

# The Messenger

A newsletter of Manor Memorial United Methodist Church



## June - July 2026

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday  
of each month

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday — Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### VACATION Days

Remember your  
spiritual well being



### The Days of Vacation

*Rev. Stephen Creech*

When we're away on vacation, it's common to return home and discover the grass has shot up nearly a

foot and household waste has piled up, all because we missed last week's trash collection. It's surprising how quickly things can become messy without regular upkeep. Rain encourages even more growth, meaning the lawn needs mowing. Taking out the trash at the right time prevents it from piling up into a huge load. With consistent attention, maintenance remains manageable.

I believe this is true with our spiritual lives as well. Summertime is here and the days are long and warm. It is easy for us to switch to low spiritual maintenance. We skip church more often. We pray less because it takes too much time. Mostly, we enjoy not having the burden of being in church every Sunday in the summer. As a result, church attendance falls off, offerings decrease, and the spiritual body is neglected.

During vacations, we frequently hold our own Sunday worship services rather than attending a local church. On one occasion when the children were younger, Timothy served as the music leader, Ashley offered the benediction prayer, Shaun selected and read scripture, Debbie led the opening prayer, and "Papa" (Debbie's father) conducted the morning prayer. I was honored to deliver the sermon in a scenic mountain setting. The experience was memorable, and our nephew Ethan, at just four years old, contributed special music with three selections.

Looking after our spiritual well-being is essential. We should not overlook it, even for a single day. When we do, negative influences can accumulate in our lives—such as hatred, unforgiveness, greed, and other types of wrongdoing. When you are away from your home church, remember your spiritual needs, as you keep the grass of the soul mowed and looking nice, and keep the trash of the soul from piling up and overtaking you.

Enjoy your summer and God Bless.



“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

## **A recap of UWF SUNDAY, May 17th**

Sabrina Andrew-Dorman, co-founder of New Creation VA in Harrisonburg, was the guest speaker, sharing the organization’s mission and opportunities to do good. Our ladies lead worship at both services including an anthem by the Women’s Choir under the direction of Enzo. Special Mission Recognition pins were awarded to Carol Driver and Anna Lamma for their years of dedication and mission service at Manor Memorial. Congratulations!

## **June 1st – 6 pm Monthly UWF Dinner with UMM, Guest Speaker, & Meeting**

UWF will provide the meal: casseroles, salads, rolls, and dessert. At 7 pm we will remain in Farrow Hall for speaker, Jennifer Davis-Sensenig, from the Society of St. Andrew. This will be a joint presentation for **UWF and UMM**.

Our program will explore and explain how to **“Live Into Our Purpose”** by examining the **Living Into Our Purpose** form of UWF Mission Today Units. Bring your creative thoughts and ideas as we collaborate and focus on opportunities to be involved in mission for women, children, and youth locally and globally.

**June 5th – Assist UMM with dinner preparation for the Rebels ball team**

**June 20th – Assist with UMM’s Chicken Bar-B-Q**

**Volunteers – Carolyn Armstrong, Jackie Spicer, Caroll Douglas**

**July 1st – Assist UMM with dinner preparation for the Rebels ball team**

**July 6th – 6 pm Monthly UWF Dinner with UMM & Meeting**

**July 25th – Assist with UMM’s Chicken Bar-B-Q**

**Volunteers – Caroll Douglas, Lana Cox, Becky Schaeffer**

We welcome all women of faith and invite you to join us at our monthly meetings in Farrow Hall.

Donna Myers, UWF President

### UWF Officers

**President – Donna Myers**

**Vice President – Lana Cox**

**Secretary – Clara Chambliss**

**Treasurer – Debbie Creech**



Report by Tom Schaeffer, President

The Corn-Hole Tournament, originally scheduled for May 31st has been moved to a future date. Look for more information.

**June 1st** – Monday - UMM/UMWiF Monthly Meeting - 6pm Farrow Hall -Special Guest from Society of St. Andrews, Ms. Jennifer Davis-Sensenig.

