

June Birthdays:

Kathy Dye (2), Meredith Rackley (4), Jake Butterworth (4), Melissa Henry (4), June Minshew (8), Glenda Barefoot (9), Carolyn Gentry (10), Halee Wadsworth (11), Diana Zavislak (11), Mae Vaughan (14), Stuart Posey (16), Sally Bedwell (19), Ben Farmer (19), Taylor Parr (21), Michael Sherrill (24), Chase Richey (25), Scott Williamson (25), Scott Martin (26)

June Anniversaries:

Nathan & Rhonda Lee (2), Danny & Sun Kim Calloway (3), Jim & Kathy Dye (8), Donnie & Diane Parr (12), Ed & Karen Daley (13), Stuart & Amber Posey (19), Dennis & Carolyn Foxworth (21), Eddy & Ann Henry (21), Larry & Angie Hildreth (23), Jeff & Shari Moosman (25), Ronnie & Viola Watson (25), Sam & Heather Dobbs (29)

Father's Day is June 19th

First News is a regular publication for members and friends of First United Methodist Church. Articles for the newsletter should be submitted to the Church Office no later than the 15th of the month before the Newsletter goes out.

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FIRST NEWS.....*Happy Father's Day*

First United Methodist Church, Hopewell, VA
June 2016

Hello First UMC,

I pray you are well! As we celebrate 100 years of service and ministry and bearing Christ's light in Hopewell, we must remember that Hopewell is celebrating 10 years too. Thank you again to Judy and the 100th Anniversary Committee for their hard work in making the Anniversary Celebration weekend so memorable!

I want to let you of another opportunity to celebrate with all the body of Christ of Hopewell on June 5, 2016 at 3 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church (505 Cedar Lane). "100 Years of Celebrating God's Faithfulness in Hopewell" - A lead into the following month's day long celebration Saturday July 2 in and around Hopewell, sponsored by the City of Hopewell.

Pastor Danny Tucker is spearheading this venture. I have been asked to be one of the readers that will share vital spiritual history in the midst of the service that will include corporate worship, prayer, and the Word shared by Pastor Rudy Dunbar of First Baptist City Point.

As we celebrate 100 years of First UMC and 100 Years of Faithfulness in Hopewell, remember that We Haven't Even Started Being Finished Yet with all God has for us to do in our world. Beginning with Hopewell and radiating out to the rest of His creation!

Shine His light, share the Hope!

Chris

June Stewardship

Ushers: Doug Patrick, Rocky Anderson, Jason Poe, Gary Hamilton and Dave Johnson

Greeters:

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

June 5 - Christy Frank

June 8 - Joyce Purr and Ben Farmer

June 19 - June Capron and Curly Moore

June 26 – Margie Dowden

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Marian Henry and Judy Karnes

Altar Flowers: All dates available

Treasurer's Report for month ending April 30, 2016:

Operating fund:

Beginning balance as of 3/31/16..... \$13,224.12

Income for April 22,297.00

Expenses for April (24,611.85)

Balance as of 4/30/16 10,909.27

Designated Funds Balance 39,268.28

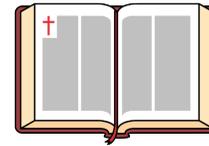
Money Market Balance 55,381.74

Love & Needy (Separate Checking Account) 500.00

HOPEWELL FOOD PANTRY

In June the Hopewell Food Pantry is requesting Canned Soup and Jello. When you do your grocery shopping please don't forget the less fortunate ones in our community. Bring your donations with you to church and place in baskets at end of main hallway of education wing.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR JUNE



You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others... Matthew 5:13

Which room has more light: The room with one window or the room with many windows? In the same way, the more rays (believers) the sun (God) has, the more God's love will shine on the world. When many come to the church to be receptive of the light of Truth (Christ) the more radiant our light becomes. Sunday school and church offer more than fellowship, comfort and music, it offers us a chance to become more illumined. Come a few minutes early and commit to focus on the lesson you're about to hear. It is God's special message to you. We are God's windows and He is counting on each of us.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

If anyone can assist Ms. Margie in the Nursery, please let her know.

804-530-2086

PICTURES FROM 100TH ANNIVERSARY



Hundreds of pictures taken before and during our 100th Anniversary weekend are now available on DVD or flash drive. If you would like either, please call the church office. DVD's will be available for \$5 each, and a flash drive will be \$10. Thank you to Dave Johnson and Dave Wade for making these wonderful pictures available for us to remember a very special time in our church.

Letters of Thanks

To our FUMC Family,
Coming home to the FUMC 100th Celebration was a wonderful experience for us. So many people contributed to the total success of this once in a lifetime event. Even after our departure over 20 years ago, FUMC and its members remain near and dear to our hearts.

