

HAPPENINGS HIGHSTREET

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July—August 2021

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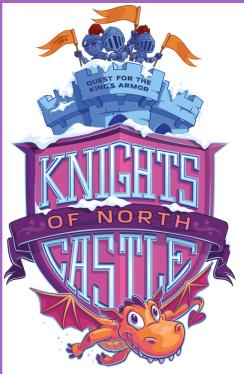
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Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 1st—Thursday August 5th 6pm-8pm

We invite all children from PreK to 5th grade to join us in the search for the King's Armor!

To register for Vacation Bible School, go to www.highstreetumcva.org and select VBS Registration. All participants and volunteers (youth and adult) must pre-register.

If you would like to help, please contact Marie Smith (smithm.bel@rrgsd.org) or the church office (hsumc@beldar.com).

Be STRONG in the LORD and in the STRENGTH of HIS POWER

Ephesians 6.10



Nothing stays the same, does it? I think that is the way it is supposed to be. Seasons change, new babies are born, friends move, new friends arrive and although we want life to be quiet and unchanging, it always changes.

We are at a unique period of change for the High Street UMC family....a pastoral change which many wanted <u>not</u> to happen, 2 months without a new pastor, post pandemic, Bible School and ever changing rules about safety amid the remnants, we hope of COVID 19.

I am asking especially that each of us keeps High Street UMC in your daily thoughts and prayers. I am asking for each of us to be diligent in supporting High Street UMC by your physical or online presence each Sunday this summer. Each Sunday we'll have a lay speaker from our congregation and on one Sunday, our new District Superintendent will speak.

The pandemic has unfortunately reinforced people not attending worship. Churches across the community continue to need the love and support of their members.

If you have needs that require our attention, please call the church office. You can also notify Harlan Lewis or myself. Blessing to all of High Street UMC during this summer season of change.

Quite sincerely, Mike Ponder (Lay Leader)

From the Lay Leader, Mike Ponder

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Decker family reception on Sunday, June 20th. It was a wonderful worship service and opportunity for us to wish the Decker family well on their new journey. Special thanks to Judy Belcher who organized the reception, Becky Gillette for beautiful flowers and the UMW for helping prepare and serve the punch and cake. Also thanks to you all for the cards and financial gifts provided for Nathan, Stephanie, Elijah and Ethan. \$4,205 was provided in your love offering.

Included below is the message that preceded the gift giving. Thanks to Meghan Brown for painting the church sign on slate for Nathan. It was exquisite.

"So who would have believed that God would have chosen to send someone from the hills of Arkansas to High Street UMC...probably only God right?

Today is probably the most appropriate time if ever to use the word bittersweet. Nathan has had a 6 year ministry with us—not a record but close. In those 6 years, he has challenged us; he has been challenging; he has diligently emplored us to leave ministry behind that wasn't effective and look to new ministry opportunities even if they might fail.

He also has effectively married some, baptized some and buried some and in the process developed a ministry to our entire community: black, white; Methodist, non-Methodist; conservative, not so conservative; those with talents, those not knowing their talents.

He has educated us about Jesus and God and our denomination. We are thankful. But mostly, he has by word and deed reminded us of our need to love everyone—did I say—everyone.

We knew Nathan's time with us would be someone limited. Many of us wanted another year, but then we would have wanted another."

Mike Ponder proceeded to present several gifts to Nathan, including a basket of cards from the congregation, a love offering of \$4,205.00 and a piece of slate painted by Meghan Brown with the High Street UMC sign on the front lawn. Galen Butler also presented Nathan with a gift from the United Methodist Men.

Mike Ponder concluded the presentation by saying, "We love you Nathan and Stephanie. Elijah and Ethan have been a gift for us to watch grow. We will pray for you all out loud Nathan and in our hearts. We pray God's special blessings on the next part of your journey."









High Street United Methodist Church bid farewell to Pastor Nathan Decker at his last Sunday service on June 20th. The farewell social was held between the 8:30am and the 11am services in the fellowship hall. Dr. Mike Ponder was the MC of the event.





In Loving Memory of Benjamin Stuart Vincent 1928 - 2021



Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



In Loving Memory of Mary Adeline Ashenfelter 1939 - 2021

Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.





