



Rustburg United Methodist Church

IN HIS SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 2026



"Rustburg UMC Easter Sunday 2026 Congregation," by Donna Brown.

Hi All,

As Rustburg UMC is celebrating 150 Years in Mission and Ministry we'll be doing a special interactive timeline. It's a project that requires your help! We're looking for old, or new, pictures of Central Methodist and Rustburg UMC. You can simply take a photo or scan of whatever item(s) and send to the Office Email Address [rustburgumc@gmail.com] for printing. Just be sure to include the following information:

- Your name
- What the picture is of
- Approximate date



If you don't have email, no worries, we'll have a collection point in the Narthex for pictures and, so long as you put your name with the item(s), we'll get them back to you. Be creative in your remembrances! Can be art, a VBS craft, wedding picture, etc. As long as it's Central Methodist/RUMC-related, we'll find a way to include.

Many Thanks,
Frances Wiley, RUMC Worship Chair
Lisa Cameron, RUMC Communications Chair



Rustburg UMC

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

“Alive with the Holy Spirit!”

- **Sat. Sept. 12: Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
- **Sun. Sept. 13: Revival, 11 AM**
 - Rev. Dr. C.R. Brooks, Morning Worship Service w/ RUMC Chancel Choir
- **Sun. Sept. 13: Revival, 7 PM**
 - Guest Preacher, Rev. David Drinkard w/ Peakland UMC Choir
 - Worship Leader: Pam Booth
- **Mon. Sept 14: Revival, 7 PM**
 - Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Davies, w/ Silver Grove Baptist Women's Chorus
 - Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert
- **Wed. Sept. 16: Hymn Sing, 1 PM**
 - Pianist Lisa Dawson | Leader: Rev. Liz Ecklund
- **Sun. Sept. 20: Worship, 11 AM**
 - Free Catered Anniversary Luncheon, 12 PM



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Rustburg UMC 150th Anniversary Celebration & Revival

“Alive with the Holy Spirit!”

Revival Leaders

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You?"
— Psalm 85:6 (NIV)



REVEREND C.R. BROOKS

Preacher: Sunday, Sept. 13th | 11 AM

The Rev. Dr. CeCelia Brooks is the pastor Rustburg UMC and the former District Superintendent of the Coastal Virginia District. A Hanover County native, Dr. Brooks graduated with a M. Div. from Duke University Divinity School and a Ph. D. from Oklahoma State University and has served churches and campus ministries in Oklahoma and Virginia.

She has a passion for preaching, mission and African American and Plain People history. She has published several articles and books. Come and see!



REVEREND DAVID DRINKARD

Guest Preacher: Sept. 13th | 7 PM

Pastor Dave is a native of Appomattox, Virginia. He attended Ferrum College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has been a United Methodist Pastor since 1978 and although retired, continues to serve churches as needed. He and his wife Linda live in Forest Virginia, but continue to own and care for a family home in Appomattox.

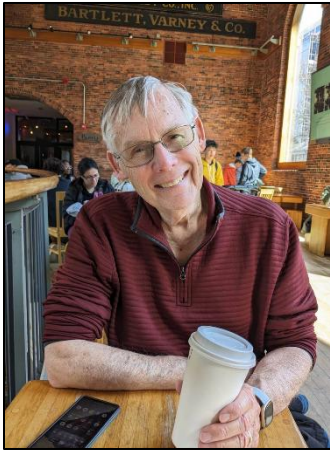
He was Lynchburg District Superintendent from 2001-2008 and is a member of the Ferrum College Board of Trustees, Brookville Ruritan Club and Colonial Hills Golf Club.



PAM BOOTH

Worship Leader: Sept. 13th | 7 PM

Pam Booth is the Lay Leader of Rustburg United Methodist Church and the Co-Chair of Missions. She was one of the founders of RUMC's Drive-thru Food Pantry, which began September 12, 2020. She was employed as a Speech Therapist/Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for Campbell County Schools for twenty-five years.



REVEREND LARRY DAVIES

Guest Preacher: Sept. 14th | 7 PM

Larry Davies has been a pastor for nearly forty years of small, medium, and large churches. He's also been a District Superintendent supervising 90 churches and pastors. Larry is the author of ten books, all based on his devotional column "Sowing Seeds of Faith" published in newspapers and online.

