

CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



November 18, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and November 19, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Mint Spring UMC (58 Mint Springs Circle, Staunton, VA 24401) ~ Holly Jolly Christmas Shoppe ~ New and gently used Christmas decorations of all kinds: wreaths, linens, centerpieces, ornaments, figurines, dishes, trees, lights, pillows, jewelry, cards, etc. BOW MAKER on site. Refreshments! All proceeds benefit Helping Hands Food Pantry.



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Saturday, November 19, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Bazaar at Mount Olivet UMC (26310 Lee Highway, Buchanan) ~ Breakfast and Lunch served. Bake Sale, food, quilts by the Mount Olivet Quilters, and music by the Eagle Mountain Band. Buy Christmas gifts, and enjoy the fellowship, food and entertainment. For information call 540-



Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. ~ Marquis Memorial UMC (1614 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401) will host a Holiday Festival in the Social Hall. Come join us and do some early Christmas shopping with Local Crafters and Vendors from Longaberger, Mary & Martha, Mary Kay, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Simply Tasteful, Thirty-one, Tupperware and more. We will also have Arts & Crafts, a Bake Sale, Book Sale, Country Store with jams, pickles, etc., Holiday Decorations, Kid's Activities (face painting & balloon sculptures) and a Treasure Chest of Jewelry. Please call the church office at 886-1176 if you have any questions.



Sunday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church (301 South Wayne St., Waynesboro) ~ You are invited to come to the Fall 2016 concert of SCHOLA CANTORUM. The theme is *In Praise of Music* and we will be doing pieces with orchestra, pipe organ, a capella, and all three!!! Works by Rutter. Haydn, Gawthrop including the piece premiered last Spring for our 20th anniversary concert. This 65-voice, volunteer choir is our gift to the community. Here is our website: <http://www.scholawaynesboro.org/> Hope you can come and enjoy the concert. No admission charge but donations are appreciated. We are a 501c3 NPO and always appreciate gifts.



November 27, 3:00 p.m. ~ PRASIA Concert at Central UMC (14 North Lewis Street, Staunton). Concert is free of charge. Please join us for an afternoon of uplifting music – you will not be disappointed! A freewill offering will be taken to help offset the group's expenses.



Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, December 14th, and December 21st, 12:00-1:00 p.m. ~ 2016 Staunton 8 UM Community Advent Luncheon. Theme: God With Us! Emmanuel! ~ November 30th – Central UMC (14 North Lewis Street, Staunton), guest speaker: Courtney Joyner; December 7th – Jollivue UMC (551 Lee Jackson Hwy, Staunton), guest speaker: John Benson; December 14th – St. Paul's UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton), guest speaker: Janet Knott; Wednesday, December 21st – Marquis Memorial UMC (1614 West Beverley Street, Staunton), guest speaker: Taylor Mertins. Other Christmas Events: December 18th – Blue Christmas Service, Central UMC, 7:00 p.m.; December 21st – Blue Christmas Service, St. Paul's UMC, 7:00 p.m. Community Christmas Day Worship, December 25th, St. Paul's UMC, 10:00 a.m.

December 2-4 ~ Wounded Hearts-Healing Love ~ Have the circumstances of your life returned you to singleness, perhaps through separation, divorce or death? Are you dreading the holidays or know someone who is? Plan to join us for a special time apart with other singles as we explore the trials, the hurts, the loneliness of being single again, and search for the road that leads to healing and wholeness. Do you need a dose of joy in your life? This weekend will be fun. We may cry a little but we will laugh, too! There will be fellowship, a candlelight dinner, and some wonderful expressions of love. It is a wonderful way to restore both the joy and holiness of the holidays. The retreat is held at Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries in Keezletown. A brochure is attached. If you have questions, feel free to contact Rev. Janet Knott at 540-255-2309.



Saturday, December 3 ~ The Staunton District United Methodist Women Advent Breakfast will be held, at Mt. Carmel UMC (1200 North Alleghany Ave, Covington). Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. (Cost \$6.) Our guest speaker will be Beth Christian, Director of Congregational Resources for the Staunton District UMC.



December 9-11 at Lake Junaluska ~ 'Tis Almost the Season! Awaken the spirit of Christmas through holiday music, hearty meals and local artistry. Visit area shops or step back in time with turn-of-the-century Christmas décor at the exquisite Biltmore Estate. Festivities include Point of Grace in concert, a performance of Handel's Messiah, a matinee concert by The Cockman Family, a local treasure, and the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show, which showcases dozens of local artisans. Packages include lodging, special meals, reserved seating at each concert, and a Biltmore Estate ticket. **Starting from \$214/person for two nights.**



December 9th ~ Christmas Cards for Our Service

Personnel. Again this year, the District UMM are gathering cards for Service Personnel. If you would like to send some Christmas cheer to our Service people, please bring your cards to the District Office in Fishersville by Friday, December 9th.



Silent Advent
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.



December 21st ~ St Paul UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton) 7:00 p.m. ~ Blue Christmas Service: A Service of Hope and Healing



December 25th ~ St Paul UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton) 10:00 a.m. ~ Community Christmas Day Worship and Pajama Day

Saturday, January 14, 2017 has been set aside for 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 Gov., LT. Gov. & Attorney Gen.; our United Methodist Legislators; former CLN Chairpersons; Bishops Lewis, Cho & 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. As usual, UM Day at The Virginia General Assembly will be held on the first Thursday of February, February 2, with a schedule similar to that of previous years, except the 2:00 PM time will be a continuation of our anniversary celebration with Bishop Charlene Kammerer as guest speaker. To register for either or both events go to www.vaumc.org, then "Conference Calendar" and scroll to the appropriate month.



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



February 2, 2017 ~ United Methodist Day at the General Assembly



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



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 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, 2017. 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!!!



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 send a deposit of \$50 per person to the district office **by November 30th, 2016**, 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.*

