



# HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2022

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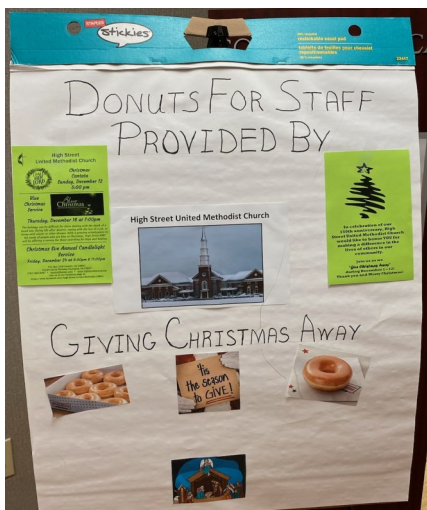
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## Giving Christmas Away

For our church's 150 Anniversary, Mike Ponder spearheaded **"12 Days of Giving Christmas Away"**. Our High Street UMC congregation expressed their **Love & Appreciation** to the community including the sheriff's department, police department, various fire and rescue squads, Chamber of Commerce, Vet, public works, day care centers, Southampton Memorial Hospital, school staff at FHS, SA, SPM, JPK, Riverdale, and others. Thank you to all who baked, donated, and helped deliver.



# FROM THE PASTOR



I made announcements during the January 16 worship services about recruiting volunteers to work with youth and children's ministry programs. I said that, as a result of the Boy Scout bankruptcy settlement, United Methodist churches were urged to review their Safe Sanctuaries programs. I got a copy of the High Street's child protection policy, which was approved by the church council in September 2020. The policy stipulates that any staff or volunteers who work with children and youth receive annual training and have background checks every three years. At least part of the training is available online through our insurance company, Selective Insurance Company of America, and, indeed, all of the training may be; I'm waiting for a reply from an insurance agent about the training that I cannot find online. The background checks are likewise easy to complete, and are kept in confidential files.

Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering to help with children and youth. Our child protection policy states that we will have two adults present in rooms with children whenever possible. Rev. Elizabeth Parry, who offers Safe Sanctuaries training, reviewed our policy last year and called this statement a red flag. She said that having two adults present with children is mandatory at all times, and also suggested that we decide how long someone must be part of the church before they can volunteer to work with youth and children.

Again, please give prayerful consideration to participating. Let's get everything in place, starting with volunteers, so that we can resume youth and children's ministries.



**Sunday School**  
**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Grace and peace,

*Ned Alderman*



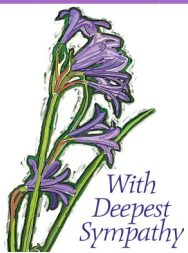
High Street UMC is collecting **Macaroni & Cheese** & **Ramen Noodles** for Franklin Cooperative Ministry during February. Please leave your donations in the baskets by the church office or in the Narthex.





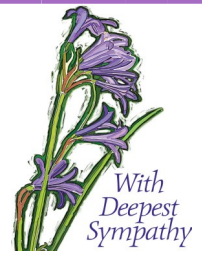
*Our Sincere Sympathy to:*

*Lois Billings and family on the loss of her brother, Jerry Evans  
John Griggs and family on the loss of his wife, Julie Carter Griggs  
Erin Turner and family on the loss of her aunt, Chrissy Joyner  
Mike Pollard and family on the loss of his father, Rev. Johnie Pollard  
Jim Yarborough and family on the loss of his mother, Lois Battles*



*In Loving Memory of  
Marguerite (Peggy) Adams Gillette  
1923 - 2022*

*Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.*



*Dear High Street United Methodist Church,*

*I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to me during my recent surgery. Thank you to all who sent cards, made phone calls and offered prayers for me. It has meant so much knowing others care.*



*Sincerely,  
Wayne Bailey*



**United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast & Meeting  
January 15, 2022**

Next meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, February 19, 2022 at  
8:00am.

All men are invited to attend!



