

HAPPENINGS HIGHSTREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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Rev. Ned Alderman, Pastor

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Boy Scout Sunday, 2023

High Street United Methodist Church celebrated Boy Scout Sunday on February 26, 2023. Below are a few photos, courtesy of Bill Billings, of the event.









On March 19, The Hutt family provided this beautiful Altar arrangement for worship services. (see photo at left)

It was created by Betsy Hutt Fauntleroy, in memory of her mother, Pat, and in honor of her father, Joe Hutt.



Just before a meeting last month, I watched the Skunk on the Table video with **Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson** posted by the Conference on Feb. 3. The topic of the video is disaffiliation, and about four minutes into the video, Bishop Sue said: "I think [Florida Annual Conference Bishop]Tom Berlin articulated it best when he said, 'If you believe that every church must prohibit gay weddings – that there shouldn't be a gay wedding in any church in the United Methodist connection, and if you believe that no annual conference should be able to ordain lesbian and gay folks, then disaffiliation's for you.' Same token, if you be-

lieve that every church must marry, and every annual conference must ordain, disaffiliation's probably for you, too."

The second half of that statement surprised me. I've never heard of a church that wanted to disaffiliate because they didn't feel as if United Methodist stances on human sexuality were not progressive enough. Granted nothing has changed regarding those stances, but I thought that any potential disaffiliations were based on the presumption that the stances may change, meaning that the Church might one day perform same-sex weddings and ordain gay clergy. At the meeting that I attended after watching that video, however, someone expressed disappointment that a gay couple could not get married at High Street today, and expressed their disappointment in terms of disaffiliation. At a more recent meeting, I was asked where the Church stood on disaffiliation. I said that answers for the Virginia Annual Conference could be found in the e-Advocate, which can be accessed weekly on our Facebook page.

I last addressed matters of disaffiliation and human sexuality in columns last year in the May and June/July newsletters. I concluded my column in the June/July newsletter with the following: "If anyone wants further information on or has questions about the church and human sexuality, please let me know that." That offer stands. Please let me know what we need to discuss.

Thanks,

Ned

P.S. I've volunteered to help the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore** on Friday, April 7, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Armory, and on Tuesday, April 18, noon-3 p.m. at Southampton Meadows. The latter is my favorite place to volunteer, and if you're interested in joining me, please let me know.

Also, the **Living Waters District** has set Monday, June 5, as the collection deadline for kits and cans for Conference. The best place for information is https://vaumc.org/blog/2022/02/16/collecting/. More can be found in coming newsletters.

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Several members of High Street, as well as several others, have booked a cruise aboard Celebrity's Infinity for February, 2025 to visit the Holy Land and Egypt with the assistance of our travel agent, **Courtney Roggmann**. This 11 night cruise visits five ports with optional add-on excursions (paid or you can make your own arrangements or explore on your own).

The cruise begins in Athens and visits **Haifa, Israel** where you can travel to Galilee and Nazareth, then overnight in **Jerusalem, Israel** for two days of sightseeing; overnight in **Alexandria, Egypt** for two days to visit the pyramids; ending with a port call in **Ephesus, Turkey** before returning to **Athens, Greece** for an overnight stop for one day of excursions before disembarking. This includes three sea days between ports to relax from all the sightseeing. We hope you will join us for this incredible journey to walk where Jesus walked.

For questions, further information, or to request a quote/make a reservation (these services are free), please contact our travel agent, Courtney Roggmann, Owner, Solutions Travel, P.O. Box 365, Windsor, VA 23487, 757-242-0293 – office, Courtney@solutionstravel.us, www.solutionstravel.us, Office hours: 5:30p – 9pm Monday – Friday and 9am – 9pm Saturday -- Margaret and Harlan Lewis

Our Mailing Address

If you are <u>MAILING</u> anything to the church, please use this address and not the physical address! Thank you so much! -Jennifer

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Easter Greetings from the United Women in Faith!

Our United Methodist Women continue to serve the community through our various activities. For March, High Street UMC participated in the Lenten services in Franklin.

(see photos below) The services were held at Hunterdale Christian Church. Our United Methodist Women provided lunch on Wednesday, March 1. Thank you to those who cooked delicious soups

and all who came to help set up, serve and clean up!

The dates for upcoming UWF meetings are as follows:

- Morning Circle meets on April 3 at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall The Franklin Police will come share important information about scams. Please join us if you are interested in being informed
- Evening Circle meets on March 31 at 10 AM at the Franklin Cooperative Ministries where we will be working in their clothing closet. Feel free to join us for this local mission activity!!
- Evening Circle meets on April 24 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- Executive Board meets on April 25 at 10 AM in the church library

We invite all ladies of the church to join us for fun and fellowship.







