

HAPPENINGS AT HIGHSTREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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It's almost time for Lent, and remember the rules for giving up something for Lent: Don't tell anyone what you give up because it, like a fast, is a secret between you and God. Also, whatever you give up, you may still have on Sundays. That means that if Ann Britt gives up watching UNC basketball for Lent and Ann Jervey does the same with Duke, they can both watch games on Sunday, but they can't tell anyone that that's what they've planned.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, when we'll have a service at 7 p.m. That's also the date that Lenten luncheon resume at Hunterdale Christian Church. Rev. Jean Vinson of Emmanuel Episcopal Church confirmed that the luncheons are on and that High Street is participating, but she has not asked us to sign up for a date yet. I'll keep you posted. Since I'm also volunteering for the Foodbank, 1-4 p.m., April 22, I'm a bit concerned about that date, but, from what people have told me of past luncheons, I should be able to do both. I'm helping sort food at 618 South Street that day and will help again with the Foodbank marketplace, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1-4 p.m., at 618. Please let me know if you're interested in Foodbank events, or please see Hope Hickam as she's a Food Bank volunteer.

As I said in worship Jan. 15, I'm thinking of offering a Wesley Covenant Service on the first Sunday in Lent, which is Feb. 26. I was prompted to do this while writing my sermon for Jan. 15 on John 1:29-42, when I said that Jesus' first words in John are "What do you want?" I said that we may need to wait a few weeks to answer that question and to work with Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount in the meantime. Please let me know if you are interested in a Wesleyan Covenant Service. I can share the liturgy with you from the United Methodist Book of Worship.

Speaking of sharing, I've been wondering when to offer videos from Liz Curtis Higgs, such as her *Unveiling Mary Magdalene* study and *Bad Girls of the Bible* series. I've decided that Soup for Supper gives us a chance to watch these together, and I'd like to start with the Mary Magdalene video, Thursday, Feb. 2, after Soup for Supper. We may go to the Dave Trader room to use the DVD player there. Please let me know if you're interested and if we may need to plan child care for that evening. All the videos are about an hour long, and maybe we can watch another Thursday, March 2, at the same time.

I was thrilled to learn that the Mission Team gave the GLA staff Christmas gifts. I've asked in this space for ministry to our Boy and Girl Scout troops and day school, and now I'm asking for help in another arena: our youth. I've been offering a youth Sunday school class since November, using curriculum found at the UMC Discipleship Ministries website. I've had as many as three students and as few as one, and we've had members of the church sit down with us on occasion to share experiences and insights. Harlan and Margaret Lewis were able to speak to the class of their time in Mexico on the Day of the Dead holiday, and Louise Blythe shared a story about swimming when we discussed the Baptism of the Lord. I'd like to get volunteers to help on a regular basis. To me, having more than one adult present speaks to the church's investment in its youth, so please consider joining Riley, Hayden, Julia, Tristan, and me and let me know which Sundays you can volunteer. I can send you lesson plans in advance and appreciate your praying with me as we prepare.

Finally, let me thank everyone who helped with decorating and un-decorating the church for Advent and Christmas, and everyone who helped with the celebrations of the lives of Gilbert Porter and Glenn Rawlings, and please let me put in an early bid for Vacation Bible School. We'll need a leader, we'll need to pick a curriculum and dates, so please pray about the choices that we'll make and the leadership of this ministry.

Grace and peace,

Ned



Christmas at High Street UMC, 2022

Enjoy the following two pages of highlights from High Street's 2022 Christmas season.





From the High Street UMC's Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 11.



Photos from the Children's Christmas Program....



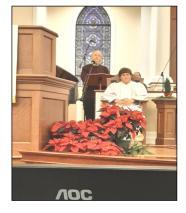




Carter Book, 2023

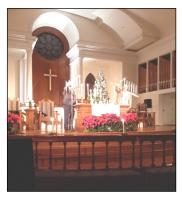
Jennifer Stephenson read her "Carter" book at both services at High Street UMC on December 18. It was a dear book, and the ornaments are the cardinals, shown on top of the book!





Photos from the 2022 Christmas Eve Service at HSUMC





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Thanks to all who supported our Angel Tree mission project this Advent season. Because of your generosity and kindness, 37 children had a brighter Christmas this year.

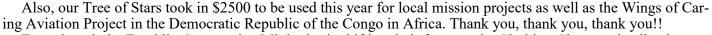
Thanks also to **Kathy Worrell**, **Mark Frohlich**, **Mike**, **Ruthie**, and **Evan Ponder** for delivering all those gifts on a very rainy day to City of Franklin and Southampton County Departments of Social Services.

