

THE WITNESS

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Greetings my friends in the Name of the Lord!

When Jesus knew the time for His crucifixion was drawing near He spoke to His disciples in John 14:1-6 [Jesus said] "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." This is what I call, "the One Truth." The One Truth is, Jesus is the only way to salvation. Every other way is a lie.

This is what Jesus meant when He said in John 10:1-2 "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." "I am the good shepherd [verse 14]." For me, since Jesus is the only way to heaven, sharing the good news about Jesus becomes the focus of my ministry. This is the main thing, as some would say. Helping people know about Jesus is the main thing, for without Him there is no heaven, only judgement.

I want to help as many as I can, not find themselves in the long line, on the last day, to the way to the hot place. This is the mission of the church. I look forward to starting my third year with the Toms Brook UMC, with an emphasis on knowing and sharing the good news that Jesus is the only Savior of the world and by accepting Him as Savior, one can receive forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. This is going to be a new day in the life of our church as God does a new thing and transforms us to be more like Jesus.

Let us pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thank You for saving my soul and giving me eternal life. Help me be on fire for You so that others will see the bright light of Jesus shining and want that light for themselves. In the mighty Name of Jesus, amen."

The peace of God be with you,
Pastor Stan

Administrative Assistant Retirement

It is with mixed emotions that I officially announce the impending retirement of Brenda Kline, our beloved Administrative Assistant, effective July 21st. She is going to be enjoying the arrival of her new granddaughter. With this being said, we are actively looking for applicants to fill her position.

Tina Maddox, SPRC Chair

Administrative Assistant Job Opening

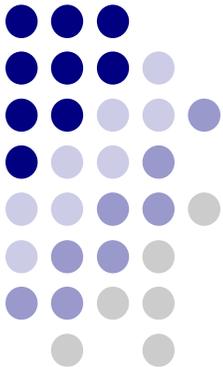
Toms Brook UMC seeks a part-time (25 hours-per-week) administrative assistant/bookkeeper to staff our office Monday – Friday.

The ideal candidate shall possess: A friendly and welcoming personality; faith in our Lord, strong organizational skills and multi-tasking skills; strong computer and Internet skills; experience with Microsoft Office Suite or equivalent; experience in database management, basic bookkeeping, financial management and payroll; excellent verbal and written communication skills; and an ability to honor and maintain confidentiality.

Starting salary is commensurate with experience.

Please send cover letter and resume to SPRC CHAIR—Tina Maddox at mjtbe4@shentel.net by July 10th.

Disclosure: All members, attendees, and family members thereof are ineligible to be employed by Toms Brook UMC effective 2017.



God's perfect timing

After serving as a missionary with her husband for 20 years, L.B. Cowman compiled the widely read devotional *Streams in the Desert*. Below are two insights from Cowman about the need for patience:

“God is never an instant too late. He may keep us from the knowledge of what he is going to do; but he always has his perfect plans successfully made. All we need to do is to put ourselves wholly in his hands, ask his guidance, follow his leadings and count confidently upon his blessings.”

When I cannot understand my Father's leading,
And it seems to be but hard and cruel fate,
Still I hear that gentle whisper ever pleading,
God is working, God is faithful, ONLY WAIT.

Let's Celebrate!!

There will be a Retirement Celebration for Brenda Kline on Sunday, July 23, 2017 immediately following the 11:00 service. The SPRC will provide the meat, and we are asking for everyone to bring a covered dish and a dessert. Please come and show your appreciation to Brenda for her 15 years of service!!! If you have any

Covered Dish

UM Men

The UM Men will meet on Tuesday, July 18 in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m.

TBUMC's Annual Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to our Annual Church Picnic! It will be held at the Woodstock Park Rotary Shelter on Sunday, July 23. The meal will begin at 5 p.m., and the shelter will be available at 4 p.m. Mark your calendar, and bring your family and come early to enjoy fellowship and park activities. All church members and friends are invited to take part in this afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. Utensils, plates, and cups will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Power of Attitudes

"Attitude is the mind's paintbrush. It can color a situation gloomy and gray, or cheerful and gay. In fact, attitudes are more important than facts."

~Marcy C. Crowley

Missions News and Updates

Enrich Program – Tuesday Mornings – July 11, 18, and 25

The Enrich Program held at Mt. Olive UMC was established to provide proper nutrition, academic mentorship, and positive social interaction for children needing these important developmental tools during their summers. Six adult volunteers from our church (3 to prepare meals, and 3 to mentor) are needed each Tuesday between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet may be found outside the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, and contact Gloria Kronk-436-8158.

Disaster Relief Team Mission Trip

A group from Toms Brook UMC will be joining Keezletown UMC in a Disaster Relief Trip to Clendenin, West Virginia on July 16-22, 2017. Our group will be hosted by Clendenin UMC, who has a person coordinating local response.

Clendenin is located north of Charleston on I-79. This area had more flood damage than White Sulphur Springs. The projects list will be confirmed later but is likely to involve roof and other house repair work.



If you would like to serve as God's hands and feet in Clendenin, please contact Ellen Kern at [540-335-9247](tel:540-335-9247), or at ellenpkern@gmail.com.

Food Collections and Outreach Reports

Lend-a-Hand Report-In May, the church had 11 calls or visits and spent \$171.78 for area outreach to 2 people/families with \$100 being sent to Valley Christian Outreach.

