

HAPPENINGS AT HIGHSTREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!





On Easter Sunday, April 9, these beautiful crosses could be seen out front of HSUMC, and in the sanctuary. Thank you to **Margaret Mackan**, **Jim Yarborough**, and **Ricky Darden** for providing the greenery and setting up the cross, and to the congregation members for the live flowers that adorn it. Thanks also to those who purchased the beautiful Easter Lilies in the sanctuary, and to **Pat & Sybil Newman** for arranging them.





There's a date I'd like for you to put on the calendar, and that date is Saturday, June 24. I'm inviting you to join me in helping with the Foodbank at 618 South Street that afternoon, 12-2:30 p.m. It won't take much of your Saturday, and it will leave you free for things such as F3 that morning. The idea for this came when I volunteered for the same shift a few months ago and found that the youth group from Newsoms Baptist Church had volunteered that morning. Whatever your age, please think about volunteering on that date, and please let me know if you have any questions about how to volunteer.

On the subject of the Foodbank, here are the other volunteer dates I have scheduled for May and June:

- —Tuesday, May 16, 12-3 p.m., at Southampton Meadows
- —Tuesday, May 23, 12-3:30 p.m. at 618 South Street
- —Tuesday, June 20, 12-3 p.m., at Southampton Meadows

Foodbank ministry has been important to me since my time on the Eastern Shore. My friend **Nancy Parks**, who just turned 83, is among the members of Cheriton UMC who volunteered for the Foodbank then and who still volunteers. In Norfolk, I used to help with food distribution at St. Mary's Basilica, which has provided tens of millions of meals in the last 60 years. My mother was still alive when I was volunteering at St. Mary's, and I was always aware of seeing people her age in that setting and wondering how little would have to change for my mother or me to find ourselves in such circumstances.

I am grateful for High Street's backpack ministry, and for **Hope Hickam**, who volunteers at the Foodbank, and for others, including the late **Rita Lewis**, who also showed interest in volunteering there. As I said in a recent sermon, I hope to learn the names and faces of folks I see at the Foodbank here, as I did on the Eastern Shore. As I said at the end of the 11 a.m. service April 16, after we'd prayed about shootings in Harrisonburg, Louisville, and Dadeville, Ala.,. I hope that High Street's being in the community – whether with the Foodbank, Franklin Cooperative Ministries, the Ministerial Alliance of the Franklin Police, or another avenue – allows us to show our neighbors that we are interested in them and care about them and are here for them. May we give life in this way.

Thanks, Ned

P.S. Here's one more date to keep in mind: Saturday, May 6. That's when Troop 17 has a clean-up day, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Scout Shack. I may be a late arrival as there's also a called Annual Conference online May 6 starting at 9 a.m., but I plan to do F3, Annual Conference, and Scout Shack clean-up that day.



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.



Look closely at this photo and you'll spot some familiar faces! The easiest to see may be **Tristan** and **Brent Gayle's**, and you might catch a glimpse of **Mike Ponder** and the pastor in the back. **Alan Duke** and **Mike Wrenn**, fresh from their F3 workout, were also among the volunteers for a cleanup effort of the Franklin Police Department's Ministerial Assocation. Folks from Franklin Brothers' Keepers, Hunterdale Christian Church, and Boy Scout Troop 17 were also on hand.





Greetings from the United Women in Faith!

Our United Methodist Women continue to serve the community through our various ctivities.

To recap the March meetings:

- The Morning Circle learned about Scams from **Sergeant Halverson** with the Franklin Police Department.
- The Evening Circle met at Franklin Cooperative Ministries where they worked in the clothing closet.

On May 22 at 12 noon, we will have a Ladies Covered Dish Lunch for our combined Circles. Bring your favorite dishes to share with your friends. After we eat, we will have a program. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun. This will be the last meeting before our summer break.

The dates for upcoming UWF meetings are as follows:

- Executive Board meets on May 23 at 10 AM in the church library
- COMBINED CIRCLES- LADIES COVERED DISH LUNCH on May 22 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall!

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

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 **MAY** are:

May 3 -	Joe's	@ 12 PM
May 10 -	Village Grill	@ 12 PM
May 17 -	Wydias	@ 12 PM
May 24 -	Three Guys	(a) 12 PM
May 30 -	Fred's	@ 12 PM

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













On Friday, March 31, the United Methodist Women—and Men—volunteered at the Franklin Cooperative Ministries clothing closet switching out the winter clothes for summer.





