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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Living Waters District eJournal July 2023 With Praises and Thanks!

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
Michael Sullivan, Rock UMC
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

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

We welcomed are new pastors and acknowledged those that moved or changed status. We are thrilled to have such a talented group of individuals in the Living Waters District.



CHARGE CONFERENCE NEWS



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Charge Conference 2023
 Theme: Refresh!

- Welcome and Call to Order Rev. Jay Carey
- Opening Prayer Rev. Jay Carey
- Song of Praise Host Church's Choice
- Scripture Focus: *Behold, I Make All Things New*: Revelation 21:1-8 Rev. Jay Carey
- District Director of Church Vision and Vitality Rev. Tim Beck
- Minutes Of the Charge Conference – Each Church/Charge will affirm each category:**
- Charge Conference Secretary nomination
- Attendance Form – The Charge Conference Secretary will note all attendees
- 2024 Clergy Compensation, Accountable Reimbursement, and Parsonage / Housing Exclusion
- Candidate(s) for Ministry – Share each name aloud when called upon
- Lay Servant(s) – Share each name aloud when called upon.
- 2024 Nominations for Church Leadership
- 2024 Church Budget
- Remembering those who have passed since the last Charge Conference – Share each name aloud when called upon
- Membership Care Report – Removal of Church Members (Year 1 or Year 2)
- Additional Business
- Closing Song of Praise Host Church's Choice
- Closing Prayer Pastor of Host Church

*** Please leave your Church/Charge packet with Rev. Carey, and he will sign all documents later. The district staff will upload all signed forms to UNITY. ***

Charge Conference Schedule 2023
 Living Waters District

Central Region

Ocran UMC, Tuesday, October 3, 2023/7:00 PM - Rev. Ray McGarr, Host
 Carson, Crenshaw, East Nottoway Charge (Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill), The Gathering at Washington Street, Kenwood, Lebanon (Dinwiddie), Ocran, Prince George Charge (Newville, Salem), Prince George Cooperative Parish (Blandford, Gary's), Rocky Run, Saint Mark's, South Dinwiddie Hope Charge (Mansons, Mount Olivet), Sycamore, Trinity (Petersburg), Twin Grove Charge (Oak Grove, Smith's Grove), Washington Street

Southeastern Region

Main Street UMC (Emporia), Tuesday, October 10, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Penny Rasnake, Host
 Boykins Charge (Boykins, Branchville, Persons), Brunswick Charge (Edgerton, Pelhams, Pleasant Grove), Centenary (Jarratt), Concord, Drewryville, Fort Grove, Independence, Lebanon (Sussex), Main Street (Emporia), Monumental, Newsoms

Northwestern Region

Farmville UMC, Thursday, October 12, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Susie Thomas, Host
 Amelia Charge (Tabernacle, Trinity), Antioch (Cumberland), Appomattox, Bethel (Dillwyn), Burkeville Charge (Bethel, Ward's Chapel), Centenary (Madisonville), Crewe, Epworth Farmville, Journey, Keysville, Meherrin, Mount Calvary, Mount Carmel-Phenix Charge (Mount Carmel, Phenix), New Pamplin Charge (Evergreen, Piney Ridge), Nottoway-Lunenburg Charge (Laurel Hill, Saint Mark's, Thrift's Chapel), Oakwood, Plantersville, Prospect Charge (Olive Branch, Prospect, Smyrna), Saint John's, West Buckingham Charge (Mount Tabor, Trinity, Woodland), Victoria

Eastern Region

Main Street UMC (Suffolk), Tuesday, October 17, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Rich Meiser, Host
 Grace Memorial, High Street, Ivor, Main Street (Suffolk), Orford, Providence, Sharon, Surry Charge (Oak Grove, Surry), Trinity (Disputanta), Wakefield, Waverly-Carsley Cooperative Parish (Carsley, Waverly)

Southwestern Region

Main Street UMC (S. Boston), Thursday, October 19, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Bill Greer, Host
 Centenary (Chase City), Cherry Hill, East Halifax Charge (Clover, Scottsburg), Glenwood Charge (Glenwood, Olive Branch), Halifax, Main Street (South Boston), McCanless Memorial, McKendree-Asbury Charge (Asbury, McKendree), Mount Laurel, Shady Grove, South Halifax Charge (Cedar Grove, Harmony), Union

Conference News



Bishop Sue seeks conference input

Dear Virginia Conference clergy and laity,

One of my priorities as your bishop is to name respected and gifted clergy leaders as district superintendents (D.S.). To help me make the most informed decisions possible, I would like to create a pool of gifted individuals to consider when making my selections in the years to come.

I invite you to submit the names of those individuals you have seen possess gifts that would lend themselves well to this office. I ask you to pray for the Holy Spirit's confirmation of your nominee/s before submitting a name/s.

