



HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2022

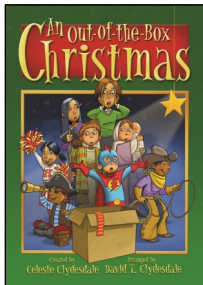
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NEWSLETTER STAFF

Rev. Ned Alderman, Pastor

Melissa Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Calling All Children and Youth Singers, Dancers, Actors, and Actresses!!!



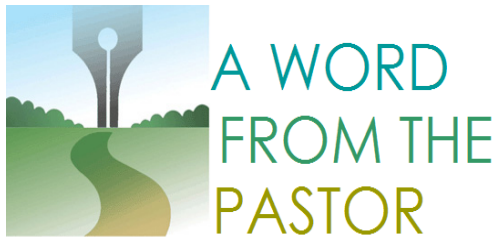
Even though fall has barely begun, it's time to start working on the **High Street Children's and Youth's Christmas Program!**

This year we are doing a play called "**An Out of the Box Christmas**". There are pirates, cowboys, cheer leaders, super heroes and fun songs!

Every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, from 4-5 p.m., we will be listening to the program and discussing parts. Each person will get a CD of the program to take home so you can learn the songs. You will also get a *tentative* practice schedule. (Contact the church office for a schedule if you don't have one yet.)

Miss Lisa and **Miss Cara** are looking forward to seeing everyone at practice—it's been three long years since we have been able to have a Christmas play, so come on out and bring a friend!





I figured we had a busy fall ahead. We're just off the church picnic at the Bronco Club, which was, technically, last summer, and now we've got the Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, Oct. 1, at the 11:30 a.m. at the dog park across from Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and the Harvest Festival, Sunday, Oct. 30, again at the Bronco Club. Not having been here for past Harvest Festivals, I look forward to learning about that event, and I look forward, too, to the Christmas Cantata, which I had to miss last year because of

the reserves, and to the children's Christmas play, for which rehearsals have just started.

The first Saturday in October is the traditional day for the Blessing of the Animals. When I learned that Oct. 1 is also the day of the Franklin Fall Festival, I thought about rescheduling, but I'm hoping that we can get folks to come out for both, and have promoted the Blessing through Facebook, the Wellness Coalition, and with flyers at such places as the Daily Dose, Fred's, Franklin Cooperative Ministries, and the new Foodbank location. I have also made sure that Grace's Little Angels and our Boy and Girl Scout Troops know about the Blessing and other events, such as the ice cream social last August and the picnic at the Bronco Club.

GLA brings families and staff to High Street five days a week, the Boy Scouts meet weekly, and the Girl Scouts have shifted to monthly meetings. The presence of all of these families gives us lots of avenues for ministry. Let's be thinking about how we can connect with these families in Jesus Christ, including expressing appreciation to staff and leaders and supporting events such as the Girl Scouts' candy sale, which ends Oct. 5, and their tribute to first responders Dec. 3.

Please be in prayer about everything on our calendar, including such special dates for worship as World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2; United Women in Faith Sunday, Oct. 16; and All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6. Finally, please note my October volunteer dates with the Foodbank and consider joining me. They are Saturday, Oct. 8, 12:30-3 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center, and Tuesday, Oct. 25, noon-3:30 p.m. at Hayden Village.

Thanks,
Ned

Ned's Volunteer Dates
at the Foodbank in October

Saturday, October 8 at 12:30pm/Martin Luther King Center

Tuesday, October 25 at 12:00pm/Hayden Village



If you have prayer requests, please send them to the church office via email hsumc@beldar.com) or by calling **562-3367**. They will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested.

Pledge Giving for 2023

Although things are not 100% normal, we are 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! Some Sunday School classes have resumed and we had an amazing Vacation Bible School this summer! It has been wonderful to see! Your generosity and continued financial support in 2022 has been heartwarming! Thank you!

