



# HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2021

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High Street United Methodist Church  
is hosting a DRIVE-THRU

Trunk  
*or*  
Treat



and You Are **INVITED!**

Thursday, October 28, 2021  
in the PARKING LOT of High Street UMC

Time: 5:00PM to 6:00PM

Decorated vehicles will be parked (in every other space) and as parents drive-thru the parking lot, adults will drop individually wrapped pieces of candy in the kid's bag. Kids are welcome to wear their costume or come as they are.



# FROM THE PASTOR

I think he may have had me at “innkeeper.”

I’ve started looking for a Bible study for Advent. I don’t want it to be just any Bible study; I want it to be one that focuses on evangelism. I may have found that study in Ed Robb’s *Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas*; I’ve just ordered a used copy from Amazon.

I found the book in Cokesbury’s Advent catalog, and was interested because of this sentence about the book: “The story of Christ’s birth encourages us to widen our borders and increase our sense of community – and make room for others.” Wanting to learn more, I went to Cokesbury.com and found a video of Robb’s overview of the study. He says that, in the first chapter, he looks at the innkeeper encountered by Mary and Joseph, and goes on to say that this study looks at the innkeeper not as the one who turned Mary and Joseph away, but the one who took them in. That intrigued me. He also says that, in the third chapter, he takes a look at the shepherds who come to the stable – not as romanticized figures but as the outcasts that they were. That’s a more familiar approach, but Robb says that he takes it to help the church look at being invitational to outcasts. Again, I find that intriguing.

I’d like for our ministry to include an element of evangelism. By that, I mean that I want us to focus on discipleship, on helping everyone grow progressively closer to God. Bishop Lewis said at annual conference four years ago that, by the 2020 annual conference, each church in the VAUMC was to have an intentional plan for making disciples in place. That request may have gotten sidetracked by COVID, but having an intentional plan for making disciples is a good goal, and one I’d like for us to consider in the months to come.

Robb’s Bible study may be part of that plan. I read a preview of the book online, and I’m not completely sold: I found much of the introduction treacly, but the book still holds promise. I’ll see what happens when I get through it.

Please join me in looking to ensure that helping people grow progressively closer to God is an intentional part of our ministry.

Thanks,  
Ned Alderman



*Our Sincere Sympathy to:*

*Jackie Wood and family on the loss of her mother, Nellie "Betty" Grady*

*Rita Lewis and family on the loss of her sister, Connie Vick.*



*In Loving Memory of  
Ronald (Ron) Lee Ratcliffe  
1938 - 2021*



*Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*

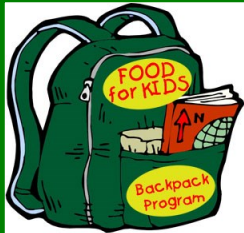
### Lay Minister Volunteers Needed!

HSUMC Needs YOU—Lay Minister VOLUNTEERS!

- ⇒ Lay readers (8:30 & 11am)
- ⇒ Greeters (8:30 & 11am)
- ⇒ Ushers (11am)
- ⇒ Acolytes (11am)
- ⇒ Chancel members
- ⇒ Open Door Café Hosts
- ⇒ Sunday School Teachers
- ⇒ Nursery Attendants
- ⇒ A/V Team Members



Please contact the church office (562-3367 or [hsumc@beldar.com](mailto:hsumc@beldar.com)) or fill out the form on the side tab of the bulletin if you are willing to perform any of these lay minister activities. There are also sign up sheets on the round table in the Narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed to help the services run smoothly each Sunday.



### Backpack Program

Our 9th year of supporting the Backpack Program for food insecure children at S.P. Morton Elementary School in Franklin has gotten off to a great start. We have been accepting donations and sponsorships towards our **\$5400.00** that we have to raise to support this program through the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. I am excited to report that we are about halfway to that goal already! We had our first in-person "packing event" on September 21st, and had a really good turn-out of volunteers! We are financially supporting 50 of the 80 children at this school who receive a package of food twice a month to take home, but we packed 160 bags of food for the next month! Thanks to all of you who are supporting this program with your time, your donations, and your prayers! You can still make a donation of any amount or a sponsorship of one child for the amount of **\$110.00**. If you are writing a check, please make it out to High Street UMC and put "Backpack Program" on the memo line. You may put it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church. Thanks again for your support.

