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Roanoke, VA 24019

## MARCH 2016 NEWSLINE NEWSLETTER



**March 13**  
**2:00 a.m.**

Church Staff  
Joe Klotz, Pastor  
Parsonage: 366-6872

Connie Ragland  
Choir Director

Becky Hinrichs  
Preschool Director

Emma Nutter  
Church Secretary

Charlene Fitzgerald  
Financial Associate

Cindy Cadd  
Nursery Coordinator

Forrest Otey  
Church Custodian

Ken Journell  
Family Life Center  
Custodian

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CHURCH OFFICE  
HOURS  
8:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
(540) 366-0646

Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

Sunday School  
9:45 AM

**NEWSLINE**  
We encourage all  
members to contribute  
articles. Articles are due  
the third Monday of each  
month for the following  
month's issue.

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### VIRGINIA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

The Finance and Trustees Committees are sponsoring a "Planned Giving" presentation by **Ted Soto** of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation on Sunday, March 6, 12-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be available immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Ted will begin his presentation at 1:00 p.m. There will be information about **endowments, planned giving, and socially responsible investing.**



**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 13**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR**  
**BEFORE RETIRING, SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

### COMMUNION BREAD MAKING SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The Worship Committee invites all who would like to help make communion bread for the Lenten season to meet on Sunday, March 13, immediately following the worship service in the Family Life Center. Interested parties should contact Linda Barnett, Marcella Jordan or Amy Lyon by March 8. Lunch will be provided.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
*March 20, 11:00 a.m.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
*March 24, 7:00 p.m.*

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**  
*March 25, 7:00 p.m.*

**EASTER**  
*Sunday, March 27*

**Community Sunrise Service**  
at Summerdean Church of the Brethren  
at 7:00 a.m. (pancake and sausage breakfast to follow)  
Guest speaker, Pastor Lynn Riddle of Hollins Church of the Nazarene  
**Northview's Easter Morning Worship Service**  
with Communion at 11:00 a.m.



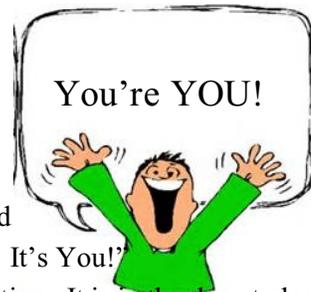
## “Desert Lessons”

*“God! My God! It’s You! I search for you! My whole being thirsts for you! My body desires you in a dry and tired land. Yes, I’ve seen you in the sanctuary. I’ve seen your power and glory. My lips praise you because your faithful love is better than life itself!”* Psalm 63:1-4

I meet regularly with the preschool classes for Bible stories, songs and prayer in the church chapel room. There is a beautiful stained glass window in the chapel which is backlit so all can see Jesus standing by a woman in prayer. Recently I began “chapel” with the light behind the stained glass window turned off. As the children entered I asked them if they could see Jesus. As a group they said, “No!” True stained glass remains “black” without light shining through the glass toward the viewer. I reminded them of the “chapel” song: *“From the inside out, there’s no doubt, I’m shining for the Lord.”*

On the count of three I turned on the light and the children exclaimed, *“I see Jesus!”*

While shopping for groceries one day I turned into an aisle and ran smack into one of the preschoolers from church. The little girl was very excited, bouncing up and down and pointing at me saying, *“You’re ... you’re .... YOU!”* It is very special to be recognized and appreciated. I imagine God loves to hear us join the Psalmist in shouting, “My God! It’s You!”



God’s people have spent a lot of time in the desert places searching for help and direction. It is in the desert places, not our comfortable, civilized communities, where we discern our great need for God’s love and grace. Our desperate need for God leads us to encounter God in meaningful ways. As we journey through **LENT** to **EASTER**, it is important to discover three “desert lessons”:

1. **Seek Satisfaction.** (Isaiah 55:1-9) *“All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Why spend money for what isn’t food and your earnings for what doesn’t satisfy?”*

God wants our bodies, our minds, and our spirits to be **satisfied**. He would not have us waste time and money on things that do not satisfy. Moses and the Israelites “wandered” from the straight path God provided to the fertile land He had promised. Let us examine our priorities, our plans, and our motivations. Are we seeking the total satisfaction which only God can provide?

