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*The Mission of the Virginia Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.*

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This year's theme for Annual Conference will be **A New Thing** ("See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19)

For information on Kits for Conference, the Annual Conference Mission Offering, Banquet Schedule, Child-care information, the Potato Drop, the Virtual Promo Packet, Agenda, etc. go to the Conference website at <http://www.vaumc.org/AC2017>.

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## From our District Superintendent

I'm not proud of it. But I find that my enjoyment of the April showers and bright sunshine this week is colored by *anxiety*.

Beginning yesterday, April 25, our denomination's Judicial Council (which exists to evaluate and rule on matters of Church law) began its deliberations on the election of Bishop Karen Oliveto of the Western Jurisdiction. Bishop Oliveto is married under California law to another woman, and has been charged with violating our Church's disciplinary language prohibiting those who are self-avowed, practicing homosexual persons from serving as clergy. Many United Methodists of diverse views are watching with concern, and I hope many more are praying for God to manifest power and healing.

On what is a radiant and warm day outside - when God would seem to be making all things around me new - I feel my own distress over possibly-divisive consequences undercutting the confidence I should feel in prayer *that God's Will be done on earth as in heaven*. I wonder if I am the only thing in my tiny corner of the world that is resisting being made new, choosing instead to occupy the familiar confines of insecurity and fear.

A friend, gruff and well-meaning, challenged me recently that I "*need to lead more clearly in this time*." But I am coming to think that what I need, and what we who lead in our churches *all* need, is to resolve to let *Jesus* lead more clearly. This Sunday, many of our preachers will share Luke's story of Jesus' appearance after his death to Cleopas and a friend on the road to Emmaus. The detail in the very familiar text that strikes me this week is this: Jesus clearly intends to keep on going after revealing the mysteries of Scripture on the road, but the disciples prevail on him to divert to Emmaus ([Luke 24:28](#)).

It's not a hard leap to make, but I'm slow: I only just noticed in my reflective time that this feels very much like the odd, little inclusion of [Mark 6:48](#). There the disciples see that Jesus is walking on the surface of the ocean, but in spite of their distress, it seems he clearly "meant to pass them by" (CEV). Commentators have never known quite what to make of this detail, and the other Gospels opt to omit it.

This week, I cannot but wonder: maybe the commentators are wrong to seek out greater meaning than the fact that Jesus *was* prepared to go on. Didn't he *always* do that? He always had his mission before him; much of the time, we get the sense that he says his 'lines' over his shoulder, as the followers near the back whisper "*what'd he say??*" God-with-us is always leading us forward...

But the news is even better than that.

On the storm-tossed sea, and on the road of grief that leads to Emmaus, Jesus will also come to those who bid him to abide for a while with his fearful, anxious, and grief-stricken friends. It's a simple detail, really - one not even a child would likely miss.

So as a child of God by adoption, my prayer this week (whatever the Judicial Council's ruling and wrangling that follows) is this:

*"Come, Lord Jesus, and abide with us a while yet,  
for we are confused and our eyes blind to your presence.  
And then, when our hearts are burning again,  
we will go on for your sake - unafraid. Amen."*

May your prayers for our Church be courageous ones, too.



Rev. Dave Rochford, D.S.

## Prayers for one another:

Our Deepest Sympathy to.....

Rev. Jeff and Mrs. Susan Allen and their family on the death of his mother, Ruth Allen. Rev. Allen is a retired clergy on our District. Their address is 306 Greenwood Road, Staunton VA 24401.

Rev. Doris Hedrick, her daughter Tracey and her family on the death of her son-in-law Dinshaw Sidhwa. Rev. Hedrick serves the Mount Olivet UMC. Doris' address is P O Box 65, Natural Bridge Station VA 24579.

Rev. David and Mrs. Cherie' Brown and their family on the death of his mother, Margie Brown. Rev. Brown serves the Potts Valley Charge. Their address is 3505 Potts Creek Road, Covington, VA 24426.



