



The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

September 2018



The Pastor's Pen...

Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? The one who brings out their attendants one by one, summoning each of them by name. Because of God's great strength and mighty power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord my God ignores my predicament"? 28 Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, 29 giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. 30 Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

Isaiah 40:26-34

WEARY

I have to admit to you. I am weary. When I look around, I see wonderful work this church does in our community. That work is increasing as we live more fully into our mission of becoming instrumental to the life of the community. I see incredible work our United Methodist Church does on a global scale doing work that no one else does as well as we do. It brings joy to my heart. Where I grow weary is in the increasing ugliness we see in the world and, unfortunately, in our church. I see division and uneasiness, which wears on my soul. We are in incredible and important times. The general church is on the verge of making some decisions that will have an effect on who we are as a denomination and mission organization in the world. The fight is wearisome and, in my opinion, wrong. We should not be battling for a superior position, like the world of petty politics does. We should be focused on Jesus and what he commands for us to do, looking outward and inviting not inward and pushing away.

The short of it is that I believe that no matter what the General Conference decides in 2019, we should not give up on our beloved church. We struggle, as all humans and human

organizations do. But the work we do in this place and in this time is just beginning to gather momentum, and is bigger than any single issue. Why do you think that, in the moment of the church shifting to more effective ministry and outreach and evangelism, the very structure and nature of the church is threatened? I believe that it is not God doing this, but the myriad and deceptive forces of evil. What better way to make God more irrelevant in the lives of the people than to cause division and malice in the church that I believe does God's work of changing lives faithfully? Do not let pride or fear keep us from our work together. (Continued on page 2)



Did you know? Our 11:00 am worship service is video recorded and put online. While not replacing being here, if you can't, you can still worship with us! Go to our website (www.southhillumc.org) and click on "recordings".

(WEARY continued from page 1) We have work to do, and we need to move forward with that work. Continue to support what we do here, in this place. We have facility upgrades we really do need. We have transportation needs for our church, especially our youth. We have volunteer opportunities with SHEEP and The Upper Room to make a difference in children's and families' lives. These needs will enhance the ministry we do and enable us to continue blessing the South Hill community, as we have done for over 225 years with almost 100 of it on this very corner. These missions and upgrades and ministries require our time and our resources to happen. Now is exactly the wrong time to back away in fear and waiting. Do not let the Devil win this battle. Let's show the world that we trust in God over all else and make our witness known in our actions.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian

**Special Session of
General Conference
February 23-26, 2019
St. Louis, Missouri**



United Methodist Men Selling Stew

Mark your calendars because Stew Master, Rodney Elmore along with South Hill United Methodist Men are cooking a Brunswick Stew on Saturday, October 6th. The stew will be available for pick up between 10am until 12 noon at the Golden Leaf Warehouse in South Hill. The price is \$7.00 per quart. Tickets are available from Glenn Barbour, our stew chairman. We appreciate your support.

Donation of Chapel Furniture at VCU/CMH Hospital



The chapel at VCU/CMH recently received new furniture for the chapel thanks to generous donations from South Hill UMC including UM Men, Missions, Memorial Fund, and general fund with help from the hospital auxiliary.



September Special Offering Bread Box



The Bread Box is a non-profit organization that helps supplement the food needs of those in the South Hill Area. Give as you feel led.



South Hill United Methodist Youth

The 2018-2019 Youth Year has officially begun! They enjoyed a kickoff event on August 19th. The Middle School Youth will meet on Sunday nights from 5 – 6 pm and High School Youth will meet from 6-7 pm. If you have questions, please contact Angie Calhoun at angzcal@gmail.com or 804.339.7166.

Important Youth Dates:

- 11/16 – Set Up Holiday Bazaar
- 11/18 – Bake Sale
- Clean Up Holiday Bazaar
- 12/02 – South Hill Parade
- 12/31 – Light the Night
- 2/22-24 – Fusion Retreat
- 3/22-24 – DNOW
- 5/05 – Youth Sunday



REFUEL

Come join us for a weekend of fun as we refresh ourselves and REFUEL our relationships with Jesus.

