

CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



September 30 between 9 -11pm with worship to begin at midnight ~ Join us for a unique overnight mission trip experience in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley! We will gather at Fishersville UMC (1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville).

After worship we will sleep at the church and then wake up in the morning for breakfast, devotionals, and mission work. Some of the work will include manual labor at specific church buildings, helping with clothing and food pantries, and visiting nursing homes. We will conclude the day with lunch at Fishersville UMC. The cost of the trip is \$5/person and all Middle School and High School age youth are invited to participate. Adult volunteers are needed to chaperone and drive youth to the worksites. If you are interested in joining us for the overnight mission trip, you can register with Ryan Oswald at ryanoswald@vaumc.org. (Flyer is attached.)



Saturday, October 1 ~ The Staunton District UMW Annual Meeting will be held at **St. John's UMC** (1716 North Augusta Street, Staunton, VA 24401). Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Sue Boltz, who has served as the Virginia Conference UMW Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation for the past four years will be our guest speaker. She will be speaking on Missions. We hope all UMW members in our District will make it a priority to be at this meeting. New District Officers will be elected and installed. We will celebrate our successes over the past year and certificates will be presented. We will also have a time of remembrance for those members who have been called home during the past year.



October 1st and 2nd ~ A mission team from Calvary UMC, Stuarts Draft, will be traveling to Callaghan, VA to work on a flood relief home. They will be laying laminate and linoleum flooring. They are in need of professional help with the installation of the linoleum flooring. Anyone who can help with this, or would like to be part of the team, please contact Lisa Tyree at 540-337-4572.



Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. ~ Mount Olivet UMC (26310 Lee Highway, Buchanan, VA 24066) will be having **Homecoming**. Smokey Wilson will be in concert, followed with a covered dish luncheon. The public is invited, bring a friend and enjoy the music, fellowship and meal.



Saturday, October 8th, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Calvary UMC (2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft) will sponsor a **FREE community pancake and sausage breakfast**. EVERYONE is welcome and car enthusiasts are encouraged to join us and show off their special vehicles!



Saturday, October 8 ~ Mint Spring UMC's Annual Lord's Acre Day-Mint Spring Ruritan Building ~ Country Store/Baked Goods/Bazaar opens at 10:00 am; Lunch from 11:00-1:30; Dinner from 4-6:45 pm (Country Ham, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Beef) with all the fixin's plus Dessert! \$15.00 Adults; \$8.00 Children (ages 4-10); under 3-free. Music: 6:45-7:15 pm. Auction begins at 7:15 pm (flyer attached).



Saturday, October 8th, noon - 2:00 ~ Fall Festival ~ Sponsored by the Callaghan UM Youth Fellowship at Hoke Chapel (exit 7 I64 - north 3 miles - Chapel on left) ~ **to benefit Ethan Thompson** ~ There will be Face Painting, Pumpkin Painting, Corn Hole and other games, make sand-filled crosses to wear. There will also be a lunch meal of hot dog, chips, brownie and drink.



Sunday, October 9th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Main Street UMC Fellowship Hall (601 West Main Street, Waynesboro, VA 540-942-1179) ~ Blessing of the Animals ~ Bring your friendly animal companions to be blessed on leash, in carrier, cage, bowl or terrarium or bring photos as representative of your companion. Individual blessing and free certificate with photo. (Flyer is attached.)



October 15, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ~ Lay Servant Academy at St. Paul's UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton). (Flyer is attached.)



Saturday, October 15, 4 to 8 pm, Christ UMC (1512 Churchville Avenue, Staunton, VA) ~ Harvest Moon Festival ~ Bring your lawn chair, blanket and stay awhile! The Festival will be held in fellowship Hall if inclement weather. 4-5 pm: KIDS under 12 decorate FREE pumpkins and Enjoy face painting & hayrides, 5-6 pm: Adult CHILI COOK OFF (Contact the Church for registration form 886-7600), 6-7 pm: FOOD TIME! Kids under 12 FREE Hot Dogs. Additional Menu available: 1 bowl chili/corn bread/beverage \$6.00, 1 Hot Dog \$1.00, 2 Cookies \$.50, Pint Chili (while supplies last!) \$5.00, 4-7 pm: SHOP at our COUNTRY STORE SIDEWALK SALE!! 7-8 PM: RELAX/ENJOY: APPALACHIAN & GOSPEL MUSIC by Pat Cantrell and Friends, Movie available for Children. PROCEEDS IN SUPPORT OF WORLD SERVICE & NURTURE COMMITTEE PROJECTS.



