



The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

January/February, 2017

The Pastor's Pen...

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Mark 1:14-15

It seems for many that 2016 could not end soon enough. On one hand, there has been an increasing amount of turmoil, loss, and unpleasantness that seemed to build as the year went on. But on the other hand, 2016 also saw significant positive changes, especially here at South Hill United Methodist Church. We have steadily inched upward several indicators of church health, increased participation in community events, and generally improved our mood. It is very exciting to be here, with you, in ministry in this place.

That being said, there is no time for resting. There are deep needs in our community. There are many hurting and lost people. There are people who may know Jesus, but not necessarily the joy that his salvation for us brings. My hope for us in 2017 is that we continue to build on our strengths, find new ones, and more intentionally share our passion for a loving God with the world.

May your New Year be full of God's joy, even when we are sad. May your New Year be full of God's blessings, even when we are struggling. May your New Year be full of God's peace, even when we are restless and anxious. This is God's world, and we are truly blessed to be part of it. Let the world around us know that by everything we do! Now is the time!

See you in the church and around town.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian Siegle

Something to Consider...

John Wesley wrote to his friend, Mr. John Trembath, "O begin! Fix some part of every day for the private exercises....Whether you like it or no, read and pray daily. It is for your life; there is no other way...." His aim was to encourage him (Mr. Trembath) in his devotional life and stress the importance of a life focused on God. I believe as a congregation this is vitally important for our ministry to each other and the community.

Please take a moment and jot down what your daily devotional life looks like and share with me via note or in person so that we might encourage each other in growth individually and corporately. Thank you in advance for sharing.

Sandra H. Kinker, Lay Leader

Stewardship Campaign...

When someone mentions stewardship in church, it is often spoken of in terms of financial giving. While that is one component of what stewardship is, there really is much more to proper stewardship of God's gifts. If we recognize that all we are and all we have are gifts from God, then our stewardship of all those gifts begins to take on a more holistic and complete meaning. Every skill, every hour, every blessing, every penny, are all gifts from the One who made the universe and all in it. This is an important understanding. This alone is sobering and life-changing. But the idea that God, in the specific person of Jesus Christ, entered the world as one of us and ultimately took our sins upon himself to free us and all of humanity, is even more radical and amazing. In response to this amazing double-blessing, we should be willing and able to give some of what we have received back to God's work so that others may also come to know this joy. The church, and more specifically the people within it, is the vehicle through which God enables that work to happen. That work cannot happen as effectively without you.

In honoring our response to God's blessings, you should be receiving a pledge card very soon. This card will contain several areas where you can pledge your resources, including time, talents, and material resources. This card will enable you to be as vague or specific as you wish in your pledge that you and God work out together. Once you have filled out and signed the card, you will seal it into an envelope that will come with the card that is addressed to you (or that you will write your address on). On February 5, we will dedicate these cards in worship. You can bring your card with you, or get it to the church office before that date. Once they are dedicated, we will store them, unopened, until later in the year. At that time, you will receive your card back with a statement from the church so that you may check up on how your pledge is progressing. Please dedicate some prayer to this campaign so that our combined faithfulness as stewards of God's creation can change the world.

From the Finance Committee...

If you are responsible for the funds of any church group, (ex. Women's groups, Men's Fellowship, choir, youth, Sunday school, communion, etc.) please contact our church secretary right away to pick up or ask her to send to you electronically the sheet to use to report the money to Rick Carroll, our church treasurer. This is required so we can report all funds through our audit committee as required by annual conference.

Jerry Reynolds, Finance Chairman

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: How to Survive a Heart Attack When Alone...

Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, that person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it to regain a normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get help and to a hospital.

Shirley Wetherbee

Sheep, Christmas and New Year's Greetings ...



Photos by Katherine Overholt

Happy New Year greetings from the students and volunteers in the SHEEP program! It is exciting to see the students improving academically. Yet, we are also very pleased with their social skills which were demonstrated during the Christmas party held on December 20.

The afternoon began with a visit to the beautifully decorated sanctuary. Rev. Siegle took time to explain the meaning of the Advent Wreath. The students beamed as they heard the meanings of many of the handmade Chrismon ornaments. Each one was breathtaking!

Then, the students escorted each guest (Rev. Siegle and volunteers) to their place at the decorated tables. Our young man even held the chair for the ladies! One student said the blessing of the food and all served plated food to each guest. Their ability to make conversation was visible as they asked the guests near them questions and continued their end of the dialogue! Another student gleefully thanked the guests for everything and the third student ended the festivities with a prayer. Once the guests departed, the students assisted in cleaning up which is always necessary when having a party.

