

HAPPENINGS AT HIGH STREET

High Street United Methodist Church

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October 2023



HSUMC's Mission Team Annual Ice Cream Social, 2023

On Sunday, August 20, we had a great time at the Annual Ice Cream Social hosted by HSUMC Mission Team. There were lots of yummy toppings and root beer/Coke floats! The kids (and kids-at-heart) played with the parachute! Ruthie highlighted all the activities that the church helped the Mission Team accomplish this year. Thank you!!



UMM's Breakfast at Highground



On Saturday, August 19, ten of the United Methodist Men met for breakfast and fellowship at Highground. (photo at right)



Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!’ ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ ¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

We have heard the Parable on many occasions ... but today let us see what it says to us. Who are we and what do we represent to the world around us.

Perceptions create a BIG picture on how others

see us. In this parable we see one who claims to be righteous and is passing judgment on others while the other person just claims to be a sinner and seeks no judgment, but does seek the Mercy of God Almighty this message is quite clear that there are two entirely different individuals who are in prayer and Jesus is very clear that there is an end result of each of these actions. One who is seeking to exalt themselves will be humbled and the one who comes in total humility will be exalted by God. The message also is real clear that the sinner is justified meaning that this person who comes to God clearly as a sinner finds God's Peace and Comfort from God's Grace and Love. So today I ask you how do YOU come to God in Prayer and in Relationship with Jesus Christ. God bless you and anoint you with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ Redeeming Love,

Pastor Wayne



Grace's Little Angels



Happy Fall!!! We have had a great start to this new school year. Everyone has adjusted to their new rooms and new friends. We are so excited to learn tons of wonderful new things. The month of September the Angels have been learning about: Back to School, All about me, The five senses and Johnny Appleseed. They also will be building relationships and establishing new routines.

The month of October they will be learning all about Fire Safety, Fall Weather, Pumpkins, Spooky Creatures and Community Helpers. We are hoping to get the Fire Department to come visit one day so the Angels can see the Fire Trucks. The Angels will be going to the Village of Woods Edge sometime in October for a Halloween treat. We will be having a Fall Fundraiser coming up. We will be selling “Discount

Cards.” The Discount Cards will be available after October 11th. The price is \$10.00 each. The cards will get you discounts for location stores. Please see Raegan or Jill to purchase one of the cards. There will be a GLA board meeting on October 24th @ 7pm at High Street.

The Angels would like to say thank you for the AC units that got put in the windows during the time of the new AC units being installed. Thank you for making sure our babies stayed cool. And always Thank you for allowing us to continue to use the space to grow God’s children and raise them in a loving environment.

In God’s Love,
Jill Thorpe, Site Manager



Dear High Street friends,

Happy fall ya'll!! We have resumed our United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) activities!! The dates for the upcoming meetings are as follows:

- EXECUTIVE BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 10AM in the Church Library and Tuesday, October 25 at 10 AM in the Church Library.
- MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- EVENING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, September 25 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall and October 23 at 5:30pm 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 on November 18. Please watch 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!

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 **October** :



- ◇ October 4 - Don Panchos
- ◇ October 11 - Pino's
- ◇ October 18 - Serve
- ◇ October 25 - The Vine



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



Greetings from the Vitality team!

The Vitality Team hopes you will join us on Sunday, OCTOBER 8 at 10:30 AM down by the river at the Bronco Club for our Annual Church Picnic.

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. 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. See flyer in upcoming bulletin for further details.

Kathy Worrell
Vitality Team chair





UMCOR Donations

As most of you probably know UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief. It is the "humanitarian and development arm of the United Methodist Church and assists United Methodists and churches to become globally involved in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disaster - famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, earthquake, or other events - to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable." UMCOR is many times one of the first response teams to respond to a disaster and one of the last to leave. They also use local resources as much as possible. There have been many disasters and long-term suffering recently across our world - the war in Ukraine, the fires in Hawaii, the earthquake in Morocco, Hurricane Idalia in Florida, and the flooding in Libya. The Mission Team at High Street is using some of its funds to donate \$1,000 to UMCOR, specifying that \$200 go towards each area. We would like for you to join us in supporting UMCOR at this time if you feel led to do so. You may make a check out to High Street UMC and mark it for UMCOR donation. Please continue to keep these areas affected by such tragic and devastating events in your prayers.

