



# Rustburg United Methodist Church

## IN HIS SERVICE – OCTOBER 2026

It is Pastor Appreciation Month. This year Dr. C. R. Brooks celebrates thirty-five years of ministry in the United Methodist Church. She started at Walmsley Memorial United Methodist Church, in Richmond, Virginia, in 1991 as a part-time minister for a “church in transition”. Working with churches in transition was a new idea in the 1990s. The work of ministers like Rev. Brooks was to bring in people from the community into a church that was predominately white. In a community that changed from predominately upper middle-class white Americans to middle income White Americans, Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanics, Walmsley chose to change to minister to the needs of its surrounding community.



Rev. Brooks' first sermon.



Graduation from Duke University: Dr. A. Bohannon, Nancy Dawe, Rev. Brooks, & Dr. Donald Dawe.

Along with Victor Gomez, Rev. Brooks was hired to start what would later become known as cross racial/cross-cultural ministry in the Virginia Conference. The year that the movie *Sister Act* premiered Brooks' “church in transition” ministry moved to Highland Park UMC in Roanoke. She was ordained Deacon in the Virginia Conference in 1995 and served at Duke Memorial in North Carolina in Durham as an Associate. However, after matriculating in a Dual Degree at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and Presbyterian School of Christian Education and finishing with a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke Divinity School, the Virginia Conference had no appointment for her in a black church. The Virginia Bishop and cabinet transferred Rev. Brooks to Oklahoma to keep her in a black context. While there, Brooks started *Sojourners* UMC in Oklahoma City. Because she continued her cross racial church mission, *Sojourners* grew quickly and very inclusively with different people from different backgrounds.

Brooks was moved from new church starts and appointed as the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Langston. Established in 1897, Langston University remains the only Historically Black college in Oklahoma. The Wesley Foundation had no building. In seven years, led by Brooks, the Board of Directors raised over two million dollars to build a facility and establish a vital ministry. While director she also pastored two Oklahoma Black churches.

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Rev. Brooks (third from left) and Langston University's Wesley Foundation. Five students would go on to become ministers.

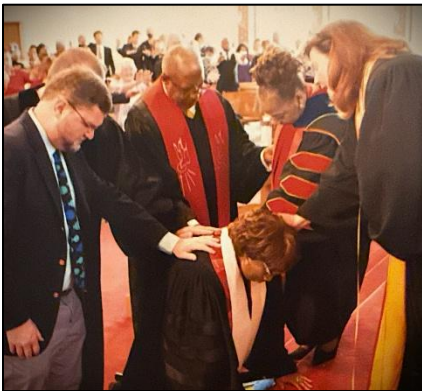


UMC District Superintendents under  
Bishop Sharma Lewis Logan.

She was later moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she pastored Trinity United Methodist Church and Afro Indian Church Spencer Memorial UMC. In Oklahoma she baptized thirty-six young people into Trinity UMC. Dr. Brooks graduated with a PhD in History from Oklahoma State University concentrating in African American Studies and Plain White People in 2018. In 2019 Brooks moved back to Virginia to be with family. She transferred back to the Virginia Conference where she was appointed to Lawrenceville UMC and then Franktown UMC on the Eastern Shore. She has also

traveled extensively doing missionary work in Greece, Africa, Jamaica, Middle East and the United States.

Led by Holy Spirit called for the appointment, Bishop Sharma Lewis appointed Dr. Brooks as a District Superintendent of Eastern Shore and Elizabeth River Districts. Under Dr. Brooks' leadership those districts came together and Brooks pulled together 108 churches to become the Coastal Virginia District. Eight new clergy people began their careers under Dr. Brooks leadership. Under Bishop Sue, Dr. Brooks was appointed to Rustburg United Methodist Church.



Rev. Brooks' installation as DS.

*"Dr. C. R. Brooks has faithfully served the United Methodist Church for 35 years! Join me in congratulating her on this incredible milestone. In these 35 years, Dr. Brooks has reached out to communities and formed disciples. She has challenged the church in various ways. Always a servant, Dr. Brooks grounds herself in the Holy Spirit."*

- Rev. Dr. Jason Stanley, VAUMC  
Director of Call and Candidacy



Children's Time at Rustburg UMC.

