

## CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



**Friday, January 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James UMC (3777 Churchville Avenue, Churchville) ~ Jam Sessions Return ~** Enjoy playing an instrument or singing? Don't be bashful, don't be shy, beginner or pro, it doesn't matter. Come on out and join us for a great leg slapping foot stomping good time. We'll meet in the social hall downstairs. A keyboard is available. Type of music (Gospel, Popular, Contemporary, Country and Blue Grass) will be selected by those attending. Future Jam Sessions will be scheduled based upon continuing interests. What? You don't play or sing? That's ok, come and listen. For more info call Tom Rose 255-7900.



**Saturday, January 21 ~ A Day Apart with Bishop Sharma Lewis ~ St. Paul's UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Rd., Staunton) ~** Reserve your space today by contacting the Staunton District Office Phone 540-932-1055 or email at

[stauntondistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:stauntondistrict@vaumc.org). Schedule is: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Clergy; 9:30-11:30 a.m. Clergy Session; 11:30-12:15 Worship (Clergy and Laity); 12:30-2:00 Lunch Bunch (Clergy and Laity); 2:15-4:15 Laity Session



**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 27 ~ Fishersville UMC (1600 Jefferson Highway, Fishersville, Virginia 22939, 540-942-9355) will have its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Revival.** On Wednesday, we will launch the revival at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner in the fellowship hall, followed by the revival at 7:00 p.m. Our revivalist is the Reverend Jerome Ross, PhD, pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Please join us!



**January 27-28 (Men) and February 17-18 (Women) ~ 2017 Men's/Women's Emmaus 4th Day Renewals ~** For women and men who have previously participated in the 72 hour "Walk to Emmaus", how have your Fourth Days been? Have you had some "ups" and "downs"? Could you use a little "shot in the arm" to remind you of, and renew you for, following God's call? Most of us do, and this weekend is just for you...and for God! The retreat will capture some of the elements of your Emmaus walk. There will be three new talks on life in Christian Action by lay persons who

have previously shared talks on an Emmaus weekend. Spiritual Directors will lead you in creative and inspiring worship, and there will be plenty of music to let your hearts and voices soar. But, most powerful of all, as we fellowship together and spend time in prayer, we will be fellowshiping with God! \*NOTE - The first weekend is for men Only, the second for the women Only! \$65 per person. Final registration deadlines: Men- January 13th , Women - February 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - Final Statistics Tables II and III Deadline**



**Sunday, January 29, beginning at 1:00 P.M. ~ Jollivue UMC will show the movie, "Miracles from Heaven".** Refreshments will be served. All are invited. The church is located at 551 Lee-Jackson Highway in Staunton - on Route 11 one mile south of the Staunton Mall.



**Wednesday - February 1 ~ Main Street UMC (601 West Main Street, Waynesboro) will be hosting a free will offering concert by Elisabeth Von Trapp beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Elisabeth will be sharing her "moments of songs". If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Church Office at 540-942-1179. We hope to see you there.



**Thursday, February 2 ~ UM Day at The Virginia General Assembly** will be held with a schedule similar to that of previous years, except the 2:00 p.m. time will be a continuation of our anniversary celebration with Bishop Charlene Kammerer as guest speaker.



**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Chamberlayne Heights UMC (6100 Chamberlayne Rd, Richmond, VA 23227, [www.chamberlayneheights.com](http://www.chamberlayneheights.com), 804-266-3551) ~ A Place of Discovery for Women** ("for such a time as this..." ~ Esther 4:14). We invite you into a sacred space for conversation about your experience as a Christian woman in light of recent political atmosphere and justice issues relating to women in today's world. The conversation is

primarily by, for, and about women, however, everyone is welcome. Conversation Facilitators: Rev. Erin Geoffrion, Pastor, Mineral-Mt. Pleasant Charge UMC; Janae House, LCSW, Private Practice Clinician in Midlothian, Virginia. Registration is not required, but helpful. To register, e-mail Rev. Mary Dadisman, COSROW Chair, at [marydadisman@vaumc.org](mailto:marydadisman@vaumc.org) or call 804-733-7349. See our Facebook page: Commission-on-the-Status-and-Role-of-Women-VA-United-Methodist-Conference. \*Light refreshments will be served. \*Bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for an additional time of fellowship and discussion with COSROW members. Sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Virginia Annual Conference.



