



From the Pastor's Desk



Fall Unfurled

As God paints the leaves yellow, orange, and red, we here at Greenwood are getting ready to color our community with opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service.

Our community is one that respects tradition and legacy. On Sunday, September 8 we will celebrate Grandparents Day with a blessing for those who give love, care, and support to the next generations.

Greenwood is a place of fellowship and connection. Fellowship Dinners will return on Sunday, September 22, immediately following worship, to give our members a time to catch up and break bread together.

We celebrate God's creation. A Blessing of the Animals will take place on our front lawn on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am, in collaboration with The West End Church Cluster of the Three Notch'd District.

We are proud members of the West End Community. The Fall Festival will take place all day on Saturday, October 26 including the Brunswick Stew Sale, a yard sale sponsored by Aggie's Attic, and much more!

The author of the Book of James wrote, "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves...those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing."

Considering the array of Greenwood's fall ministries is like watching the cascading leaves that beautify our world and nurture the land. We are not merely hearers of the word, but doers. The biblical author might say of us, "They are blessed."

Fellowship Dinners Return!



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22,**
after worship.
Fellowship Hall
\$10/person.

Menu includes
homemade
banana pudding!

To RSVP:

Use church bulletin
sign up forms,
call the church office
804-266-5341, or email
admin@gumcva.org.

Men's Breakfast

**SECOND
SATURDAYS
THIS FALL**

8:00am-9:30-ish
Fellowship Hall



Celebrating 150 Years of Greenwood

In a new series called **What Greenwood Means to Me**, the Twigbender will feature articles from our long time members who can bear witness to the enduring 150 year legacy of Greenwood United Methodist Church. This month, Arline Shafer shares her memories of being a part of the congregation's life since the early 1940's.



How does one express a meaningful relationship with a church without going over word limits or leaving out something major. Let's see how the story unwinds.

My story at Greenwood begins about age seven. When my father's company transferred him to Richmond, it was his and my mother's third time living there. A few months after arrival we learned what happened December 7, 1941: the terrible bombing of the military base at Pearl Harbor. It was time to move from Northside Richmond, possible air raids, ground troop attacks and more. My parents bought our special spot here in Henrico County: Sunnyside, our farm.

Due to rationing transportation problems and farm management, we could no longer attend church in Richmond. About two years after the move, my mother wanted me in Sunday School, so out of several nearby churches Greenwood was chosen. New neighbors included some wonderful Greenwood people: Mr. and Mrs. Marks who brought me home when I was ill; my new teachers; the nearby families. So many became lifelong friends.

Greenwood has been an anchor for so many of us during hard and frightening, and joyous times. It has been our earthly base for growing our faith in God and his Son, our Greatest Teacher Jesus. It's a solid neighborhood within – and above – a wonderful neighborhood. It's about community, mutual concerns, and so much more.

What more can I say! Thanks be to God.

–Submitted by Arline Shafer, confirmed at GUMC at age 12 (1949), former choir participant and interim director (1974), Administrative Council Secretary, Hermitage Representative, and current Ruth Circle Member.



Halloween Fun and Safety

Greenwood is a congregation full of grandparents. If you're participating in the spooky festivities here are a few tips to ensure a fun but safe time with those adorable super heroes and monsters:

- An adult should accompany young trick-or-treaters.
- Cover rules with kids before allowing them to go trick-or-treating.
- Set a trick-or-treating route and stick with it.
- Remind kids to visit homes familiar to them or you, and don't approach unlit homes.
- Provide kids with small, battery-powered flashlights.
- Stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist) and do not cross between parked cars.
- Inspect all Halloween treats before children start feasting.
- Discard any food that isn't in its original and undamaged wrapper.
- Keep homemade food only if you know who prepared it.



For a complete list, scan the QR code, or visit <https://states.aarp.org/montana/dont-let-halloween-turn-nightmare>

Words of Gratitude

Have you noticed? Lay members are taking on new ministries. Many thanks to these persons for taking on important leadership roles in service to God's work through Greenwood UMC.

June Brewster • Sunday morning liturgist

Dann Ladd • Sunday morning liturgist

Lori Lohr • Thursday office coverage, bulletin and slideshow creation, Sunday morning slideshow director

Harry Shuler • Sunday morning sound technician

Frank Walsh • Weekly marquee manager

WE DID IT!

On Tuesday, August 29, Administrative Council Chair Charley Banks, Mrs. Bettie Ritchie, and Pastor Crystal delivered 16+ bags full of school supplies donated by the lay members of Greenwood UMC for the August School Supply Drive to benefit Longdale Elementary School. Greeted by Kristen Kines, the delegation and delivery were met with enthusiasm and gratitude for Greenwood's generosity. Well done good and faithful servants! We look forward to our winter school supply drive starting in January 2025. Watch this space for more details.



Welcome, Sara “Tarana” Jobin!



Greenwood UMC is delighted to have Sara “Tarana” Jobin as its interim music director for the month of September. Tarana comes to us after serving as the Chief Conductor of the Center for Contemporary Opera in New York (2011-2022), Resident Conductor of the Toledo Symphony and Associate Conductor of the Toledo Opera for three years.