HSUMC Penny Project—The Society of St. Andrew



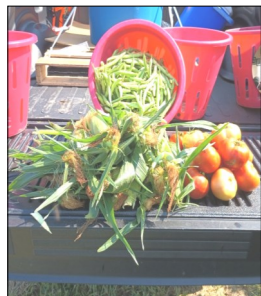
Thanks to all who have been supporting this Society of St. Andrew project since last January. We will be continuing our coin collection through December, so keep bringing those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in. There is a brass bucket on the round table in the narthex for them, or you can bring them to the church office during the week. So far for 2023, we have collected a little over \$2500.00 which includes the Vacation Bible School offering!! We will be deciding soon about the

Penny Project for 2024. If you have any good ideas, please let someone on the Mission Team know!!

Thanks again.

Ruthie Ponder

Mission Garden

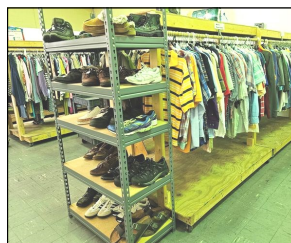


Our HSUMC Mission garden was quite successful this summer. A big thanks to Jeff Brown, with the help of Mike Ponder, for getting this up and going again after a long break. There was lots of corn, tomatoes, green beans, squash, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, and some beautiful sunflowers! These vegetables were taken to the Western Tidewater Foodbank right here in Franklin, and everyone there was very excited to get that fresh locally grown food! We're looking forward to more delicious veggies next year!

City of Franklin National Night Out



Anyone interested in helping man our High Street UMC booth at Franklin's National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3rd for a couple of hours? It will be held at Armory Park on Armory Drive from 4:00 to 7:00. We will possibly be doing some face painting and handing out some treats for the kids. Please let Ruthie Ponder know is you're interested. You can stay as long as you like. This is being sponsored by the Franklin Police Department and will be a great opportunity to be in touch with our community.



Franklin Cooperative Ministries

Franklin Cooperative Ministries is now collecting clean gently used fall and winter clothing for adults and children. You may drop it off anytime Monday-Thursday 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 or on Fridays from 9:00 to 12:00 at their building at 301 W 1st Avenue. They are also collecting hygiene, household, and cleaning products to hand out to needy persons. **See page 9 for a list of specific needs.**



Backpack Program

Usually this time of year we are gearing up for the Backpack Program sponsored by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. We have been financially supporting 50 food-insecure children from S.P. Morton Elementary School to receive bags of food to take home twice a month. We have also been packing and delivering the food to S.P. Morton for 10 months during the school year.



The Foodbank in Norfolk is trying to streamline their program, so we have been informed that we will no longer be involved in this process. The food will be packed in Norfolk and brought to the school from there. We are going to continue to financially support our 50 children from our local school at least for the 2023-24 school year. This is a \$5400 commitment. If you would like to sponsor a child for the school year the cost is \$110, or you can make a donation of any amount.

We are very sad to be losing the chance to be able to participate in this hands-on project to help children right here in Franklin, but please know that our monetary gifts will still be keeping the program alive for these children in our area. Thanks to the many volunteers who have given their time and gifts to the Backpack Program over the last 12 years!!



Flyers from our local Foodbank can be found on the bulletin boards outside the Fellowship Hall that detail volunteer opportunities at the South Street location, or you can visit www.foodbankonline.org, pull down the 'How to Help' menu, then choose 'Donate Your Time' and 'Volunteer Now'. Select the 'Western Tidewater' button for events in our area, which will open a new online window to their Volunteer Hub. You can also explore volunteer options by calling the Western Tidewater branch at (757) 544.9027 or by emailing Teri Zurfluh @ tzurfluh@foodbankonline.org. Please let me know if you would be interested in any of their volunteer opportunities. We might even consider a HSUMC group volunteer activity.

Ruthie Ponder (757.569.9449)

Worship Service followed by a
COVERED DISH LUNCH

**2023 Annual
CHURCH
picnic**

No RSVP needed!
Just bring a covered dish, a lawn chair, and your appetite!

WHEN: Sunday, October 8, 2023
WHERE: Bronco Club – 31040 Delaware Rd.
 Franklin, VA 23851
TIME: 10:30am

HSUMC's

**HARVEST
PARTY**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023
at the Bronco Club**

Time: 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Wear your costume or come as you are!

