

# THE VINE

**Mission:** Go and make disciples of Jesus

**Vision:** Provide hope, life, and new beginnings to change lives and transform the world

**Purpose:** Teach people about Jesus so they can go be Jesus

**Journey:** Know, love, and serve Jesus

## EVENTS

June 12th, 2026

### SUNDAY

- 8:30-9:15AM **THE 8:30 GROUP:** LIBRARY
- 9:30-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASBURY CLASS:** LIBRARY
- 9:15-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADERS CLASS:** FH104  
*TO SIGN UP FOR ZOOM, EMAIL NSHARVEY51@GMAIL.COM*
- 9:30-10:30AM **GARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E105 & E106
- 9:30-11:30AM **NURSERY:** E104 *(BIRTH-PRESCHOOL)*
- 9:30-10:30AM **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E109 & E110 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH)*
- 9:30-10:30AM **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E107
- 10:30AM **WORSHIP:** IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM SERVICE
- 10:30AM **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** E109 & E110 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE)*
- 3:00-4:00PM **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:** LIBRARY
- 4:00 PM **YOUTH GROUP:** WRAP UP

### WEDNESDAY

- 12:00PM **SMALL GROUP WITH WARREN:** LIBRARY
- 6:30PM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

### THURSDAY

- 5:30PM **CHOIR PRACTICE:** E102

### SATURDAY

- 10:00AM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

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# A WORD

## *from our pastor*

**Written by:** Pastor Waren Carswell

**June 12th, 2026**

Better Together: Finding Strength in Unity and Service

We probably all agree that our country—and our world—feel more divided than ever. Even within the United Methodist Church, we have experienced seasons of division that have left many feeling disconnected and uncertain. Yet I still believe God’s Spirit is moving through the UMC and doing great things in the world.

As United Methodists, we gather in our uniqueness and differences for missions that ultimately bring us closer together. In my 30+ years as a UMC pastor, I have found that the UMC offers a place for all people to worship, serve, and bear witness to our faith together.

We experienced that grace firsthand these past few weeks through the gathering and shipping of UMCOR buckets and boxes. More than 800 churches across Virginia collected thousands of buckets and boxes filled with supplies to help others when disaster strikes. Monday morning at 7:00 a.m., more than ten people gathered at Genesis, waiting for a semi-truck to back up to our sanctuary doors so we could load those boxes and buckets. If I had polled everyone present, my guess is that none of us would agree on everything. I’m sure we differ on politics, biblical interpretation, and countless other issues. But in all our chatter and conversation, those topics never came up.

Instead, we joked, smiled, shared coffee, formed a line, and got to work loading supplies into the truck. It wasn’t smooth or perfect—but the job got done, and we all left with that warm feeling that comes from doing something good together.

That’s the beauty of both the United Methodist Church and Genesis Church. More than 800 churches across the Virginia Conference are doing this same work as we prepare for Annual Conference 2026. We are different people with different perspectives, united by a shared mission: loving God and serving our neighbors.

Great job, Genesis—and thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” –*

*Hebrews 10:24*

In a day marked by division and a culture where we quickly cut ties with one another, may we choose instead to unite, pray, serve, and sing:

*Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together*

*With cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together in love*



# WEEKLY EVENTS

## *Small Groups*

**Small group with Warren** meets every Wednesday, 12-1pm in the library (Door 3). This is a time for fellowship, sharing, study and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies, join us for a small group on Sundays, from 3-4 p.m. in the Library. **Dessert & Devotion**, led by **Margo Deck**, is a safe and supportive space for women to enjoy fellowship, tasty desserts, and uplifting Biblical devotions. Don't have a dessert to bring? No worries — just come and be part of the fun! For more info, contact **Margo Deck** at **540-309-6309**.



*Weekly Sermon:*  
Compassion that Moves us  
Matthew 9:35-10:8

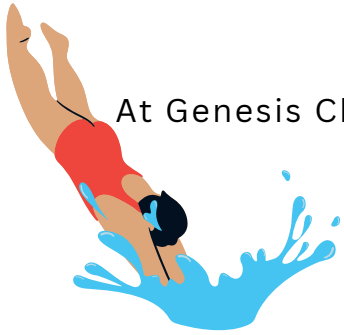
## *Youth Group*

Wrap-up meeting  
June 14, at 4pm





# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

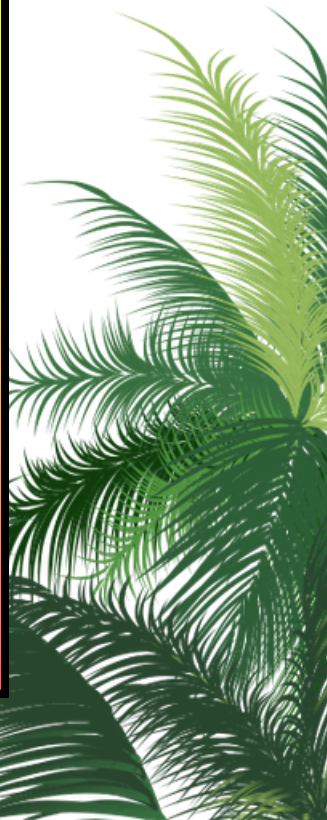


Some dive in.  
Others watch from the shore.  
At Genesis Church, we're choosing to dive into mission, into service, into lives that need hope.  
Join us in July for Mission Month!



