HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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Easter at High Street, 2024

Below are various photos taken during the 2024 Easter holiday here at High Street UMC. Thanks to Bill Billings, and others, for these great photos!



Maundy Thursday Service, March 28.

Our Maundy Thursday meal and service were deeply moving events, and many volunteers assured the success of this memorable experience. Thank you to all of the participants, from those who worked to set up the fellowship hall, to prepare the food for the meal and to clean up afterwards, to the many volunteers who took part in the Good Friday service, to the choir with their beautiful vocal renditions of familiar hymns. What a blessing to gather in remembrance of our Savior's holy sacrifice and in preparation for His glorious resurrection on Easter morning!



Easter Prayer vigil scenes, March 30. (photos courtesy of Galen Butler)







Easter Sunday, March 31







Graduate Sunday is June 9th!!

Please contact the church office via email: hsumc@beldar.com OR call: 757.562.3367 if you have a child/ grandchild who is graduating high school, college, or grad school and let us know the full name, relationship, high school (and what college will attend) or college graduating from and degree receiving.





Proverbs 31:10-31

10Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies.11 Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life.12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.13 She finds wool and flax and busily spins it.14 She is like a mer-

chant's ship, bringing her food from afar.15 She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.16 She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. 19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. 20 She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy.21 She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm[b] clothes. 22 She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns. 23 Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders.24 She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants.25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.26 When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.27 She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.28 Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:29 "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!"30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly

praised.31 Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

Welcome to May 2024 ... As we come into this month...we see grass growing, gardens being planted, flowers in full bloom, thinking about a time off at the end of the month – with Memorial Day. But to be honest I think about family and the essence of family. Mother's Day is fast approaching and what does that mean? Biblically we see in Proverbs the best explanation of a Wife and Mother. For me I think back over the years and see how Lorrie has been a true and real blessing to me...She has blest me as a wife that cares and loves her husband and her family... She has always shared her faith and love of God's Word... She has been there every step of the way...As a Mother .. I could not ask for a better Mother for our Boys ... true love from birth even to today as they are in their 30's....As a Grandmother ... well I might be biased ... but none can surpass her love for her grandchildren ... like I said I am blest.. and the family is blest...She is loving, faithful, and prays all the time... Well now you know my feelings...how do you feel about your family and how does God through Jesus have a part in your family? Let us take this time to praise God for the blessings of family ... and Give God the Thanks for His gracious Love. God bless each and all ... and I pray that you can come and share in Worship and give God a time of Thanks here at High Street UMC.

In Christ Redeeming Love, **Pastor Wayne**



Graces' Little Angel's Preschool News – May, 2024



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:

Mother's Day – May 6th – May 10th. 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.

<u>Fairy tales</u> – May 13th – May 17th. They will have fun learning and reading all about fairy tales. They will learn that fairy tales are not true and are just for fun. They will learn all about the letter Uu and the sounds it makes.

Zoo Fun – May 20th – May 24th. 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>Let's Go Camping</u> – May 28^{th} – May 31^{st} . They will end the mouth 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.

Our New Infant Center will open on May 6th. (see flyer at right) We will have an Open House on May 2nd for 4-6. There will be a Ribbon Cutting at 6:00. We

will also have the Taco Amigo Truck at the site. GLA will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day. Please don't forget our Teachers May 6th – May 10th for Teacher Appreciation week. They have worked so hard this year teaching, loving, and taking great care of the kids. n God's Love,

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Center
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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THE TACO AMIGO FOOD
TRUCK WILL BE ONSITE
FROM 4:30 TO 6:30.

PLEASE COME JOIN THE
CELEBRATION!!

We are so excited and
blessed to offer this service
to our community!



Greetings from the United Women in Faith!

Our High Street United Women in Christ continue to serve our church and our community!

A few of our activities include:

- we conducted both 8:30 AM contemporary and 11 AM traditional services on April 21 for United Women in Faith Sunday
- our Evening circle continues to volunteer at the Foodbank
- our Morning circle made flower arrangements and delivered them to shut-ins
- we continue to collect clothes for S.P. Morton Elementary
- on Monday, May 6, we will have a joint luncheon at 12 noon for both morning and evening circles. Our speaker will be the Executive Director of the Genieve Shelter in Suffolk.

