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# Messenger

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A Note from the Pastor

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Dear Stanardsville Faith Family,

I am filled with excitement and anticipation as we enter a new season as a church and as my family begins a new season as well. This fall we are kicking off many spiritual growth opportunities and chances to gather together that were curtailed as we navigated COVID. I am excited for Children's Church, Youth Group, Sip n' Chat, small groups, and so much more. We are trying some new things - for example we are partnering with the United Methodist Churches in our area, Mt. Vernon, South River, and Westminister, so that we can expand what we do as a Youth Group. We are relaunching Sip n' Chat first as a fundraiser each third Sunday of the month with hopes of returning to a more regular schedule in January. We are

experimenting with a new curriculum for Children's Church and are looking at exciting opportunities for our whole church to gather and grow. Among all of this - we have opened the Station and are always open to ideas of how to welcome our community in that space. God is moving among us and indeed doing new things!

Rob and I are also incredibly grateful for the ways you have surrounded us with support as we prepare to welcome our baby. Thank you for the beautiful shower - we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love that we experienced and all the gifts to help us begin this new season. Thank you for the ways you have stepped up to fill in while I am away to cover the weekly tasks that happen at church! Ed Winkler and John Peters, are looking forward to leading you in

worship and providing pastoral care while I am away. I am thankful for the gift of time to be with our baby in the early days of being their mom. I will return the first Sunday in December - excited to begin yet another season together - Advent, as we prepare to welcome another baby - Jesus - into our lives again.

I hope each of you are filled with God's abundant grace during this season!

Blessings,  
Pastor Devon

### Flowers for September

Flowers for September are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carroll's September birthday by Ellen Deane.



# JOY Group

## WHAT IS THE JOY GROUP?

It is an informal group of members and friends of Stanardsville Methodist Church who like to get together for a good time. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at a time determined by the activity. All adults, singles and couples, and their friends, are encouraged to attend. We encourage the MEN to join us too. You do not need a personal invitation, just sign up.

Because of severe weather predicted, the September meeting was cancelled - but watch for details on an exciting October meeting.



Thank you to Marion Daughtry for this delicious sounding recipe.

### Easy Hot Turkey Sandwiches

Prep Time: 10 minutes, Cook Time: 15 minutes, Serves 6

**Ingredients:**

- \* 2 sticks butter
- \* 1 cup flour
- \* 1 1/2 tsp Black Pepper
- \* 1/2 tsp Poultry Seasoning
- \* 32 oz Chicken Broth
- \* 2 cup Water
- \* 1-1.5 lb sliced Turkey

**Instructions:**

1. In a large pan, melt butter over medium heat
2. Add pepper and poultry seasoning.
3. Slowly add in flour, whisking constantly, until smooth and blended.
4. Gradually whisk in broth and water while bringing to a boil.
5. Reduce heat to low.
6. Distribute sliced turkey through gravy and allow to warm.
7. Serve over sliced bread with mashed potatoes and a vegetable.

<b>Total Operating Budget for 2021</b>	<b>\$195,395</b>
Needed as of August 29	131,516
Received as of August 29	<u>102,959</u>
Short	(-28,557)



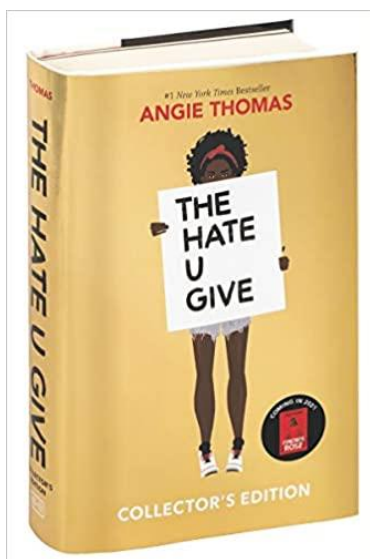
The mission needs for September are for shaving cream and toothbrushes. A big thank you for helping those in our community in need.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BOOK REVIEW

### *The Hate U Give*

by Angie Thomas

Category: Nurturing for Community



"What's the point of having a voice if you're gonna be silent in those moments you shouldn't be?" This is the question that 16-year-old Starr Carter ultimately asks herself in Angie Thomas's YA (young adult) novel *The Hate U Give*, published in 2017. As Starr straddles two worlds, the urban neighborhood in which she lives and the elite private school which she attends, she comes face to face with questions about racial identity, the police shooting of her childhood friend, a flawed criminal justice process, and the reality of systemic racism in America. The novel springs from the author's response to the Black Lives Matter movement; it is both warm and funny, as well as deeply unsettling and raw.

Thomas also explores broader social issues like police violence and divided loyalties, and the novel is loosely based on her own upbringing near Jackson, Mississippi. The main character in the novel, Starr, is forced to grapple with painful realities and decide whether to speak up despite the repercussions that follow. Thomas was deeply affected by the deaths of young Black men like Trayvon Martin and Tamir Rice. She is passionate about bringing more diversity to middle and high school literature and libraries, and is committed to mentoring young, aspiring writers in Jackson. Although the novel is categorized as YA literature, adults will also appreciate Thomas's authentic voice and her examination of sensitive and contemporary topics faced by the church and society. Thomas's second YA novel, *On the Come Up*, was released in 2019.

Reviewed by Barbara Ringle



**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN PRAYER**



John Gano, Scott Haas, Wanda Cox, Joyce Sims, Pete Pritchett, Sue Lam, Sherri Morris, Ryan Herring, Troy Lamb, Jill Churnick, Knox Walker, Kelly Woolford, Michael Mack, Aline Bowman, Tony Jamerson, Cindy Swigert, Kay Swank, Mallory Lamb, Zee and Haywood Lawson, David Cox, Scott Carson, Allie Cheney, Candace Davis, Travis Snodd, Marge Grassi, George Norcross, Steve Neil, Jack and Marjorie Howell, JoAnn Williams, Judy King, Donna Bates, Danease Arrington, Clinton Bell.

Louise Hayes and Haywood Lawson in long-term care.



September	
5	Avery Mayhew
6	Carroll Deane
9	Jason Cotton
10	A J. Van Dyke
11	Chee Rickets
12	Sue Lam
15	Phil Klenihein
16	Patrick Mayhew
18	Brad McDaniel
19	Jim Davis
18	Jeanne Van Dyke
21	Don Bowman
26	Doris Breeden
27	Riley Rocha
29	Marian Durrer

October	
8	Paisley Shifflett
10	Dwight Webster
10	Tanner Van Dyke
11	Rob Earle
20	Connor Bass
21	Bill Deisbeck
21	Pat Holtzman
25	Joe Lavarra
28	Tracy Arrington
28	Katherine Tooley
29	Doris Swenson

