

White Stone
United Methodist Church

AUGUST 2022



Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors

"Knowing and Sharing Jesus Christ"

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Whetstone

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A message from the Pastor...

I wish to tell you a little about my history. I was born on June 3, 1956, in Takoma Park, Maryland. My Parents moved in September 1958 to Manassas Park, and I have lived in Virginia ever since. My parents raised my sister and me in the Southern Baptist Church. We went to church on Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening, and of course Wednesday night prayer service. I had no lack of religion growing up, and this base, I believe, led me to a life lived in God's graceful service.

My formal education was in the public school system of Prince William County. I went to Manassas Park Elementary for grades 1-4, and Bennet Elementary for grade 5. My Middle School journey was at Marsteller Middle School. I graduated from Osbourn Senior High School (Go Yellowjackets) in 1974. This is the last graduating class from Osbourn as a county school the next year the school became the city of Manassas' high school.

My college career began at Northern Virginia Community College. I received an Associate Science degree from NVCC and transferred to George Mason University. I attended GMU part time while working for the government and starting a family. In 1987 I graduated from GMU with a Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS) Degree in Communications and Philosophy and Religion.

In 1986 I entered Wesley United Methodist Seminary. I earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Wesley in 1989. I have twice attempted to return to school for a PhD, but in both cases, God had other plans for me..

Next Month I will give you more information about my career in and out of the Ministry.

Pastor Jim Rodden



Committee News

WSUMC Council Minutes

Date: July 19, 2022

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim asked if the charge conference should be in person with no other churches. Motion: WSUMC will hold an in-person charge conference with no other churches in attendance, Seconded, Approved.

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Lay Leader: Margo will prepare a report on the VA conference to present to the congregation in the next two months.

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Worship: The worship committee will meet on the first Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Ellie Bavuso volunteered to play the clavinova. Emma Bavuso will record the service with the iPad camera.

SPPR: Lynn Finkel reported she will contact someone who expressed interest in the musician position. An ad will go out for the Treasurer position this week. Motion: Increase the Treasurer salary to \$20/hour. Seconded, Approved.

Finance: There will be no Finance Meeting in July or August. Endowment Guidelines will be discussed with the Memorial Committee. To cut expenses we will begin to e-mail the Whetstone to as many people on our list as we can, only mailing physical copies to those who do not have access to e-mail. An I-Pad, stand and speakers were purchased with funds from the Memorial Fund. It will be possible to download additional music now that there is a viable speaker.

Treasurer: Alice distributed a Profit & Loss statement as of June. It was noted that \$15,000 was taken out of Davenport in July to cover repairs to the parsonage.

Trustees: Roby reported we will modify our insurance coverage so there is Worker’s Comp coverage for the Thrift Store volunteers.

Building & Grounds: Lynn said the replacement windows have come in and will be installed. They are looking for a lawn care company to mow the parsonage lawn.

Communications: Frances requested that the Communications Committee meet. Julie will set a date.

Fellowship: No luncheons in August. A budget for 2023 needs to be established. So far donations have covered any costs.

Community Care: Donna delivered one prayer shawl.

Memorial: Frances attended an online seminar on grants. Ellie said she knows how to write grants.

WSUMW: UMW is now called United Women in Faith. Julie said they are researching two new scholarships through Rappahannock Community College for adults who want to go into the medical or education fields. WSUWF paid for Pastor Jim’s moving expenses and the luncheon for Scholarship Sunday. Ellie Bavuso will become a new member to the group.

Music Director: No report.

Cemetery Corp.: No report.

The meeting closed with prayer at 4:00 p.m.

The next council meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on August 16th.

Other Committee Reports as needed:
Audit Committee: There will be a meeting in August.
Scholarship Committee: There was discussion on how to present certificates dur-
Shawl Ministry: Three shawls are ready to be blessed.

**Scholarship Sunday was celebrated on Sunday,
July 24th at 11 am. Service**



Seventeen scholarships were awarded from the White Stone United Methodist Women (aka Women United in Christ). Recipients shown above are left to right Clarissa Davis, Jaylyn Carter, Katrina Zeiler (Treakle Scholarship), Zackery Rhodes, Shelby Rose, and William McGee. Other scholarship recipients not pictured were MacKenzie Bartlett, Chyra Boyd, Semaj Coleman, Kylie Ewell, Jenascia Henderson, Joseph Kellum, Calvin Redmond, Kayleigh Self, Hailey Smith, Morgan VerMeer, Elizabeth Woolard, and Grayce Yates.



Eleven scholarships for the Linda Treakle Scholarship of White Stone United Methodist Church were awarded. Recipients shown above are left to right Jaylyn Carter, Semaj Coleman representative, Zackery Rhodes, Katrina Zeiler, and Shelby Rose. Other scholarship recipients not pictured were John McClain, Thomarrow Hardy, Rachel Woolard, Aline Johnson, Roman Cutler, and Elizabeth Woolard. A luncheon to honor scholarship recipients and their families was held following the worship service.



GET TO KNOW

August 2022

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

VIRGINIA LEE BROWN

Virginia Lee Tadlock Brown grew up on Tilghman Island on the Eastern Shore, Maryland. She went to Elementary School on the Island and junior high school in the town of St Michaels. When entering the 9th Grade Virginia Lee moved to Ocran, Virginia, and attended two years at White Stone High School, which consolidated with Lancaster High School in her 11th and 12th Grade. She played Alto Saxophone in the band and the instrument is still being used by her family today. Virginia Lee went to Madison College, now called JMU, and graduated with a major in Math and Science.

Virginia Lee met Jimmy Brown and their first date was on New Year's Eve at the Woman's Club of White Stone. She married Jimmy and had two children. She has a younger brother and sister. Today she also has 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She retired from teaching after 33 years.