Kathy Worrell

President, United Women in Faith



Widow's Might Gathering at Pino's on Wednesday, February 15.

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

April 5 - Fred's @ 12 PM April 12 - Pino's @ 12 PM April 19 - Serve @ 12 PM April 26 - The Vine @ 12 PM



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

Happy Easter from the Vitality Team!

Please bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors for High Street's EASTER EGG HUNT on PALM SUNDAY, April 2 at 10 AM! Lisa Strozier will have Easter crafts for the kids to make. We will have lemonade and goodies.

And of course... the main attraction - the EGG HUNT!! Don't be late because when the signal to "GO" sounds, it will be over quickly!! We are asking the congregation for help

with the candy. As you are buying candy for your Easter baskets, throw a bag or two in your cart for the church's Easter Egg Hunt (please have it at church prior to March 31 so the eggs can be stuffed). There are collection boxes marked "Easter Candy" in the narthex and in front of the church office.

Please see the insert in the Bulletin for further information.

Kathy Worrell

Vitality Team Chair





We had a great turnout for the Baked Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon at High Street on Sunday, March 19! (see photos on page 5) Thanks for supporting our kick-off for our new Penny Project, The Society of St. Andrew. We were able to provide you with some information about this charitable organization that focuses on sharing healthy food with hungry people that otherwise might go to waste. The Society of St. Andrew "mobilizes volunteers from congregations to glean produce in fields to share with nearby feeding agencies, such as soup kitchens or food pantries. They also engage whole congregations in bagging fresh fruits or vegetables by the tractor trailer load at 'crop drops', held all over the country. This food may be shared with

major food banks or emergency/disaster relief programs, as well as with local feeding programs of all kinds." We hope to be participating in some of these activities throughout this year. In the meantime we will be collecting pennies and other coins for this project. There are little coin boxes in the narthex and near the church office for anyone who would like to take one. You may fill it up and bring it back full and dump the coins in one of the brass penny pots also in the narthex. Or you may just make a donation, whatever you wish. You may also bring your coins or other donations by the church office during regular office hours during the week. This will be an ongoing project.

Another mission project we will be starting soon is to purchase hygiene items and put together 210 small kits for use by 4th and 5th graders at one of our local elementary schools, S.P. Morton. They will be starting a unit soon on the necessity of good hygiene. We will be purchasing soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste in bulk using some of the funds for local mission projects given to the Mission Team by our very generous church members. Thank you so much!

Our Backpack Program that provides bi-monthly bags of food for 75 children at S.P. Morton Elementary School is going well. We only have 2 more packing sessions before school lets out in June. These sessions will be held in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11th and Tuesday, May 9th. Come join us to see how it works! Thanks for your support with this program.

Mike Ponder and **Jeff Brown** are working on getting our High Street Mission Garden back up and growing this spring and summer. Please see the flyer in your bulletins or in this newsletter to see how you can help. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of them.

The items we are collecting for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries for the month of April are single serve bottle water/juice, single serve fruit cup, pop-top canned goods (any). You may drop them off in the baskets near the water fountain in the narthex or by the church office.

Thank you for your support of the mission projects that we offer. We couldn't do what we do without you all!

Ruthie Ponder



High Street Vacation Bible School, 2023

VBS will be July 23 - 27 at HSUMC. The theme for this year is "Abundance Orchard - Where faith grows and hungry people are fed."

Be sure to attend the planning meeting on March 26th after worship, or contact the church office at 757.562.3367, if you are able to volunteer your time and talents this summer to make this the best VBS yet!



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.





Easter Prayer Vigil Saturday, April 8th, 2023

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked the disciples to watch and pray. When He found them sleeping, He said, "What! Could none of you stay awake with me for one hour?" What do you think? Could you stay awake? Can you give Jesus an hour of your time devoted to Him?

At HSUMC, we keep a prayer vigil on Holy Saturday. Pray for the salvation of the world on the darkest day in human history, when our Lord was sealed in the tomb. Do you believe in the power of prayer? for direction, for personal peace, for the hope of salvation for all. The world needs prayer – your prayer! The world needs prayer ministers – you!

As a church, we have people in continuous prayer from 8:00 am until midnight on the Saturday before Easter, which is April 8th this year. Traditionally, participants come to the church to pray for an hour. The Birdsong Parlor is set aside for a quiet place to pray, and the comfort and peace of being in that place has become a very meaningful part of the Easter experience for many of us. Communion elements are available as we remember Christ's sacrifice.

