

The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

September 2015



*The Siegle family
invites everyone
to attend a drop-in
Parsonage Open House
in celebration of
Brian and Holly's 20th
Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, September 12
2:00 pm-5:00 pm*

*805 Hutcheson Lane
South Hill, VA*



The United Methodist Men's Group will be cooking a Brunswick Stew on October 3 for \$7.00 a quart. Pick up starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Leaf Warehouse. Call 447-4761 or see any member of the men's group. The Stew Master is Rodney Elmore.

***B**ible study begins soon.
Watch for details.*

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Matthew 28:16-20 Commissioning of the disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

When Jesus commissioned the Disciples, the commission began in Judea, where they were. The work of sharing the message of God's salvation through Grace began at home. I think the same still applies today. While we do need to support the church in its global mission, we need to share the Gospel here in South Hill. For me, that means that our church, the largest church "Downtown," needs to be the downtown church in action as well as location. We need to support and be present at town events. We need to partner with businesses and the town itself for no other reason than to provide additional outlets to share the Amazing Grace of Jesus Christ.

Many opportunities will be upon us shortly, and continuing next year. Let's keep our eyes and ears open so that we can be where we need to be, doing what we need to be doing. Part of this is to be attentive to the needs in the community around us. That does not mean doing what *we think* the community needs, but rather actually listening to the community and doing what *is really* needed. This is not easy work, but it is important to be able to translate the work of the church into relevance in the society around us.

We can do this, as long as we work together, with Christ, to be the agents of God's Grace in the community. There is work to do. Let us pray for God's guidance to move us where God wants us most. Sometimes that direction will shock us. Always that direction will bless us and others.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian Siegle*

Administrative Board

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. Seems like only a week ago the kids were getting out of school. As a child it seemed that summer was always too short. Now as an adult they are still too short! But I love living in an area where we enjoy the changing seasons. Also I am looking forward to the upcoming seasons in our church. Many programs are planned to make our worship experience joyful and to bring us closer together as children of God. I enjoy nothing more than worshiping with you all. May God bless all the seasons of your life. Read and enjoy the beauty of Ecclesiastes chapter 3.

Glenn Barbour, Chair

Chancel Choir

It has been a great blessing for me to be part of Pastor Brian's ministry team. With God's will and the congregation's support I think our church will accomplish many wonderful things under his ministry. Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who has ever considered joining the choir is encouraged to come! As I have said many times, you do not have to be a soloist to be a very important and contributing member of the choir. We welcome anyone who just wants to sing and enjoy themselves.

Jimmie Crowder, Jr.

Youth Group

Exciting things are happening in Youth Group! YG Members were given a packet of information at the Family Cookout held on August 30. If you were unable to attend, please see Angie Calhoun to get your packet.

Be on the lookout for a Youth Group tab on the SHUMC website! September Dates to Remember are listed below. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are on Sunday nights from 6-7pm at Youth Room.

9/6/15: No YG - Holiday Weekend

9/13/15: YG Kick Off Meeting at the Bowling Alley (6pm)

9/20/15: YG Meeting in Youth Room at SHUMC

9/27/15: Decorate the Youth Room

Angie Calhoun, Youth Co-Leader

Missions Moment

The Missions Committee met recently to distribute funds from The Upper Room Ministry-Community Service Sales. We supported many organizations and individuals through the proceeds of the sales. God has blessed this ministry through many donations of household goods, clothing, dishware, and furniture. There is an active group of 13-15 volunteers supporting our Saturday sales as well as additional work days to prepare for the sales. Many of the donations come in boxes that have to be sorted through, items cleaned, and priced. Missions financially supported: Gleaning For The World, Society of St. Andrew, (C.W. Bing) Water for the Oppressed, AGAPE Children's Center, Shelter For Displaced Women, our own Wycliffe Bible missionaries the Guthrie family, the Panama Christian Medical Mission, SHUMC Communion Fund and local family individual needs. Where appropriate, clothing and goods are freely given to those special needy families. We thank all of our church members that have provided trucks and special help moving the larger items for pickup and distribution. This ministry would not be possible without the help of our volunteers and your donations. Please feel free to join us in this important mission. A detailed report of gifts/income and expenditures is available by calling Rick Carroll or Brenda Child.

