

HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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HSUMC's Annual Church Picnic 'Down by the Rivah'

On Sunday, October 8, High Street's Annual Church Picnic was held at the Bronco Club with food, fun and fellowship! *Photos courtesy of Bill Billings, Kathy Worrell, and Cary Kirkland.*



Part Time Choir Director Needed!

- High Street United Methodist Church seeks a part time choir director.
- Church is located at 31164 Camp Parkway, Courtland, VA 23851.
- 15-20 voice choir – affable group of folks that enjoy making beautiful music to praise our Lord!
- Lead choir during 11:00am worship and weekly evening practices.
- Choir has recently recorded 2 professional CDs.
- Choir sings in 4 parts.
- Accomplished accompanist (organ & piano) on site.
- Sound system allows use of CDs to accompany anthems.

For more information contact either **Pat Newman** at 757-334-2952 or High Street United Methodist Church office at 757-562-3367





A Psalm of Thanksgiving
Psalm 100

¹ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! ² Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. ³ Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with Thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Here we are. November 2023—can you believe that this year is moving forward soooo fast? Well, it is November, and this Scripture from David's writing brings ever closer to a time of Thanksgiving.

This Scripture reminds me that we are not to just acknowledge our God, but to Shout with Joy to the Lord God Almighty. Have you taken time as of late to realize and appreciate all that God does for you and your family? Have you taken that special time to Worship God, to Sing with Joy, and to give Thanks? As you look at

life, have you acknowledged that God is our Creator, and that We (you and I) are His people? Have YOU taken that time to come to Church and to give Thanks and Praise? Have YOU realized that it is not an I, You, Me agenda?

Its about something that is so much greater ... It is about serving Jesus and seeking to allow God's Will to exist and for God's Will to be the defining agenda. As we approach Thanksgiving this year, please take some precious time to give God Thanks. Take some time in relationship with Jesus Christ and see how you can be Jesus to others. Please take time that you and your family will take time in Worship and Praise this Thanksgiving Season. God Bless you one and all!!!

In Christ Redeeming Love,
Pastor Wayne



On Tuesday, October 3, High Street UMC had a booth at the National Night Out at Armory Field where we gave out healthy snacks. Great turn out from the community!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

METHODIST MARKETPLACE

Saturday, November 18, 2023
31164 Camp Parkway, Courtland, Virginia 23837



Baked Goods—Boutique/Accessories—
Christmas Shoppe—Crochet/Knitted
Gifts—Pecans—High Street Gifts (books,
CDs, cookbooks) - Knick-Knacks, and
much, MUCH more!

Good day High Street family!

Fall is here...that means falling leaves, pumpkin carving, sipping hot cider, and the Methodist Marketplace!!

The United Women in Faith (UMW) are excited about the Methodist Marketplace, which will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 10AM to 4PM.



We are planning a full day of food, fun and fellowship. Our "shoppes" will include:

- bakery (baked goods)
- clothing boutique and accessories
- Christmas shoppe
- Nut shoppe (pecan sells)
- High Street Gift Shoppe (books, CDs, note cards)
- General Store (knick knacks, linens, glassware, etc...)

As you are cleaning out, please consider donating to the Methodist Marketplace. Your trash may be someone else's treasure! If you are a baker, we would love to have your goodies in our bakery. Do you can? We would love some of your pickles, preserves etc...

Please save the date of November 19 for the Methodist Marketplace. Tell your friends! Start looking for items to donate and bake, bake, bake!!

Kathy Worrell

President, United Women in Faith

Dates for the upcoming United Women in Faith meetings in November are as follows:

- **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **EVENING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, November 27 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, November 28 at 10AM in the Church Library.

The **Widow's Might** meets every **Wednesday at 12-noon** for food, fun and fellowship. Upcoming gatherings in **November** :



- ◇ November 1 - Joe's
- ◇ November 8 - Backporch
- ◇ November 15 - Wydia's
- ◇ November 22 - Three Guys
- ◇ November 29 - Fred's



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



Attention Ghosts and Ghouls!!