LIGHT THE NIGHT Ministries presents its first annual weekend retreat for our youth. Space is limited so get your registration in quickly to secure your spot. All meals will be provided for the campers. Exciting activities are available during free time. You don't want to miss this exciting opportunity to strengthen your walk with Christ.

Registration forms can be printed and payment can be made at www.lightthenight.net.



Importance of Campus Ministry - We have a great opportunity through our Campus Ministries and UM related colleges, to have an effect on the lives of students all across Virginia. By helping your students take that first step towards connection, we could not only begin to fulfill the Great Commission on college campuses everywhere, but also help to bring the next generation of leaders into a relationship with the living God. Use the link below to fill out information for all those students you have currently in or about to go to college so we can help get them connected! <https://www.vaumc.org/collegeinfo> **OR** email the church office with college student information.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

SHAKE THE SALT HABIT: Boost the Flavor

The average American consumes over 4,000 milligrams of sodium daily. That's double the 2,300 milligrams that health experts recommend. People eating less sodium with high blood pressure may even need less. Cutting back on sodium, including salt used in cooking and sodium in the foods you buy, doesn't mean your food will be bland. There are many herbs, spices and other add-ins that can play up the natural flavors of your favorite foods, and your taste buds won't be the only winners.



Spice it up!

Flavor maker

Dried basil
Dried rosemary
Dried thyme
Crushed red pepper flakes
Cinnamon
Cumin
Citrus juices or zest
Garlic
Ginger

Try it with

Chicken, vegetables or pasta
Roasted meats or potatoes
Fish fillets
Rubs, sauces and stews
Cooked fruit dishes
Chicken, ground meat, curries and stews
Salad dressings, green salads, fish or chicken
Soups, stews, vegetables, meats, poultry, and seafood
Asian dishes, soups, salads, vegetables and meats

Remember, sodium doesn't only come from the salt shaker. When choosing packaged foods, look for items labeled:

- No sodium
- Reduced sodium
- No salt added

- Shirley Wetherbee



United Methodist Women Planning Potato Luncheon

Plan now to attend the UMW's Potato Luncheon on Sunday, October 14th in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am service. The proceeds will benefit the Society of Saint Andrew. The cost is \$4 and tickets are available from any UM Women members. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Budget for 2018:	\$231,797
GF Offering received thru Aug. 26, 2018:	\$113,362.97
YTD Percent Budget Received 2018:	49%
YTD Percent Budget Received 2017:	61%
YTD Avg Attendance Combined Worship 2018:	104
YTD Avg Sunday school Attendance 2018:	54

Opportunities for Growth and Service...

Mark your calendars and join us this fall for our next 5 Talent event. We have changed the structure this year and will have 4 speakers! It will be a great event, focusing on worship! South Hill UMC is a satellite location and it will be held on Tuesday, October 30th 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Early Bird registration of \$30 per person ends September 26th. Please contact the church office to save on the group rate.



REGISTER NOW:
www.vaumc.org/5talent

INFLUENCE 2018: WORSHIP
OCTOBER 30TH, 2018

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer set for September 15 - Both laity and clergy are invited to attend the Bishop's Convocation on Prayer on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The event will be held at Reveille UMC, 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221. The registration cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Deadline to register is September 8. Contact Marc Brown for questions at MarcBrown@vaumc.org.

Dental Health: Why a healthy mouth is good for your body - Tuesday, September 18th at 4 pm at VCU Health CMH Education Center, 1755 N. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill, VA. Our speaker will be Natasha Grover, DDS. Dr. Grover is a graduate of VCU School of Dentistry. Please call 434-774-2550 to register. All attendees will have a chance to win door prizes.

UMM offering 'revamped' Spiritual Weekend in October - For the 40th year the Virginia Conference United Methodist Men (UMM) will host a Spiritual Weekend, this time at Baylake UMC in Virginia Beach October 26-27, 2018. Theme will be "Go! and make disciples" and featured speaker will be Bishop James Swanson from the Mississippi Conference. As part of revamping the weekend, changes include making the event open to families and spouses, bringing in nationally renowned speakers and offering special rates. For more information about United Methodist Men in the Virginia Conference, please contact Andrew Kissell, president, at 757-839-0790 or Andrew.Kissell@acem.com.



