



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH

November/December 2025 Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Epworth United Methodist Church

60 Merriman Way Road
Moneta, VA 24121
540-721-4926

<https://epworthumcmoneta.org>

Sunday Worship—9:30 a.m.
Livestream also on Facebook:

click link:



Halesford United Methodist Church

1601 Lakewood Forest Road
Moneta, VA 24121
540-520-7875

<https://www.halesfordumc.com>

Sunday Worship—11 a.m.
Livestream also on Facebook:

click link:



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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



The Blessing of the Tithe

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

As we journey together in faith, I am reminded of the powerful promise God attaches to faithful giving. In Malachi 3:10, the Lord declares:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

What a remarkable invitation! God not only commands the tithe, God challenges us to test His faithfulness. The tithe is more than a financial obligation; it is an act of worship, obedience, and trust. When we return a portion of what already belongs to Him, we declare that our hope is not in our paycheck, but in our Provider.

Tithing positions us under the open windows of heaven. It invites divine provision, protection, and peace into our homes. It aligns our hearts with God’s priorities and allows God’s blessings to flow, not just materially, but spiritually. The reward of obedience is never empty; it is filled with joy, sufficiency, and the confidence that God honors those who honor Him.

So, I charge each of us this week: let us be faithful in the tithe. Let us give not out of compulsion, but out of gratitude. Let our giving reflect our trust in the One who never fails to supply every need according to His riches in glory.

May your barns be filled with plenty, and your hearts overflow with praise as you walk in the blessings of obedience.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jeff

THE CALLING

*Lord, it is time to give recognition to one who works in our midst
To show appreciation for all that he does and especially for all that he is.
As our Pastor, Jeff is a guiding light, leading us in our spiritual quest
He is with us in times that are difficult and again when our times are the best.*

*Jeff is following an incredible calling to care for the souls that he leads.
There's a weightiness to that calling that is hard to describe; a church has so many needs.
He is on call 24/7--- His work is never fully done
He carries others problems, as well as their joys, as he shepherds us one by one.*

*Jeff bears the responsibility of sharing Your Word, crafting a sermon each week.
He teaches and plans, meets and greets, often being called on to speak.
Spending time in study at Duke, Jeff continues to grow in the Lord.
Always learning, always growing, and we all reap the rewards!*

*We thank you Lord for calling Jennifer; her leadership is essential
Teaching and leading our youth; planning events that are always so special.
She enables us to share with the world, our worship and our praise.
And makes following our service easy as our voices we joyfully raise.*

*Together Jeff and Jennifer lead us down Your path so dear.
We are so very grateful that we have them with us here.
Always so humble, they deflect any praise, giving all glory to You.
So we thank you, Lord, for their graces and gifts
We are grateful for all that they do.*

Christine Mosig

October 12, 2025

Pastor Appreciation





**Many Thanks to Brian Devlin &
Mike Roberts for changing the light
bulb in the church steeple!**



LAITY SUNDAY

On October 19th Epworth UMC celebrated Laity Sunday, highlighting the work of the people of our church. Thank you to Linda Devlin, Cindy Lollar, Pat Young, Marie Flippen and Randy Flippen for your help.. You certainly earned your LABORER FOR CHRIST yellow hardhats!!

Chris Mosig, Lay Leader



The Washington Cooperative Parish
presents
A Christmas Cantata

NO VACANCY:
THE NIGHT LOVE FOUND
A WAY

Candlewood Suites & Spa
Bethlehem B&B
Last Hope Hostel

Sunday, December 21, 2025
3:00 P.M.

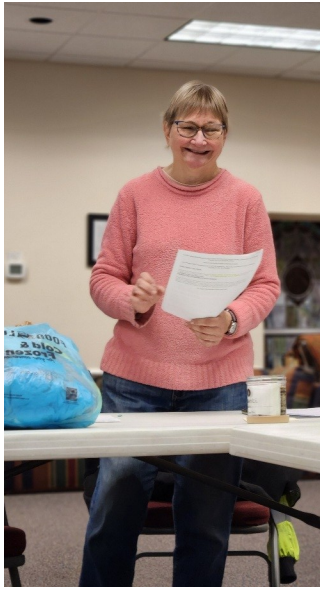
Epworth UMC – 60 Merriman Way Drive,
Moneta, VA



United
Women
in Faith

Halesworth UWF met September 22, at Epworth. The ladies in attendance planned and prayed over the homeless mats, lifting up the ones who would receive them. Jim and Pat Young delivered 9 mats to the RAM House. Each mat takes about a week to make, and keeps 1500 plastic bags out of the landfill. Halesworth UWF has made 60 homeless mats, keeping God's children warm and dry.

