



Rev. Bertina J. H. Westley, Pastor  
Church: 725-5862-Pastor's Cell: 816-916-1839  
Pastor's Email: [bertinawestley@vaumc.org](mailto:bertinawestley@vaumc.org)  
Office Hours: Mon. Tues. and Thurs. From 9-Noon  
[www.salemumcmathews.org](http://www.salemumcmathews.org)

Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! As we enter the "holiday season", we find ourselves in a spirit of gratitude; we are thankful for all the many blessings that we have received. Throughout the months of November, December, and January, we have ample opportunities to reflect upon God's goodness and grace.

On the first Sunday in November (November 4<sup>th</sup>), we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. It is a day on which we remember all of the saints of the faith who have finished their earthly journey and now from their labors rest. During the worship service, we will read the names of our loved ones who have gone to be in God's eternal home since last All Saints Day. Then, in celebration of other saints who we have loved, we will have an opportunity to light candles of remembrance. This is one of many ways that we show gratitude for those who have gone before us and helped us to grow in our faith.

Advent begins on the first Sunday in December and includes intentional preparation and prayerful waiting for the coming of Jesus. An Advent Study will be offered as well as advent devotionals. As our calendars fill with opportunities for fellowship and celebrations with family and friends, I pray that our hearts are filled with the gratitude of the good news of God's love that has come to us in Jesus. This is a great time to invite family and friends to worship. There will be a Blue Christmas/Longest Night worship service on December 21<sup>st</sup> and two services offered on Christmas Eve (4:00 pm and 8:00 pm).

Then, as January arrives, we mark the end of the Christmas season by celebrating Epiphany Sunday on January 6, 2019. On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men and commemorate the manifestation of Jesus' divinity to the gentiles. On this day, we show gratitude that God's love and grace are extended to all people, including us.

As we enter this season of gratitude, let us reflect on what it means to be thankful and how we show our appreciation for the many blessings that we continue to receive. Throughout this season, each of us is encouraged to show appreciation to God by participating in spiritual disciplines each day: prayer, Bible reading/study, engaging in other spiritual readings, and/or journaling. With hope, we will each exit this "holiday season" with a deeper sense of gratitude and love for God and our neighbor.

Grateful to be on the journey with you,  
Pastor Bertina

## 2019 General Conference

The Council of Bishops (which is composed of all the bishops of The United Methodist Church) has called a special session of the General Conference (which has legislative powers over all matters distinctively connectional) to be held February 23 – 26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the special session of the General Conference is to act on the report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward. The three plans that will be considered at the special session of the General Conference are: The One Church Plan, the Connectional Conference Plan, and the Traditionalist Plan. For more information please go to [www.vaumc.org/GC2019](http://www.vaumc.org/GC2019).

The Virginia Conference will be sending delegates to the called special session. Please continue to keep the delegates lifted up in prayer. In order for members of the local church to have their voices heard, email addresses have been provided for the delegates to the 2019 special session of the General Conference. When contacting the delegates, please share your personal opinions and experiences. Delegates will take into consideration your thoughts and opinions however, each delegate will vote in the way in which he/she feels the Holy Spirit is leading him/her.

### Clergy:

Rev. Thomas Berlin	<a href="mailto:tberlin@florisumc.org">tberlin@florisumc.org</a>
Rev. Meredith McNabb	<a href="mailto:meredithmcnabb@vaumc.org">meredithmcnabb@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt	<a href="mailto:jdenisehoneycutt@gmail.com">jdenisehoneycutt@gmail.com</a>
Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr.	<a href="mailto:Cbrown@stlukesyorktown.org">Cbrown@stlukesyorktown.org</a>
Rev. Tammy Estep	<a href="mailto:tammyestep@vaumc.org">tammyestep@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Dr. Ted Smith	<a href="mailto:RappahannockRiverDS@vaumc.org">RappahannockRiverDS@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Ileana Rosario	<a href="mailto:ileanarosario@vaumc.org">ileanarosario@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Peter Moon	<a href="mailto:petemoon@vaumc.org">petemoon@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Dr. Kendall Soulen	<a href="mailto:kendall.soulen@emory.edu">kendall.soulen@emory.edu</a>
Rev. Mark Ogren	<a href="mailto:markogren@vaumc.org">markogren@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Dr. Rob Vaughn	<a href="mailto:drrobvaughn@gmail.com">drrobvaughn@gmail.com</a>
Rev. Seonyoung Kim (reserve)	<a href="mailto:seonyoungkim@vaumc.org">seonyoungkim@vaumc.org</a>
Rev. Bob Cooper (reserve)	<a href="mailto:bobcooper@vaumc.org">bobcooper@vaumc.org</a>