The challenges of COVID gave us an opportunity to redirect this prayer ministry, and we will continue to incorporate these changes. In addition to the in-person prayer vigil, there is also an option to commit to a time of prayer wherever you happen to be. We are not asking for a specific time slot, just a pledge to take time that day to join all in prayer.

You are all invited to join in this prayer vigil. Some of us pray as individuals, others pray as families or small groups. There will be inspirational materials available in the parlor or through email. Look for the signup board in the Narthex to make your prayer pledge. Include your name, phone number and email, and whether you want to reserve a time in the church building or pray where you are. May you find this ministry a special blessing.

Contact Cara Butler (<u>cara.n.butler@gmail.com</u> or 757-562-4986) or Susan Holloway (757-377-8697) with any questions or to sign up.

Baked Potato Luncheon, 2023

The Missions Team had a Baked Potato Luncheon on Sunday, March 19, to kick-off their "Penny Project" for the **Society of St. Andrew's**. It was a great time of food, fellowship, and fun! Thanks to **Bill Billings**, and **Pat**

Newman, for the following photos!













Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Thursday—7am at Fred's

God Talk Bible Study

Every Thursday—10:30am at Daily Dose



Crotchet/Knit Group

Every Thursday—1:30pm/Fellowship Hall

Soup for Supper

Every Thursday—6pm/Fellowship Hall

Bobby & Nancy Turner are moving!

As of March 20th, the new address is:



1401 North High Street, Apt. 210 Franklin, VA 23851 Change of Address

A BIG thanks to **Don Spengeman**

for braving the chilly March weather to pull weeds in the church flower-beds recently. Thank you, Don—and all others—who help to keep HSUMC looking great, inside and out!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry Donations for April

High Street will be collecting *single serve water*, *juice*, *fruit cups*, *and pop-top canned goods (any)* for the month of April for Franklin Cooperative Ministry. Donations can be left in the narthex or by the church office.



CHAIR YOGA WITH JANE

Would you like to do some gentle stretching and breathing exercises with the support of a chair? Join Jane Riddick-Fries for a chair yoga class! Wear comfortable clothing that you are able to move around in, and shoes that you can take off easily. There is no charge, but you



are welcome to make a donation to the church mission team. If you are interested, please contact **Jane Riddick-Fries** at 757-803-6829, or janerfries@gmail.com for more info, and to be included on the Chair Yoga email list. March dates will be emailed out a week in advance and posted in the Sunday bulletin and on

<u>Upcoming Chair Yoga Dates—11am in the Fellowship Hall:</u>

Tues., April 4 Tues., April 11

Tues., April 18

Tues., April 25



Franklin Graham is coming to Portsmouth, VA on 5/6, and Edenton, NC on 5/7. See https://godlovesyoutour.com/ for more information.

Book Club

April 18—7 pm/Library

Men's Breakfast & Meeting April 15—8:00am /Fellowship Hall



F3 Nation Every Saturday at 7am at *HSUMC*



If you have prayer requests, please send them to the churchoffice via email hsumc@beldar.com) or by calling 757.562.3367.

They will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested.

Prayer Group

April 11—8:30am / Fellowship Hall

Grace

Grace's Little Angel's

Happy Spring!!! It is hard to believe that Spring is already here. The GLA Angels have been learning a lot.

This month they are going to be busy learning all about:

<u>Insects/Bugs</u> - They will learn about metamorphosis to pollination, bug habitats, and so many more fun facts. The letter Ii and the sound it makes.

<u>Easter</u> – They will learn the Easter story. And do all kinds of fun Easter crafts. The letter Ee and the sound it makes.

<u>Spring Weather</u> – They will learn all about spring weather. The birds are singing, leaves are sprouting, and flowers are starting to bloom. The letter Kk and the sound it makes.

Earth day and Recycling – Earth Day is April 22nd. They will learn why we recycle to keep our earth healthy. The letter Bb and the sound it makes.

<u>Plants and Flowers</u> – They will learn all about how flowers and plants grow. What it needs to grow. They will plant a plant and learn how to take care of it. The letter Qq and the sound it makes.

We will go to the Village for a field trip on April 6th – the Angels will have an Easter egg hunt, a visit from a tiny farm with animals, and have a picnic lunch. April 7th the Staff will have an Active Intruder Training at Grace UMC from 9-11. The Southampton Police Department will be doing the Training. GLA will be closed April 7th (Good Friday) – April 14th for Spring Break.