**Beth Christian**

## From Congregational Resources Director

We have been hearing for years that we need to be in ministry with the poor rather than in ministry to the poor. Churches are challenged by this concept because for decades the paradigm has been to supply the needy with goods and services. But our impact in a community is greater when we move beyond a transaction! *Asset Based Community Development* (ABCD) is an approach that catalyzes change and enables development based on utilizing the existing gifts of people and their communities. This approach looks at strengths within a community first rather than the needs. Local churches can play a key role in developing relationships and connections. In early April, Wendy McCaig of Embrace Community Development came to our district and spoke at length on this topic. Several of our clergy said this was "the best training event they have ever attended" - great praise indeed.

Wendy teaches a series of shifts that can align our efforts into more fruitful practices. We talked about the first shift: moving from one-way giving to interdependent relationships. She used an illustration of fish in a pond. On the surface we tend to:

Give a Fish—for physical needs  
Teach to Fish—for vocational needs



Improve the Pond—for environmental needs

But what if there are deeper issues lurking below the surface?

We need to learn to:

Gather the Fishermen—address social/emotional needs

Transfer Ownership of the Pond—healthier dynamics of power/control

Protect the Watershed—develop a voice for justice

And, throughout the pond environment we must Engage with the Creator of the Pond—so that spiritual needs are nurtured and met.

Wendy will be back on **Tuesday, May 23rd**. Pastors are encouraged to bring teams of key laity from their church(es). Wendy will help get us started on a Community Engagement Assessment and then train us on how to approach the second shift: Moving from Cause to Community. Come Join Us! **10:00am-12:30pm at Greenville UMC.**



### **Annual Conference Laity Luncheon**

The Virginia Annual Conference will kick off on Friday, June 16, 2017, at the Hampton Convention Center, in Hampton, VA. The Laity session will begin at 1:00 p.m., on Friday at the Hampton Convention Center. **This year's BOL Annual Conference Laity Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 17, at 12:15 p.m., Hampton Convention Center.** The cost of the Luncheon will be \$22.00 per person. **To register and pay for your ticket to this year's Luncheon go on line at the conference web site at - [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org). Listed under Laity Luncheon. Please bring your e-mailed receipt with you as your ticket for entrance to the Luncheon.** If you do not have computer availability or an internet connection, you may send a check made out to VAUMC and in the memo line put Board of Laity Luncheon. Send it directly to the Conference office as follows:

*Virginia Conference UMC, Attn: Cindy Ingroff, P O Box 5606, Glen Allen VA 23058*

The Virginia Conference Board of Laity welcome all laity to join us for a time of passionate fellowship, excellent food and time for listening. We are so glad we have the opportunity to share that Rev. Colleen Hallagan Preuninger, Director of Shenandoah University Youth Theology Institute will be our keynote speaker. Colleen is an ordained elder in full connection who holds her membership in the Upper New York Annual Conference. She is passionate about equipping young people with the tools to explore the intersections of faith and justice, and to empower them to be change agents in the Church and world.



### **Questions about Apportionments?**

**What are apportionments? How are they calculated? Where are these funds applied? A new series by the Virginia Conference Communications office will offer in-depth information about apportionments. From what they are to how they fit into the United Methodist connection, the series will publish information from Rev. Marc Brown, Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, David Domnisse, Conference Treasurer, and John Fuller, Director of Pensions office. Look here to find out more about apportionments:**

**[http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2017vanews/2017vanews\\_apportionments](http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2017vanews/2017vanews_apportionments)**



**United Methodist Men's  
39th Annual Spiritual Advance  
Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA  
June 9-11, 2017**



Rev. Max Blalock, Campus Minister from the College of William and Mary will be the guest speaker. All men are invited to join us for a special weekend packed with programs, sharing groups, missions, recreation, music, fellowship, food, worship, and spiritual growth! Information may be found at the following: <http://www.vacumm.org/Retreat>

## Dates to Remember:

### MAY

May 4 - District Board of Missions Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m., District Office

May 6 - District Lay Servant Academy, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., St. John's UMC, Buena Vista

May 8-10 - Clergy Convocation at Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center, Glen Allen

May 11 - District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 9:30 a.m., District Office

May 15 - District Ministries Committee, 2:00 p.m., District Office

May 17-18 - Cabinet, Conference Center

May 22 - District Superintendency Committee, 3:00 p.m., District Office

May 23 - District Clergy/Laity meeting with Wendy McCaig, 10:00 a.m., Greenville UMC

May 23 - District Trustees, 6:00 p.m., District Office

May 24 - PAUMCS Spring Retreat, Lynchburg

May 26 - District Summer Hours begin (M-T: 7:30-3:30, F: 7:30-12:00).