Bring your pumpkin to carve and any
utensils you will need. If you prefer, you can
paint them or decorate them too.

We will have pony rides, a hayride,
games, hot dogs & s'mores!

Don't miss it!
It's going to be **SPOOKTACULAR!!**



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

High Street UMC Chancel Choir is pleased to present, "Christmas at High Street"! This is our 2nd CD. We will have them available at church Sunday morning. They make excellent Christmas gifts!



Chair Yoga

Come join us in the fellowship for some breathing exercises, gentle stretches and movements, seated and standing with the support of a chair. All are invited.

Dates are Wednesday, October 4, Wednesday, October 11, Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 25, 10:45 am – 11:30 am. Nothing is required. Just show up. If you have any questions, please call **Jane Riddick-Fries**, 757-803-6829.



The Open Table is a program that provides support to families, or individuals in need. We are currently in the process of getting the program set up and going through training. If you are interested in being an Open Table member or what more info on this, please contact **Jane Riddick-Fries** at 757-803-6829 or email at jane fries@gmail.com.



First Aid Kits and Classes

The church recently purchased additional first aid kits. We hope we never have to use them or at least rarely, but for everyone's knowledge, they are blue mesh bags located in the Kitchen by the coffee pot, in the back closet in the sanctuary, in the office, and in the kitchen drawer in the youth room upstairs. There is also a steel first aid kit in the Sunday School Rooms/GLA at the front entrance outside of the library behind the desk. On November 8, 9, and 11th, over 30 people will be taking a CPR/AED and First Aid Class offered by Tim Dunn of the Franklin Fire Department. Always best to be proactive and prepared—Safety First.!



The Chancel Choir is back! 🎵🎵🎵❤️

HSUMC's Church Council met on September 11, in the Fellowship Hall.

Photo courtesy of **Bill Billings**.



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



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| 1 Patsy Rothwell | 11 Cindy Rubino |
| 1 Jim Page | 11 Kelley Roback |
| 1 Kathy McCabe | 12 Judy Smith |
| 1 Maddison Wright | 12 Jackson Dempsey |
| 2 Jeff Brown | 12 Tyler Duke |
| 2 Jim Yarborough | 13 Evan Griggs |
| 2 Will Powers, III | 15 Jane Humphries |
| 3 Babb Rawlings, Jr. | 15 Allene Atkinson |
| 4 Brooke Powell | 15 Cara Butler |
| 4 Luke Jervey | 15 Emily Carroll |
| 5 Mel Baynard | 16 William Tawney |
| 5 Andy Fox | 16 Justin Spengeman |
| 5 Travis Keech | 17 Miller Zurfluh |
| 5 Jackie Sugg | 19 Douglas Trader |
| 6 Bert Williams, V | 19 Kristen Peele |
| 7 Judy Riddick | 19 Michael Aiken |
| 7 Fred Hollowell | 20 Kathy Sunday |
| 7 Georgia Gillette | 20 Cathy Johnson |
| 8 Kelly Jernigan | 20 John Spanagel, Jr. |
| 8 Amber Rikard | 20 Jon Powell |
| 8 Rylee West | 20 Evan Ponder |
| 9 John Bracy | 21 Daelyn Rose |
| 9 Ann Spanagel | 22 John Rankin |
| 9 Brandon Lee | 23 Fred Powers |
| 10 Jeri Holt | 23 Mary Christy Saunders |



October BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 23 Carol DuBois | 28 Glenn Bidwell, Jr. |
| 23 Allen Crom | 29 Penny Smith |
| 24 Kaitlyn Edwards | 29 Deborah Ashley |
| 24 Dutchess Rose | 29 Troy Dongarra |
| 24 Tegan Carter | 30 Jim Hansford |
| 24 May Rabil | 30 Don Shanks |
| 25 Mickey Gray | 30 Jonathan Edwards, Jr. |
| 25 Rebecca Ponder | 31 Ricky Darden |
| 26 James Panikowski | 31 Denver Rose |
| 26 Newitt Blythe | |
| 26 Phyllis Bunch | |
| 26 Ellen Lee | |
| 26 Jace Holloman | |
| 27 Dale Conant | |
| 27 Crystal Stauffer | |
| 27 Steve Pittman | |
| 27 Haley Lowe | |
| 27 Emma Hocter | |



To my High Street family, thank you so much for your support of the Chancel Choir and its programs over the past years while I was its Director. I can't tell you how much your love through prayers, comments, service to and financial support of our choir has meant to me and this program. You always made me feel special and I love you as family. The reception that you gave me after my last official service on June 25 meant a great deal to me along with your remarks to me and my family. Thank you for a wonderful experience. God is good!!

