



# Rustburg United Methodist Church

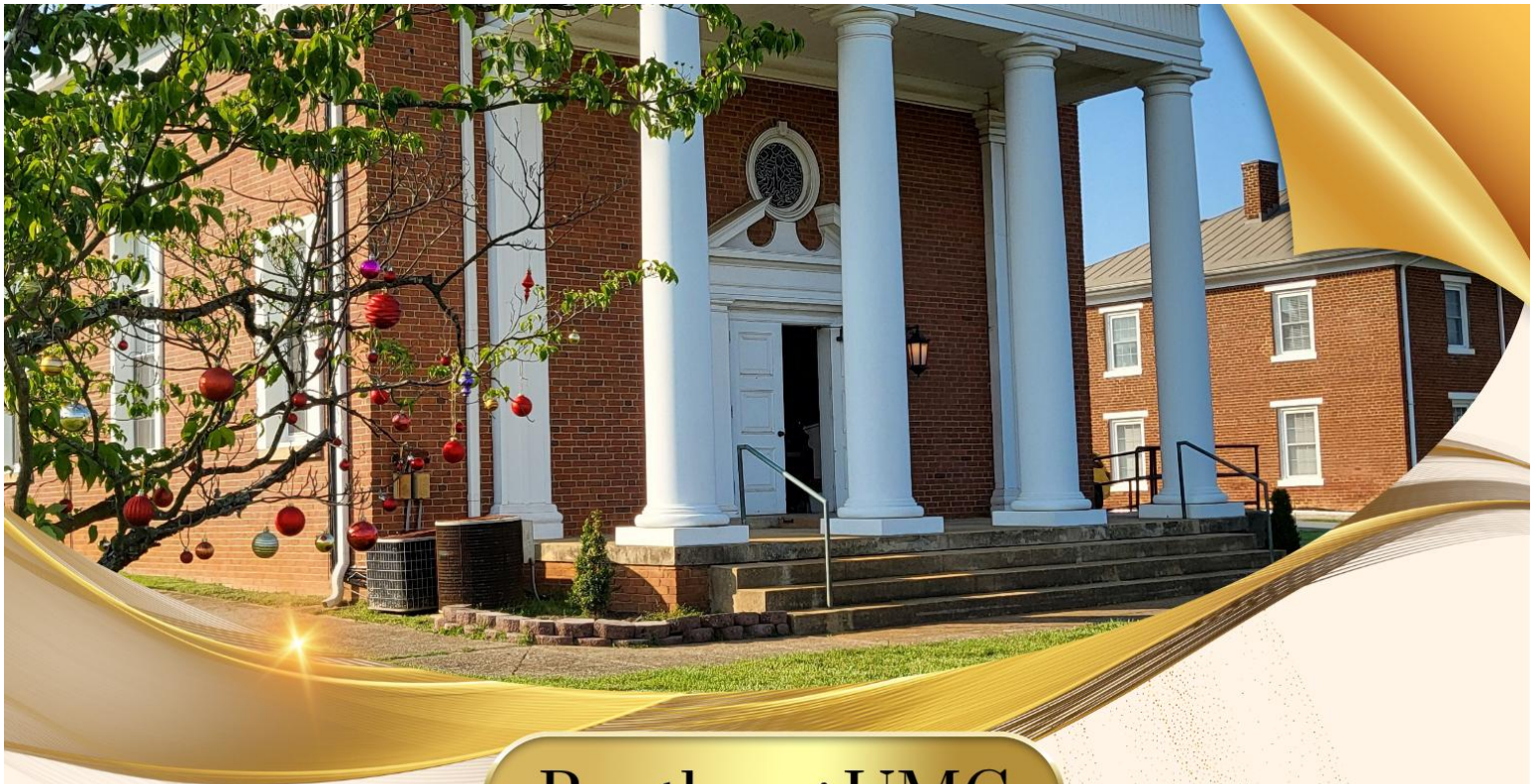
## IN HIS SERVICE – AUGUST 2026



“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?”

Job 12:7-9





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# 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

“Alive with the Spirit!”

- Sun. Sept. 13: Revival, 11 AM
  - Rev. Dr. C.R. Brooks
- Sun. Sept. 13: Revival, 7 PM
  - Guest Preacher, Rev. David Drinkard
- Mon. Sept 14: Revival, 7 PM
  - Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Davies, Service led by Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert
- Wed. Sept. 16: Hymn Sing, 1 PM
  - Pianist Lisa Dawes, led by Rev. Liz Ecklund
- Sat. Sept. 19: Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM
- Sun. Sept. 20: Worship, 11 AM
  - Anniversary Luncheon, 12 PM



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## Bangladesh Update



In early July, RUMC took up a special offering to send to Bangladesh to aid 25 families in the Khagrachari Hill Tracts that are in need of assistance after severe flooding in the area. The Mission Committee added \$200 to the \$100 that was collected. We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters there.

