

Hilltopper

Harrisonburg District

March 2015



Prayers
Presence
Gifts
Service
Witness

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Begins March 8

Set Your Clocks *forward* 1 hour



Special points of interest:

- Youth Class News
- Parsonage Update
- Nurse's Health Corner
- Activities & Events
- Anniversaries & Birthdays
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- Lent

UMM Sunday - March 8



Is your Team in place to answer the challenge?



For more information, contact
Courtney Joyner



UMW Sunday, March 8th with guest speaker, Rev. Lynn Litchfield, Chaplin with the Virginia Conference Prison Ministry

Make plans to hear her message and a musical presentation from our Ladies Chorus.

New Hope United Methodist Youth Class

an Update by Cindy Deavers

The NHUMY meet on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m. Our time together usually runs about 1 hour and we have a good time in fellowship, devotions, prayer, and discussion.

The youth would like to thank everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl luncheon held on February 1. We raised \$611 and collected food items that were all donated to the Verona Food Pantry. This was a great way for our group to be involved in missions to our local community.



At one of our classes recently, we made butterflies to send to “Butterfly Hugs” sponsored by radio station Spirit FM in Lynchburg. The butterflies are collected and then sent to cancer patients to give them comfort and hope. The youth made some beautiful hugs and know that those who receive them will feel the love of God.

Our youth will be involved in a mission to the Island of Tangier under the leadership of John Morse. If you would like to know more about that mission, please ask our youth. The mission trip will be July 16 through July 20.



A Lock-In is planned for April 17 and we are planning to have a fundraiser for the No More Malaria Campaign.

Mission Opportunities

Valley Mission—ongoing project of cereal. Bring your boxes of any kind of cereal and leave in Wesley Sunday School Classroom. Regular deliveries are being made. Thank you !!!

Henry Fork Service Center—ongoing project of saving our Campbell Soup labels.

Mission Trips

March 2015	Haiti
July 2015	Tangier Island (youth)
Fall 2015	Tangier Island

See John Morse. More details will be forthcoming as available.

What's Happening at the Parsonage?

by Bruce Rogers

In August of 2013, the Trustees decided the parsonage needed some updating and established a Parsonage Renovation Committee to look into this effort. The committee included Larry Hinebaugh (Chairman), Teresa Barr, Phyllis Fretwell and Bruce Rogers. It developed a list of proposed changes to be made at the parsonage. Using this list, three contractors were contacted and asked to tour the parsonage, evaluate the proposed changes, prepare and submit bids on how they would make these changes and the cost to complete them. The committee prepared a comparison sheet of the three contractor bids and presented it to the Trustees for evaluation. After careful discussion and deliberation, the Trustees selected the proposal from Breeding Construction. They presented their recommendation to the Administrative Council and received the approval to proceed with the parsonage changes using a budget of \$50,000. Breeding Construction (Mike Breeding) was announced as the project contractor in March 2014.

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Lectionary Readings

3/1

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752)
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

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Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

3/15

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

3/22

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

3/29

Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS March 2015

Acolyte

3-1 Clara Breeding
3-8 UMW Sunday
3-15 Kaylee McLaren
3-22 Taylor Meier
3-29 Cindy Deavers

Children's Message

3-1 Helen Morse
3-8 UMW Sunday
3-15 Cheryl Bennett
3-22 Cindy Deavers
3-29 Robin Craun

Ushers

3-1 Jake Botkin & Lewis Whitmer
3-8 UMW Sunday
2-15 Henry Breeding & Charlie Bill Fretwell
3-22 John Morse & Darryl Deavers
3-29 Andy Breeding & Kevin Armstrong

Nursery

3-1 Morgan Craun & Martha Fretwell
3-8 Robin Craun & Sylvia Herman
3-15 Tonya Meier & Taylor Meier
3-22
3-29

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With the preliminary work for the project completed, Kevin Armstrong and the Finance Committee began the critical task of funding for this important project. They decided to secure a credit line from the Dupont Community Credit Union (DCCU) and simultaneously begin a campaign to raise money through donations from the congregation. These proposals were presented to the Administrative Council and approved in February 2014. The Finance Committee worked with DCCU to secure the line of credit. Kevin spoke to the congregation announcing the fund drive and a funding thermometer was set up in the Narthex to track the success of this effort.

At the end of June 2014, Pastor Doug moved out of the parsonage and it was empty for the first time in many years. Teresa Barr and an outstanding group of volunteers began the process of removing wallpaper from most of the parsonage rooms. A long, tedious and dirty process, they continued until the many layers of wallpaper were removed. In some cases, the walls had to be covered with a thin layer of plaster to make them smooth but the end result was a very different look in these rooms. All of this work was done over a period of several months. In September, another group of volunteers demolished the interiors of the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms removing all the fixtures, tile, walls, floors, ceilings and everything but the wall supports. The removal filled two dump trailers of trash and debris. This too was a dirty process, but it enabled us to transform these rooms into a very different space.