## RUMC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Printed Notecards



Cheryl Hawkins provided a beautiful sketch of RUMC which we have printed on notecards.

We have 8-count for \$12  
or 12-count for \$18.

Checks can be made to RUMC with Magnolia Fund in the byline.

Please see Shannon Hall or Kelly Gladden if you would like to purchase.



# Rustburg UMC FALL FESTIVAL

We'll have local crafters, a flea market (\$5-a-bag), a raffle for themed baskets, hotdogs, Brunswick Stew (by qt. and meal), and baked goods.



Saturday, 17  
October, 2026



664 Village HWY,  
Rustburg, VA 24588

Join us for a day of great shopping and good food!

**9 AM - 2 PM**



434-332-5454



Fall Festival Rustburg UMC



# RUMC! Happy 150th Year: Thanks & Praise

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY,

I am still in awe of the Anniversary Celebration that came to full circle on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at Rustburg UM Church. After months of chatter and seamless indecision-making in how to honor this historic season of our church, God took control of all of us and made a wonderful memory for every participant and extended family associate who experienced a Spiritual Awakening.

Behind the scenes for many weeks the wheels were turning. The prayers were prayed and the brains of so many talented, creative people grabbed the ground and ran with it.

- Reverend Brooks envisioned Revival that was due to set off the week of Remembrance. Her knowledge of the pastoral community within our area was tapped. Excellent clergy and associate choirs were selected. Our members were also selected to participate in the actuation of the meetings.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning worship set off the beginning of our exciting spiritual renewal with Rev. Brooks. Her message was clear and directly from the Old and New Testaments.
- Three evening services were held at 7:00 PM and a 'Hymn Sing' was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday. All events were awesome (Rev. Liz Ecklund's favorite descriptor)!
- September 20<sup>th</sup> 150-year Birthday Celebration was very special. The worship service was attended by many extended family members 'coming back' to enjoy the time together. A catered luncheon was enjoyed by all. Many hours were spent setting up lovely tables and memory boards of pictures, albums, and posters. I have not tried to name those who worked so long and hard to make this week a memorable time BUT this not an end; it is a beginning. We see more clearly what a team of Christians working together can achieve. In my heart I know this is a 'God-thing'. Our purpose is to love each other as we are and help build up those who doubt it.



After Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>'s Hymn Sing w/ Pianist Lisa Dawson, Rev. Liz Ecklund, and Linda DeJarnette.

A huge Thank You to all of you, my church, for the memories! Bernice Dooley



A huge *THANK YOU* to Lisa & Robert Bailey for planting the mums that decorated the tables for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration at RUMC. Lisa & Robert came back later that afternoon and planted them in front of the church in the flower beds! We appreciate Lisa's time and talent with all the floral arrangements for the Sanctuary each Sunday morning and taking care of the flower beds on the church grounds.



A small portion of the RUMC Interactive Timeline displayed in the Gym.



Sept. 20th Catered Luncheon.



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration congregation.



Children's Time: "The Church is the People!"



Silver Grove Baptist Church Women's Chorus, 9/14



Speaker David Hawkins, 9/20



Peakland UMC Choir, 9/13

## Memories from Marvin Tweedy

### Rustburg UMC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

I just recently turned 79 and have been a member of this church my entire life. In recent months in anticipation of this 150th anniversary, a number of memories have come to mind and I would like to share a few of them. Certainly, the tearing down of the old sanctuary and construction of the new one is one of the first memories I have. I remember sitting on the dark chocolate pews and crawling through an open window to see what was going on.



*RUMC's predecessor: Central Methodist.*

There was a lot of discussion, differences of opinions on the name change from Central United Methodist to Rustburg United Methodist Church.

I am always hesitant to mention names because there so many people who have made long lasting contributions to the success of this church, but just a few that I have thought of recently.

There have had so many great ministers who have been in the pulpit, but just a few that I would like to mention: Lady minister Beatrice Callis in the early 1960 was the first woman minister I can remember. James McClung was here for what seemed an eternity before moving on to be director of VUMAR in 1979 Jim and his wife Betty had twins, a son and daughter. One morning, Jim was about half through his sermon and his 5-year-old daughter Tondra got up and began walking out and Jim asked where she was going, and she replied, "To the bathroom, Daddy!"