Our Mission of the Month for April is to put together the hygiene kits for 210 4th and 5th grade students from S.P. Morton Elementary School in Franklin. Cassandra Howery, the guidance counselor, had asked for some support for this project. She has noticed that there is a need for items such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes for these children as they reach a certain age, and not all students are able to have access to certain items. The Mission



Team has used some of the money donated by our generous congregation for local mission projects to purchase these items in bulk. We will be meeting after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, April 30th

in the fellowship hall to put together these kits. It shouldn't take too long, but "many hands make light work"! Anyone is welcome to come! Stay tuned for more info, as there just might be some pizza offered as well.



Our May Mission of the Month will be to gather items for the "UMCOR Cleaning Buckets" that are distributed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief all over our country and even beyond during times of disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, and tornados. We have seen and heard of many of these such events in the past 6 months, so that is why we are choosing to do this collection. Beginning on Sunday, April 30, there will be index cards on the round table in the narthex.

On each of these cards there will be an item listed that will be included in the bucket. All you need to do is pick up one or several of the cards, go out and buy the item(s), and then return them to church no later than Sunday, May 28th. There will be boxes marked "Cleaning Buckets" in the narthex and in the hallway near the church office. We have to get these buckets to the District Office near Petersburg the first week of June, so please adhere to the deadline. Also, some of the items on the list are very specific in terms of size or type, so that everything can fit in the bucket, so please try to be as accurate as possible. Thanks so much for your help with this project. These buckets will be taken to the Virginia United Methodist Church annual Conference in June along with many other kits and buckets from all over our conference and then on to a warehouse to be distributed as needed.

Our Backpack Program is winding down for the school year. We have one more "packing session" on Tuesday, May 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all of you who have supported this program for food insecure children at S.P. Morton Elementary School, whether it has been financially or by helping pack or deliver the food to the school. After the May packing and deliveries, we will take a break for the summer and resume the program in the fall.





Our "Mission Garden" is making a come-back!! We are hoping that there will be some tilling and planting in the next 6 weeks or so. We are in the process of talking with the Food Bank here in Franklin, and trying to gather some volunteers to help. There is also opportunity to plant and care for your own small plot and give back 10% of what you grow if you'd like. Please see the article in this newsletter for more details and contact Mike Ponder (757-375-6604), Jeff Brown, or the church office if you're interested.

February was Heart Havens Month in the Virginia Conference of the UMC. In case you don't know, Heart Havens is a non-profit organization that provides a home and 24 hour support to adults with a developmental disability. There are homes across Virginia serving approximately 25 clients. They have purchased another home in the Richmond area and are in the process of remodeling it and adding another bedroom and bathroom. We are making a donation of \$200 to help with the completion of this home. High Street UMC has supported Heart Havens for many years.





The collection for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries for the month of May will be small individual bottles of juice or water, and individual fruit cups. Please bring these items to church and place them in the baskets or boxes marked for Franklin Cooperative Ministries.

Don't forget to keep bringing in your pennies and other coins or donations for our "Penny Project" to support The Society of Saint Andrew. This will be going on all year. You may use one of the coin boxes that are on the round table in the narthex or just drop your coins into one of the brass buckets on this table or the one under the TV in the narthex as well. You may also drop them off during office hours to the church office.



The Mission Team wishes to thank you for all the many ways in which you support our mission projects throughout the year. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me.

Ruthie Ponder (757-620-9142).

High Street UMC Mission Garden

Greetings from the new effort to restart the High Street UMC Mission garden. Jeff Brown and Mike Ponder are leading this effort to rejuvenate our 230 ft. x 100 ft. garden beside the Boy Scout building. Several members have expressed interest in joining the effort. They include Terry Godwin, Megan Pontious, Jackie Wood, Michele Virtue, Ann Spanagel, and Jim Jervey.

Present plans include:

- 1 obtaining soil samples
- 2 making the initial run with the tractor
- 3 making a list of individuals or families who would like a 10 ft. x 15 ft. plot for their own use
- 4 discuss types of crops to grow with the foodbank
- 5 create a sign for the garden and benches for workers and other folks to come and sit and enjoy nature
- 6 plant flowers that attract bees and encourage church members to use the flowers
- 7 plant several crops to focus on giving to the Foodbank

PLEASE let us know of your interest in planting crops and flowers, weeding, helping the crops grow, watering, and harvesting. Thanks!