May 29 - District and Conference Offices closed for Memorial Day

### JUNE

June 4-9 - District Youth Mission Trip

June 15 - Cabinet, Hampton

June 16-18 - Annual Conference, Hampton

June 18-23 - All God's Children Camp, Richmond

June 24-30 - All God's Children Camp, Camp Overlook



## 2017 Samaritan Offering

While we're still celebrating the transformation and opportunities for new beginnings that we recognize with Easter, I need to remind you that we're only two weeks away from Mother's Day and the start of the **2017 Samaritan Offering** emphasis on our VA UM Homes for older adults. Packets of introductory materials and giving envelopes should arrive at the mailing address for each charge by the end of this week. With the exception of the envelopes, all of the materials will be available on our website (<http://www.vumh.org/samaritan>). The website will also include bulletin inserts for each Sunday during the offering emphasis. This year, the inserts will highlight each of our communities in order of their opening and will include prayers for the older adults of our congregations and communities written by Bishop Lewis, Conference Lay Leader Warren Harper and the District Superintendents of the areas where the communities are located. So that we can give each community a separate Sunday, we'll start the inserts on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Older Adult Recognition Sunday. Several of the inserts will highlight ways your congregations can be in hands-on mission service with residents.

Please know how very much we appreciate your role in sharing information about the Samaritan Offering and our VUMH communities with your congregation. If there is any way that I can be of help in interpreting our benevolent mission, telling the VUMH story within your congregation or assisting with Older Adult Recognition Sunday celebrations, please do not hesitate to contact me. For more information about the Samaritan Program and the communities of Virginia United Methodist Homes, visit [www.vumh.org](http://www.vumh.org) or Facebook page [@VUMHInc](https://www.facebook.com/VUMHInc).

*Martha*

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## The Ministry of Monitoring at Annual Conference

At the beginning of each Annual conference, The Commission on the Status and Role of Women Report calls us to do what the Lord requires of us: "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God" and each other as we gather for Conference (Micah 6:8). One of the ways that we do this is through the ministry of monitoring. Monitoring is done by a few individuals around the room collecting statistics, including clergy or laity status, gender, ethnicity, and age range of each person who presents or speaks. Our desire is not to discourage those who speak regularly or to say because of your gender, ethnicity, age, or ability you are not welcome at God's Table. Rather, it is holding up a mirror to ourselves and saying "Are we reflecting the great goodness, the diversity, God has created?" And, if we are not, inviting the Conference to take part in becoming better together. Let's keep inviting all God's children to the table, so that we can "do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God."



## 4 Cans 4 Conference We "Can" Make a Difference!

For Information, or To Help, contact Jim Earley -  
[RevsRUs@Cox.net](mailto:RevsRUs@Cox.net) - More Details to Follow!



### The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church - meeting at the Hampton Convention Center 16-18 June 2017

EVERY MEMBER (Laity AND Clergy!) is encouraged to bring 4 Cans / Boxes of Food - including Soup/Stew, Veggies/Fruit, and a Pop-Top, plus packaged goods (pasta, soup, grits, etc.) to Benefit the work of the Peninsula Food Bank, and the York River District area agencies that depend on it to help folks in need!

It's that time of year again when you are asked to begin gathering up at least "4 Cans 4 Conference!" The Peninsula Food Bank, which provides supplies for a great many agencies and ministries in the York River District Area, is at a "low ebb," at this time of year, like a great many groups, and at the same time, there is the "usual" summer spike in needs, with children home from school, and a great many other stressors on the system.