David Moorefield and wife Esther and probably the first Friday night lock in with the youth group. Larry Davies who spoke at our recent revival. Ronnie Morris, and Rev Sung.

Sunday school teachers Mrs. B Jamerson, Frank Coleman and competition for learning the books of the bible, Danny Beard and his lesson series on B-attitudes found in the book of John, Jim McClung and young adult group, Betty Ferrell, and David Hawkins who has an out of the box teaching method at times. Dr. and Mrs. Hickson who spoke to a youth group about 60 years of marriage. Mary Jo Goff and Ethel Merryman, bible school refreshments consisting of cup of cool aid and 2 cookies.

Mary Blankenship, youth choir director and presentation of "Bright New Wings" Esther Daniels, MYF leader in the 1960s and going to subdistrict meetings at other churches in the charge for banner completion.

Hugh Pendleton and Sunday morning critique of Friday and Saturday high school football games.

Long time ushers Bo Goff, Clyde Metcalf, Butch Anderson, and Homer Phillips.

Organist and pianist Joyce Gann Rush.

This church has great facilities due to the unwavering faith of the members who contributed money, sweat, and tears to plan and pay for them. These wonderful facilities have been a positive influence to the Rustburg community by opening up the fellowship hall and gym for banquets, weddings, showers, fund raisings, volleyball, basketball, and now pickle ball.



*Marvin Tweedy at Rustburg UMC, 1951 & 2026.*

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The fall bazaars and now fall festival is looked forward to by lots of people for the great bargains and in particular the BBQ and stew which is second to none in taste and flavor. The stew provides great fellowship with stirring and tasting, and has always been great except for one year. In the last 6 years the facilities have supported the food pantry that has a great influence and benefit to the community. The Caterpillar Clubhouse Day care provides a much-needed service to working parents and as many of you know child care is not always easy to come by but definitely needed.

There have been lots of happy memories: marriage of my daughter and of course some sad ones with deaths of close friends: most recently Buster Frazier, Jon Bagby, Danny Dejarnette, Dennis Cowart, and certainly, the memorial for Marie.

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## "A Parishioner's Prayer"

By: Poet/Writer Geraldine Monaghan  
for Glencorrib Church, 2026

Edited by: Lisa Cameron  
for Central/Rustburg UMC, 2026



*"RUMC: Palm Sunday, 2026," by Donna Brown*

Heavenly Father, You made this place  
Yours, before Your Word was spoken,  
before the walls gathered the light, before the bells rang out across the fields and town.

You made this place Yours, in the idea, in the promise, in the opening of the ground that received the first stone. In the cornerstone of 1876 originally buried in the earth by those who knew they were building something that would outlive them. A place becomes holy, when people return to it again and again. And for one hundred and fifty years, Your people have returned here, to the Central Church in Rustburg.

Dear Lord, bless this land, this house of worship. Bless its history, and all the footsteps that lie quietly beneath our feet. The footsteps of the thinkers, the builders, the workers and the cleaners; of the gardeners, the musicians, the artists, and all who gave something of themselves to this place. Bless the clergy, and the good they have done here in the service of Your holy name. You have seen every generation within its walls, You have known us in our joys and our sorrows, in our beginnings and our endings, in all the seasons of our lives.

Remember especially those who come alone, carrying whatever is in their hearts. May they find in You, a place of refuge, comfort, and peace. Bless all who have passed through these doors: the congregant faraway, the child who was baptized, the couple who said, "I do", the family who said goodbye, the older person who bore witness, and still returns to the same, familiar pew.

So much of a life can pass through one doorway, may it always be open. When difficult times come, may we lean on the faith of those who went before. When joyful times grace us, may we pave an easier path for those who come after. When our own footsteps become part of its memory, may the next generation know that we were grateful for our inheritance, and privileged to pass it on.

God of all generations, for all that has been, for all that is, and for all yet to come at Rustburg United Methodist Church, we give You thanks. All praise and glory are Yours. **Amen.**



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

Our next scheduled meeting is: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10 AM in the Small Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited!

Love in Christ;  
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

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## **AUDIT COMMITTEE INVITATION**



In order to support the work of the church treasurer, the Administrative Board is still seeking to build an **Audit Committee**. If you'd like to 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](#).”