Tom and Kathy Fisher

Thank you so much for all of the food and kind expressions of sympathy during the last few months, as well as remembering our family in your prayers at this time of loss. Mom really enjoyed her membership at First United Methodist in Hopewell.

The Family of Louise McNulty

We would like to thank Judy Blevins and her committee for all their planning and hard work in putting together a fun-filled memorable 100th Anniversary Celebration weekend. And a special thanks also goes to Angie Hildreth for being in charge of the Sunday reception. Well done!

Dave and Beverly Johnson



June 5th – Graduation Sunday

11:00 AM Worship Service – Graduates will be recognized.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The past several years this church family has supported local schools by donating school supplies. Each year, as the need has grown, this family has answered the call and donated supplies. Patrick Copeland Elementary School has benefited greatly from your generosity. The children we see riding through our church parking lot, those who come to the egg hunt, Cub Scouts and those who participated in Pioneer Club and Vacation Bible School are the children we have supported. These supplies are stored and used throughout the entire school year! Even though as I write this, our current school year has not yet ended, teachers are thinking ahead to next school year. We will be collecting school supplies beginning the 1st week in July! We will then hold a back to school bash in August! The church family will be able to personally hand out school supplies we have collected through the summer. Below is a list of a few items or ideas. A collection box will be located in the hall beginning in July. Thank you for your continued support of our children!

**Pencils, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons, Frisker Scissors, Glue Sticks
Bottles of School Glue, Index Cards, spiral notebooks, Composition Books
Hand wipes, Dry Erase Markers, Markers, Loose leaf notebook paper**

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Rob Colwell, our District Superintendent, is very excited to announce that UMCOR is setting up a regional location on the James River District to help rebuild homes that were damaged by the tornado in Waverly. Currently The UMC James River District is converting the Dendron UMC into a mission center that will house the teams working at sites in Waverly.

The first team began work at the Dendron UMC (2912 Rolfe Hwy, Dendron 23839) May 7th to tear down walls, remove platforms and pull up carpet. Bring your breaker bars, hammers, saws and other tools. Any level of experience is needed. If you or your church team are available to help our ongoing efforts in Waverly please notify the District Office at: jamesriverdistrict@vaumc.org or call the district office at 804-732-2538 for more information.

First Church, this is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In an effort to begin our plans to coordinate this mission, a signup sheet is posted near the prayer board. Please indicate which days of the week, Monday-Saturday, you might be able to occasionally help.

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 10TH – 14TH is Cave Quest VBS.

Help us ground kids in the rock solid foundation of God's Love.



“I BELIEVE IN AMERICA!”

Sunday, July 3rd – 3:00 PM

A patriotic musical will be presented at First Baptist Church by combined Hopewell church choirs at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 3rd!

Rehearsals have just begun at First Baptist on Wednesday nights at 7:30, and everyone is welcome to join in singing as we celebrate in song and word the 240th birthday of our great nation. Contact Judy Blevins for more information.

UMW Salad Luncheon on June 12th

United Methodist Women will host a Salad Luncheon on **June 12th** immediately following the 11:00 service. This lunch will serve as a special mission project with the proceeds going to fund to remodel the Dendron United Methodist Church Facility (which had closed last year). This facility will now be used to house the UMCOR volunteers that will arrive in Waverly to help those affected by storms last winter. Upon UMCOR's completion of the project, the facility will then be used for youth retreats and host other events. Please join us as we support this local mission.



Need a good book to kick off your summer reading? Check out our library! Several new books have arrived! Join the United Methodist Women's Reading Program!

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

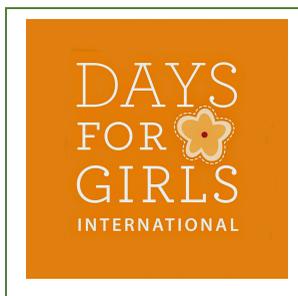
The FUMC Vitality Team invites you...encourages you...urges you...to spend an hour or two each month at activities designed to connect FUMC with the community. These outreach activities are held outside the building so that we can be more visible and welcoming to our neighbors. Please join us at one or both of the activities in June. They are:

On Sunday, **June 5th** immediately following the 11:00AM Worship Service, we will be taking a **Prayer Walk** with Pastor Chris through the community. The purpose of a Prayer Walk is to seek God's guidance, mercy, and transforming power—both for the community, and for ourselves as God's servants in the community. Wear your walking shoes to church that day so you will be comfortable walking a few blocks.



On Saturday, **June 25th** from 5-6PM, we will be having a **Hot Dog Cookout with S'mores for dessert**. We are still looking to borrow a fire pit. If you can lend us one for this event, please call Patti Williams at the church office at 458-8076 (M-F, 9AM-2PM); we'll make arrangements to pick it up and return it.

Remember - It Takes The Whole Church! Please come and mingle with your church family/friends and our neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair on **June 25th**.



Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.

Did you know that in many countries young girls miss up to 6 days of school every month because of the lack of feminine hygiene products, due to financial constraints and/or the unavailability of such products. There is an organization called Days for Girls that undertakes to supply reusable feminine

hygiene kits to girls in remote areas

The women of First UMW are going to assist this worthy cause by participating in the making of these kits. If you can help us in this endeavor by sewing, (we especially need someone with a serger), donating items for the kits, or monetary contributions (make check payable to FUMC with notation of "Days for Girls") to enable us to purchase the necessary supplies, we and the many young girls would be most appreciative. Each kit can last up to three years. If you would like to join us in this effort, please contact Dale Lipke by email at dlipke@yahoo.com, by phone at 804-840-8250 or speak to Verna Brundin. If you would like more information on this, you can go to their website at www.daysforgirls.org. Some of the items needed for the kits are as follows:

- Girls colorful panties (sizes 10 – 14)
(no white or light colors because of staining)
- A washcloth
- A new unwrapped bar of soap
- One-gallon sized Ziploc Freezer Bags

Children's Ministries

Pioneer Club: Awards ceremony will be Sunday May 22 and we will be on summer break until **September 18**.

Sunday school: Children's Sunday school will be on summer break starting June 19th. Children's back to Sunday school breakfast on September 11th. New Children's Sunday School Program starting September 18, 2016 for K – 5th Grade.

Rotation Stations

Deep Blue Rotation Stations

Deep Blue Rotation Stations Curriculum

Immerse your children in the Bible with a rotational curriculum from Cokesbury! Ideal for churches using a rotation format where children alternate between learning stations each week. Engage children in Bible stories and characters by using your volunteers' skills as artists, cooks, technicians, or fun-loving teachers!

In a rotational learning setting, the same Bible story or theme is taught for several weeks. Each week, learners rotate to a different station. The story remains the same, but children encounter it in different ways in each station. Repetition is an important part of Deep Blue!



The 7 Deep Blue Rotation Stations are:

Art	Cooking	Games
Missions	Science	Spiritual Practices
Storytelling/Drama		

We are looking to add an 8th station for Music and or praise dancing with Ms. Cindy.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be on summer break starting June 19th. Activity packets will be available.

We need volunteers for programs.



GETTING TO KNOW PATTI WILLIAMS

FUMC welcomes Patti Williams as our new administrative assistant. “Actually, I was looking for a job opportunity for my niece when I saw the position available in the classifieds. As I was convincing her what a great job it would be, she found another job more in her field. Even though I was not looking for a job myself, I liked the

hours and the opportunity to work with nice people so decided to apply myself.”

Five years ago Patti retired after a 30-year career in Purchasing (Hercules, Virginia Linen Services and American Tobacco). Her responsibilities to negotiate and buy production needs took her often to the US east coast region and all over Europe. She still loves travelling for fun overseas and taking cruises. She has been active with the United Way and the Arthritis Foundation in Richmond.

Patti has many happy childhood memories growing up in Petersburg and Dinwiddie. She and her high school sorority sisters still find time to get together often.

As a young mother, Patti attended college night classes for many years and encourages all young people to obtain a good education. Like so many people, Patti has experienced health issues and losing family members. In grief or torment Patti turns to God to find His peace and comfort. Her favorite hymn is IN THE GARDEN, *...And He walks with me and He talks with me and tells me I am His own.* “I believe you can trust God to show you the way, to turn trials into triumphs.”

Patti’s priority has always been her family. She has one son and two grandsons, ages 23 and 10. Her brother’s family lives in Chesapeake. She looks forward to spending Sundays with her mother, taking her to church in Dinwiddie and later meeting up with other family members for dinner. “Our family vacations together every year.”

Being very health conscience, she is often seen walking her very popular poodle, Lucas Davenport, around her neighborhood in Chester. In her spare time Patti enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Tommy Edwards. You can find her at and her friends at concerts, restaurants or taking cooking classes.

Patti is a cheerful optimist, a confident, contented, competent and caring person. When asked her secret to a happy life she replied, “To find happiness, you have to look within yourself, not to the material world. Do not waste time regretting the past or worrying about the future. Live every day to the fullest. Be grateful to God for His many blessings in the present moment.”

During Patti’s first week on the job at FUMC, Verna Brunden enjoyed helping Patti get acquainted with her office responsibilities. “She is personable, capable, conscientious, and thorough. Her professional demeanor, along with her friendly attitude on the phone, or with those who come into the office, make her a wonderful representative of First Church.”

Randy Rainy remembers Patti as a little girl in his Petersburg neighborhood. Many years later he knew her while they were both working at Hercules. “She soon became the buyer for three plants. She is highly motivated and has vision. Patti was our team leader when the company downsized. Patti is a friend and we could not have gotten a better fit for our church.”