

CHURCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS



Every Wednesday from March 8 to April 12 ~ Greenville UMC (126 Main Street, Greenville, VA) will be having Lenten Suppers and a Study on the Apostles' Creed entitled *Creed: What Christians*

Believe and Why. Dinner will consist of soup, sandwich and dessert with water, coffee and tea. The Dinner and Study will begin at 6:00 p.m. and be finished by 7:00 p.m.



March 17th ~ It is potato planting season. St. Patrick's Day is the time to plant those potatoes. So in honor of Garden Season, **Greenville UMC** (126 Main Street, Greenville, VA 24440) is having a **Potato Soup and Grilled Cheese Dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. ~ Donation Only**. Come join us

for some good fellowship and soup to warm the old bones.



This has been canceled: Friday, March 17 ~ Asbury UMC (31 Academy Alley, Brownsburg, VA 24415) will have a fish fry from **4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** The menu will be delicious fried fish,

fried potatoes, coleslaw, corn bread and beverage all at a cost of \$8.00 per person.



Saturday, March 18 ~ St. James UMC (3777 Churchville Avenue, Churchville, VA) will once again be hosting their **Annual Silent Auction**.

The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. and bidding will stop at 1:00 p.m. There will be a bake sale with homemade pies, cakes, cookies and candy. There will be a concession stand set up for lunch items consisting of homemade soups, grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs, barbeque and drinks.



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.



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.



Friday, March 24 ~ Randolph Street UMC (118 South Randolph Street, Lexington, VA 24450) will have Soup and Sandwiches from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.



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/>). (Flyer of classes is attached.)



April 16th ~ Community UMC (249 Cedar Green Road, Staunton, VA 24401) will have a Community Sunrise Service on Resurrection Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served after the service.



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. 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. 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)



April 22 ~ 2nd Annual Blessing of the Bikes & Bikers ~

Everyone is welcome. Come join us for this special event. Any make of bike, and any religious background welcomed. Arrive and line up at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts, kick stands up at 10:00 a.m. for group ride, return approx. 1:30 p.m. for a free lunch. This year, based upon requests from last year's riders, the Blessings will be conducted at the Goshen's Pass Overlook ~ St. James UMC (3777 Churchville Rd., Churchville, VA 24421) For more info call Tom @ 540-255-7900



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.



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 Auction.



Friday April 28th and Saturday April 29th ~ 22nd Annual Dinner Theatre ~ "Celebration" of St. Paul's UMC (2000 Shutterlee Mill Rd, Staunton, VA 24401) is proud to present their 22nd Anniversary Dinner Theater, Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29. Water-Water Everywhere. Come and hear songs such as Rainy Days and Monday, Singing in the Rain, Under the Sea, Shenandoah and many others. The Gospel portion of the show includes River in Judea, Wade in the Water, Down to the River to Pray and Bread in the Water. **Friday Night show begins at 6:30 p.m., Saturday Night show begins at 5:30 p.m. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more. Full table reservations are available for seating groups of eight and a limited number of seating groups of ten. Seating for groups wishing to be seated together will be based on seating availability when purchased as a group. Ticket price is \$29.00. Ticket orders may be placed with any member of "Celebration" or church office during regular office hours. For more information call the Church Office at 886-2317.**



Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ~ Staunton District Lay Servant Academy ~ Registration and Fellowship 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Saint John's UMC (351 East 21st Street, Buena Vista, VA 24416) Course Offerings: 1) Basic Course ~ Instructor: Rev. Doris Hedrick ~ The Basic Course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the church. Emphasis is in the areas of leading, caring, communicating and spreading the love of Christ into the world. TEXT: Lay Ministry: Basic Course by Gilbert & Zollner 2) Leading Worship ~ Instructor: Rev. Sarah Payne ~ Focus is on basic worship leadership skills for lay persons ("liturgists" or "lay readers") who assist the pastor in leading Christian worship. If you currently help lead worship in your congregation or would like to prepare for such leadership, this course is for you. Particular emphasis will be given to basic skills: understanding your leadership role in relation to other leaders and the congregation, reading Scripture, leading prayer, distribution of the elements at the Lord's Supper, and basic do's and don'ts of effective worship

leadership. TEXT: Leading Worship by Taylor Burton-Edwards 3.) United Methodist Church Polity ~ Instructor: Rev. Bob Sharp ~ This course provides needed knowledge about how the United Methodist Church is organized for ministry and examines the challenges we face in a new missionary age. This course is needed for Certification. TEXT: Polity, Practice and the Mission of The United Methodist Church by Thomas Edward Frank, and the 2012 Book of Discipline. 4.) In Ministry with Boomers and Beyond (Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century) ~ Instructor: Jenny Lucas ~ This is a practical guide for building vital ministry for and with older adults. TEXT: Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr. Cost for the event: \$20.00 per person (Covers materials, lunch, and snacks). **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS April 28, 2017**

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.



Wednesday, May 24 ~ The *VA PAUMCS* (Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries) Spring Retreat will be held at Fredericksburg UMC, Fredericksburg, Virginia.*Pastoral Transitions* can create a most difficult time

for United Methodist Churches. As Administrative Church Professionals we find ourselves filled with both anticipation and sorrow as established relationships are broken in preparation for new beginnings. In order for healthy transitions to take place, we all have to work together making certain that lots of details are covered. What are the many things we must do to ensure a smooth transition?

Come join us for informative conversation, great fellowship and active learning. Our speakers for the day are Larry Davis and Ted Smith.



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.*



Saturday, June 17 ~ Greenville UMC is offering a bus trip to Camden Yards in Baltimore, Maryland, to watch the Baltimore Orioles play the St. Louis Cardinals. Price for the trip is \$85.00

per person. The bus will leave from Riverheads High School at 10:00 a.m. and return around midnight. For more information and to book your seat, please call Darlene Strickler at 540-448-0396 or email her at darlenestrickler1@yahoo.com.



Main Street UMC (601 West Main Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980) is seeking an 8:30 AM Worship Music Leader.

This is a part-time position. Salary is negotiable based on education level, experience, and skills presented. A full job description is available from and resumes may be submitted to the church office at 601 W. Main Street or by e-mail at mymsumc@ntelos.net .

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