Mission Team News

To begin with, I would like to say "thank you" to our High Street family for your kind and generous donations to our various projects in December. We were able to purchase Walmart gift cards for all of the High Street GLA employees for Christmas. We made a donation to the Franklin Cooperative Ministries to help with their Christmas food boxes that are given out to those in need right before Christmas. You all provided gifts for 37 children in Franklin and Southampton County through our Angel Tree.

You also donated 157 items of warm clothing throughout Tree of Warmth. These hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, coats socks, and other items were sorted and donated to S.P. Morton

Elementary School and the Franklin Cooperative Ministries to be passed out to those children and adults in need this winter.



Even though the Franklin Cooperative Ministries is shifting their focus to the Clothing Closet and collecting items such as toothpaste, deodorant, hygiene items, diapers, etc., they are still handing out emergency bags of food.

For the month of February HSUMC will be collecting small jars of peanut butter and Pop Tarts. Please drop off these items in the baskets in the narrhex and the hallway outside the church office.

Thanks!

Ruthie Ponder

On Monday evening, December 5, the HSUMC's United Women in Faith held their Christmas Party at Serve Restaurant. **Kaye Weaver** provided the entertainment. It was a great time of fun and fellowship.















Greetings from the United Women in Faith!

It's a NEW YEAR—2023! And our United Methodist Women are off to a great start! We are continuing to serve the community through our various activities. In February, we will be making Valentine "love gifts" for East Pavilion. These bags will contain small, personal-sized hygiene items, kleenex, chapstick, etc. We have collection boxes marked "East Pavlion" in the

narthex and in front of the church office. We would love to have your donations toward these little love gifts.

For Lenten season, High Street UMC will be participating in the Lenten services. This year, services will be held at Hunterdale Christian Church. Our United Methodist Women will provide lunch on the date appointed (more info later).

The dates for upcoming UWF meetings are as follows:

- Morning Circle meets on February 6 at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall
- Evening Circle meets on February 27 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Executive Board meets on February 28 at 10 AM in the church library

We invite all ladies of the church to join us for fun and fellowship. May each new day of 2023 be filled with peace, joy and happiness!

Kathy Worrell

President, United Women in Faith



The Widow's Might meets every Wednesday for food, fun and fellowship. The gatherings for February are:

February 1 - Three Guys @ 12 PM February 8 - Fred's @ 12 PM February 15 - Pino's @ 12 PM February 22 - Serve @ 12 PM

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No meeting, no agenda...just good food and great conversation!

Happy Valentine's day from the Vitality Team!

Once again this year, the Vitality Team will be hosting High Street's EASTER EGG HUNT! So...as you are buying candy for your Valentine, throw a bag or two in your cart for the church's Easter Egg Hunt. We will have collection boxes marked "Easter Candy" in the narthex and in front of the church office. The candy should be the size that will fit in Easter Eggs. Plan ahead...Easter is just around the corner!!

Kathy Worrell

Vitality Team Chair





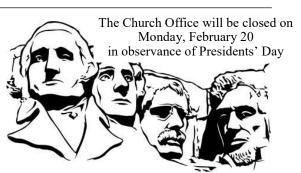


Have you tried chair yoga? Do you want to stretch out the limbs, practice some relaxation and breathing techniques, do a little balancing - all with the support of a chair? Come join us for a chair yoga class. Nothing is required. You may make a donation to the church mission team. If you are interested - please call **Jane Riddick-Fries** - 757-803-6829 to get more information and be included on the Chair Yoga email. February dates will be emailed out a week in advance and posted in the bulletin and on HSUMC's Facebook.

HSUMC,

Thank you, thank you for a wonderful holiday season! So many cards, so many visits, such delicious food. This 97 year old has been blessed with the love, warmth, generosity, joy and peace from the HSUMC family. Thanks to all of you for "Precious Memories."

-Ruth DeHaven







February Mission of the Month: FROM THE HEART OF HIGH STREET

This February we will bring back our project called "From the Heart of High Street" during the time of February 10th - February 19th, the Mission team is asking you all to join us in sharing acts of love and kindness with those in our community and church who you feel need some extra caring and love. Please remember our community helpers such as first responders, postal workers, city or county workers, garbage collectors, nurses, doctors and other health

Professionals. Also, you can remember our shut-ins, nursing home patients, restaurant workers, and even those in our church family who would appreciate an act of kindness.