**Please** consider bringing 4 paper-case-sized BOXES, or 40 Bags, or something outrageous and extraordinary to Conference this year. As usual, **please don't bring glass- or home-canned items, exotic delicacies, or cans that are dented or beyond their expiration dates.** In addition to the 4 Cans (soup/stew, veggies/fruit, meat/fish, pop-top), bring dry goods, e.g., grits, cereals, pasta, soup mixes, flour, sugar, and easy to prepare "1 Pan" meals, like Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc. We will put a **Sign Up Genius page** up in the near future, so if you, your church, youth group, UMW/UMM, Choir, etc., would like to help receive the gifts, you "can" choose your "best" time! We topped 10,000 pounds last year in Roanoke! Let's do it again in Hampton!

Contact Norma Palamarchuck with any questions.  
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**The Staunton District Youth will be going on a Youth Summer Mission Trip** from June 4 through June 9. They will be traveling to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and will be doing various types of mission work. They will be staying at the beautiful Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center. Keep our District Youth in your prayers.



### Helping Hands ~ A Virginia Conference Children's Mission Event

Join us for an exciting Two-Day Mission Experience for children (rising 4th through 6th Graders) offered to all member churches of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church in 4 Locations this year! Registration information is on the VAUMC website <http://www.vaumc.org/Children>. Register Early to secure your spots!!

- ◆ June 26-27 at Peace UMC (*Fredericksburg, VA*) Contact: Mandy Robinson at [churchyouth@passthepeacechurch.org](mailto:churchyouth@passthepeacechurch.org);
  - ◆ July 12-13 at St. Paul's UMC (*Staunton, VA*) Contact: Chris Lyle at [lyle.chris@gmail.com](mailto:lyle.chris@gmail.com);
  - ◆ July 27-28 at Woodlake UMC (*Midlothian, VA*) Contact: MaryKaye Cochran at [MCochran@woodlakeumc.org](mailto:MCochran@woodlakeumc.org);
  - ◆ Aug 3-4 at Deep Creek UMC (*Chesapeake, VA*) Contact: Robin Cannon at [robin.cannon@deepcreekumc.org](mailto:robin.cannon@deepcreekumc.org).
- Come and learn about mission opportunities and the importance of being a caring Christian. The cost is only \$36 per person. This includes a t-shirt, meals, snacks, and an overnight stay. We will be sleeping on the floor and do not have shower facilities. Possible Hands-On and Workshop Experiences Include: Painting \* Planting \* Window Washing \* Visiting Veterans Hospital \* Loving Animals \* Feeding People \* Yard Work \* Playing Games with Elderly \* Washing Wheelchairs \* Delivering Needed Supplies \* Making Meal for First Responders \* Singing \* Sorting at Thrift Store \* Playing with Kids WORSHIP ! Making New Friends ! *Each church is responsible for bringing their own chaperones.*



### Old Time Revival ~ July 9 from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Verona UMC

There will be Dynamic Preaching, Inspiring Music, Free Refreshments, Great Fellowship and a Free-Will Offering. Our revival preacher will be Bishop Sharma Lewis, presiding Bishop of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. Michael Berkley, Associate Director of Music at Woodlake UMC, will lead us in a powerful time of worship, including the church's most inspiring hymns. Pre-registration is not necessary...but it will help if we know you and your group are coming—call 540-248-7777 to pre-register or for more information.



### BRAZIL CONNECTIONS FOR ACTIVE SENIORS September 22 – October 3, 2017



**Join us to connect with our sisters and brothers in the Methodist Church of Brazil** ~ Sponsored by the Virginia Conference Initiatives of Hope and designed for people over 55, this UMVIM team will not be a traditional construction team but will involve light repair/painting and interactive involvement with children in **Sombra e Água Fresca** (Shade and Fresh Water), an outreach program of the Methodist Church of Brazil for at-risk children. There will be numerous opportunities to learn about the mission of the Methodist Church of Brazil and its partnership with the Virginia Conference. Participants will learn about and experience Brazilian culture through presentations and tours. Three locations in Brazil – Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte, and Rio ~ connect through worship, spiritual formation, education, service and building relationships ~ Cost: \$3000 (includes round-trip international airfare, two in-country flights, ground transportation, all meals and lodging in Brazil, translation services, medical insurance, all travel and scheduling arrangements and tips. Does not include passport or visa fees.) For additional information or to apply contact Dot Ivey at 804 897-4060 or [dotcivey@gmail.com](mailto:dotcivey@gmail.com)



