



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Charge Conference: A Time To Dream, A Time to Seek the Lost**

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the tax collectors and sinners who came near to listen: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?’ October will see Greenwood involved in community making space for the “one sheep” in a variety of ways: The Fall Festival and Brunswick Stew Sale (see more on page 4-5), as well as the ongoing ministries of Aggie’s Attic and the Food Connection Distribution program. In addition, Greenwood’s Ruth Circle is collecting gift cards for the Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach (contact Juanita Wade or Adamarye Patteson if you haven’t had a chance to contribute yet.)

This year, the Three Notch’d District will again host cluster charge conferences, and Greenwood is scheduled to participate in the **West End Cluster conference on Sunday, October 20 at 1pm at Discovery UMC**. District Superintendent Lee, on behalf of Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, has challenged every church to dream of new ministries that will seek out the lost. Greenwood is exploring three answers to this challenge. The Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5 presents an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to a community friendly event. A possible concert series facilitated by Interim Music Director Tarana Jobin will provide free concert tickets to recipients of the Food Distribution Ministry, as well as our Children’s Sabbath service on October 20 featuring current UMFS director Nancy Toscano could lead to an opportunity to give to children of all ages in foster care and residential treatment.

Be it a longtime ministry of Greenwood, a new-ish event, or a first time experiment, Greenwood has a legacy of going out to look for the least and the lost. Jesus makes it clear that seeking out the lost is kingdom building work. As United Methodists, we join together to make this happen at Greenwood and across an entire connection. May we be a church that not only welcomes people from anywhere, but a church that brings God’s kingdom to people everywhere we go.

May God’s blessings be upon us all, as we look for the “one sheep”, and all the others we can find,  
Pastor Crystal



*Pastor Crystal pictured teaching the Hayes Honeybees, an after school childcare program run by Greenwood Member Tricia Hayes, about the sacrament of communion.*

# Celebrating 150 Years of Greenwood



In September, long-time Greenwood member Catherine Wallace celebrated her 90th birthday with family from as close as Southern Virginia and as far as California. In honor of her milestone birthday, Pastor Crystal brought flowers and a card signed by the congregation to Mrs. Wallace. While visiting, Mrs. Wallace shared her memories of the years spent at Greenwood with late husband Maywood Wallace for the October installment of our series **What Greenwood Means to Me**.

“Maywood and I were living in the apartments right there by the state patrol on Connecticut. We had only been living there for about a week when a newsletter put together by the then pastor, Rev. Mark A Reuter, came to us in the mail. We had no idea that this sweet little church was right in our backyard.

At that time, Greenwood had some of the most knowledgeable and hard working lay members you could ever meet-and still does! Mr. Harry Shuler does such a fine job with the Brunswick Stew Sale! Maywood enjoyed serving as lay leader and I enjoyed the many things I did, too, especially being part of Circle.

Maywood and I moved 17 times before retiring to Richmond. Our son lived close by, but we didn't have any friends...until we went to Greenwood. That place was everything for us.

Please send a hello to everyone there. And thank you to all who have been a part of our lives for years!”

# Sesquicentennial Celebration

**WE'RE TURNING 150 PLUS ONE!**

On May 3, 1874, the first meeting of Greenwood United Methodist Church took place under an arbor located at the current corner of Greenwood and Francis Roads. On Sunday, May 18, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will preach as Greenwood turns the page from its 150th to its 151st year. A Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee will be formed to oversee the festivities after the Brunswick Stew and Fall Festival is complete on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Watch this space for details as they unfold throughout the year.



# CALENDAR FALL 2024

- 10-05 Blessing of the Animals
- 10-06 World Communion Sunday
- 10-10 Richmond Beekeepers Meeting
- 10-12 Men's Breakfast
- 10-13 Fellowship Dinner
- 10-15 Administrative Council Meeting
- 10-19 The Friendship Quilters
- 10-20 Children's Sabbath Celebrated
- 10-26 Fall Festival and Brunswick Stew Sale
- 10-26 River City Rug Hookers

**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](mailto: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.

# Brunswick Stew Sale and Fall Festival

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 9AM

Greenwood's annual **Brunswick Stew Sale and Fall Festival** is back! The Festival is one of the many ways Greenwood opens its doors to the community throughout the year. Read on to see how you can be involved in this legacy event!

### AGGIE'S ATTIC CONSIGNMENT AND THRIFT YARD SALE

Aggies Attic Mission Director Susan Johnston is working with the Attic's team to sell furniture, housewares, and a variety of miscellaneous items. If you have donations, please bring them to the education building for holding. To volunteer to help with the yard sale: ksngal@aol.com

### BAKE SALE

The Willing Workers and Ruth Circles will bake and manage the selling of baked goods of all kinds to tantalize a variety of palates and add a sweet taste to this annual fundraiser. Anyone can bring baked goods to the Sanctuary portico the morning of the event.