Rick Carroll, Missions Co-Chair



Sept. 1 Jimmy Walker	Sept. 11 Robert Smith	Sept. 24 Mike Clary
Sept. 1 Jennifer Gittman	Sept. 11 Ed Taylor	Sept. 24 Gavin Honeycutt
Sept. 4 Linda Blair	Sept. 12 Laura Whitlock	Sept. 24 Rebecca Winn
Sept. 4 Russ Green	Sept. 14 Martha Ware	Sept. 26 Lyn Mills
Sept. 4 Mary Hardin	Sept. 15 Tia Clary	Sept. 26 Bain Cameron
Sept. 8 Edward Wetherbee	Sept. 15 Jennifer Perrotti	Sept. 27 Norene Pritchett
Sept. 10 Cambra Graham	Sept. 17 Debbie Piercy	Sept. 27 Shirley Wetherbee
	Sept. 20 Paul Conner	Sept. 27 Harrison Harper
	Sept. 21 Debbe Creamer	Sept. 28 Tripp Sims
	Sept. 21 Jake Calhoun	Sept. 29 Greg Nash
	Sept. 22 Luke Doyle	Sept. 30 Phyllis Bowers
	Sept. 22 Nelson Allman	Sept. 30 Jane Taylor
	Sept. 23 Ryan Shipley	

If your birthday is missing, please notify the church office so we can add it to our records.

Health & Welfare Committee

MIND YOUR MEDICINES

Your doctor writes the prescription, your pharmacist dispenses the drug, now it's your turn . For your medicines to work as intended, you have to use them as directed. Now, there's more reason than ever for you to stay on top of your prescriptions. A recent study found that one-fifth of adults take medicines for one health problem that may worsen another condition. In other cases, a different prescription or over the counter drug, or even a food or beverage can change the way medicine acts in your body.

Your health care team can help you spot these types of problems, but there's a lot you as a patient can do to make sure medication helps rather than hurts you.

Communicate with your physician and pharmacist. Start by writing down all the medicines you take, prescription and over the counter. This includes supplements, vitamins, and occasional pain relievers. Keep the list in your wallet. If you can, take the bottles themselves with you to the doctor's office each time you visit there.

When you get a new prescription, understand when, how often and how much you take each time. Read labels carefully. Ask if you need to avoid certain foods or drinks. For instance, alcohol, dairy foods and grapefruit juice can interfere with some drugs. Ask specifically whether the new prescription means you should stop taking one of your other drugs or avoid certain over the counter treatments. If possible, fill all your prescriptions at the same pharmacy. This makes it easier for the pharmacist to spot medicines that should not be used together.

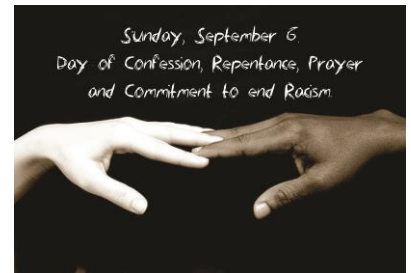
Even with no harmful interactions, managing multiple medications poses a challenge. Studies show the more prescriptions you have; the less likely you are to take them correctly. To stay organized, ask your pharmacist to put medicines in bottles with large, easy to read print. Store each drug in the original package, save any written information that comes with it. Then, develop a system for taking them at the right time; consider using a daily pillbox.

Shirley Wetherbee

Conference & District News

Bishop Cho calls on all churches to join Sept. 6 'Day to End Racism'

Bishop Young Jin Cho has issued a call for all churches and pastors of the Virginia Conference to join our brothers and sisters in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in observing **Sunday, Sept. 6**, as a “Day of Confession, Repentance, Prayer and Commitment to End Racism.” In the wake of the murders of The Emanuel Nine (the senior pastor and eight members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.), the Council of Bishops of the A.M.E. Church has asked every church, temple, synagogue, mosque and place of worship to designate Sept. 6 as a Sunday “to focus on race ... and be reminded that out of one blood, God created all of us to dwell together in unity.” [Click here](#) to read the A.M.E. Council of Bishops' statement.



Welcoming 100

Learn to be a welcoming, hospitable congregation. Identify and enlist congregants for your church's welcoming ministry. Assess what your church does well in welcoming - as well as areas for improvement. Use and participate in specific tools, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Blog. Identify what your church is known for. Upon successful completion, you will receive 1 CEU. Courses include six weeks of instruction. A facilitator will respond to your work and answer questions. Registration is only open until September 8. Seating is limited. Sign up today! <https://umctraining.org/course/218>



Farmville District Conference is Saturday, September 26, at 10:00 AM

The 145th Annual Session of the Farmville District Conference will be held at Main Street UMC in South Boston, VA.

