

CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



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 dry 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 holy 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.



Saturday, December 3, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. ~ Breakfast with Santa at Greenville UMC (126 Main Street, Greenville). Breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m. with Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit along with a Beverage for only \$6.00, children 10 years of age and younger \$4.00. Santa will arrive at 9:00 a.m. There will be a Bargain Room, Crafts, lots of Candy, Cakes, Fruit Cakes, Cookies, Bread and Canned Goods. There will also be a Silent Auction with lots of great items.



Wednesdays, 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! ~ 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 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.



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



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 We invite you to the **United Methodist Day at the General Assembly 25th Anniversary (1992-2017) of our Virginia Conference Legislative Network** to be **held at Centenary UMC** (411 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA) with special invited guests to include: Virginia's Gov., LT. Gov. and Attorney Gen.; our United Methodist Legislators; former CLN Chairpersons; Bishops Lewis, Cho and Kammerer; the current and

former VICPP CEOs; family members of founders Leona Bailey and Elvira Shaw. Registration 11:00 a.m. and Lunch at 12 Noon, Pre-Registration required. Cost for the day is only \$15, for both events \$35. 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 p.m. 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.*



Dear Mission Friends, It's that time of year! I apologize for not getting this to you all sooner; it has been a crazy fall! Again this year we are planning on giving **Christmas gifts to children of Hispanic families** who are in need as well as children from families in need who come to the meal program at Basic UMC. We anticipate 150 children to sign up. We hope that you will be willing to participate again this year. Or, if you did not participate last year, you will feel led to do so this year. We will assign a child or children to you and tell you a little about the child's gift request. Your commitment would be to purchase a gift (not clothes) around \$25, label it with the child's name, bag and label gifts by family name and deliver to Basic UIMC. You will not need to wrap the gifts. **We will be wrapping gifts on December 10 from 9:00-12:00.** It is always a fun morning and all are welcome. Many hands make light work! If you would prefer, we would be happy to accept cash or a check to purchase a gift. Please make the check out to Casa de Amistad note gifts and send to Cynthia Jordan, 1110 Hawthorne Lane, Waynesboro, 22980. We have had individuals take individual names or Sunday school classes take a whole family or two. Any combination will work. The **gifts will be distributed at Basic UMC on Sunday, December 18** after the children's program during the night service. We would like to have a commitment from you as soon as possible stating how many children you can sponsor. I will do my best to respond within a day with the names and basic info for the children you request. We are asking

that the gifts be delivered to Basic UMC by **December 5**. Someone is typically at the church daily but we ask that you call ahead, 949-8947, to make sure before you plan to deliver the gifts. We will be happy to make special arrangements if needed. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that together again this year we can provide Christmas love and joy to these wonderful children. Thank you so much for your support and happy holidays!



Vibrant church in Fishersville, VA seeking a PT paid pianist

to accompany the choir and perform for Sunday worship services, special presentations, and outreach programs. This position reports to the Director of Music Ministries. Salary is commensurate with experience. A detailed job description is available by contacting the church office at (540) 942- 9355. Resumes must be received in the church office by: **Monday December 12, 2016**. Please send resumes via email or a printed copy can be mailed to: Pianist Search Committee, 1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville, VA 22939.