We are making every effort to be The Church in our community and beyond. Looking forward to 2023, we hope to continue to return with some fun activities, and we will continue with the popular online service as well. Since 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 2023 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 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 2023 by consistently sharing our gifts of:

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Good day, High Street family!

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



The United Women in Faith (UMW) are excited to announce the Marketplace will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 10AM to 4PM. This is the first Bazaar since the pandemic began.

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.

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



Upcoming dates of United Women in Faith meetings:

Morning Circle - 10AM on October 3

Evening Circle - 5:30 PM on October 24

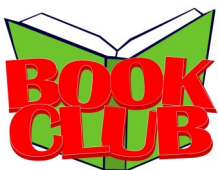
Executive Board - 10AM on October 25

All women are invited to come join us!!

UWF (UMW) Sunday is October 16.

Methodist Marketplace is November 19.

Kathy Worrell
President UWF



BOOK CLUB
October 18 at 7 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Every Thursday at 7am at *Fred's Restaurant*

God Talk Bible Study
Every Thursday at 10:30am at *Daily Dose*

Fall Greetings church family!



I hope you had an opportunity to view the Church Picnic either on Facebook or the newsletter. We had a great time!

Coming up next for the Vitality Team is our Harvest Festival. The date set is October 30 at the Bronco Club.



We are making plans now. Come out for:

- ◆ wear your COSTUME for the costume contest.
- ◆ pumpkin carving.
- ◆ the Strozier hayride.
- ◆ cart rides with Roscoe and Susan Holloway.
- ◆ hotdogs and s'mores!!

We may have some games, stories, and songs, too!!

Please mark your calendars now for October 30 --- and bring your friends!!

It will be *SPOOKTACULAR*!!

Kathy Worrell
Vitality chair



Be on the lookout for information about **the start-up of our Sunday School program** very soon!

We have been on hiatus for quite some time and are excited about getting back together! We have new rooms that will be just for Sunday School use and some new Sunday School curriculum that we hope everyone will enjoy.

We will be in touch with all children and their families as soon as we have more information. If you are interested in helping with young children ages 3 up through the 5th grade, please contact **Ruthie Ponder, Rebecca Harper**, or the church office.

Chair Yoga: Please join **Jane Riddick-Fries** for some breathing, gentle stretching (sitting and some standing with support of chair) on **Wednesdays at 10am - October 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Bring a friend. No fee. You may make a donation to the church mission team.

Yoga with Jane: Jane Riddick-Fries will be teaching yoga in the evenings at **6:30pm on Wednesday, Oct 5, and Tuesdays October 11th, 18th, and 25th**. All levels - You will need to be able to get up and down from the floor. \$10.00 per class. For more information call **Jane** at **757-803-6829**



Mission of the Month Project for October:
UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS

UMCOR recently sent out a request to all Virginia United Methodist Conference Churches that there is an urgent need for "cleaning buckets" (flood buckets). The warehouse supply of these has almost been depleted over the past year due to many floods and other disasters, some of which were right here in our state of Virginia. Each VAUMC church has been asked to contribute 4 buckets of supplies. Below is a list of the supplies included in each bucket:

- * one 5 gallon bucket with lid (not used)
- * one 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- * one 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
- * one 16-34 oz. liquid dish soap
- * one 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- * one 16-40 oz. pump spray insect repellent (or package of 10-20 wipes)
- * one scrub brush
- * 18 reusable cleaning wipes (like Handy Wipes)
- * 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
- * 36-50 clothespins
- * one 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- * 24 roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size)
- * five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
- * two pairs kitchen gloves (durable for multiple use)
- ** one pair work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)



To make sure we get everything we need in the correct amounts, we will have cards, each with 1 item on them for you to pick up. These cards will be on the round table in the narthex and **Melissa** will have some on the window of the church office. Please take one or more cards and bring back your item(s) no later than October 30th. Then we will assemble the buckets and get them delivered to the UMC District office during the first week of November. Thank you for your help with this project.

