

# Circuit Writer

Dear Church Family,

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Those words come from Psalm 118:24. They have been prayed in churches and synagogues for more than 2,500 years, they have been put to music many, many, many times and in modern society they are often found on coffee mugs, refrigerator magnets and stationery note cards. Simple words, the longest of which has 7 letters.

We probably put them before us in so many ways because we want to live into them – to let them guide and direct our daily decisions and daily actions. But we struggle to remember their message: God made this day and I will rejoice, be joy-filled and celebrate this day.

See, our days get swamped with traffic jams, demanding co-workers, needy family members, to-do lists that are longer than the day, decisions to be made, groceries to be bought, mail to be opened, calls to be made, school projects to be completed and friends to text, email, Facebook, Twitter and visit. The busyness of our waking hours often crowds out the fact that God made this day and we desire to rejoice in it.

SO ... what can we do? Let's start with the shortest month in the year and commit ourselves to remember at the beginning of each of February's 29 days that God made this day and remember to rejoice in it.

A simple step that just might make a world of difference.

With transforming hope,  
*Claudia*

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Joe Exline receives proclamation from Bucky Stanley on behalf of the Hanover Board of Supervisors for his vision and efforts to build the John Lewis Thompson Learning Center and Pop's Country Store Museum and many other service contributions in the town of Beaverdam Virginia



# Lay Schedule 2012

Date	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 4
<b>Greeters</b>	Alex Isbell & Lane Smith	The Mallorys	Alyssa Stamey & Matthew Harper	The Calderons	Peggy Morris
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tim Buyer— John 15:9-17	Emily Stallings—	Mary Ann Stamey	Anissa Dougherty	Martha Slayton
<b>Ushers</b>	Edie Beheler & Paytience Shaffer	Ashley Harper & Joe Mallory	Alyssa Stamey & Matthew Harper	The Calderons	Scott & Jessie Mallory
<b>Financial assistant</b>	Tim Buyer	Anissa Dougherty	David Stamey	Flo Calderon	Carole Umbel
<b>Nursery during Worship</b>	Youth as needed	Youth as needed	Youth as needed	Youth as needed	Youth as needed

# FEBRUARY

**February is 'undie' Sundays month.  
Help support Hanover Safe Place**

See back page for more info.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Richard Isbell	2	3	4 Stephanie Slayton
5	6	7	8	9 BUMCY night high schoolers	10	11 BUMCY to ROC
12 Carole Umbel	13	14 	15 Curt Dougherty	16 BUMCY night for all	17	18 Claudia Stallings Butch Jones
19 BUMCY invites you to Valentine Day lunch	20	21	22 ASH Wed. Service 7 pm @BUMC Whitney Slayton	23 	24 BUMCY retreat thru 26th CROSS QUEST	25 Betty Ortiz Piñeros
26 David Pangburn	27	28	29			

## Gifts and Services

What does that really mean? We read in I Corinthians 12:4-11

<sup>4</sup> *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.* <sup>5</sup> *There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.* <sup>6</sup> *God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.*

<sup>7</sup> *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.* <sup>8</sup> *To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.*

<sup>9</sup> *The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.* <sup>10</sup> *He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.* <sup>11</sup> *It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

Each of us has a gift, talent or ability to offer something back to God. We learned Sunday from 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 how beneficial it is to give back, even if just a little.

***God gave the ultimate—His Son.***

Check the list at the side and let us know where your gifts, talents and abilities can be best be used. Don't limit to just those areas listed, be creative and include something you see/think can be accomplished.

Thank you.

## SILENT AUCTION OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

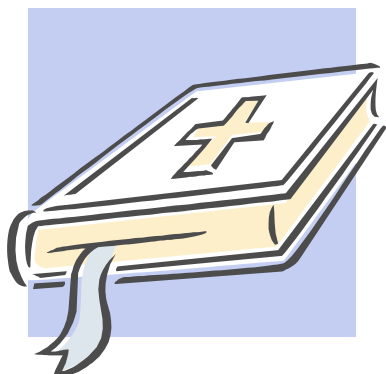
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Church Tinkerer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee Pot Cleaner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Assistant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Pad Checker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Doughnut Buyer or Muffin Maker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historian/Scrapbooker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outside Sign Changer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin Printer/Photocopier
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good New Gossiper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Techie assistant