**February 12 ~ Stop Hunger Now, 2:00 p.m., at Blue Grass Ruritan Building.** Snow date is February 19. Everyone is welcome.



**March 14, 2017 ~ Save the Date for the first statewide, faith-based conference on aging held at Lynchburg College.** Faithful Aging - a Faith-based Conference on Aging will be addressing opportunities related to an aging congregation and meeting the needs of older members, including those with dementia, inside and outside the walls of our faith communities. Details and registration information will be available soon. Presented by the Beard Center on Aging at Lynchburg College.



**March 31-April 2 ~ 2017 Lay Servant Academy to be held at 4H Educational Conference Center** (775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA <http://retreatatsmithmountainlake.com/>).



**April 7-9, 2017 ~ Join Christ UMC (1512 Churchville Ave, Staunton) family and friends as we travel/visit the Ark and Creations Museum** in a trip to Williamsville, Ky. We will be leaving CUMC at 6:45 a.m. on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and returning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Lodging at Holiday Inn in Covington, Ky. **Deadline to register is January 15<sup>th</sup>.** For detailed information and to register, please call Norma Sumner at 540-885-2177 or email to: [sumner\\_001@comcast.net](mailto:sumner_001@comcast.net). Hope you choose to travel with us!!!



**April 25, (Tuesday), 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Greenville UMC (126 Main St, Greenville, VA 24440) ~ Team Leader Training** is required for all first time United Methodist Volunteers In Mission team leaders, but all interested persons are welcome to attend whether leading a team or not. The Virginia Conference offers sessions in different parts of the state. Invite your friends! We must have eight participants to offer this training.



**May 8-10 ~ Ministers' Convocation - at Wyndham Virginia Crossings Conference Center** in Glen Allen. This year's Ministers' Convocation will once again offer a time for both renewal/relaxation and learning. **Event details and registration:** [www.vaumc.org/MinistersConvocation](http://www.vaumc.org/MinistersConvocation). The deadline for In-residence Registration is Monday, April 17, **Continuing Education Funds** are available at: [vaumc.org/clergycontinuingeducation](http://vaumc.org/clergycontinuingeducation). Come be engaged in theological and academic conversation while experiencing rejuvenation for ministry. Our theme is "Making Space for Yourself and Others" with an emphasis on hospitality as a practice and spiritual discipline. We look forward to the teachings of **Dr. Amy Oden**, Professor at Saint Paul School of Theology (OK) and the preaching of **Bishop Sharma Lewis** and **Rev. Dr. Joel LeMon**, Associate Professor at Candler. All clergy, diaconal ministers, and professional/paraprofessional certified ministers in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church are invited.



**June 4th-June 9th, 2017 ~ Staunton District Youth Summer Mission Trip** ~ Open to all rising 6th-12th graders. Join us as we travel to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and do various types of mission work. We will be staying at beautiful Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center. Cost per person \$185. To reserve space contact Beth Christian at the District Office and send a deposit of \$50 per person to the district office, P. O. Box 1048 , Fishersville, VA 22939. **Need more information? Contact [BethChristian@vaumc.org](mailto:BethChristian@vaumc.org)** Worship \* Work \* Witness \* Pray \* Play. *Don't have youth? Consider partnering in youth ministry by chaperoning.*





annual Passion Play only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood. Have you ever wondered what guests in your church think? Sometimes the things we do every week can be confusing and uncomfortable for those who visit and just don't know how or why we do things. With humor and messages that hit home at just the right time-the entire church can see this movie together.