



# HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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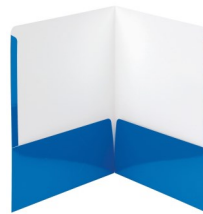
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### Annual Kits for Conference

This year, the Virginia Annual Conference has taken a new vision regarding the collection and distribution of UMCOR kits and canned goods. The Conference Serving Ministries office is asking each district to connect with local ministries such as homeless shelters, food pantries, afterschool programs, etc., to determine needed items and to distribute these items throughout their local communities.

The High Street UMC Mission Team has decided to collect school supplies to be used locally by Riverdale Elementary and S.P. Morton Elementary. Both of these schools will be running some sort of remedial "summer school programs for children who need to "catch up" because of virtual learning this past year. We will be collecting:

- ◆ No. 2 pencils
- ◆ Glue sticks
- ◆ Single composition notebooks (spiral)
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Pocket folders
- ◆ Pencil top erasers



You may drop off your supplies in the boxes near the church office or in the narthex outside the sanctuary.

**We will collect these school supplies until June 30th.**

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Where the Wild Things Are...

By Nathan Decker

One of the joyful spiritual disciplines I have learned to take up is the art of pause and reflection. Every now and then big shifts take place in our lives and offer us an opening of one chapter and a closing of another. The chapter of my life at High Street UMC has been a wonderful experience, and I can't help but pause and reflect.

Together God has led us to accomplish amazing things. We went on mission trips to help clean up after tornados. We built a playground to show our investment in children. We had a party and invited 1,200 people to attend (community day). We started a ministry of working on local houses that has created deep relationships beyond what we could have ever possibly have known. We opened a daycare to provide a place for youngsters to learn "Jesus Loves Me." We blessed First Responders with food and presence to support them. We had dialogue with others about how we can make our community better and combat racism and injustice. We worshiped God in song and praise. We became better together.

When our denomination experienced institutional stress, we didn't back away or hide our heads in the sand. We had conversations. We listened to one another. We disagreed, but we loved, and so we held tight. We didn't just survive during this pandemic; we thrived through it. We learned how to do online worship. We held Bible Studies and committee meetings on Zoom. We never stopped being the church even when we couldn't gather in the building.

When I was a kid, I remember reading Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. *In it, an emotional young boy goes on an adventure and encounters many different beasts. He expresses his emotions freely and vulnerably, and in the end comes home to a warm supper. Of all the things we have done at High Street UMC together, my favorite one by far has been our time at the table together. When we come together to receive bread and cup, we are all howling wild and vulnerable, emotions raw and bare. Still we welcome. Still we love. Still we care. High Street UMC is a church who welcomes all, learns to love, and cares for our community. I've never grown tired of saying some form of this phrase. It was the vision God gave us. We latched onto it and have strived ever since to live into it.*

But now, my part in this story is ending. Thank you for the love and support you have shown not only me but my wife and boys. We will always remember our days in Franklin as ones filled with cookouts, smiles, and lots of adopted grandparents, neighbors, and friends. I do not worry about the future for you. I know God will work amazing things through Pastor Ned Alderman and you because God is not done with High Street UMC. Yes, we are all experiencing some deep emotions (joy, grief, anger, hope). Like the little boy in the story, we will roar and come Sunday we will find a warm supper waiting for us on the table at High Street UMC. Church, that's where the wild things are.



Pastor Nathan's last Sunday is June 20th. We hope to have a large crowd that Sunday! There are plans for a "Drive by Goodbye" right after the service where Nathan and his family will be outside so that folks that do not feel comfortable coming to the service can drive by to say goodbye from their car (COVID style). As Methodists we are well known for our pot-luck meals and our wonderful receptions and we are disappointed that we cannot send them off with a loving reception (due to COVID restrictions), but we hope you all will participate in making this a special last Sunday for the Decker Family!