Director of Connectional Ministries - Rev. Marc Brown will be our guest speaker

The *Discipline* characterizes the work of this office as serving as the “steward of the vision” of the annual conference, charged with aligning the total resources of the conference with its vision, and with enabling the “connections among the local, district, annual conference, and general church ministries.” A native of Virginia, he is an elder in the Virginia Conference with a bachelor’s degree from Radford University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary.

All ARE INVITED ~ See membership list below for those that should plan to attend:

Annual Conference Delegate, Lay Leader, District Steward, 3 Members At Large

Administrative Board Chairperson, Church School Superintendent, Presidents of UMW and UMM

Saturday, October 3: Mid-Size Church Training Day. Our theme is: Shift: *From Membership to Discipleship*. This is an event designed for teams of clergy and laity with an average worship attendance between 150-349 with a desire to learn and grow. Shift will occur live in Richmond and will be live-streamed to several locations around the conference. Phil Maynard will keynote this event. The cost is \$25 and .5 CEU will be offered. Group discounts are available. More information and registration can be found online: vaumc.org/mid-size-training.

October 4 is World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God’s children. United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by celebrating Holy Communion with other Christians around the world on this special Sunday. Churches are also encouraged to receive an offering to support scholarships for ethnic minority undergraduate and graduate students. Our gifts often enable first-generation students to attend college

Conference UMW annual meeting - October 23-25

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women (UMW) will celebrate the 40th anniversary of "Dimes and Dollars for Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center" (VUMAC) at VUMAC in Blackstone during the UMW annual meeting **Oct. 23-25**. The Wicker Room (beside the Dining Room) is being renovated to become the official UMW room and will be dedicated during the annual meeting.

Saturday, October 31: Small Congregation Training Day. This is an event designed for teams of clergy and laity with an average worship attendance between 1-149 with a desire to learn and grow. Rev. Dr. Lewis Parks will keynote this event focused on the practical tools needed for bringing new vitality to small churches. Belmont UMC in Richmond will host the event. It will also be live-streamed to other locations around the conference. The cost is \$25 and .5 CEU will be offered. Group discounts are available. More information and registration can be found online: vaumc.org/small-church-training.

United Methodist Men Spiritual Advance - November 6-8

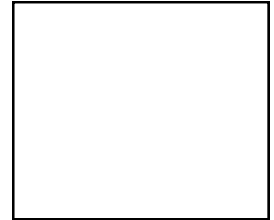
The Virginia Conference United Methodist Men 2015 Spiritual Advance will be **Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8**, at Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone. The annual event will feature the Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Brown, senior pastor of Annandale UMC (Alexandria District), who will preach a series of four messages on Men Making a Difference.

Virginia Conference Disaster Response now has Facebook page

The Virginia Conference UMC Disaster Response Facebook page is up and running. It will be used as a portal for information gathering and distributing information concerning conference disaster response efforts as well as preparedness, training opportunities and relief and recovery efforts across the Southeastern Jurisdiction and in neighboring conferences. For more information, contact the Rev. Robert M Pihlcrantz, Virginia Conference Disaster Response coordinator, at (757) 408-6653 or Vacdrt1@gmail.com.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Jimmie Crowder, Jr.	Music Director/Organist
DeAnne Irving	Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Black	Sexton

***Worship Services: Sundays at
8:45 a.m. (in the chapel) and 11:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary)
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.***

Upcoming Events

Tue., Sept. 1	10:00 AM	U.M. Women Circle at Gerry Nash's
Wed., Sept. 2	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes
Sept. 5, 12, 19	8:00 AM	Community Service Sales @ The Upper Room Ministry
Sept. 8 & 22	6:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thurs., Sept. 10	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
Sat., Sept 12	2 – 5 PM	Parsonage Open House
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	U.M. Men's Breakfast
Sun., Sept. 13	6:00 PM	U.M. Youth Fellowship Bowling
Wed., Sept. 16	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees meeting
Wed., Sept. 16	7:00 PM	Finance Committee meeting
Sun., Sept. 20	6:00 PM	Council on Ministry meeting
Sun., Sept. 20	7:00 PM	Administrative Board meeting
Sat., Sept. 26	10:00 AM	District Conference at Main Street UMC, South Boston