The role of the superintendent has changed over the last decade, and there are some qualities that I would like for any new D.S. to have. Here are some of my considerations:

1. I invite you to read over paragraph 419 of The Book of Discipline and see who comes to mind as you consider these roles and duties of the superintendent.

2. I will give due consideration to the inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church with respect to sex, race, national origin, physical challenge, and age.

3. The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, generosity, and self-control) should be evident in their lives for all to see.

4. They should live disciplined lives in the sense that they are true "Methodists": daily attending to the means of grace and living as mature disciples of Jesus Christ. I need people of prayer more intent on following the Holy Spirit than going their own way, and more intent on serving the needs of the annual conference as a whole than the needs of any particular district.

5. They should work and play well with others, promoting unity and building bridges. I want a team player who will work well with the Cabinet. I don't mind strong personalities, but I cannot abide pettiness, meanness, and ugliness. Respect for others is essential, and I want folks who are widely respected throughout the annual conference.

6. High on my list: those who think strategically and see the big picture.

7. I would like folks who have been fruitful and effective in their previous

appointments.

8. They need to be innovative, creative, and willing to envision Church in new ways, while keeping what is best and working now.

9. They need to be good listeners who pay attention. They need to communicate hope and be committed to creating a culture of joy.

10. They need to make difficult decisions and conduct difficult conversations. They will need to be courageous and not shrink from being agents of change.

11. They will need to be honest with me and tell me when I have a bad idea.

I invite you to submit your nominations, with an explanation of why you think a nominee would make a good D.S., to Bishop@vaumc.org on or before September 15, 2023. I ask all clergy and laity to be in prayer for God's guidance and wisdom in the selection of new superintendents during my years in the Virginia Annual Conference.

Thank you for your prayers and input regarding these important decisions.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Sue

Announcements



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

[Follow their story!](#)

Pastor Training Sessions For Living Waters District leaders

All are welcome but the sessions are geared toward Lay Supply and Local Licensed persons currently serving Living Waters District churches.

Join a group that will offer training, support and answers to questions! We'll meet the first Saturday of each month from 9-11. Our time together will begin with a 45 minute sharing of foundational principles for The United Methodist Church. We'll start with the Articles of Religion and over time we'll focus on the sacraments, theology, hymns and self-care. After this time of learning we'll move into a time of sharing questions and concerns of ministry and we'll end with the "Process/licensing/forms" guidance and support. We'll close with sharing prayer requests and a time praying for our church and for one another.

Come check it out! Sept. 9 from 9-11 a.m. only on zoom! Wear your PJs no one will tell! Below you'll find the zoom link. I'll be on at 8:50 so you can come in a bit early if you'd like.

ReNe'e Teague is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ReNe'e Teague's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8321546268>

Meeting ID: 832 154 6268

Passcode: Jesus

Posted on behalf of the Office of Connectional Ministries (Contact is KatieMueller@vaumc.org)

Benevolence Grant Applications are due September 1, 2023. **Learn more and apply here.**

BENEVOLENCE GRANTS are for connectional ministries beyond the local level to cover administrative expenses. They are funded through the Conference Benevolence apportionment from local churches.

Special and Sustaining Grant Applications are due on October 16, 2023. **Learn more and apply here.**

SPECIAL PROGRAM GRANTS are designed for programs outside of normal conference and local church funding processes. They are intended to provide funding for the first three years of innovative programs of tangible and caring outreach that is beyond a local church's current financial resources.

SUSTAINING PROGRAM GRANTS are designed for programs outside of normal conference and local church funding processes. They are intended to provide funding for the sustaining of innovative programs of tangible and caring outreach that is beyond a local church's current financial resources. They are for churches of all ethnic groups and should help the church requesting the funding to relate to the ethnic groups within its community.

3rd Annual Golf Classic

October 9, 2023

Get Your Game on for a Great Cause

Registration for the golf tournament is open and officially closes on October 2, 2023. The tournament is played in a scramble format, and a box lunch will be provided as well as an awards dinner. Mulligans will be available for purchase on the day of the tournament.

October 9, 2023

Check-in at 11:00. Shotgun start at 12:00 pm. Rain or shine.

Independence Golf Club

600 Founders Bridge Blvd

Midlothian, VA 23113

The Foundation sponsors the Annual Golf Classic to raise support for our grants ministry. Since 2015, we have provided grants to more than 50 United Methodist churches and affiliates as they minister to their communities throughout Virginia. You, too, can help support our grants ministry, either by playing in the Golf Classic, or by sponsoring a hole.

Registration Rates:

- Individual Player: \$155
 - Team: \$620
 - Hole Sponsorship: \$750
 - Hole Sponsorship with Team: \$1,100
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Celebrating our 185th Year



Person's United Methodist Church *est 1838*

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 markperson5207@aol.com

CORN GLEANING!