Halesworth UWF met October 27 and Betty gave the program, focusing on some of the UMC Resolutions. These



resolutions explain the Church's principles including The Economic Community, the Social Community, and The Political Community. The Community in All Creation Principle is the first in the United Methodist Social Principles.

John Wesley is quoted as saying "...that God is in all things, and that we are to see the Creator in the glass of every creature; that we should use and look upon nothing as separate from God..." from Wesley's "Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount".

The United Methodist Church, way back in 1980, first expressed concerns about global climate change. By the year 2050, the United Methodist Church aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. Betty shared the suggestions found in the Community of All Creation Social Principle, found on the vaumc.org website.

Our members then planned, doing our part to be good stewards. We heard from Pat that she received 2770 bags, which she processed into plarn balls, as you see on this picture. Planning and fellowship are always enjoyable, especially when Cindy brings some of her delicious baking to help the work flow smoothly!





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The **UWF District Annual Meeting** was held at **Main Street UMC on October 5, 2:30**. Members of UWF units from across the Mountain View District were in attendance.



New officers for the year 2026 were dedicated by Rev. Leeann Taylor.

Betty Johnson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, gave the devotion. She said, in part, that UWF was one of the first groups to stand up for social and racial justice, heeding the call found in Micah 6:8.

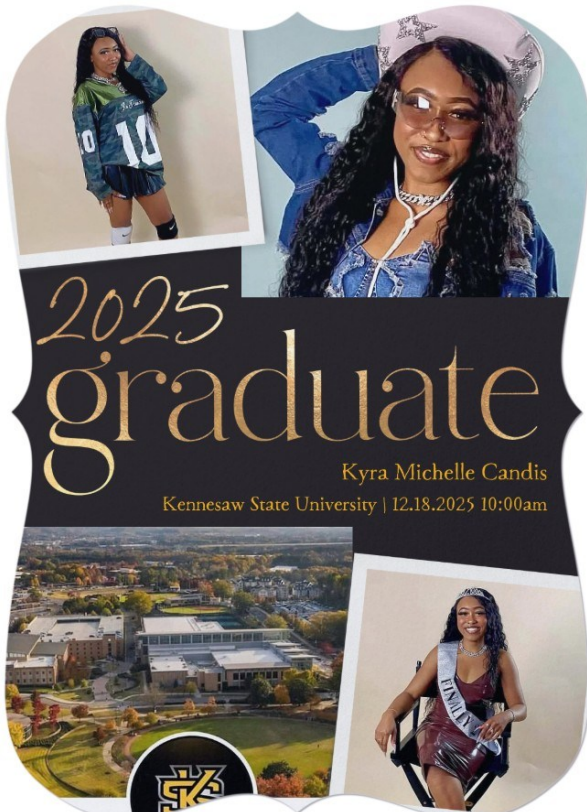
On the UWF website, there is a section explaining why we advocate, with the Scripture, Luke 4:18-19. UWF has many projects, including Just Energy for All, reflecting our responsibility as followers of God, to be good stewards of the Earth, Genesis 2:15.

Our purpose as UWF and UMC is seen in the recent email by Bishop Sue calling for the United Methodist Church to oppose the mass deportation of our migrant neighbors, pointing out that Jesus was a sojourner and started His life by fleeing to Africa from Egypt.

The UMC Social Principles and Scripture both call us to action and help us see our purpose, Deuteronomy 10:19 and Galatians 3:28. The different Scriptures were graciously read by ladies attending the meeting. Halesworth UWF received the Bronze certificate for the work done last year. Betty appreciated the Halesworth members who attended the meeting and for all the hard work done by Halesworth UWF!