**THE MISSION NETWORK of the Staunton District** is a NEW Mission outreach by and for the churches of our District. This is in direct response to the many natural disasters that have afflicted our communities - in the District and in the Conference. Many of our churches are unable to afford the purchase and maintenance of a missions trailer and the storage of one. By combining our resources in the District each UM Church is able to be in mission. The MISSION NETWORK of the Staunton District desires this trailer and its contents to be used by our churches to do ministry in their parish and in other areas.

What do you need to do for your church to use this trailer?

- ◆ First we are requesting churches to send people to UMVIM Team Leader Training
- ◆ Second your church can provide used or new tools to help fill the MISSION BOX (trailer) so it is ready for use
- ◆ Third, join with other churches to support the MISSION NETWORK of the Staunton District through prayer, service and gifts.

Thank you for your support and action. 1 PETER 2:5 reads, *"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

In Christ Jesus,  
*Doug Hollenbeck*  
 President  
 The MISSION NETWORK of the Staunton Dist

### **The Story of "The Mission Box"**

Many churches on the District have been actively involved with mission repair projects locally, throughout Virginia, and in many other states where disaster has struck. When these disasters occur, the availability of volunteers to assist is crucial. Fortunately many of these volunteers are well equipped with tools. However, there are often individual volunteers, or smaller congregations who are not as well equipped. To help address that need, in January the Staunton District purchased a utility trailer, with the intent to create a tool trailer, or Mission Box as it has been named. The trailer is currently housed on the parking lot at Central UMC in Staunton, but will be available to **any church on the District to use.**

We are presently in the process of outfitting the Mission Box with tools, and have received an extensive list of suggested tools, both manual and power, from the Conference. This list has been forwarded to all ministers on the District to share with their congregations (see right). We are soliciting new and used tools, as well as cash donations to make tool purchases.

In addition to making tools available, it is hoped that the presence of the trailer will be a visible reminder, encouraging churches to become active in mission, reaching out to others in time of need. If you would like to plan an event to support the Mission Box, arrangements can be made to have the trailer visit your church. Questions should be directed to Jim Printy, Central UMC, at [jrprinty@gmail.com](mailto:jrprinty@gmail.com).