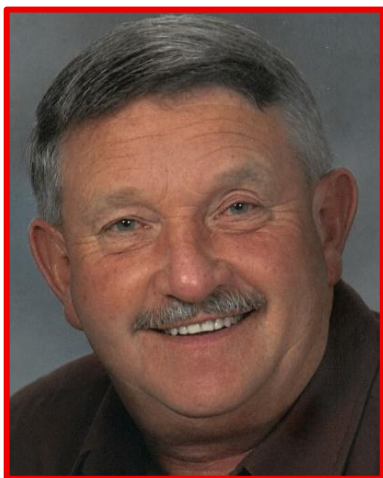
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Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and flowers from Care and Share during my recent surgery.

*Kay McCrickard*

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### **Dennis Clay Cowart**

**September 13, 1947 - July 13, 2026**

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Rustburg United Methodist Church, 664 Village Highway, Rustburg VA 24588. The celebration will be held in the gym. This will be a very casual event and it would be great if you would wear **red** in his memory.



The **UWF** are collecting *Marble Notebooks and Greeting Cards* in support of “*Grace Inside Ministry*” (for incarcerated women).

Our next scheduled meeting is: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10 AM in the Small Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited!

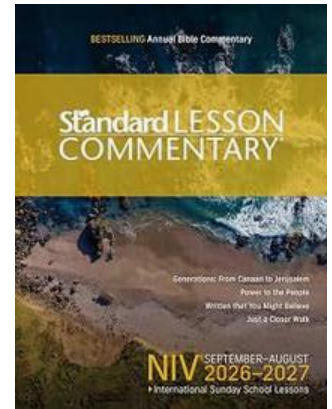
Love in Christ;  
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

# Bible Study

Led By: Dr. C.R. Brooks

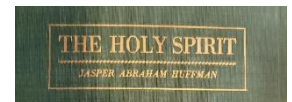
12 Noon & 6 PM

Wednesdays: **August 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**



We are using the *Revised Standard Bible*, the *2026-2027 Standard Lesson Commentary* and *The Holy Spirit* by Jasper A. Huffman for 2026 Wednesday Bible Study.

You can find the 2026-2027 Commentary – NIV and King James translation – at [Mardel's](#), [Amazon](#), etc. Prices currently range from \$16-\$22 on the different versions, which include deluxe and LP (large print). Huffman's *The Holy Spirit* can be borrowed or purchased at Bible Study when available.



## AUDIT COMMITTEE INVITATION



In order to support the work of the church treasurer, the Administrative Board seeks to build an **Audit Committee**. If you volunteer, or know of someone in the church community with a gift of accounting or love of numbers, please give Administrative Assistant Cheryl Martin your name and contact information.

“The Audit Committee should be composed of at least two people unrelated to the treasurer, financial secretary, pastor(s), finance committee chair, business manager, those who count the offerings, or the church secretary. The key to using an audit committee made up of people within the church is independence, both in fact and appearance with no bias. They can be members of your church or swapped with members from another church. Go to the online audit guide for [step-by-step instructions](#).”

# Summer Corn Salad



## Ingredients

6 ears corn, husked and cleaned  
3 large tomatoes, diced  
1 large onion, diced  
¼ cup chopped fresh basil  
¼ cup olive oil  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
salt and pepper to taste

## Directions

Gather the ingredients. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook corn in boiling water for 7 to 10 minutes, or until desired tenderness. Drain, cool, and cut kernels off the cob with a sharp knife. Toss corn, tomatoes, onion, basil, oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper in a large bowl; chill until serving.

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# Cucumber Salad

## Ingredients

1 cup water  
½ cup distilled white vinegar  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
¼ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste  
3 cucumbers, peeled and sliced ¼-inch thick  
3 tomatoes, cut into wedges

# Children's Sunday School Class Trip



On June 13, 2026 the Children's Sunday School Class, consisting of Serenity Rankin, Presley Wiley, Kj Bishoff, and Kaleesi Bishoff met Donna Hamlett and Sarah Hamlett at the AquaZoo located in River Ridge mall (we also had a few parents and a grandparent enjoy the experience with us). We enjoyed petting and feeding so many different animals and fish.

Everything was fine until Donna and Presley saw the giant snake walk by wrapped around his handler. Some of the children's favorite animals were the Capybaras and the Savanna Cats that they got a chance to pet and feed together. Kj's favorite was the Koi Fish and Serenity loved the Mini-pigs. After spending a long time at the zoo, we packed up and went to their favorite store Five Below where they got a chance to shop for a bit.