So you know, each child excitedly received a hand-picked angel ornament from the approved grant! I marked the bottom of each angel so they will always remember SHUMC. They also appreciated all of the "unexpected" gifts.

And so, the new year begins...

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Merrel

YOUTH CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE...



Along with regular meetings, our youth have planned several special events in the near future. For example, on February 5th, our youth will be collecting money during their "Souper Bowl for Caring" event. This event will include both the 8:45 and 11:00 am services. That night, the youth are planning to enjoy fellowship and fun while watching the Super Bowl game at the parsonage. For all those who enjoy spaghetti, the youth are sponsoring a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 11th from 5-7 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$7 per person for a dinner of salad, spaghetti, bread and dessert. While we encourage advance ticket purchase, walk-ins are welcome, as well. This meal is an eat-in or take-out event, so you can do whichever suits your schedule better. The proceeds of this event will be split between the SHUMC Youth Group and Anna Siegle's trip to Thailand. For tickets or more information, please contact Jeremy Lambert (434-774-8582 or jlambert7950@gmail.com) or Anna Siegle (804-854-3723 or agsiegle@gmail.com). Finally, at the end of the month, after all their hard work, the youth have the opportunity to participate in a time of fellowship during their youth retreat. Thank you to all of you who help support our wonderful youth!

New Medical Services Building in South Hill...

I'm happy to report that the fund drive to build the new medical services building has raised over 95% of their goal. If anyone would like to purchase a brick in memory or in honor of someone, please contact me at 434-774-4078 for additional information. South Hill's new VCU-CMH facility and the new medical services building will be one of the finest facilities in Virginia.

Mickey Moore

Upper Room Ministries/Missions - 2016 Update...

Thanks to all the volunteers we had another very successful year sharing our ministry with the community and supporting numerous missions' projects. All this would not be possible without the many volunteers that give of their time during the week and our Saturday sales.

We started the year hosting a STOP HUNGER NOW event in February. This event brought out many volunteers from the community and our church. We packaged meals for 10,000 families in Haiti. The \$3000 cost of the event was paid for by Upper Room Sales.

Locally, we supported our public schools with Christmas boxes for 27 families. Working with Kathy Reese, families in need were identified and received boxes of clothing and gifts for the children.

Missionaries and Missions we supported in 2016:

- Jacques Akasa Umembudi- Africa pilot missionary (church budget \$2500)
- The Guthries (Megan Walker) with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Annie Judd with YUGO Ministries
- C.W. & Leslie Bing with Water For The Oppressed-Africa Water wells and ministry
- Steve & Susie Carroll with Volunteers For Christ- Handicap ramps for surrounding counties
- Lee Siegle-Mission project to Uganda
- Vessels of Mercy-shipping of goods and small clothing to Haiti
- Farmville District UMC-Evergreen project-restoration/rebuild of homes
- MARC-In support of residential homes in our surrounding counties
- Africa University-Basic Essentials (Toothpaste fund)
- UMC Virginia Conference Disaster Relief-floods and tornados
- The South Hill Bread Box- emergency food for county residents

We made several donations to our church's Communion Fund in support of those that need emergency funds for utilities. We also supported our United Methodist Women with their annual layette kit project. Internationally and within the US, we provided financial support for established Christian organizations such as Gleaning for the World, Samaritan's Purse, Society of St. Andrew, The Panama Medical Mission School and Operation Smile.

Thanks to the Children's Sunday offerings the children made their annual child sponsorships to two students at the COPA orphanages in the Dominican Republic and one child at the AGAPE Center on Eastern shore (total \$1440). Upper Room provided supplemental funds.

The Upper Room Ministries provided support to families burned out of their homes and those that could not afford clothing, furniture, and appliances. This is done at no charge to the families.

The Missions Committee through the Upper Room Sales and personal donations distributed over \$40,000 to the above projects. For this we are thankful to all our volunteers and the community for supporting our ministry. We encourage your support and would love to have new volunteers. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BELSSINGS FLOW. A detailed report of all UR sales, donations, and expenses can be provided by the church office or church treasurer.

Rick Carroll

Did You Know ...