Sunday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m. ~ New Hope UMC (55 Round Hill School Road, Fort Defiance, VA 24437) invites you to a Music Night for Mission. The New Hope congregation presents a concert featuring high class musicians to support the mission of "All God's Children" in the Harrisonburg District—love offering will be accepted and go to this mission. Please come with your family and friends for this great opportunity of mission with music. There will be a reception following the performance. All are welcome. (Flyer is attached.)



Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fishersville UMC Craft Fair (1600 Jefferson Hwy,
Fishersville, VA 22939)~ There will be many lovely
handmade items by FUMC Crafters, as well as other vendors
of stained glass, jewelry, metal art and more. Also available
are baked goods, "summer in a jar", and refreshments.



October 22 ~Don't Miss the Small Church Summit
~ Join fellow small church clergy and laity for the Small
Church Summit: a day of learning, conversation, and
discernment. Plan to spend Saturday, at the Small Church
Summit in a location near you. Hosted Live at Providence
UMC in Richmond and broadcast via livestream to five additional locations,
this event is not one to miss! **Register Today!** Our Keynote speaker will
once again be Lynne Caldwell who will build upon the foundation she set at
our Small Congregation Pastor Training event in July. We will continue to
focus on asset-based ministry as we help participants build on the strengths
of their particular congregation. This event is open to all VAUMC Clergy
and Laity who serve a small congregation. The VAUMC defines a small
congregation as one with an average worship attendance of between 1 and
149 persons. New Bishop Sharma Lewis will be with us for worship during
this event! Don't miss this opportunity to hear from her as she speaks
directly to you as small church pastors and laity! **Event Locations:**
*Providence UMC (Richmond-Live Site), *Riverton UMC (Winchester),
*Monumental UMC (Elizabeth River), *Dayton UMC (Harrisonburg),
*Fieldale UMC (Danville), *Grace UMC, Parksley (Eastern Shore). Lynne
Caldwell and Bishop Lewis will be speaking live from the Richmond
location. All other locations will attend via livestream. This event costs
\$25/person and lunch is included. Those attending can earn .5 CEU for
participation. Registration is open from now until **October 10, 2016.**
Register your team today! Learn more at <http://vaumc.org/Small-Church-Summit>. Contact Kim Johnson (kimjohnson@vaumc.org) or Pat Hickman (pathickman@vaumc.org) with questions. We look forward to seeing you in
October! -The Small Congregation Leadership Team



Saturday, November 3 ~ Granbery Memorial UMC is the place to be. Granbery's UMW will be holding their annual "**Harvest Sale with a Jingle**". It will feature gently used Christmas Decorations, crafts, baked goods, apple dumplings, ham biscuits and barbecue. It will all begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, and end at 1:00 p.m. This is our only fund raiser during the year and the proceeds will help with our many mission projects. The Outreach Committee of Granbery will also be selling fair trade items from SERRV during our sale.



Conference UMM Dates to Remember:

(Information for UMM Attached.)

November 4-6 ~ Virginia Conference

UMM Spiritual Advance

March 11th, 2017 ~ Virginia Conference

UMM Spring Planting (tentative, pending guidance)



Clergy Retreat

December 12-14 ~ Silent Advent Retreat for

Clergy, offered by Clergy Spirit Care at the Bellfry Retreat Home (www.bellfry.org). Retreat begins Monday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. and ends

Wednesday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m. This retreat will be facilitated by Joy Crawford, Bill Klein and Dawn

Peck. We intend for this Silent Retreat to offer time apart to rest in God and prepare our hearts anew to receive the Christ Child. Cost estimated at this time is \$175.00 per person. Complete details will be available later this Fall; however, if you would like to reserve a space, please email Dawn Peck at dhpeck@hotmail.com.





As a pastor, I acquired **electronic paraphernalia**. I would like to make this equipment available to a congregation or congregations which might make some use of it. In essence, they will be on loan to the congregations for their use. Included is a heavy-duty RadioShack amplifier with built in cassette

recorder/player, a second player and a built in CD unit. Included are two or three microphones with cables and a mixer. There is a cordless mike but my not so nimble fingers haven't let me test it. There is also a 5 disc CD player which may be plugged in. There are several cables to pick through to hook up the independent units. I also have two attaché cases of Christian music on cassettes ...Accompaniment, instrumentals, karaoke, choir, groups and solos. In addition there are several unrecorded cassettes. Also available are three milk crates of recorded and blank CD's, about the same mix of music as with the cassettes. One group of over 70 karaoke hymns would be great for a small membership congregation to brighten up worship. Use the karaoke cut or the full cut to add variety to the worship. For the congregation without a pianist, there is a compact portable hymnal. To learn more or to see any of this equipment, give me (Rev. Bob Maas) a call at 549-969-7116. I live at Gypsy Hill Place, better known as the old Robert E. Lee High School.