**Congratulations to Jace Ryan Holloman  
on the Sacrament of Baptism  
on May 9 2021.**  
Proud parents are Hugh and Jessica Holloman  
Proud grandparents are Bill and Diane Jervey  
Proud great grandmother is Ann Jervey



**Congratulations to Callum Crews Schilling  
on the Sacrament of Baptism  
on May 16 2021.**  
Proud parents are Ryan and Kylee Schilling  
Proud grandparents are Mike and Ruthie Ponder







*Congratulations to Phillip & Sara Forgione  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Coralee Violet Forgione  
born May 15, 2021.*

*Congratulations to Forest Grace Jones  
on her Baby Dedication  
on May 23, 2021.*

*Proud parents are Chauncey and Sarah Jones  
Proud grandparents are Marc and Fran Waller*



***Our Sincere Sympathy to:***

***Aaron Panton and family on the loss of his father, Fred Panton***

***Ann Spanagel, Becky Moulden and family on the loss of their brother-in-law, Allan Groves***

***Alan Duke and family on the loss of his father, Shirley Duke***

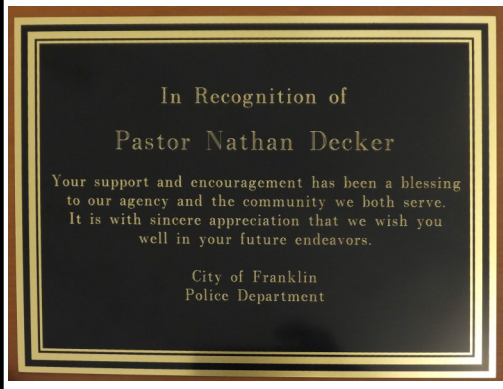
***Jessie White and family on the loss of her brother, Enos Holloman***



On Sunday, May 16th at the 11am in person worship service, Pastor Nathan Decker was surprised with a special presentation from the Franklin Police Department. Chief Patterson said that when they were notified that Pastor Nathan would be leaving, they were saddened because they were losing a friend and an ally of the Police Department as well as the City of Franklin.

They have appreciated Pastor Nathan's support and the "anything you need" conversations as he spent time with them on ride alongs. Chief Patterson has been impressed with Pastor Nathan's desire to make a difference in the community. Chief Patterson presented the plaque shown here in these pictures and thanked Pastor Nathan for his support.

***Congratulations Nathan!***



In the May newsletter, we shared information about F3 & Yoga—two of High Street's small group ministries. Another small group is our Prayer Breakfast group. During the pandemic, they have not met but are starting back to meet again in June. They will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall to pray over the prayer requests of the church, community, nation and world. The Prayer Group is open to all. The next meeting is **June 8th at 8:30 AM**. If you have any Prayer requests, please let the church office know.

Kathy Worrell/Vitality Team chair

Good day, friends!

The United Methodist Women would like to honor our High Street residents at the East Pavilion and the Village at Woods Edge:

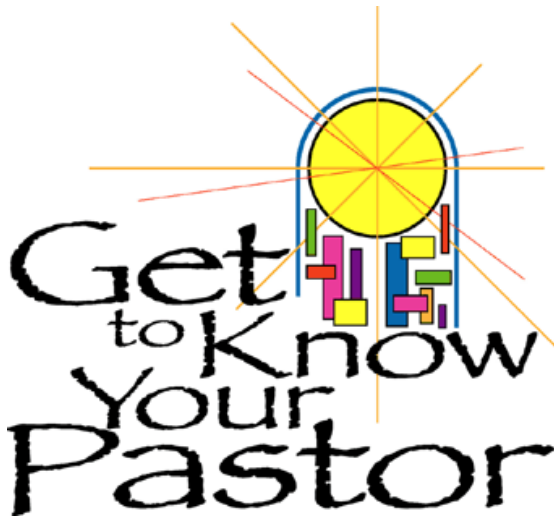
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| Nancy Raiford    | Joan Marks     | Linda Joyner |
| Barbara Prince   | Peggy Gillette | Al Strickler |
| Marjorie Whitley | Mildred Mason  | Doris Bailey |

Over the years, they have given countless hours to our church through UMW, UMM, etc. Together, we say **THANK YOU!**

Be blessed!

