

## CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



**Wednesday - February 1 ~ Main Street UMC** (601 West Main Street, Waynesboro) will be hosting a free will offering concert by **Elisabeth Von Trapp** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** Elisabeth will be sharing her "moments of songs". If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Church Office at 540-942-1179. We hope to see you there.



**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.



**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 7 ~ SURVIVOR TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH**--(55 and beyond-care givers welcomed)--Tuesday. Meeting at Brother's Pizza (off Greenville Ave. Orchard Hill Shopping area) at 11:00 am. Sharing a word of scripture and prayer, fellowship together, uplifting and encouraging each other. Your input needed as to how we grow and go! (Info. N. Sumner 540-885-2177) **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, COME and BRING a FRIEND!!!** Sponsored by Christ UM Church Nurture Committee.



**February 10 ~ Fish Fry at Asbury UMC (31 Academy Alley, Brownsburg, VA) 5:00 p.m. until the fish is gone.**



**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Chamberlayne Heights UMC (6100 Chamberlayne Rd, Richmond, VA 23227, [www.chamberlayneheights.com](http://www.chamberlayneheights.com), 804-266-3551) ~ A Place of Discovery for Women** ("for such a

*time as this...*" ~ Esther 4:14). We invite you into a sacred space for conversation about your experience as a Christian woman in light of recent political atmosphere and justice issues relating to women in today's world. The conversation is primarily by, for, and about women, however, everyone is welcome. Conversation Facilitators: Rev. Erin Geoffrion, Pastor, Mineral-Mt. Pleasant Charge UMC; Janae House, LCSW, Private Practice Clinician in Midlothian, Virginia. Registration is not required, but helpful. To register, e-mail Rev. Mary Dadisman, COSROW Chair, at [marydadisman@vaumc.org](mailto:marydadisman@vaumc.org) or call 804-733-7349. See our Facebook page: [Commission-on-the-Status-and-Role-of-Women-VA-United-Methodist-Conference](https://www.facebook.com/Commission-on-the-Status-and-Role-of-Women-VA-United-Methodist-Conference). \*Light refreshments will be served. \*Bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for an additional time of fellowship and discussion with COSROW members. Sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Virginia Annual Conference.



**February 12 ~ Stop Hunger Now, 2:00 p.m., at Blue Grass Ruritan Building.** Snow date is February 19. Everyone is welcome.



**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm ~ Jam Session ~ St. James UMC (3777 Churchville Ave., Churchville, VA)** Enjoy playing an instrument or singing? Don't be bashful, don't be shy, beginner or pro, it doesn't matter. Come 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.



**February 17-18 ~ 2017 Women's Emmaus 4th Day Renewals** ~ For women 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 - \$65 per person. Final registration deadlines: Women - February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Go to

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/emmaus-and-fourth-day-renewal-retreats.html> for more information or to register.



**February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ District Leadership Training Day ~ Something for Everyone! ~ 2 Locations: Same Great Workshops; 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Granbery Memorial UMC, Covington and 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Christ UMC, Staunton. Courses: 1) Fiduciary Faithfulness: Managing Your Church's Money, Workshop Leader: David Dommissee**

~ 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 looks like? Laity and clergy are encouraged to share thoughts.



**March 14, 2017 ~ Save the Date for the first statewide, faith-based conference on aging held at Lynchburg College.** Faithful

Aging - a Faith-based Conference on Aging will be addressing opportunities related to an aging congregation and meeting the needs of older members, including those with dementia, inside and outside the walls of our faith communities. Details and registration information will be available soon. Presented by the Beard Center on Aging at Lynchburg College.



**March 25 ~ Staunton District UMW Prayer Breakfast -**

**Longdale UMC, (121 Church Road, Clifton Forge).** 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/>).**



**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)



**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.



**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.



**Dear Staunton Clergy and Lay, If you are interested in serving Virginia Conference boards and agencies please contact me at [pastor@centralumcstaunton.org](mailto:pastor@centralumcstaunton.org) and receive an application form. Click here <http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/Profiles/Vacanciesfor2017.pdf> for openings in 2017. ~ Rev. Won Un, Member of CLDDT.**



**Fishersville UMC (1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville) is seeking a part-time Choral Accompanist.** This individual will be available

to play the piano at the two Sunday services and for Wednesday evening choir practices, as well as for occasional special Easter or Christmas music programs. Ability to play other instruments a plus. Interested individuals should send resume and contact information to Tomeka Rhoades at [office@fishersville-umc.org](mailto:office@fishersville-umc.org) or call 540-942-9355.



**Church Nursery Staff ~ St. Paul's UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton)** is looking for Church Nursery Staff to provide

care and ministry for children from infancy thru 5 years. Staff provides a happy, healthy environment reflecting the love of Christ while abiding by Safe Sanctuary Guidelines Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. 1. Hours: Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00pm and Sundays from 8:15am- 12:00pm.; 2. Greet children and parents in a happy, professional manner; 3. Implement a weekly lesson provided by Coordinator of Children's Ministries; 4. Ensure a healthy and safe environment; 5. Must have reliable transportation; 6. Have CPR and/or First Aid or be willing to take classes. For more information call Chris Lyle, Coordinator of Children's Ministries, at 540-886-2317.



**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 ([staundistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:staundistrict@vaumc.org) or 540-932-1055) ~ Bryan Compton, IT Manager, Virginia Conference United Methodist Church



**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. ~ Ryan LaSuer, Engage Media Partners, [ryan@engagemediapartners.com](mailto:ryan@engagemediapartners.com)