Backpack Program for S.P. Morton Elementary School Food Insecure Children



Tuesday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This is the date for our first packing session of our 10th year of supporting 50 food insecure children from S.P. Morton Elementary School right here in Franklin.

Please join us for less than an hour to help these children and their families who are experiencing issues with not having enough food to eat. You may also sponsor a child for \$110 for the school year or make a donation of any amount.

Please make any checks payable to HSUMC with "Backpack Program" on the memo line. Thanks so much for your continuing support of this project! We partner with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore on this project.

As many of you know they opened a branch of this Foodbank right here in Franklin on September 15th. There are also many opportunities to volunteer there if you want to.

If interested, please contact **Pastor Ned** at the church office.

We have finished with our "Penny Project" for 2021-2022! You all have so generously collected thousands of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters (and some bills and checks too) for a total of \$1,330.24!

With that money we are able to give the following animals to many desperately needy families in our country and across the globe to change their lives with food and an income:

1 goat 1 heifer 1 pig 1 alpaca 1 sheep 8 flocks of baby chicks 5 hives of honey bees

We will soon be starting another penny project. Please keep saving those pennies and other coins for a brand new project. Some of the projects we are considering are:

- Society of St. Andrew
- Rise Against Hunger
- Wheelchair Mission

If you have any other ideas, please let a member of the Mission team know. Thanks for all of your support!!



Happy Fall!



We have started off this 2022-2023 school year with a BANG! Everyone has adjusted to their new rooms and new friends. We are beyond excited to learn tons of wonderful things this year! GLA has adopted a new Curriculum offered to us through our wonderful PROCARE app. The curriculum is called Learning Beyond Paper. What is great about this, it teaches based on Virginia SOL's which is what GLA has always done in the past. It is broken down by weeks, and each age group has recommended activities based on their specific needs. This will be a learning process for us all!

The whole month of September, the Angels will be learning about "All About Me." This month we will be building relationships and establishing routines. As teachers and parents, we all know how important this is, especially for those children coming to GLA for the first time.

We will be having a Fall fundraiser coming up soon. Sale starts on October 10th, and ends on October 24th. The fundraiser is through Midland Fundraising. The website is www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com. When we receive our unique Seller ID, we will forward it to everyone. We look forward to a successful Fall Fundraiser.

Also, we still have a few pounds of BBQ in the freezer from our BBQ fundraiser in August. The GLA board meeting will meet on October 4th at 7pm.

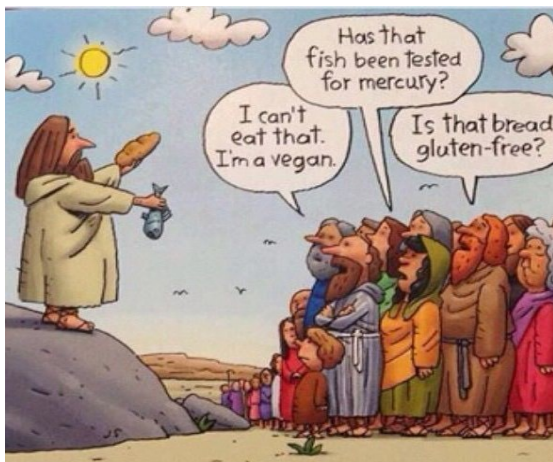
We would like to say thank you to each of you for allowing us to continue to use the space to grow God's children and raise them in a loving environment. We look forward to a great school year.

Respectfully,
Jill Thorpe, Site Manager



On Sunday, September 11, High Street UMC's Annual Church Picnic and Worship Service was held at the Bronco Club. We had about 80 folks join us "down by the rivah" for food, fun, and fellowship!

Photos courtesy of Kathy Worrell



Return of the Chancel Choir

High Street welcomed back the Chancel Choir on Sunday, September 18. Photo courtesy of Kathy Worrell

Court of Honor and Fond Farewells

High Street BSA Troop 17 held their Court of Honor on September 13, 2022. They also bid a fond farewell to **Bryan Fenters**, after 10 years of leadership. Thank you, Bryan!!