### Mission Team News

What a wonderfully busy December we experienced with such generous giving from our congregation!! The Mission Team was overwhelmed by the response to our three trees and other projects during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The **Tree of Warmth** was overloaded and spilling onto the floor with 37 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of slippers, 2 pairs of pajamas, 13 coats, 110 pairs of gloves, 3 pairs of pants, 24 hat/scarf sets, 5 sweaters, 16 scarves, 8 warm blankets, and 2 pant suits. These items were divided and distributed to Riverdale Elementary and S.P. Morton Elementary Schools and the Franklin Cooperative Ministries.

Our **Angel Tree** provided wonderful gifts to 42 children who were on the lists provided to us by City of Franklin and Southampton County Departments of Social Services.

Our **Tree of Stars** was decorated with 329 red and white stars, each one in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones. These stars brought in \$2,303.00 for our missionary, Jacques Akasa Umembudi and the Wings of Caring Ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as other mission projects.

A new project that the Mission Team participated in this year was sponsored by Western Tidewater Smart Beginnings and The Children's Center. It was called **Project "Comfort and Joy"**. They were gathering items of joy and comfort for 14 local pregnant Moms, so we provided 14 warm and fuzzy blankets and 14 pairs of slippers.



Another project that has been ongoing for the past month or so is our **Mission House**. These volunteers have been working hard to completely redo a bathroom for an elderly lady on Walnut Street. There was water damage to the subfloor, so it has been quite a project, but they are nearing completion. Thanks to Scott Woods, Jim Belcher, Kevin Cutchins, and the rest of the crew for their hard work and dedication to this project.



We were a little late coming up with our January **"Mission of the Month"** project but there was some publicity to encourage us to reach out to others during these cold winter months and COVID... " Let's do our part to reach out, to encourage, to help if needed, wherever it may be needed. Reach out to a neighbor who may feel isolated, a friend who might need a listening ear,



or a co-worker who may be struggling to cover work for at-home or sick workers. We can all do a little bit, and it doesn't cost anything but time. Reach out and make this world a better place where you can!" This is something we can try and do all the time, so we can carry on with this idea into February as well.

We are also working on a **literacy project** and hoping to be able to provide some children's books to our Graces Little Angels and some children at The Children's Center as well. We will keep you updated on this as progress is made.

The next **"Backpack Packing session"** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, **February 22nd at 5:00 p.m.** We will start setting up at 4:30 and start packing at 5:00.

If you'd like to join our team please let the church office know or give me a call. Blessings to you all for your generosity and kindness during the holiday season and these challenging times we are living through now.



Ruthie Ponder (569-9449)

The Mission Team would like to send a big "thank you" to all those who supported the Angel Tree this year. Through your generosity, 42 children at Franklin Social Services and Southampton Social Services will have a merry Christmas. Thank you, High Street family



**Greetings friends from the Vitality Team!**

During the two years of the COVID pandemic, we have seen a steady decline in church participation. We would like to encourage all of us to "invite a friend" --

- to worship service,
- to Sunday School,
- for Backpack,
- to Men's Coffee and Conversation,
- to UMW Circle meetings, etc.



So, next time you're going to church or church activity, bring a friend!

Kathy Worrell  
Vitality Chair

**February Mission**

Heart Havens is a nonprofit organization that provides a home and 24 hour support to adults with developmental disabilities to live and thrive in their community. Since the first home opened in 1999, Heart Havens has been empowering adults with developmental disabilities to live full and happy lives with as much independence as possible. They currently have six homes in VA. For more information, go to <https://www.hearthavens.org/>



During the month of February we are asking for donations of 3-ply masks, anti-bacterial wipes or spray. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can submit through church with note stating: "Heart Haven Donation". If you have any other questions, you may contact Glenda Jervey at 757/617-9740

Thank you and God Bless!



### Living Nativity

The Rotary Club had one of the scenes in this year's Living Nativity - The Three Wise Men. The wise "men" this particular night were Mike Ponder, Galen Butler and Lauren Harper.

### Comfort and Joy

The High Street UMC Mission Team participated in a project called "Comfort and Joy" sponsored by Western Tidewater Smart Beginnings. We provided warm fuzzy blankets and slippers for 14 expectant Moms in our community. These were gratefully received by Mary Bradshaw at the Smart Beginnings office at the business incubator building in Franklin.