—Mike Pollard

Dearest Church Family,

The past few weeks have been extremely difficult as my family and I struggle to move forward without Billy. He was our rock, and losing him leaves a permanent void in our lives. We want you to know how thankful we are for your love and support. The meals you provided, your visits, the many cards, the lovely reception following the service, and the kind donations to the children's programs of our church gave us immense comfort. We are forever grateful for your many acts of kindness. May God bless each of you abundantly. With sincerest thanks,

Toni, Joanna, Maryanna, and all of our family



*Congratulations to Jake & Maddie Pittman,
on the birth of their daughter,
Gretchen Louise "Hennie" Pittman,
born August 31, 2023
Proud grandmother, Stacy Dempsey,
proud great-grandmother, Gretchen Hopkins,
and proud aunt and uncle, Tess & Ryan Snell.*



Memorials

High Street United Methodist Church Memorials and Honorariums 9/15/2023



Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Mr. William Frank "Billy" Phillips

by: Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Ponder

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rabil
The Franklin Literary Club
Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Stephenson
Mr. Don Spengeman
Ricky Darden and Jim Yarborough
Ted and Jane Riddick Fries
Mrs. Gretchen Hopkins
The Rev. and Mrs. Ben R. Duffey
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Carr
Mrs. Mary L. Lilley
Mrs. Greta Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Jim H. Heaton
Mrs. Maxine Hollowell
Mrs. Donna McCullough
Mrs. Sarah P. Rawlings
Mrs. Gaynelle E. Riddick
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Powell
Mrs. Jean Trader

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

Fred Hollowell

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)
Maxine Hollowell (Apt 217)

East Pavilion

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

Dianne Burns (Rm 142A)
Linda Rogers (Rm. 137A)



Deepest sympathies to
Jane Humphries, on the passing of her brother,
Will Swafford



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Acolytes	Katy Pontious	Bronco Picnic	Zack Duke	Jackson Cobb	Tristan Gayle
Chancel	Jim Yarborough	Bronco Picnic	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough	Jim Yarborough
Flowers	John & Carolyn Bryant	Bronco Picnic	Mike & Ruthie Ponder	Ray & Linda Maya	Marie Smith
Open Door Café	Penny and Marie Smith	Bronco Picnic	Billy & Terry Smith	Jim & Jane Kay and Louise Blythe	Lori Vasser
8:30 Greeter/Usher	Margaret & Harlan Lewis	Bronco Picnic	Hope Hickam	Jewell Martin	Margaret & Harlan Lewis
8:30 Lay Reader	Cara Butler	Bronco Picnic	Pat Marks	Susan Holloway	Mike Ponder
11:00 Greeter Greeter	John Bryant	Bronco Picnic	Linda Jenkins	Penny and Marie Smith	Jim & Glenda Jervey
11:00 Lay Reader	Mike Pollard	Bronco Picnic	Taylor Williams	Cara Butler	Galen Butler
11:00 Ushers	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Bronco Picnic	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder	Jim Strozier Jeff Brown Evan Ponder

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.



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

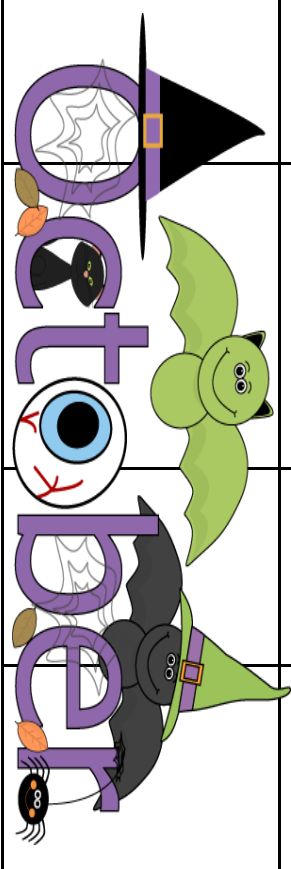
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| <input type="checkbox"/> body wash or bars of soap | <input type="checkbox"/> household cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> body lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> paper towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo (12.6 – 22.5 oz.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> detergent (<14 pod pacs or 31-46 oz. liquid) | <input type="checkbox"/> shaving cream or gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dish liquid (8-14oz.) | <input type="checkbox"/> tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disinfecting wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disposable razors | <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrushes (individual) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer (travel size) | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste (2.4 – 5.5 oz.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand soap (7.5 – 13.5 oz.) | |