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Live with intention.  
 Walk to the edge.  
 Listen hard.  
 Practice wellness.  
 Play with abandon.  
 L a u g h.  
 Choose with no regret.  
 Continue to Learn.  
 Appreciate your friends.  
 Do what you love.  
 Live as if this is all there is.\*

~ Mary Anne M.B.L. Radmacher

# What are Apportionments and why are they important in the United Methodist Church

Apportionments are our first mile of mission giving. They form the framework for the rest of our connectional ministry and mission. When we give our money so our congregation can pay its apportionments, we give to these causes:

**World Service Fund:** Trying to describe the ways the World Service Fund contributes to The United Methodist Church requires the use of many “ands.” It helps build new churches and pay the salaries of missionaries and expand Bible studies and provide leadership for youth ministry, and much more. World Service is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination.



**Africa University Fund:** Africa University is the only General Conference–approved degree-granting institution of higher education supported by The United Methodist Church on the continent of Africa. Men and women from 27 countries in Africa receive postsecondary education and postgraduate degrees. When we support the Africa University Fund, we nurture students in Christian values and develop visionary leaders.

**Ministerial Education Fund:** This fund is essential for The United Methodist Church to continue its commitment to recruit and educate quality pastoral leadership. Helping to defray the steep costs of getting a seminary education, the Ministerial Education Fund is one way The United Methodist Church supports those who are called into ordained and licensed ministry. The fund also equips our annual conferences with local pastor courses of study, continuing education and many other efforts to recruit, educate and support people called to ordained and licensed ministry.

**Black College Fund:** Through The Black College Fund, The United Methodist Church helps the 11 historically Black United Methodist–related colleges and universities to maintain solid, challenging academic programs, strong faculties and well-equipped facilities. Their graduates are leaders nationally and internationally.

**Episcopal Fund:** Bishops are an integral part of the spiritual and administrative leadership of The United Methodist Church. Bishops are elected and consecrated to speak to the church and from the church. This fund pays our bishops’ salaries and covers office and travel expenses; it also provides pension and health benefit coverage.

**Interdenominational Cooperation Fund:** The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund enables United Methodists to have a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical and interreligious organizations. It provides the United Methodist share of the basic budgets of these organizations, and pays for the travel expenses of United Methodist representatives.

**General Administration Fund:** This fund attends to the business of The United Methodist Church by ensuring trustworthy systems of oversight and financial accountability. The General Administration Fund finances the administrative activities of the church, in addition to underwriting the basic costs of General Conference, funding work of the Judicial Council, maintaining United Methodist official documents and historical artifacts, and designating historical shrines, landmarks and sites.

Apportionments are just one part of the budget of the local church. Other items include:

- Upkeep and maintenance of the building
- Local mission effort
- Pastors salary and housing
- Office Supplies
- Sunday School, VBS and other study/learning materials
- Youth programs
- As well as other items important for the day to day operations



God calls us for service in many ways. Ask Him for direction as you contemplate how best God can use you.

# BUMCY

In the month of January, BUMCY stepped out in faith and performed twice for the church, once at the Christmas cantata and for worship on Youth Sunday. They are doing an amazing job at trusting God and going beyond their comfort zones to praise him. For fun events, BUMCY enjoyed a sleep-over with Wii games and movies which ended in a service project with BARK (an animal rescue organization in Montpelier). A few of the youth got the chance to walk dogs, clean kennels, and spread lots of human love. The tubing trip was a great success with a total of 23 youth and other church members!

February is going to mark the beginning of a rotation between BUMCY nights for all of the youth and BUMCY nights for just high schoolers. This separation will allow for the high schoolers to discuss some of the tougher subjects or questions. The first high school BUMCY night will be February 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by a BUMCY night for everybody on the 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will be going to the Richmond Outreach Center (ROC) to experience a different style of worship to God. If anyone is willing to drive, please let me know!

Finally, one of two retreats for 2012 is taking place in February from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the Richmond District Retreat, called Cross Quest, for both middle and high schoolers. We would leave around 5 pm on Friday and return close to 4 pm on Sunday. The final cost for the retreat is \$70 a person, lower than usual due to all of the wonderful angels BUMCY has sold! Please let me know if your youth is attending by February 5<sup>th</sup> (Money is not needed until the 19<sup>th</sup>). There is a need for a chaperone and driver, so pray about this opportunity to spend a weekend with some great Jesus-followers!