In October 2021, FOP Lodge #56 sponsored their 15th Annual **Robert A. Hill Sr. Toy Ride** which started at HSUMC. All proceeds from the ride went to purchase toys for children in need. Over the last couple of months, people generously donated to this worthy cause. Richard Walker shared pictures of all the toys and books that were collected/donated and served over 500 kids in our community. Extra books and warm clothing were donated to Grace's Little Angels and High Street's Tree of Warmth.

## Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

December 12, 2021



## Health Care and Assisted Living Facilities

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

- ◆ **Village At Woods Edge**  
(Memory Care Unit)  
1401 N High Street,  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.562.3100  
Nancy Raiford (Rm 04)  
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)



- ◆ **Village At Woods Edge**  
(Independent Living)  
1401 N High Street,  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.562.3100  
Al Strickler (Apt. 308)  
Marjorie Whitley (Apt. 314)  
Mildred Mason (Apt. 117)

- ◆ **East Pavilion**  
(Nursing Home)  
100 Fairview Drive  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
757.569.6424  
Doris Bailey (Rm 114A)

## Grace's Little Angels

### A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end

Amen

The Angels had a great holiday. We have had a lot of illness since the weather has decided to flip flop back and forth between warm and cold. The kids keep pushing through though. I think the one thing they get most excited for this time of year is the possibility of snow. Most kids love spending time making snowmen and snow angels. It's also this time of year that forces us to slow down and enjoy the little things. The joy that children show and the excitement for the next adventure. I pray we each get this excited and joyous sometime this month.

The Angels will be learning about healthy habits this month as well as loving one another. If you would like to come read us a story or donate anything, please let us know. We will be announcing a fundraiser soon so be sure to check with Alice or Michele Virtue. Thank you all for your unending support and love. Happy Valentine's Day from all the staff and Angels at GLA.

Carol Harrington, Site Manager



Our "**Penny Project**" for 2022 is the **Heifer Project**. High Street has participated in this several times in the last 20 years. The children really relate to and enjoy this mission. Heifer Project is an international organization that provides animals to families all around the globe who are experiencing poverty. This allows them to have a source of income and food. For example, if a family or individual qualifies, they are given an animal such as a heifer along with the training needed to care for and use the animal to provide milk for their own use and perhaps eventually be able to sell the milk for a profit. When the cow is able to give birth the calf is given away to help a neighbor in the same way they were helped. There are many animals available to choose from - cows, pigs, goats sheep, rabbits, chickens, and more.



The children will be learning about this project during the month of February and starting to save their pennies to help. If you would like to help, please bring your pennies (or other change) and put them in the brass bucket on the table in the narthex. There will be a label that reads "**Heifer Penny Project**". You may also bring your pennies by the church office during the week. **Parents**, please be on the lookout for notification by email or "snail mail" of when this program will start.

Ruthie Ponder (Mission Team Leader)



**From United Methodist Women**

**Happy Valentines Day church family!**

The remaining pecans are in the church freezer for \$6.00 a bag which is half price. Please pay Alice in the church office.