2023 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

High Street's youth will perform, "Christmas in Egypt" on December 17, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Practice begins on Sunday, Oct., 1st in the Fellowship Hall, 4-5pm, then every other Sunday after beginning at 3:30pm. Contact Lisa Strozier for more info at 757.647.9862.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1—Communion Sunday <i>World Communion (Special Offering)</i> 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 4:00pm: Children's Christmas Program Practice	2 10am: UWF Morning Circle/F. Hall	3 6pm: Boy Scout Event/Fellowship Hall 7pm: SPRC Mtg/Library	4—Bulletin Info Deadline 10am: GLA Chapel/Sanctuary Noon: Widows Migh/Don Pan-chos	5 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: Chancel Choir Practice	6—Church Office Closes 1pm	7 7am: F3 Nation/Outside
8 10:30am: Annual Church Picnic at the Bronco Club 3:30pm: Children's Christmas Program Practice	9—Columbus Day	10 8:30am: Prayer Group/F. Hall 6pm: Troop 17 Cub Scout Mtg/Scout Shack 7pm: Troop 17 Cub Scout Mtg/Scout Shack	11—Bulletin Info Deadline 10am: GLA Chapel/Sanctuary 10:45am: Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall	12 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 6pm: Soup 4 Supper/F. Hall 7pm: Chancel Choir Practice	13—Church Office Closes 1pm	14 7am: F3 Nation/Outside 10am: Girl Scout Mtg/GS Room Robert A. Hill FOP Toy Ride
15—Newsletter Deadline 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 3:30pm: Children's Christmas Program Practice	16	17 7pm: Book Club/Library 10:45AM Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall	18—Bulletin Info Deadline 10am: GLA Chapel/Sanctuary Noon: Widows Migh/Serve	19 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 6pm: Soup 4 Supper/F. Hall 7pm: Chancel Choir Practice	20—Church Office Closes 1pm	21 7am: F3 Nation/Outside 8am: UMM Bfast & Meeting/Fellowship Hall
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Pledge Giving for 2024

This year finds us becoming busier, which is wonderful! We are together for worship at both services, and our online worship service continues to be viewed by many. We continue to reach folks that might not attend High Street UMC, and some in different places across our great country! Sunday School classes have resumed and we had an amazing Vacation Bible School this summer! We helped with many different mission endeavors! It has been wonderful to see! Your generosity and continued financial support in 2023 has been heartwarming! Thank you! We have and continue to have lots of work done on and around the church building. Thank you for your patience!

We are making every effort to be The Church in our community and beyond. Looking forward to 2024, we want to continue to have more fun activities, and we will continue with the popular online service as well. With the positive response to handling stewardship and pledging campaign this way, we are asking you to take the time to be in prayer about how you can support our church in 2024 with your pledges of financial support and your gifts of time and talents. You will find a pledge card here and you may send it back to me in the mail (P.O. Box 218, Franklin, VA 23851), drop it by the church office, scan and email it to me at hsumcfinancialsecretary@gmail.com, or place in an envelope (for privacy) in the offering plate. Please try to return these cards by the end of October. Also, take time to consider other ways you can use your time and talents to support High Street UMC. There are many Lay Minister & small group volunteer opportunities available.

Thank you for your help in making sure that High Street UMC can continue to be the warm, loving church family that we are, and that we can continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community and beyond!

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Carter Stephenson

Living Generously – High Street United Methodist Church

In response to God's love and generous blessings, I/We plan to support the mission of this church in 2024 by consistently sharing our gifts of:

\$ _____ (Circle One) Per Week Per Month Per Year Other






Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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.