2. **Face Facts.** (1Corinthians 10:1-13) *“Brothers and sisters, I want you to be sure of the fact that our ancestors were **all** under the cloud and they all went through the sea. **All** were baptized. **All** ate the same spiritual food. They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them. The rock was **Christ**.”*

How easily we can take something or someone for granted. Paul reminded the believers in Corinth of God’s abundant grace and supply offered first to the Jews and now to Gentiles and the world. How easily we can turn God’s blessings into our personal privilege. And that sense of privilege can and does lead us into complacency. Let us be sure of **where** and **for what** we stand.

3. **Practice Productivity.** (Luke 13:1-9) *“Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”*

Jesus spoke to people who were more **savage** than **civilized** in their attitudes and motivations. The unrepentant were absorbed in selfish, judgmental, and cruel living that bore little spiritual fruit of unconditional love (agape). Jesus’ parable of the barren fig tree spoke volumes of God’s expectations for His children and His patient hopefulness that His children would indeed bear the spiritual fruit of righteousness. We live in a tired, dark world filled with tragedy

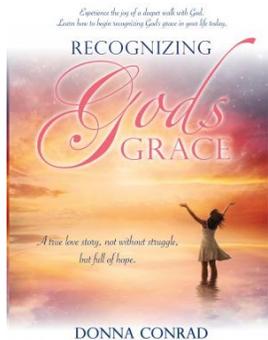
and hardship. Let us bring our sorrows and confusion to God. Let us practice productivity.

I remember camping in a remote location far from the lights of civilization. I looked up into a sky filled with deep layers of stars, clusters, and constellations that crowded out the dark with their brightness. Lent is our time to find our desert place and gaze into the heavens to see the majesty and splendor of God's great design. Let us not waste our time on that which doesn't satisfy. Let us not take for granted the blessings of God. Let us live fruitful, righteous, and engaging lives that bring light into a dark world. Let us not tarry to bring ourselves and others to God, for now is the time that God is near!

**Grace and peace in Christ Jesus our Lord,**

*Pastor Joe*

**UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN**



A big Thank You for your continued support of the UMW, especially the Bake Sale. Through your generous support in December we were able to contribute \$250 to the Henry Fork Community Center and \$250 to the Elijah's Backpack program. United Methodist Women is a

supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church. By contributing to Elijah's Backpack and Henry Fork, we are meeting our goals in supporting children and youth.

I encourage you to register and attend the Roanoke District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat at Crockett Springs UMC, Shawville, Va., on April 16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Donna Conrad, author of "Recognizing God's Grace" will be the key note speaker. Cost is \$10 per person which includes a lunch at Alta Mons.

Also, the Conference 2016 Spiritual Life Retreat will be April 29 through May 1, 2016 at

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The theme "Spiritual Slow Food" will be brought by Reverend Kathleen Royston, Mt. Olivet UMC, Arlington, Va. Please see me if you would like a registration for this event. Registration deadline is April 25.

Please consider becoming a part of the Northview UMW. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8. The program will be on Prayer and Self Denial. *Helen Watson, President*

**BSA TROOP 209 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI  
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
Northview United Methodist Church Family**

**Life Center**

**Adults: \$8.00 Children: \$4.00**



Menu:

Vermicelli Con Polpette di Manzo

*(thin spaghetti with meatballs)*

Green salad, Garlic Bread, Confectionery

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade or Water

The food is delicious, the service is great and the scout waiters look very good in their white shirts and bow ties. Tickets are available from Forrest Otey or the Church Office.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Northview's Outreach Committee is a combination of Mission and Evangelism. We oversee the Social Club, Samaritan Inn, Elijah's Backpack, Day for Girls, the Community Outreach program (COP), UMCOR, and Volunteers-in-Mission. Your generous advent donations of \$926 allowed us to donate to the Boy and Girl Scouts who use our church, UMCOR and COP. We exceeded our campaign of "No More Malaria" this past year thanks to so many. Our Outreach Committee is also trying to build a Covenant Relationship with our UM missionary in Marion, Va., Mark Stransky of Project Crossroads. Project Crossroads provides homes, firewood, meals and disaster response for the elderly, the handicapped and families in the Marion area of southwest Virginia. In a Covenant Relationship, a church partners with a missionary and helps provide financial, spiritual and emotional support. Our church members visit Mark yearly in Marion to help in whatever area his mission needs. We have painted and built ramps in the past. The Outreach Committee has decided that the 2016 **Lenten Offering** will be donated to Project Crossroads to help build a covenant relationship.

*Gary and Jane Lambert  
Co-Chairperson*

### "JOYFUL KIDS"

"Joyful Kids" will meet again on Sunday, March 20th for lunch and practice immediately following the worship service.