In September, Mike Breeding began working in the parsonage. He started in the upstairs bathroom by removing an old chimney from above the roof down to the second floor and increasing the floor space for the bathroom. This floor space was further increased by moving a wall between the bathroom and the adjoining bedroom out 20 inches. With these two changes, the floor space for the upstairs bathroom was doubled in size. Plumbing and electrical work for both of the

bathrooms and the laundry area was completed before the drywall could be installed. After this was all completed, Mike installed the new cabinets, sinks and other fixtures in the bathrooms. The bathrooms have now been painted and look outstanding.

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He has installed a french door between the dining room and den; in the kitchen he installed a new counter top and under the counter lighting; he has also repaired the hardwood floors to prepare them for refinishing.

If you have not been in the parsonage and seen many of the things mentioned above, I encourage you to do so during one of the "open houses" being conducted during this project.



Where do we go from here?

The Parsonage Renovation Committee has selected new appliances, kitchen counter tops, paint colors for the rooms and light fixtures. Mike continues his work to finish some electrical work, complete repairs to the hardwood floors and manage the process to refinish the floors, steps and handrail. We have made tremendous progress on a major project, but we are not finished.

What can you do?

We need volunteers to paint the rooms. John Morse has done an outstanding job painting the ceilings and trim and priming the walls in all the rooms. We need people to paint the walls. If you can help with this, contact Owen Harner or Bruce Rogers and let them know you can help. They will work you into the schedule.

Contribute to pay for this worthwhile project. As of February 15, 2015 members of the congregation have donated over \$20,700 toward the cost of renovating the parsonage. If you have already contributed, thank you. If you can give more or you have not yet given, we still need funds to complete the renovations and pay off the balance of the credit line. There are envelopes in the pews and the Narthex designated for this project or you can give a check to the church and mark it for the Parsonage Renovation. Every little bit will help toward completing the goal of improving our parsonage and paying off the cost.

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Below is a list of volunteers who have given of their time and energies to work on this project. If we missed anyone, please let me know.

Kevin Armstrong	Pat Ewers	Bruce Rogers
Sam Arnold	Dolly Harner	Doug Snider
Teresa Barr	Owen Harner	Sue Snider
Alex Bergman	Larry Hinebaugh	Al Tuten
Jake Botkin	Nadine Hinebaugh	Lynn Tuten
Susan Coffman	Kim Maugans	Alice Ward
Bob Critzer	Helen Morse	Linda Wheatley
Shelvie Critzer	John Morse	Karen Whitmer
Darryl Deavers	Rob Riner	Lewis Whitmer

If you have any questions or want additional information, you can contact me, Owen Harner or any member of the Parsonage Renovation Committee.

Working together to accomplish God's work. Bruce Rogers

DONATION FOR PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Name: _____ **Amount:** _____

Address: _____

Mail to: New Hope United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, New Hope, VA 24469

Web Page

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Nurse's Health Corner: Advanced Directives

All hospitals are required to tell patients their rights under state specific laws to make decisions about their medical care at the time they are admitted to the hospital as inpatient, according to the Patient Self-Determination Act passed by Congress in 1990. These rights include the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to make advanced directives. Making decisions about end of life treatment and wishes, which can come at any age as a result of chronic disease, an accident or unexpected illness, can be very stressful and confusing.

An Advanced Directive, also called a living will, is a legal document made by you in which you state your choices about medical treatment or name someone to make decisions about your medical care if you become unable to make these decisions for yourself. Three basic parts of an advanced directive, which you may include, are appointing an agent, life prolonging treatment or procedures and making an anatomical gift following your death.

You may appoint an agent (also known as a health care proxy) to make health care decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself. You can include instruction about specific treatment you want to accept or refuse. Appointing an agent to make health care decisions for you is a part of an advanced directive which is optional. If you do not choose to appoint an agent, you cross through this option in the form for an advanced directive.

You can specify the kind of life prolonging medical care, if any, that you want provided, withdrawn or withheld if you become terminally ill and are unable to make your own decisions. Life prolonging treatment or procedures could keep you alive when your own body can no longer do that work and there is no reasonable hope that you will recover. Using them would take longer for you to die, but not make you better. Your "Living Will" tells your physician to provide, withdraw or withhold these treatment or procedure when you have a terminal condition. Life prolonging measures do not include pain medication or other care that gives you comfort. These would be provided to you.

You may also appoint someone to make an anatomical gift or organ, tissue or eye donation on your behalf following your death.

A written advanced directive must be signed, dated and witnessed. You should share a copy with your family as well as your physician, so copies can be placed in your doctor's office and hospital electronic medical record. An advanced directive can be revoked at any time by rewriting, physical cancellation or destruction of the form by you, or someone in your presence and at your direction, or by oral expression of your intent to revoke. This is effective when communicated to your attending physician.

If a person does not have an advanced directive and they are unable to make an informed decision about medical treatment, the physician may continue to provide, withhold or withdraw treatment if he talks with one or more persons in this order: a court appointed guardian, spouse (except where a divorce action has been filed, but not final) adult children, a parent, an adult brother or sister, nearest relative, or adult that has exhibited special care and concern for the patient – per hospital review.