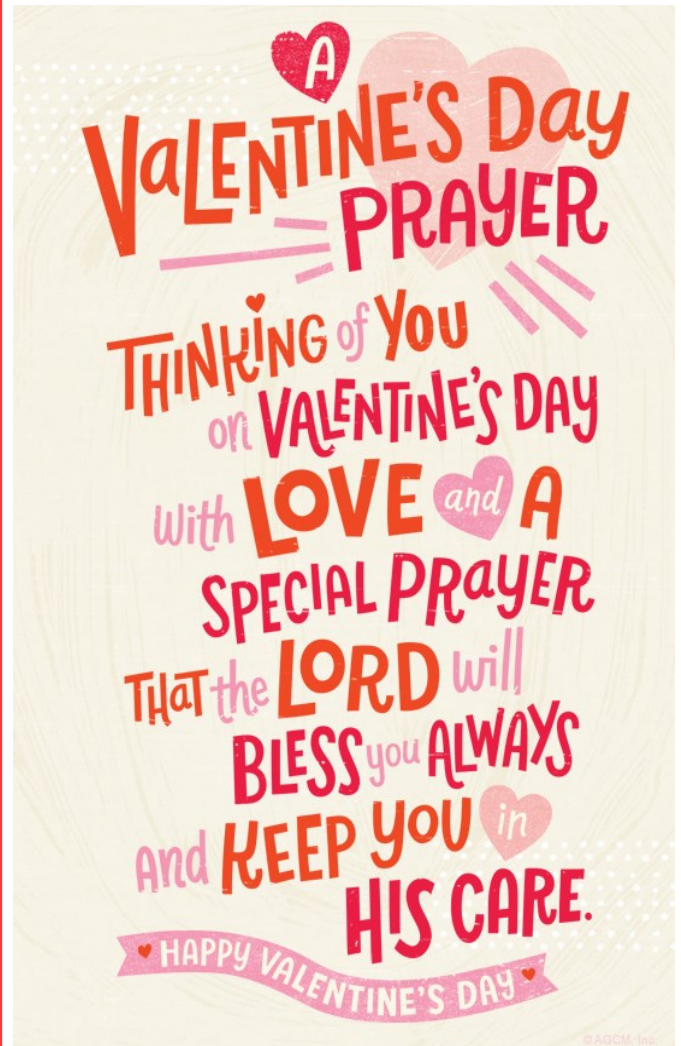
We are excited about some new missions and new community outreach for 2022.

Ann Jervey made a suggestion during one of the Prayer Group meetings. It resonated with us; we discussed it and now the UMW will begin a program for High Street children – a mini “Shepherd” effort to bring them back to Sunday School and church. Both circles will participate in this.

With the pandemic upon us still, we will not hold a Valentines luncheon this year. Instead we will recognize our shut-ins, those in assisted living, etc with a special Valentine's gift.

Below are the dates for our upcoming meetings. We would love to have you join us!!

Kathy Worrell  
UMW President



**United Methodist Women Meeting Schedule**

- Daytime UMW Circle meets February 7 at 10 AM
- Evening UMW Circle meets February 28 at 5:30 PM
- UMW Executive Board meets February 22 at 10 AM



**Chair Yoga with Jane**

Join Jane Riddick-Fries on **Wednesdays** starting February 2 from **10am to 10:45am** in the **Fellowship Hall** for Chair Yoga. Mats and chairs are provided as well as props. Yoga is for everyone and can help with pain, joint health, flexibility, balance, stress and relaxation. Donations for the class can be made to HSUMC Mission team. For more information, contact Jane at [janerfries@gmail.com](mailto:janerfries@gmail.com) or 757-803-6829. See you on the mat.





**High Street United Methodist Church  
Memorials and Honorariums  
1/20/2022**



*Memorials*

**In Loving Memory of:**

*Memorials*

**Julie Griggs**

by: Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

**Rev. Johnie Pollard**

by: Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder  
Kent and Jennifer Stephenson  
Preston B. and Judy H. Ozmar  
Mrs. Gretchin Hopkins  
Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick  
Dave Trader Sunday School Class

**Mr. Steve Blythe- to BSA Troop 17**

by: Earl and Louise Blythe

**Mrs. Marguerite “Peggy” Gillette**

by: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell  
Kent and Jennifer Stephenson  
Mr. Joseph W. Hutt, Jr.  
Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Luck  
Mr. and Mrs. Kyle R. Purvis, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Ussery, Jr.  
The Village at Wood’s Edge  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder  
Mrs. Judy S. Riddick

**Lois Yarborough Battles**

by: Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

**HIGH STREET UMC NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!!  
PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING.**

**WE NEED OPEN DOOR CAFÉ HOSTS, LAY READERS,  
GREETERS, USHERS & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.  
YOUR HELP ENSURES THE SERVICES RUN SMOOTHLY  
AND HIGH STREET IS THE BEST IT CAN BE.**