LOOKING for A Bible Study?

New Bible Study Interest: We are trying to determine interest in a second evening Bible Study. This would not compete with the Tuesday/Wednesday study led by Pastor Brian. Initially, we would offer the Discovery Series (Our Daily Bread/Day of Discovery) and plan to meet on Thursday nights. Please contact Pastor Brian at the church or Dewayne McGee at 434-210-8004 with any questions or feedback.

Lake Junaluska hosting Marriage Enrichment Retreats - Beginning this fall, Lake Junaluska will offer three-day marriage enrichment retreats. The faith-based retreats will teach couples how to forge stronger relationships through meaningful conversation. Ned Martin, an expert in marriage counseling, will lead the retreats. Learn more at www.lakejunaluska.com/marriage or call 800-222-4930.

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) - To Tangier Island, VA October 1 – 6, 2018 (Monday to Saturday) Fee: \$300.00 - Boat transportation to and from the island: Date/Time: October 3rd, 10:00 a.m. Back to Reedville by 10:30 on the 8th. Place: Fair Port Marina, 252 Polly Cove Road, Reedville, VA 22539 - Charter Boat: The "Sharon Kaye III" with Capt. Mark Haynie. Our work project is now being extended to help others on the island, therefore bring your tool box to include electrical, plumbing, and roofing repairs work. We will do as much as our talents will permit. Bring whatever you will need for such an endeavor. If you are not able to do any work, you can serve as a goodwill ambassador. Something for all. Registration deadline: September 15, 2018. For more information contact Sam NeSmith, Team Leader, nesmith9924@gmail.com, 804-323-9134, cell – 804- 337-8114.

Fade Away

By Lisa E. Clary©

When the sun goes behind the clouds the day fades away
When the moon lights up the night sky we close our eyes to pray

When the snow melts away the beauty of soft glistening white
The winter turns into a fresh rush of green and sunlight

The summer heats up and brings so much outdoor fun
It is hard to say goodbye when the season is done

The color of fall turns into yellow, orange and red
Before leaving an empty, barren tree with leaves that are dead

They blow into the wind and topple gracefully to the ground
To the movement of the rustling before they fade into no sound

The sound of music lingers when a song is played for all to hear
Until it loses its echo to fall on a deaf ear.

Words are spoken and are left to linger on one's mind
Make sure they are heard and remembered as kind

So many things are forgotten and in time fade away
We watch it happen and realize that many things are not meant to stay

The breath of life is a gift to us and not to be taken for granted
For it is in all of us the tree of life is planted

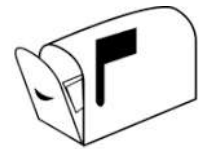
We are here to honor God until our time here is done
We are to believe in Jesus Christ as his only son.

We believe in ashes to ashes and dust to dust
Live your life to love him and give him your ultimate trust

We too shall become a memory one day
As the life we live on earth will soon fade away.



Lisa's books are still available for sale and are now available to purchase on AMAZON. You may call her at 434.447.9458 for your copy.



NOTE! ADDRESS CHANGE

Shirley Carrillo
3350 Creek Road
Keller, TX 76248

SHEEP Resumes...



Our new group of SHEEP students will begin after school tutoring on Monday, October 1st from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers to assist with this program. If you find you have a little extra time to “give back” to the community one afternoon a week, you could always assist students with completing homework, prepare snacks for the week or facilitate a recreational activity. No job is too small. For more information, contact Nancy Merrel, SHEEP director at 434-774-7885 or speak to Pastor Brian.



Office Volunteers Needed

As summer is coming to an end, volunteers are needed to assist in the church office beginning in September on Friday mornings from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm to answer the phone and take messages. Also, Patsy will be on vacation October 1st – 5th. If you would be willing to assist in this capacity, please see the sign-up sheet located in the entrance to the sanctuary from the education wing or contact Patsy in the church office.