This coming summer, BUMCY will have the opportunity to attend a mission camp locally in Richmond where they will be doing home repairs and serving like Jesus. However, with a mission camp comes the need for money. Therefore to start fundraising, BUMCY will be doing a Valentine's Day Lunch after church on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. The youth will do all of the cooking, serving, decorating, and cleaning; all they will ask for is a Love offering to go towards their future mission trip. Be sure to check it out!



Hi Girls and Boys,

Much Love,  
Ashley Harper

## JuG's Corner

God answers prayers! Amen? Well after **yesterday**, I thought a new series on the "Wood Fairies" would be appropriate, and so for the next couple of months we will talk about your favorite fairies.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to us in the past saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness." I believe we used Jeremiah in scripture before, but just in case you do not remember, his message began in 626 B.C. and ended sometime after 586 B.C. In chapter 31 Jeremiah talks about restoration and that is what the Wood Fairies need.

Now you know JuG sometimes does not play with a full deck when it comes to machinery, but this time he was on the right splitter at the right time. Let me back up to 1978. I had just started working in Travelers' Home Office and had not become acclimated to what was going on. There was this mail robot that came around to various stages and we were to get our mail out of the appropriate slots. No one told me this and so a bell rang and I stood up just like others and promptly put my foot in a garbage can, which caused me to stumble forward and my free foot went under the mail robot, thus knocking it off track and into my supervisor's office. It took three hours to get the maintenance men to remove the machine and get it started again. Needless to say, that story followed me down to Richmond three years later.

As you know JuG is the only one to get his hand caught between the splitter blade and the log, causing Uncle Spanky to take JuG to the hospital. The other fairies are very mindful and now look out for JuG and in fact some make sure they are not around when I work certain parts of the team. Well, **yesterday** we were working in two areas about 50 yards from each other and I noticed smoke coming from the other area. So did a couple of others. All of a sudden, Bam! The other splitter engine threw out a piece of metal and blew up.

May that engine rest in piece. Uncle Jay can now get the check book out and we will have to buy a new engine. The point is that God made sure nobody was injured. The Wood Fairies pray, work, love, and have fellowship with each other, with God and with others.

Lord, we thank you for those who give the wood, for those who work to prepare the wood, and for those who need the wood. Protect us and keep us safe, that we may do your will to give to those in need.

Have a good month. Love. JuG

## MISSIONS

### W.H.E.A.T.

needs our help both with financial donations and with the following food pantry items needed badly: pasta and spaghetti sauce.

### Compassion International:

Don't forget to support Karen and Axel, our Sunday School's adopted children by depositing your spare change in the Wooden Box in the church's narthex.

### Blessing Box:

Rouzie's has a Blessing Box to collect used men's clothing in good condition and assorted toiletries that can be given to the men at New Life for Youth Ranch. Please only men's Clothing & Toiletries!

Dates to Remember:

February 14<sup>th</sup>



### Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Jacob Stanley	5
Cathy Wilson	7
Bill Goodman	8
Michaela Stanley	11
Claudia Stallings	18
Doris Davis	21
Amber Hawkins	26
Susan Stanley	26

**News from the Pews**

## **Rouzie's Chapel Lay Schedule for February**

Date	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Scriptures	John 15: 9-17	Lay Speaker	Lay Speaker	TBA
Greeter	The Flint's	The Lear's	The Marsh's	Doris Davis Karen Roach
Lay Reader	Jay Marsh	Martha Jones	Barbara Bauserman	Martha Jones

### **The Friendship Book, by Francis Gay**

Here's something to think about today. Without olives being squeezed there would be no olive oil. Without grapes being pressed there would be no wine. Without the dough being kneaded bread wouldn't rise.

So if you are feeling a little under pressure, don't worry – it's just God bringing out the best in you!