The May 6th luncheon will be the last meeting for the summer. We will resume meeting in September.

If you are new to High Street or just want to see what "United Women in Faith" is all about, please join us for a Morning or Evening Circle meeting. You are always welcome!

Kathy Worrell

President, United Women in Faith

Vitality Team



The Annual EASTER Egg Hunt hosted by the Vitality Team was held on Palm Sunday. *(photos at right)* We made a craft, gathered eggs, ate lots of cookies...and CANDY!! A good time was had by all Thank you to all who donated candy, brought their children, helped hide

eggs, and just loved on the children there! We had a great time!! Thank you!











The Widow's Might meets every Wednesday at 12-noon.

The gatherings for May/June are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 1- The Vine @ 12pm
- Wednesday, May 8 Joe's @ 12pm
- Wednesday, May 15 Backporch @ 12pm
- Wednesday, May 22 Wydia's @ 12pm
- Wednesday May 29 Three Guys @ 12pm
- Wednesday, June 5 Fred's @ 12pm
- Wednesday, June 12 El Rancheros @ 12pm
- Wednesday, June 19 Pino's @ 12pm
- Wednesday, June 26 Serve @ 12pm







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







Mission Team News

The Virginia United Methodist Conference is sponsoring their "Kits for Conference" again this year. They are asking for 3 types of kits this year - cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and menstrual kits. The High Street Mission Team will be collecting items for the hygiene kits this time around. These will be *due Friday, May 31st*. There will be a box in the narthex and one in the hallway by the church office. You may provide all of the items for a kit or just drop off some of the

items. Following is the list of items and instructions of how to put it together. Thanks for your support!

Hygiene Kit

- —One hand towel (15"x25"-17"x27") (no kitchen towels)
- —One comb (sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks)
- —Bath-size bar of soap (in package, 3 oz. or larger, no Ivory or Jergen's)
- —10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)
- —Lay hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth in the center of the towel.
- —Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items. Grasp the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove the air and seal.

—One washcloth

- —One toenail or fingernail clipper
- —One Adult size toothbrush (in package)
- —One 1 gallon zip lock bag
- —Place all remaining items on top of the wash cloth (except the plastic bag).

March Madness Shampoo Challenge

Our "Shampoo Challenge" was a great success, and we thank everyone for their great support! By the deadline we had collected 126 bottles of shampoo to donate to the Franklin Cooperative Ministry for their hygiene bags that they give out to people in our community who cannot afford these items on a regular basis. In case you're interested here are the totals for each team-Duke-42 UVA-39 NC State-27 VA Tech-12 UNC-6

The staff at FC Ministry was quite excited when we dropped off all of that shampoo!!

Funds for Housing Projects in our Community

Many of you have been very generous over the past few years in donating funds to aid with continuing our projects with helping some home owners in our community with house repairs. The home owners are usually older or physically unable to do it themselves. They also cannot afford to have the work done. In the past 5 years or so we have helped with 3 projects. We would love to keep doing this; however, our number of skilled people has diminished, and we are having trouble finding homes and appropriate people to work with. We have plenty of funds and hate that the money is just sitting there not being used. If you have any ideas or would like to help get this project restarted, please contact Ruthie Ponder (757-620-9142 or 757-569-9449).

Penny Project

Please don't forget about our "Penny Project" for the "Grazin' Acres Therapeutic Riding Center" in our community. The Penny Pots in the narthex and near the church office have been quite empty lately. We hope to do a program or project soon to educate the congregation about this non-profit, but in the meantime we would appreciate your coins and other donations. Thanks!!

All God's Children Camp

The Virginia United Methodist Conference provides camps each summer for children ages 7-12 who have at least one parent who is incarcerated. These children are offered the chance for a "Christian week-long summer camp experience" for the cost of just \$10. In order for this to happen, donations are needed. Mentors are also needed to be with the children throughout the week. The Mission Team voted to make a donation of \$425.00 to cover the campership for one child for one week. If you are interested in more information about this camp you can go to www.vaumc.org/agcc.

