



The Woodlawn News

2922 Corbieshaw Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24018



"Next To God, other people are all in this world that matter." Mary Lou Macy



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February is the month we celebrate Scouting!
Woodlawn is proud to host the Boy and Girl Scout
Troops. They are a special part of our
Woodlawn Family.

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Boy Scouts



Girl Scouts



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**Scout Recognition Sunday will be observed on
Sunday, February 26th.**

Youth's Souper Bowl Luncheon

Sunday, February 5th

12:00 p.m.

Eat in or Take Out

Please Join Us!

Proceeds from this event will go to support the youth's annual Hinton Mission Trip in July.



February Birthdays

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| 2- Wanda Crowder | 24- Marjorie Wilson |
| 4- Alice Marrano | 26 -Dawn Hollandsworth |
| 6- Colin Owen | |
| 8- Cara Jane Davis | |
| 9- John McLaughlin | |
| 11- Claire Walters | |
| Ruby McCann | |
| Jeremy Kauffman | |
| 15- Eunice Whitmore | |
| 16- William Ferguson | |
| 19- Fara Lukens | |
| 20- Malinda Hutcherson | |
| 21 - Isabelle Crosier | |
| 22- Jennifer Swanson | If you would like to add |
| 23- Regina Vassar | your name to this list please |
| | contact the Church Office. |



The Communion offering for February will go to support the U.M. Commission on Disabilities, Heart Havens.

Soup Luncheon

Woodlawn Youth 'Souper' Bowl Fundraiser
 Sunday, February 5th following the Worship Service. in the Fellowship Hall.



Everyone is invited to come have a hot bowl of delicious soup (4 varieties to choose from) or you may take it home. All proceeds will help pay for the youth's annual Hinton Mission project.

WOW's

The Women of Woodlawn will meet 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1st at Macado's across from Tanglewood Mall.
 All ladies are welcome.



Woodlawn will be having an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
 Everyone is invited.

U.M.W.

The Florence Francis Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

World Day of Prayer

A Prayer For All Seasons will be the title of the program for the Church Women United. Woodlawn and the United Methodist Women will be the host for this meeting on Friday, March 2, 2012. Registration and Coffee Hour begin at 9:30 a.m.
 Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian Women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Founded in 1941. Church Women United represents Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian Women that share biblically based Christian faith.
 All women of Woodlawn (and friends) are invited to join us for this World Day of Prayer.
 Jeanette White

Welcome New Members!

Congratulations and Welcome to Woodlawn's newest members: Earl & Shannon Murphy joined Woodlawn UMC on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Their newborn son, Austin Alexander received Holy Baptism during the morning Worship Service. They reside in Roanoke. They have two other children, Caitlyn & Hunter.

After Church Fellowship



The Council on Ministries would like to thank the Contemporary Discovery Class for providing refreshments for the After Church Fellowship during the month of January.
 The Coffee Class will provide refreshments for February.

Children's Valentine Party



Sunday Afternoon
February 12th
1:00 p.m.
at the church
All kids are invited!
Bring a Friend.



The Season of Lent

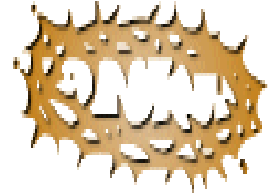
In the Christian tradition, **Lent** is the period of time on the church calendar which extends from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The word “Lent” came from the word for “spring” (as in the German language *Lenz* and Dutch *lente*). It was the root word for “long” because in the spring the days visibly lengthen.

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer – through prayer, repentance, giving and self-denial – for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lent begins on February 22, 2012 with a special **“Ash Wednesday” worship service** in Woodlawn’s sanctuary at **7 p.m.** The “Lenten season” which follows is a forty-day period of soul-searching in which we, as Christians, remember how and why Jesus’ death was necessary for our salvation. The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. Purple symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus, as well as the suffering of the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection and hope of new life that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By observing Lent, we gain a better understanding of what we celebrate at Easter...forgiveness of sin, resurrection, and new life for those who put their faith in the risen Messiah.