Ruthie Ponder (569-9449)

Happy Fall ya'll!!!

I'm pleased to announce our United Methodist Women Executive Board meet recently and set the dates to resume Circle meetings!! We are so happy to get back together since the pandemic.

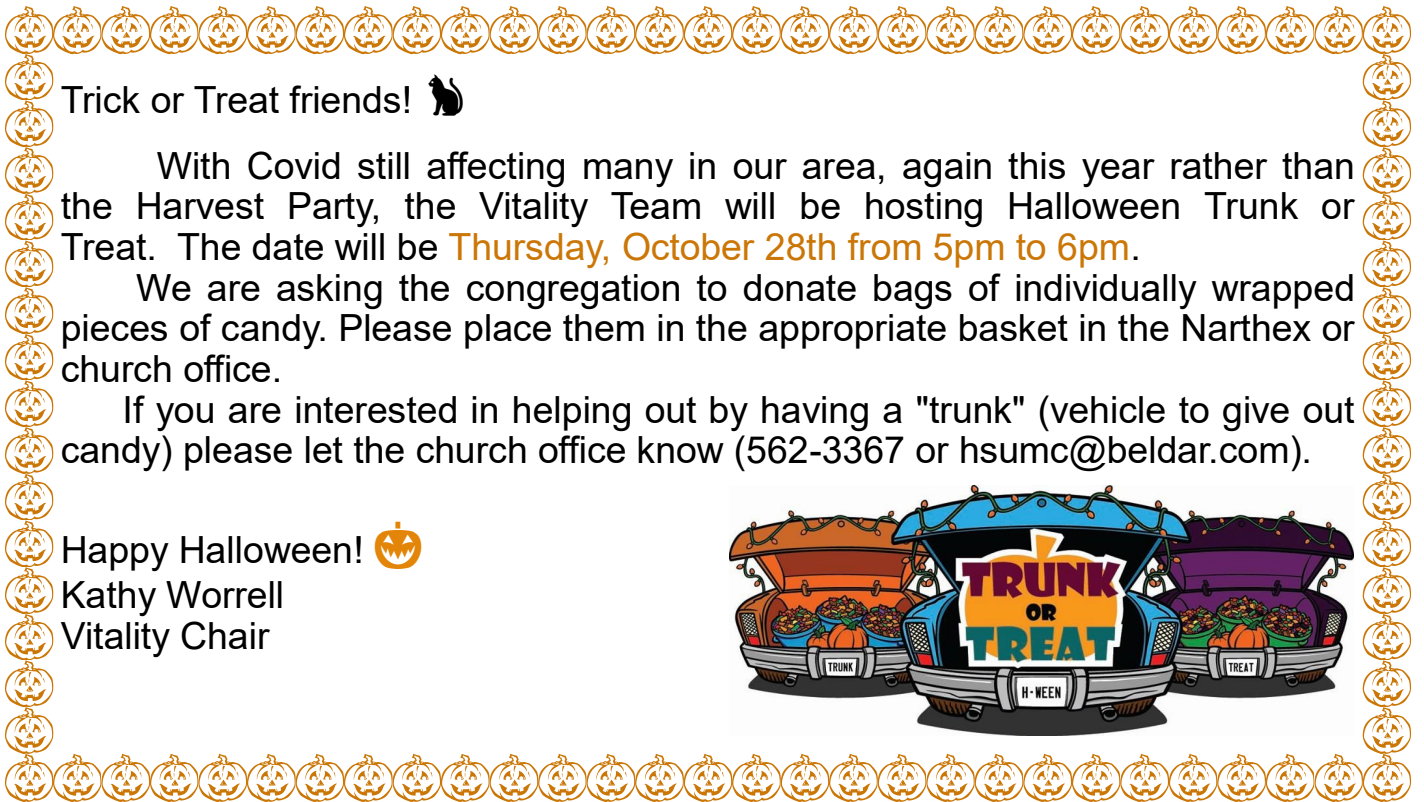
And on that note.... please accept this open invitation to all ladies of High Street to join us at any of our meetings --- we have a great time fellowshiping and doing the work of the church. Please join us!