Photos courtesy of **Bill Billings**





Lay Minister Volunteers Needed!

Worship
OPPOSITE **HSUMC NEEDS YOU!**

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

Please contact the church office (562-3367 or 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 and needed to help the services run smoothly each Sunday.



UMW Morning Circle Mtg.
October 3rd at 10am in the *Fellowship Hall*

UMW Evening Circle Mtg.
October 24th at 5:30pm in the *Fellowship Hall*

UMW Executive Board Mtg.
October 25th at 10am in the *Church Library*

We've Moved



To better accommodate our donors and shoppers, Franklin Cooperative Ministry's Clothing Closet has moved to 301 W. First Ave. Franklin! (at the corner of High Street and First Avenue, up the hill from City Hall)

We are able to accept donations of new or gently used & clean

- *seasonally-appropriate clothing
- *shoes
- *socks
- *coats
- *pocketbooks
- *underclothing
- *pajamas

Monday through Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3!
We can only accept bedding during the winter months.
On Fridays, the closet will be open for shoppers.

Our clothing closet is unable to accept donations of household items, decorations, electronics or knick-knacks.



BOOK CLUB

- Do you like to read?
- Do you sometimes wish you could talk with somebody about what you've read?
- Do you get tired of reading the same types of books and want to try something new?

Book Club is for you!

We are an open group, very low pressure. We read a wide variety of books, mostly fiction, lots of best sellers, and anything we think will have good discussions. We also try to get books from the library, so you don't have to buy a new book every month.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us! Contact me at Cara.n.butler@gmail.com for more info.



Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, many HSUMC members attended the ribbon cutting and open house for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia's Grand Opening. Located at 618 South Street, this will be a great resource for our community and much needed!



VOLUNTEER

CHANCEL HELPERS NEEDED!!

High Street UMC still needs volunteers to prepare the Altar area for services during the months of **January, June, July, and December.**

Contact **Melissa** or **Jennifer** in the Church office at **757.562.3367**, or email one of us to sign up today.



*In Loving Memory of
Samuel O. "Sam" Butler, Jr.
1925 - 2022
Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*



*Deepest sympathies to
Toni Phillips, family and friends,
on the passing of her brother, Bob Young.*

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

**High Street United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 218
Franklin, VA 23851**



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.



*Congratulations to Daniel & Taryn Belcher
on the birth of their son,
Daniel Wyatt
born August 28, 2022
Proud grandparents are Sanford & Jeanette Belcher*



Memorials

**High Street United Methodist Church
Memorials and Honorariums
9/20/2022**



Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Joan Loftin Marks

by: The Honorable and Mrs. Westbrook J. Parker
Kent and Jennifer Stephenson
Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

Jean Moody Vincent

by: Kent and Jennifer Stephenson
Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell
Mr. and Mrs. Walker A. Gillette
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Phillips
Mrs. Stacy Dempsey
Kimberly Knight
Mrs. Judy S. Riddick
Cynthia T. Vincent
Eleanor R. Good
Harold and Karen Early Williams
Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick
Sherri Aiken and Family
Mrs. Greta F. Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Burgess
Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wainwright
Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Powell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rose, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer

Thomas “Bo” Hurd Lewis

by: Sallie C. Harrison

Herbert “Herbie” Martin Lewis, Jr.

by: Kent and Jennifer Stephenson	Mrs. Judy S. Riddick
Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder	Ms. Stacy Dempsey
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Burgess	Mrs. Gretchen Hopkins
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Phillips	Mrs. Ann A. Jervy
Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick	Mrs. Ann C. Britt
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer	Mr. and Mrs. Dean A. Emerson
Sallie C. Harrison	Mr. and Mrs. John R. Marks
Mrs. Dianne H. Hirsch	Julian and Sandra Whitley
Mrs. Mary Ellen Edmonds	Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Luck
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell	
Nancy O. Snellings	
Ted and Jane Riddick Fries	
Mr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Newman	
The Honorable and Mrs. Westbrook J. Parker	