### SILENT AUCTION

True to tradition, the Silent Auction will offer a variety of items for bidding. A letter of acknowledgment has been prepared by the main office to share with vendors. Please email [admin@gumcva.org](mailto:admin@gumcva.org) to receive a copy. For information on procurement, contact Gay Stapleton: [rbrtstapleton@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrtstapleton@yahoo.com)

### THE FAMOUS SHULER BRUNSWICK STEW

Stewmaster Harry will oversee cooking of the secret recipe for the sale which includes prepping the ingredients, stirring the stew, packaging it, and rolling it out to customers at \$10 per quart for purchase. To volunteer: [hshchuler46@hotmail.com](mailto:hshchuler46@hotmail.com). To order stew, call 804-266-5341 or email [admin@gumcva.org](mailto:admin@gumcva.org).

**Everyone is invited to find a place where they can serve in the making of this event. Donate your time, your talents, stuff for the yard sale, baked goods, silent auction items, or help prepare stew. All profits go to support Greenwood missions, outreach, and church expenses.**

## FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OVERVIEW:

Wednesday, 10-23	10:00am	Yard Sale drop off deadline
Friday, 10-25	10:00am	Stew preparation begins
	Overnight	Silent Auction Donation drop off Stew stirring volunteers in shifts
Saturday, 10-26	6:00am	Stew is packaged and labeled
	8:00am	Tables and chairs are set up, Yard Sale furniture is pulled out of sheds, Sake Sale items delivered
	9:00am	Fall Festival begins
	2:00pm	Tables, chairs, remaining yard sale items put away

**PLACE LABELED ITEMS FOR THE YARD SALE IN ELEMENTARY ROOM B**

## Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 20



On Sunday, October 20, Greenwood will celebrate Children's Sabbath, a service which both celebrates children and raises awareness on issues which children face including hunger, lack of housing and health care, abuse and neglect, community, gun, and gang violence, policies that challenge their identity, mental health issues, lack of quality childcare, or denial of a place in Head Start and other supportive formation programs. Children's Sabbath can expose injustices that children face and lift up new ways to support and advocate for children and families. Executive Director Nancy Toscano will join in worship to share about the work of UMFS (formerly known as United Methodist Family Services). Through the work of ten offices across the Commonwealth of Virginia, UMFS provides support through foster care programs, residential treatment, and private day school for children and youth with disabilities. On Tuesday, September 17, Greenwood's Administrative Council voted to consider UMFS as one of its designated communion offering recipients.

# FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

## *A Feast of Food and Friendship*

A wonderful time was had by all at the September Fellowship Dinner with a delicious spread and delightful conversation. Everyone is invited to join together again at the second Fellowship Dinner of the fall on **Sunday, October 13th** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall for \$10/person. You do not want to miss another incredible meal! This month's scrumptious menu includes fried chicken, mac'n'cheese, coleslaw, succotash, rolls, and dessert. Sign ups will be available in the church bulletin, or call the church office (804)266-5341 or email [admin@vaumc.org](mailto:admin@vaumc.org) to RSVP.

### MEN'S BREAKFASTS CONTINUE

Second Saturdays this fall  
 8:00am-9:30-ish  
 Fellowship Hall

The men of Greenwood are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for food and camaraderie. For more information contact: [CharleyBanks@aol.com](mailto:CharleyBanks@aol.com).



# *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)

## *Hurricane Helene*

**and United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR)**

Several media outlets have reported on the devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene. Thousands of lives have been affected and over 200 lives have been lost. Greenwood members, like so many across Virginia, have ties to western North Carolina, where some of the most severe damage occurred. **The United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR)** is working with local groups to discern immediate needs. They have asked that "as Conferences begin to assess the damage, we ask for continued prayers for first responders and all those affected." Greenwood UMC will dedicate its Communion Offering on Sunday, October 6, World Communion Sunday to UMCOR. If you are unable to join us in worship, please consider giving directly to UMCOR at: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

## *Christian Education...*

### **An Important Part of Spiritual Formation at Greenwood**



The Christian Education hour is a hidden programmatic gem at Greenwood UMC. Led by Rev. Jim Calderone, participants are exposed to a variety of theological teachings from scholars around the world through short videos which are then followed by group discussion. Rev.

Calderone, ordained in the Catholic tradition, sets a tone where classmates can share a variety of viewpoints and ask questions without fear of judgment. The class is currently exploring the parables of Jesus throughout the four synoptic gospels. **Christian Education begins at 9:30am in the "comfy room" off the sanctuary narthex.** Everyone is invited to pull up a chair as we explore God's word through study, conversation, and fellowship.

### *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
09-01	33	\$3,014
09-08	32	\$1,656
09-15	24	\$ 837
09-22	25	\$ 800
09-29	32	\$1,275

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# *Our Prayer Ministry*

**Prayer Call, Tuesdays at 8:00 am:** Everyone is invited to join via conference call in prayer for Greenwood, 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:** All of those affected by Hurricane Helene (please see page 7 for more information), Our Nation, the people and missions of Greenwood, people in harm's way at home and around the world, Phyllis Clark, Lathan Fulcher, Jayden Shuler, Dean Thomas, Annette Calderone, Bodhi Loving, Kaye Phillips, Angela Burris, Jeannette Jackson, Raymond Ritchie, Robbie & Robin Smith, Karen Thomas & Family, Roger Eckwright, John Johnston, Riley Patteson, Layce Ryan, Arline Shafer, Catherine Wallace, Penny Walsh.

## **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