Upcoming meetings for October:

- The Morning circle will meet on Monday, October 4 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Evening group will meet on Monday, October 25 at 5:30 PM. Location to be determined.
- The next Executive Board meets on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 AM in the church library.

In October, we will be selling pecans again this year. Watch Facebook for more information.

Be blessed!  
Kathy Worrell  
UMW President



Trick or Treat friends! 🐱

With Covid still affecting many in our area, again this year rather than the Harvest Party, the Vitality Team will be hosting Halloween Trunk or Treat. The date will be **Thursday, October 28th from 5pm to 6pm.**

We are asking the congregation to donate bags of individually wrapped pieces of candy. Please place them in the appropriate basket in the Narthex or church office.

If you are interested in helping out by having a "trunk" (vehicle to give out candy) please let the church office know (562-3367 or hsumc@beldar.com).

Happy Halloween! 🎃

Kathy Worrell  
Vitality Chair



### Food Items for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries

The Mission Team will be collecting boxes of **Instant Potatoes** and **Stuffing** for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries for the month of October in preparation of Thanksgiving. Please leave your food items in one of the baskets in the narthex or in the hallway outside the church office. Thanks so much!!



## Mission Team News



The High Street Mission Team met the first week of September, and we're gearing up for a busy fall. One thing we discussed implementing is a "Mission of the Month". Each month we will highlight a particular mission project to focus on. This may be in the form of educating our church family about a particular program, organization, or need in our community or somewhere in the world. We may collect items or funds to help someone or a certain group. For example, our Mission focus for September and October is the **Backpack Program** for 50 food insecure students at S.P. Morton Elementary School in Franklin. Glenda Jervey and Fran Waller have agreed to be in charge of the Mission of the Month project. If you have any ideas, please contact one of them.

Our new "**Penny Project**" that is replacing the COPA project where we sponsored children from the Dominican Republic has started, and we decided to raise money for the "Heifer Project". Our children are familiar with this project because we have talked a lot about it in Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. We will be collecting pennies to buy animals like cows, chickens, sheep, pigs, and many more that are sent to families all around the world to provide income and food for impoverished families. This will be one of our "Mission of the Month" projects coming up soon, but you can keep bringing in your pennies.

Our church is still supporting our Missionary, Jacques Akasa Umembudi, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the **Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry**. Our annual donation of \$2250.00 was sent this month to help cover some of the expenses of that vital project.

The Mission Team also voted to send a \$200 donation to the "**All God's Children Camp**" put on each summer by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church for children who have at least one incarcerated parent.

As you may remember we collected **school supplies** back in June to be used by Riverdale Elementary School (across from our church) for their summer school children who needed extra work to catch up from the year of virtual school. Thank you to all who contributed to this project. They were very appreciative!

Pastor Ned expressed interest in us exploring and learning more about the **literacy programs** in our local schools that help children who fall behind. He also would like us to explore the topic of "**Human Trafficking**".

Some of the other projects coming up this fall will be the **Thanksgiving food boxes** for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries, our **Angel Tree, Tree of Stars, and Tree of Warmth** at Christmas time. The work on our new local "**Mission House**" is hopefully going to start soon, so when volunteers are needed, we will let you know. We also may be coming up with ways to help the **victims of Hurricane IDA** and some of the **refugees from Afghanistan** who are being housed at Fort Lee near Petersburg.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, October 5th**, in the library at church. Please feel free to join us!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me/.  
Ruthie Ponder (569-9449)

**Pledge Giving for 2022**

This continues to be a strange time in our lives! We are together for worship although with some limitations, and our online worship service continues to be viewed by many. We have reached folks that might not attend High Street UMC, and some in different places across our great country! Our in person attendance is growing and attendance online has been amazing! It has been wonderful to see! Your generosity and continued financial support in 2021 has been heartwarming! Thank you!