Mary Simmons, the director, meets with the children the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month following the worship service. "Joyful Kids" will sing during the worship service the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Family and siblings are welcome to stay for lunch. There will be a family activity space available during choir practice.



## SOCIAL CLUB

Northview's Social Club met on February 14, 2016, to enjoy a Valentine's themed get-together. There were several games and activities that members enjoyed. This reporter especially was blessed to see how cooperative and happy the Social Club members were to participate in a modified "cake-walk" activity, designed so that every participant eventually stepped onto a winning number and then proceeded to a table full of prizes and favors. There were other activities, too! What a wide range of individuals we have in Social



Club! How nice and how cooperative they all are. Their positive attitudes and politeness are evident. We had a few new members in attendance. We were all saddened to learn of Mickey Loar's death on February 12, 2016. Don McDaniel, when I said, "Wow, I wish I had known him better," replied by saying, "Where he is today, Rose, he is laughing, talking, and singing." I was immediately struck by the notion that I take much for granted!

Other news from the club is that Angela Tyree celebrated her birthday; she was so very happy to receive her gift. Fellowship Sunday School provided lasagne for lunch. All of us there enjoyed the meal and wished you were with us basking in the warmth of the hour or so we spent together!

*Rose Townsend*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries including the

United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

United Methodists celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on the Fourth Sunday in Lent.



### CARWASH TICKETS

The Stewardship Committee is again selling tickets for a car wash for the year 2016.

The cost is \$13.99 per for One Full Service Wash. The car wash includes soft cloth wash, interior vacuum, interior windows cleaned, door jams cleaned and towel dry. The tickets may be purchased from Don Stafford, Helen Watson, David Anderson or the church office. The General Operating Fund receives \$3.00 for each ticket sold.



### BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER - MARCH 2016

We plan to "shower" our 90+ year olds and our shut-in's with cards this year. There will be a birthday "poster card" at church for all to sign on the Sundays prior to their birthday. Let us remember special members of our church family all through the year.

**Frankie Cornwell** (3/24/1924) 129 Hershberger Rd, Apt. 224, Roanoke, Va. 24012

**Enid Clarke** (4/7/1923) 440 Bluebell Lane, #308, Roanoke, Va. 24012

#### Shut-Ins

**Charlotte Broyles** (3/3/1928) 825 Hugh Ave, Roanoke, Va. 24019

**Frances Wertz** (3/31/1927) 6405 N Barrens RD., Roanoke Va. 540 366 7988

**Al Cheatwood** (4/4/31) 320 Hershberger Rd #101, Roanoke Va. 24012

**Betty Kelley** (4/10/1931) 11 N Broad St. Salem Va. 24153



**Administrative Board will meet on Thursday,  
March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seekers classroom in  
the Family Life Center**



YOUNG JIN CHO  
RESIDENT BISHOP

## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Wednesday, storms and multiple tornadoes swept across Virginia causing loss of life, injuries and severe property damage in communities in three districts of the conference.

In Appomattox in the Farmville District, more than 50 structures were destroyed and more than 100 damaged. Evergreen United Methodist Church sustained significant damage to its roof, and one of Evergreen's faithful members, Keith Harris, died in the tornado. His wife was seriously injured when her car was struck by a tree. In Waverly in the James River District, two houses and a mobile home were completely destroyed, and three people, including a two-year-old child, were killed. In Tappahannock in the Fredericksburg District, at least 50 structures were damaged.

We grieve with those who grieve as they seek to rebuild their lives and homes in the wake of these storms. But even as we grieve, we are responding with the love and hope of Christ.

Within hours after the storms struck, Virginia Conference disaster response teams were organized under the direction of the Rev. Robert Pihlcrantz, Disaster Response coordinator. Responding to a request from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Early Response Teams from St. Luke's UMC on the York River District and Nimmo UMC on the Elizabeth River District were deployed to the Tappahannock area. Early Response Teams from the Lynchburg, Roanoke and Farmville Districts are being deployed to the Evergreen area. Debris removal in Waverly is being coordinated by local congregations in that community.

In the weeks and months to come, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) teams will be offered opportunities to assist in recovery efforts.

I ask for your prayers for the persons who live in these communities and for those who are offering a first response.

I also ask you to consider making a donation to the Virginia Conference Disaster Response Advance Special #5037. Your gift will help provide needed personnel, required equipment and a desired Christian witness not only for this current disaster, but also for disasters that may occur in the future.