### Lay:

Ms. Martha Stokes	<a href="mailto:marthaestokes@gmail.com">marthaestokes@gmail.com</a>
Mr. Warren Harper	<a href="mailto:wrscharper@gmail.com">wrscharper@gmail.com</a>
Ms. Shirley Cauffman	<a href="mailto:shirley.cauffman@comcast.net">shirley.cauffman@comcast.net</a>
Mrs. Nathaniel Bishop	<a href="mailto:nlbishop@jchs.edu">nlbishop@jchs.edu</a>
Ms. Virginia Greer	<a href="mailto:vgreer10@su.edu">vgreer10@su.edu</a>
Ms. Darlene Amon	<a href="mailto:dvamon@aol.com">dvamon@aol.com</a>
Ms. Joyce Winston	<a href="mailto:buckrowbeach@gmail.com">buckrowbeach@gmail.com</a>
Mr. Gene Mims	<a href="mailto:gene.mims@comcast.net">gene.mims@comcast.net</a>
Ms. Beth Christian	<a href="mailto:bethchristian@vaumc.org">bethchristian@vaumc.org</a>
Ms. Alison Malloy	<a href="mailto:alisonmalloy@gmail.com">alisonmalloy@gmail.com</a>
Mr. Marshall Bailey	<a href="mailto:marshall@baileyva.com">marshall@baileyva.com</a>
Mr. Lawrence Burian (reserve)	<a href="mailto:llburian360@gmail.com">llburian360@gmail.com</a>
Mr. Jacob Paysour (reserve)	<a href="mailto:jpaysour@gmail.com">jpaysour@gmail.com</a>



On November 17th. United Methodist Women will meet for our annual Thanksgiving prayer breakfast at the home of Christy Brown at 8 am. Danna Ingram will present our World Thank program. Members are asked to bring their World Thank Offering. After the meeting we will have a brief planning session for next year.

On Wednesday, December 12th UMW will host a baby shower for Jesus in the church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. We invite the women of the church to come and join us for a brief devotion and refreshments. We are asking for diapers and baby wipes which will be taken to Social Service to be distributed. The need for these items is great and remember that Jesus told us that "when we have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me."

On Saturday, December 15th we will have our Christmas Store at Riverside Convalescent Center. The residents will be able to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. The gifts will be wrapped and tagged. Refreshments will be served. We need help! We need gifts for men, women, and children as well as gift bags, tags, tissue paper and tape. We would also appreciate the help of any who would like to be blessed on a Saturday morning before Christmas. Items can be left in the Boyd Gunn Class Room by 12/9/18.

We are packing 56 Snack Packs each week and appreciate any help we can get. The need continues!



#### LILLY HOPKINS CIRCLE

In November we will meet with the UMW Thanksgiving Breakfast at Christy Brown's. Members are asked to bring their offering.

In December we will meet at 6:30 for a brief business meeting at church before the Baby Shower for Jesus.

## **BOYD GUNN CLASS NEWS.....**

The Boyd Gunn Class wishes to thank all those who helped make our Yard Sale a success It's a lot of work but the fellowship is wonderful. It was also great to have the "Kid's Fun Fest" as a part of this Fall function It is wonderful to work intergenerational.

At our last class meeting we voted to give \$200.00 to United Methodist Women to shop for the Christmas Store at Mathews Convalescent Center. We also voted to make a contribution to a family with some needs in the amount of \$100.00

Our Christmas Class meeting will be on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Glenna Hudgins.



Salem United Methodist Church will be hosting this year's Charge Conference on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The district superintendent (who is a Reserve Delegate) will be sharing information about the 2019 General Conference during Charge Conference. We will be providing refreshments after Charge Conference. If you can help with this in anyway, please contact Glenna Hudgins at 725-2514.



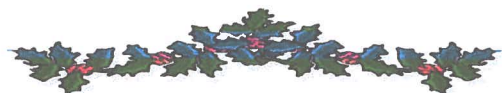
An Advent Study will begin on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. The four-week study is "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton. This study teaches us to accept and glorify God's will even when circumstance make it difficult to do so. Sign up information will be coming soon.





## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

The Agape Circle is once again collecting Samaritan's Purse OCC Christmas Shoeboxes. There will be instructions on the desk in hallway on how to pack the shoeboxes. With each shoebox, a \$9.00 donation is needed to cover shipping and other expenses. Shoeboxes can be dropped off in the Mary Jo Robins Class or see Sharon Morgan. Deadline is Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Community Outreach

Christmas Boxes for the community will be prepared on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring your goodies, soups, baked goods, etc. to the fellowship hall before Sunday School.



## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Ladies are invited to join the men for a wonderful time of fellowship.



It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.



## Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a church family. After worship we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please join us and share in the wonderful fellowship and tasty food.



The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at church. Host for the evening will be Faye Respress.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, December, 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at church for a Baby Shower for Jesus. Bring diapers (all sizes) and wipes.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at church to pack the Snack Packs.



## THURSDAY'S KITCHEN

Thursday's Kitchen will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will gather together for a time of fellowship and fun. Please bring a dish to share. The meal will be followed by a time of music and a guest speaker. Meals will begin at 6:00 pm and the music and speaker will begin at 7:00 pm. Please invite your family and friends!



## THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS Is SHINING

The star of Christmas is shining;  
 It's shining for all to see.  
 Follow it's light to the Savior;  
 Find Him, in faith bow the knee

He's no longer in a manger;  
 Nor upon a cruel tree.  
 Death could not keep Him in a  
 grave;  
 His love won eternally.

A Christmas wreath hangs from the  
 cross;  
 A bow on the manger bed.  
 An evergreen tree is now standing;  
 Below the star up ahead.

In Jesus we live forever;  
 Our sins are all washed away.  
 God gave us a gift from heaven; That  
 astounding Christmas day.

The star of Christmas is shining;  
 From pages of love and truth.  
 The greatest gift ever given;  
 Was written in blood for you.

By Susan Y. Nikitenko



## ACOLYTES SCHEDULE



### November Acolytes

04<sup>th</sup> Seth and Lincoln  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sam and Harmony  
 18<sup>th</sup> Lincoln and Michael  
 25<sup>th</sup> Melody and Ray

### December Acolytes

02<sup>nd</sup> Adam and Andrew  
 09<sup>th</sup> John Stephen and Seth  
 16<sup>th</sup> Melody and Sam  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael and Harmony  
 30<sup>th</sup> Ray and Lincoln



On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm, we will have a Blue Christmas (also known as the Longest Night) worship service. This service is an opportunity to come together expressing the griefs, losses, and challenges of our lives as we connect to the hope and faith that is ours in Christ.



### **Join us on Christmas Eve....**

4:00 pm – Children/Families Worship Service

8:00 pm - Candlelight/Communion Service

# Happy Birthday

## NOVEMBER

02 Michael Rowe  
02 Dawn Sterling  
12 Glenna Hudgins  
14 David Shuber  
20 Marsha Morgan  
21 Marshall Hudgins  
21 Richard F. Stewart  
22 Elizabeth Stewart  
23 Logan Burroughs  
23 Darlene Talbott  
25 Trimmie Richardson  
25 Laura Brandon  
26 Ruby Ingram  
26 William Morris  
28 Jonathan Dehoux

## DECEMBER

01 Robert Thomas  
01 Curtis Watkins  
02 Janet Herndon  
04 Ed Clayton  
05 Jerry Davis  
06 Greg Robins  
07 Leslie Foster  
10 Judy Emanuel  
12 Guy Thorp  
13 Ethan Hudgins  
14 Ginger Shuber  
15 Dale Mitchem  
16 Stuart Gibbs  
16 Melody Smith  
17 Garry Livermon  
19 Stephen Mantell  
21 Lindsey Stewart  
26 Sara Hogge  
26 Hugh Brooks  
26 Chase Murphy  
31 Charlyn Hudson  
31 Lois Jenkins  
31 Clem Rowe

## JANUARY

01 Steve Dixon  
01 Sharon Morgan  
04 Blake Edwards  
05 Roy Respress  
08 Thomas Foster  
09 Emma Hudgins  
12 Michael Diggs  
12 Karen Norris  
14 Natalie Davis  
15 Kimi Diggs  
18 Paul Bing  
19 Jerry Ligon  
19 Aaron West  
20 Phillip Morgan  
22 Buck Matthews  
22 John Stephen Shaw  
25 Andy Daniles  
27 Betty Edwards  
28 Deena Waddell

