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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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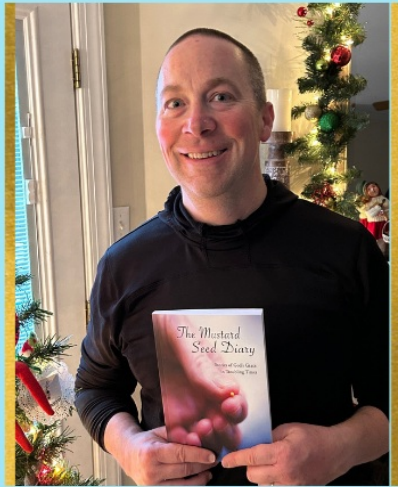
The Living Waters District eJournal



Virginia Conference clergy and laity, please 'Save the Date' for the Installation Service for Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson on Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodlake UMC (15640 Hampton Park Dr, Chesterfield, VA 23832). Clergy who attend in person are encouraged to robe in either a black robe or white alb with red stole. The event will be livestreamed; more information about watching the livestream will be shared closer to the date.

Bishop Sue was assigned to the Virginia Conference at the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ) on November 4, 2022 at Lake Junaluska, NC. She was elected to the episcopacy at the 2016 SEJ and has been serving over the North Georgia Conference. She began on January 1, 2023 in the Virginia Conference.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY



REV. JACOB SAHMS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

11 A.M.

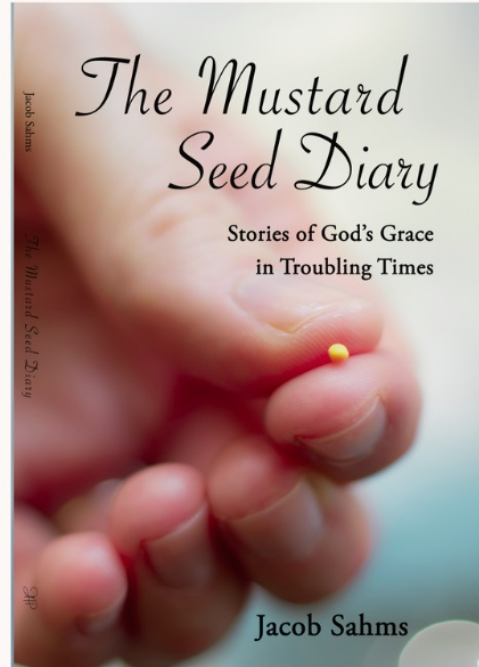
**TIL THE BOOKS ARE
SIGNED, AND ALL OF
THE CAKE IS EATEN!**

THE MUSTARD SEED DIARY

**BETHIA UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH- BISTRO**

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CHESTERFIELD 23832**

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TODAY**





Heart Havens' month is February and we can't wait to celebrate with you. The Virginia Conference has designated **February as Heart Havens Month, one of six special offerings throughout the year.** There are seven Heart Havens homes across the Conference, where men and women with a developmental disability are empowered to be full members of the body of Christ, and active participants in their communities.

The theme for Heart Havens Month this year is "*Looking Forward.*" With your help, we will open a new West End Richmond Heart Havens home to further our mission around Virginia!

Please visit <https://hearhavens.org/resources/worship-resources/> to see our video and additional electronic resources to share or schedule a speaker for your church group through our online form. Share our Heart Havens month social media posts - it will help us spread our message of empowerment. Thank you for your continued support of Heart Havens!

New webpage to highlight VAUMC clergy books

A new webpage on the conference website will share books written by VAUMC clergy (books focusing on faith, UM mission, ministry, and polity) as a way to share with conference clergy and laity potential resources for individual and group study. Clergy can share their information by emailing communications@vaumc.org. Books listed on the webpage are not endorsed by the conference. [Learn more:](#)

Youth Events

Youth Mission Encounter events offered at four locations

The Virginia Conference Serving Office is offering four locations for a winter Youth Mission Encounter Event on the theme Community in the Midst of Challenging Times. A time to learn and share will be held at the following:

- Feb 4 – Occohannock on the Bay (led by the Rev. Drew Ensz)
- Feb 11 – UVA Wesley Foundation (led by the Rev. Drew Ensz)
- Feb 25 – St. George’s UMC, Northern Virginia District (led by the Rev. Drew Ensz)
- March 4 – Shenandoah University (led by the Rev. DeLyn Celec)

The registration deadline is January 20 for Occohannock on the Bay and January 30 for all other locations. Youth leaders may register your group of middle and high school students **at this link**

Each group attending must have their own adult chaperones who are Safe Sanctuary trained and background checked by their local church. Events will be from 10 am until 4 pm with lunch and snacks provided. Cost is \$25/person. Questions? Contact **kendragrimes@rmc.edu** for more information.