There is a **whole lot of praying going on** at South Hill United Methodist Church? The **Seekers in Prayer** group is praying for us and has been praying for a very, very long time? These intentional praying partners for our church grew out of a series of cottage prayer groups established before a planned revival. After the revival they didn't want to stop joining together to pray for our church (that's us) and for our pastor and others. So, they continued to meet for prayer every other week at the parsonage. This evolved into a weekly prayer team that met in different people's homes. Eventually, they became known as the **Seekers in Prayer** group (people seeking God in prayer) that now meets in the living room at Jean Holmes' house (707 N. Brunswick Ave.) every **Tuesday night starting at 7:00 pm**. The number of people varies according to the calling of the Holy Spirit. They have had over twenty people ... this required that some of the people had to sit on the stairs going up to the second floor (they could still see into the living room from there). Now there are about eight regulars who gather to pray for us (the church), our pastor, and specific people and situations for which they have received requests for their prayers. Everyone seeking God is welcome to join us ... no need to call ahead ... just show up and pray with us.

What happens at the Seekers in Prayer meeting?

The group assembles in Jean's living room every Tuesday evening and acknowledges God first, then we share updates on people and situations that we have been praying for, next there is a brief message from the Gospel, this is followed by our time of deep prayer. Of course, we enjoy the fellowship of each other too! The evening is a simple but profound encounter with our God! Shalom ... God's peace follows us home and we are blessed!

Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."* John 6:35

How do you request prayers for people and situations on your heart?

- 1) Lift them up in prayer during worship ... these will NOT be added to the written prayer list printed in the bulletin.
- 2) Fill out the yellow "**Prayer Concerns**" pamphlet in the pew pockets and place in the offering plate (or take to the church office) to request prayers. There are 3 options. Choose one or more of the following:
 - prayers from the pastor only,
 - that the named person be added to the printed bulletin prayer list for 3 weeks,
 - that the person's name be shared with the Seekers in Prayer group.
- 3) Start our **Prayer Chain** by calling the church office, the pastor, or one of the Prayer Chain leaders. Regardless of who you contact (office, pastor, prayer chain) you only need to call one ... they will contact the others for you.

Did you know that we have two different prayer chains available for emergency, urgent and/or all other prayer needs?

- 1) Chain one: these people are called by phone and relay the request personally to the next person on the chain so they may begin praying immediately. Each member will call others on the list until they get a real person (not a voice mail) so there is no delay in praying and no "broken chain" when someone is away on vacation, etc. This chain is headed up by **Shirley Wetherbee**. (447-8494)
- 2) Chain two: are the people who may not always be available to answer their phone immediately (at work or other situations) and they are sent a text message and will begin praying as soon as they are able. This chain is headed up by **Nancy Merrel**. (774-7885)

Although the **Seekers in Prayer** and the church **Prayer Chain** are separate sources of prayer, there is a lot of overlap. Many of the Seekers in Prayer are also part of the Prayer Chain ... **you can never pray too much!**

Susie Brack

Opportunities for Growth and Service...

1 - Registration is now open for the **Virginia Conference Lay Servant Academy**. This event will be held at Smith Mountain Lake March 31 - April 2, 2017. The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take one. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church learn more about leadership, personal faith development, and a deeper understanding of the United Methodist Church. In addition to core classes, there are creative classes in worship art and music. Courses offered will support those who are seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Lay Speakers. Visit the following link for more information. <http://www.vaumc.org/Events?cid=3&ceid=1472&cerid=0&cdt=3%2f31%2f2017> (This announcement was provided by Beth Christian, Director of Virginia Conference Lay Servant Academy and Director of Congregational Resources, Staunton District, Virginia United Methodist Church.)

2 - The **Virginia Conference Disaster Recovery** ministry has ongoing operations in four work centers -- Evergreen (Farmville District), Tappahannock (Fredericksburg District), Virginia Beach (Elizabeth River District), and Waverly (James River District) -- in response to the February 2016 tornado outbreak and to flooding from Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

We have new home construction projects underway in Evergreen and Tappahannock, a major home rehabilitation in Waverly, and extensive number of repair projects (drywall, flooring, painting) in Virginia Beach.