To Everyone who helped load the truck:

*Thank you!*





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## *June is Welcoming Month*



### Visit the Genesis Welcoming Church Tree in the Welcome Center

I will start...

Genesis can ..

- Help us fill our tree with leaves
- EVERYONE is invited to fill out leaves with your answer to the following questions
  - "What will you start or stop doing now to make Genesis more welcoming?"
  - What practical ideas can help Genesis become more welcoming and inclusive?
- Every leaf will help us become more welcoming.
- **Creating a welcoming environment goes beyond what happens at the front door or through our greeters.**
- **It involves all of us and every aspect of church life.**



### **Upcoming Prayer Garden Work Day:**

**This Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 8-10am**  
**Contact Nancy Harvey for further info**



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## Galaxy Vacation Bible Camp (VBS) Giving Tree and Volunteers

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28

As we get ready to launch into the galaxy of this year’s Vacation Bible Camp (VBS), you can help launch our rocket and ensure a successful mission!

### Fuel Our Rocket with Supplies

Take a rocket from one of the Giving Tree located in the Welcome Center, then purchase the listed supply item. Your donations will help fuel our campers with snacks and provide a celebration meal for camper families on Sunday after services.

### Fill a Birthday Cake Gift Bag

Take an empty Birthday Cake gift bag from the Welcome Center and fill it with supplies for an unbaked birthday cake:

- Box of cake mix
- Can of frosting

Our campers will learn about giving and missions by becoming “Birthday Buddies” and helping prepare these bags before they are delivered to the Rescue Mission. (Return to the Mission Room by June 14)

### Volunteer Your Time

Volunteers are needed to help with:

- The Launch: Friday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- The Mission: Saturday, 9:00–11:30 AM
- The Landing & Celebration: Sunday, 11:30AM–12:30 PM

### To volunteer:

Text Megan Walkup at 540-589-4394

Sign up at church

Register online: VBS Volunteer Signup



# VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, & LEADERSHIP BOARD



## GREETERS

Welcome Center:	Susan Ballantine
Porch/Door:	Patti Hollingsworth
Sidewalk:	Barbara Givlar
Exit Greeter:	Patti Hollingsworth

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's:	Kim Newcomer
Nursery:	Mary Alice Nash

## LEADERSHIP BOARD

Tommie Crozier | Karen Davis | Robin Edwards | Gloria Gibson | Georganna Hite | Allison Stallings |  
Pat Walters | Alan Wolfe | Savannah Wood

## CHURCH STAFF



Co Pastors: Warren Carswell & Jeff Wilson

Office Manager:	Aeron Langheim
Choir Director:	Bob Zimmerman
Accompanist:	Rhonda Casey
Nursery Director:	
Children's Director:	Megan Walkup
Custodians:	DJ & Renee Johnson

## STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Youth Director  
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# Prayer List

*Prayer requests left on the list more than 4 weeks without an update will be removed.*

## *Congregation*

- Jean Ridenhour - Healing
- Allen Nichols - ongoing health concerns
- Homebound members

## *Congregation Family*

- Kennedy Lavinder - health concerns
  - Grandson of Gretchen Lavinder
- Denise Martin - ongoing health concerns
  - Sister of Vera Hill
- Tom Langheim - ongoing health concerns
  - Father of Aeron Langheim
- Danny Napper - Health concerns
  - Brother of Vera Hill
- Family of Jean Powell - in her passing
- Larry Gibson - health concerns
  - Brother in law of Gloria Gibson
- Family of Vera Hill

## *Rehab*

- Dottie Weaver - Friendship North
- Karen Harris - Berkshire, Vinton
- Jean Ridenhour - Friendship North

## *Friends*

- Brian Mattox - Cancer
  - Friend of Ellen Brown

## *In the Military*

- Josh Sullivan
- Wyatt Williams (Lorraine Cunningham's nephew)
- Garrett & Caroline Brown
- Rachel Harris
- Will Harris
- Joshua Levendosky
- Erik Flury
- Dustin Fines Jr

## *In the Community*

- Caregivers
- Our Country
- All people in war conditions or in need
- Families of special needs children
- Heather (upcoming surgery) - Raymond M

## *Nursing Home & Assisted Living*

- Margorie Buchanan - Pheasant Ridge
- Ike Carper - Friendship Salem Terrace
- Peggy Shaver - Jeanne's Elderly Care
- Alda Bower - Hermitage
- Al Saladiner - Friendship South
- Sandra Collins - Friendship North
- Bob and Arlene Cheeseman - Friendship North
- Jessie Gilliam - Friendship North
- Ed and Ruthie Conner-Friendship North