



# The Beech Grove STAR



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April - May, 2016

## Calendar of Events:

Friday, Apr. 22  
Earth Day

April 29 & 30  
30 Hour Famine

Sunday, May 15  
Pentecost Sunday  
Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 8  
Mother's Day

Saturday, May 21  
UMM 2nd Annual  
Pulled Pork BBQ

Tuesday, May 24  
UMW Chicken Salad  
Luncheon

Monday, May 30  
Memorial Day



## More News Inside:

- **Acolyte Recruiting**
- **Book Scholarship Deadline**
- **VBS Plans**
- **Grounds Crew Needed**

## Beech Grove hosts 3rd Stop Hunger Now event

In the final months of 2015, Beech Grove members donated toward the \$5,000 Missions Outreach goal to host another Stop Hunger Now event. Not only was the goal met, it was doubled with \$6,300 collected! Originally scheduled for January, Mother Nature had other plans and delivered snow instead.

We rescheduled for Saturday, April 9th for two hours of fun and fellowship as 54 volunteers packaged 3,500 meal bags in the Fellowship Hall. The filled bags will provide 21,000 meals and were packed into shipping boxes for global distribution.

Beech Grove's overwhelming embrace and support for this program have led the Missions Outreach committee to continue to host this popular annual event each year. Check out the organization's website at [www.StopHungerNow.org](http://www.StopHungerNow.org) for further information!



**STOP HUNGER NOW.**

## Collecting Kits of All Kinds for Conference



Each year, members of the Virginia United Methodist Churches are invited to assemble and donate various types of Relief Supply Kits to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. Six different kit types are collected for global distribution, and cleaning buckets are used for domestic distribution after storms.

For many years, Beech Grove members have provided themed kits for health, school, sewing, layette, birthing, bedding and clean-up as requested by the Conference.

This year is no different, with kits being collected from across the commonwealth at the 2016 Annual Conference held in Roanoke. Beech Grove will focus on health kits with instructions and shopping lists to be distributed soon.

All completed health kits need to be turned in by **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** in order for them to be packed and transported to the conference.

For more information about the kits and assembly videos, please visit [www.UMCOR.org](http://www.UMCOR.org).





## Happy Birthday!

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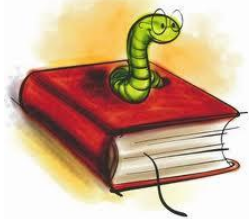
- 1 Chad Kozoyed
- 6 Charlie Rintamaki
- 7 Brenda Wray
- 7 Robert Dillingham
- 11 Matt Price
- 11 Bill Hodges
- 12 Bobbi Lassiter
- 14 Joanne Johann
- 14 John Woodard
- 15 Melissa Bartholomew
- 16 Matthew Yandle
- 17 Colin McVey
- 17 Meredith Daugherty
- 19 Debbie Evans
- 19 Jonathan Malone
- 24 Debbie McIntosh
- 26 Ethan Daugherty
- 27 Lizzie Smith
- 28 Theresa Nicholas

### MAY

- 2 Hazel Winbourne
- 3 David Evans
- 3 Erin Bonney
- 6 Ray Vaughan
- 7 Susan Cherry
- 8 Kathy Dykes
- 13 Chris Davis
- 22 Barbara Cross
- 24 Frank Cross
- 24 Kaelynn Coggins
- 25 Carol Vernon
- 25 Joel Davis

*\*\*please let us know if we've missed your special day*

**Mark your calendars: May 15th is the deadline to submit items for our new 2016 Summer issue (June/July/August news).**



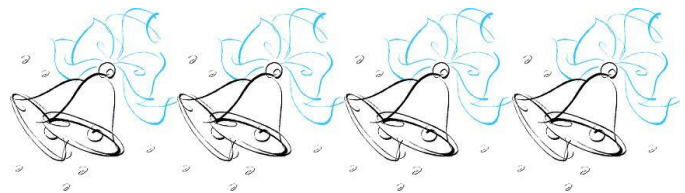
## Book Scholarship Applications Due June 30th

It's time to apply for the Beech Grove UMC \$500 college book scholarship! All candidates must have graduated from high school and be attending college this fall. Each applicant also must be a member of Beech Grove UMC, and scholarship money can be received annually for up to 4 years.

