



# From the Hill

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## Meet Fort Hill's 2023 Graduates!

### High School

**Evan Meek** graduates from Heritage High School and will attend CVCC in the fall for 2 years to complete his Cyber Security Certificate and then he will transfer to a 4-year school.

**Ciara Tolley** graduates from E. C. Glass High School and will be joining the work force.

### College

**Kathryn Toney** graduates from Radford University School of Social Work. Starting this June, she will be living at home and will start her MSW (Masters of Social Work) online program through the University of Tennessee.

**Gracelyn Hedrick** graduates from Liberty University with a Masters of Arts in Public Policy. She plans to work towards a PhD in Strategic Media at Liberty and continue working there as a faculty support coordinator in the Helms School of Government.

## It's Picnic Time!

It's been a few years, but the JOY Team is planning a church-wide picnic at the American Legion Pavilion on Greenview Drive. The date and time is June 10, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Come join your Fort Hill family for a fun-filled afternoon of good food, fellowship and games (cornhole, outdoor Jenga, badminton or bring your favorite game).

Fried chicken, bottled water and ice will be provided! You are invited to bring your favorite picnic food to share (veggie, salad, bread or dessert). **Make your reservation by calling the church office (847-1251) no later than noon, June 5.** This helps us plan for tables and provided food.



## Fort Hill Members and Friends Share Favorite Bible Verses

A few months ago, Pastor Marc invited members and friends of Fort Hill to let him know what their favorite Bible verses are, and why these verses are meaningful to their faith. This month, Fort Hill friend, Marty Day, is sharing his favorite Bible verse.

*Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

I value this because it reminds me that to be a Christian does not mean me with a veneer of Christ on the outside. It means that the old me is dead and left behind, and the new me is Christ to the core. To live that reality is a challenge, and repeated reminders (like this verse) help.

If you have a favorite Bible verse you would like to share, please email it to Pastor Marc at:

[MarcBrown@forthillumc.com](mailto:MarcBrown@forthillumc.com).

## Samaritan Offering Being Received Through Father's Day

The annual drive for support of the Virginia United Methodist Homes, through the Samaritan Offering, began on Mother's Day, and will end on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18. Please consider giving a gift to this fund, in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. You may designate which home you wish to support. Make checks payable to FHUMC for credit on your giving record.

"Consider your own call ..."  
I Corinthians 1:26a

It was early when I received the telephone call from Big John, the church's property manager where I was serving as pastor. Too early, the time of day when all you can say is "I'll be there in a few minutes." When I arrived, Big John told me he had already called the police about the church being broken into, and the church office's petty cash being taken.



I went into my office where papers were on the floor. Among these papers were the texts of some sermons I had preached. To my dismay, none of the sermons were missing, not even worth stealing. In a few days, I received a telephone call from a detective who had been assigned the "sermons not worth stealing" case. The person, who had broken into the church, had been arrested and confessed. I asked if it would be okay for me to visit him in the local jail and was assured that would be fine.

I remember the visiting area, where he sat on one side of the unbreakable glass, and I sat on the other. We each held a phone receiver as I identified myself as the pastor of the church he had broken into. As we spoke, I told him that our church believed in a God of second chances and extended our church's forgiveness to him. He asked me to tell the congregation that he was sorry for what he had done. He said he was all alone, as fellow gang members had refused to accept his calls via the prison telephone.

I sat all day to testify for three minutes at his trial. I testified about the forgiveness our church offered and asked for leniency. The decision was quick as he was sentenced to a penitentiary. It has been a long time since we talked with each other, but I pray that, in God's time, our paths will cross again at the cross of Jesus. That is a call I will welcome.

-Marc

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

We are now listing our ongoing prayer concerns for those who are in nursing or rehab facilities or recovering at home. Only immediate prayer concerns will be listed in the weekly bulletin. Our current prayer concerns are as follows:

### Runk & Pratt (Leesville Road)

Fred & Dodie Fauber

### Bentley Commons

Charlie Loving  
Frances White

### Heritage Green

Doris Conner  
Jean Poindexter

### Liberty Ridge

Mike & Jim Hill

### Others who need our prayers:

Elizabeth Adams	Mary Murphy
Abby Englund	Becky Spangler
Bryan & Lisa Garra	Kendra Toney
Emma Kelly	

## June Communion Offering to Benefit Churches for Urban Ministry Camp Timothy

One half of the communion offering, received on the first Sunday of June, will be given to Churches for Urban Ministry, for their Camp Timothy Program, a program that was organized in 1952 for the purpose of providing summer enrichment for children and youth, ages 5-13, living in the inner city. The tuition for a child to attend the summer program for six weeks is approximately \$35. This is quite a bargain, considering the actual cost per child is close to \$400. For many parents, even the \$35 is difficult to come up with. Will you please provide a scholarship for a needy child to attend camp? Your generous contribution to the June Communion Sunday love offering will make some child happy and enriched by allowing him/her to attend Camp Timothy. **The other half of the offering** will go to our own Local Relief Fund to help those in need of rental or utility assistance, etc.



**NOTICE:** If you know of a member, or a friend of the church, who is hospitalized, please let the church office know. The hospitals DO NOT call the church. Thank you!

## People Directory Changes

Please make the following changes in your new People Directory:

► New phone numbers for:  
Dennis Johnson - 434-907-7370  
Sallie Johnson - 434-509-8583

► Mailing address for Mike & Jim Hill is  
P. O. Box 8087, Charlottesville, VA 22906  
-8087. They are residing at Liberty Ridge,  
30 Monica Blvd, Apt 333.

# THE HENRY FORK CENTER'S **COINS 4 KIDS!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN FOLKS  
THROUGHOUT THE REGION IN  
COLLECTING CHANGE TO SUPPORT THE  
MINISTRIES OF **THE HENRY FORK SERVICE  
CENTER IN ROCKY MOUNT, VA**

**GET YOUR JUNE COLLECTION  
CALENDAR TODAY AND FOLLOW  
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH!**

- A positive Christian presence
- A place where children, youth and adults can come to spend creative time
- A helping hand and listening ear to those with problems
- An example of Christ as Lord and Savior to all persons in its caring ministry



# JUNE

2023

## COINS 4 KIDS CHILDREN'S AWARENESS MONTH

THIS MONTH AIMS TO ENCOURAGE,  
SUPPORT, AND EDUCATE CHILDREN WHILE  
PRIORITIZING THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-  
BEING.

Help the  
Mountain View District  
support

Henry Fork Service Center  
Children's Programs



Church members can collect  
coins representing the total  
number of the daily item in  
their household.  
Each person can choose the  
coin denomination for that  
day!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 	2 	3 The Word Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."
4 Prayer: Thank you for giving my parents all the tools they need to help me grow into a faith-filled servant of GOD.	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 The Word Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."
11 Prayer: Thank you, GOD for your everlasting love.	12 	13 	14 	15 	16 	17 The Word 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anybody look down on you, because you are young..."
18 Prayer: Dear GOD, please give me the courage to speak up for what I believe and set a good example.	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 The Word Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
25 Prayer: Thank you, GOD, for helping me everyday, I know you are always with me...	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	

# Bits and Pieces

## Perrymont School Update

Out-Reach to Perrymont Elementary this past school year would not have been possible without the commitment from our Church – whether it was volunteering at the school, providing items they needed, or financially supporting. THANK YOU!

We had volunteers that:

- ♦went every Wednesday and Friday to sort vegetables or fruits into teacher baskets for the students to enjoy

- ♦did weekly copying for the teachers

- ♦read or did a craft with a Pre-K class

We provided monthly:

- ♦treats to the staff

- beginning of school lunch

- ending of the school year lunch

We provided:

- ♦clothing for the clothes closet

- ♦school supplies at the beginning of the year

- ♦school supplies during the middle of the school year

- ♦treats for students after school

As you are shopping over the summer, please consider adding school supplies or youth clothing to your cart. We will start collecting these items now, and deliver them to the school when they return from summer break. Look for more specific information in upcoming newsletters.

Please continue to keep the Staff of Perrymont in your prayers. We look forward to continuing our partnership for the 2023-2024 school year.

-Kim Beuerle, Perrymont Outreach

## McPherson Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

It is a great privilege to offer scholarships, from the McPherson Scholarship Endowment, each year. All first year college students (2023 high school graduates), who are members of Fort Hill UMC, are encouraged to apply. Second thru fourth year students may apply also. Applications can be picked up in the church office, starting May 1, and must be returned no later than June 11. Scholarship awards will be made in July.



## Amos is AOL!

Our friendly church mouse, Amos, is "absent without leave!" He did not send in a report for this month. Does anyone know where he is?



## From Our Librarian . . .

*Living the Braveheart Life* – Randall Wallace – W. Publishing Group – 2015

Have you ever heard of the movie, *Braveheart*? How about *Secretariat* or *Heaven is for Real*? These, and other movies, came from the creative mind of Randall Wallace. Now, I



may be a little biased when it comes to Randall Wallace; he is a cousin of your librarian, Wayne Rhodes! He was born in Tennessee, but was raised in Lynchburg and graduated from E.C. Glass High. In this memoir, *Living the Braveheart Life*, Randall reflects on how the Scottish warrior, William Wallace, changed his own life forever. The book is one of adventure, struggle and conquering fear. In all of it, Randall reflects on his childhood, his family, and his faith in God. This book guides us to face the hurts we have endured, to follow our hearts, and to keep being strong in any circumstance. Live the Braveheart life!

## Did You Participate in the UMW Reading Program This Year?

If you did, then read this . . . .

If you would like to be recognized with a certificate for participating in the Reading Program, please either fill out the form that is located on the shelf next to this year's books, or list the books and mission emphases on a sheet of paper. Please turn in this list to the Church Office or Kim Beuerle by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Certificates will be awarded at the Annual UMW meeting in October.

If you have participated and read the books from our 2022-23 list, you have completed Plan 2.

To be awarded a certificate, you must complete a Plan:

### Plan 1

Read 5 books each year

1 book from each category

### Plan 2

Read 10 books each year

2 books from each category

### Plan 3

Read 15 books each year

2 books from each category

PLUS 5 additional books from any category

### Plan 4

Read 20 books each year

2 books from each category

PLUS 10 additional books from any category



6/1 Jason Spence	6/9 Rick LaReau	6/18 Cindie Allen	6/26 Eric Mitchell
6/1 Elizabeth Ruhland	6/9 Jessica Hamilton	6/19 Jesse Mays	6/26 Kyle Wrabley
6/1 Trent Mawyer	6/10 Scott Bosiger	6/19 Klare Tatum	6/27 Tracy Lee
6/3 June Plunkett	6/11 Dot Morcom	6/20 Patty Marsh	6/27 Scott Winnagle
6/3 Ann Vincent	6/11 Christina Dore	6/21 Jim Hill	6/28 Bonnie Kiger-Doney
6/3 Steve Huskin	6/11 Riley Seale	6/22 Tommy Wyant	6/28 Ethel Lloyd
6/4 Liz Thornhill	6/13 Greg Sullivan	6/22 Valerie Fusco	6/28 Anna Gay
6/4 Karen Beverly	6/14 Terry Thompson	6/22 Clara Jo Anthony	6/29 Meriel Wiley
6/5 Mary Key	6/14 Willie Moseley	6/24 Laura Elliott	6/29 Neal Cassidy
6/5 Jessie Blanks	6/14 Megan Marsh	6/24 Jennifer Thompson	6/29 Aaron Lee
6/6 Jeanette Seale	6/17 Ken Knott	6/26 Hank Bollmer	6/29 Hailey Gibson
6/7 Les Marsh	6/17 Bob Alvis	6/26 Gail DeNoon	6/30 James Blanks
6/8 Greg Starbuck	6/19 Jared Jones	6/26 Annette Moseley	6/30 Cassidy Elliott

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it may be because we do not have the date in our data base. Please call the church office at 847-1251 with your information.*

## June Wedding Anniversaries

6/10 Austin & Jessica Martin	6 years	6/25 Tim & Kim Beuerle	40 years
6/11 Mike & Cindie Allen	40 years	6/25 Steven & Amanda Humphrey	13 years
6/13 Joey & Kate Ware	10 years	6/26 Marc & Karen Beverly	24 years
6/14 Bill & Lynn Cash	43 years	6/26 Bob & Bonnie Kiger-Doney	2 years
6/15 Steve & Pat Mays	50 years	6/26 Joseph & Charlie Toddammon	2 years
6/17 Jon & Lori Roark	34 years	6/27 Eddie & Cindy Englund	42 years
6/21 Mike & Valerie Fusco	9 years	6/27 Wiley & Carolyn Green	53 years
6/22 John & Macy Hamilton	32 years	6/28 Ed & Jean Fielding	54 years
6/23 Donovan & Sarah Huffer	11 years	6/28 Dennis & Sallie Johnson	48 years
6/23 Ron & Roberta Litten	39 years	6/28 Greg & Ann Vincent	48 years

### A NOTE OF



**Thank you** to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for the recognition last Sunday of my 35 years of employment with Fort Hill UMC and for the gift card to a local restaurant. Thank you, also, to this congregation for the trust you have placed in me over the years. *-Jeanette Seale*

**The Genesis Circle** thanks all those who helped provide items for the hygiene kits that they assemble each year, and for those who contributed monetarily by supporting their fundraising lunch. The circle was able to complete 160 kits that will be taken to the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke in June.

**We extend our sympathy** to the family of Betty Zieger who died on April 21.



## Miscellaneous

### THE BOX SCORE

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"* Psalm 122:1

Average worship attendance in 2022 - 114

Average worship attendance as of May 21, 2023 – 120

NOTE: This attendance is for in-person & online worship beginning January 1, 2023

*"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse . . . And put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."* Malachi 3:10

### BRIEF OPERATING FUND REPORT

*Your first line of giving — mission and ministry!*

**Budget for 2023** as approved by the Church



Council is: \$401,311

**We need** an average of \$7,717.52 per week to meet this budget.

As of 21 weeks, our weekly receipts have averaged \$7,512.87

**Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of your church!**

# June, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <b>In-Person Worship Each Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Java Stop 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b>  <b>Sunday School 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b>  <b>Staffed Nursery Available 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</b> </div>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 2:00 JOY Team	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 Martha Circle meets at West Side Deli	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4-6 Church picnic at American Legion Pavilion
<b>11</b>  Graduate Sunday	<b>12</b> 11:00 Finance Committee	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Flag Day	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline	<div> <b>Virginia Annual Conference Roanoke, VA</b> </div>	
<b>18</b> Father's Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3:15 Endowment Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	





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**Jacob Dishman**  
Director of Music & Communications

**Rev. Jonathan Park**  
Vietnam Missionary

**Worship Time:**  
9:00 a.m. Online Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

**Next newsletter deadline  
is JUNE 15TH! Please  
submit SHORT articles by  
this date.  
Thank you!**



**Virginia Annual Conference to be Held in June**

The 241st session of the Virginia Annual Conference, to be held in Roanoke, VA, June 15-17, 2023, will be focused on the theme, United as One in Mission. The theme is based on Acts 1:8b, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* NIV



**United as One in  
MISSION**  
2023 VAUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bob Doney is Fort Hill's Lay Member to the Annual Conference, along with Pastor Marc. The 160 Health Kits assembled by the Genesis Circle will be given to this year's Conference. Also, churches are asked to share in the Annual Conference Missional Offering purpose. The groups and ministries supported by the offering change each year, but the goal remains the same: to assist people and ministries, both domestic and international. The goal of the offering for 2023 is \$150,000.

The Virginia Conference will support Refugee Resettlement, Food Insecurity in the Commonwealth, and Partnerships of Hope's leadership programs in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, and Vietnam, as well as for Native Americans, through this offering. The offering will be collected on June 15, 2023, during the Opening Worship at 10 am.

**If you wish to donate to this second mile giving, please earmark your check and envelope "Annual Conference Offering."**