Here are the lists of **open dates** (as of 1/6/17) in each area through April 2017:

EVERGREEN	TAPPAHANNOCK	VIRGINIA BEACH	WAVERLY
Jan. 22-24, 26-27	Jan. 22-28	Jan. 29-Feb. 2	Jan. 22-28
Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Feb. 6-11	Jan. 29-Feb. 4
Feb. 5-11	Feb. 5-11	Feb. 18	Feb. 5-11
Feb. 12-16	Feb. 12-18	Feb. 19-24	Feb. 12-18
Feb. 26-March 3	Feb. 19-25	March 2-4	Feb. 19-25
March 12-14	Feb. 26-March 4	March 5-11	Feb. 26-March 4
March 26-April 1	March 12-18	March 12-18	March 5-11
April 2-8	March 19-25	March 19-25	March 12-18
April 9-15	March 26-April 1	March 26-April 1	March 19-25
April 17-22	April 2-8	April 2-8	March 26-April 1
	April 9-15	April 9-15	April 2-8
	April 23-29		April 9-15
			April 17-22
			April 23-29

We are looking for teams willing to work from one day to as many days as possible. Housing is available in all areas in facilities with excellent kitchens. There is no per person fee to serve with us, though we encourage teams to make donations when possible.

If you have any questions or if you're ready to schedule your work team, please let me know. I'm scheduling for the summer as well. God is with us!

Forrest White

Long-term Recovery Manager and UMVIM Coordinator
The Virginia Conference of United Methodist Church
Richmond, Virginia cell: 804-938-1026

[Virginia UMVIM Facebook page](#)

3 – UMVIM Team Leader training and recertification opportunities – Forrest White has also shared the following dates for training with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. Each event is on a Saturday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

UMVIM team leader **training** events (\$35 per person):

Feb. 25, Shady Grove UMC Mechanicsville (Richmond District)

March 11, First UMC Pembroke (Roanoke District)

March 25, St. Luke's UMC Yorktown (York River District)

April 25, (Tuesday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm), Greenville UMC (Staunton District)

<http://vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=3241> (for registration and more information)

UMVIM team leader **recertification** events free (team leader handbooks will be available for \$22):

Jan. 21, Galilee UMC Sterling (4-6 pm)

March 26 (Sunday, 12:30 to 2:30 pm), St. Luke's UMC Yorktown

<http://vaumc.org/UMVIMRecertification> (for registration and more information)

4 – Commission on a Way Forward – Bishop David Yemba, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Bishop Ken Carter ask that everyone continue to pray for the members of the Commission as they work on the challenging and monumental process before them. They have each been asked to share a scripture that will guide the work of the Commission individually and corporately. What scripture are you meditating on, using to guide the examination and preparation for the new birth of Christ in your life and in the life of the United Methodist Church?

5 – A. Purnell Bailey Pre-Ministerial Program at Randolph-Macon College – Rev. Kendra Grimes of Randolph-Macon College is seeking young people who are sensing a call to ministry. The Bailey Program is a scholarship offering half-tuition during a student's freshman and sophomore years at R-MC and full-tuition during the junior and senior years. This program includes weekly meetings for vocational discernment, creating a strong, supportive peer group. During a student's tenure in the program, there are many opportunities to visit with Theology School representatives, spend time with persons in a variety of professional ministry roles, and reflect on a personal sense of call. There are two internship opportunities, one for academic credit and one with a financial stipend. Learn more at <http://www.rmc.edu/academics/pre-ministerial> or by contacting the Rev. Kendra Grimes, Director of the Bailey Scholars Program, at kendragrimes@rmc.edu or 804-752-7374. (Applications now being accepted with a deadline of Feb. 10th)

6 – SU Youth Theology Institute now accepting applications – The Shenandoah University Youth Theology Institute (SUYTI) is a new program offered to Christian youth (rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders) as a partnership between Shenandoah University, Wesley Theological Seminary and the Virginia Conference. The Institute is designed to educate and inspire young Christians to become better leaders in their local congregations through deep and thought-provoking experiences in a two-week immersive experience. The program will be offered July 23-August 5, 2017 with slots for 30 students per year. Upon completion of the institute (and a self-determined justice project in their local faith community), students earn three undergraduate credits from Shenandoah University. For 2017 there is no cost passed on to student participants, except a \$50 registration fee and the cost of travel to and from Shenandoah University. Apply at <https://www.su.edu/campus-life/spiritual-life/institute-for-church-professions/youth-theology-institute/>. The 2017 session of SUYTI is now accepting nominations and applications until May 1, 2017.

7 – Mission Encounter – This is a multi-generational weekend learning event offered annually to our Virginia Conference churches (formerly known as School of Christian Mission). The event this year will be hosted in Richmond July 28th & 29th. The team is currently under construction and has a need for someone teach a small group of children. Teachers will travel to Pittsburg April 27-30 for complete training and all expenses are covered. There is an honorarium and funding for curriculum and supplies. Interested? Contact Beth Christian, Director of Congregational Resources, Staunton District: bethchristian@vaumc.org or 540-932-1055 (office) or 804-347-5999 (cell).