Kathy Worrell/ President of the United Methodist Women





## A Message from Pastor Ned Alderman

Greetings from the combat zone. It has been my privilege to serve as command chaplain at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, since last fall. My orders have me here for 270 days boots on the ground, and I'll be right around that number when I leave come summer. After that, I'll spend more than a month de-mobilizing in Norfolk, and will pack up and leave my home in

King George in late August before becoming your pastor on September 1. I look forward to being at High Street, and to following Nathan Decker, who followed me at the Cheriton charge on the Eastern Shore District in 2004.

I graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 2000. I pastored at Cheriton for four years before being ordained and superceding to active duty as a Navy chaplain in 2004. I spent six-and-a-half years on active duty before separating to pursue hospital chaplaincy at the end of 2010. I completed a clinical pastoral education internship and residency at the VA hospital in Hampton in 2012. Before I finished my residency, I was told I might be needed to take an appointment in Clifton Forge at the start of 2013. Since then I also served at Epworth UMC in Norfolk and Trinity UMC in King George.

I look forward to serving a church that emphasizes evangelism as well as mission. I've stressed getting outside the walls of the church in my last two appointments as I've realized how important evangelism is to me. In Norfolk this took the form of ministries called Coffee on the Porch, which stressed hospitality, and Paws in Faith, a monthly worship service for people and their pets. Both were designed to get Epworth to meet its neighbors.

I'm not sure what else to say as I'm not sure how much space I have. I'll close by saying I also look forward to being back in the local church, and to F3 Nation workouts, which will be new to me. I exercise daily and follow doctor's orders not to carry extra weight. It'll be good to be in a place that emphasizes faith, fitness, and fellowship.





### High Street UMC helped 99 patients in need by collecting 33 lifesaving pints on February 25, 2021!

On Wednesday, **June 16th**, we will roll up our sleeves and *help save lives AGAIN!!!* We are so proud of our HSUMC congregation and community who continue to fulfill this lifesaving mission to alleviate human suffering and help people in need. The blood drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help that day (in 2 hour increments), please contact the church office at [hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com) or 757-562-3367 or call with any questions you may have. There are many ways you can help, but most importantly we hope you come out to **donate**. It's not every day that we can do something that has such a lifesaving impact. We also encourage you to **SPREAD THE WORD** to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!



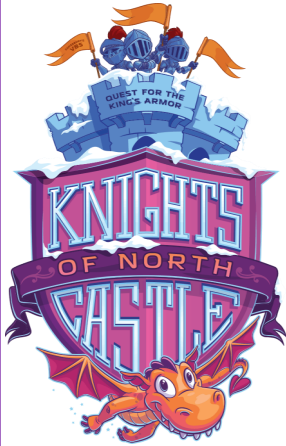
To sign up to donate blood on **June 16th**, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> then type HSUMC in the Find A Blood Drive box in the right corner. Next to High Street United Methodist Church, select SEE TIMES. Select the time you would like to donate and sign up. You will be asked to log in or create a new account.

### Calling All Graduates

If you have a senior graduating High School or College, please call or email the church office so they can be recognized and celebrated on Sunday, June 6th. For high schoolers, please include their name, what high school they are graduating from and the college they plan to attend (if applicable). For college students, please include the name of the college they are graduating from and their degree/major. Thank you!



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. If you are watching the service online, you may share your prayers requests in the Comments.



### In Person Vacation Bible School

August 1—5, 2021  
6pm—8pm

We invite all children from PreK to 5th grade to join us in the search for the King's Armor! To register, go to [www.highstreetumcva.org](http://www.highstreetumcva.org) and select VBS Registration. All participants and volunteers must register. Space will be limited so please register early. If you would like to help, please contact Marie Smith ([smithm.bel@rrgsd.org](mailto:smithm.bel@rrgsd.org)) or the church office ([hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com)).