Donna Hamlett and Sarah Hamlett



*July Flower Arrangement at RUMC,  
by Lisa Bailey.*



*Independence Day Indoor Picnic in the Gym.  
July 5, 2026*



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# DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

Saturday,  
August 8th  
9:30 - 11 AM



Equal Opportunity Provider



*Rustburg UMC representing at the Campbell County Public Library's End-of-Summer Reading Fair (left & middle) and at the Summer Food Pantries (right).*



## August Mission & Noisy Offering Cake Mix & Frosting

It's a GO for CAKE MIX & FROSTING COLLECTION for AUGUST.

These items will be used for our special "Food Pantry Birthday Celebration!"

THANK YOU!





# Magnolia Ladies Night on the Town Dinner & Bowling Save the Date

**When:** Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Papa Gallo for dinner & AMF or Fort Hill Bowling Center (TBD)  
Come for a FUN night of dinner & bowling. We will meet for dinner before heading to the lanes. More info will be in the September newsletter. This will be an RSVP event. Cost for bowling TBD.

## Magnolia 2026 Events Save the Dates

**Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Magnolia Ladies Ice Cream Social for 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration after the luncheon

**Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Magnolia Bowling Night

**Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>:** RUMC Fall Festival

**Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Friendsgiving (RUMC Small Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Cookie Exchange



Looking for old Reader's Digest magazines for a Magnolia Event coming up in November. If anyone has some, they would like to donate, I would be grateful. I am looking for 20-25 total.

Please bring to church and leave in the small fellowship hall with my name or give me a call at: 434-258-6409. Thank you! - Kelly Gladden

# AUGUST 2026

- Sun. 08/02 **Communion**  
**Reception: Celebrating the Life of Dennis Cowart,**  
2 PM in Gym
- Sun. 08/09 **Men's Group Meeting, 8:30 AM**  
**Administrative Board, following Worship**
- Sat. 08/08 **Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
- Tues. 08/11 **Souvenir Booklet Committee, 6 PM**
- Wed. 08/19 **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM & 6 PM**
- Thurs. 08/20 **Handbell Rehearsal, 6 PM**  
**Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM**
- Sun. 08/23 **Noisy Offering: Cake Mix & Frosting**
- Wed. 08/26 **Deadline for September Newsletter**



- Wed. August 19, 26: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM & 6 PM**
- Thurs. August 20, 27: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**  
**Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM**



2026 Drainage Project in-progress!

## July RUMC Offerings

Total General Offering: July 2026

|             | July        | YTD         |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| General.    | \$10,575.00 | \$79,200.00 |
| Budget.     | 16,958.83   | 118,711.81  |
| Short.      | (6,383.83)  | (39,511.81) |
| Other.      | 4,637.61    | 30,342.37   |
| Total Short | (1,746.22)  | (9,169.44)  |



Smoky Sunset by Bill Arthur



# Happy 150th Year RUMC!

1876 – 2026, Central Methodist Church | Rustburg UMC  
Come celebrate with us Sunday, September 20th!

# We ♥ Our Volunteers

## August Ushers

Michael Metcalf and Ricky Pillow

## August Greeters

2 Betty Cyrus  
9 Kelly & Jeff Gladden  
16 Cheryl & Rick Pillow  
23 Frances, Presley & Aaron Wiley  
30 Shirley & Homer Phillips

## August Sunday School

Donna & Sarah Hamlett  
Alice Watson  
David Hawkins  
Pam Booth



Sydney and Sharon Nolley in Paris.



## Acolytes

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kaleesi Bishoff | David (Mac) MacMillan |
| KJ Bishoff      | Nicholas Macmillan    |
| Serenity Rankin | Jennivieve MacMillan  |
| Presley Wiley   | Chrissy MacMacMillan  |
| Teddy MacMillan |                       |

## RUMC Contact Info:

**Acolytes:** Cheryl Martin  
**Care & Share:** Shirley Phillips  
**Children's Church:** Shannon Hall  
**Greeters:** Betty Cyrus  
**Nursery:** Mary Bailey  
**Ushers:** Jerry Booth

01 G.W. & Sharon Nolley  
05 Jacob & Morgan Watson  
06, 1983 Bruce & Donna Cameron  
13 Ed & Alice Watson  
14, 1982 Clif & Lou Tweedy  
17 Steve & Mary Bailey

## August Church Closers

Donna and Lisa Cameron

## August Birthdays!

05 Jenn Ketter, Jennivieve MacMillan  
07 Lou Tweedy  
15 Pam Cowart, Donna Hamlett  
21 Sam Hall  
22 Cooper J. Brest  
23 Alice Watson, Robert Merryman  
24 Leonard Brown  
25 Justine Merryman, Jennifer Johnson  
26 David Phillips  
29 Bill Torrence