For nearly forty years, I've served as a pastor for churches of all sizes, and along the way, I discovered a passion for writing. What started as a devotional column in a small-town newspaper blossomed into "Sowing Seeds Ministry," offering prayer and devotional content to various media. My books aim to enrich your devotional time with God, combining storytelling with spiritual wisdom.



REVEREND SARAH CALVERT

Worship Leader: Sept. 14th | 7 PM

Sarah is a United Methodist elder serving as District Superintendent, first for Arlington, then Arlington & Alexandria, then Northern Virginia, and now for the Mountain View District.

Sarah grew up all over as a military kid (itinerate from an early age!), ending up graduating from high school in Fairfax, VA. She has a BA in Economics & International Studies from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and then became an attorney with her own firm in Fairfax after receiving her law degree from George Mason Law School. After an overwhelming and literal calling from God, Sarah attended Wesley Theological Seminary to receive her Masters of

Divinity and then again a few years later went back for a Doctorate in Church Leadership.



REVEREND LIZ ECKLUND

Leader: Sept. 16th | 1 PM

Liz was born on Long Island, New York in a home centered on worship and church activities. Her mother was the first woman lay leader in the Methodist Church in New York. Her dad was originally from Virginia and was always involved in church and loves to sing in the choir.

Liz is pastor of Forest Road UMC. She has a master's in divinity at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. She has served many churches in the Mountain View District beginning with a wonderful time at Rustburg UMC, Chaplain at Randolph college, Fort Hill UMC, Chestnut Hill UMC. She also worked as a special education aide for severely and profoundly handicapped children and as a coordinator for the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.



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!

UWF Book Reports are due: Sept. 20th.

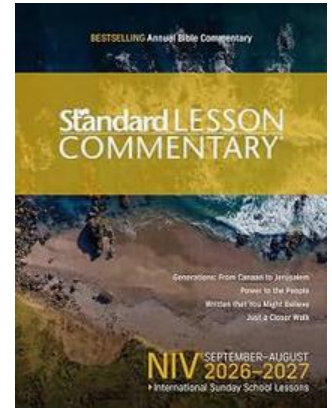
Love in Christ;
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

Bible Study

Led By: Dr. C.R. Brooks

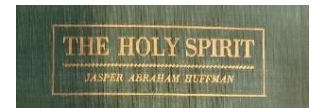
12 Noon & 6 PM

Wednesdays: September; 2 ,9, 23, 30

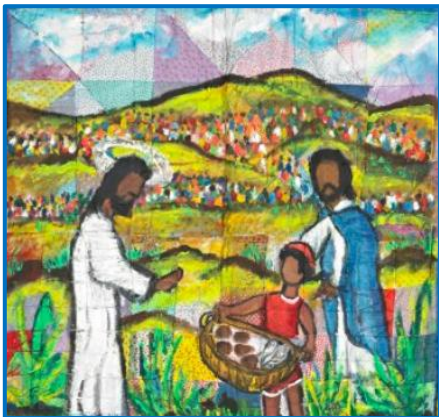


We are using the *Revised Standard Bible*, the *2026-2027 Standard Lesson Commentary* and *The Holy Spirit* by Jasper A. Huffman for 2026 Wednesday Bible Study.

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 LP (large print) and Deluxe/LP. 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](#).”

HALL of FAME & SOFTBALL ALL STARS



Canton, Ohio - Football Hall of Fame Class of 2026 Induction weekend - Hall of Fame football game and Gold Jacket HOF Dinner. What a priceless experience.

LIKE FATHER
LIKE DAUGHTER!



Frances Wiley takes on the role of coach with Appomattox Dixie Softball. Her team has the best regular season record, losing only one game. Then she's selected to manage the ALL STARS - DISTRICT & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. Team represents VIRGINIA in DIXIE WORLD SERIES.



"The RIGHTEOUS
CARE for the
NEEDS of their
ANIMALS."

PROVERBS 12:10

WANTED for OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: Pet Pictures!

