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A DISTRICT IN THE
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

OUR FIRST REFRESH REVIVAL IS 3 WEEKS AWAY!!!!!!

**In times like these...We need the Living Waters of Christ to
Reinvigorate, Restore and REFRESH**

Our January Refresh Revival is only 3 weeks away!!!!
This revival is for our Central and Northern Region.

We have a Sign Up Genius below for volunteer positions. We are in desperate need of parking lot attendants and Clean up. Please help us make this the best kick-off event of 2024!!!!!!

Please share our Facebook event link on your local Facebook page or within any outgoing correspondence. Also, advertising in local newspapers would be amazing. If you could contact Terri Rosser or Tim Beck with local newspapers, we would be happy to handle the details.

[Facebook Event](#)

Central and Northern Region Revival

Date: Thursday, January 18th

Time: 7pm

Location: VSU Gateway Dining and Event Center

[Click Here For Directions](#)

Bermuda Hundred

Bethia

Carson

Centenary (Chesterfield)

Chester

Crenshaw

East Nottoway Charge (Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill)

First (Hopewell)

Laity.....

You are cordially invited to a Reception
honoring Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
Virginia Conference
Join us Sunday, January 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
3701 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

As we remember the gifts to the Christ child this season,
let us bless this community with an offering to the

Colonial Heights Food Pantry

*Canned beans, fruit, meat, vegetables
Boxed cereal, oatmeal, potatoes, rice*

Downtown Churches United, The Hope Center

New donations of gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves

Boxes will be placed at the entrances of the church for your gifts.

Reservations required by January 1st

Click here to make a reservation

Contact Tish Borden (TishBorden@vaumc.org)
[11605 S. Crater Road, Petersburg, VA 23805] [804.732.2538]

CONFERENCE NEWS

Journeys of Paul Cruise with Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
& the Virginia Annual Conference and Guest Speaker Rev.
Magrey deVega
Sept. 21, 2024

11 days Crete, Greece, Italy & Türkiye

STARTING FROM \$3999*

Join Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson & the Virginia Annual Conference for 9
Nights on a Journeys of Paul Cruise aboard Royal Caribbeans Odyssey of

the Seas, starting at \$3999* departing on September 21, 2024, with Guest Speaker Rev. Magrey deVega. Journey to Naples, Mykonos, Santorini, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and more!

Register Early and Save

\$100 Register by November 30, 2023

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.

Please use Host Name Terri Rosser

Host ID 62150

[Register Here](#)

PASTOR PREFERENCE FORMS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2023

Is your Church/Charge SPPRC Chair (name, address, phone, email) correct in Unity? Please ensure that this information is correct! **Our office will send the Joint Pastor-SPRC Appointment Preference Form at the end of the month, and your SPPRC Chair will NOT receive information unless they are properly listed in Unity.**

You can also download the form at: <https://vaumc.org/spprcresources/>

Chris Malak, Conference IT Manager, has made the following changes in Unity:

- **For multi-point Charges who perform a Charge Annual Audit (instead of separate churches), a new "Annual Audit Balance Fund" option is available on the Charge.**
- **Lay Servant Reports may now be completed by church and district staff on behalf of the Lay Servant, instead of requiring the Lay Servant to fill them out themselves.**

If you have any questions, please contact Tish Borden in the District Office at 804-732-2538

Lay Servant Academy Training will take place February 23rd and 24th.

This training will be virtual only. Registration will begin in early January!
Included in the course list are:

- Virginia UMC Roots, Racism, and Discipleship Advanced Course
- Basic Course
- Children and Youth Discipleship—**Ministry with Parents/Guardians**
- Spiritual Gifts
- Called to Preach

Contact **Tianna Durbin** tiannad@arcolachurch.org, Director of Lay Servant Academy with questions!

