

# 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



**The Living Waters District Office will be closed April 3 - 7, 2023. We will reopen on Monday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. In case of an emergency, please leave a message at (804) 732-2538.**

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

I was 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.

We have a few churches accept the challenge and send in pics! Thank you to Wards Chapel UMC and Mt. Laurel UMC for sending in their pics!!



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Independence UMC, believed to be the oldest, Continually Active Methodist Church in the South, will celebrate it's 240 Anniversary Homecoming.

4438 Independence Church Rd, Emporia, VA 23847

All are invited to celebrate with us on this glorious occasion; Rev Jeux Simmons will bring the message.

In the tradition of Homecomings, a Love Feast will follow the service.

**June 4th, 2023, 11:00 AM**

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## Youth Events

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**Keep up with our Youth!!!!**

Please follow our District Youth on Facebook and Instagram!!!



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090003901968>

[https://www.instagram.com/lw\\_umc\\_districtyouth/](https://www.instagram.com/lw_umc_districtyouth/)

For questions or information please contact Karen Bowen or Katie O'Kennon at [lwdistrictyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lwdistrictyouth@gmail.com).

## Jesus Camp

Jesus Camp at the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield was a huge success!!! To check out pictures and get more information about Youth Events, click below

[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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## Missions and Ministry

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### UMVIM Cuba Trip

MaryKaye & Larry Cochran will be leading a United Methodist Volunteers in Missions team to Cuba in August. Three Notch'd District Superintendent Rev. Hyo Lee will be joining us along with District Associate Lay Leader Susan Custer. The tentative dates are August 26 to September 4, 2023. This will be a construction team but will also include times of worship and relationship building. No construction skills are necessary. We have been a number of times and have found the faith of the people of the Methodist Church to be inspiring and life changing for us. We have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in a mighty way while worshipping with the church in Cuba.

The cost will be \$1,700.00 which includes everything. A \$100.00 deposit should be sent in with the application. This would be part of the \$1,700.00. Checks should be written to Belmont UMC with Cuba in the memo. I have attached a copy of the application. The application along with the check should be mailed to: Larry Cochran, 14503 Bent Creek Court, Midlothian, VA 23112. We are receiving applications now for the trip and hope to finalize the team by the end of March.

I have attached a Facebook video of a youth gathering at Camp Canaan. The camp is where gatherings of the church are held including Annual Conference.

Please contact Larry Cochran with any questions you may have about the trip or if you would like an application, at (804) 516-9195.



**First UMC were at Patrick Copeland Elementary School in Hopewell this morning to greet and serve "Donuts with Grownups". Students and their grownups came before school to share time together. It was a great mission outreach opportunity for us.**



## JOYS!!!!

We rejoice in the marriage of Stan Covington and Terri Anders on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Stan is the Lay Pastor serving the Prince Edward Charge. We wish them all the best!

Congratulations to Tish and Jim Borden, new grandparents to Elliott James Borden, born March 17, 2023.



**April 18th, 2023**

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