Interested students must submit an application by June 30, 2016. Applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified by the end of July. Current recipients still attending college need not reapply. Contact Sydney Tabor at #434-4465 with any questions or concerns.



**On Memorial Day, please remember all the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.  
~Monday, May 30, 2016~**



## Happy Anniversary!

April 15: Ken & Donna Sawyer (1978)  
May 28: Pat & Lorraine Mims (1977)

## Grounds Crew Volunteers Needed



Volunteers maintain the church grounds during the Spring, Summer, and early Fall by mowing the lawn, trimming/edging sidewalks, flower bed borders, etc., and blowing clippings from paved areas. The total time required each week is only about 2 to 3 hours.

With 32 weeks to cover on the calendar, we sure could use your help! Please consider signing up on the clipboard in the hallway for a week or two. Work may be performed on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, and all equipment is provided.

Please contact Joe Bonney (#488-0792) or Rich Stevenson (#538-3717) for more information and to sign up to help keep our grounds well cared for during the outdoor seasons. Your help in keeping our church grounds beautiful is greatly appreciated, and the ongoing support from our Scout groups makes a big difference, too!

### Beech Grove UMC Mission Statement

Our Beech Grove family seeks  
our Lord's will and shares  
Christ's love with all.



### April Showers Bring May Flowers... Bring Your Flowers to Church!

Help us adorn our altar each week with blooming examples of God's glorious creation! You don't have to order anything fancy, even fresh-cut flowers or a potted plant will do.

Please sign up today on the bulletin board in the hall, and help us continue this lovely and attractive tradition! Special honorary or memorial references will be published in the bulletin upon request.



## Save the dates for VBS: June 27th - July 1st

Again this summer, we're teaming up with Glebe and Berea churches to host a fun Vacation Bible School program for our local youth! This year's "Surf Shack" theme will help children "catch the wave of God's amazing love" during four evenings of music, crafts, games, Bible lessons and fun for all! Please contact Richard Stevenson or Laurie Schultz for more information and to volunteer.



## Pentecost Sunday Celebrations

*Sunday, May 15, 2016*



Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, is the day in the church year that we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is the birthday of the church in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings understanding, clarity and enlightenment. As we open our hearts to God's will, the Spirit can lead us in surprising new directions. May we always be open to the promptings of the Spirit of God in being more faithful as His body, the church.

There will be a birthday cake after each service to celebrate this day of Pentecost. Also, at the 11:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate our 2016 Confirmation Class into the life of our church. Mark your calendars for this special day!



## UMM 2nd Annual Pulled Pork BBQ Saturday, May 21, 2016 • 11 am - 5 pm

The United Methodist Men head back to the kitchen to prepare their delicious BBQ! Come out and enjoy a delicious lunch, dinner or both. The menu for this year includes pulled pork, sliced pork, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread and assorted drinks.

Tables will be set in the Fellowship Hall to sit and savor a delicious meal, or to-go orders also are welcomed. There are no ticket prices, and all donations support Heart Havens, Camp Rainbow, and Poncho Pals.

## Is Your Child Ready to Acolyte?



Our youth acolyte program provides a valuable opportunity for our young church members transitioning beyond Children's Church and into the sanctuary.

If you have a child, age 10 or older, who is interested in being a part of this program, please contact Robin Magrisi for more information and to register at #538-0234 or via e-mail at [robinmagrisi@gmail.com](mailto:robinmagrisi@gmail.com). We'll set up a training session for all new acolytes and partner them with a seasoned team member to get started.



## Beech Grove UMC's Plan for Ministry

**We are called to be a compassionate, nurturing congregation who serves God through prayer, worship, fellowship, study and missions as we "Honor the past, serve the present and build the future."**

## UMW Chicken Salad Luncheon Tuesday, May 24th • 11:30 am – 2 pm



You know you can't pass up this legendary lunch invitation! Hosted by the United Methodist Women, the annual luncheon includes delectable homemade chicken salad, cold veggie salad, peach with cranberry relish, dessert, roll and a beverage. Pre-ordered dinner boxes also are available for pick-up from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 per generous plate. Lunch is available for dine-in or carry-out.



A great big **"Thank You!"** goes out to all those who volunteered to help during the Easter Egg Factory! This church-wide project produces more than 100,000 delectable treats each year, and the resulting profit allows the church to meet all financial obligations while continuing to do great things in our community and beyond.