**June 5th - Friday** - Providing after-game meal for the Rebels baseball team

**June 27th - Saturday** - Chicken BBQ

**July 1st -Wednesday** - Providing after-game meal for the Rebels baseball team

**July 6th - Monday** - UMM/UMWF Monthly Meeting - 6pm Farrow Hall

**July 25th - Saturday** - Chicken BBQ

(During the grass growing season, the UMM maintain the church lawn)

**2026 Chicken Barbeque Schedule: \$6.00**

April 25  
May 23  
June 27  
July 25  
August 22  
September 26

**2026 UMM Officers**  
President: Tom Schaeffer  
Vice President: Monty Cox  
Secretary: Jay Munnikhuisen  
Treasurer: Doug Loman  
Board: Les Warr, Jim Douglas, Virgil Trent

**It's almost time for the Virginia Annual Conference!  
June-17-20 at the Atlantic Union Bank  
Center on the campus of JMU**



If you have never attended our United Methodist Conference, now is the time to come and join us for worship and see the business of the church of the Virginia Conference.

As we are the host district this year, Debbie Creech, Shenandoah River District Administrator, is in need of help!

**We need volunteers!**

**Greeters, Ushers, Parking Attendants, Transportation Support, Conference Set Up, Take Down.**  
(People who are familiar with Harrisonburg who can answer questions to our friends that aren't familiar with Harrisonburg.)

We have 2 hour shifts available. Click on the link below to register, or if you have questions or need help, see Debbie!

Click below to view the shift times that are available and areas that are needed!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

## Report from Mercy and Outreach Committee

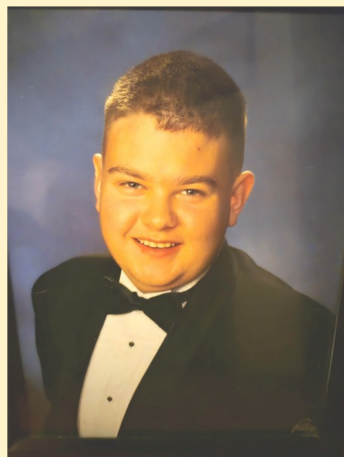
The Mercy and Outreach committee concluded our fundraiser of selling Turner sandwiches with a profit of \$458.32. It was a rewarding experience to do this along with the UWF soup fundraiser.

Our next project will be collecting school supplies for Ashby Lee Elementary School along with providing dinner for the elementary school, middle and high school for their open house event.

Thank you, Elizabeth Sawyer



### *Congratulations Graduates*



Leland W. Cook is the grandson of Rick and Cherryl Hassler. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Massanutten Regional Governor's School and Central High School. He will be attending Bridgewater College.



Andrew Cox is the Grandson of Monty and Lana Cox. He graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech.



Cameron Sullivan is the son of Jamey and Melanie Sullivan. He will graduate from Page County High School. He also completed Fire 1 Training with Rockingham County Department of Fire and Rescue.

(NO PHOTO) Daniel Walker is the son of Keven and Amber Walker. He graduated from VMI.



## *Manor Memorial offers Worship Services at Shenandoah Terrace*

Shenandoah Terrace and Manor Memorial have partnered together to provide worship services for residents twice a month. Each service lasts approximately 30 minutes and will include a message, singing, and/or music.

Our Speakers scheduled through September:

June 14th - Carl Stewart

July 12th - Gordon Meriwether

August 9th - Stephen Creech

September 13th - Darlene Wilkins

June 28th - Monty Cox

July 26th - Rick Hassler

August 23rd - Monty Cox

September 27th - Jim Douglas



Camp Overlook is getting ready for Summer Camp! We are encouraging you to sponsor "One More Camper" this year. Consider donating funds to send a child to camp.

**Week 1 (June 15-19)** Elementary Day Camp, Art Day Camp, Sports Day Camp

**Week 2 (June 21—26)** Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest

**Week 3 (June 28—July 3)** Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest

**Week 4 (July 5— 10)** Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest

**Week 5 (July 12—17)** Mini Camp , ChrisKids, Nightflights

There are brochures throughout the church on bulletin boards if you are interested in sending a child to Camp!

**Manor Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Food Pantry**



**Loaves & Fishes**

## *Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Update - Spring/Summer 2026*

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry supplemented **67 families** for a total of 158 individuals who were in need of food assistance. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers as we had a very rainy soggy distribution day. An extra thank you goes to Les, Jim, George and Fred G. for pulling wagons outside in the rain the entire afternoon. During last month's food pantry on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the pantry served **65 families** for

a total of 167 individuals. Over the past few months, we have seen fairly consistent patron guest attendance.