# RUMC MEN'S GROUP BRUNSWICK STEW



**Saturday**  
**October 17, 2026 | 12 PM**  
**664 Village Hwy, Rustburg, VA**  
**Stew: \$14**

*All proceeds go to Men's Group & local missions.*



## Rustburg UMC: Fall Festival

YARD SALE - no clothes. Drop-off for items will be during RUMC Office Hours (Tues, Wed. Thurs.; 11 AM - 2 PM), OCT. 1-15. Collection area, prior to the sale, will be the YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM. Sorting dates and times TBD.

ALSO, no BAKE SALE is scheduled for the Fall Festival: several vendors will have baked goods.

We will take plants closer to the date of the Fall Festival.

Fall Festival Set-up will be Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

### RUMC: FALL FESTIVAL 2026 PERSONNEL

Fall Festival Chair: Donna Hamlett

Flea Market: Mae Drinkard

Kitchen: Shirley Phillips

Basket Raffle: Donna Hamlett and Sarah Hamlett

Vendor Liaison: Pam Booth

Brunswick Stew: Homer Phillips

Hotdogs: Linda Jewell and Linda Goff

Plants: Betty Ferrell

Please see the above folks you're interested in volunteering!



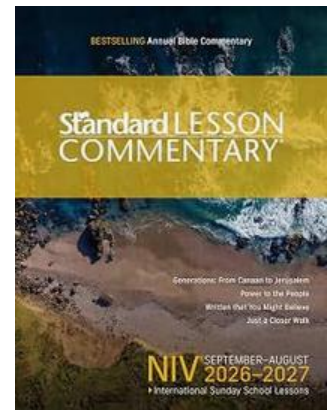
# Bible Study

Led By: Dr. C.R. Brooks & Lisa Cameron

12 Noon and 6 PM (just 12 PM on 28<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesdays: October 7,14,21,28

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](https://www.mardels.com), [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), 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.



## RUMC's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

September 20, 2026

By: Libbie Doss, via facebook

"150 years of faith, memories, and generations. ❤️🏰"

Today was extra special getting to attend a 150th anniversary service at the church I grew up in. Walking through all the old pictures was such a trip down memory lane — and found several pictures of both Cord and me as kids! ❤️

So many memories were made within those walls, and it was beautiful to celebrate the legacy of a church that has meant so much to our families and community. My eyes filled with tears listening to a prerecorded prayer read during the service by my grandma [Joyce Rush] (whom many of you know as "Maca") who physically can't be there, but is one of the oldest and longest members. 🥹

Feeling especially grateful for the roots that helped shape us and the memories that will always be a part of our story. ❤️

Here's to 150 years — and the generations still to come! ✨"

# Wooden Cross and Baptismal Font

By: Martha Maxey

One of the earliest churches established in the Village of Rustburg was the Rustburg Presbyterian Church (1878-2024). Located in a brick building built in 1850 and located directly across the street from Rustburg Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church was founded by the Roanoke Presbytery in 1878. The Church closed in 2024 and sold the building to Campbell County.



The historic brick building was originally built as a Temperance Hall. The upper floor was used by the “Sons of Temperance,” and the lower level, called “Union Chapel,” was available for worship by a variety of denominations. The original deed for the Union Chapel and Temperance Hall referred to the Village of Rustburg as a “young Gomorrah” and the building as a desire for “melioration of our depraved condition.”



The “Sons of Temperance” soon sold their interest in the building to the Mackay Lodge A. F. and A.M. #69 (Free and Accepted Masons), and the Union Chapel interest was sold to Trinity Episcopal Church. In 1928 the Presbyterians sold the building where they had been worshiping and bought the 1850 brick building from the Episcopal Church where they worshiped for the next 96 years.

During the early 1970s a wooden Baptismal font was presented to the Presbyterian Church in memory of Charles William and Martha Goggin Woodson by their children. It was made by the Winebarger Corporation of Lynchburg, a maker of church furnishings.

The wooden cross was designed and handcrafted by an Elder of the church, Jim Payne and installed in the church above the pulpit in 2003. Both items, the Baptismal font and the cross, were given to the Rustburg Methodist Church by the Rustburg Presbyterian Church in appreciation for the many worship and community events the churches shared over the years they have served Rustburg.