Saturday, October 25th, Trunk or Treat was held at Epworth United Methodist Church. We had an afternoon packed with food, fun, and fellowship! Families enjoyed the 54-foot Bouncy House by D&G Entertainment, Hayrides and tons of treats!



James & Valerie Jordan's granddaughter

Cash App



Graduation Live Stream



Amazon



We are so pleased and proud to announce that Kyra will graduate from Kennesaw State University with a B.S. in Psychology, on December 18, 2025, earning her degree in three years with a 4.0 GPA!

She will return to KSU to pursue a Master's in Conflict Management, graduating in Spring of 2027.

If you would like to congratulate & support Kyra, please scan the QR codes above using your mobile device.

Thanks to all for your love & support as she continues in her journey!
With Love, Sandra & Horace

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"The SML Walk to End Poverty event generated a historic \$197,648 for Lake Christian Ministries' vital services for local families in need. This amount represents the most funds ever generated from the Walk to End Poverty!"



Thank you Team
Wesley's Walkers!!
Total donations
\$3,945



A big **THANK YOU** to the Community and Volunteers for your support of the Epworth UMC Community Breakfast! A donation of \$1,427.28 was made to Lake Christian Ministries from our August, September & October Breakfasts! We look forward to our community breakfast in 2026!



November Birthdays

1	Jimmie Hancock	(Halesford)
13	Danny Ferguson	(Halesford)
15	Sarah Rings-Morris	(Halesford)
15	Ava (Toney)	(Epworth)
27	Dee Loomis	(Epworth)

December Birthdays

7	Lorraine Meador	(Epworth)
10	Faye Martin	(Epworth)
12	Preston Allen	(Halesford)
20	Ashley Keese	(Epworth)
24	Gavin (Toney)	(Epworth)
31	Betty Johnson	(Halesford)

November Anniversaries

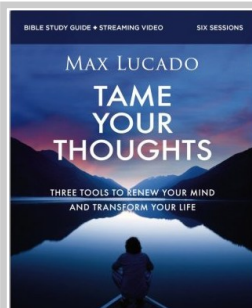
24	Clarence & Bridgett Allen	(Halesford)
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December Anniversaries

17	Hubert & Nancy Blankenship	(Epworth)
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- **November 17** – UWF meet at Epworth @ 4pm
- **November 23** – Thanksgiving Service at Halesford @ 2pm
- **November 30** – Combined 5th Sunday Worship Service at Halesford UMC @ 11am
- **December 6** – District UWF Advent Brunch at White's UMC @ 10am
- **December 21** – Washington Cooperative Parish Christmas Cantata at Epworth at 3pm



Sunday School

Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.

via Zoom

contact Cindy Lollar for link:
clollar65@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting —Every Other Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

(see calendar for schedule)



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**Sundays @
Epworth UMC
9:30 a.m.**

Please let Cindy (Epworth) or Betty (Halesford) know if you have a prayer request you would like added and also updates on those currently listed.

Prayer Meeting held every other Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Collecting: plastic bags from your grocery or department store for plan (plastic yarn) to make into homeless mats. Help the Halesworth UWF keep these bags out of the landfills. Please place in the recycle bin located in the Narthex. Thank you!!

Collecting New Socks for the Homeless ~ Drop Box is in the Narthex at Epworth UMC
"Socks for Lost Souls"



Socks are currently being donation to Rescue Mission in Roanoke:
<https://rescuemission.net/>



Thank you to all who are signed up with the Kroger Community Rewards program for Halesford (QD391) or Epworth (EP178). Without realizing that when you shop, a percentage of your total order is shared with our churches through the Community Rewards Program.

Here is the link to get started:
<https://www.kroger.com/i/>

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Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. @ Halesford UMC

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9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Prayer 7:00 PM Sunday School 7:30 pm on Zoom	14	15
16	17 UWF Meeting 4 PM @ Epworth	18	19	20 Sunday School 7:30 pm on Zoom	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 5th Sunday Combined Service @ Halesford UMC						

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21 Christmas Cantata @ Epworth 3 PM	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			