8 – 2017 Bible Reading Challenge – Bishop Lewis has challenged us to read the Bible in 2017. Take a look at the following link <http://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/biblechallenge> for more information and to see the scheduled January scriptures. To let the bishop know if you are participating in the Bible reading challenge click on this link [Please take a short survey](#). Let's make a "Christian resolution" by joining together in reading the Bible together this year. Choose your own translation to make this experience engaging and exciting, invite others to join you on this journey, and commit to sticking to the outlined plan at this link: <http://backtothebible.org/reading-guide/15/1>.

9 - Bishop to Host Convocation on Prayer - Bishop Lewis will host a Bishop's Convocation on Prayer on April 1, 2017 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 903 Forest Avenue, Henrico, VA 23229. The Rev. Juanita Rasmus, co-pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, will be the plenary speaker for the convocation. Workshops on a variety of topics are being offered as part of the convocation. To register or for more information go to the main webpage at www.vaumc.org, click at the top right on "conference calendar" and select the corresponding date.

THE WORDS WE SPEAK

By: Lisa E. Clary © December 2016

The words we speak can change a life;
They can bring a smile or cut like a knife.
They make you think and echo how you feel:
You can't hide the emotion and what it may reveal.
You speak from the heart, soul and mind.
You hope to say the best words you can find.
The words we speak can make one feel many things;
Overwhelming emotions from the low depths to making the heart sing.
The words we speak can bring joy or pain;
They can be soft and soothing or filled with strain.
They can bring laughter or tears;
Calm your soul and bring out fears.
The words we speak can cause harm, hurt and grief.
They can also make life better and even bring relief.
The words we speak can mean so many things:
Be careful how we speak them and the feelings they bring.
Overwhelming thoughts and ideas spin around in our heads;
Think before speaking out loud so they are not words we dread.
The words we speak carry a great deal of meaning and weight:
They can change feelings, lives and even someone's fate.
Be careful of the tongue and how you lash out;
Be sure you know facts and what you are talking about.
Think before you throw words that break spirits and cause shame;
You should consider how you use them so others treat you the same.
The words we speak can carry a great value around;
Or cut to the bone, lift you up or bring you down.
Speak kind words and give praise for a smile
The words we speak can make a difference if only for a little while.



Changes for Communion Fund Giving for 2017...

While this has not always been the case in the past, **our Communion Fund giving will now only be used to support our church's Communion Fund to provide local assistance for people needing help with their utilities.** SHUMC will continue supporting other local and denominational causes through monthly giving opportunities as listed below. As always, you may designate where you would like any offering to go by writing your instructions on the offering envelope.

Monthly Special Offering Opportunities for 2017

Please notice the cause that SHUMC is supporting in the different months throughout the year. When giving to one of these causes, please make sure it is clear where you want your money to go. The easiest way to do this is to write on the outside of an envelope your intentions and your name. You may use an envelope from the pew rack or you may use an envelope from your box of giving envelopes or even a regular mailing envelope. Just be sure that we know who is giving the money and for what cause so it will be recorded correctly and will go into the correct fund.

January – Human Relations – Used to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities in the U.S. & Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

February – Ashley Manor – A local group home for 10 intellectually deficient adult individuals. This home is owned by MARC and is operated by Southside Community Services Board to provide 24/7 assistance to the residents.

March – UMCOR – Previously known as One Great Hour of Sharing, this offering enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

April – Native American Ministries – Nurtures missions with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

May – Annual Conference – Collected at Annual Conference each year to support projects designated by the bishop.

June – Samaritan's Fund – Provides support for the residents of United Methodist Homes.

July – Peace with Justice – Enables the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

August – Heart Havens – A non-profit organization that provides residential support to adults with a developmental disability in a number of locations across Virginia.

September – Bread Box – A non-profit organization that helps supplement the food needs of those in the South Hill area.

October – World Communion Sunday – Provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic- minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

November – United Methodist Student Day – Furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

December – UMFS – 100% of the Christmas Eve Service offering goes to UMFS.