The theme of Lent ties in with our church’s five key areas of emphasis throughout the year:

1. Worship (increasing our average worship attendance)
2. Disciples (helping others become new disciples by profession of faith)
3. Small Groups (adding new groups for spiritual growth)
4. Mission Participation (having more members engaged in local, national and international outreach)
5. Mission Giving (increasing the financial support that Woodlawn gives to Methodist and other charitable ministries)



What can you do to help Woodlawn grow in each of these five areas? You can attend worship faithfully! You can invite and bring new people to Woodlawn! You can help start a new small group! You can volunteer in a local or global mission project! You can help Woodlawn by your financial giving, which helps us to give beyond ourselves to people in need beyond our local church!

Woodlawn is also looking for all 7th to 12th graders who have never been in a Confirmation Class and would like to explore what it means to make a profession of faith and become a full member of Woodlawn Church. If you have a young person in your family or network of friends who might like to join us for a Confirmation Class this spring, please let the church office know so we can determine whether to offer a class this year.

Our prayer is that these 40 days of the Lenten season, will stretch us and “lengthen” our faith as we move toward the events of Holy Week, when the death and resurrection of Jesus transformed our world.

Your Pastor,

Dr. Louis M. Strickler



This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts USA. In 1945, before the “little white church” was here, Woodlawn’s first Brownie Girl Scouts Troop met in Carolyn Reynold’s home.

Sunday Lenten Lunches -
Every Sunday in February and March. Come and join us for a Lenten Study over lunch. Bring family and friends and enjoy great food, fellowship and live music. Meals served from 1—2:30 p.m. This buffet style meal includes soup, salad, main course, dessert and drinks, Groups, families an individuals are welcome. *Reservations only.
Adults \$12/children \$9.00.
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Today we have 2 Daisy, a Brownie and a Cadette Troop with 50 girls led by 10 adults. The program has gone from “Semaphores to the World Wide Web”. The latest program change divides the girls into 6 groups by school grades and uses a set of Journey Books. We still have our Patches and some new earned Proficiency Badges to teach leadership skills. Girl Scouting does build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Pat Lucas

Newsletter Article Deadline for the **Next Issue is the **15th** of the month.**

Youth Service
Sunday, March 4th, 2012
Mark You Calendars!
The Youth will participate in the entire service,
Lots of music, skits, message
Plan now to worship with us!

Scouting
If anyone is interested in more information about either the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts please see Pat Lucas or John Jones.

Love Offering



The 2012 Love Offering Campaign will officially begin Sunday, February 5th and continue through Sunday, February 19th. This fund is solely supported through the congregation’s generous gifts received during the Christmas Eve service each year and during the fund raising efforts in February. Your love offering enables Woodlawn to minister to those who are in need of financial assistance. Please ask our Lord what He would have you contribute to this community outreach program. Envelopes will be provided in each pew for your gracious donations. Thank you for your anticipated generosity in the service of our Lord.

Wanda Crowder,
2012 Love Offering Coordinator

The pursuit of happiness is
the chase of a lifetime! It is never too late
To become what you might have been.

Of all the things you wear,
Your expression is the most important.



Kind words toward those you daily meet,
Kind words and actions right,
Will make this life of ours most sweet,
Turn darkness into light.
~Isaac Watts ~

Be kinder than necessary
Because everyone you meet is fighting
Some kind of battle.

