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VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF
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The Living Waters District eJournal With Praises and Thanks! September 2023

CHARGE CONFERENCE NEWS

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Charge Conference 2023
Theme: Refresh!

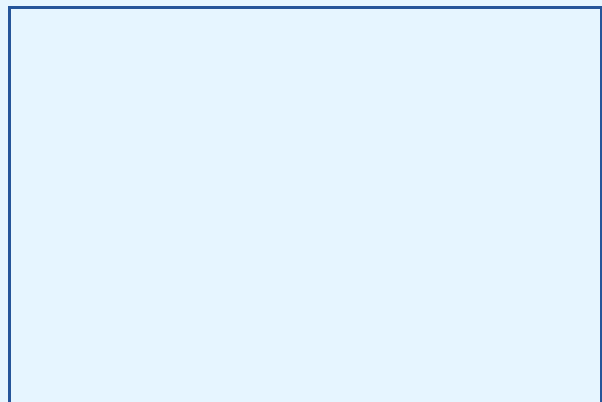
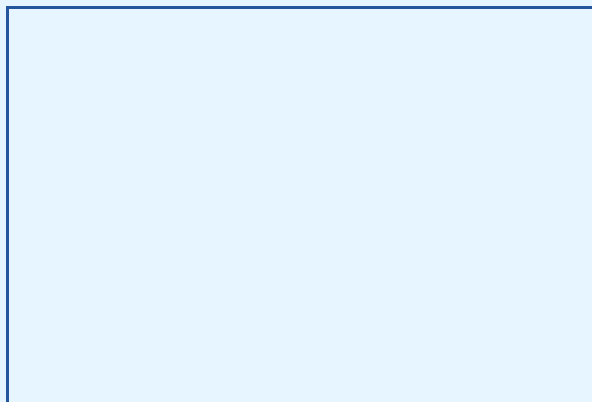
Welcome and Call to Order	Rev. Jay Carey
Opening Prayer	Rev. Jay Carey
Song of Praise	Host Church's Choice
Scripture Focus: <i>Behold, I Make All Things New</i> ; Revelation 21:1-8	Rev. Jay Carey
District Director of Church Vision and Vitality	Rev. Tim Beck

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, Gay'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, Thirt's Chapel), Oakwood, Planteroville, 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), Oxford, 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
Cherry Hill, East Halifax Charge (Clover, Scottsburg), Glenwood Charge (Glenwood, Olive Branch), Halifax, Main Street (South Boston), McCaless Memorial, McKendree-Asbury Charge (Asbury, McKendree), Mount Laurel, Shady Grove, South Halifax Charge (Cedar Grove, Harmony), Union

Northern Region

Chester UMC, Tuesday, October 24, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Nathan Decker, Host
Bermuda Hundred, Bethia, Centenary (Chesterfield), Chester, First (Hopewell), Highland, Matoaca, Trinity (Chesterfield), Wesley (Colonial Heights), Wesley (Hopewell), Wesley Chapel, Wood's

South Central Region

Lawrenceville UMC, Thursday, October 26, 2023/7:00 PM – Rev. Kimberly Barker-Brugman, Host
Brodnax, Easters, Kenbridge, Lawrenceville, North Brunswick Charge (Antioch, Lebanon), North Mecklenburg Charge (Salem, Shiloh), Olive Branch, Providence-Trinity Charge (Providence, Trinity), Prospect (Ebony), Rock, Sardis, South Hill, West Brunswick Charge (Bethel, Macedonia), West Mecklenburg Charge (Ephesus, Fields, Friendship)