Our Sincere Sympathy to:

Beverly Myers and family on the loss of her husband, Tom Myers

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for children ages 3 to 5^{th} grade has resumed! From now until the end of the summer, we plan to meet at 11:00am on Sundays - giving parents/grandparents an opportunity to attend the worship service.

Until we see an increase in attendance, we plan to have 1 class. This summer, we will be discussing popular bible stories like David & Goliath, Noah's Ark, The Good Samaritan - as well as play games and create masterpieces of art. When the weather permits, we may gather outside so the kids do not have to wear masks. However, if we are inside children 5 and older should wear a mask.

The teachers are Ruthie Ponder, Glenda Jervey, Lisa Strozier and Alice Shaffer - with some help from of our youth.

In a world that is increasingly complex, demanding, and, sometimes a little scary, it is important to us at High Street UMC to offer a truly safe sanctuary for

not only our children, but for entire families - a place to worship, heal, learn, grow and make friends. We hope you will join us!! We have missed you and are looking forward to having FUN together!!



GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 6th, High Street UMC celebrated and honored 2021 High School and College Graduates. Pastor Nathan was excited to present Knox Butler with the Frances B. Holt Scholarship and Dylan Duke with the Gladys W. Bowman Scholarship.





YAY! YOU DID IT! Congratulations!



On Sunday, June 13th—for the first time ever (and he "says" the last time), Pastor Nathan wore a suit to church. He made a bet to himself he would never wear a suit, but when his good friend Patrick Pillow got married and asked him to be a groomsmen, Nathan purchased a suit for the first time. He surprised us all by wearing his suit to church. The congregation agreed, it "suits" him well and he should wear it more often. Boy, did he make Gaynelle Riddick happy that day!



United Methodist Men (UMM)

United Methodist Men will return to our breakfast meetings in July. We plan to gather Saturday, **July 17**, **8:00** am at the **Franklin Dairy Queen** for food and fellowship. We also plan to meet off site on August 21 at a location to be determined. Church policy permitting, we will restart our traditional third Saturday breakfasts on September 18 at HSUMC!





Lay Minister Volunteers Needed!

As we move out of the pandemic and resume Worship Services at High Street UMC, there is a huge need for Lay Minister VOLUNTEERS—

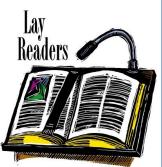
- Lay readers (8:30 & 11am)
- Greeters (8:30 & 11am)
- Ushers (11am)
- Acolytes (11am)
- Chancel members



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. As that old saying goes, "many hands make light work".







During the summer we will have several members of High Street UMC lead the worship services and share a message. Please join us each Sunday, as we continue the work of the Lord, enjoy fellowship and anticipate the arrival of our new Pastor, Ned Alderman, on Sunday, September 5th. Below is the schedule for the summer:



June 27th—Mike Ponder

July 4th—Special Independence Day Service - online only

July 11th—Taylor Williams

July 18th—Jim Yarborough

July 25th—Jim Yarborough

August 1st—Harlan Lewis

August 8th—Jay Carey (District Superintendent)

August 15th—Mike Ponder

August 22nd—Taylor Williams

August 29th—Jim Yarborough







High Street UMC helped 78 patients in need by collecting 26 lifesaving pints on June 16, 2021!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated blood. You are a Lifesaver!





When you give blood you give another birthday, another anniversary, another day at the beach, another night under the stars, another talk with a friend, another laugh, another hug, another chance.





Chair Yoga at High Street UMC

Jane Riddick-Fries, a 500 hour certified yoga instructor, will be teaching a Chair Yoga class in July in the fellowship hall on the following dates at **10am**. Everyone is welcome. Please wear

comfortable clothing that you can move around in. If there is an interest, she will continue into the fall. There is no fee to attend but you are welcome to donate to the Church Mission Team.

Tuesday, July 6th Wednesday, July 14th Tuesday, July 20th Tuesday, July 27th







Altar Flowers

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary during the worship services, the flower calendar will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays. You can also email the church office at hsumc@beldar.com or call 562-3367. These beautiful arrangements 🌉 cost \$45 & can be picked up after the 11 am service to enjoy all week.

