

## CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



**Fishersville UMC** (1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville) is currently providing a **Grief Support Group** opportunity that meets on **Tuesdays**. Schedule: Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ~ This schedule accommodates the

elderly, retired, and others who appreciate early hours. This group will begin on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 based on first come first serve. We can accommodate 20 persons at this time. Space is limited so please RSVP ASAP if interested. **Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** ~ This schedule accommodates the working class and those who simply appreciate evening hours. We are already meeting and there is limited space available at this time. If interested, please RSVP ASAP. To RSVP, please call FUMC at (540) 942-9355 and asked to be registered for the Grief Support Group. Or you may email the office administrator at: [office@fishersville-umc.org](mailto:office@fishersville-umc.org).



**February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ District Leadership Training Day**  
**~ 2 Locations: Same Great Workshops; \***  
**10:00-11:30 a.m. at Granbery Memorial UMC**  
(425 West Main Street, Covington) and \* **1:30-3:00 p.m. at Christ UMC**, (1512 Churchville Avenue, Staunton) ~ **Courses: 1) Fiduciary**

**Faithfulness: Managing Your Church's Money, Workshop Leader:**

**David Dommissie** ~ Our Virginia Conference Treasurer is ready to help you navigate the way to healthy financial management for your church. We encourage treasurers and finance team members to attend. **2)**

**Pastor/Staff Parish Relations: Creating a Team that Works,**

**Workshop Leader: Rev. Dave Rochford, Superintendent** ~ Great information for PPR & SPR teams. Better equip the staffing needs and pastoral leadership of your church. **3) Connect! Creating a Culture of**

**Relationships that Matter, Workshop Leader: Beth Christian** ~ A biblical and proven approach to outreach. Includes practical ideas and an introduction to a valuable tool for your church. **4) Trustee's Toolbox: An Approach that Works!, Workshop Leader: Earl David Cash** ~ Learn valuable tools for maintaining the physical property of the church and the gifts made to the congregation. **5) Finding the Leaders We Wish We Had, Workshop Leader: Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe** ~ Key strategies for lay leadership recruitment and development. What does a healthy leadership partnership look like? Laity and clergy are encouraged to share thoughts. **Something for Everyone!**



886-1176.

**Saturday, March 4th ~ Marquis Memorial UMC (1614 West Beverley Street, Staunton) will be selling Brunswick Stew** for \$6.00/quart. The stew will be available for pick up at the church at 11:30 AM. For more information call



**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at The Hall of Valor at Marshall Hall at VMI in Lexington ~ You are invited to The Staunton District Banquet**

~Tickets are \$15.00. Contact the District Office for reservations. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**March 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ~ Five Talent Academy - "Defying Gravity" at Calvary UMC (2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy., Stuarts Draft, VA).** Event cost (3/6): \$35/person. Early Bird Registration (2/15): \$25/person. Group Pricing: Team pricing discounts are available. Register: [vaumc.org/5talent](http://vaumc.org/5talent).



**Friday, March 24, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Central UMC (14 North Lewis Street, Staunton, VA 24401) ~ Fish Fry ~** Price is \$10.00, Menu: Fish, Fried Potatoes, Homemade Coleslaw, Cornbread, Dessert and Drink. Eat in or Take out. All proceeds will be used to purchase tools to rebuild people's homes.



**March 25 ~ Staunton District UMW Prayer Breakfast ~ Longdale UMC, (121 Church Rd. in Longdale Furnace).** Registration at 8:30 a.m. and Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. (Cost \$6) The program will follow. Our speaker will be Dr. Lisa Rochford, wife of District Superintendent, Dave Rochford.



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



**Tuesday, April 18, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, (1904 Mount Vernon Street, Waynesboro) ~ FREED-UP FINANCIAL LIVING** is a 6-session class on obtaining financial freedom through biblical principles. "This resource pairs sound financial knowledge with biblical principles of money management, guiding participants to develop a personal spending plan that reflects both in a healthy, balanced way. Participants will explore what the Bible and the culture say about the five financial areas of life (earning, giving, saving, debt and

spending)". It is open for all - individuals or couples. More information about FUFL can be found at: [www.GoodSenseMovement.org](http://www.GoodSenseMovement.org). Good \$ense was founded by Willow Creek and has flowered into its own ministry. Stewardship Matters of Virginia will be offering this class beginning Tuesday, April 18, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1904 Mount Vernon Street, Waynesboro. The class will meet in the chapel from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and will be led by Rev. David Rash. The cost is \$32.00 per individual; couples, sharing a workbook is \$42.00. Register at: [www.StewardshipMattersVa.org](http://www.StewardshipMattersVa.org). A flyer is attached - please post and please publicize in your churches. If you have any questions, please call me at 540-335-5175.



UMW's  
Day  
Apart

**April 22 ~ Staunton District UMW Day Apart ~ Greenville UMC, (126 Main Street, Greenville).** Registration begins at 9:30 with the

program beginning at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be the Reverend Gennie Bowles, who serves at Ashwood UMC and Emory UMC on the Hot Springs Charge. A light lunch will be served by the host church. (Cost \$6)



Mission Team  
Leader Training

**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.



**Auction.**

**Friday, April 28, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ~ Fishersville UMC Child Development Center (1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville, VA 22939) will have their Annual Spring**



**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.*

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**Name that Trailer!** ~ Do you have a creative and unique name for our district tool trailer? We need an attention-grabbing name to be included in the insignia that will be painted on the trailer. The Staunton District has a new tool trailer to use for district and conference short-term disaster and mission projects. The Mission Network of the Staunton District was formed to coordinate the Staunton mission projects as well as to care for and maintain the tools and the trailer. The insignia will contain the Cross and Flame, the Virginia United Methodist Church, and Staunton District. Your creative name will go between The Virginia United Methodist Church and Staunton District. A picture of the trailer is posted on Facebook. Type Mission Network of Staunton District. Send your creative name to this email address: [wonun@comcast.net](mailto:wonun@comcast.net) and the Mission Network of the Staunton District team will select one. Thank you. ~ Won Un, Pastor, *Central UMC (Staunton)* \* Also, the conference disaster coordinator has given us a list of tools (150) that will be useful for the mission trip. I would like our Staunton District UMMen and any other church group to help purchase or donate gently used tools to fill our trailer.

Dear Leader ~ We are thrilled about **THE CASE FOR CHRIST movie coming to theaters April 7**; Lee Strobel's bestseller comes to life on the big screen! We want to get Pastors together to learn about the film. Would you be interested in hosting a Gathering for Pastors and

Church Leaders? During your gathering you will see exclusive clips and a message from Lee Strobel about how God has used his story to engage culture and challenge so many. We would love to have you host one of these hour long gatherings. Along with you, we will invite the local leaders in your area and the surrounding areas. Any number of pastors is good - 5, 10, 20, or 100. We will provide 2 video's, one is a secure link with 20 minutes of the movie, the other is a 12 minute video from Lee. The rest of the time will be used to pray for our culture and the movie. Afterwards, everyone will fill out a short survey to let us know their thoughts on the film and how best to use it as a ministry resource, etc. This gathering is yours, so anything else you would like to do with the time is up to you. As we get closer to your gathering we will go over more details. We would like these to take place in February and early March, day or night, the time does not matter. Any day is fine! Please respond to this email and lets begin to talk about how we can work on this together. You can check out the website here <http://thecaseforchristmovie.com/> and view a short trailer.

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