Grab your pumpkin and head to the Bronco Club for High Street's **HARVEST PARTY!!** The date is October 29. Time is 4 PM to 6 PM. We will have storytelling, pumpkin carving/decorating, pony cart rides, hotdog roast, hayride and s'mores. Wear your costume (if you would like!) We'd love to see them!! This should be

fun for the whole family. Feel free to invite your friends too.

Don't forget to bring your pumpkin to paint, carve or decorate and be sure to check out our Facebook after the event for photos.

It will be "spooktacular," ya'll!!

Kathy Worrell
Vitality chair





Mission Team News

The Society of St. Andrew has been our "Penny Project" for 2023. We appreciate how well our HSUMC family has responded to this organization. We sent a check for the first few months of the year in the amount of \$200 from the coins and donations we had received. They sent us Lenten devotional books and coin boxes for the coin collection. Then we decided to use their Vacation Bible School material for our VBS this past summer. It was free of charge. Our collection continued, and we also made SoSA our mission project for our Vacation Bible School.

Over \$1600 was collected for our offering that week, and the children learned all about what SoSA does including gleaning, and they helped cut and tie the bags that are used to put fruits and veggies in when gleaning. A few weeks ago 2 of SoSA's employees, Alyson and Ben visited our church to collect the 100's of bags that we had cut and tied. At that time we presented them with a check for \$2,000 which included the VBS collection plus more penny money. Alyson and Ben were blown away by the generosity of our church family. They were also very moved as we gave them a tour of our sanctuary, and the rest of the downstairs, including our children's wing and told them the story of how we were able to build our "new" church.

We will keep collecting our coins and other donations until the end of 2023. After that date we will be presenting a new "penny project" recipient. There is still a possibility for a gleaning activity in November. Stay tuned to bulletins and the church Facebook page for info on that opportunity.

Donations are still being accepted for the Backpack Program. Although we are no longer packing the backpacks of food, we are still supporting the 50 food-insecure children at S.P. Morton Elementary School here in Franklin. To sponsor a child the amount is \$110 for the whole school year, or you may make a donation of any amount.

We participated in the National Night Out program sponsored by the City of Franklin Police Department on October 3rd at the Franklin Armory Park. We handed out healthy snacks and Halloween stickers and tattoos to the children and had fun interacting with many children and adults.

We are still interested in helping out some home owners in our area who have problems with their houses that they are not able to fix themselves or afford the supplies and labor to do so. If you are interested in helping with this, please let **Mike Ponder** know at 757-375-6604.

If you are still interested in making a donation to UMCOR for the victims of the disasters and war in Florida, Libya, Morocco, Hawaii, and Ukraine, please get your donations into the church office or put them in the offering plate by November 15th. Thank you so much!

The Mission Team is in preparation for starting up a new program for our church. It is called "The Open Table". Jane Fries is heading this up. Please read her article in this newsletter and if you are interested in becoming involved with this program, please contact Jane.

Every year the Mission Team is involved in some sort of food collection for those in our community who might not be able to afford to have a Thanksgiving meal. This year we will be collecting food to help with Southampton County Social Services' distribution of food boxes. *Please see below for the instructions and list of food.*

As always if you are interested in joining our Mission Team, we would love to have you. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 15th at 5:30 in the church library. Any questions or suggestions, please contact **Ruthie Ponder** at 757-620-9142.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The Mission Team will be sponsoring a food collection to make up boxes of food to take to Southampton County Social Services. They will be distributed to individuals or families who may not have enough money to buy food for a decent Thanksgiving meal. ***Please bring any of the food items listed below to church no later than Sunday, November 12,*** and place in the boxes or baskets located outside the church office or in the narthex. You may also make a monetary donation to help buy Food Lion gift cards to be used towards the purchase of a ham or turkey.