**“A Way Forward:
a Q&A event”**



This event will focus on the work of the Commission on a Way Forward, the three proposed models, and General Conference 2019.

The event will be held on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at Reveille United Methodist Church, 4200 Cary Street Rd, Richmond, VA 23221-2526. Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, the Rev. Tom Berlin and Ms. Martha Stokes will share their thoughts as well as moderate questions on these topics. The event will be livestreamed to live sites around the conference, including South Hill UMC. More information about how you can submit your

questions and other locations of the live sites will be forthcoming.

Newsletter Update – If you would no longer like to receive a paper copy of South Hill UMC’s newsletter *The Messenger* or if you would rather receive the online version, please email the church office at office@southhillumc.org or contact Patsy in the church office at 434-447-4761.



September 1	Jennifer Gittman
September 1	Jimmy Walker
September 2	Debra Spears
September 2	Mason Whittemore
September 4	Linda Blair
September 4	Alexus Brooks
September 4	Russ Green
September 4	Mary Hardin
September 8	Leah Medlin
September 8	Edward Wetherbee
September 10	Cambra Graham
September 11	Robert Smith
September 11	Ed Taylor
September 12	Laura Whitlock
September 14	Martha Ware
September 15	Colden Carnes
September 15	Tia Clary
September 15	Jennifer Perrotti
September 17	Megan Haubenreiser
September 17	Debbie Piercy
September 17	Sidney Puckett

September 18	Bo Randolph
September 20	Paul Conner
September 21	Jake Calhoun
September 21	Debbe Creamer
September 21	George Flowers
September 22	Nelson Allman
September 22	Luke Doyle
September 23	Ryan Shipley
September 24	Mike Clary
September 24	Gavin Honeycutt
September 24	Rebecca Winn
September 26	Lyn Mills
September 27	Harrison Harper
September 27	Norene Pritchett
September 27	Shirley Wetherbee
September 28	Brandon Bailey
September 28	Dustin Crocker
September 28	Tripp Sims
September 29	Greg Nash
September 30	Phyllis Bowers
September 30	Jane Taylor

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

Sunday, 9/2	Pineview Communion Service 3 pm
Monday, 9/3	Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed
Monday, 9/10	UMW Meeting 10 am
Tuesday, 9/11	Finance Meeting 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/12	Pineview Chapel Service 10 am
Sunday 9/16	UM Men’s Breakfast 8 am Church Council 12 NOON
Monday, 9/17	October Newsletter Articles Due
Tuesday, 9/18	VCU/CMH – Dental Health program 4 pm VCU Health, CMH Education Center, 1755 N. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill
Thursday 9/20	Sunset Sounds featuring: Dirt Road Scholars at Centennial Park \$3 Admission – gates open at 6 pm
Wednesday, 9/26	“A Way Forward: a Q&A event with Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, the Rev. Tom Berlin and Ms. Martha Stokes” South Hill UMC will host a live streaming site at 7 pm
Sunday, 9/30	Fifth Sunday Luncheon
October 1 st	SHEEP Begins 3:30 pm
October 6 th	UM Men’s Stew Sale 10 am – 12 noon
October 7 th	Pineview Communion Service 3 pm
October 14 th	UMW Potato Luncheon 12 noon
October 21 st	UM Men’s Breakfast 8 am Church Committee Meetings 12 noon

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sundays: Regular Worship Services
Middle School Youth 5 - 6 pm
High School Youth 6 – 7 pm

Tuesdays: 10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Seekers in Prayer
7:30 pm Synago

Wednesdays:
6:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Narcotics Anon.
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

Thursdays
10:45 am Hundley Service

Fridays: 7:00 pm Sobriety Group

Saturdays: 8-3 Community Service
Sale at Upper Room
(1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturday)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: 6:30 pm Prayer
Shawl Meeting



Church Staff

Pastor
Rev. Brian Siegle
Music Director/Organist
Jimmie Crowder, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
Patsy Tucker