We are open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from **1 pm to 5 pm**. in the lower level of Farrow Hall and our main entrance is located on John Siever Road. If you know of someone in need of food assistance, for a one time visit or long-term need, please let them know we are here to help with their food concerns. Either they or you can contact the church office by calling 540-740-8959.

Donations to the food pantry mission, can be made directly by making your check payable to **MMUMC Food Pantry** or **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**. Many thanks for your continued support!



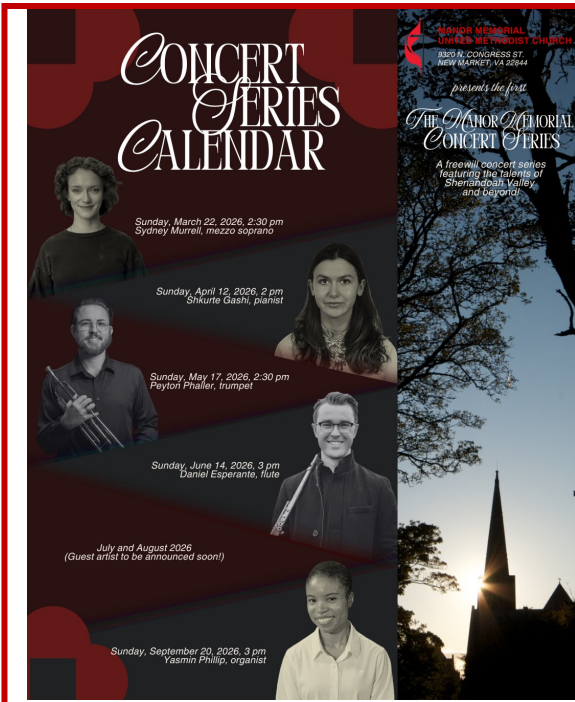
## *Special Mission Recognition Carol Driver and Anna Lamma*

One channel of giving of the UWF is a Special Mission Recognition. It is an undesignated gift for mission work that honors the recipient. Special Mission Recognition pins offer a meaningful way to honor members and non-members who have dedicated time and effort to mission service. This morning, I have the great honor to present the United Women in Faith's Special Mission Recognition to two very special women, Carol Driver and Anna Lamma.

**Carol Driver** was an educator in public schools for 25 years and after retiring became the Director of our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, a title which she has held for many years. This job requires dedication and organization, two traits that come easily to her. Carol is dependable and thorough in her tasks and handles the guidelines and federal regulations of the food pantry with precision. She does not hesitate to complete the detailed paperwork involved and leads with quiet authority. Carol is a faithful servant of this important ministry to our community. Carol asked Anna to work with her at the food pantry as her "right hand man" since Carol is left-handed and they've been together ever since. Anna says they are as opposite as salt and pepper, but they get along well and complement one another. They are like sisters. We are blessed to have Carol's leadership and commitment within these walls.

It is my honor to present you with the UWF's Special Mission Recognition, a gold pin with the sign of the cross. **Congratulations!**

**Anna Lamma** can be likened to the Energizer Bunny. She is always in motion! You will find her at the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry many days of the week, not just the third Thursday of the month - checking supplies, organizing, and cleaning up. Anna has been an active member of Manor Memorial her entire life. She is a first-rate cook and often delivers covered dishes to friends who need a pick-me-up. Anna is the unseen connection between our church and its people, calling folks to let them know they were missed at services or to check in with them. She is our hospitality hostess! For many years Anna has supported the women's group, assisting with fundraising, local and conference mission projects, sewing quilts and lap robes, and serving wherever needed. Anna is the quiet strength behind our many receptions and luncheons. I'm sure you've received that phone call asking for sandwiches, sides, and desserts. Anna's leadership at Manor Memorial is exceptional. She is often behind the scenes - decorating, cleaning, organizing - humbly serving God's kingdom. Congratulations, Anna!