## West Hanover Wood Ministry (WHWM) Update

The wood ministry made 34 ½ deliveries since the last newsletter. We are up to a total of 117 loads of wood delivered to our 38 families, which is 2 more families than we had last month. Because of the colder weather our families have been cranking up their wood stoves to stay warm. Our current numbers look like this:

### Families

The Fork Church	13
Rouzie's Chapel/Beaverdam UMC	15
Saint Peters	3
Church of our Savior	7

**Total 38**

### Status

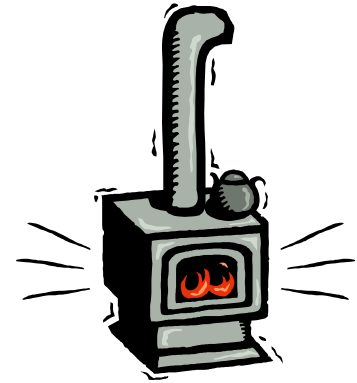
Core	27
WHEAT	5
Hanover County	1
Other	5

**Total 38**

### Deliveries

The Fork Church	35.5
Rouzie's Chapel/Beaverdam UMC	56.5
Saint Peters	11.0
Church of our Savior	14.0

**Total 117.0**



We finally finished cutting, splitting, and hauling the red oak Louise Gordon of Rockville VA donated to the wood ministry. It was 42 inches across at the base. A total of 11 truckloads of wood were brought to the wood yard over a three week period. Our next big job will be cutting up 8 oak trees that were donated to the wood ministry by John and Darlene Pratt who live in Blue Ridge Shores, a community on the west side of Louisa County. Rob Monolo gave us a HUGE helping hand by taking his construction equipment over to the Pratt's to haul the trees out of woods in the Pratt's backyard and truck the logs to Rouzie's Chapel wood yard. Also helping with the effort were Bobby, Rob's equipment operator, Bill Perry with his chainsaw, and Paul Flint. If it weren't for Rob and his crew we would not have been able to get the logs for the wood ministry. THANKS ROB, BOBBY, BILL AND PAUL FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!!

Fredy Calderon and his Saturday crew have been delivering a lot of wood on the weekends. Unfortunately the dump truck he had been using is up for sale and may not be available much longer for the wood ministry to borrow. Fredy loads up the dump truck with a double load and can dump it and be back at the wood yard in a blink of an eye. We will miss not having a dump truck to help us out.

Fredy Calderon, from Beaverdam UMC, is coordinating deliveries for our wood ministry families. If you would like to help deliver wood contact Fredy 804 357-5504, [axc609@gmail.com](mailto:axc609@gmail.com), or Dick Lear 540 894-9919, [rblear1@gmail.com](mailto:rblear1@gmail.com), to get on the e-mail or telephone distribution lists. You don't need a truck to help with deliveries. When the call goes out for deliveries, come to the wood yard and we will team you up with someone who has a truck. Many thanks to all those who support the wood ministry both physically and financially.

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**Undie Sundays:**

Yes, once again it is that time of year on the West Hanover Charge when we collect underwear and socks for those in need.

ROUZIE'S CHAPEL: collects men's socks, undershirts and undershorts for New Life For Youth Ranch.

BEAVERDAM: collects socks and underwear for women and children who need the services of Hanover Safe Place, a shelter for domestic abuse victims.

Throughout the month of February, bring NEW (please, not used) items to our churches to add to this effort.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:**

Pastor Claudia will have Beaverdam UMC sanctuary open on Wednesday mornings from 7am-8am for prayer beginning on Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd**. Participants at both Rouzie's Chapel and Beaverdam UMC are encouraged to be involved in this ministry.

Come join with others as we pray together, pray silently and wait before God. No one will be forced to pray out loud or share with others. It is merely an opportunity to join our forces and petition God for the West Hanover Charge. **Starting February 22nd at 7am.**

**Pastor's Vacation:**

Claudia will be on vacation from Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any needs during this time please contact:

ROUZIE'S CHAPEL: Jay Marsh (540-872-3657) or Barbara Bauserman (804-449-6350)

BEAVERDAM UMC: Ron Umbel (804-449-6178) or Anissa Dougherty (804-241-9406).

**Ash Wednesday Service:**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a forty day spiritual period of prayer and fasting that reminds us that Jesus fasted and prayed in the wilderness for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. It derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of worshippers as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

Our joint service (both Rouzie's Chapel and Beaverdam) will be held on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Beaverdam UMC.