These are just a few suggestions. So many of you are so good at showering acts of kindness on others. We know you can think of many other possibilities. The Mission Team will provide pink paper hearts that say, "From the Heart of High Street UMC". These could be just a reminder for you to do something, or use it as a card. You may pick up your hearts in the narthex, near the church office or in the Open Door Cafe area of church.

If you'd like to let us know what you are doing, there will be extra hearts in the narthex outside the sanctuary on which to write what you have done, and put them on a big heart there. Thanks for helping us make the month of February a special month for others.

Penny Project

The Mission Team has selected a new mission focus for 2023 for our High Street UMC "Penny Project". As you may remember last year's project was Heifer International where we raised over \$1300 for this organization. Our new project is the "Society of St. Andrew". Not only will we be collecting pennies, other coins and donations for this non-profit organization, but we will hopefully be hosting a speaker and participating in several hands on projects related to "gleaning America's fields and feeding America's hungry".



Society of St. Andrew began and has its home office in Big Island, Virginia.

"Society of St. Andrew exists to partner with farmers (and anyone) with a surplus of good food. Whether it's found on a farm farmer's market, or even in your own backyard - the goal is always to bring people together to harvest and share healthy food, to prevent waste, and feed families in need." We hope to have opportunities throughout 2023 to participate in gleaning,, perhaps a potato drop, tying the bags that potatoes are put in, hosting a speaker at HSUMC, and maybe participating in their Free Seed program among other activities. We're looking forward to kicking off this year's Penny Project - The Society of St. Andrew - with a baked potato/salad bar luncheon after church on Sunday, March 19th! This will be free to all who attend. Look for more information as we get closer to this date. In the meantime, please start collecting those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters again!!

Backpack Program

Our Backpack Program is going well. Thanks to our donors, packers, delivery team and all others who help with this worthwhile

program to help food insecure children right here in Franklin. Our next packing session will be on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Mission Garden at HSUMC

There has been interest in starting our Mission Garden back up this spring. For those of you who don't remember, this was a project for several years about 8-10 years ago. We used some of our land out near the scouting building and grew vegetables to donate to the Franklin Cooperative Ministries and others to



help those without access to fresh food. If you're interested in helping get this started again, please contact **Mike Ponder** (757-375-6604) or the church office (757-562-3367).



The **Open Door Café** is open each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM for fellowship. If you are interested in hosting the Open Door Café, please contact **Lori Vasser**, or the church office.





Graces' Little Angel's Preschool News – February 2023

February is a short month, but it will be filled with many special events. The Angel's will be learning all about... Winter Animals, Healthy Teeth, Valentine's, Nutrition, and Dr. Seuss. They will be learning the letters V and L and the sounds it makes. The color Red and the sharp heart this month.

They will have a Valentine's party February the 14th and they will give out their Valentine's cards to their friends. Dr. Seuss week is going to be a fun week. They will have crazy sock day, wear your hat day, wacky Wednesday, wear Dr. Seuss colors, and wear your PJ to school day.

We had our Annual Pizza Fundraiser January 3rd – January 20th. Thank you all who helped support our Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who had a part of the gift cards that were giving to the GLA staff for Christmas. The staff really appreciated it. There will be a joint board meeting on February 21st at the Sedley Church.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Thursday—7am at Fred's

God Talk Bible Study

Every Thursday—10:30am at Daily Dose



Crotchet/Knit Group

Every Thursday—2:30pm/Fellowship Hall

Soup for Supper

Every Thursday—6pm/Fellowship Hall



Flashback....

Bill Billings, shared this very interesting birds-eye view of High Street taken in 2014.

Book Club

February 21—7 pm/*Library*

Men's Breakfast & Meeting

February 18—8:00am / Fellowship Hall



F3 Nation

Every Saturday at 7am at *HSUMC*



If you have prayer requests, please send them to the churchoffice via email hsumc@beldar.com) or by calling 562-3367.

They will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested.