# *Help us to fill it with good things!*

1. AX (SINGLE BLADE) (1)
2. BOLT CUTTER 24" (1)
3. BROOM PUSH (1)
4. BROOM REGULAR (1)
5. BUCKETS (5 GALLON) (5)
6. C CLAMP 3" (2)
7. CAN 5 GALLON SAFETY (BLUE) (1)
8. CANOPY 10'X10' (1)
9. CHAIRS FOLDING (MATCH TABLE) (6)
10. CHALK LINE PKG. W/CHALK 100' (BLUE) (1)
11. COME-A-LONG 2 TON (1)
12. CRATES LIDDED 12 GALLON (3)
13. DIGITAL MULTIMETER (1)
14. DRILL AND SCREW SET (60 PC) (1)
15. DRILL BIT 1"X6" WOOD EATER (1)
16. DRILL BIT 1 1/2" X 6" WOOD EATER (1)
17. DRILL BIT 1 1/4" X 6" WOOD EATER (1)
18. DRILL DRIVE 14.4V (DEWALT 2 BATTERY) (1)
19. DRILL (CORDED) 3/8" ANGLE (1)
20. ELECTRICAL CORD 100' (1)
21. ELECTRIC CORD WINDER (1)
22. ELECTRIC PLUG (3 FROM 1) (1)
23. FAN BOX TYPE 20" (1)
24. FIRE EXTINGUISHER (HOME TYPE) (1)
25. FIRST AID KITS (1)
26. FLASHLIGHT INDUSTRIAL (2)
27. GAS CAN 5 GAL (1)
28. GENERATOR 5500 WATT (1)
29. GLASSES (Safety) (8pr)
30. GLOVES CANVAS (8 pr)
31. GLOVES LEATHER PALM (6 pr)
32. GLOVES DISPOSABLE LATEX/VINYL (100 pr)
33. HAMMER 16OZ. RIP (3)
34. HAND CLEANER (GOJO ONE BOTTLE) (1)
35. HAND SANITIZING WIPES indiv. wrap 100 ct. (1Box)
36. HARD HATS (8)
37. HEATER 110 BTU (1)
38. HITCH (CLASS IV WITH 2" BALL) (1)
39. HYDRAULIC BOTTLE JACK 12TON (1)
40. INSECT SPRAY ( WITH DEET) (1)
41. ICE COOLER (60 QUART) (1)
42. KNIFE (PUTTY 6") (1)
43. KNIFE (14" DRYWALL TAPING) (1)
44. LADDER FIBERGLASS 6' STEP (1)
45. LADDER ALUMINUM MULTI PURPOSE (1)
46. LADDER 3 STEP (1)
47. LADDER 2 STEP (STEP STOOL) (1)
48. LEVEL 4 FOOT (1)
49. LEVEL 2 FOOT (1)
50. MASKS DUST (100)
51. MATTOX PICK (1)
52. MUD PAN 12" (1)
53. NAIL APRONS -CLOTH (3)
54. PAD LOCK (2 outside 4 inside keyed alike) (6)
55. PAINT TRAYS (WITH ROLLER AND NAP) (2)
56. PAINTING GRATE (for 5 gallon bucket) (1)
57. PAINT BRUSHES (3" 2"-1" TWO EACH) TOTAL (6)
58. PAINT POLE (TELESCOPING) (1)
59. PLIER 7" CURVE JAW LOCKING (1)
60. PLIERS 10" JOINT (1)
61. POLE PRUNERS (1)
62. POST HOLE DIGGER (1)
63. PRY BAR 18" (1)
64. RAKE 16 TINE (1)
65. RAKE LEAF 24 TINE (1)
66. SANDER 19" DRYWALL HAND (1)
67. SAFETY GLASSES (8)
68. SAW 20" (1)
69. SAW 30" BOW (1)
70. SAW BLADES (5 PK 7 1/4") (1)
71. SAW BLADES (6 PK RIP SAW BLADES) (1)
72. SAW CIRCULAR 7 1/4 (1)
73. SAW (12" DUAL BEVEL MITER) (1)
74. SAW RECIPROCATING RIP (1)
75. SAW 10" TABLE WITH STAND (1)
76. SCAFFOLDING BOARD 2X8X12 (1)
77. SCAFFOLDING BOARD 2X8X8 (1)
78. SHOVEL (BEAST SHINGLE REMOVER) (1)
79. SHOVEL FLAT (1)
80. SHOVEL (GARDEN SPADE) (1)
81. SLEDGE HAMMER (1)
82. SOCKET SET 140 PIECE (1)
83. SPARE TIRE WITH COVER (1)
84. SQUARE 48" ALUMINUM (T) (1)
85. SQUARE SPEEDLITE 12" (1)
86. SQUEEGEE STRAIGHT 24" (1)
87. STAPLE GUN T-50 (1)
88. STAPLE 3/8" 1250PK (1)
89. STEELE CABLE 10' (1)
90. STEELE CABLE EYES (1)
91. SAW HORSE (4)
92. SQUEEGEE STRAIGHT 24" WITH HANDLE (1)
93. TABLE 2'X4' (1)
94. TISSUES (2 BOXES)
95. TAPE MEASURE (POWER-LOC) 25' (4)
96. TOOL SET 56 PC IN CASE (HOUSEHOLD REPAIR) (1)
97. TRASH BAGS 33—39 GALLON 70 MIN. (2)
98. UTILITY KNIFE (1)
99. UTILITY KNIFE BLADES 100PK (1)
100. VACUUM WET/ DRY 16GAL (1)
101. WATER COOLER 5 Gallon (1)
102. WATER HOSE 5/8" 50 FT. (PLASTIC) (1)
103. WATER NOZZLE (1)
104. WEED EATER (1)
105. WEED EATER BRUSH BLADE (1)
106. WEED EATER GAS CAN (2 GALLON) (1)
107. WEED EATER OIL (2.6OZ BOTTLE) (2)
108. WEED EATER LINE (1PK)
109. WHEELBARROW 6 CUBIC FOOT (1)
110. WONDER BAR (1)
111. WORK LIGHT TWIN (1)
112. WORK MATE (1)



