# A DISTRICT IN THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Living Waters District eJournal July 2023

#### **Welcome to the Living Waters District!**

Rev. Debbie Baugham, Prince George Cooperative Parish
Rev. Michael Baugham, Drewryville UMC (Capron Charge) &
Newsoms UMC (Newsoms Charge)
Rev. Michael Blythe, Brodnax UMC & Sardis UMC
Rev. Brian Boettcher, Burkeville Charge
Rev. Matthew Borbor, First UMC

Tommy Byrum, E. Halifax Charge Rev. Terry Clark, Wesley UMC, Colonial Heights Rev. Tammy Cox, Trinity UMC, Disputanta Ginny Crocker, Oxford UMC

Rev. Gina De Jesus, Mount Calvary UMC
Darlene Dix, Meherrin UMC
Gary Edens, Surry Charge

Rev. Bill Greer, Main Street UMC, South Boston

Rev. Jennifer Greer, Glenwood Charge

Rev. Bobby Lamb, Saint Mark's UMC

**Rev. Wayne Moore, High Street UMC** 

Rev. David Moreno, Mount Laurel UMC

Ruth Perry, Prospect Charge

Rev. Eric Potter, Nottoway-Lunenburg Charge

Rev. Brian Posey, Lebanon UMC, Dinwiddie

Rev. Norman Ramsey, Centenary UMC, Madisonville Michael Russell, McCanless Memorial UMC & Shady Grove UMC

Rev. Theresa Swindell, Associate, Wesley UMC, Colonial Heights

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Michael Sullivan, Rock UMC

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Rev. ReNe'e Teague, Wesley UMC, Hopewell

Rev. Phillip Urban, Victoria

Peg Van Siclen, Epworth UMC (N. Amelia Charge)

Steve Walz, Providence-Trinity Charge

Rev. Jonathan Webster, W. Brunswick Charge

We will also recognize the following pastors who have had a change in status this year:

Certified Lay Minister
Richard Speirs, Rocky Hock-Ivor Charge

**Licensed Local Pastors** 

Rev. Jennifer Greer, Glenwood Charge Rev. Fred O'Daire, Fort Grove UMC Rev. Eric Potter, Nottoway-Lunenburg Charge Rev. Kathy Schaefer, Keysville UMC

#### **Provisional Elders**

Rev. Steve Snodgrass, Waverly-Carsley Cooperative Parish Rev. Susanna Tolbert, Associate, Highland UMC

#### Elder

Rev. Jesse Moffitt, Carson UMC

Please come help us welcome and celebrate our new Pastors at the Living Waters District Clergy Gathering Tuesday, August 22nd at 11:30 am at the Blackstone Herb Cottage.

The lunch buffet will be available and has three meats (including the Herb Cottage's famous meatloaf), salad bar, vegetables, drink, and dessert for \$16.75 plus tip. You may also order from the menu.

There is no charge for lunch for our new pastors or those with a change in status.

Reservations are required!

Please email <u>TishBorden@vaumc.org</u> by August 15th.

# **Conference News**



The 241st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference was held inperson from Thursday, June 15 – Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Berglund Center in Roanoke, Va. For Conference News **Click here** 

## Gerry Fuss receiving the Laity Denman Award

(The 2nd person from our District to receive this award)













The Living Waters District did an excellent job collecting Hygiene Kits and Flood Buckets!!! Keep the good work up!!!

# **Announcements**



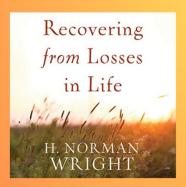
Have you heard what is happening at **Journey Community Center**? Sign up to get their newsletter and see the progress!

Follow their story!

## Losses We Didn't Consider

A Support Group for Those Coping with Loss Facilitated by Reverend Glenn Riggs

If you have experienced a loss, please consider joining us in a supportive environment as we explore how to work through grief and recover from losses.



- We will utilize the book "Recovering from Losses in Life" by H. Norman Wright.
- We will meet at Chester United Methodist Church (12132 Percival ST.) Thursdays, Aug. 17, Aug. 31, and Sept. 14, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Please contact Rev. Riggs at Glennriggs@vaumc.org for more details or to sign up.

