

HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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High Street UMC Vacation Bible School, 2023

Vacation Bible School was held at High Street UMC on Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made our 2023 Vacation Bible School a big success! We had over 50 kids and over 45 staff/assistants. ♥♥♥



From the Pastor



Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8

¹⁸ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ² “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people”. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, “Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.” ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Blessings to all of High Street UMC and friends. As we look at this parable of Jesus, what do you see and understand? One thing for sure is that this Judge is one that is not affected by the elements of his life, but that this woman's persistence is just

about to drive him crazy. So, if one is persistent and does not give up, surely someone will hear your cries and seek to bring you help, or to help in the situation that you find yourself in. Now, as we look at the lives of the Hebrews, God heard their cries, and He was merciful to them as His people.

On to today—does God hear YOU as you cry out to Him? YES, He does, but many times we have an agenda and how God helps may not be what YOU want. We need to be open to and seek to understand the will of our Heavenly Father. In today's times, people seek to have what they want instead of meeting needs in their lives.

So, as your Pastor, I ask that you realize that God is still that loving and compassionate God even though the answers to our prayers may not be what we want. Let God be that light in your life. Let us seek to follow His vision and to seek to accomplish God's will and not our own. When we follow the direction that God through Christ leads by the Holy Spirit, great things will happen and doors will be opened that ministry will flourish and be ever so productive. God bless you each and all in these coming weeks.

In Christ Redeeming Love,
Pastor Wayne



The Summer went by so fast! The angels and our Campers have had a fun filled summer. We have had a great summer and we are just about ready to return to our academic year routine. We have our open house on August 26th from 2pm – 4pm. Parents will bring in school supplies and meet their child’s teachers.

Our academic year will start September 5th. GLA will be closed September 1st for an all-day staff training in the fellowship hall. The teachers will receive their annual training hours and be treated to a pizza lunch.

The angels will start out learning about – Back to School, All About Me, The 5 Senses and Johnny Appleseed. The letter S and the letter A. We will have Chapel on Wednesday’s at 10:00am.

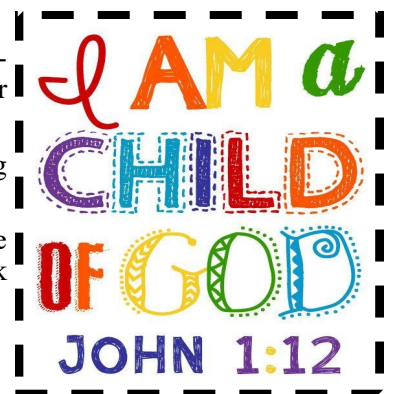
GLA had their first annual online Auction fundraiser. We made over \$3,500.00. Thank you all who helped support our Fundraiser. We look forward next year to another successful one.

We will be having a Fall Fundraiser. We will be selling discount cards for local businesses. We will share more information when the time comes. We will also be hosting our 1st ever Golf tournament in early May. Please stay tuned.

A grant was written to the Camp foundation for a playground shade. We are praying we are awarded for the funds.

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 Christian environment. We look forward to what the next school year will bring.

In God’s Love,
Jill Thorpe, Site Manager



Dear High Street friends,

I hope you all have had a great summer! It's time to resume our United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) activities!! The dates for the upcoming meetings are as follows:



- **EXECUTIVE BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, August 22 at 10AM in the Church Library.
- **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall (normally we would meet on the first Monday but that would interfere with Labor Day holiday!)
- **EVENING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, September 25 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

For ladies at High Street who are not a UMW member, we would love to have you join us! We have a lot of fun and fellowship together. You are welcome at any meeting.

Our Methodist Marketplace will be held in November--- the date will be set shortly so be watching your Bulletin and newsletter for more details. Time to start baking, canning, sewing, knitting, crafting, etc!

Please mark your calendar and I'll see you at our UMW activities!

Be a Blessing!

Kathy Worrell
President, United Women in Faith



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

Upcoming gatherings in **September** :



- Sept 6 - Backporch Grill
- Sept 13 - Wydia's
- Sept 20 - 3Guys
- Sept 27 - Fred's



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



Greetings from the Vitality team!

It's time for our church-wide Annual Worship Service and Church Picnic. We hope you will join us on Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 AM down by the river at the Bronco Club. We will have a worship service followed by a COVERED DISH lunch. This is a relaxed time of fun, food, and fellowship! Please bring your BEST covered dish (entree, side, dessert) to share. You will also want to bring a lawn chair. Susan Holloway will have pony rides. If you want to bring corn hole, please feel free to do so. Any other games? Of course, there's always fishing and swimming too! Bring your family and friends and come join us down by the riverside!!