HIGHLAND SUPPORT PROJECT
WITH
THE PACE CENTER AT VCU

Young Adult Trip
Santa Catarina, Guatemala

- Stove Building
- Maya Arts Program-
working with indigenous
schools
- Coffee Coop Tour
- Fellowship with young
adults outside your
congregation

\$1300 not including airfare

**June 24-July 1
2023**

Email hello@highlandpartners.org
to sign up!

HIGHLAND SUPPORT PROJECT

A Richmond based Advance Special of the UMC. We have partnered with indigenous communities for over 30 years to facilitate cross cultural exchange and transformational development alongside the Pace Center at VCU. We are putting together a young adult mission trip for high school and college students in Virginia to Guatemala this summer. The cost of the trip is \$1,300, not including airfare. For additional information, contact Rebecca Andrews.

Rebecca Andrews
Highland Support Project
(804) 796-0689
highlandsupportproject.org
rebecca@highlandsupportproject.org



Go ahead and mark your calendars to come mentor with us next summer at All God's Children Camp. Below are the dates. Please email Lori Smith at agcc@vaumc.org for more information.

Camp Chanco-June 18-23
Camp OOTB-August 6-11
Camp Chanco August 13-18

Lori Smith, Coordinator
All God's Children Camp
P.O. Box 8506
Glen Allen, VA 23058

Mentors needed for summer camps

All God's Children Camp is looking for mentors this summer. There are three opportunities to serve: June 18-23, August 6-11, and August 13-18. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve locally. Also, this is a great mission trip for youth groups and other small groups and it's free. Please contact Camp Coordinator **Lori Smith** for more information. A ministry of the Virginia Annual Conference, All God's Children Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated parent. Campers have an opportunity to participate in all the physical activities the camp has to offer such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, and Bible study, along with a conflict resolution/self-esteem-building class. [Learn more...](#)

For more information, check the website at www.vaumc.org/agcc/ or contact Lori Smith agcc@vaumc.org

A PURNELL BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

RANDOLPH-MAGON COLLEGE

A. PURNELL BAILEY PRE-MINISTERIAL PROGRAM

For those discerning a call to full-time Christian ministry - pastors, chaplains, missionaries, faith-based non-profit leaders, music ministers, youth & children's ministers and more!

WWW.RMC.EDU/ACADEMICS/PRE-MINISTERIAL

Randolph-Macon College Bailey Scholars receive half tuition for two years, full tuition for two years, a weekly peer group meeting, two internships, and support discerning next steps in theological education/vocational call.

Application deadline is March 1, 2025.

BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN AT R-MC!!
Young people are searching for meaningful vocations as they make plans after high school. Do

you know someone considering a call to Christian ministry? Whether it's a call to preach, mission work, faith-based non-profit leadership, music ministry, youth ministry, chaplaincy... the Church needs young leaders who are prepared to guide us into the future.

Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA is the oldest continuously operating Methodist College in the U.S. and is committed to nurturing a new generation of church leaders. Our Bailey Scholars program awards a half-tuition scholarship for the first two years followed by a full tuition scholarship for a student's final two years at R-MC. Bailey Scholars also benefit from two internships (one for academic credit and one for a \$3,000 stipend) and a weekly meeting with other pre-ministerial students.

Please share this information with young people and youth ministers whom you know. Learn more at www.rmc.edu/academics/pre-ministerial. The application deadline for next year's incoming class is March 1, 2023. Contact R-MC Chaplain and Pre-Ministerial Program Director Rev. Kendra Grimes at kendragrimes@rmc.edu for more information.

Scholarships Available for United Methodist Students!

Applications are now open for scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. Every year, UMHEF awards \$2+ million to students planning to attend one of the 100+ UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries across the country. Don't let finances get in the way of achieving your dreams of a quality education! Apply by March 1 at <https://umhef.org/apply>.



**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
OPEN NOW!**





Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy



**Mission
Encounter**

February 3 – 5, 2023

Online Registration Open Nov. 1 (\$10)

This year, as we study **Luke 13**, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. What could be possible if we minister to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways?

Fri, Feb. 3:

7-7:30PM worship
7:30-9:30PM classes

Sat, Feb. 4:

10AM-12PM & 2-4PM classes

Sun, Feb. 5:

3-5PM classes
5:30-6:15PM worship & communion

Mission

Encounter

The winter session of the online-only adult **Mission Encounter** study "**Who Can We Be Together?**" is coming up.

Sessions will be held in Korean or English.

Folks who were able to attend last summer's sessions will have covered this material already.