Jacques Akasa Umembudi - Missionary for the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry

We are so excited to be welcoming back our missionary and friend whom we have been supporting for over 25 years. Jacques will be visiting High Street UMC on Thursday evening, May 9th. He will speak with us about his experiences with the "Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and his plans for the future. He is here in the US as a delegate from his country for the United Methodist General Conference being held in Charlotte, NC. We will also have supper that evening, so please plan on joining us for supper and the program. There is no charge for the meal, but we do need your reservation, so we know how much food to prepare. Please see the article about this in this newsletter, and plan on supporting us with your presence that evening!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mission Team's "March Madness Shampoo Challenge". Our goal was to collect 100 bottles of shampoo for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries' hygiene bags that they pass out to those in our area who are in need. We surpassed that goal by collecting 126 bottles of shampoo!!! And...... the winner was Duke!!! UVA and NC State were a close 2nd and 3rd, with VA Tech and UNC in 4th and 5th. Thanks again for all of your support!!





Congratulations to Andy & Taylor Crane on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth Crane, born April 16, 2024 to proud parents, Andy & Taylor Crane, and very proud grandparents, David & Mary Christy Saunders, and great-grandmother, Margaret Mackan.





Eagle Scouts' Court of Honor Ceremony

On Sunday, March 24, Christopher Cornwell, received his Eagle Award at the Scout Shack, and on Sunday, April 14, **David Cuthbertson**, received his Eagle Award at High Street UMC. Congratulations to Christopher and David—we are very proud of you both!











On Easter Sunday, High Street UMC welcomed 11 into membership! Welcome friends!!



Jacques Akasa Umembudi is coming to High Street UMC "Thursday, May 9 at 5:30pm"

Join us for a program presented by our long-time HSUMC supported missionary, Jacques Akasa Umembudi. He has been with the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa for many years. We are so pleased that he has chosen our church to visit along with just a few others!

We will also enjoy a meal together this evening. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the round table in the narthex or call the church office (757-562-3367) to make a reservation. There is no cost to this meal. This dinner/program will take the place of "Soup for Supper" on May 9th.

Please make a reservation and come out and support Jacques as he shares his experiences with us.

Vacation Bible School, 2024 Let's Start the Party!

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. Celebrate the good news of Jesus with us this summer, Sunday, July 21st - Thursday, July 25th from 5:30 - 8:00 each night. (Ages PreK3 through rising 6th graders)





Franklin Cooperative Ministry Wish List

- □ body wash or bars of soap
- □ body lotion
- □ deodorant
- detergent (<14 pod pacs or 31-46 oz. liquid)
- ☐ dish liquid (8-14oz.)
- ☐ disinfecting wipes
- ☐ disposable razors
- ☐ hand sanitizer (travel size)
- \Box hand soap (7.5 13.5 oz.)

- ☐ household cleaner
- paper towels
- \square shampoo (12.6 22.5 oz.)
- ☐ shaving cream or gel
- ☐ tissues
- ☐ toilet paper
- ☐ toothbrushes (individual)
- \square toothpaste (2.4 5.5 oz.)



Last Thursday of each month is Pancake Night!



May Mission of the Month

The Virginia United Methodist Conference is once again sponsoring their "Kits for Conference", and High Street's Mission Team will be collecting for items hvgiene kits. Donations can be left in the narthex, or the church office, in marked boxes, and are due no later than May 31. You may provide entire kits, or just a few donations items—all appreciated.

List of Needed Items:

- One hand towel (15 x 25in. 17 x 27in., no kitchen towels)
- One washcloth
- One comb (sturdy with 4-7in. of teeth, no pocket combs or picks)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
- Bath-size soap (3oz. or larger bar, no Ivory or Jergen's soap)
- One adult toothbrush (sealed in package)
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3in.)
- One 1-gallon zip lock bag

Assembly Instructions:

- 1. Lay hand towel flat on table.
- 2. Lay the washcloth in the center of the towel.
- 3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- 4. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- 5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the
- 6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove the air, and seal.

On Sunday, April 7, Bill Billings and **Kathy Worrell**

were on hand to

take directory photos and check accuracy of the information.



We hope to have an updated directory soon!



