

CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



Family Retreat

January 6-7 ~ UMM Annual Tri-District Retreat ~ In our lives, we face choices every day. If you are like me, at times, I worry if I am choosing the right path. Am I responding to God? Am I becoming the man God created me to be? What choice does God desire me to make? We are all running a race in faith and at times need to be refreshed so we can endure. The UM Men's Tri-District Retreat is all about being refreshed and encouraged as we run our race to the glorious Kingdom of God. This weekend is a great time for men to gather with others to share in fellowship and fun. As we gather, we build a community of support where we can encourage and cheer one another along. Our speaker this year is Rev. Matthew Swope. He will be leading us and encouraging us to run our race in faith. We will also be uplifted in song and worship under the leadership of Andrew Davis.

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, January 14th, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. ~ Calvary UMC (2179 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft) will hold its **FREE Community Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**. We also celebrate Cars & Pancakes as we welcome all classic car enthusiasts to have breakfast with us. For more information contact Larry Flint at 434-251-3870 or lrfli@aol.com.



Saturday, January 14, 2017 ~ A special 25th Anniversary Celebration of our Virginia Conference Legislative Network to be held at Centenary UMC in Richmond with special invited guests to include: Virginia's Governor, LT. Governor and Attorney General; our United Methodist Legislators; former CLN Chairpersons; Bishops Lewis, Cho and Kammerer; the current & former VICPP CEOs; family members of founders Leona Bailey and Elvira Shaw. The program will follow lunch and will include: welcome, invocation, introductions, special music, a video especially prepared for this occasion; a time of remembrance with a selection by a choir, keynote speech by Jim Winkler, the singing of our theme song, "We Are Called" followed by the benediction.



Saturday January 14 from 10:00 a.m. until noon ~ MLK Community Parade will be held. The parade will begin and end at Randolph Street UMC (118 South Randolph Street, Lexington). CARE is the organizer of the parade which is the acronym for community anti-racism education initiative. If your church or church group would like to participate in the parade you can go to CARE's website, CAREROCKBRIDGE.ORG/JOIN-THE-PARADE to sign up as well as to get more information.

January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Randolph Street UMC (118 South Randolph Street, Lexington) ~ there will be a service, Remembering MLK, commemorating his life and legacy. Dr. Ted Delany of Washington and Lee University, and Rev. Michael A. Turner, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Staunton, will be the keynote speakers.



Sunday, January 15, 2017 - Final Statistics Table I Deadline. Profiles are also due on the 15th.



January 17th at 10:30 a.m. in Christ UMC (1512 Churchville Ave., Staunton - 886-7600) ~ "Survivor's Tuesdays". Once we have lived long enough to be middle-age and beyond, we have all survived many things! We would like to begin a group to look at ways we can support one another, learn from one another and grow as a community. Let's Talk! January 17th at 10:30 a.m. in CUMC Fellowship Hall - to decide what would make this the best possible gathering ever!!! For the first meeting come, as you are with ideas to share, forming what we would like to become as a group. Isaiah 43:19: "Behold I will do a new thing----" May this become a part of our New Year's Resolutions!!



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. 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



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 3rd

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

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



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.



March 11th, 2017 ~ Virginia Conference UMM Spring Planting (tentative, pending guidance)



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, Staunton Creations



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



Pastor Convocation

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. The deadline for In-residence Registration is Monday, April 17, **Continuing Education Funds** are available at: 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** Worship * Work * Witness * Pray * Play. *Don't have youth? Consider partnering in youth ministry by chaperoning.*



For Pastors and Church Leadership: Concerning Pastor and Church Profiles: This is a reminder for Clergy and Lay Leaders to update your Pastor and Church Profiles before February 10. In 2013 new Pastor and Church Profiles were released with new questions. Unfortunately, we have several Pastor and Church Profiles that are blank. The older outdated Pastor Profiles are still available for review; however, they are no longer editable. If you need help, please contact the District Office (stauntondistrict@vaumc.org or 540-932-1055) ~ Bryan Compton, IT Manager, Virginia Conference United Methodist Church