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# OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



## May 2017

### “Meet the Staff” Day & Summer Camp Open House



We invite you to send your child (currently enrolled in grades 3-8) for a fun morning of camp games and activities with the dynamic young adults who will be leading our summer program. The program runs from **9am to 1pm on Saturday, June 3rd**. A cookout lunch will be served at noon for just \$5 per camper. Register NOW because space is limited. The meal is the only cost for this event.

ANYONE is welcome to join us at **1pm for a free tour of the summer camp facilities and a Q&A session** with the summer program director, Kelli Sprague, and executive director, Rev. Tommy Crosby! No reservation necessary and no charge, but don't be late. We will meet at the picnic shelter at 1:00 pm.

Registration for “Meet the Staff” is on our website.

[www.campoverlook.org](http://www.campoverlook.org)

*\*Please note: campers will interact with all staff during their visit but we will NOT be able to ensure they are assigned to a particular counselor when they return for summer camp. Many factors are considered when assigning staff, including their personal schedules and needs. Requests cannot be honored.*



Visit us Online!

### 19th Annual Tri-District UMM Overlook Memorial Golf Tournament

On Saturday, June 3rd  
2:00 pm shotgun start

#### 4-Player Captain's Choice

Black tees  
White tees over 70  
Red tees over 80

#### Entry Fee:

\$360 (4 person team)  
\$380 after May 26

Includes all golf fees, cart, 2 mulligans per golfer, prizes, and dinner (served immediately after golf at Shenvalee)

#### Information:

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### Making the Most of the Summer!

Local colleges are barreling toward the end of the Spring semester and students will be asking the age old question: WHAT WILL I DO FOR THE SUMMER?? Well, speaking from experience, one of the most rewarding, spiritually nourishing, and life-changing things you can do is serve as a summer counselor at a Christian camp. Overlook is still actively seeking energetic, college-age young adults to spend 9 weeks in ministry as the hands and feet of Christ. You'll grow in your personal faith, make a lasting impact in the lives of campers, and make friendships (with people from all over the world) that will last a lifetime. We're also still hiring high school juniors and seniors to serve for 5 weeks as counselors in training, and anyone (age 15+) to keep our staff and campers safe as lifeguards at the lake. Contact the office for details.

### Help Wanted:

Overlook continues to be in need of additional kitchen help - both cooks and servers/dishwashers.

Given that our need of staff is mostly on weekends and always dependent on the need of our groups, our cook positions are best suited for someone with full-time employment who would like to make some additional income, or a retired person looking for some spending cash.

Our server/dishwasher positions are well-suited for high school and college students because the hours are flexible and are mostly during non-school hours.

### Adult Mini-Camps

Our summer staff will reach out in ministry together for the first time through our “Friends Together” and “Young at Heart” programs. The “Friends Together” event is **June 5-7** and is for adults (age 18+) with developmental disabilities. “Young at Heart Days” is a short, 4 hour program, on **June 8th**, for senior adults. Contact the camp office for registration information.



Be sure to check us out on Facebook!  
Become a fan of  
“Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries”

## Upcoming Events:

Golf Tournament	June 3
Friends Together Camp	June 5-7
Young at Heart	June 8
Overlook Summer Camp	June 18 - July 28

## SMILE!! Or, better yet, "Amazon Smile"!

We have applied and been approved to be a non-profit listed with Amazon Smile. Signing in under Smile and choosing Overlook will automatically give us .5% of your purchase back as a donation.

There is a waiting period before camp shows up when searching a qualifying organization, but we should be reaching the end of that wait. Be on the look-out for details on how to support Camp Overlook every time you shop!

## May 13th, Work Day



The building projects for Faith Cabin and the new adventure housing is coming along. But the schedule of our user groups and the availability of interested work parties have not lined up well this spring. We are hoping to maximize building projects during a slow weekend, Saturday May 13th. We're inviting groups or individuals to take part in our work day to hopefully complete these projects before the summer staff reports for training. We will be unable to provide multiple leaders this day to supervise youth so **ADULTS ONLY**, please. Work will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4 pm. Lunch will be served at the camp so please let us know you plan to attend so we can be prepared with a meal for you.



## Change a life by being a "Partner in Mission"

Not everyone can give 9 weeks of their summer to serve as a counselor for our summer camp. Not everyone can love and manage a group of children, 24 hours a day, for 6 days a week. Not everyone can climb the hills, play the games, or lead the Bible studies. But you can definitely support those who do! Be a part of the life-changing summer ministry at Overlook by supporting our amazing counselors and staff through the "Partner in Mission" program. Counselors do not get rich serving at the camp. We could never afford to pay them what they are worth!! They faithfully give their time, talents, and whole heart to the ministry knowing full well that another job might better pay their tuition or book fees the next year. I encourage you to prayerful consider making a tax-deductible donation to our general PIM fund that will be divided among our staff at the end of our summer season. OR, if you know one of the young adults serving this summer, you can make a donation specifically to that person. These funds often make the difference when they are budgeting and deciding if they can serve for the summer. Many thanks to those who have already donated for this sum-



If you live more than 30 minutes from camp, our summer Day Camp has probably not been an option for your K-3rd grader. But, now we are bringing the same faith-forming, interactive Overlook curriculum to YOU! Winchester and Staunton district churches are hosting a week of "O Mobile", our traveling day camp program.

*The following dates/locations are available for Summer '17:*

- June 26-30 Front Royal UMC  
(at Happy Creek) - W
- July 10-14 Jollivue UMC - S
- July 17-21 Macedonia UMC - W



## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

The May 1st Early Registration Discount for summer camp is right around the corner! Register now to beat the rush and ensure your first choice event!

[www.campoverlook.org](http://www.campoverlook.org)



## Thank You!

We are so grateful for the many individuals and churches who contribute financially to the ministry of Overlook! We couldn't do it without your help!

Harrisonburg District UMM  
Jim and Gay Mitchell  
McGaheysville UMW  
Recordo and Crystal Ford  
Tim and Ann Armentrout  
Joseph and Kathy Amend  
Marcellus Jagoe

### Given in Memory:

Betty Moomau (for Frank Moomau)

## Youth Retreats Made Simple

Have you considered the personal and group spiritual growth which could occur by taking your youth away on a retreat? Many youth leaders realize the positive impact this type of event could have, but just don't know where to begin to make it a reality for their youth.

Let Overlook remove the obstacles with our Youth Adventure programs. Spend two nights in one of our youth facilities and choose one of three Psalm-themed weekend curriculums complete with meal guide, off-site adventure, and 4 corresponding devotions. See the flyer with pricing and adventure details on our website at:

[www.campoverlook.org](http://www.campoverlook.org)

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Associate Members invites you to**

**A Day with Bishop Lewis**  
**For Associate Members and Local Pastors**

**Monday, May 15, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

We will gather and enjoy a brief time of Worship, hear from our new Bishop, engage in conversation and share lunch together. We will conclude our day with a period of Q & A.

**Register:** Online from [www.vaumc.org/Local Pastor](http://www.vaumc.org/LocalPastor)  
Registration closes May 9, 2017

**Cost:** \$15.00/person

**Questions:** Contact the Center for Clergy Excellence  
(804) 521-1126 or [ClergyExcellence@vaumc.org](mailto:ClergyExcellence@vaumc.org)

Don't miss this opportunity - register today!

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