You can make a gift through your local church. Or, send a check payable to "Virginia United Methodist Conference" to the Virginia Conference Treasurer, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Designate "Conference Advance #5037 – Disaster Response" on your check or apportionment statement.

I am grateful for your consideration of these requests. With God's help, and each other, we can share Christ's love and hope with those in need.

Your brother in Christ,



Young Jin Cho

**IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER**

Mary Lou Rakes	Norman Andersen	Katherine Shaw	Linda Waltz
Jean Stamper	Jerry Arnold	Norma White	Celia Ferguson
Alice Underwood	Elizabeth Fisher	Allie Jones	Josh Thurston
Leroy Dimmery	Paula and Tom Lesko	Rev. Tina Cox	Doug Mitchell
Charlotte Broyles	Phyllis Campbell	Paul Camper	CD Reavis
Emily Dick, Rhonda McDonald's niece		Charlotte Peck	
Billy & Debbie Ginger		JC Star, Kathryn Johnson's brother	
Marge Klotz, Aunt of Joe Klotz		Mary Starr, Kathryn Johnson's sister-in-law	
Bobby Ginger, Billy Ginger's brother		Hazel Hager, Aunt of Twila Briscoe	
Sylvia Starnes, John Hinrichs' sister		Gary Yarbrough, Becky Hinrichs' brother	
Lee Dotson, Debbie Ginger's stepfather		Bonnie Kinzer, friend of Becky Hinrichs	
Mel and Faye Clark, brother-in-law and sister of Twila Briscoe			
Gerri Giles, stepmother of Jimmy Giles (husband of Jill Camper Giles)			

**In the Military/International Service**

Captain Brandon Kelly, husband of Abby Jackson Kelly and son of Keith and Amanda Moore, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, AZ.

Brigadier General Greg S. Otey, son of Ray & Doris Otey, Fort Belvoir

Staff Sgt. Wallace Berkeley Newton, Jr., grandson of Allie Jones, Red Stone Arsenal, AL

Avery Scott - Peace Corps, Grenada

**Those Who Wish Cards/Notes/Encouragement & visits**

Al Cheatwood - Eastwood, 320 Hershberger Road, Rm 101, Roanoke, Va. 24012

Betty Kelley - Snyder Nursing Home, 11 N Broad Street, Salem, Va. 24153

Darthy White - Elm Park Estates, 4230 Elm View Road, Rm 224, Roanoke, Va. 24018

Doris Burnside - FM, 320 Hershberger Rd, NW, Apt A319, Roanoke, Va 24012

Helen Vaughan - 501 VES Road, Apt. B304, Lynchburg, Va. 24503

Mary Mitchell - Berkshire Health Care Center, 705 Clearview Drive, Vinton, Va. 24179

Telford Boitnott - VA Vet. Care Center, West 226

Grace Helmer - 1127 Persinger Road, SW, Roanoke, Va. 24015

**In Mission Service related to Northview** (\*Church & Community Worker, \*\*Community Outreach Program)

Mark Stransky - CCW\* Worker, Project Crossroads in Marion, VA

Don Edwards - CCW\* Worker, Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries, Roanoke, VA

Rebecca "Becky" Parsons - CCW\*, C.O.P.\*\*, Roanoke, VA

Bobby and Debbie Booze - Church Resource Ministries, Greensboro, NC

Samaritan Inn, Roanoke, VA and the Rescue Mission, Roanoke, VA

**In Sympathy**

Mark & Melanie Scott & family in the death of Mark's mother, Anna Elaine Johnson Scott who passed away on February 23

**Joys & Praises**

**Baptism**

Benjamin Williams baptized Sunday, February 14

Karen Williams baptized Sunday, February 14

**Newest Members**

Brenda Nester - Sunday, February 14

Karen Williams - Sunday, February 14

**MARK YOUR APRIL'S CALENDAR  
PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL**

Northview Preschool will have our Annual Carnival and Raffle on **SATURDAY, APRIL 23**, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will have games, cookie walks, bake sale, inflatables (ex. Bounce house, obstacle course), and raffle and silent auction items such as gift cards from restaurants, gift baskets, jewelry, and much more. We will also sell hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Tickets will be sold the day of the carnival but you can get "bargain" tickets if you purchase before April 22. Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 10.

Please come to the Carnival and support our preschool. Bring your children or grandchildren and join in the fun. You may win an exciting raffle item! Questions or need tickets? See Becky Hinrichs (362-1473 or 309-8039) or Cindy Cadd.