Be sure to send:

- Pet Photo
- Name of You
- Name of Pet(s)





Happy 6th Birthday to RUMC Drive-thru Food Pantry!
Est. September 12, 2020

September Mission & Noisy Offering Rustburg UMC at Carnegie



The 4th Sunday Noisy Offering for September 2026 will go to support RUMC Choir members' trip to Carnegie Hall in mid-November. We are around halfway to raising the \$10,000 to cover residency and concert fees. We are hoping to meet that goal and

raise additional funds to help cover a portion of our travel expenses. It is such an honor to be selected to perform in Carnegie under the direction of world-renowned composer Joseph Martin.

We will have another concert, Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 4 PM that we hope to raise additional funds, but every little bit helps.



A special thanks to the following individual, group and business sponsors:

RUMC Men's Group
Billy and Marie Arthur
The Wigg's Family
Bernice Dooley

Scott Wilson Insurance
Jimmy and Betty Cyrus
The Nolley Family

Wall Construction
Linda Goff
Rev. CeCelia Brooks, PhD

Thank you so much for your support!!



Magnolia Ladies Night on the Town Dinner & Bowling

When: Friday September 25th 5:30 p.m.

Where: Papa Gallo for dinner & Fort Hill Bowling Center \$4 Shoes /\$6 per game (Will bowl 2-3 games)

Time: Papa Gallo at 5:30
Bowling at 7:00 Fort Hill Bowling Center

Come for a FUN night of dinner & bowling.

Please RSVP to Kelly Gladden by Sunday September 20th

Magnolia 2026 Events Save the Dates

Sunday September 20th: Magnolia Ladies Ice Cream Social
for 150th Birthday Celebration after Anniversary Luncheon

Friday September 25th: Magnolia Bowling Night

Saturday October 17th: RUMC Fall Festival

Friday November 20th: Friendsgiving (RUMC Small Fellowship Hall)

Saturday December 5th: Christmas Cookie Exchange





September 2026

- Tues. 09/01 **Missions Committee, 6 PM**
Worship Committee, 6:30 PM
- Wed. 09/02 **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM & 6 PM**
- Thurs. 09/03 **Handbell Rehearsal, 6 PM**
Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun. 09/06 **Communion**
- Tues. 09/08 **Nominations, 5:30 PM**
SPRC, 6 PM
- Wed. 09/09 **United Women in Faith, 10 AM**
- Sat. 09/12 **Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
- Sun. 09/13 **Men's Group Meeting, 8:30 AM**
Administrative Board, following Worship
Revival w/ Rev. David Drinkard & Peakland UMC Choir, 7 PM
- Mon. 09/14 **Revival w/ Rev. Larry Davies & Silver Grove Baptist Women's Choir, 7 PM**
- Wed. 09/16 **Hymn Sing w/ Lisa Dawes and Rev. Liz Ecklund, 1 PM**
- Sun. 09/20 **Worship, 11 AM**
RUMC 150th Anniversary Luncheon, 12 PM
- Wed. 09/23 **2027 Finance/Budget Meeting, 7 PM**
Deadline for October Newsletter
- Sun. 09/27 **Noisy Offering: RUMC Choir for Carnegie**
- Wed. September 2,9,23,30: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 & 6 PM**
- Thurs. September 3,10,17,24: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**
Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM



"Finches at the Fountain," by Betty Cyrus

August RUMC Offerings

Total General Offering: August 2026

	August	YTD
General	16,263.00	95,463.00
Budget	16,958.83	130,393.93
Short	(695.83)	(40,207.64)
Other	4,588.56	34,930.93
Total Difference	3,892.73	(5,276.71)



"August Orchids," by Lisa Bailey



Happy 150th Year RUMC!

1876 – 2026, Central Methodist Church | Rustburg UMC

Come celebrate with us at a free catered luncheon
Sunday, September 20th! Cake and ice cream
provided but you may bring a dessert if you wish.

Congratulations to Haywood McCrickard & Coach Pendleton!

Rustburg High School is proud to announce the
inaugural class of the
Rustburg High School Hall of Fame

The first Hall of Fame class includes distinguished
coaches, student-athletes, and a contributor who have
each made significant contributions to the tradition and
legacy of Rustburg High School.

Inaugural Hall of Fame Class:

Coaches

Pat Bell

Haywood McCrickard

Student-Athletes

Katie Phillips Bigham

Mike Brown

Danny Davis

Ronnie Eagle

Betty Jackson Franklin

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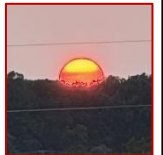
Coach/Contributor

Hugh T. Pendleton Jr.