Thanksgiving Food Needed:

- ~5 lb. bag of potatoes
- ~Jars (or packets) of turkey gravy
- ~package of stuffing mix
- ~canned green beans
- ~corn bread mix or roll mix
- ~instant pudding mix
- ~6 sweet potatoes or large can of yams
- ~can of cranberry sauce
- ~canned corn
- ~canned collards
- ~cake mix with can of icing
- ~Jello mix



Grace's Little Angels



Happy Thanksgiving month!

The Children are learning so much and having so much fun. This month they will be learning all about Community Helpers. They will learn all about the Community they live in and how the people in the community help each other. They will learn about Transportation and the important part of everyday life. We will teach them all about Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans, and Thanksgiving Traditions. We will have a Thanksgiving Feast. They will learn what to be thankful for. They will have fun learning about All things Gingerbread. This is the start of our Christmas season.

We are excited about our fall fundraiser—We are selling community discount cards, and they are \$10.00 apiece.. (see below) Our Fall/Christmas picture will be November 20th. Thank you again for allowing us to continue to use the space to grow God's children and raise them in a loving environment.

In God's Love,
Jill Thorpe, Site Manager

GLA'S FALL FUNDRAISER!



We are so excited to offer our community discount cards! We have been so blessed by the local businesses who have agreed to participate—Dairy Queen, Don Ponchos, and Appleby's, just to name a few! The discount cards are \$10 a piece—just show these cards at the businesses listed on the back to receive the discounts shown. Please see any staff member, angel family, or the HSUMC church office to show us your support.



Alyson and Ben, (from SoSA), who recently visited High Street and collected the 100's of bags we cut and tied. They were presented with a check for \$2,000, which included the VBS collection, and penny money.

SOUP FOR SUPPER IS BACK!!

**Thursdays at 6pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Love Offering of
 \$10 per family/\$3 single
 3rd Thursday of
 each month is Pancake Night!**



High Street UMC Chancel Choir presents their new CD, "Christmas at High Street"

High Street UMC Chancel Choir is pleased to present, "Christmas at High Street"! This is our 2nd CD. We will have them available at church Sunday morning. They make excellent Christmas gifts!



At the mission meeting in September, we listened to a presentation on Zoom from Luna Sheffield about what this program is and does. After several months of research and talking with other faith-based groups who have brought this program to their organizations, our church agreed this would be one we wanted to participate in.

The Open Table is a mutual support model, whereby trained volunteers, identified as Table Members, come alongside a family or individuals in need, referred to as a Friend. By giving of themselves relationally, Table Members pour into the lives of Friends. They commit to meeting at least once a month for a year with their Friend, providing support by helping them develop and implement their life plan, with Table Members tapping into their social networks in support of that plan. They work closely with social services or other similar organizations collaborating with them and complementing their efforts.

The initiative began in 2005 when Jon Katov, CEO of The Open Table, met Ernie in Phoenix AZ. Ernie was homeless and he asked members of a church that came to serve him and others meals at the local homeless shelter if he could come and worship at their church.

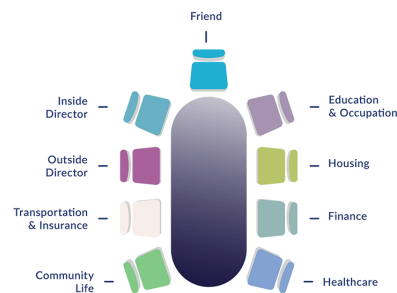
The Mission of The Open Table: To use a community-based, bottom-up, grassroots model to draw together the relational and social capital of communities - relational assets- for the common good. The

Open Table evidence base is conclusive about the positive effects of social-relational capital applied at the individual or family level. Studies show that the functioning levels of the individual or family, the Table Volunteers, and the community are all transformed by the process.

Continuing to expand on our church motto - Better Together - this is just another step in outreach to help our community thrive and become sustainable now and for our future...because when EVERYONE is thriving and reaching their life goals and growing their relationship with others and God - then we are BETTER TOGETHER.

If you are interested in learning more, you can go to www.theopentable.org. We are currently in the process of getting the program set up and going through training. Each table has 4-8 volunteers who serve for a year. If you are interested in being an Open Table member or want more info on this, please contact **Jane Riddick-Fries** at 757-803-6829 or email at janerfries@gmail.com.