## Concert Series at Manor Memorial

Mark your calendars! Enzo is collaborating with and bringing great, talented musicians to our church. Free will offering will be accepted!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH - 3:00 P.M.**  
**Daniel Esperante (Flute)**

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RUMMAGE SALE Friday, September 25th Saturday, September 26th

The MMUMC United Women in Faith are once again planning a rummage sale to be held **Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26**, during the Town of New Market's Fall Fling. So, as you clean out your cupboards and closets, please consider donating your items in good condition for a good cause. All proceeds will be donated to various local charities that we support. We will begin collecting items on a weekly basis in July; however, if you are unable to store your items until then, please contact Debbie Smith or Jackie Spicer to arrange for an earlier drop-off.

Following is a list of items we plan to sell:

- Accessories (Jewelry, Scarves, Gloves)
- Books (Hardcover & Paperback)
- Blu-Rays, DVD's, CD's
- Furniture (Chairs, End Tables, Lamps, Bed Frames)
- Home Décor (Pictures, Knick Knacks)
- Kitchen Gadgets
- Kitchen Essentials (Dinner Ware, Canning Supplies, Flatware)
- Power Tools
- Small Appliances
- Soft Goods (Towels, Tablecloths, Placemats, Bedding)
- Toys, Games, & Puzzles

We do not want to collect clothes or electronics to sell.

# RUMMAGE SALE

**Coming September 25th and 26th**



United  
 Women  
 in Faith

## CALENDAR—JUNE 2026

**Monday, June 1st – 6:00 p.m.** UMM and UWF dinner and meetings  
**Thursday, June 4th - 1:00 p.m.** - Mercy and Outreach Community Meeting  
**Friday, June 5th** - UMM and UWF Serve The Rebels dinner  
**Sunday, June 7th** - Holy Communion  
**Tuesday, June 9th - 5:00 p.m.** - Worship Committee meeting  
**Sunday, June 14th - 1:30 p.m.** - Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Carl Stewart speaking)  
**Sunday, June 14th - 3:00 p.m.** - Guest Concert Series Daniel Esperente (Flutist)  
**Wednesday, June 17 through June 20th** - Virginia Annual Conference – Atlantic Union Bank Center on the campus of JMU  
**Thursday, June 18th - 1 to 5 p.m.**— Food Pantry  
**Sunday, June 21st - FATHER'S DAY**  
**Saturday, June 27th** – UMM Barbeque Chicken (\$6.00)  
**Sunday, June 28th - 1:30 p.m.** - Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace ( Monty Cox speaking)

## CALENDAR—JULY 2026

**Saturday, July 4th** - 250th Birthday of America  
**Sunday, July 5th** - Holy Communion  
**Sunday, July 12th - 1:30 p.m.** - Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Gordon Meriwether speaking)  
**Thursday, July 16th - 1 to 5 p.m.**—Food Pantry  
**Sunday, July 26th - 1:30 p.m.** - Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Rick Hassler speaking)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Yoga meets in Farrow Hall on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. (Break from June 16 to September 8)  
Returns with Chair Yoga at 8:30 a.m.  
Choir meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (On Summer Break)  
AA meets in Manor Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**CORNHOLE  
TOURNAMENT**

**MANOR MEMORIAL UMC**

**Coming Soon!**

- **Get Ready!**

The image is a promotional graphic for a Cornhole Tournament. It features a stylized logo on the left showing a person in silhouette throwing a disc into a hole on a cornhole board. The background is a vibrant yellow with a blue border. The text 'CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT' is written in large, bold, blue and orange letters. Below this, 'MANOR MEMORIAL UMC' is written in white on a blue rectangular background. At the bottom, it says 'Coming Soon!' and 'Get Ready!' with a bullet point.