## PRAYER LIST

Jonnie Adams	Paul Wesley Hudgins	Ellis South
Cheryl Baranski	Ruby Ingram	Ricky Stewart
Ray Barrick	Darlene Jarvosz	Will Surber
Tate Bennett	Kelly Jenkins	Sharon Sutton
Joe Bly	Mike Jenkins	Bryon Thomas
Scotty Busic	Margaret Lenorad	Harry Ward
Talon Busic	Holly Matthews	Jennifer West
Suzanne Fisher	Caryolyn Morris	Ben Williams
Joe Forrest	Va. & Paul Owens	Donna Wilson
Gloria Godsey	Frankie Pruitt	Debbie Woodall

## NURSING HOME BOUND

Betty Durkovich  
Martha Ellen Hall  
Alice Hatcher  
Judy Mitchem  
Patty Morgan  
Mary Jo Robins  
June Rowe  
Erma Webb

# November 2018



Usher: Warren Waddell

Greeters: Boyd Gunn Class

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## October

## December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1

2

3

Communion

Choir 7 pm

Bible Study  
6:30 pm

Administrative  
Board 7 pm

Thursday's  
Kitchen  
6 pm

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Men's Prayer  
Breakfast  
7:30 am

Choir 7 pm

Bible Study  
6:30 pm

Agape Circle  
7 pm

UMW Prayer  
Breakfast  
8 am

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

Mortgage Fund  
Sunday  
Thanksgiving  
Luncheon

Choir 7 pm

Bible Study  
6:30 pm

Thanksgiving



18

19

20

21

22

23

24

Food Bank  
Sunday

Choir 7 pm

Advent Study  
6:30 pm

Charge Conf.  
at Salem 7 pm

25

26

27

28

29

30



**Greeters: Mary Jo Robins Class**

## Saturday



# January 2019

Usher: Wayne Brown

Greeters: William Davis Class



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">December</th></tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">February</th></tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>		December							S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						February							S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			Administrative Board 7 pm			
December																																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																																									
						1																																																																																																									
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																																									
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																																									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																																									
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																																									
30	31																																																																																																														
February																																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																																									
						1																																																																																																									
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																																									
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																																									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																																									
23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																																										
		1	2	3	4	5																																																																																																									
Communion	Choir 7 pm		Agape Circle 7 pm Lilly Hopkins Circle 7 pm																																																																																																												
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																																									
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am	Choir 7 pm																																																																																																														
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																																									
Mortgage Sunday	Choir 7 pm																																																																																																														
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																																									
Food Bank Sunday	Choir 7 pm																																																																																																														
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																																											

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas Word Search

G	N	E	N	A	C	Y	D	N	A	C	M
I	U	Y	P	C	C	A	R	O	L	S	B
F	D	N	W	V	F	A	C	Y	A	H	D
T	N	K	O	A	N	U	O	L	T	G	W
S	S	R	V	R	N	Y	F	L	N	I	S
S	E	T	E	R	T	I	P	O	A	E	H
Y	T	T	O	E	E	H	K	J	S	L	A
H	S	N	Y	C	D	D	P	U	Z	S	X
O	N	A	E	L	K	N	N	O	Q	M	C
L	E	U	M	M	I	I	I	C	L	R	O
I	E	S	L	T	A	M	N	E	K	E	O
D	R	K	E	F	S	N	A	G	R	J	K
A	G	N	S	L	M	I	R	F	D	V	I
Y	T	X	N	M	C	K	R	O	S	G	E
O	L	Y	I	O	L	Z	B	H	A	Z	S
E	E	R	T	G	V	S	R	H	C	Q	K

TREE  
HOLIDAY  
GIFTS  
STOCKING  
SANTA  
SLEIGH

REINDEER  
JOLLY  
CAROLS  
COOKIES  
RED  
GREEN

CHRISTMAS  
NORTH POLE  
TINSEL  
FAMILY  
ORNAMENTS  
CANDY CANE



Created by [superheroesandteacups.com](http://superheroesandteacups.com) / Graphics from [mycutegraphics.com](http://mycutegraphics.com)