Leaves

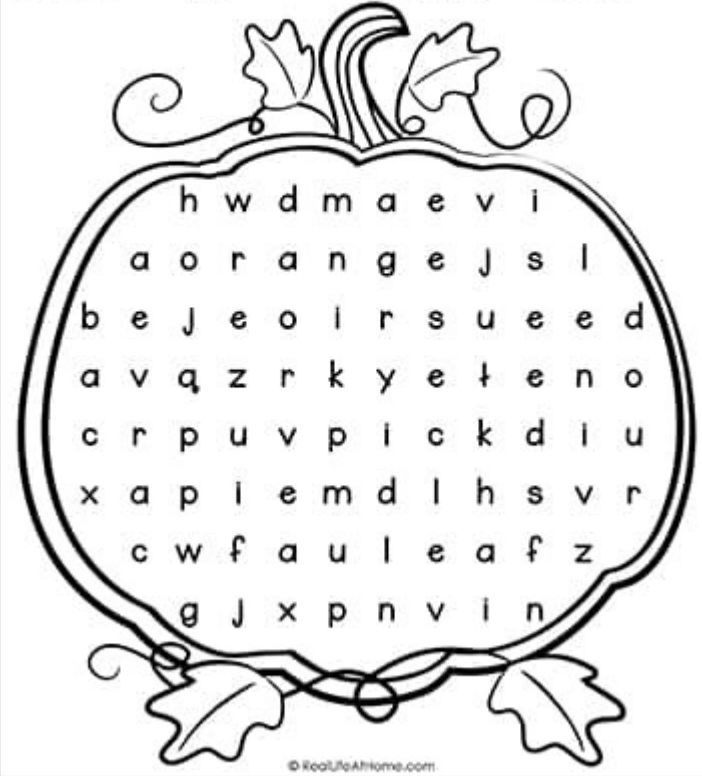
by Elsie N. Brady

How silently they tumble down
 And come to rest upon the ground
 To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
 Beneath the trees without a care,
 Content to sleep, their work well done,
 Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
 Until they nearly reach the sky.
 Twisting, turning through the air
 Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
 Exhausted, drop to earth below
 To wait, like children, for the snow.

Find these words:

pumpkin leaf vine pick
 carve pie orange seeds



Prayer Group Mtg.

October 11th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall

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
Gilbert Porter (Rm 08)

Manor At Wood's Edge

(Assisted Living)
 1401 N. High Street
 Franklin, Virginia 23851
 757.562.3100
Linda Joyner (Rm 1011)
Barbara Prince (Rm 1006)
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)



October BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Patsy Rothwell
- 1 Jim Page
- 1 Kathy McCabe
- 1 Maddison Wright
- 2 Jeff Brown
- 2 Jim Yarborough
- 2 Will Powers, III
- 3 Babb Rawlings, Jr.
- 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 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 Hoctor
- 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 2	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 30
Acolytes	Zack Duke	Tristan Gayle	Jackson Cobb	Julia Pollard	Zack Duke
Chancel	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough
Flowers	Westbrook Parker	Linda & Ray Maya	Linda Mosley	John & Carolyn Bryant	Mike & Ruthie Ponder
Open Door Café	Jim & Jane Kay	Margaret Mackan	Lori Vasser	Jim & Glenda Jervey	Victoria Gurganus
Greeters 8:30					
Greeters 11:00	Jane Humphries	Miles & Jessie White	Brian & Susan Jones	Sanford & Jeannette Belcher	Rebecca Harper
Lay Readers 8:30	Cara Butler	Jane Fries	Harlan Lewis	Susan Holloway	Mike Ponder
Lay Readers 11:00	Anne Williams	Jim Jervey	Taylor Williams	Cara Butler	Marie Smith
Ushers 8:30					
Ushers 11:00	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder

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.