Prayer Group

February 14—8:30am / Fellowship Hall



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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

11:00 Ushers	11:00 Lay Reader	11:00 Greeter	8:30 Lay Reader	8:30 Greeter/Usher	Open Door Café	Flowers	Chancel	Acolytes	
Lynn Powell** Ken Story Scott Phillips Evan Ponder	Galen Butler	Taylor & Ann Williams	Annie Gayle	Hope Hickam	Penny and Marie Smith	Raymond & Linda Maya	Beth Luck	Julia Pollard	February 5
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Lynn Powell** Ken Story Scott Phillips Evan Ponder	Emily Wrenn	Linda Maya	Susan Holloway	Jewell Martin	Lori Vasser Victoria Gurganus and Margaret Mackan	Frank and Robbie Griffin	Beth Luck	Katy Pontious	February 26

If you are unable to keep your scheduled Sunday, please find a replacement and let the church office know asap. Thank you!



- 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
- 6 Shirley Mabe
- 6 Reid Clarke
- 6 Anne Williams
- 6 Tammy Gray
- 6 Christine Frohlich
- 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 Councill
- 14 Genie Councill
- 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 Mark Frohlich
- 22 Wayne Butler
- 22 Miles Harris
- 23 Deb Moore
- 23 Cathy Hart
- 23 Scott Cox25 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 Connie Holt
- 28 Jessica Lewis
- 29 Marjorie Whitley





In Loving Memory of Judy Wallace Smith 10/12/1942- 12/6/2022 Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



In Loving Memory of Jean Dismukes Clark 1/13/1928 - 12/9/2022 Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



In Loving Memory of Marvin Gilbert Porter 2/28/1929- 12/31/2022 Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



In Loving Memory of Glenn Babb Rawlings 2/22/1952- 1/11/2023 Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



Taylor Williams, family and friends, on the passing of his brother, Craig.

Betty Carole Smith, family and friends, on the passing of her brother.

Ted Fries, family and friends, on the passing of his mother, Anne Fries.

Judy Riddick, family and friends, on the passing of her brother, Jim Swecker.

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

Manor At Wood's Edge

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

Our Mailing Address

If you are **MAILING** anything to the church, please use this address and not the physical address! Thank you so much! -Jennifer

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High Street United Methodist Church Memorials and Honorariums 1/15/2023 In Loving Memory of:

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William Roy Leinart, Jr.

by: Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

Herbert "Herbie" Martin Lewis, Jr.

by: Mr. Joe Hutt

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Martin Mr. and Mrs. E. Dayton Crowder

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rabil

Rita O'Berry Lewis

by: Mrs. Kathy Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. James H. O'Berry

Stacy Dempsey

Ted and Jane Riddick Fries

Mr. Joe Hutt

Mrs. Ann A. Jervey

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Martin

Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dayton Crowder

Mrs. Judy S. Riddick

Mrs. Mary Ellen Edmonds

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Ellington

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rabil

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rainey

Judy Wallace Smith

by: Mr. Don Spengeman

Kent and Jennifer Stephenson

Bronco Rod and Gun Club

Mrs. Ann A. Jervey

Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Martin

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Rogers

Mrs. Judy S. Riddick

Robert K. Eubanks

Mr. Robert N. Holt

Mrs. Greta F. Hall

Marvin Gilbert Porter

by: Mr. Don Spengeman

Kent and Jennifer Stephenson

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Phillips

Mr. Joe Hutt

Nansemond Pre-cast Concrete Co., Inc.

Mr. Bill Peak

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Carter, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell

Mr. Peter M. Vick

Mr. and Mrs. E. Warren Beale, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rabil

Mr. and Mrs. N. Macon Edwards, III

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson Drake, Jr.

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Jean Dismukes Clark

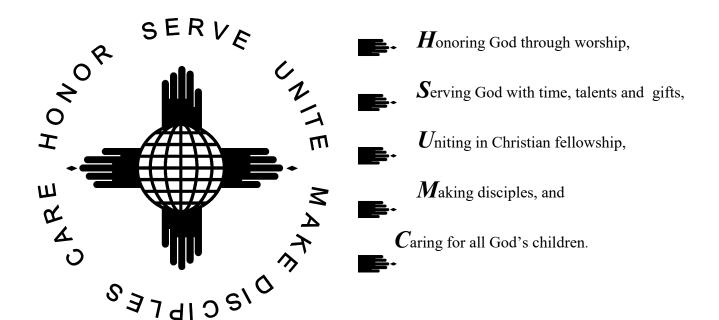
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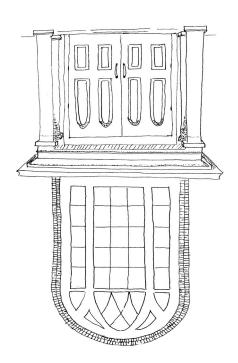
Jean Moody Vincent

by: Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Rabil



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