### Children's Sunday School



Boy have we missed seeing your children in Sunday School over the past year! We are all very excited to be slowly moving out of the pandemic and resuming some of our favorite activities. The Sunday School teachers have been discussing the best way to restart classes, given we still have some COVID restrictions and the start of summer vacations.

We will restart Sunday School for kids 3 years old to 5th grade on **Sunday, June 6th** but at a new time and in a little different format until September. We invite the kids to join us at **11:00am** while parents attend the worship service. We will either meet outside, in the fellowship hall or in one of the classrooms depending on the lesson plan. We will enjoy a bible story, create masterpieces of art and play games.



Please note that children 5 and older will need to wear a mask, but those 4 and under do not.



### Franklin Cooperative Ministries (FCM)

At the last FCM Board Meeting, we were informed that their building is full of food. Donations have been up but requests for food have been much lower than normal, probably because of many other ways for people in need to get food and other necessities due to the pandemic. The clothing Closet run by the FCM has been completely re-hauled and is accepting donations of seasonally appropriate clean clothing on Monday mornings from 8:00-11:30 at their downtown location in the building next to the Post Office parking lot on Main Street.



High Street UMC will be collecting 16-18oz plastic containers of **Peanut Butter** and **Jiffy Muffin Mix** for Franklin Cooperative Ministry during June. Please leave your donations in the basket by the church office or in the Narthex.







### Altar Flowers

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary during the worship services, the flower calendar will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays. You can also email the church office at [hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com) or call 562-3367. These beautiful arrangements cost \$45 & can be picked up after the 11 am service to enjoy all week.



### Calling All Men!

High Street UMC has started a ministry for men called F3 which stands for Faith, Fellowship, and Fitness. On Saturday mornings at 8am, the men gather outside at High Street UMC to workout, hangout, and build a circle of trust based on our faith in Jesus Christ. This is a "work at your own pace" group where no one will judge how many or how long you can do an exercise. To learn more about F3, go to <https://f3nation.com/>

### RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society will be holding the Relay for Life Luminaria Event (only) this year on **September 18, 2021 from 6-9 PM**. High Street UMC will not have a "team" but if you would like to help collect Luminaria Forms/Donations, please contact Glenda Jervey (757-617-9740 or [bluedvl@verizon.net](mailto:bluedvl@verizon.net)) as she would love the assistance.



### Volunteers Needed!

As we slowly start moving out of the pandemic and resuming Worship Services at High Street UMC, there is a huge need for Lay Minister VOLUNTEERS—

- Lay readers (8:30 & 11am)
- Greeters (8:30 & 11am)
- Ushers (11am)
- Acolytes (11am)
- Chancel members



Please reach out to the church office (562-3367 or [hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com)) or fill out the form on the bulletin if you are willing to perform any of these lay minister activities. Your help is greatly appreciated. As that old saying goes, "many hands make light work".





This year our Luminaria (votive candles/glow sticks in paper bags with sand) will be lining the venue area. The Luminaria will be lit in memory and honor of loved ones and friends who have had cancer.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant in the celebration to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the name of the individual you designate will be placed on a luminaria bag to be lit.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, **clip and send the form below**. Completed luminarias will be placed around the track by volunteers and relay teams the day of the event. Please come and join us!

Thank You.

- ◆ **White Luminary - \$10.00**
- ◆ **Gold Bag - \$20.00**

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Please light a candle in memory or honor of my loved one/friend who has had cancer. I understand the proceeds will benefit my local American Cancer Society.

**PLEASE PRINT**

**In Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(A Cancer Survivor)**

Name of team/team member to be credited:  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**Send form with your contribution to:**

**Wanda Blythe  
 PO Box 1011  
 Franklin, VA 23851**

**or Call Glenda Jervey @ 757-617-9740 for local delivery arrangements**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN  
 CANCER SOCIETY**



**The Backpack Program** is winding down for the school year with 2 more deliveries to go. These deliveries as well as the packing have been handled since last March by the Food Bank, but our money has allowed this program to continue for the 50 children we sponsor from S.P. Morton Elementary School. Financially we were able to fulfill our \$5400.00 sponsorship donation with the help of our High Street Church family of faith and some funds from the Mission team. Thank



you all so much. Hopefully by the fall we will be able to gather a team again to meet monthly and pack the food and deliver the boxes to the school as we have done in the past. We will be interested in seeing how the presence of the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia on South Street will affect this program.