Compassion Cupboard -The donations for June were: 2 (14.5 oz.) cans of stewed tomatoes, 13 (14.5 oz.) cans of diced tomatoes, 7 (15 oz.) cans Ravioli, 3 bars of Ivory soap, 4 (15.25 oz.) cans of mixed fruit, 4 boxes of mac/cheese, 2 (15 oz.) cans of peas, 1 (28 oz.) bottle Pine-Sol cleaner, 7 (15 oz.) cans of green beans, 1 (32 oz.) jar of mustard, 1 (10 oz.) jar of mayonnaise, 2 (15 oz.) cans of kidney beans, 1 can (14 oz.) chicken noodle soup, 2 cans of evaporated milk, 2 loaves of bread, and 1 (24 oz.) bottle of log cabin syrup.

Bread of Life Food Pantry distributed 3,385 pounds of food in May to 63 families, which consisted of 191 individuals.

Kits for Conference-We collected 37 health and 19 school totaling 56 kits. Thank you, we completed our goal with a few to spare!

A Note of Thanks

We are grateful to have so many friends who show their love and concern for us in so many ways. A big Thank You to all of you for the visits, calls, taking both of us to appointments and me to visit John in Life Care, many cards, and food, and most of all your love and prayers! We would like to thank pastor Stan for his visits and calls.

With love,
John and Nancy Easto

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Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom
thanks to those who came before.
Those brave men who fought and died
in each and every war.
Freedom always comes at a price,
and while we celebrate
we should tip our hats to the heroes
who made our country great.



Taken from <http://www.thelivingguru.com/short-independence-day-poems-to-celebrate-fourth-of-july/>

Lay Ministry for July

Traditional Worship-8:30 a.m.

Modern Worship-11:00 a.m.

Inside Greeters:	Ed & Pam Grabenstein	Steve & Ellen Kern
Acolyte:	Chelsea Stine	_____
Ushers:	Robert Neff-HU Hal Morrison Lois Morrison Ed Grabenstein Pam Grabenstein	Paul Buckley
Visual Creation:	J.J. Funkhouser	Debbie Buckley
Run Visuals:	Brian Funkhouser	Sharon McCarthy
Sound Board :	Doug Midkiff	Pat McCarthy
Communion:	Diana Bauserman—Set-up Dr. Stan Thompson, Bobby Funkhouser—Server	Ellen Kern—Set-up Dr. Stan Thompson, Paul Wieber—Server

<u>S.S. Devotional Leaders/Pianists:</u>	July	2—Robert Funkhouser/Marcy Bauserman
Coordinator: Candy Phillips-465-5071	July	9—Debbie Buckley/Marcy Bauserman
	July	16—Jeff Delano/Marcy Bauserman
	July	23—Stan Thompson/Marcy Bauserman
	July	30—Cindy Hunter/Marcy Bauserman

Note: This list will be posted on the church bulletin board for your convenience. Please find a substitute if you are unable to be present on a Sunday when you are scheduled to serve. Devotion leaders should contact the coordinator at the number provided.



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

**“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
May they prosper who love you.
May peace be within your walls,
And prosperity within your palaces.”**

Psalm 122:6-7

Sermons & Scriptures for July

July 2	"The Calling"	Luke 5:1-11
July 9	"The Building"	Luke 7:36-50
July 16	"The Sending"	Luke 9:1-6
July 23	"The Importance of Worship"	James 4:7-8
July 30	"The Importance of Attending Class"	Luke 6:47-49

Sermon Podcast

You may now listen to Pastor Stan Thompson's sermons on our website. Just go to:

<http://www.tomsbrookumc.net/> and click on the latest media link.



Please contact the church office for any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary list.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays

	13	Patsy Montano
1	15	Mathew Terndrup
1	17	Rick Glading
2	18	Michael Painter
3	21	Nancy Painter
3	22	Thomas Currie
4	22	Brenda Adkins
5	23	Patricia W. Stine
6	24	Becky M. Stickle
7	24	Donald Stewart
8	25	Nikki Funkhouser
9	25	Ellen Prince
9	26	Candy Phillips
10	29	Kathy Church
11	29	Tina Maddox
11	29	Gerald Soltis
11	30	Gretchen Brill
13	30	Billie Racey

July Anniversaries

1	Emmett & Phyllis Umberger
2	Todd & Karen Peer
6	Mike & Patti Sheetz
8	Ben & Deanna King
15	Donald & Sharon Stewart
20	Howard & Becky McClanahan
30	Mike & Ashley Graham



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~ Sunday Worship Schedule ~

Traditional Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Life Application Classes: 9:45 a.m.
Modern Worship: 11:00 a.m.

~Monday thru Friday~

Morning Prayer Service: 7 a.m.



Olde Time Revival . . .

Sunday, July 9, from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m.

at

**Verona United Methodist Church,
406 Lee Highway, Verona, VA**

**Sponsored by the Older Adult Council of the Virginia Conference of
The United Methodist Church**

- * Dynamic Preaching * Inspiring Music * Free refreshments
- * Great Fellowship * Free-will offering

Michael Berkley, Associate Director of Music at Woodlake UMC, will lead us in a powerful time of worship, including the church's most inspiring hymns.

Our revival preacher will be Bishop Sharma Lewis, presiding Bishop of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

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