Unity Statistical Tables Deadlines

Table I (Membership) - due January 10, 2024

Table II (Expenses) and Table III (Income) - due January 31, 2024

Please work with your Pastor, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary to ensure

Announcements



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

[Follow their story!](#)

SAFER SANCTUARIES TRAINING

We are proud and excited to announce that the Living Waters District now has 4 Conference Trained Safer Sanctuaries Trainers. In an effort to improve awareness among our congregations, we would like to offer several different trainings, throughout the District. These first training will be District sponsored and offered at NO CHARGE to our churches but please be aware that if additional trainings are requested, there is a \$200 fee per trainer. These trainings are open to Clergy and Laity and all churches are encouraged to attend. We will not only cover youth and children, but vulnerable adults as well and touch on church security.

Below I am listing dates, locations and trainers. There is a Sign Up Genius link as well so you can sign up. Each church is providing lunch, a love offering for the host church would be a kind gesture, but not required.

We will be using a book titled "Safer Sanctuaries: Nurturing Trust Within Faith Communities" It is not necessary to purchase the book to attend the training, but we are including the link below in case any one would like to purchase a copy.

Order Here

Please respond as quickly as possible so we can begin moving forward. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Many blessings and thanks!

Terri Rosser

Living Waters District Communications Coordinator

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Safer Sanctuaries Training

1/6/24 Wakefield UMC Rev. Glenn Riggs & Terri Rosser

1/6/24 Concord UMC Rev. Tim Beck & Rev. Carrie Moffitt

2/3/24 Glenwood UMC Rev. Tim Beck & Terri Rosser

2/10/24 Lebanon UMC Rev. Glenn Riggs & Rev. Carrie Moffitt
3/2/24 Crenshaw UMC Rev. Carrie Moffitt & Terri Rosser
3/2/24 Farmville UMC Rev. Glenn Riggs & Rev. Tim Beck
4/6/24 Bethia UMC Rev. Tim Beck & Rev. Carrie Moffitt
4/13/24 Wesley UMC (Hopewell) Rev. Glenn Riggs & Terri Rosser

Attendee Sign Up

VAUMC Training Videos

It has come to our attention that there is a need for training in Leadership & Development, Trustees, SPRC and other areas of leadership within our churches. Here are a few videos developed by the VAUMC and we hope to bring additional resources to you as the year progresses.

[Click Here for Videos](#)

Calling All Young Adults Discerning A Call to Ministry: Expo 2024 Cohort

Please share this information with any young adults who may benefit from your personal encouragement in exploring a call to ordained ministry...

The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church is looking for ten young adults (18-26) to go on an adventure of discernment. The Center for Clergy Excellence and the Board of Ordained Ministry is organizing a cohort to attend Explo 2024 in Orlando, FL, February 16-18. Registration and application (new deadline of 12/22) for scholarship funding can be found here: <https://www.explorecalling.org/exploration/>

CLAIMING THE PROMISES

The next 5 day Academy at Roslyn is coming up March 3-8. Above is a brochure that we invite you to share as widely as you can.

I know peoples calendars fill up early so wanted to let folks know in advance. More advertising will happen after the first of the year - but the more people see it and hear about it now - the more it will entice them come January.

Thank you so much.

Shalom, salaam, and peace be unto you and to the world,
Rev. Kimberly Barker-Brugman
Pastor at Lawrenceville United Methodist Church, Lawrenceville, Virginia
church phone: 434-848-2320
cell phone: 540-840-0014

Founder of Soul Story Ministries.org

Soul Story Ministries was created to help individuals find a safe place to share the story of their walk with God and through that make a more intentional connection with the Divine. Please contact me for on-line spiritual direction, retreats, workshops, drama presentations, etc

Soul Story Ministries cell: 540-840-0014

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

I am pastor at Providence UMC in Patrick County on the Mt. View District. We are currently undertaking a major mission project that is beyond our capacity to complete without the help of the connection. It is our hope that we can get the word out as to the monetary needs for this project across the connection as soon as possible. I know that the people of God called United Methodist will respond generously.

Please **CLICK HERE** to learn more about this mission opportunity. Please contact Keith Vernon: keithvernon@vaumc.org

Thank you for any help you can offer.