# FEBRUARY




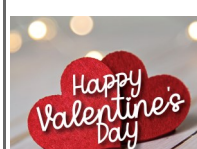








## BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Worrell  
2 Hunter Edwards  
2 Ryan Freese  
3 Charlie Birdsong  
3 Riley Oliver  
3 Lyla Medearis  
4 Joan Powell  
4 Laurie Phillips  
4 Tomlin Burgess  
4 Charlie Hall  
5 Kathy Best  
5 Bubba Carter, II  
5 Audrey Graham  
6 Shirley Mabe  
6 Reid Clarke  
6 Anne Williams  
6 Tammy Gray  
6 Christine Frohlich  
7 Jean Boone  
7 Margaret Lewis  
7 Debbie Story  
8 Melissa Jones  
8 Caroline Robertson  
8 Charlie Robertson  
9 Ann Gillette  
9 Kathy Brown  
11 Nancy Hamilton  
11 JoAnne Turner  
11 Kande Cole  
11 Paul Shaffer  
11 Alli Pasley  
11 Elijah Messenger  
12 Becky Jester  
12 Brian Parsons  
12 Kayla Casillas  
12 Connor Bradshaw  
13 Wade Council  
14 Alice Burgess  
14 Larry Dudley  
14 John Britt, III



14 Brad Hansford  
14 Harper Bradshaw  
14 Paige Parker  
15 Kat McGuire  
15 Izzy McGuire  
16 Mildred Mason  
16 Lori Carter  
17 Kent Stephenson  
17 Kevin Drake  
17 Alaina Rogers  
18 Josh Turner  
19 Winston Wrenn  
19 Ginny Diersen  
19 Mac Birdsong, III  
20 Anne Hager  
20 Jeb Bradshaw  
20 Dalton Virtue  
21 Owen Gillette  
21 Fran Rankin  
21 Andy Crane  
22 Glenn Rawlings  
22 Mark Frohlich  
22 Wayne Butler  
22 Miles Harris  
23 Deb Moore  
23 Cathy Hart  
23 Scott Cox  
25 Jan Vernon  
25 Allen Soucek  
25 H. T. Williams, VI  
26 Kaylen Cales  
27 Betty Beauvais  
27 Mike Ponder  
27 Joe Edenfield  
27 Mia Porter  
28 Pauline Ambrose  
28 Gilbert Porter  
28 Connie Holt  
28 Jessica Lewis  
29 Marjorie Whitley

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack	<b>2</b> Bulletin Info Deadline 10:00 AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM Men's Coffee & Conversation/Fred's Restaurant 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM F3 Nation
<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 AM Open Door Cafe 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM UMW Morning Circle Mtg/Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Group/Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack 7:00 PM GLA Joint Board Meeting/Library	<b>9</b> Bulletin Info Deadline 10:00 AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall  CHAIR YOGA	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM Men's Coffee & Conversation/Fred's Restaurant 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM F3 Nation
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# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zack Duke	Julia Pollard	Zack Duke	Julia Pollard
<b>Chancel</b>	Beth Luck	Beth Luck	Beth Luck	Beth Luck
<b>Flowers</b>	Ann Jervey & Family	Kent & Jennifer Stephenson	Frank & Robbie Griffin	Charles & Jewell Martin
<b>Greeters – 8:30</b>				
<b>Greeters—11:00</b>	Sanford & Jeanette Belcher	Brian & Susan Jones	Rebecca Harper	Miles & Jessie White
<b>Lay Readers – 8:30</b>	Mike Ponder	Harlan Lewis	Jane Fries	Susan Holloway
<b>Lay Readers – 11:00</b>	Galen Butler	Anne Williams	Rebecca Harper	Judy Belcher
<b>Open Door Café</b>	Available	Available	Available	Available
<b>Ushers – 8:30</b>				
<b>Ushers – 11:00</b>	Westbrook Parker, Head Usher Lynn Powell Ken Story Scott Phillips	Westbrook Parker, Head Usher Lynn Powell Ken Story Scott Phillips	Westbrook Parker, Head Usher Lynn Powell Ken Story Scott Phillips	Westbrook Parker, Head Usher Lynn Powell Ken Story Scott Phillips

# 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.