The Core Table Model™



CPR/AED AND FIRST AID CLASS

Tim Dunn with the Franklin Fire Department will be offering to our congregation for free two separate CPR/AED and first aid training classes.

This is a reminder to those of you that have signed up. (You should have received a message from me with your date). The first class will be 2 part and take place on Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 9, 6:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room at the church. The second group will meet on Saturday, November 11, 9:00am - 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have forgotten or are not sure which group you signed up to participate in, please reach out to Jane Riddick-Fries to confirm. 757-803-6829, janerfries@gmail.com. Thank you for taking this course and learning about how to help those in need at our church and in the community.

Join the fun with our Chair Yoga Group



Our group is growing and having fun learning breathing exercises, mindfulness, gentle stretches seated and standing with the support of a chair. Nothing is required. RSVP is not needed. Bring a friend and join the fun. There is no

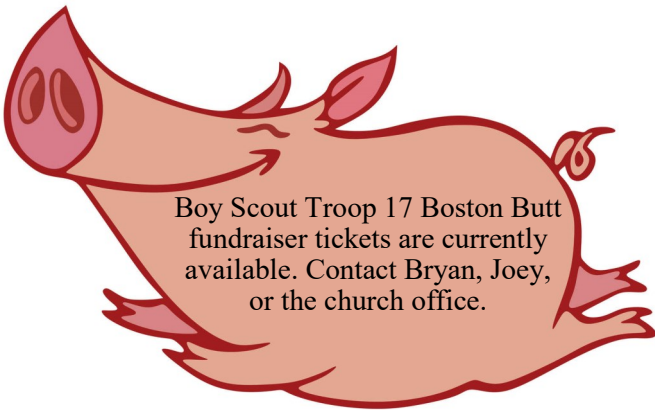
fee, but you are always welcome to make a donation to the church mission team. November Classes are: Tuesday, November 7, 10:45am-11:30am, Wednesday November 15, 10:45am-11:30am, Monday, November 20, 2:00-2:245pm and Wednesday, November 29, 10:45am-11:30 am. For more information, contact **Jane Riddick-Fries** at 757-803-6829 or janerfries@gmail.com. Peace and namaste.

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| 1 Carolyn Pollard | 9 Lee Cobb |
| 1 Anna Hamilton | 9 Bill Luck |
| 2 Sue Ella Drake | 9 Cali Rogers |
| 2 Kerri Frohlich | 10 Mike Atkinson |
| 2 Tyler Burgess | 10 Charlie Baily |
| 2 Braxton Perry | 11 Marshall DeBerry, Jr. |
| 3 Judy Phelps | 11 Galen Butler |
| 3 Betty Carole Brett-Smith | 11 Patricia Asher |
| 3 Ian Rothwell | 11 Lisa Lowe |
| 4 Sandy Kerbaugh | 11 JoAnna Kunz |
| 4 James Jervey | 12 Kim Shanks |
| 5 Lillie Phillips | 13 Sarah Rawlings |
| 6 Earl Blythe | 13 Loida Dongarra |
| 6 Billy Sunday, III | 14 Melanie Outlaw |
| 7 Charles Lee, Jr. | 16 Ruthie Ponder |
| 7 Ashley Atkinson | 16 Wendy Edwards |
| 7 Mattie Kunz | 16 Brook Parker, Jr. |
| 8 Patty Bryant | 17 Carol Phillips |
| 8 Robby Cutchins, III | 17 Willie Jester |
| 8 Maribelle Lewis | 17 Eve Bailey |
| 9 Westbrook Parker, Sr. | 18 Hob Powell |
| | 19 Andy Martin |



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 19 Connor Shanks | 27 Lee Padgett |
| 19 Hayden Fox | 28 Gloria Sargent |
| 20 MaLisa Collins | 28 Caroline Blythe |
| 20 Thomas Powell | 28 Randal Peele, Jr. |
| 21 Linda Rogers | 29 Jasper Story, Jr. |
| 21 Megan Chavis | 30 Katrina Esterly |
| 21 Sam Wood | |
| 22 Bill Mahoney | |
| 22 Maura Zurfluh | |
| 23 Miles White, Jr. | |
| 23 Dean Emerson | |
| 25 Temple Dy | |
| 25 Nathan Turner | |
| 26 Thomas Locke | |
| 26 Victoria Gurganus | |



Boy Scout Troop 17 Boston Butt fundraiser tickets are currently available. Contact Bryan, Joey, or the church office.

On Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, join **Megan Pontious**, who will lead the knitting/crocheting time for those who may want to get together with others for a creative, relaxing fellowship.



The UWF are selling pecans (halves and pieces) at \$13 per bag. See any UWF member to order yours today!

F3 NATION * SATURDAYS * 7AM



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
<i>Acolytes</i>	Julia Pollard	Katy Pontious	Zack Duke	Jackson Cobb
<i>Chancel</i>	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant
<i>Flowers</i>	Kent & Jennifer Stephenson	Glenda, Jennifer, & Jim Jervey	THANKSGIVING ALTAR	Charles & Jewell Martin
<i>Open Door Café</i>	Penny and Marie Smith	Jim & Jane Kay and Louise Blythe	Jim & Glenda Jervey	Margaret Mackan and Billy & Terry Smith
<i>8:30 Greeter/Usher</i>	Jane Riddick-Fries	Jewell Martin	Hope Hickam	Margaret & Harlan Lewis
<i>8:30 Lay Reader</i>	Harlan Lewis	Susan Holloway	Mike Ponder	Cara Butler
<i>11:00 Greeter</i>	Greta Hall	Margaret Mackan	Judy Riddick	Linda Maya
<i>11:00 Lay Reader</i>	TBD	Mike Ponder	Mike Pollard	Bill Billings
<i>11:00 Ushers</i>	Mike Wrenn John Bryant Jay Lee Brian Jones	Mike Wrenn John Bryant Jay Lee Brian Jones	Mike Wrenn John Bryant Jay Lee Brian Jones	Mike Wrenn John Bryant Jay Lee Brian Jones

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have prayer requests, please put them on the tear-off section of the Sunday bulletin and put it in the offering plate, or contact the church office at hsumc@beldar.com, or 757.562.3367.



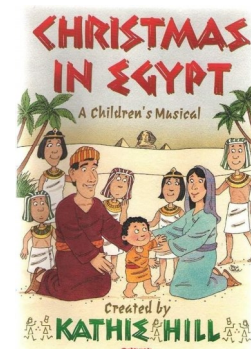
Franklin Cooperative Ministry CURRENT TOP NEEDS

- ~DISH LIQUID
- ~HAND SOAP
- ~LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- ~SHAMPOO
- ~TOOTHPASTE

Donations can be dropped off in specially marked boxes/baskets in the narthex, or by the church office.



*Thanks for partnering with FCM
for a healthier community!*



2023 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

High Street's youth will perform, "Christmas in Egypt" on December 17, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Practice will take place most Sundays at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact **Lisa Strozier** for more info at 757.647.9862.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>5-All Saints Sunday/DST Ends 8:30am: Contemporary Worship 9:30am: Open Door Café 9:45am: Sunday School (Adults/PreK-5/Youth) 10:00am: Coffee & Conversation/F. Hall 11:00am: Traditional Worship 3:30pm: Children's Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>6 10am: UWF Morning Circle/F. Hall</p>	<p>7 10:45AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Bulletin Info Deadline 10am: GLA Chapel/Sanctuary Noon: Widows Might/Joel's 7pm: Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>2 7:00am: Men's Prayer B-fast/Fred's 10:30am: The God Talk Bible Study/Daily Dose 1:30pm: Knit/Crochet Group/F. Hall 6pm: Soup 4 Supper/F. Hall 7pm: Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 Church Office Closes 1pm Freeman Butler wedding Re-</p>	<p>4 7am: F3 Nation/Outside Freeman/Butler Wedding</p>
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Memorials