The full list of courses being offered at this **Mission Encounter** session is:

Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday evening

Who can we be together? (Korean) • Rev. Yun Kang

Who can we be together? (English) • Rev. Ileana Rosario • Julianne Rosas

Doing Theology • Ben Blevins

Friday evening, 7-9:30 pm & Saturday morning, 10-12

The Growing Tree (for Children's Leaders) • Renee Delgado

Register online

Kindred Project

If you are interested in participating in contemplative prayer, please join us at the Living Waters District Kindred Project every Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:00 am. This group is open to both Clergy and Laity. Please send an email to jennifergreer@vaumc.org to receive the Zoom link. We look forward to spending time with you!

Thank you,
Jennifer Greer
Lay Supply Pastor, Brodnax UMC



Lay Servant Academy

February 17-18, 2023

Lay Servant Academy will feature the Rev. Dr. Michael Beck, as well as a host of gifted teachers for the spring LSA.

Format: In person only

Cost: \$35 (\$25 for CLM orientation)

To Register: <https://na.eventscloud.com/726483>

Location: Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY

4:30 – 5:45 Registration

6:00-6:45PM—Opening Worship & Orientation

7:00-9:00PM Session #1

SATURDAY

10am – Noon: Session #2

Noon – 1pm: Lunch

1pm – 5pm: Session #3

Course Offerings

- Planting Fresh Expressions, Michael Beck, instructor
- BASIC Course, Brenda Laws, instructor
- Spiritual Gifts, Joseph Plemmons, instructor
- Lay Pastoral Care-Giving, John Conway, instructor
- Fruitful Small Groups (Saturday only, not for credit), Kathy Bennett Gochenour and Linda Ray, instructors
- Certified Lay Minister Orientation (Saturday, half-day only, not for credit), Joanna Dietz and Jenn O'Brien, instructors

For a full course listing with descriptions, [click here](#).

For questions, you are welcome to email [Tianna Durbin](#), Director of Lay Servant Academy.

Virginia Church Library Association

Coffee & Chat

Saturday, February 4, 2023
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226
monumentheights.org
(804) 285-3256

Bring your ideas and questions
for a time of roundtable discussion
and fellowship with other
church librarians

For more information contact
Lee Smith (804) 306-3862
or vachurchlibrary@gmail.com
RSVP by Friday, February 3, 2023

vacla.org



2023 Grant Applications are now open!

We want to fund your ministry idea!

Apply Today!



Intentional
Growth
Center

WWW.INTENTIONALGROWTHCENTER.ORG

The application deadline is midnight on February 1, 2023. Grants are expected to be awarded in March 2023.

For more information, to learn about the process, and previous grant recipients (and the online application)

visit www.intentionalgrowthcenter.org.

The Intentional Growth Center looks forward to developing new ministry partners throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction as together we increase Christian discipleship and develop church leaders.

Intentional Growth Center
PO Box 546
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
grants@intentionalgrowthcenter.org



The Foundation for Evangelism Local Church Grant Cycle Now Open

The Foundation for Evangelism is now accepting applications for the 2023

Equipping the Local Church grant cycle. A total of \$350,000 is available for grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to small and medium* church congregations, or clusters of churches working together, in a Wesleyan-tradition denomination.

The grant is intended to help launch an experiment or initiative to share the Gospel, faith stories, and invite others into a relationship with Jesus.

Any church or group of churches **fitting the criteria** may apply. Grants will be awarded in the summer of 2023.

To help clarify the grant criteria and application process, an information session will be held on **January 26, 2023 from 2-3 p.m. Eastern / 1-2 p.m. Central.**

[Register](#)



Lake Junaluska to hold three women retreats in 2023

Lake Junaluska will host three Journey to Joy Women's Retreats in 2023, bringing women together for meaningful weekends of laughter, sharing, worship and fellowship. [Learn more...](#)

Offered in partnership with Leigh Young, author of "Journey to Joy: A Seven-Week Path to the Joyous Life God Intended" and "Lessons from the Letters," the retreats will be held March 24-26, Aug. 25-27, and Nov. 10-12. Lake Junaluska in North Carolina is a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. All are welcome at the beloved retreat center nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The 1,200-acre property is perfect for personal getaways, family vacations, conferences, retreats, weddings and reunions.

INQUIRY

IN SEARCH OF A USED SET OF CHIMES FOR LEBANON UMC IN DINWIDDIE
PLEASE CONTACT TERESA KEEZEL AT 804-931-8439

Prayer Requests

The Family of Marian Kessler
The Family of Betty Davis

Please send your prayer requests



to terrirosser@vaumc.org



February 17th, 2023
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