Please note these special offerings on your calendar or post the list on your refrigerator, so you will know each month which cause is being supported. Thank you for your generous support of these worthy causes.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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GRACE	PAUL	REDEEM
MOSES	LAST SUPPER	SANCTIFY
SERPENT	GALATIANS	PSALMS
DEUTERONOMY	ETERNAL LIFE	PARABLE

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Where will you be on Saturday, February 11 from 5 – 7 pm?

We hope you will be in our Fellowship Hall enjoying a wonderful Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the SHUMC Youth. Tickets are only \$7 each and more details and contact information can be found in the youth article. As noted there, the proceeds will be used to support the youth group and will be split with Anna Siegle for her trip to Thailand. We look forward to sharing the time with you.



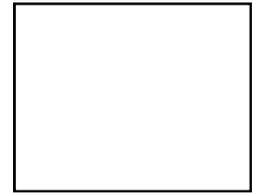
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

January 1	Lee Siegle	January 13	Clai Rudd	January 22	Doug Child
January 2	Michael Tucker	January 14	Herbert Lee Farrar	January 25	Kyle Tanner
January 2	Madison Whittemore	January 14	Ruby Spence	January 26	Kristen Hudson
January 5	Elizabeth Black	January 14	Claire Spence	January 27	Amanda Shook
January 7	Peter Hunt	January 17	Charles Moseley	January 28	Amy Lynch
January 9	Scott Jackson	January 17	Ben Taylor	January 29	Cynthia Carter
January 12	Buck Calhoun	January 17	Billy Kinker	January 29	Steven Furr
January 12	Brian Gittman	January 19	Garnet Queen	January 29	Henry Ponton
January 12	Carrie Wilson	January 19	Kathy Sims	January 29	Charles Spears
January 13	Doug Carroll	January 20	Philip Ware		
February 1	Steven Doyle	February 13	Hunter Barbour		
February 1	Lisa Graham	February 15	Rafferty Lee		
February 1	Rodney Niblett	February 16	Kathy Reese		
February 2	Claire Lucy	February 16	Kari Tuck		
February 2	Gallion Taylor	February 18	Judy Shepherd		
February 3	Cheyenne Facchina	February 18	Jessie Snead		
February 6	Jane Binford	February 22	Amelia Callis		
February 8	Sally Adams	February 23	Amber Moore		
February 8	Brenda Child	February 25	Bill Johnson		
February 9	Adam Dugger	February 25	Elizabeth Taylor		
February 9	Katie Hayes	February 27	Michael Creamer		
February 9	Marion Thompson	February 27	Donna Glasgow		
February 10	Lisa Gwaltney	February 27	Donna Glasgow		
February 10	Barbara Hudson	February 28	Jerry Reynolds		

If your birthday is missing, please notify the church office so we may update our records.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 1/24 | Bible Study 10 am
Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm
Seekers in Prayer 7:00 pm
Synago 7:30 pm | Wednesday 2/1 | Al-Anon 8:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday 1/25 | Evangelism Committee 5:15 pm
Bible Study 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
Narcotics Anonymous 6:30 pm
Al-Anon 8:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm | Thursday 2/2 | Young Adult Small Group |
| Thursday 1/26 | Young Adult Small Group 7:00 pm | Saturday 2/4 | Community Service Sale |
| Friday 1/27 | Friday Sobriety Group 7:00 pm | Sunday 2/5 | Youth Super Bowl Party |
| Sunday 1/29 | Worship 8:45 am (Chapel)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
Youth Group 6:00 pm | Thursday 2/9 | South Hill Music Club 7:30pm |
| Tuesday 1/31 | Bible Study 10:00 am
Seekers in Prayer 7:00 pm
Synago 7:30 pm | Saturday 2/11 | Community Service Sale
Valentine's Spaghetti Supper
Sponsored by the Youth |
| Wednesday 2/1 | Bible Study 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
Narcotics Anonymous 6:30 pm | Sunday 2/19 | UM Men's Breakfast 8:00 am |
| | | Friday 2/24 | Youth Retreat Weekend |
| | | Wednesday 3/1 | Ash Wednesday
Lenten Worship 12:00 pm
(at Good Shepherd Catholic) |
| | | Wednesday 3/8 | Lenten Worship 12 pm
(at South Hill Presbyterian) |
| | | Friday 3/10 | Youth DNOW weekend |
| | | Wednesday 3/15 | Lenten Worship 12 pm
(at Trinity Episcopal) |
| | | Saturday 3/18 | 5-Talent Academy 9 - 3
"Defying Gravity"
see: vaumc.org/5talent |



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