High Street United Methodist Church Memorials and Honorariums

9/15/2023



Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Mr. William Frank “Billy” Phillips
by: Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Cutchins, III
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Ellington

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

Fred Hollowell

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)
Bobby & Nancy Turner (Apt 210)
Swann Broocke (Apt 214)
Maxine Hollowell (Apt 217)

East Pavilion

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

Dianne Burns (Rm 142A)
Linda Rogers (Rm. 137A)



In Loving Memory of
Eley Owens Powell
8/22/2023 - 10/13/2023
Our sincere sympathy to Meredith Powell, grandparents,
Lynn and Susan Powell, and family

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 (P.O. Box 218 Franklin, VA 23851).

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 6, 2023.**

A separate form is necessary for each star. Additional forms are available at the back of

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____



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 6, 2023.**

A separate form is necessary for each donation. Additional forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or at the church office.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Pledge Giving for 2024

This year finds us becoming busier, which is wonderful! We are together for worship at both services, and our online worship service continues to be viewed by many. We continue to reach folks that might not attend High Street UMC, and some in different places across our great country! Sunday School classes have resumed and we had an amazing Vacation Bible School this summer! We helped with many different mission endeavors! It has been wonderful to see! Your generosity and continued financial support in 2023 has been heartwarming! Thank you! We have and continue to have lots of work done on and around the church building. Thank you for your patience!

We are making every effort to be The Church in our community and beyond. Looking forward to 2024, we want to continue to have more fun activities, and we will continue with the popular online service as well. With the positive response to handling stewardship and pledging campaign this way, we are asking you to take the time to be in prayer about how you can support our church in 2024 with your pledges of financial support and your gifts of time and talents. You will find a pledge card here and you may send it back to me in the mail (P.O. Box 218, Franklin, VA 23851), drop it by the church office, scan and email it to me at hsumcfinancialsecretary@gmail.com, or place in an envelope (for privacy) in the offering plate. Please try to return these cards by the end of October. Also, take time to consider other ways you can use your time and talents to support High Street UMC. There are many Lay Minister & small group volunteer opportunities available.

Thank you for your help in making sure that High Street UMC can continue to be the warm, loving church family that we are, and that we can continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community and beyond! Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Carter Stephenson

Living Generously – High Street United Methodist Church

In response to God’s love and generous blessings, I/We plan to support the mission of this church in 2024 by consistently sharing our gifts of:

\$ _____ (Circle One) Per Week Per Month Per Year Other

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meaningful Gifts!

This year marks seventeen years since Carter left us-we still struggle to believe it! He was 14 and brought so much joy to us and those that knew him. We continue to try very hard to live life with the joy he brought to it, and do things that would make him smile!

Not long ago, our dear friend Mike Ponder told me after church one day that God had certainly given us a precious gift named Henry. He is so right! Rebecca and Witt share him with us, and we treasure every moment. He is a little impish as Carter was, and he has a sweet heart as Carter did. I imagine Carter watches down with amusement and pride at his nephew, and that thought warms my heart! Often I think of Heaven and that maybe Carter has been assigned to welcome folks. Hopefully seeing his big smile makes even the tiniest of angels feel welcomed to a beautiful place with our Father.

I know I repeat these sentences often but they still are true. Moments and memories can wash over me and Kent like waves. They can make me cry, and at the same time fill my heart with joy! Grief still stays close by, and I believe it always will. I do believe that God knows when to put joy in our lives with a special gift or a God wink and there is always room in all of our hearts! Be aware of the meaningful gifts that God gives to you and cherish them always!

It still comforts me and fills my heart knowing that we have special angels that do indeed watch over us! God continues to show us grace when we need it, sometimes in the most unexpected, wonderful ways. We remain grateful for the love and support we continue to feel from our community and our loving church family.



*Jennifer Carter Stephenson-November 2023
-a reflection on the 17th year after Carter's
death on November 5, 2006*



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.