Mike Ponder (757-375-6604) or Jeff Brown (757-880-2214)





Greetings from the Vitality Team!

On Palm Sunday, we had loads of children come out for the Easter Egg Hunt. There were smiles all around for the crafts, goodies and Easter Eggs!! (see photos below)

A BIG THANK YOU to the congregation for supplying the candy.

Calendar Wark Your

Two upcoming events to mark your calendars for are:

- Church Picnic September 10, 2023 at the Bronco Club
- Harvest Party October 29, 2023 at the Bronco Club

Kathy Worrell Vitality Team Chair





















High Street UMC had a light meal observing the events of Maundy Thursday/Good Friday on Thursday, April 6. Indeed, our Easter morning was more glori-

Indeed, our Easter morning was more glorious after experiencing this powerful service! (see more photos on page 6)













Spring is the time of year when nature comes alive! From now on we will take our students outside every day if it is not raining—and explore all the signs of spring.

This month the Angels will be learning all about:

<u>Plants and Flowers</u>: May 1st – May 5th. They will plant a seed. They will learn that God can grow in many different containers and in many ways. What it needs to grow. They will learn about the letter Qq and the sound it makes.

<u>Mother's Day</u>: May 8th – May 12th. The Angels will make special Mother's Day crafts. They will learn and talk about the special mother of Jesus – Mary. They will be learning about the letter Mm and the sound it makes.

Zoo Fun – May 15th – May 19th. The Angels will start this week off going to Richmond Zoo on May 15th. They will discuss God's purpose in his specific design of each animal. They will talk about Adam's job to name the animals. They will learn about the letter Zz and the sound it makes.

<u>Fairy tales</u> – May 22^{nd} – May 26^{th} . They will have fun learning and reading all about fairy tales. They will learn that fairy tales are not true just for fun. They will learn all about the letter Uu and the sounds it makes.

<u>Let's Go Camping</u> – May 30^{th} – June 2^{nd} . They will end the month about camping. They will have fun learning and pretending they are camping. They will go on natural walks to see all things God created. They will review the letters they have learned this month.

The Angels have a field trip May 15th to Richmond Zoo. GLA will be closed on May 29th for Memorial Day. Please don't forget our Teachers May 8th – May 12th for Teacher Appreciation week. They have worked so hard this year teaching, loving, and taking great care of the kids. GLA will be doing an online Auction in July. If anyone would be interested in donating something to our Auction, please see Raegan or Jill. More information will come out next month as we prepare for it.

In God's Love,

Jill Thorpe, Site Manager

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Maundy Thursday Pics.... (continued from page 5)









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

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Franklin Cooperative Ministry Donations for MAY

High Street will be collecting single serve water, juice, and fruit cups for the month of MAY for Franklin Cooperative Ministry. Donations can be left in the narthex or by the church office.









CHAIR YOGA AND MORE...

Come join Jane Riddick-Fries on the following Tuesdays in May: 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We start with some mindfulness, breathing exercises and move to doing gentle stretches seated and some standing with the support of a chair. Nothing is required. No need to reserve a spot. All are welcome. No fee but you are welcome to donate to the mission team if you wish. Wear comfortable clothing you can easily

move in and maybe some shoes you can easily take off. Class lasts till 11:45 and then you are welcome to stay for 15 minutes to walk for a little extra cardio. Those interested can also go to lunch together at The Hubs Vine at 12. For more information please call Jane at 757-803-6829.





F3 Nation Every Saturday at 7am at HSUMC



and hungry people

are fed

High Street Vacation Bible School, 2023 Prek-5th Grade

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



If you have prayer requests, please send them to the church office via email hsumc@beldar.com) or by calling **757.562.3367**. They will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested.