Virginia Lee lives in Palmer on the Rappahannock River where the James/Brown family home used to be. She enjoys looking out to the Rappahannock River and the beautiful sunsets every day. She knows Jimmy would have loved it too.

Virginia Lee's hobby is sewing. She loved making her own clothes to wear to school and still enjoys sewing. After retiring she took a quilting class.

Virginia Lee is a member of White Stone United Methodist Church and serves on various committees. She is the host of Bible Study at her home on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. She enjoys doing this and is grateful for the encouragers in her life that pushed her toward leading a Bible study. An interesting thing people may not know about Virginia Lee is that in 1957 she played Alto Sax with Lancaster High School Band at the Norris Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



White Stone United

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>All Sundays unless otherwise noted: 11:00 am Worship</p>	1	2 <p>12:30 p.m. Neuromuscular Autoimmune Support Group 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	
7 <p>Communion Sunday</p>	8	9 <p>2:00 p.m. WS United Women in Faith</p>	
14	15	16 <p>3:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	17
21	22 <p>(Create August Whetstone)</p>	23 <p>(Print Whetstone)</p>	24 <p>10:00 stone</p>
28 <p>(No fellowship luncheon this month.)</p>	29	30	31

Methodist Church

2022

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 10:00 am Bible Study with Virginia Lee	5	6
10	11 10:00 am Bible Study with Virginia Lee	12	13
	18 10:00 am Bible Study with Virginia Lee	19	20
a.m. Whet-Committee	25 10:00 am Bible Study with Virginia Lee	26	27

Upcoming WSUMC Events

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

12:30 p.m. Neuromuscular Support Group

2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

Thursday, August 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee

Sunday, August 7, 2022

11:00 a.m. Worship—Communion Sunday

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

2:00 p.m. White Stone United Women in Faith

Thursday, August 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

3:00 Church Council

Thursday, August 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee

12:00 p.m. Deadline for newsletter

Monday, August 22, 2022

Create August Whetstone

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00 a.m. Whetstone Committee

Thursday, August 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee

We will not be having a fellowship luncheon on the 4th Sunday in August.



August Birthdays:

- 17 Alice Dix
- 17 Charles Miller
- 25 Peter Stoughton
- 25 Kendall Vickery



August Anniversaries:

- 17 Mr & Mrs Andy Brown
- 26 Mr & Mrs Burch Vickery

August 2022 Worship Team

Greeter:

- 8/7: Alice Dix
- 8/14: Donna Hall
- 8/21: Donna Hall
- 8/28: Alice Dix

Acolyte:

- 8/7: Jacob Bavuso
- 8/14: Haley Lewis
- 8/21: Jacob Bavuso
- 8/28: Keithan Bauer

Ushers:

- 8/7: Emma Bavuso & Jacob Bavuso
- 8/14: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith
- 8/21: Nancy Miller & George Bussom
- 8/28: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith

Reader:

- 8/7: Alice Dix
- 8/14: Julie Williams George
- 8/21: Dale Makowski
- 8/28: Virginia Lee Brown

Counter:

- 8/7: Virginia Lee Brown & Janet Smith
- 8/14: Margo Brown & Janet Smith
- 8/21: Frances Stoughton & Janet Smith
- 8/28: Margo Brown & Janet Smith

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
of White Stone UMC



Gift For: _____

___ Illness ___ Loss ___ Caretaker ___ Baby ___ Other

Favorite Colors: _____

Gifter: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date Needed: _____

Contact: Donna Hall – 804-577-4646, BellyKat53@gmail.com

Or White Stone UMC Office – 804-435-3555



Have you noticed that our sign is working again? Julie and George have been working with the sign company for months and they finally hit the magic combination of parts and software. Thank you, Julie and George, we appreciate all your hard work!

Remember in Prayer

Maggy Gregory	Christine Shelton Potter
Connie & Johnny Robertson	Cindy Van Herpe
Rich O'Brien	Jessica Dirksmyer
Bob Gabrielski	Anne Owen
Tony Throckmorton	Our Church
Family & Friends of Janie Morgan Smith	Family of Miriam Foote
In need of Long-Term Prayer:	
Dana Arnold	Jim & Donna Bishop
John Carter	Barbara Ritch-Brant
Chris Longan	Patsy Kitching
Bobby Long	Ace Oestreich
Burch & Kendall Vickery	Sue Wilson
Ellen Dixon (Commonwealth Assisted Living, Memory Care, Kilmar-nock, VA 22482)	
Joe Morgan (Southeastern VA Training Center, Chesapeake, VA)	





This year, in addition to the Heifer Project, the United Women in Faith have donated \$5,000 each to Smile Train and UMCOR-Ukraine.

Smile Train is a nonprofit organization and charity providing free corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates. Children born with clefts need more than just surgery. Comprehensive cleft care includes essential treatments beyond surgery - such as nutrition services, orthodontic and general dental care, speech therapy and psychological support. Smile Train provides important training and education opportunities to cleft surgeons and related medical professionals around the world. Since 1999, they have provided tens of thousands of scholarships, surgical training resources, workshops, and symposiums.

UMCOR's work in Ukraine is funded with gifts to Advance #982450, International Disaster Response and Recovery. UMCOR is working through Methodist churches in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Estonia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic. These grants provide transportation assistance, humanitarian supplies such as food, water, clothing, shelter and medication, as well as legal services and safe spaces for families, women, children and those with disabilities. **In addition, UMCOR has funded the transport of more than \$1 million in medical supplies to hospitals in Kyiv, with more supplies scheduled.** UMCOR is in continuous dialogue with UMC entities and other partners throughout Europe to identify additional ways to assist. UMCOR will help with the church's latest project to hire a psychologist and a lawyer, both Ukrainian, to assist refugees with trauma and resettlement.

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