**Prayer Requests:** Family of Dennis Cowart, Frank Merryman and Lorretta, Betty Ferrell, Pastor Samiran, Erin (Rosser) McDevitt currently a patient at UVA neurological ICU, Harry Brooke diagnosed w/ Stage 4 bone cancer and Bruce Norton diagnosed w/ esophagus cancer, family of Ann Bailey, Kim Saunders (Republican Grove UMC), Vicky Gamon (waiting for liver transplant), Pastor Sung and family, Monnie and Barbara Coleman, Barbara Wiles, Atha Bailey, Nancy Bennett, JohnWyatt Newcomb, Cindy and Danny Torrence, Jackie Robinson (church custodian) has asked for prayers for her sister, Kenneth

Grubbs, Joyce Rush, Marguerite Eimer, Betty McClung, May Nolley, Mary Alice Preston, Tina Shaver, Marsha Henderson, Bangladeshi families, and Military families



# DO NOT WORRY

Discover the hidden words.



## Word Bank

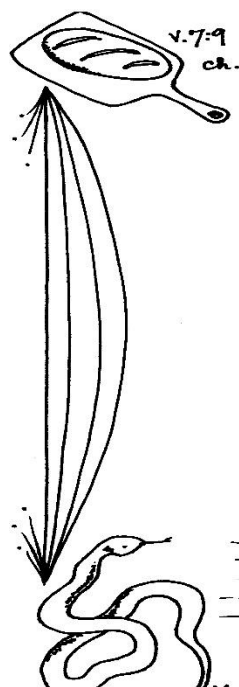
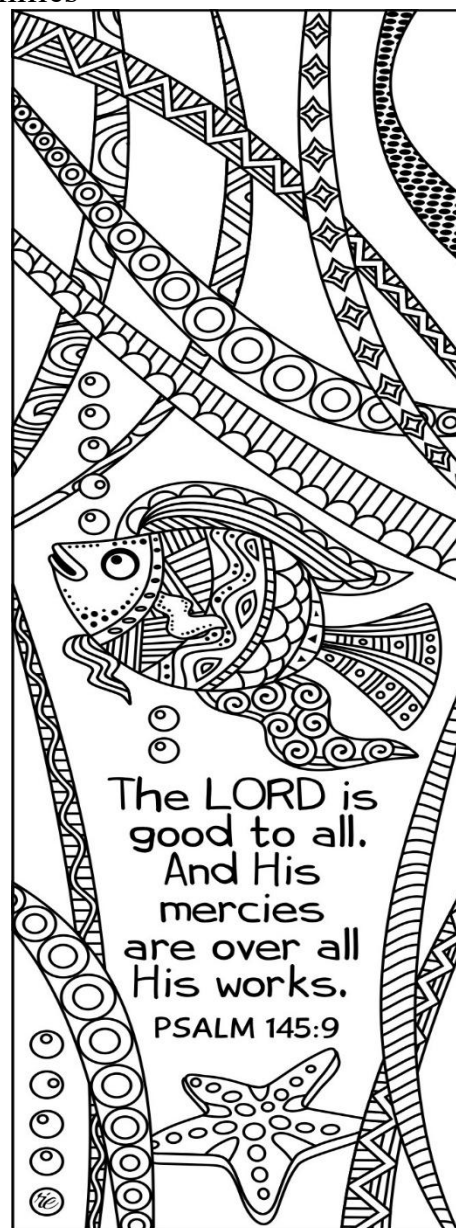
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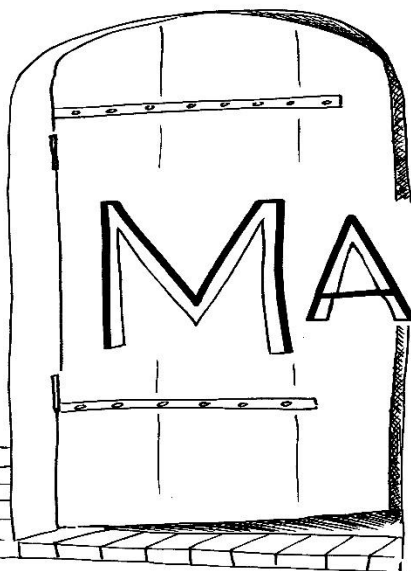
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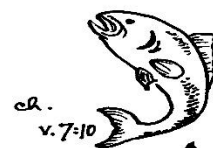
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Music Director: Alice Watson | Pianist: Heather Wilson

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Martin

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Cameron

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**Our Vision:** To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

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