We had two gleaning events this week at Paul Robertson's Farm in Crewe. We had 16 adult volunteers and 3 youth. The total poundage for the 2 days was 1376

pounds. The corn was distributed in the following counties - Nottoway, Lunenburg,
Prince Edward, Charlotte and Campbell.

TRACTOR SHOW

Calling all farmers! Bring your tractors and farming equipment to let the kids see what you can do. Please call Pastor Jesse for more details. 540-480-1876

CARSON UNITED METHODIST
17407 HALLIGAN PARK RD, CARSON

OCTOBER 14
10AM - 3PM



Youth Events



CAMP WILLOW



**LIVING WATERS FALL RETREAT
aka CAMP WILLOW SPRINGS**

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Camp Willow Springs - Littleton, NC

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT. 3RD

Email head count with contact info to

surn4jc@aol.com

CHECKS DUE TO DISTRICT OFFICE

Memo - Fall Retreat

Forms to Brenda Young at above email

No later than September 9th

\$90 per participant.

No refunds, No changes after deadline.

**Packet will be emailed youth leader once
information is received.**

A SPOOKY COMMUNITY AFFAIR
 Hosted by area churches: Carson, Concord,
 Rowanta, and more!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29
 Dinner at 5:00pm
 Trunks and Treats at Sunset
 Fun-Fellowship-Food-Candy
 Patterson's Ball Park

Bring a
 canned good
 for local
 food banks!

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MINISTERING TO CHILDREN

Organization gives backpacks, school supplies to children at Willow Oaks Apartments



Bonnie Pizeck, founder of God's Mobile Ministry, teaches children at Willow Oaks Apartments "Jesus Loves Me" in sign language before giving them new backpacks filled with school supplies Monday afternoon. Carol Love, pictured next to Pizeck, assisted her with the giveaway.

BY MIRANDA BAINES
STAFF WRITER

Showing God's love to children was the mission of a Monday afternoon event at Willow Oaks Apartments.

Members of God's Mobile Ministry gave away more than 60 backpacks filled with school supplies to children at the South Boston apartment complex. The children eagerly lined up to receive their backpacks while the ministry's founder, Bonnie Pizeck, taught them "Jesus Loves Me" in sign language, explaining the reason for the giveaway.

"It's God showing His love to them. Young ones need to know it," said Pizeck, who is also the pastor of Halifax United Methodist Church.

Fellow church member Carol Love, who assisted Pizeck in handing out the backpacks to the children, explained the importance of ministering to children in the community.

"They're the next generation," Love said. "If we don't teach them that we love them and care about them, they won't know their value. The only way to do that is to serve them."

Pizeck's friend Erica Throckmor-



South Boston Police Chief Bryan Young interacts with children Monday afternoon at Willow Oaks Apartments as part of a back-to-school backpack/school supply giveaway by God's Mobile Ministry.

ton also helped hand out backpacks. A teacher at Scottsburg Elementary School, she knows firsthand the importance of children starting the school year with the supplies they need to be successful.

"I just like to bless them because

that's what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to show them the love of Jesus," Throckmorton expressed. "The kids will remember this. It's little acts of kindness that

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rise 17 cents in a week across state

Auto groups blame jump on elevating price of crude oil

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In just a week, gasoline prices increased 17 cents across Virginia and experts warn motorists to brace for higher prices to come.

According to auto club AAA, the average price of a gallon of gas in Halifax County was \$3.56 on Monday.

AAA attributes jump at the pump to the price of crude oil elevating to \$80 per barrel, since it accounts for nearly 50% of the cost of a gallon of gas.

Across the state, prices are 29 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 37 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to Gas Buddy, which also blames outages at refineries for the surge.

"Gas prices suddenly soared over the last week due to heat-related refinery outages that impacted some of the largest refineries in the country, at a time when summer gasoline demand peaks and as gasoline inventories slid to their lowest July level since 2015," Patrick De Haan, a spokesperson for GasBuddy said.

De Haan says the rise comes as releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve are ending and Saudi Arabia and Russia — the second and third largest oil producers in the world — are also cutting supply.

"Gas demand, meaning people fueling up, remains tepid," said Morgan Dean, AAA Mid-Atlantic spokesperson, noting it's lower now than this time last year and in 2021.

"But while the heat may be keeping some folks home, it also suppresses refinery production, according to experts," he said. "Constrained supplies and a higher cost of oil are tipping the balance toward rising pump prices for now."

Nationally, the average price of a gallon of gas has risen to 16.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.72 Monday, GasBuddy reported.

Not counting record levels in 2022, it marks the highest price since 2013.

The national average is up 21.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 45.6 cents per gallon lower than a year

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Prayer Requests

The Family of Rev. Nichols

The Family of Thelma O'Quinn (mother of Rev Jim O'Quinn)

Please send your prayer requests to terrirosser@vaumc.org

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September 26th 2023
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