"Approaching Clouds," by Mary Bailey

*"September Sunsets,"
by Billy Arthur*



*"Partial Lunar Eclipse,"
by Lisa Cameron*





RUSTBURG UMC

RUMC CHOIR CONCERT FOR CARNEGIE



4:00 PM
FREE TO ALL



OCTOBER 25, 2026

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE
CHOIR'S PERFORMANCE AT CARNEGIE HALL.

**664 VILLAGE HWY
RUSTBURG, VA**

September Stewardship & Volunteers

Greeters

06 Sue Buchanan
13 Betty Ferrell
20 Wanda Coates
27 Mae Drinkard

Acolytes

Kaleesi Bishoff
KJ Bishoff
Serenity Rankin
Presley Wiley
Teddy MacMillan

David (Mac) MacMillan
Nicholas Macmillan
Jennivieve MacMillan
Chrissy MacMacMillan

Ushers: Jerry Booth and Marvin Tweedy

Church Closers: Jimmy and Betty Cyrus

RUMC Contact Information:

Acolytes: Cheryl Martin

Care & Share: Shirley Phillips

Children's Church: Shannon Hall

Greeters: Betty Cyrus

Nursery: Mary Bailey

Ushers: Jerry Booth

September Sunday School:

Donna & Sarah Hamlett

Alice Watson

David Hawkins

Pam Booth

Prayer Requests:

Family of Teresa Wandell, Family of Levi Gunter, Family of Donald Younger, Betty McClung, Barbara Wiles, Family of Dennis Cowart, Pastor Samiran, Erin (Rosser) McDevitt, 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 & family, Monnie & Barbara Coleman, Atha Bailey, Nancy Bennett, JohnWyatt Newcomb, Cindy & Danny Torrence, Jackie Robinson (church custodian) has asked for prayers for her sister, Kenneth Grubbs, Joyce Rush, Marguerite Eimer, May Nolley, Frank and Lorretta Merryman, Mary Alice Preston, Tina Shaver, Marsha Henderson, Bangladeshi families, and military families.

September Birthdays

06 Olivia Watson
07 Frances Wiley
14 Marvin Tweedy
15 Racheal Bishoff
21 Jacob Watson
27 Ed Watson



September Anniversaries

08, 1964 Jimmy & Betty Cyrus
10 Mike & Susan Bryant
18 Billy & Marie Arthur
25 Michael & Donna Metcalf



RUMC: 150 Years in Mission

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Anniversary
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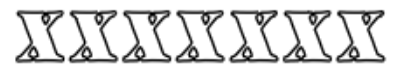
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RUMC
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 August 2026

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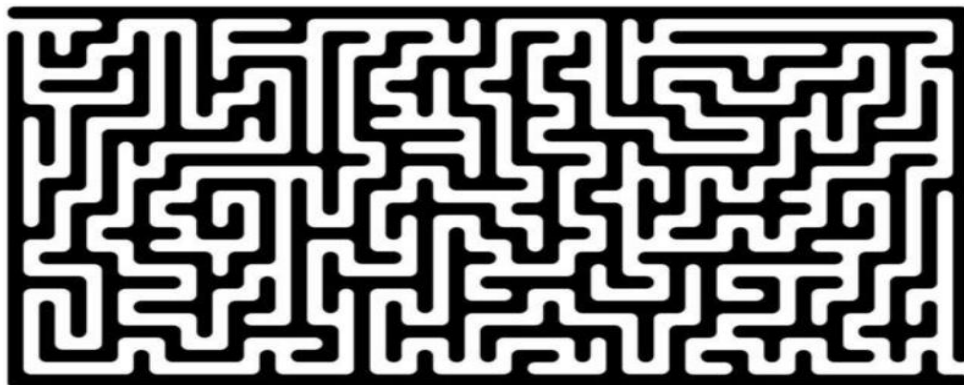
of God



in Christ

Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39





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Rev. C. R. Brooks, Ph.D.

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Lay Leadership Team: Pam Booth, Annette Patrick

Music Director: Alice Watson | Pianist: Heather Wilson

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Martin

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Cameron

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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

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