## BIRTHDAYS

JUNE
06-02 George Kagey
06-02 Keven Walker
06-06 Pat Brumback
06-06 Gwendolyn Hinkle
06-06 Matt Estep
06-07 Gwen Palmer
06-08 Sean Miller
06-11 Jason Hughes
06-11 Max Hutton
06-15 Beth Ogle
06-17 Meg Farmer
06-17 Yvette Munnikhuysen
06-18 Bob Hughes
06-21 Violet Finrock
06-21 Jane Burch
06-23 Alayna Ogle
06-24 Debbie Creech
06-24 Joyce Dawson
06-27 Emily Sowers
06-28 Skip Constable

JULY
07-01 Emmalee Shirley
07-01 Leonard Veney
07-03 Tom Schaeffer
07-06 Janet Dellinger
07-06 Les Warr
07-07 Kayson Hitt
07-08 Jennie Farmer
07-08 Becky Kipps
07-10 Dee White
07-11 Ella Smith
07-12 AJ Garretson
07-12 Bea Lane
07-13 Jane Bompiani
07-15 Bill Rogers
07-18 Sherri Erbaugh
07-20 Catherine Buhl
07-20 Jackie Farmer
07-23 Carol Driver
07-24 Luke Estep
07-24 Gail Sager
07-31 Jeremiah Siever
07-31 Cameron Sullivan

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jesse and Peggy Alger	Nancy Allen and Family
Peter Allen and Legend	Linda Borrer
Matt & Marianne Branigan	Pat Jenkins
Melissa McCoy	Yvette Munnikhuysen
Jim and Mary Otey	Bob Schmidt
Jeff and Sarah Shuey	Cameron Sullivan
Mary Ann Taylor	Buddy Vest
Les Warr	

## HOME-LIMITED

Henry and Catherine Buhl	Joyce Dawson
Juanita Durrett	

## IN NURSING FACILITES

Pat Brumback – Shenandoah Place  
 Nancy Cotton – Shenandoah Place  
 Vivian Myers – Shenandoah Place  
 Nancy Martz - VMRC 1328 Burkholder House, Harrisonburg,  
 VA 22802

## WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE FOR

### JUNE - JULY 2026

#### Liturgists:

June: Dee White (06-07 / 06-14) Rick Hassler ( 06-21 / 06-28)  
 July: Frank Driver (07-05 / 07-12) Dee White ( 07-19 / 07-26)

#### Ushers:

June: Virgil Trent  
 July: Rick Hassler

#### Greeters:

June: Clark and Donna Myers  
 July: Virgil Trent

#### Counters:

**June 7** Becky Schaeffer & and Janet Kagey  
**June 14** Becky Schaeffer & Elizabeth Sawyer  
**June 21** Tom Schaeffer & Bonnie Good  
**June 28** Janet Kagey & Bonnie Good  
**July 5** Janet Kagey & Bonnie Good  
**July 12** Jim Douglas & Cherryl Hassler  
**July 19** Jim Douglas & Cherryl Hassler  
**July 26** Jim Douglas & Cherryl Hassler

# SERMONS, SCRIPTURES AND HYMN SELECTIONS FOR JUNE-JULY 2026

<b>June 7, 2026</b>		<b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR:</b>		SERMON: Who Are the Sick?	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
HYMN UMH 351	Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior		
HYMN UMH 367	He Touched Me		
<b>June 14, 2026</b>		<b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-8</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		SERMON: To Die For!	
HYMN UMH 707	Hymn of Promise		
HYMN UMH 534	Be Still, My Soul		
HYMN UMH 378	Amazing Grace (1, 2, 4, 6)		
<b>June 21, 2026</b>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>Matthew 10:24-31</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		SERMON: Many Sparrows	
HYMN UMH 110	A Mighty Fortress is our God		
HYMN UMH 140	Great is thy Faithfulness		
HYMN TFWS 2146	His Eye is on the Sparrow		
<b>June 28, 2026</b>		<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		Pastor Stephen on Vacation	
	<b>HYMNS WILL BE SELECTED LATER</b>		
<b>July 5, 2026</b>		<b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>JULY 4TH CELEBRATION</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		Pastor Stephen on Vacation	
	<b>HYMNS WILL BE SELECTED LATER</b>		
<b>July 12, 2026</b>		<b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		SERMON: One Hundred to One	
	<b>HYMNS WILL BE SELECTED LATER</b>		
<b>July 19, 2026</b>		<b>8th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		SERMON: Wheat and Weeds	
	<b>HYMNS WILL BE SELECTED LATER</b>		
<b>July 26, 2026</b>		<b>9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Romans 8:26-39</b>
<b>LITURGICAL COLOR: RED</b>		SERMON: Separated!	
	<b>HYMNS WILL BE SELECTED LATER</b>		