**Penny Project** - Since our COPA Penny Project (Janel Espinosa from the Dominican Republic) has ended, we are trying to come up with a different project for our pennies. Some people have expressed an interest in continuing to collect pennies for a particular mission or project, so be on the look-out for this news soon. If you have an idea, please let someone on the Mission Team know.

**Local Mission House** - Our team is getting ready to start work on a mission house for Ms. Lillian on Walnut Street here in Franklin soon. Because the house is small and because of COVID restrictions only a few people will be allowed in the house at one time, but stay tuned for when help will be needed. Donations are always welcome.



Ruthie Ponder  
Mission Team Leader

## 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.

<p>◆ <b>Village At Woods Edge</b> <i>(Memory Care Unit)</i> 1401 N High Street, Franklin, Virginia 23851 757.562.3100 Nancy Raiford (Room 10) Joan Marks (Room 08)</p>		<p>◆ <b>Village At Woods Edge</b> <i>(Independent Living)</i> 1401 N High Street, Franklin, Virginia 23851 757.562.3100 Peggy Gillette (Apt. 312) Al Strickler (Apt. 308) Marjorie Whitley (Apt. 314) Mildred Mason (Apt. 117)</p>
<p>◆ <b>Manor At Wood's Edge</b> <i>(Assisted Living)</i> 1401 N. High Street Franklin, Virginia 23851 757.562.3100 Linda Joyner (Rm 1011) Barbara Prince (Rm 1006)</p>		<p>◆ <b>East Pavilion</b> <i>(Nursing Home)</i> 100 Fairview Drive Franklin, Virginia 23851 757.569.6424 Doris Bailey (Rm 114A)</p>





# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael-John Oliver  
1 Elliotte Gray  
3 Will Tawney  
5 LouAnne Hopkins  
5 Julie Griggs  
5 Ashton Stephenson  
5 Marks Brewbaker  
5 Brendan Berry  
6 Christie Rogers  
7 Alex Hasty  
8 Paul Phillips  
8 Cindy Councill  
8 Lori Vasser  
11 Geneva Garland  
11 Judy Andrews  
11 Andy Dempsey  
11 Scott Phillips  
13 Pat Lowe  
13 Douglas Edwards  
13 David Strozier  
13 Reed Jones  
14 Rita Ashby  
14 Hannah Hasty  
15 Meg Puckett  
16 Chris Bidwell  
16 Katrina Draughn  
16 Logan Stauffer  
17 Brittany Perry  
17 Jenna Skakle  
17 Stone Casey  
17 Charlotte Edwards  
18 Tim Cooper








18 Jeffrey Draughn  
18 Stacey Drake  
19 Ray Thomas  
19 Mark Lowe  
19 Alex Jones  
19 Jackson Smith, IV  
20 Toni Phillips  
20 Larry Reesman  
21 George Parker, III  
21 Ashlyn Keech  
21 Brooke Berry  
22 Lois Billings  
22 Terry Smith  
22 Emma Holland  
23 Don Spengeman  
24 June Fleming  
24 Joan Vaughan  
24 Claire Hctor  
25 Linda Maya  
26 Stuart Vincent  
26 Charles Butler, Sr.  
26 Stacy Dempsey  
26 Tim Stauffer  
26 Matthew Baynard  
27 Josh Freese  
28 Bill Benton  
28 Joel Hamilton  
28 Carrie Rawlings  
28 Zhanna Soucek  
29 Denney Collins  
30 Charles Rogers



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack  Church Office Closes at 12pm	<b>2</b> Bulletin Info Deadline  Church Office Closed	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Fred's Restaurant 6:00 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice Church Office Closes at 12pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM F3/ Outside
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# 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.