If you are interested in helping with Vacation **Bible School this summer** (July 21-25) please con-

tact the church office at 757-562-3367 or hsumc@beldar.com. You may also fill out the side tab of the bulletin and place in the offering plate on Sundays. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated to have a successful event for the children in our community. More details to come!



Chair Yoga Dates in MAY- Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays at 10:45am on 5/1; 5/8; 5/15; and 5/22 for some breathing, stretching, and moving exercises seated and standing with the support of a chair. For more information, contact Jane Riddick-Fries at janerfries@gmail.com or 757-803-6829. Nothing is required. Just come and enjoy. You are welcome to donate to the church Mission Team if you like.





In Loving Memory of Dana Lynn Musser May 26, 1947 - April 6, 2024 Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



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) 1401 N. High St. Franklin, VA 23851 757.562.3100	Village at Woods Edge (Independent) 1401 N. High St. Franklin, VA 23851 757.562.3100	Manor at Woods Edge (Assisted) 1401 N. High St. Franklin, VA 23851 757.562.3100	East Pavilion (Nursing Home) 100 Fairview Dr. Franklin, VA 23851 757.569.6424	Rehab @ Southampton Me- morial
Fred Hollowell	Al Strickler Apt. 308	Linda Joyner Rm. 1011	Dianne Burns Rm. 142A	
	Bobby & Nancy Turner—Apt. 210	Marjorie Whitley Rm. 1020	Doug Rogers	
	Swann Broocke Apt. 214	Mildred Mason Rm. 1007		
	Maxine Hollowell Apt. 217			



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, please put them on the tear-off section of the Sunday bulletin and put it in the offering plate, or contact the church office at hsumc@beldar.com, or 757.562.3367.





On MONDAYS 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.

High Street is collecting gently used **clothing** items for children at SP Morton.

Donations can be left in the narthex.

ATTENTION: College students and/or parents, please contact the church office (hsumc@beldar.com or 757-562-336) this summer with your college address (even if it hasn't changed) so High Street UMC can keep in touch while you are away at school!







You can buy either of High Street UMC Chancel Choir two CD's in the church office—they make excellent gifts!



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Sat 11 7am: F3 Nation 10am: Girl Scout Meeting 18 7am: F3 Nation/ Outside 8am: UMM Bfast & Meeting 3pm: Private Event/ F. Hall 25 7am: F3 Nation

A Meaningful Mission Opportunity

We are looking for some folks that might be willing to provide transportation to some in our church family that are not comfortable driving anymore. If you are willing to volunteer to help someone get to church, please give us a call at the church office at 757.562.3367.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Acolytes	Julia Pollard	Tristan Gayle	Meredith Fox	Zack Duke
Chancel	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant	Kathy Worrell Carolyn Bryant
Flowers	TBD	Don Spengeman	Jim, Glenda and Jennifer Jervey	Linda K. Thomas
Open Door Café	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:30 Greeter/Usher	Jewell Martin	Todd Turner	Margaret & Harlan Lewis	Hope Hickam
8:30 Lay Reader	Cara Butler	Mike Ponder	Harlan Lewis	Annie Gayle
11:00 Greeter	Greta Hall	Linda Jenkins	Judy Riddick	Margaret Mackan
11:00 Lay Reader	Jim Jervey	Billy Smith	Mike Pollard	Jim Yarborough
11:00 Ushers	Jim Jervey Taylor Williams Ken Story Evan Ponder			



- 1 Kim Jervey
- 1 Daniel Hoctor
- 1 Dylan Holland
- 2 Fran Waller
- 3 Adrienne Carter
- 3 Kathleen Stratton
- 6 Doug Rogers, Jr.
- 6 Daniel Hurley
- 6 Tyler Frohlich
- 6 Evan Fox
- 8 Wayne Bailey
- 8 Jim Burgess
- 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
- 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 Scott Porter
- 27 Michele Virtue
- 28 Amy Rothwell
- 30 John Ashley
- 31 Dianne Burns
- 31 Sandi Brothers
- 31 Jordan Lewis
- 31 Kyle Carter
- 31 Dylan Duke
- 31 Lexi Fox









Our Mission at **H**igh **S**treet **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch

