

White Stone
United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2022
Whetstone



*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*

"Knowing and Sharing Jesus Christ"

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A message from the Pastor...

We have all heard the old saying at one time or another: "Money is the root of all evil." We have said it ourselves in response to the evil in the world. Is it true? Is it biblical?

Let's look at the Bible and find out. 1 Timothy 6:10 is where this comes from. But that passage actually says something different: "For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute pangs." What a difference the Word makes.

The way people, even Christians, use this saying leads us to believe that money is dirty and the cause of all that is evil. The Bible is really telling us that money can be one source of evil. It is when we combine money with greed or coveting that evil arises. When we look at money through the eyes and mindset of Christ, it becomes a tool for living in this world.

It is from the craving and misuse of money that evil grows. When we place our life and all God has given us under the banner of Jesus, evil flees us. Money by itself is nothing more than a tool we have to live our lives. Evil is tied to our choice to place money over God and life itself.



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Northern Neck CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides program services for abused and neglected children at the discretion of Judge William Lewis. New cases are assigned on a continuing basis and the availability of trained advocates is crucial.

Your continued support of these advocates and the invaluable services they provide enable them to help many children in bad situations.

CASA is selling fresh cut Christmas Wreaths again this year. They are 22" Fraser fir wreaths from a tree farm in North Carolina. The wreaths are selling for \$26.00 and the **deadline for ordering is Monday, October 17.**

You are CASA's lifeline and without your help they could not serve these children. The wreaths remain fresh well past the Christmas season. Thank you for your support.



WREATHS MUST BE ORDERED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

PLEASE SELECT DISTRIBUTION SITE BELOW

Kilmarnock: Chesapeake Commons, (look for CASA signs)

Thursday, December 1: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Friday, December 2: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Saturday, December 3: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Burgess: PRIMIS Bank, (Rt. 360 & Rt. 200)

Saturday, December 3: 10:00 am - Noon

Warsaw: The Saddlery, 165 Main St. (front of Warsaw Town Park)

Saturday, December 3: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Please make checks payable to: Northern Neck CASA
 P.O. Box 695
 Lancaster, VA 22503**

For questions, please call 804-462-0881

Please complete the Order Form below & **indicate your pick-up location site**

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Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

I would like to purchase _____ wreaths @ \$26.00 each for a total of \$ _____

I would like to pick up in: (see dates & times above)

Kilmarnock Warsaw Burgess

Committee News

WSUMC Council Minutes

Date: September 20, 2022

The meeting opened with prayer from Pastor Jim at 3:00 p.m..

In attendance: Alice D., Margo B., Virginia Lee B., Jim R., Frances S., Lynn F., Nancy M., Donna H., Julie W-G., Rom S., Dale M., Tanya S., Janet S.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim reported the Charge Conference has been moved to November 7th at 8:00 p.m. to accommodate the District Supervisor. There are four mandatory reports and several others that go directly into EVC. The 2023 budget will have to be finalized at the October council meeting. We will start a Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:45 a.m.) using the latest Max Lucado book.

Lay Leader: Julie reported there is a District Conference on 10/3 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the technicalities of creating the Mission River District. Only Pastor, Julie, Alice, and Margo are eligible to vote for WSUMC. The UMC has announced a new safer sanctuary policy. There will be a Zoom meeting to explain. Grants are available to increase intercultural awareness. On 10/8 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a "Unity in the Community" event in Kilmarnock.

Worship: There was no meeting in September. It was requested that Worship prepare a plan for when pastor is not available for worship. The Lay Leader can do some of the service but not a message. Pastor should find substitute pastors in the community. Alice volunteered to develop a phone tree utilizing both calls and text messages. The next worship committee meeting is October 3 at 3:00 p.m.

SPPR: Lynn said there have been no inquiries into the music director position. Tonya Spears will resign as Treasurer on 9/30 and Erika Curry will become our new Treasurer. Dale will request new signature cards at Atlantic Union Bank authorizing Erika to sign checks, etc.

Finance: The 2023 budget was reviewed. Dale said we plan to do a membership drive and come up with fund raising ideas to help boost income. We will be setting aside funds for an external audit next year. The budget amount for Building & Grounds has been increased due to necessary repairs. Pastor Salary is set with no accountable reimbursement at Jim's request for tax purposes. This results in an increase to the contribution to pastor pension and consequential adjustment to the Davenport transfer. Dale will bring the adjusted

budget to the council for final approval at the October meeting. Julie reported the internal audit is on track. She said all three persons have said they will not do the audit in future. Dale said the endowment guidelines must be very clear on how funds may be used. The Finance Committee will review the guidelines and recommend changes to the council. **Motion:** *Based on instructions from Blue Ridge Bank, let the WSUMC Council Meeting Minutes reflect that the Council has agreed to add Dale Makowski, Chairman of the WSUMC Finance Committee, as a signer to the following accounts held at Blue Ridge Bank: Pastor's Discretionary Account (Acct # 280234401); Pass Thru Account (Acct # 820256956) All other signers are to be removed from the accounts. Once Blue Ridge Bank has updated their records to reflect Dale Makowski as the only signer on the accounts, she will close the accounts. (Amended: 9/26/2022)*

Treasurer: Tonya said that in response to a question on pledge income reported, a deposit had been included by the Financial Secretary that was actually made in the following month. The figures are correct.

Building & Grounds: The sump pump and HVAC at the parsonage will be checked out by Dan Hall.

Communications: No one has volunteered taking over placing flags on veteran gravesites in our cemetery, so Frances has contacted the Junior ROTC at Lancaster High School to see if they want to earn community credits. She has not found any active Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops in the area.

Fellowship: Sunday, September 25th will be a fellowship luncheon. We will put our donation jar in a prominent spot and encourage people to contribute.

Community Care: Sympathy cards have been sent to several families. Nancy provided an update on several members who cannot attend in-person services. She requested a change to the format of our "Remember in prayer" section in the bulletin and Whetstone.

Memorial: No report.

WSUMW: No report.

The meeting closed with prayer at 4:20 p.m.

The next council meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on October 18th.

Other Committee Reports as needed:
Nominations Committee: Pastor Jim set a date of September 27 at 3:00 p.m. for a meeting. Nominations must be done for the charge conference.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2	3	
11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	3:00 p.m. Worship Committee	12:30 p.m. NA Support Group 2:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry
9	10	
11:00 a.m. Worship		2:00 p.m. WS United Women in Faith
16	17	
11:00 a.m. Worship (The Charge Conference has been re-scheduled to November 7th at 8:00 p.m.)		3:00 p.m. Council Meeting
23	24	
11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon	Create Whetstone	Distribute Whetstones
30	31	
11:00 a.m. Worship	6	

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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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eeeting	Deadline for Whetstone	10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch at Los Patrones, Kilmarnock		
25	26	27	28	29
e		10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee		
		7		



October Birthdays:

4th	Patsy Kitching
7th	Stacy Hackney
10th	Anna Marie Keane
24th	Anna Ticer
26th	Barbara Ritch-Brant
26th	Robert Longshore
27th	Margo Brown



October Anniversaries:

20th	Mr & Mrs Phillip Oestreich
30th	Mr & Mrs Peter Stoughton



Please join us for a **Fellowship Luncheon** on **October 23rd** following the service. Bring your favorite pot luck dish to share!



If you have a chance please send a note or card to people on our prayer list. It means so much to them to know we are praying for them and thinking about their struggle.



<u>Remember in Prayer:</u>	
Anne Owen	Maggy Gregory
Bob Gabrielski	Our Church
Dorothy Headley	Our Service Men & Women
Jessica Dirksmyer	Rich O'Brien
	Tony Throckmorton
In need of Long-Term Prayer:	(Concern or location)
Ace Oestreich	On-going health issues
Barbara Ritch-Brant	On-going health issues
Burch & Kendall Vickery	On-going health issues
Chris Longan	RWC Assisted Living
Connie Robertson	Walter Reed Nursing Home
Dana Arnold	Having chronic health issues
Ellen Dixon	Commonwealth Assisted Living
Jim & Donna Bishop	On-going health issues
Joe Morgan	Southeastern VA Training Center
John Carter	Dialysis
Johnny Robertson	Brother caring for him
Kenny Hawthorne, Jr.	Spinal issues, loss of use of hand
Patsy Kitching	On-going health issues
The Keane Family	On-going health issues

There's been a change...

**SAVE THE DATE: WSUMC Charge Conference
will be held on **NOVEMBER 7th at 8:00 p.m.****

**Please plan to attend. Zoom instructions will
be sent out before the meeting.**

October 2022 Worship Team

Greeter:

10/2: Alice Dix
10/9: Alice Dix
10/16: Alice Dix
10/23: Alice Dix
10/30: Alice Dix

Acolyte:

10/2: Jacob Bavuso
10/9:
10/16:
10/23: Haley Lewis
10/30:

Ushers:

10/2: Emma Bavuso & Jacob Bavuso
10/9: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith
10/16: Nancy Miller & George Bussom
10/23: Wayne Smith &
10/30: Doug Somervell & Nancy Miller

Reader:

10/2: Virginia Lee Brown
10/9:
10/16: Alice Dix
10/23: Dale Makowski
10/30: Julie Williams George

Counter:

10/2: Virginia Lee Brown & Janet Smith
10/9: Margo Brown & Janet Smith
10/16: Frances Stoughton & Janet Smith
10/23: George Bussom & Janet Smith
10/30: Julie Williams George & Janet Smith

***We are always looking for volunteers to help with the service.
Will you help once a month with one of these important tasks?***



GET TO KNOW
October 2022
ROMULUS SANDERS, JR.

Rom was born and raised in White Stone, VA and has attended White Stone United Methodist Church for his entire life. After graduating from White Stone High School, he transferred to Hargrave Military Academy where he also played on the academy baseball team.

After graduating from Hargrave, he enrolled in Hampden-Sydney College and received an Undergraduate Degree. Upon graduating from Hampden-Sydney College he served a tour of duty in the US Army. Afterwards he returned to Virginia and joined the staff at Hargrave Military Academy as an instructor and administrator. Rom married and became the father of two lovely daughters, Julia and Catherine.

During his time at Hargrave, he took a leave of absence to attend UVA to complete a master's degree in Math. With 31 years on staff at Hargrave, serving in numerous capacities, Rom retired early to return home to White Stone to care for his father. Upon his father's passing, Rom drove a courtesy van for the Tides Inn in Irvington, Va. and helped to transport others to the airport. White Stone United Methodist Church has always been Rom's home church while serving on many committees. He has been serving as Financial Secretary since 1993. He has served on the Endowment Committee, Finance Committee, Chairman of Council, Board of Trustees, and as a member of the Cemetery Corporation assigned to the operational duties of the church cemetery.

Did you know Rom bowled on two service teams and played in six state tournaments? He still loves bowling today.

Get to Know will be published each month in the Whetstone so you can get to know members of our church.

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