# October 2026

- Sun. 10/04 **World Communion Sunday**  
**Canvas Cross Making w/ Michelle Green**  
 + **Lunch**, following Worship
- Wed. 10/07 **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM**  
**Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 6 PM**
- Sat. 10/10 **Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
- Sun. 10/11 **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**  
**Administrative Board**, following Worship
- Mon. 10/12 **Education Meeting, 6 PM**  
**Communications Meeting, 7 PM**
- Wed. 10/14 **United Women in Faith, 10 AM**
- Thurs. 10/15 **Handbells, 6 PM | Choir, 7 PM**
- Fri. 10/16 **Fall Festival Set-up, 6 PM**
- Sat. 10/17 **FALL FESTIVAL, 9 AM - 2 PM**
- Wed. 10/21 **Deadline for November Newsletter**
- Sun. 10/25 **Choir Concert for Carnegie, 4 PM**

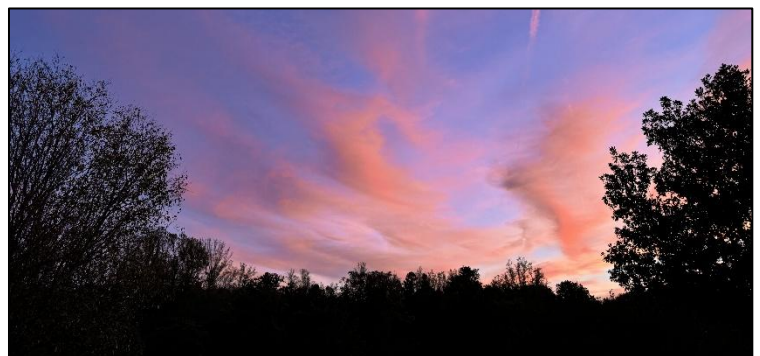


- Wed. October 7,14,21,28: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM & 6 PM** (Just 12 PM on 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Thurs. October 15,22,29: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**  
**Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM**

Fall Festival Yard Sale items can be brought: Oct. 1 – Oct. 15 during Office Hours.



*"September Black-eyed Susans,"  
 arrangement by Lisa Bailey.*



*"September Sunset," by Billy Arthur*

## September RUMC Offerings

**Total General Offering: September 2026**

|                     | <b>Total September</b> | <b>YTD</b>   |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>General</b>      | \$12,887.50            | \$108,450.50 |
| <b>Other</b>        | 4,624.02               | 39,554.95    |
| <b>Budget</b>       | 16,958.83              | 152,629.47   |
| <b>Short / Over</b> | +552.69                | (46,224.02)  |

**RUSTBURG UMC**  
**CARNEGIE FUNDRAISER**  
**CHOIR CONCERT**

W/ RUSTBURG UMC HANDBELL CHOIR

**OCT 25, 2026 | 4 PM**

**664 VILLAGE HWY**  
**RUSTBURG, VA**



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

# Rustburg UMC at Carnegie



Rustburg UMC Choir is heading to Carnegie Hall!  
We will host a free/donations-only concert featuring  
RUMC's Choir & Handbells: Sunday, October 25,  
2026 at 4 PM.

We are raising funds to support RUMC Choir members' trip to Carnegie Hall in mid-November to perform in a mass choir event under the direction of legendary composer Joseph Martin. We are around halfway to raising the \$10,000 to cover residency and concert fees and we're hoping to meet that goal and raise additional funds to help cover a portion of our travel expenses. Thank you so much for your support!!

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

RUMC Men's Group

First National Bank

Scott Wilson Insurance

Wall Construction

Billy and Marie Arthur

Jimmy and Betty Cyrus

Linda Goff

The Wigg's Family

The Nolley Family

Rev. CeCelia Brooks, PhD

Bernice Dooley

We are looking forward to increasing this list!!



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Magnolia's Bowling Night was a big hit! What happens in Magnolia's stays in Magnolia's so if you want to find out what the laughter was all about make sure you join us next time! No experience necessary!



# Save the Date Friends Giving 2026

**Date:** Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Small Fellowship Hall RUMC

We will have dinner and do a fun Christmas Craft.

**Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Kelly Gladden 434-258-6409**



## SAVE THE DATE

*Magnolia Ladies*

2026

*Cookie Exchange*

*Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*11 a.m.*

*Kelly Gladden's House*

*R.S.V.P. by:*

*Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>*



## **October Stewardship & Volunteers**

### **Greeters**

4 Kathy & David Phillips  
11 Linda Goff  
18 Racheal, Kaleesi & KJ Bishoff  
25 Donna & Donnie Hamlett

### **October Acolytes**

4, 18 Kaleesi Bishoff & Presley Wiley  
11, 25 Jennivieve MacMillan & Chrissy MacMillan  
  
KJ Bishoff David (Mac) MacMillan  
Nicholas Macmillan Teddy MacMillan  
Serenity Rankin

**Ushers:** Jimmy Cyrus and Donnie Hamlett

**Church Closers:** Robert and Lisa Bailey

## **RUMC Contact Information:**

**Acolytes:** Cheryl Martin

**Care & Share:** Shirley Phillips

**Children's Church:** Shannon Hall

**Greeters:** Betty Cyrus

**Nursery:** Mary Bailey

**Ushers:** Jerry Booth

## **October Sunday School:**

Donna & Sarah Hamlett

Alice Watson

David Hawkins

Pam Booth

## **Prayer Requests:**

Family of George Vassar, Barbara Wiles, Family of Teresa Wandell, Family of Donald Younger, Betty McClung, 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's 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.

## **October Birthdays**

05 Pat Merryman  
Jenn Ketter  
Jenni Lynn MacMillan  
06 Shawn Venable Sr.  
10 Serenity Rankin  
18 Kelly Gladden  
15 Shannon Hall  
Bruce Cameron  
17 Kaleesi Bishoff  
18 Kelly Gladden  
23 Ben Coates  
24 Cathy Phillips  
30 Bernice Dooley



## **October Anniversaries**

03 Aaron & Frances Wiley  
10 Rick & Cheryl Pillow  
17 Jerry & Pam Booth





“The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. God, who confers gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation.

Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:9–10). The paschal lamb recalls the passover sacrifice and the deliverance from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12:3–14). A giant fish saved Jonah (Jonah 2:1–10); ravens brought bread to Elijah (1 Kings 17:6); animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh (Jonah 3:7); and animals share in Christ's redemption of all God's creation.

We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and thank God for setting us as stewards over all the creatures of the earth.”

- Excerpt from “A Service for the Blessing of Animals.” 1992 UMPH.

RUSTBURG UMC



# A Song is Born

## A Cantata for Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2026  
11:00 AM



# Pastor Appreciation for Rev. Brooks

Rev. Brooks:

Congratulations on reaching 35 years of dedication ministry in the Methodist Church. Your compassion, and sermons have touched countless lives and brought hope to so many, especially me. You are always there for me when I need it most.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to guiding, uplifting, and inspiring others. Wishing you continued blessings in the years ahead.

*Roz Ware* | Rustburg UMC

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It is with heartfelt appreciation that we congratulate Reverend Brooks on the remarkable milestone of 35 years in the ministry.

For more than three decades Reverend Brooks has faithfully answered God's call with unwavering dedication and compassion. Her genuine love for people is evident in every aspect of her ministry. Her willingness to help others in any way she can a source of comfort for the individuals and families in our church.

Although Rev. Brooks has served as Pastor of RUMC for only the past few years, she has already made a meaningful impact on the congregation and Rustburg community. Her caring spirit and commitment to sharing God's love have been evident from the moment she arrived: she embraced the community with warmth, continuing a ministry that reflects Christ's example of service and compassion.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, we give thanks for Rev. Brooks ministry and leadership. May God continue to bless her with strength and wisdom and joy as she carries forward her calling.

*Bill and Marie Arthur* | Rustburg UMC

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Congratulations Rev. Dr. Brooks for your 35 years of service and in ministry. Your dedication of visiting the sick and shut-ins is very much appreciated.

*Donnie and Donna Hamlett* | Rustburg UMC

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This year marks 35 years of active ministry for our friend and colleague, the Rev. Dr. CeCelia Brooks, and we give thanks to God for every one of them.

Brooks has served the church in nearly every way imaginable. She has been a local church pastor, walking with congregations through baptisms, funerals, and everything in between. She has been a campus pastor, accompanying young people as they discovered who God was calling them to be. She has served as a District Superintendent, caring for pastors and churches with wisdom and grace.