MAY Prayer Group

May 16—8:30am / Fellowship Hall



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

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



In Loving Memory of Jerry Mehlenbacker 11/18/1946 - 3/21/2023 Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Justice Gibson, who passed away unexpectedly on April 2, 2023

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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- 1 Kim Jervey
- 1 Daniel Hoctor
- 1 Dylan Holland
- 2 Fran Waller
- 3 Adrienne Carter
- 3 Kathleen Stratton
- 5 Joseph Edenfield
- 6 Doug Rogers, Jr.
- 6 Daniel Hurley
- 6 Tyler Frohlich
- 6 Evan Fox
- 8 Wayne Bailey
- 8 Jim Burgess
- 9 Ned Alderman, II
- 9 Marshall Rabil, Jr.
- 10 Jackie Coleman
- 10 Pacey Virtue
- 10 Jackson Cobb
- 11 Bruce Saunders
- 11 Grayson Lewis
- 11 Kate Powell
- 11 Harper Sugg
- 11 Marshall Sugg
- 12 Judy Parsons-Turner
- 12 Emily Wrenn
- 13 Terry Rose
- 13 Billy Duke
- 13 Jason Jones
- 14 Louise Blythe
- 14 Randy Worrell, Sr.

- 14 Cal Schilling
- 15 Billy Phillips
- 16 Doris Bailey
- 16 Roland Humphries
- 16 Charlene Baynard
- 17 Sydney Cooper
- 18 Cadence Belcher
- 19 Becky Harris
- 19 Betsy Birdsong
- 20 Terry Cornwell
- 21 Lexi Fenters
- 22 Cooper Strozier
- 23 Gary Hamilton
- 23 Anne Parker
- 23 Jim Jervey
- 23 Dorothy Panissidi
- 24 Bonnie Rabil
- 25 David Turner
- 26 Meredith Wrenn
- 27 Jean Prosser
- 27 Scott Porter
- 27 Michele Virtue
- 28 Amy Rothwell
- 29 Dana Musser
- 30 John Ashley
- 31 Dianne Burns
- 31 Sandi Brothers
- 31 Jordan Lewis
- 31 Kyle Carter
- 31 Dylan Duke
- 31 Lexi Fox

Under Construction

As you no doubt have noticed, we are having some major things done in and around the church. *Please be patient*. Currently Baker roofing is working on our slate roof. For the safety and protection of everyone, they have to (are required to) tape off areas and ask that we steer clear of these areas. It is a necessity.

We will also be having some extra lawn care work done in the next month or two. Please keep in mind that while they make every effort to have the grass cut and looking nice for Sundays, the weather can mess that up, just as it does at your homes. It is something that cannot be controlled. If you are inclined to like weeding, we would love to have you join some volunteers to help. You can choose an area or bed. Let the Church office know.

We will also be replacing some light bulbs both inside and outside. We try to wait and get as many done as we can at one time, as bucket trucks and lifts add to the cost.

Soon another major project will begin—the replacing of the HVAC system. We will make every effort to carry on the everyday things at church with as little interruptions as possible, however things do happen, but I think we can handle them! If you have any questions you can call the church office, Richard Walker, or me and we will do our very best to help or answer questions.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience during these days of maintaining this beautiful church building and the grounds around it.

-Jennifer Carter Stephenson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1-Scholarship Deadline	2	3-Bulletin Info Deadline 12pm: Widow's Might/	4-National Day of Prayer 7am: Men's Prayer B-fast/Fred's	5-Church Office Closed Ipm
	7pm: Praise Team Practice	7pm: Chancel Choir Christmas CD Rehearsal 7pm: Boy Scouts Trp 17 Mtg/Scout Shack	7pm: Nominations & Leadership Committee Mtg/Library	Imm:The God Talk Bible Study/ Daily Dose Ipm:Knit/Crotchet Group/ Fellowship Hall fopm:Soup for Supper/Fellowship Hall 7pm: Choir Practice/Choir Room 6:30pm: Holy Thursday Svc.	
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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	May 7	May 14	May 21	
Acolytes	Julia Pollard	Tristan Gayle	Katy Pontious	Jackson Cobb
Chancel	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant
Flowers	The Riddick, Fries, & Shaffer Families	Don Spengeman	Ray & Linda Maya	
Open Door Café	Penny and Marie Smith	Jim & Jane Kay and Louise Blythe	Jim & Glenda Jervey	Lori Vasser
8:30 Greeter/ Usher	Margaret & Harlan Lewis	Margaret & Harlan Lewis	Jane Riddick-Fries	Jewell Martin
8:30 Lay Reader	Harlan Lewis	Jane Riddick-Fries	Cara Butler	Mike Ponder
11:00 Greeter	Judy Riddick	Margaret Mackan	Greta Hall	Linda Maya
11:00 Lay Reader	Taylor Williams	Jennifer Stephenson	Galen Butler	Anne Williams
11:00 Ushers	John Bryant Mike Wrenn Jay Lee Brian Jones			



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