# Celebrating our 185th Year



# Lersons United Methodist Church

Family & Friends Reunion Worship Service Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 9:45 am

> Picnic on church grounds at noon Please bring your favorite covered dish

Come Join Us! 27642 Old Church Road, Drewryville, Virginia 23844 in Southhampton County, Virginia

For more information, contact: Mark Person 804-512-6853 markperson 5207@aol.com

# **MENTOR MATTERS!!!**

Do you have a passion for walking with Certified Candidates and Licensed Local Pastors in their call? Have you been previously trained but need a refresher in the process for candidates?

Mentor Matters is a training event for first time and returning mentors. Participants will explore a theological vision for VAUMC mentoring, receive practical training, and spend time reviewing the roles for mentors and dCOM Coordinators.

Mentor Matters will take place in person at the Conference Center from 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m, **Thursday, August 10**. For questions: **CrystalSygeel@vaumc.org** A **link to register** can be found here: **https://form.jotform.com/231304301801134** 

# **UMVIM Virginia Teams: photo request**

Mission team photos needed for Annual Conference!

If your church or district has fielded a mission team, we want your digital

pictures! We are looking for variety: regional, national, international, construction, medical mission, Christian ministry, cultural and community engagement - teams of all sizes and purposes are urged to participate.

To be responsive, please observe the following:

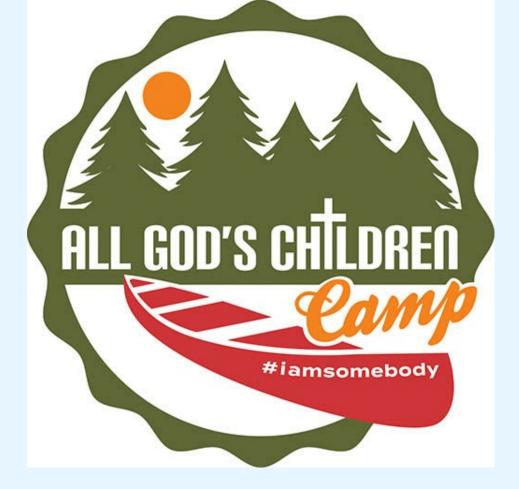
- · Send ONLY up to 6 pictures per team.
- · Choose the best and most representative pictures of your work and the community served.
  - · Please send no more than one group photo of your team. One.
    - · Include the name of the team leader.
    - · List the church (or churches) that participated.
    - · Include name and location of the community you served.

Here are some prompts for pictures:

- Did you worship in the community you served?
- · Did you share a meal or activity with your host community/family?
- · Is there a last day or final photo of a construction site or VBS class?
- If you served a variety of patients, projects or clients, is that visible in what you share?

Send your photo responses to Terri Morgan at tlynmorgan@icloud.com and see them displayed for others to see at Annual Conference!

# **Youth Events**



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 <a href="mailto:agcc@vaumc.org">agcc@vaumc.org</a> for more information.

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: 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



The Virginia Conference supports 13 campus ministries at colleges and universities across the Commonwealth, and additionally, four United Methodist colleges and universities. Our campus ministers provide opportunities for students to worship, to study, to serve, and to grow as leaders. You can find information for each campus here: https://vaumc.org/newstudents/

To help our campus ministers connect with your students, please complete the following form as soon as you know where students will

attend: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOEIHXpnZmSHmEj9bZs8uLNX9IvQl36buJNU5LeOHY4WEFTA/viewform

If you prefer to email a spreadsheet that includes an entire list of students, their contact information, and the college or university they will attend, please email it to **learning@vaumc.org**.

For clergy, completing this form fulfills the requirement of ¶232 of the *Book of Discipline* that you must notify the chair of the conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (that paragraph also requires notifying the district superintendent and the charge conference, which this form does not accomplish). This form also fulfills ¶256.3d, which requires local church youth coordinators to provide student information to the chaplains and campus ministers.



## 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 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.

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## **Prayer Requests**

The Family of Rev. Isaac William "Bill" Bare

The Family of Carolyn Sikes

The Family of Rev. Grover Jenkins, Jr.

Please send your prayer requests toterrirosser@vaumc.org



August 22nd, 2023

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