

# LIVING WATERS

A DISTRICT IN THE  
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EMBRACE EVERYONE. EMPOWER PEOPLE. INSPIRE HEARTS. EMBODY CHRIST.

## PRAISES AND THANKS FROM THE LIVING WATERS

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

I am inspired by an assignment from a local elementary school. The teacher handed out 3 hearts to each student and asked them to perform 3 random acts of kindness. She then asked them to write each act on the hearts and return them to school. The hearts will be placed on a bulletin board. I would like to challenge you to do the same, in your church or Youth Group or Sunday School Class. Then take pictures and email them to me at [terrirosser@vaumc.org](mailto:terrirosser@vaumc.org)

I would love to see how many Random Acts of Kindness we can spread across the Living Waters District. No act is too small - be creative!! I can't wait to see what everyone thinks of!!!!

Happy Valentine's Day!! - Terri Rosser





**Crenshaw UMC had an AMAZING turnout at their Rise Against Hunger Event. They had almost 100 participants total and packed meals to be shipped all over the world! Good job Crenshaw!!!**



## 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto: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

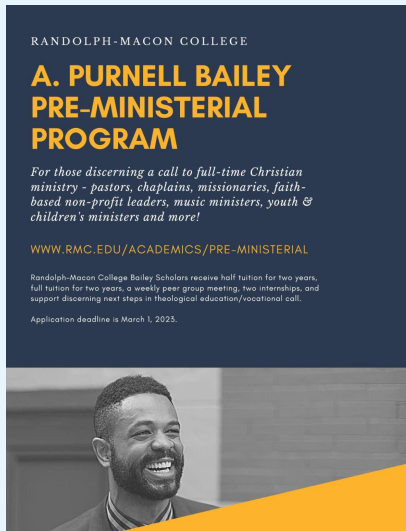
All God's Children Camp is looking for mentors this summer. There are three opportunities to serve: June 18-23, August 6-11, and August 13-18. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve locally. Also,

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/](http://www.vaumc.org/agcc/) or contact Lori Smith [agcc@vaumc.org](mailto:agcc@vaumc.org)

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## A PURNELL BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE



### 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](http://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](mailto:kendragrimes@rmc.edu) for more information.

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## 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!**



**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

**February 17th, 2023**  
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