Also, mark your calendar for the Harvest Festival on October 29, 2023 at the Bronco Club. Further details will follow.

Share the good news...and bring a friend!!

Kathy Worrell
Vitality Team chair





Backpack Feeding Program

Usually in the early fall we are getting ready to restart our Backpack Program that we have been participating in for about 12 years.

This fall we will be doing things a little differently. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, based in Norfolk, but also serving Western Tidewater, is trying to streamline how they distribute the food for all the schools in our area. Because of this they will be packing the bags of food that go into the students' backpacks in Norfolk and then delivering them to our Foodbank here in Franklin. We will still be responsible for picking up the food bags and delivering them to S.P. Morton Elementary School twice a month. The Mission Team has made the decision to continue financially supporting the 50 children who are food insecure for at least one more year, even though we will not be packing the food. There is a possibility that we might be able in the near future to help pack the bags of food for a larger group of students with other volunteers in a

different setting sometime in the near future. We will let you know if, and when, this happens.

In the meantime, we will still need donations to pay for our 50 children we sponsor. The cost for sponsoring a child for the school year is \$110. You can donate this amount, or any amount you wish.

We realize that the food packing events held each month have been a great source of joy, fellowship, and a wonderful feeling of helping children right here in our own community who are food insecure. I personally thank each one of you who have participated in this program and hope that we can continue to help in keeping this program alive, even though it will be different. Please let me know if you would be available to help pick up and deliver the boxes of food to the school.

This Backpack Program, and all of our volunteers, have been a blessing to these children and to me for all the years we have been participating.

Thank you,
Ruthie Ponder

HSUMC Penny Project



Our Vacation Bible School mission project this summer was learning about the Society of St. Andrew, a faith-based non-profit organization that uses "gleaning" as one of its major ways to rescue good food left in fields and unable to be sold in grocery stores and restaurants. The Society of St. Andrew's gleaning network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to rescue this food from fields before it goes to waste. While it is still good to eat, it is donated at no cost to food banks, food pantries, and other hunger-relief agencies.

We collected an offering each night with a goal of reaching \$500 by the end of the week. We reset our goal mid-week to \$800 and by the end of the week, we had collected \$1600+. We will present a check to The Society of St. Andrew's Operations Director, Alyson Ey and the new Virginia Program Director, Ben Breene, who will be making a visit soon to High Street UMC. They will also pick up the thousands of net bags that our volunteers have been cutting and tying since the week of Bible School. These bags will be used to put the vegetable and fruits in that are gleaned from the fields and trees. The children really enjoyed being able to participate in this hands on project during their mission time each night of VBS.

There also might be an opportunity for anyone who is interested to participate in a "gleaning activity" soon. There are some apple gleaning dates in September in Winchester, VA and in Bedford County, VA. I know this is a long way, but if anyone is interested, please let me know. There also might be some gleaning opportunities in the Richmond area, but I don't have that information yet.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Society of St. Andrew Mission project. We will continue this penny project through the end of 2023. You may leave your coins and other donations in the brass buckets in the narthex or drop them off them in the church office.

Thanks again.
Ruthie Ponder

From the Mission Garden

These pics (at right) show some of what has been donated to the local food bank from our mission garden. At the time of these photos, the totals were: 13 dozen ears of corn, 1 1/2 bushels of string beans, 20lbs of tomatoes, and about 1 bushel of cukes. Way to grow!



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



On August 3, the Chancel Choir gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a "Listening Dessert Party" to hear their second CD while enjoying delicious desserts! (see photos below) They were very pleased with how it turned out, and hope you will enjoy it to! CDs are available from any choir member, as well as the church office, and cost \$15 each. You can also get both CDs together for \$25—they make great Christmas gifts!



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



The children of Grace's Little Angels recently enjoyed chapel in the sanctuary with Pastor Wayne.



I want to thank everyone for the wonderful prayers, cards, calls, and food, during my recent illness and time of bereavement. It meant so much to me and my family. I look forward to coming back to church with you all once again very soon.

Love, **June Fleming**



Several ladies from Widow's Might gathered at the church and worked on the Mission team's mesh bags. These mesh bags are cut and tied and will be used by The Society of St. Andrew's to put fruits and vegetables in as they glean and harvest the fields.

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.



+ HSUMC will be offering to church members, a free CPR/AED and First Aid Training course, given by Tim Dunn with the Franklin FD. The class will take 5-6 hours, and will be held sometime in September or October, during either 1 long (or 2 short) evenings—or maybe a Saturday. If you are interested, contact **Jane Riddick-Fries** for more info at janerfries@gmail.com, or 757.803.6829 by Monday, 9/11.