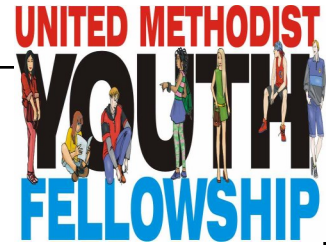


February 2012 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> 11:45 WOW's —	<u>2</u> 6:00 Jr Troop 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<u>3</u> 6:00 G Scout Sleep-over	<u>4</u> 9:30 G Scouts Up- per Rm 10:00 pick up
<u>5</u> Love Offering Begins  12:00 Youth Fundraiser 'Souper' Bowl Luncheon 	<u>6</u> 7:00 COM 7:30 Boy Scouts	<u>7</u> 6:00 Cubs F. Hall Blue & Gold Dinner	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 6:00 Jr Troop 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>  1:00 Kid's Valentine Party 4:00 Youth	<u>13</u> 3:30 G Scouts F Hall 7:30 Boy Scouts	<u>14</u> 10:30 Florence Francis Circle 6:00 Cubs	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6:00 Jr Troop 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 9:30 G Scouts Up- per Room 1:00 F. Hall Reserved
<u>19</u> Love Offering Ends  3:00 Youth	<u>20</u> 5:00 <u>Aftercare</u> 7:30 Boy Scouts	<u>21</u> 6:00 Cubs	<u>22</u>  ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	<u>23</u> 6:00 Jr Troop 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> Scout Sunday 4:00 Youth	<u>27</u> 3:30 G Scouts F Hall 7:30 Boy Scouts	<u>28</u> 6:00 Cubs	<u>29</u>			<u>Sunday Mornings</u> <u>9:45 Sunday School</u> <u>11:00 Worship</u>

February Youth Schedule



Our Hinton Mission trip is July 8th – 13th.

Sunday 2/5: Souper Bowl Fundraiser (10:30 am - 1:30 pm)

All youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am to help set tables and prepare for our luncheon. All youth will act as servers during the luncheon. We will eat lunch once everyone else is served and finished.

(There will be no Youth Super Bowl Party this year because the cost of getting cable for the game is prohibitive.)

Sunday, 2/12: Youth Service Planning (4 pm- 6 pm) (Supper Provided)

Parents: Please have your youth attend ALL youth service rehearsals!

Sunday, 2/19: Youth Service Rehearsal (3 pm-7 pm) (Supper provided)

We'll rehearse from 3:00 pm until 4:45 pm – at 4:45 pm we'll leave for Thrasher Memorial and the District Youth Murder Mystery Dinner.

Sunday 2/26: Youth Service Rehearsal (4 pm-6 pm) (Supper provided) Please attend all rehearsals!

Final Rehearsal & Youth Supper will be on Saturday, March 3rd beginning at 3:30 pm. After rehearsal, we'll go out to eat at Red Palace! Youth will call for pick-up from there. Our 2010 Youth Service will be at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 4th!

Please mark your calendars!

Faith has to do with the basis, the ground on which we stand. Hope is reaching out for something to come. Love is just being there and acting.

Emil Brunner

We don't have to change, grow and be good to be loved by God. We are loved so that we can change, grow and be good.

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A noted doctor has listed several emotions which produce disease in human beings. Heading the list is fear, followed by frustration, rage, resentment, hatred, self-centeredness, jealousy, envy and ambition. The one and only antidote that can save us from these, he says, is **love**.

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What Does Love Mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds. The answer they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think.

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby—age 7

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy—age 4

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren—age 4

What Does Love Mean Continued

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann—age 4

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,
"Nothing, I just helped him cry."

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Service Times:
 Sunday School: 9:45 am
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

Office Hours are Monday - Friday
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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www.WoodlawnUMC.org



Heart Gifts by Helen Steiner Rice

It's not the things that can be bought
 that are life's richest treasure.
 It's just the little "Heart Gifts"
 that money cannot measure...

They are the things that can't be bought
 with silver or with gold,
 for thoughtfulness and kindness
 and love are never sold...

A cheerful smile, a friendly word,
 a sympathetic nod
 are priceless little treasures
 from the storehouse of our God...

they are the priceless things in life
 for which no one can pay.
 And the giver finds rich recompense
 in giving them away.