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VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

CONFERENCE NEWS

We are very excited to announce that UM Day at the General Assembly is happening in 2024! Join us on February 1, 2024 in Richmond with Bishop Sue to advocate together! You can register [here](#).

If you aren't familiar with this incredible event we'd love to tell you all about it! Faithful Virginia United Methodists from across our great Commonwealth have gathered in Richmond for over 30 years to advocate for our neighbors. When we gather together we arrange visits with our Senators to discuss issues that are relevant to our faith with direction from our friends and partners at Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy and other advocacy groups. If you are interested in putting your faith into action, **register today**.

Registration is \$25 for early registration and \$10 for students.

You can learn more about the event and our schedule on the **VAUMC website**. Or if you want to learn more about the event before you register you can **sign up for our Preview Meeting** on Nov. 30 at 7:00 pm.

Have you registered for our District Conference?

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm by Zoom

Here is the invitation and registration link:

<https://conta.cc/3ZwY6Kx>

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-SPPRC 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

Unity Statistical Tables Deadlines

Table I (Membership) - due January 15, 2024

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

Please work with your Pastor, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary to ensure these Statistical Tables are completed by the deadline!

Access UnityWeb here: <https://unity.vaumc.org/Account/Login?>



The Living Waters District Office will be closed November 20th-24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Messages can be left at 804.732.2538 and will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you!

Announcements



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

[Follow their story!](#)

WE ARE BRINGING A REVIVAL TO YOUR AREA!!!

The Living Waters District is hosting a REFRESH Revival Series in each of our regions. Listed below are the dates, times and venues for each Revival. Bear with us, because we are still figuring out specific details, but we wanted to make sure every church gets this event on their calendars!!!! We will be sending out a dedicated newsletter with more information and volunteer sign ups. Each revival has been created into a Facebook Event. You can visit the District FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/LivingWatersDistrict/>, find the event for your church and then share it accordingly. Stay tuned for more information.

The REFRESH Revival Series

CENTRAL & NORTHERN REGION

YSL Gateway Dining/Event Center - Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7pm

Bermuda Hundred
Bertha
Canaan
Canaan (Chesterfield)
Chester
Cordonia
East Notoway Church (Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill)
First (Hopewell)
The Gathering at Washington Street
Highland
Kenswood
Lebanon (Dunwoody)
Mantua
Onyx
Prince George Church (Newville, Salem)
Prince George Cooperative Parish (Blandford, Cary's)
Rocky Run
Saint Mark's
South Dinwiddie Hope Church (Mansons, Mount Oliver)
Spruance
Trinity (Chesterfield)
Trinity (Petersburg)
Twin Grove Church (Oak Grove, Smith's Grove)
Washington Street
Windy (Colonial Heights)
Windy (Hopewell)
Windy Chapel
Wood's

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

Mackinburg High School - Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7pm

Brookside
Bowers
Kendalge
Lanesville
North Dinwiddie Church (Antioch, Lebanon)
North Mecklenburg Church (Salem, Skidley)

Olive Branch
Providence Trinity Church (Providence, Trinity)
Prospect (Shore)
Rack
Salem
South Hill
West Dinwiddie Church (Bethel, Macedonia)
West Mecklenburg Church (Epibona, Fells, Friendship)

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Coconino Elementary - Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7pm

Brynoka Church (Brynoka, Brandyville, Pottsville)
Brynoka Church (Edgerton, Pottsville, Pleasant Grove)
Canaan
Canaan
Dorseyville
First Grace
Independence
Lebanon (Sharon)
Main Street (Emporia)
Mansfield
Newman

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Henry Hill Resort & Conf. Center - Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7pm

Cherry Hill
East Hillside Church (Clever, Scottsburg)
Glenwood Church (Glenwood, Olive Branch)
Hillside
Main Street (South Boston)
McCallister Memorial
McKendree-Subury Church (Subury, McKendree)
Mount Laurel
Shady Grove
South Hillside Church (Cedar Grove, Harmon)
Union

EASTERN REGION

Wakefield Conference Center - Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7pm

Grace Memorial
High Street
Ipsit
Main Street (Duffield)
Oakford
Providence
Sharon
Sunny Church (Oak Grove, Sully)
Trinity (Emporia)
Wakefield
Waverly-Gaskley Cooperative Parish (Sawley, Waverly)

NORTHWESTERN REGION

Leopold - Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7pm

Antioch Church (Falmouth, Trinity)
Antioch (Cumberland)
Appomattox
Belair (Duffield)
Burkeville Church (Bethel, Ward's Chapel)
Canaan (Blandford)
Cave
Epworth-Farmville
Leopold
Meherrin
Mount Calvary
Mount Carmel Phonic Church (Mount Carmel, Phonic)
New Peoples Church (Emporia, Upper Ridge)
Notoway-Lanesburg Church (East Hill, Saint Mark's, Thel's Chapel)
Oakwood
Pleasantville
Prospect Church (Olive Branch, Prospect, Summit)
Saint John's
West Buckingham Church (Mount Taber, Trinity, Woodland)
Victoria

**** Churches disaffiliating in October are not on this list. ****



Join Rev. Nadeem Khokhar

Holy Land

Classic Journey

May 14 - 23, 2024



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation is a 5-day trip.