Peace love,

Keith Vernon, Pastor
Providence United Methodist Church
1021 Providence Drive
Patrick Springs, Va. 24133
<https://www.providenceinpatrick.org/>

Wesley-Hopewell donated over 50 coats to children at Patrick Copeland Elementary School. The members of Wesley donated dozens of coats in all colors and sizes. The children received a

coat, scarf, hat and gloves and they were DELIGHTED! These are the good works that share the LIGHT OF CHRIST!



Farmville United Women in Faith held our market on December 8 and all proceeds will go to mission work.



Lawrenceville UMC

We are having a Watchnight Service on Dec. 31st at 11 pm.... Come greet the new year with prayer and songs as we remember 2023 and pray for the new 2024 to be one in which we follow God more closely and live for him more boldly. All are welcome. We will have Ghanaian musician Ian Thomas playing music on his guitar.

Youth Events



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!

Share these resources with your students and parents as they prepare for higher education opportunities!

Students who are members of a United Methodist Church can receive financial

support for higher education. The GBHEM scholarship application opens December 15th! <https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/scholarships/list-of-scholarships/> The UMHEF scholarship application opens January 1st! <https://umhef.org/scholarships/apply/>

Living Waters District Youth
Jesus Camp 2024
Keynotes Jim "Biggie" Fry
And ReNe'e Teague



Email- LWDistrictYouth@gmail.com

With your churches name and contact information. Cost is \$150/per person.

You will then receive a return email with your Registration Forms

Registrations forms are DUE by EMAIL- NO LATER than 1/19/24! Payments are to be MAILED to the DISTRICT OFFICE!

No refunds for cancellations!



Greetings from the Wesley Foundation at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College. We are heading to Asheville North Carolina after final exams on December 10th for A Collegiate Challenge build with Habitat for Humanity. The students are excited about seeing a different area and working to build much needed homes for families. To keep the cost down for the students and give the opportunity for students to go that cannot afford the cost, we are asking for donations to help fund the trip. We have received a generous donation to help secure a rental van. We have estimated that with meals, housing and fuel the trip will cost \$4,000 - \$4,200. If your church is able to make a donation of any amount to help with this cost, that would be a tremendous gift to the students and Wesley. We are always working to give students opportunities to develop a passion for missions early in life so that they may continue throughout their lives. Your gift helps to make disciples to spread God's love.

Paula Totten
Administrator, Wesley Campus Ministry
434-392-8089
farmvillewesley2@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!
STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

The Living Waters District Presents

Youth

ACADEMY 2024

Details:

Date: Saturday, January 20

When: 9a-4p

Where: Bethia UMC

Who: 6th-12th graders

Cost: \$10/person

Our Youth are Hungering for More!



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2024 YOUTH ACADEMY

Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Bethia United Methodist Church

Join the Living Waters District Youth (6th-12th graders) for our first
Living Waters District Youth Academy!

Details: Our goal is to provide a fun and educational experience with break out sessions dealing with Basic Christian Beliefs, Evangelism, Spiritual Disciplines, Music, Sacraments, Social Principles, Worship, Sermon Prep, and many other topics.

Cost: \$10 per person for registration and a pizza lunch.

Send Payment: Living Waters District, PO Box 3413, Petersburg, VA 23805 **by January 12, 2024.**

Contact: Rev. Jacob Sahms (JacobSahms@vaumc.org) or call Tish Borden at the District Office (804) 732-2538.

[Register Now!](#)



All God's Children Camp dates are set for 2024. We need 90 folks who are willing to volunteer a week this coming summer and spend time in the great outdoors while mentoring some amazing campers who have an incarcerated parent. So grab your Sr. High youth group, your Young Adult group or any other adult group in your church and join us! This a wonderful mission trip in your own backyard! See dates below and contact Lori Smith at agcc.vaumc.org for more information.

