephenson  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Luck  
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Phillips  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder  
Mrs. Gretchen D. Hopkins  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Burgess  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Eitel  
Diane H. Hirsch  
The Honorable and Mrs. Westbrook J. Parker  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean A. Emerson

**Health Care and Assisted Living Facilities**

Please remember our members who need special care at the following healthcare and assisted living facilities. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers each week.

**Village At Woods Edge**

(Memory Care Unit)  
1401 N High Street,  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.562.3100

Gilbert Porter (Rm 08)

**Manor At Wood's Edge**

(Assisted Living)  
1401 N. High Street  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.562.3100

Linda Joyner (Rm 1011)  
Barbara Prince (Rm 1006)  
Marjorie Whitley (Rm 1020)



**Village At Woods Edge**

(Independent Living)  
1401 N High Street,  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.562.3100

Al Strickler (Apt. 308)  
Mildred Mason (Apt. 117)

**East Pavilion**

(Nursing Home)  
100 Fairview Drive  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.569.6424

Doris Bailey (Rm 114A)



In Loving Memory of  
Rita O' Berry Lewis  
10/24/1941 - 11/10/2022  
Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



Deepest sympathies to  
Jane Humphries, family and friends, on  
the passing of her sister-in-law, Maggie  
Swafford.








Deepest sympathies to  
Marc Waller, family and friends,  
on the passing of his father.



In Loving Memory of  
William (Bill) Leinart  
3/15/1953- 11/17/2022  
Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

# Our Mission at High Street United Methodist Church



-  *H*onoring God through worship,
-  *S*erving God with time, talents and gifts,
-  *U*niting in Christian fellowship,
-  *M*aking disciples, and
-  *C*aring for all God's children.