We are making every effort to be The Church in our community and beyond. Looking forward to 2022, we hopefully can get back to some new normalcy, and we will continue with the popular online service as well. Since we cannot really have our normal pledge Sundays, we are asking you to take the time to be in prayer about how you can support our church in 2022 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](mailto:hsumcfinancialsecretary@gmail.com), or place in an envelope (for privacy) in the offering plate. Please 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 listed on the side tab of the bulletin and on sheets in the Narthex.

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 2022 by consistently sharing our gifts of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle One) Per Week    P er Month    Per Year    Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Toy Ride

Robert A. Hill Sr.



## Lodge #56 15th Annual Toy Ride

**Place:** High Street United Methodist Church  
**Date:** October 23, 2021

**Times:** Registration at 9:30am and Roll out at 10:30am  
**Registration Cost:** Riders \$15.00 Passengers \$10.00

**Please bring a new unwrapped toy.**

All proceeds go to the purchase of new toys for needy children.

Ride starts at HSUMC 31164 Camp Parkway Courtland, VA 23837.

Midpoint stop at 7/11 639 Colonial Trail E. Surry, VA 23883.

Ride ends at Fred's Restaurant 107 S. Main St. Franklin, VA 23851

*Lunch Buffet provided by Fred's for all participants.*

Rain Date: October 30, 2021

## 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

**For more information call:**

**Richard Walker 757-617-1052 or email [walkerra1@live.com](mailto:walkerra1@live.com)**



## United Methodist Men (UMM)

The UMM along with the F3 group met on Saturday, September 18th for breakfast and fellowship. The UMM will meet again Saturday, October 16th, for breakfast and a **WORK DAY**. All men are invited! Please bring gloves and yard tools with you—like power washers, rakes, gloves, etc.



**Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds**

### Did You Know?

Several members have moved in the past 19 months during the pandemic that you may not be aware. We do not have the new address for everyone, but below is a list in case you want to drop them a note to say hello and we miss you!

Frank & Becky Jester  
249 Kenny Lane  
Smithfield, VA 23430

Larry & Donna Dudley  
14207 Barbet Ln  
Port Charlotte, FL 33981

Daniel & Sonya Allen  
(Mira & Skyann Barnes)  
61 Creek Rd  
Ocracoke, NC 27960

Genie Councill  
18478 Buckhorn Quarter Rd  
Capron, VA 23829

John & Debra Ashley  
429 Alderwood Dr  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Andy & Taylor Crane

Roger & Lindsey Jones

Scott & TeDra Flanders

Steve & Elaine Webb

Joan Marks



## 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 (Room 10)

- ◆ **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  
Peggy Gillette (Apt. 312)  
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)





# October BIRTHDAYS

1 Ron Ratcliffe  
 1 Patsy Rothwell  
 1 Jim Page  
 1 Kathy McCabe  
 1 Elliott Messenger  
 1 Maddison Wright  
 2 Jeff Brown  
 2 Jim Yarborough  
 2 Will Powers, III  
 3 Babb Rawlings, Jr.  
 3 Jeffrey Messenger  
 4 Brooke Powell  
 4 Luke Jervey  
 5 Mel Baynard  
 5 Andy Fox  
 5 Travis Keech  
 5 Jackie Sugg  
 6 Bert Williams, V  
 7 Judy Riddick  
 7 Fred Hollowell  
 7 Georgia Gillette  
 8 Kelly Jernigan  
 8 Amber Rikard  
 8 Rylee West  
 9 John Bracy  
 9 Ann Spanagel  
 9 Brandon Lee  
 10 Jeri Holt  
 11 Cindy Rubino  
 11 Kelley Roback  
 12 Judy Smith  
 12 Jackson Dempsey  
 12 Tyler Duke  
 13 Evan Griggs  
 15 Jane Humphries  
 15 Allene Atkinson  
 15 Cara Butler  
 15 Emily Carroll  
 16 William Tawney  
 16 Justin Spengeman  
 17 Miller Zurfluh