We will have our Spring Picture on April 24th. In God's Love.



matthew 28:6

Jill Thorpe, Site Manger

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)

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 Doris Bailey (Rm 114A) Dianne Burns (Rm 142A)





High Street United Methodist Church Memorials and Honorariums 2/13/2023 In Loving Memory of: Mr. Glenn Babb Rawlings by: The Spengeman Family







Rev. Ned Alderman, delivered the children's message during worship service on Sunday, March 19.

Happy Birthday, Marjorie!

Marjorie Whitley recently celebrated her birthday with family and friends at The Hubs Vine in Franklin





spring's prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the change of seasons. As I leave behind a winter that wore out its welcome, I step into spring with a fresh heart, ready for nature to take its course. May this season bring joy and light, peace and prosperity, and a spirit in full bloom.



- 1 Alice Shaffer
- 1 Greg Crom
- 1 Sarah Crom
- 2 Steve Rawlings
- 2 Daniel Fifer
- 2 Tommy Locke, III
- 3 Alan Edwards
- 3 Glenda Jervey
- 5 Dean Wagenbach
- 5 Michael Wrenn
- 5 Kristi Cobb
- 6 Kaye Story
- 7 Faye Belcher
- 7 Jon Edwards
- 8 Aaron Panton
- 9 Randy Betz
- 9 Julia Pollard
- 10 Charles Fenwick, Jr.
- 10 Jeanette Belcher
- 10 Heather Rose
- 10 Dave Richard
- 12 Sandra Edwards
- 12 Heather Hollowell
- 12 Leslie Jester
- 12 Westy Locke
- 14 Frank Rabil
- 15 Bob Luck
- 15 Pat Emerson
- 15 Miller Atkinson





- 15Meredith Powell
- 16Georgia Harris
- 17Henry Harper
- 18Kandee Eitel
- 18 Jennifer Cook
- 19 Kaci Keech
- 20 Jim Belcher
- 21 Nancy Pittman
- 21 Michael Duffy
- 21 Whitley Smith
- 21 Kaylee Aiken
- 22 Emma Fifer
- 23 Noah Shaffer
- 23 Laney Phillips
- 23 Aubrey Brett
- 25 Alan Duke
- 25 Owen Bailey
- 25 Preston Lewis
- 26 Tom Burgess
- 26 Amy Turner
- 26 Miller Kunz
- 26 Evan Lewis
- 27 Robbie Griffin, III
- 27 Carmen Guimoye
- 29 Greta Hall
- 29 Fran Owens
- 29 Maxine Hollowell
- 29 Ron Marks
- 30 Dee Eitel
- 30 Will Hart, Jr.

Bill Billings received a certificate from **Don Spengeman** at the March Church Council meeting for a recent Communications seminar he attended.



Holy Thursday Service



(Maundy Thursday) April 6, 2023 6:30pm

Contact **Gaynelle Riddick** at 757.562.3766 or the church office at 757.562.3367 to make your reservations.

Your Easter morning will be more glorious after you experience this powerful service!

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2—Palm Sunday/Communion 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Open Door Café	3 10am: UWF Morning Circle/Fellowship Hall	4 11am: Chair Yoga/ Fellowship Hall	5—Bulletin Info Deadline 8am: Kitchen Floors Redone	6 7am: Men's Prayer B-fast/Fred's Restaurant	7
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	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
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Chancel	Margaret Mackan Mary Christy Saunders	Margaret Mackan Mary Christy Saunders	Margaret Mackan Mary Christy Saunders Mary Christy Saunders	Margaret Mackan Mary Christy Saunders	Margaret Mackan Mary Christy Saunders
Flowers	SPECIAL PALM ARRANGEMENT	EASTER LILIES	Ken & Debbie Story	Linda & Ray Maya	Marie and Penny Smith
Open Door Café	EASTER EGG HUNT	Lori Vasser	Lori Vasser and Victoria Gurganus	Jim & Glenda Jervey	Margaret Mackan
8:30 Greeter/ Usher	Hope Hickam	Margaret & Harlan Lewis	Jane Riddick-Fries	Jewell Martin	Hope Hickam
8:30 Lay Reader	Annie Gayle	Cara Butler	Mike Ponder	Susan Holloway	Pat Marks
11:00 Greeter	Linda Maya	John Bryant	Taylor & Anne Williams	Penny and Marie Smith	Linda Jenkins
11:00 Lay Reader	Ann Williams	Marie Smith	Jim Jervey	Margaret Mackan	Emily Wrenn
11:00 Ushers	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