Tarana attended Harvard at 16, where as a Leonard Bernstein Scholar she graduated with highest honors on her thesis MAESTRA. The John Knowles Paine Fellowship funded initial conducting studies at the Pierre Monteux School, and from there she continued her education in the opera house: four years at Opera San José and five years as full-time music staff at San Francisco Opera. She was also a member of the gospel choir at Glide Memorial Church

Her home company was San Francisco Opera, where she started as a prompter, quickly rising to rehearsal conductor, staff conductor, then making history as the first woman to conduct subscription performances on the mainstage. After San Francisco Opera, she began a freelance career that has included productions across America, Canada and Europe. Jobin delights in out-of-the-box projects, particularly those with a cross-cultural or sacred focus, sometimes acting as producer.

Members of Greenwood were delighted to meet Tarana on Sunday, September 1 and hear her fire up the organ after worship. We look forward to filling the church with the sound of that beautiful instrument and our praises to God. If you have someone you’ve been wanting to invite (back) to church, the chance to hear such a gifted musician could be a wonderful opportunity. For a full bio, you can visit www.sarajobin.com.

CALENDAR FALL 2024

- 09-03 Cub Scout Pack #744 Planning Meeting
- 09-05 Willing Workers Circle
- 09-08 Grandparents’ Day, Charge Conference/Fall Festival Mtg
- 09-11 Patriot Day
- 09-12 Richmond Beekeepers Meeting
- 09-14 Men’s Breakfast
- 09-17 Finance Committee, Church Administrative Council
- 09-21 The Friendship Quilters
- 09-22 Fellowship Dinner
- 09-28 River City Rug Hookers
- 10-05 Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5 at 10am

All are invited to bring pets (or photos of pets) to receive a blessing during this brief ceremony.

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Sponsored by West End Church Cluster Bethel (Oilville), Discovery, Good Shepherd, Greenwood, Gum Spring, River Road, Saint Andrew's, Saint Matthew's, Shady Grove (Short Pump)

Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 9AM

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE!

\$10/quart. Order yours today: 804-266-5341

YARD SALE, LOCAL VENDORS, SILENT AUCTION, AND MORE!

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AGGIE'S ATTIC:

A Little Shop With a Big Impact

If you've shopped at Aggie's Attic- thrift/consignment store and proud member of The Hub in Lakeside, then you know what a delightful and eclectic collection they have. What you may not know is that this little shop is about big time mission in the Greater Richmond area.



Proceeds from Aggie's Attic contribute to these efforts:

- Food for over 152 school children
- Scholarships for six students to the Advanced Career Education program at Hermitage
- Utility bill/rent assistance for individuals
- Items for Food Connection
- SCRAP RVA
- Bread shared with the Fire Station #5 and Food Connection
- Clothing Donations for Men, Women, and Children
- Pet Supplies for SPCA
- Clothing Accessories for Change the World RVA

When you shop at Aggie's Attic you are giving back to the community, and an on-going ministry and witness of Greenwood United Methodist Church. Check out their stock for your next Halloween costume and much more. But come prepared: only cash and checks accepted.

Greenwood Generosity

Greenwood members continue to give with faithfulness. Funds are used for staff salaries, church operations, and programming.

These ministries are possible because of your generosity- thank you!

DATE	PRESENT	GIVING
08-04	35	\$5,214
08-11	29	\$1,875
08-18	28	\$ 735
08-25	30	\$1,385

Recruitment for Cub Scout Pack #744 is on!



Greenwood UMC has partnered with the Scouts of America for decades. On Monday, August 5, Administrative Council Chair Charley Banks and Rev. Crystal Sygeel met with the professional scouting team and parents of Pack #744 to discuss future plans.

GUMC members, especially those who have been a part of our church's history with Scouts of America, are invited to attend the following recruitment events:

Longdale Elementary

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Holladay Elementary

Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Greenwood Elementary

TBD

Support Pack #744
and their families by decorating your trunk for the **Trunk or Treat** event on **Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30pm** and join us for some spooky fun! Contact Scout Master Donnie Gladfelter: donnie@dgladfelter.com for more information.

Scouting shares values with the Christian faith: love of neighbor, service, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, loyalty, gentleness and self-control. Supporting the pack helps Greenwood remain in ministry with children and families. Let's help Pack #744 continue to thrive.

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Return Service Requested

Our Prayer Ministry

Prayer Call, Tuesdays at 8:00 am: Everyone is invited to join via conference call in prayer for our community and the world. Dial 605-313-5873, enter access code: 3108329#

Bulletin Prayer List: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, you may leave requests with the main office for the bulletin and/or with Pastor Crystal.

Joys And Concerns: During worship all are welcome to share challenges and celebrations for which they would like prayer.

In our prayers currently: Our Nation, The People and Missions of Greenwood, The Virginia Annual Conference, and The United Methodist Church, People in Harm's Way at Home and Around the World, Angela Burtis, Roger Eckwright, Jeannette Jackson, John Johnston, Lori Lohr, Bodhi Loving, Riley Pattersen, Kaye Phillips, Lacye Ryan, Michelle Scloss, Arline Shafer, Robbie & Robin Smith, Karen Thomas, and the Womack family.

OUR MISSION

The mission of
The United Methodist
Church is to make
disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

—Matthew 28:19

OUR VISION

Loving
Growing
Serving