19 Douglas Trader  
 19 Kristen Peele  
 19 Michael Aiken  
 20 Kathy Sunday  
 20 Cathy Johnson  
 20 John Spanagel, Jr.  
 20 Jon Powell  
 20 Evan Ponder  
 21 Daelyn Rose  
 22 John Rankin  
 23 Fred Powers  
 23 Mary Christy Saunders  
 23 Carol DuBois  
 23 Allen Crom  
 24 Rita Lewis  
 24 Kaitlyn Edwards  
 24 Jessica Flanders  
 24 Dutchess Rose  
 24 Tegan Carter  
 24 May Rabil  
 25 Mickey Gray  
 25 Rebecca Ponder  
 26 James Panikowski  
 26 Newitt Blythe  
 26 Phyllis Bunch  
 26 Ellen Lee  
 26 Jace Holloman  
 27 Dale Conant  
 27 Crystal Stauffer  
 27 Steve Pittman  
 27 Haley Lowe  
 27 Emma Hctor  
 28 Glenn Bidwell, Jr.  
 29 Penny Smith  
 29 Deborah Ashley  
 29 Troy Dongarra  
 30 Jim Hansford  
 30 Don Shanks  
 30 Jonathan Edwards, Jr.  
 31 Ricky Darden  
 31 Denver Rose








# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
<b>Acolytes</b>					
<b>Chancel</b>					
<b>Flowers</b>	Available	The Fries & Shaffer Families	Ray & Linda Maya	Stacy Dempsey	Mike & Ruthie Ponder
<b>Greeters – 8:30</b>					
<b>Greeters—11:00</b>	Taylor & Anne Williams	Penny & Marie Smith	Paul & Laurie Phillips	Alice & Paul Shaffer	Jennifer Stephenson
<b>Lay Readers – 8:30</b>	Mike Ponder	Jane Fries	Cara Butler	Harlan Lewis	Susan Holloway
<b>Lay Readers – 11:00</b>	Jim Yarborough	Margaret Mackan	Taylor Williams	Judy Belcher	Marie Smith
<b>Open Door Café</b>	Temporarily Suspended	Temporarily Suspended	Temporarily Suspended	Temporarily Suspended	Temporarily Suspended
<b>Ushers – 8:30</b>					
<b>Ushers – 11:00</b>	Jim Strozier, Head Usher Glenn Rawlings Jeff Brown	Jim Strozier, Head Usher Glenn Rawlings Jeff Brown	Jim Strozier, Head Usher Glenn Rawlings Jeff Brown	Jim Strozier, Head Usher Glenn Rawlings Jeff Brown	Jim Strozier, Head Usher Glenn Rawlings Jeff Brown

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">October</h1>						
<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM UMW Morning Circle Mtg/ Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Vision Mtg/ Library 7:00 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Praise Team Worship Practice	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack 7:00 PM Mission Team Meeting/ Library	<b>6</b> Bulletin Info Deadline 10:00 AM GLA Mtg/ Fellowship Hall  	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Fred's Restaurant 6:00 PM GLA CPR Training/Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>8</b>       	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM F3 Nation
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<b>17</b> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting/ Dave Trader Rm 7:00 PM Praise Team Worship Practice  	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Group/Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM Backpack Packing Session 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting/Scout Shack 7:00 PM HSUMC GLA Board Meeting/ Library 7:00 PM Book Club/ Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> Bulletin Info Deadline 10:00 AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall  	<b>21</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Fred's Restaurant 6:00 PM Yoga/ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice  	<b>22</b>       	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM F3 Nation 9:30 AM Toy Ride
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<b>31 HALLOWEEN</b> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service						

# 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.