Congratulations to Meredith Powell, on the birth of her son, Eley Owens Powell, born on August 22, 2023. Very proud grandparents are Lynn & Susan Powell.



On August 3, the Men's Prayer Breakfast met at Fred's Restaurant for food and fellowship.

High Street Welcomes Pastor Wayne and Lorrie Moore

High Street welcomed **Rev. Wayne C. and Lorrie Moore** with a reception in their honor on July 9. We were delighted to have Wayne and Lorrie's two sons, daughters-in-laws, and their grandchildren with us as well. Welcome to HSUMC, Moore family!!





Welcome our newest member to HSUMC
Lorrie Moore
 Joined July 23, 2023
 106 Irving Street, Franklin, VA 23851





Greetings, from the Dave Trader Sunday School Class on Sunday, July 9.



On August 1-3, volunteers helped harvest corn during the inaugural corn harvest for Izzie's Field, a farm-to-foodbank program that donates the corn to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia..



The Bible hero for children's Sunday School July 9th was Joshua. We made paper horns and built the "wall of Jericho". Then we marched around the wall, blowing our horns until the wall came tumbling down!



Many, many thanks to all that are listed here plus all the rest of the this wonderful church congregation. Thank you for all of the cards, calls, text messages and the visits at home and the hospital over the past year. Thanks to the following for all the extra help: Rev. Alderman, Jennifer Stephenson, Mike Ponder, Carol Phillips, Margaret Mackan, Taylor Williams, the UWF, and the UMM. I also want to thank my son, Robbie, for all he has done for me. Again, thanks to everyone.

Frank and Robbie Griffin

- 1 John Bryant
- 2 Jeremy McPhillips
- 2 Elsie Holloman
- 3 Hope Hickam
- 3 Charles Martin
- 3 Harlan Lewis, Jr.
- 3 Pat Marks
- 3 Joey Reesman, V
- 4 Cheryl Hansford
- 4 Jim Hart
- 4 Jeff Moulden
- 4 Alison Stutts
- 4 Katie Bryant
- 5 Margaret Mackan
- 5 Reagan Bradshaw
- 6 Julie Branch
- 6 Kristy Aiken
- 6 Anne Watts
- 7 Diane Jervey
- 7 James Gillette
- 8 Phil Doughtie
- 8 Hugh Hassell
- 9 Gaylord Ambrose
- 9 Barbara Napier
- 9 Cindy Moore
- 9 Ken Burgess
- 9 Laura Duke
- 9 Forrest Hart
- 10 Elaine Webb
- 10 Isabella Dongarra
- 10 Zack Duke
- 12 Linda Joyner
- 12 Marc Waller, Jr.
- 12 Ellen Rhodes
- 14 Richard Cox, III
- 14 Ann Stutts
- 15 Judy Bailey
- 15 Becky Moulden
- 15 Declan Richard
- 16 Jackie Green
- 17 Zachery Barnes
- 17 Jordan Belle Tawney
- 17 James Randall
- 18 Paul Conco
- 18 Randy Peele
- 18 Kay Joyner
- 19 Bryce Powell
- 20 J. P. Whitley, Jr.
- 20 Tony Barto
- 20 Wade Draughn
- 21 Sanford Belcher
- 22 Susan Reaves



- 23 Jane Puckett
- 23 Kim Rhodes
- 23 Amy Phillips
- 23 Virginia Hassell
- 23 Ethan Fifer
- 24 Rebecca Harper
- 25 Carl Saunders
- 25 Lydia Jones
- 26 Cathi Bidwell
- 26 Lynne Rabil
- 26 Carey Evans
- 26 Dominic Ashburn
- 26 Julian Ashburn
- 26 Allison Smith
- 27 Witt Harper
- 28 Scott Belcher
- 28 Jacob Geary
- 29 Gretchen Hopkins
- 29 TeDra Flanders
- 29 Zachary Wright
- 29 Adeline Williams
- 30 Charlie Eitel, Jr.
- 30 Steven Malik
- 30 Debbie Doughtie
- 30 Mike Newton
- 30 Annabelle Martin



happy Phillip "Phil" Doughtie
on
September 8, 2023

91st

birthday

Birthday love can be mailed to:
744 Hunterdale Road
Franklin, VA 23851



Health Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Please remember our members who need special care at the following healthcare and assisted living facilities. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers each week.