Calling All Men!

High Street UMC has started a ministry for men called F3 which stands for Faith, Fellowship, and Fitness. On Saturday mornings at 8am, the men gather outside at High Street UMC to workout, hangout, and build a circle of trust based on our faith in Jesus Christ. This is a "work at your own pace" group where no one will judge how many or

how long you can do an exercise. To learn more about F3, go to https://f3nation.com/

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society will be holding the Relay for Life Luminaria Event (only) this year on September 18, 2021 from 6-9 PM. High Street UMC will not have a "team" but if you would like to help collect Luminary Forms/Donations, please contact Glenda Jervey (757-617-9740 or bluedyl@verizon.net) as she would love the assistance.







This year our Luminaria (votive candles/glow sticks in paper bags with sand) will be lining the venue area. The Luminaria will be lit in memory and honor of loved ones and friends who have had cancer.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant in the celebration to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the name of the individual you designate will be placed on a luminaria bag to be lit.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, <u>clip and send the form below</u>. Completed luminarias will be placed around the track by volunteers and relay teams the day of the event. Please come and join us!

Thank You.

- White Luminary \$10.00
- Gold Bag \$20.00

Please light a candle in memory or honor of my loved one/friend who has had cancer. I understand the proceeds will benefit my local American Cancer Society.

PLEASE PRINT

In Memory Of:	
Amount Enclosed	
In Honor Of:	
Amount Enclosed(A Cancer Survivor)	
Name of team/team member to be credited:	



Send form with your contribution to:

Wanda Blythe PO Box 1011 Franklin, VA 23851

or Call Glenda Jervey @ 757-617-9740 for local delivery arrangements

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Mission

Report



Mission News

Things have been a little slow with the Mission Team, but hopefully we will start back up with some of our projects over the summer and be up to full speed by the fall. Thanks to those of you who have supported our school supply collection for Riverdale Elementary School's summer remedial program.

We are continuing our support of Franklin Cooperative Ministries' Food
Pantry. They have experienced a sharp drop-off in people requesting food assistance most likely
due to all the extra food support in our area and through the government. There will not be a
"Christmas in July" collection or program this summer. As you may remember, for many years the
area United Methodist churches got together and collected food and paper products for the Franklin

Cooperative Ministries because their donations were always low in the summertime. Then we would

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all get together for a Christmas service. Of course we didn't do it last summer due to the pandemic. This summer the FCM is full of food, so they would prefer to put this off until requests for food assistance pick up. HIGH STREET WILL BE COLLECTING 16-18 ounce JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER IN JULY. TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE FUN, WE ARE SETTING A GOAL OF 100 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER! Let's see if we can reach this goal by the end of July!!

Stay tuned for news on the up-start of the work on the "Mission House". Hopefully they will be getting started within the next 2 months.

As soon as I get some information about the restarting of the "Backpack Program" in the fall, I will pass it along to those who are interested in helping out again. We will be financially supporting this program again as we have done for the past 8 years. We will publicize the sponsorship amount for the 2021-2022 school year as soon as I know it. You can always make a donation of any amount at anytime. Thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile local food assistance program.

Lastly, our penny collection is continuing, and we are working on finding a replacement for what project this money will fund.

Blessings to you all! Ruthie Ponder (569-9449)

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) Joan Marks (Room 08)

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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)



(Independent Living) 1401 N High Street, Franklin, Virginia 23851 757.562.3100 Peggy Gillette (Apt. 312) Al Strickler (Apt. 308)

Village At Woods Edge

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)







High Street United Methodist Church Memorials and Honorariums 6/20/2021



Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Benjamin Stuart Vincent

Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder and family by:

Kent and Jennifer Stephenson

Mrs. Judy Riddick

Stacy Dempsey, Jake and Tess Pittman

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Phillips

Dale and Mary Jo Hulvey Rev. Jonathan J. Lamb

The Honorable and Mrs. Westbrook J. Parker

Judson and Marie Parker William I. Overby, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker A. Gillette

Mrs. Greta Hall

Dr. and Mrs. Peter W. Squire

Mr. and Mrs. Don Spengeman

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rose, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cooke

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wainwright

Eleanor R. Good

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rabil

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Rawlings

Adeline Ashenfelter

Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder by:

Mr. Joseph W. Hutt, Jr. and Family



Mark Your Calendar with these 2 Important Dates to Remember in September

Sunday, September 5th

Pastor Ned Alderman's first service at High Street UMC Ned's email address is: nedalderman@vaumc.org

Sunday, September 19th

Annual Worship Service & Picnic at the Bronco Club





Jessie White 1 1 Scott Wood 1 Ashley Atkinson 2 William Powers, II 3 Max Rawlings 4 Joyce Edwards 4 Jay Lee 5 **Elaine Fenters** 5 Drew Stephenson 5 Krista Cole 6 Courtney Martin 7 Barbara Mease 7 Staci Richard 7 Paisely Pittman 8 Meagan Brown

Bradley Strozier

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9 Janice Tawney 9 Ray Maya 9 Raegan Pittman 10 Brittany Hanke 11 David Green 11 Aaron Zurfluh 11 **Mackinsey Hamilton** 11 Samuel Rawlings 12 Rita Stephenson 12 Richard Tomlin 12 **Todd Turner** 12 Meghan Ashburn 13 Jaime Bradshaw 14 Edward Phillips, II 14 Jayden Richard 15 Shea Jackson 15 **Taylor Crane**

Jordan Lee

Rob Frackelton, III

Betty Bellflower

- **Donnie Davis** 17 18 Rick Palmer
- 19 Jennifer Stephenson
- 19 Madison McPhillips
- 20 Sandy Dempsey, Jr.
- 20 Linda Thomas
- Diane Arrington 21
- 21 Karen Newton
- 21 Erin Turner
- 21 Samantha Jervey
- 21 Noah Rabil
- 22 Vicky Moore
- 22 Riley Fox
- 23 Lessie Whitley
- 23 Evelyn Hudson
- 24 Ken Story
- 24 Bill Jervey
- 24 Matt Jervey
- 24 Michalene Bauer
- 25 Nancy Godwin
- 25 Andy Page
- 25 Meagan Gostomski
- 26 Jim Kay, III
- 26 Chris Bailey
- 26 Ascher Overby
- 27 Peggy Gillette
- 27 **Buddy Porter**
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- Zachary Stallings
- 28 Michele Powers
- 28 Job Saunders
- 28 Kristy Cotton
- 28 Erik Dongarra
- 29 Cindy Corbitt
- 29 Sara Fenwick
- 30 Ann Jervey
- 30 William Lowe
- 31 Gwynn Doughty
- 31 Alyssa Geary

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Noah Jones





- Joan Marks 3 3 Taylor Williams, IV Meta Stratton Brigitte Bradshaw **Emmy Medearis** Celest Phillips Kathy Fenwick Leah Pixley Eunice Blythe Mandy Butler Erin Guimoye Mac Bryant Cindy Panikowski
- 17 Connor Rothwell 3 18 Sam Butler, Jr. 3 18 Peggy Benton 3 20 Frank Griffin, Jr 5 20 Caroline Britt 5 21 Chauncey Jones 5 21 Lauren Harper 6 22 Susan Powell 6 22 Dawn Cox 6 23 Angela Pittman 7 24 Gaynelle Riddick 7 24 Amber Jarratt 8 Nancy Arnold 24 Sarah Jones Happy Birthday! 8 Wanda Bradshaw 24 Emma Martin 8 Holly Simmons 25 Allen Barnes 9 Frank Jester 25 Jodi Holland 10 Bobby Lee 26 Nancy Colwell Chuck Bradshaw, Jr. 11 26 Dawn Worrell 11 Susan Jones 27 Cathy Bradshaw Angel Lowe 11 27 Kayley Hudson 12 **Brian Phillips** 28 Paul Butler 13 Bryce Perry 28 Breanna Lee 13 Timothy Freese 29 Colby Worrell 14 Theresa Whipple 29 Meredith Fox 14 Autumn Pait 30 Kimberly Banty 15 **Bobby Turner** 30 John Hall 15 Will Councill 30 Matt Soucek 15 Tara Fowler 30 Elijah Decker 15 William Cornwell, Jr. 30 Jenna Gurule 16 Sally Mehlenbacher

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