Augusta Health has *Preparing an Advanced Directive Information and Forms* packets available. Information provided by Dana H. Breeding, RN Health Educator from Community Outreach, at Augusta Health. To contact her related to the above information, please call 332-4988 or 932-4988.

Lay Servant Ministries Could Use You

This month several will be attending the Lay Servant Academy held at Blackstone annually, where a full schedule of weekend courses will be offered ranging from Visitation, Evangelism, Prayer. Additional training is offered twice annually by the Harrisonburg District and online as well.

What is a Lay Servant?

From the website of the Virginia Conference:

A United Methodist Lay Servant is a member of a local church or charge who:

- Is an active supportive member of The United Methodist Church;
- Is ready and eager to serve the Church;
- Is well informed on and committed to the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church;
- Has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communications, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries;
- Is committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication; and
- Is willing to improve his or her skills for service.



If we believe the scriptures, then we can acknowledge that we all have gifts and graces to be shared with others.

For more information, contact any of the Lay Servants at our church (Kim Maugans, Helen and John Morse, LeVerne Herring, Al Tuten)

Bishop's Prayer Convocation - Register Now

Each year Bishop Cho holds a prayer convocation to promote the practice of prayer. Since becoming Bishop, he has been a passionate advocate of spiritual renewal in the lives of Virginia Methodist churches and its members.



This year's prayer convocation will be held :

Saturday, March 21, 2015 Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave. Richmond, VA 23229

The Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of Missional Church Initiatives in the West Ohio Conference UMC, will be the plenary speaker. There will also be small group learning opportunities in the areas of prayer and Wesleyan spiritual disciplines.

You can learn more and register online at :

<http://vaumc.org/Events?cid=3&ceid=1232&cerid=0&cdt=3/21/2015>

Or you can contact Wanda Harding or Al Tuten.

Anniversaries & Birthdays for March

March -

1-Chloe Breeding	16-Chelsea Steele
2-Derek Deavers	16- Landon Powell
3-Lynn & David Dively	17-Amanda Barr
5-Christy Riner Powell	17-Erica Miller
5-Chris Bosserman	17-Ricky Morris
5-John Michael DeJong	18- Blake Fretwell
8-Tina Bosserman	18-Shane McCray
8-John Morse	18-Ethen Herman
8-Steve Meier	19-Randy Craig
10-Janice Bell	19-Kevin Armstrong
10-Peggy Caricofe	22-Lucy Black
11-Emerson Gunsalus	22-Nicolas Bergman
12-Fred Arndt	24-Dolly Harner
12-Emily Critzer	25-Helen Morse
12-Katelyn & Lily McLaughlin	26-Roxann Canipe
13-Tanya Keys	26-Roger Layman
13-Mary Ann Marks	27-Doug Gunsalus
13-Sandra Puffenberger	28-Joshua Corbin
13-Vanessa & Berkeley Harner	28-Gail Armstrong
15-Nora & Charles Darrah	29-Glenwood Fretwell
	29-Tyler Fretwell
	29-Josh Massie
	30-Michelle Booth



If we have any incorrect information or are missing information, please leave updates in mailbox in church library for Hilltopper or email

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS— March

3/1	6:00 pm	Transition Committee meeting
3/2	9:00 am	Verona Food Pantry Volunteers
2/2	7:00 pm	Mabry/Shiflett Circle meeting with Linda H
3/3	1:30pm	Minnie Carr Circle/Social Hall
3/5	10am	Lenten Bible Study w Pastor
3/5	6:30pm	Finance Committee
3/9	7:00pm	COM
3/10	7pm	PPR Committee
3/12	10am	Lenten Bible Study w Pastor
3/14	8:30am	District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat
3/16	9:00 am	Verona Food Pantry Volunteers
3/17	6:30 pm	UMM (report from Haiti Mission Trip by John Morse)
3/19	10am	Lenten Bible Study w Pastor
3/21	9:30 am	Bishop's Prayer Convocation
3/26	10am	Lenten Bible Study w Pastor
3/26	6:30pm	Admin Council
3/29		PALM SUNDAY

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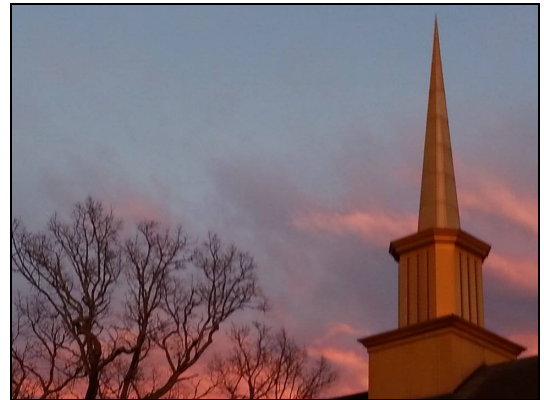


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Mission: Growing in discipleship, living our faith and reaching others

Identity: The New Hope congregation is a family of sharing and caring Christians who gather for worship and fellowship and through whom opportunities for spiritual growth are offered for all ages.

Vision: The people of New Hope will allow God to make a lasting and holy difference in us and through us as we apply ourselves to worship, prayer, study, witness and service



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