Village At Woods Edge

(Memory Care Unit)
1401 N High Street,
Franklin, Virginia 23851
757.562.3100

Manor At Wood's Edge

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

Linda 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)

East Pavilion

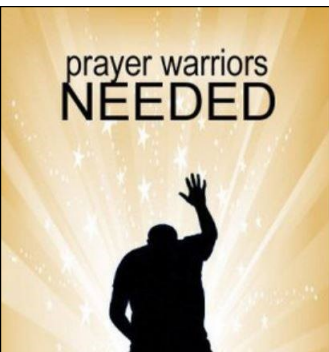
(Nursing Home)
100 Fairview Drive
Franklin, Virginia 23851
757.569.6424

Dianne Burns (Rm 142A)

*In Loving Memory of
Doris Norfleet Bailey
5/16/1924 - 7/31/2023
Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.*

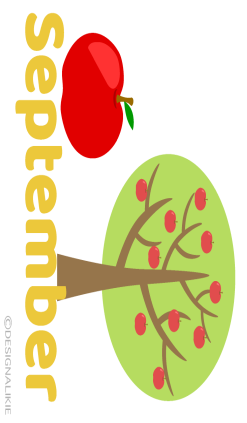
*In Loving Memory of
William Frank "Billy" Phillips
May 15, 1937 - 8/12/2023
Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*

*Deepest sympathies to
Anna Rawlings Hamilton, family and friends,
on the passing of her husband, Joel Hamilton.*



Calling All Prayer Warriors

The HSUMC Prayer Group needs you! Come join with us as we meet and offer prayers for others, together. There are so many people who need our prayers in today's world. The conflicts within families and between countries seems overwhelming. Illness, poverty, and disease often seems insurmountable. Prayer is needed for all of these troubles. Prayer Warriors are needed! The High Street Warriors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30am to offer prayers for those in need in our own church family as well as for those in our community, our country, and around the world. There is so much need for the embracing love of God today. The HSUMC Prayer Group is a good place to join with one another and offer those prayers together. If you are interested, you may contact Ann Jervey at 757.562.5047 or annjervey@gmail.com, or just come to a meeting. We look forward to having you join us on September 12th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3—Communion Sunday 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</p>	<p>4—Labor Day Church Office Closed 7pm: Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>5 10am: UWF Morning Circle/F. Hall 7pm: Boy Scouts Trip 17 Mtg/Scout Shack</p>	<p>6—Bulletin Info Dead-line 10am: GLA Chapel Noon: Widows Might/Backporch Grill</p>	<p>7 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 7pm: Chance Choir Practice</p>	<p>8—Church Office Closes 1pm</p>	<p>9 7am: F3 Nation/Outside</p>
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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<i>Acolytes</i>	Zack Duke	Julia Pollard	Tristan Gayle	Jackson Cobb
<i>Chancel</i>	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough
<i>Flowers</i>	Mike & Carolyn Pollard	TBA	Don Spengeman	Kent & Jennifer Stephenson
<i>Open Door Café</i>	Lori Vasser	Jim & Jane Kay and Louise Blythe	TBA	Billy & Terry Smith
<i>8:30 Greeter/Usher</i>	Hope Hickam	Jane Riddick-Fries	Jewell Martin	Hope Hickam
<i>8:30 Lay Reader</i>	Pat Marks	TBD	Annie Gayle	Susan Holloway
<i>11:00 Greeter</i>	Greta Hall	Linda Maya	Judy Riddick	Margaret Mackan
<i>11:00 Lay Reader</i>	Margaret Mackan	Mike Pollard	Jim Yarborough	Jennifer Stephenson
<i>11:00 Ushers</i>	Marc Waller Billy Smith David Saunders Evan Ponder	Marc Waller Billy Smith David Saunders Evan Ponder	Marc Waller Billy Smith David Saunders Evan Ponder	Marc Waller Billy Smith David Saunders Evan Ponder

Listed below is the Wish List from FCM. Please keep them in mind as you are shopping. Donations can be dropped off in marked boxes in the narthex and by the church office. Thanks!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry Wish List

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> body wash or bars of soap <input type="checkbox"/> body lotion <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> detergent (<14 pod pacs or 31-46 oz. liquid) <input type="checkbox"/> dish liquid (8-14oz.) <input type="checkbox"/> disinfecting wipes <input type="checkbox"/> disposable razors <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer (travel size) <input type="checkbox"/> hand soap (7.5 – 13.5 oz.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> household cleaner <input type="checkbox"/> paper towels <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo (12.6 – 22.5 oz.) <input type="checkbox"/> shaving cream or gel <input type="checkbox"/> tissues <input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrushes (individual) <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste (2.4 – 5.5 oz.) |
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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.