Along the way, she has shared her gifts as a published writer and a wonderful singer, offering words and music that have blessed more people than she will ever know. And through it all, she has been a great colleague: generous, faithful, and a joy to serve alongside.

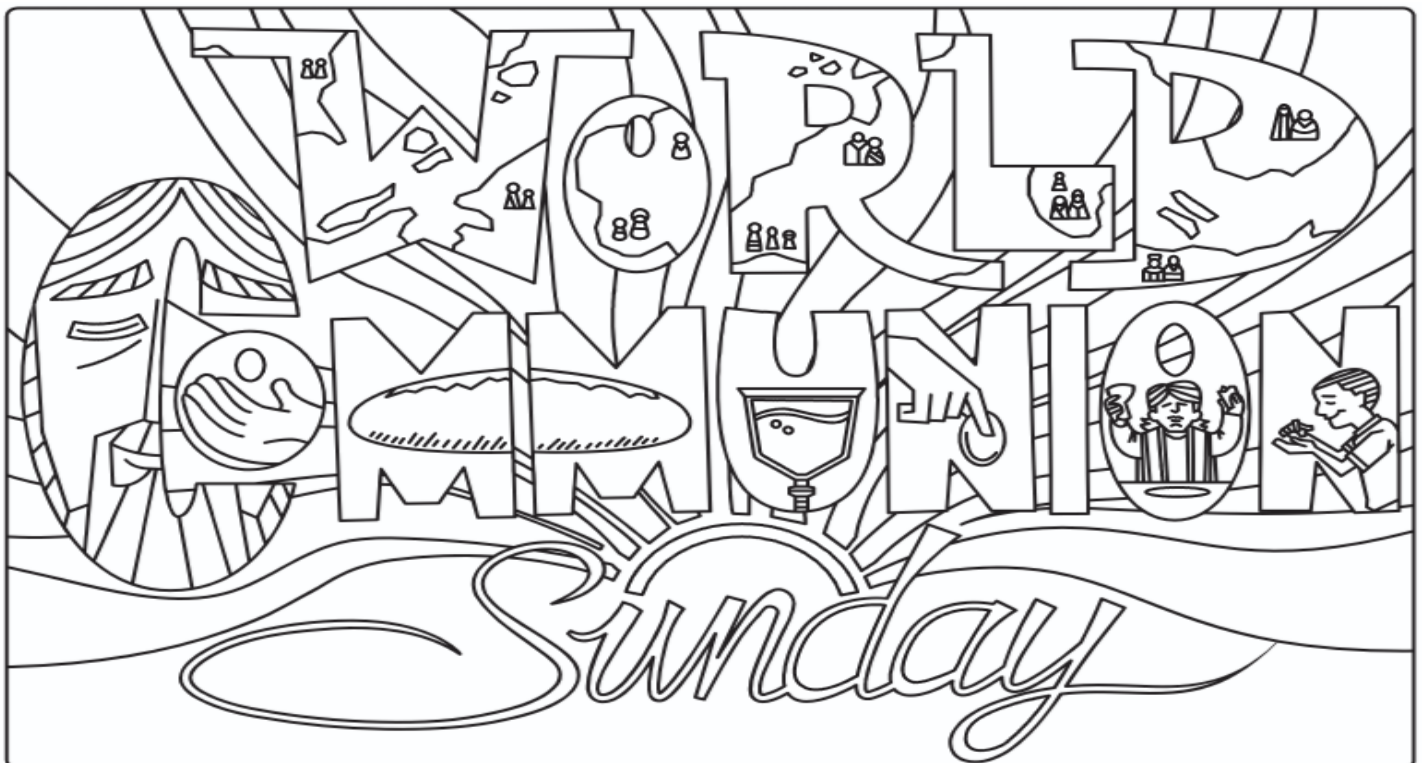
Please join us in congratulating Brooks on this milestone. If her ministry has touched your life, take a moment to send her a note of thanks. We are so grateful for you, Rev. Brooks!

*Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert* | District Superintendent, Mountain View District of the Virginia

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

B O T Y R W E E R I V O U Z R I B R L T I O V K  
 R R E N F P H E K L Z I M D O L I T U Z Q I M Z  
 O E D M A L E V I K V H R A O H F H K N I R D W  
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