- 1. Personal and spiritual growth
- 2. Early and Deep
- 3. Working back, Rest and Renewal
- 4. Shared, Solid and Community
- 5. Prayer and Reflection
- 6. Learning Spiritual Disciplines
- 7. Discovering your Identity with God



Who Will Be There?
A host knowledge of the Christian faith is required, and an eagerness to grow and engage. Some participants may be required to do pre-trip work and others to complete pre-trip work before the trip.

Daily Schedule

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Family Devotion
- 10:00 AM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Group Discussion
- 12:00 PM Lunch and Rest
- 1:30 PM Family Devotion
- 2:30 PM Group Reflection Time
- 3:30 PM Group Discussion
- 4:30 PM Prayer Service
- 6:00 PM Dinner and Rest Time
- 7:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 8:00 PM Night Prayer
- 9:00 PM Quiet Morning Prayer



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We recommend that you register early as spaces in limited! Payment options are available by check or credit card.

Cost includes a single room with private bath, all meals, and tickets. A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 is required to reserve your Academy space. This amount will be applied to your total cost.

Register by check or credit card at: www.eoacademy.com
Contactable till Fall
(804) 617-2025 for details.

Taxol cost...
The CD is available for a fee of \$15. Forms will be provided during the week.

The Academy will be held at
The Academy Center
1527 Stone Road
Rockwood, Virginia 22820



FACULTY PRESENTERS

Dr. Lee A. Allen, recently visited the Holy Land and returned with a host of insights and experiences. He has been a speaker at various events and has written several books on spiritual formation.

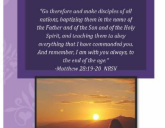
Rev. Greg Beal is a pastor and author. He has written several books on spiritual formation and has been a speaker at various events.

Rev. David is a pastor and author. He has written several books on spiritual formation and has been a speaker at various events.

CLAIMING THE PROMISES

MARCH 3-6, 2024
ROYAL HERBERT CENTER
ROCKWOOD, VIRGINIA

You are invited to join us for a time of Spiritual Refreshment and 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/>

Newville United Methodist Church “Nick of Time” Holiday Bazaar

Newville UMC will be holding its 10th annual “Nick of Time” Holiday wreaths, crafts, gift and food bazaar on Saturday, December 9 from 8:00 a.m. to

1: 00p.m. at the church, located at 9010 Hines Road, just beyond the intersection of Pole Run and Hines Road in Prince George County. Our bazaar features beautifully crafted fresh holiday wreaths and centerpieces, hand crafted items, Christmas gifts, baked goods, candies, jams, jellies along with a variety of selected vendors offering artwork, monogramming, and holiday decorations. The Church's "Winter Warmer Café" will also be serving breakfast and lunch items including breakfast casseroles, homemade chicken salad, croissants, pimento cheese and beverages. Proceeds from the event are used for local charities and missions. For additional information, please contact Nancy Chesser at email pgumsecretary@gmail.com

APPLE GLEANING!

On Thursday, September 28, Southside Gleaning Network with 7 volunteers, 2 trucks, picked 5040# of apples at Gross Orchard. They also had 7 volunteers who gleaned 5400# of apples on Tuesday, October 3 at Gross' Orchard in Apple Valley. 9 volunteers distributed apples in the following counties: Pittsylvania, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax and Mecklenburg. We loaded and distributed 4800# of apples at Gleaning for the World in Concord, VA. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. 11 volunteers distributed apples in Campbell, Charlotte, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Mecklenburg and Prince Edward counties.





Lawrenceville UMC Events

Lawrenceville UMC, 300 W Church St., Lawrenceville VA

Find us on Facebook, our website is:

<https://www.lawrencevilleumc.com> and Phone: 434-848-2320

kindly invites you to the following missions and ministries:

On the third Sundays at 4 pm we gather in the sanctuary for a 30 minute **healing service**. We light candles, hear a scripture, and Pastor Kim offers prayers for you or a loved one or friend in need of healing for body, mind, or soul.

A thirty minute Evening prayer is offered every week on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Operation Christmas child shoebox shopping: LUMC is going to be a collection site for completed boxes. Stay tuned for drop off times and days.

On fourth Sundays Pastor Kim leads us in an outdoor worship called: **S.I.N.G. = Spirituality in Nature Group**. Great Creek Park at 4 pm in one of the parking lots. We gather for a few minutes for a scripture and prayer and then we wander in nature for 20 minutes and then we gather back together for sharing and closing.