Week 1-June 9-14 at Westview on the James

Week 2-June 16-21 at Camp Chanco on the James

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

To download the latest Messenger newsletter please visit:

[Click Here](#)

CLERGY WOMENS COLLECTIVE

The Collective offers sister support, holy set-apart time for reflection on our church and ministry, the Word and Table and a deep sense of connection to our Mothers in the Church. Don't miss out!

We welcome all ordained and licensed women, active or retired, working or on leave, in church or extension ministry...y'all come!

Our future meetings will be:

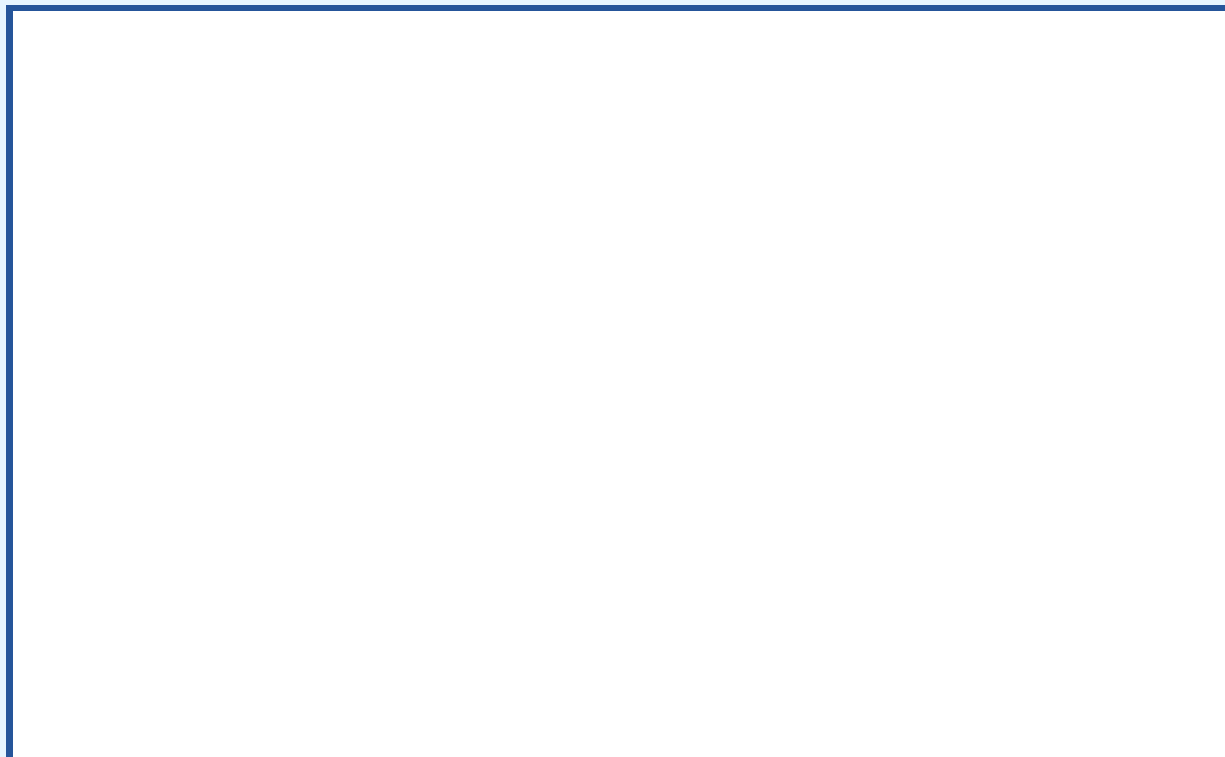
January 18, 2024 - Conference office

April 11, 2024 - Conference office

July 18, 2024 (after Jurisdictional Conference)

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Prayer Requests

The Family of David Wayne Bailey (District Lay Leader)

The Family of Dorothy Brugman (Kevin Brugman's mother)

Chuck Lifsey, Jr. (Centenary UMC, Jarratt)

The Family of William Arthur Mayo, Jr. (Sue Mayo's husband)

Please send your prayer requests to terrirosser@vaumc.org



January 26th, 2024

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