Nov. 4th - 9-2 pm. **AppleFest**. Breakfast and lunch will be for sale. Pick up your apples from 9-12 (pre-order before Oct. 15th). Please see Michelle Clary for apple order questions. Michelle Clary auntmeme82@yahoo.com. Bake sale in the morning. There will be a bouncy house for the children and silent auction and information vendors. Also we will have a reverse food truck – instead of buying food, bring food for the food pantry. Spots will be for rent for anyone who wants to put up a table. Please contact the church to rent a table.

Nov 11th - **Brunswick Stew Fundraiser**. \$10 a quart. Please contact Rodney Elmore at 434-848-9800 or Scott Martin at 434-637-7277 to place an order.

Pick up is at 11 am.

TURKEY-HAM SUPPER

Bake Sale & Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 2023

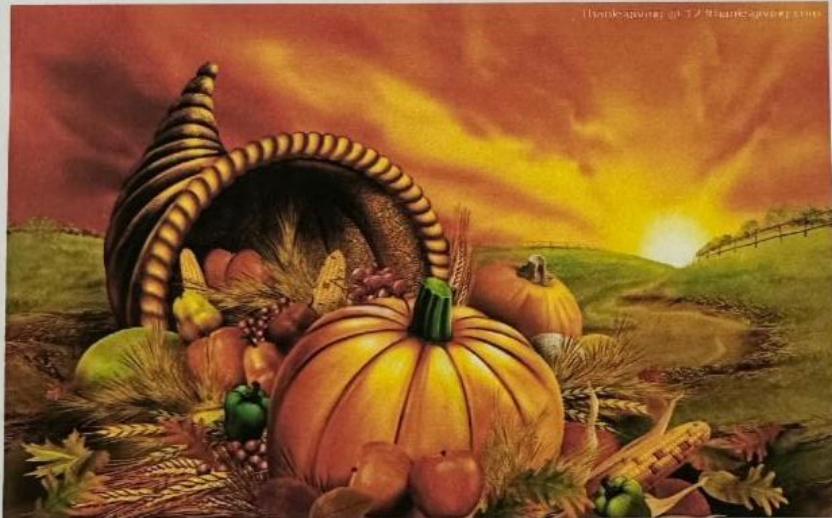
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

\$15.00

\$10.00

Adults

Children Under 12



Concord United Methodist Church

18591 Concord Sappony Road

Stony Creek, VA

Greensville County & City of Emporia

Holiday Hope Fest

Sat. Nov. 4, 2023 from 10AM - 1PM
Greensville County High School
403 Harding St, Emporia, VA 23847

Event Partners:



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The Crater Health District is partnering with the Justin J. Davis Heart Foundation to bring you a day filled with fun, **FREE** food, a Produce PopUp, a holiday food drive, musical entertainment, children's activities, community safety, mental health resources, and many health services!

Health Services Available

- Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for those 12yo and older
- Flu vaccines

Health screenings

*Please bring a valid form of identification, insurance card, and vaccine card (if applicable) with you.

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FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCES!

Transportation is available for those that register from the following locations throughout the event!

- Washington Park Community Center: 750 Drybread Road, Emporia, VA 23847
- Brook Ridge Apartments: 1325 Skippers Rd, Emporia, VA 23847
- CYC Community Youth Center: 800 Halifax St, Emporia, VA 23847
- Jarratt Fire House: 414 Jarratt Ave, Jarratt, VA 23867
- Skippers Post Office: 5334 Skippers Rd, Skippers, VA 23847

Transportation Registration!



Deadline: 10/30

Questions, please contact: Jazmine Black jazmine.black@vdh.virginia.gov or 804-914-2771



SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

9AM - 3PM

No Admission Charge



Breakfast Snacks & Beverages

Donations Accepted



LUNCH \$5.00

Homemade Soups, Crackers, Beverage, Dessert



Quilt Raffle - \$10.00 1 Ticket, \$15.00 2 Tickets

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Vendors will have all you need for your holiday gifts and celebrations!

**Wreaths – Door Hangings – Centerpieces – Jams – Jellies – Canned Veggies – Canned Fruits –
Hand Knitted Items – Crafts - Baked Goods – Thirty Something – Handmade Soaps – Musical
Supplies – Woodworking – Hand Sewn Items**

White Elephant Table as well as a Childrens Area to entertain with crafts while you shop!

Come Join us for fun in Celebrating the Season!

Woods United Methodist Church

7200 Hickory Road

South Chesterfield VA 23803



Youth Events



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!



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 is 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

Week 3-August 11-16 and 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

Rev. Gary Denette (Prince George Charge)

Rev. Jennifer Greer (Glenwood Charge)

Rev. Phil Urban (Victoria)

Chuck Lifsey (Centenary, Jarratt)

The Family of Bishop Thomas Stockton (Service

Info: <https://shorturl.at/hrxBJ> and Announcement from Council of

Bishops: <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/person-detail/2464105>)

Please send your prayer requests to terrirosser@vaumc.org

NewsLetter DEADLine

November 27th 2023

Email: TerriRosser@vaumc.org

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