** Churches scheduled to disaffiliate in October are not included on this list. **

Announcements

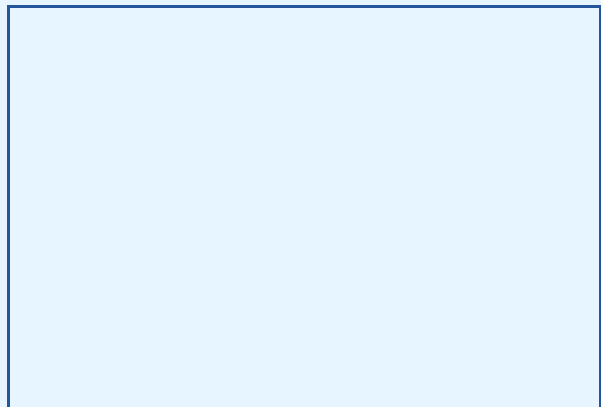
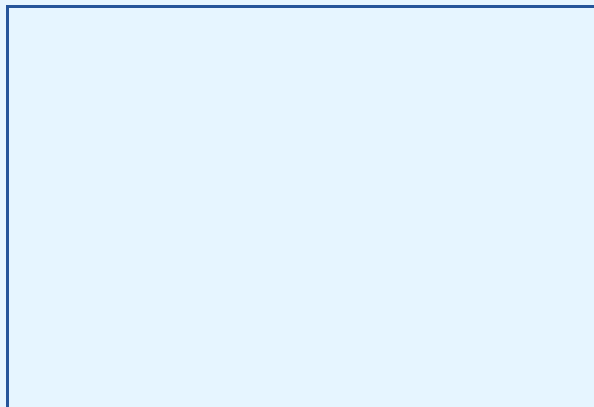


Have you heard what is happening at **Journey Community Center**? Sign up to get their newsletter and see the progress!

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!!!! 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

31st General District/Conv. Center - Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7pm
 Bernick Hooded
 Betha
 Canaan
 Centenary (Charterfield)
 Clinton
 Conshaw
 East Salisbury Charge (Butterwood, Grove, Rocky Hill)
 Feet (Hopewell)
 The Gathering at Washington Street
 Highland
 Kreswood
 Lebanon (Dunwick)
 Malanca
 Orono
 Prince George Charge (Newville, Salem)
 Prince George Cooperative Parish (Blainford, Cary's)
 Rocky Run
 Saint John's
 South Danville Hope Charge (Mansons, Mount Oliver)
 Sparrow
 Trinity (Charterfield)
 Trinity (Ft. Henry)
 Twin Grove Charge (Oak Grove, Small's Grove)
 Walkington Street
 Wesley (Hopewell)
 Wesley Chapel
 Wood's

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

Mockleburg High School - Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7pm
 Bixbee
 Fairfax
 Kambidge
 Lawrenceville
 North Brunswick Charge (Antick, Lebanon)
 North Mockleburg Charge (Salem, Shiloh)

EASTERN REGION

Walden Conference Center - Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7pm
 Olive Branch
 Providence Trinity Charge (Providence, Tunny)
 Prosper (Elmore)
 Rock
 Seale
 South Hill
 West Brunswick Charge (Bethel, Macedonia)
 West Mockleburg Charge (Elmore, Fields, Friendship)

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Quinnville Elementary - Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7pm
 Broken Charge (Broken, Peachville, Pennant)
 Brunswick Charge (Edgerton, Pichams, Pleasant Grove)
 Cainsbury (Spartan)
 Concord
 Ebenezer
 Fort Grove
 Independence
 Lebanon (Spartan)
 Main Street (Spartan)
 Monroeville
 Newnan

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Barry Hill Reunion & Conf. Center - Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7pm
 Cherry Hill
 East Halifax Charge (Clover, Scottsburg)
 Ebenezer Charge (Elkwood, Clay Branch)
 Halifax
 Main Street (South Boston)
 McCardas Memorial
 McKendree Subury Charge (Aubrey, McKendree)
 Mount Laurel
 Shady Grove
 South Halifax Charge (Cedar Grove, Hamont)
 Union

Walden Conference Center - Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7pm
 Grove Memorial
 High Street
 Inlet
 Main Street (Duffield)
 Oakford
 Providence
 Sharon
 Spring Charge (Oak Grove, Sarr)
 Trinity (Depueville)
 Wakefield
 Waverly-Carlyle Cooperative Parish (Carlyle, Waverly)

NORTHWESTERN REGION

Lanesville - Thursday, August 7, 2024 at 7pm
 Anselm Charge (Tobemack, Trinity)
 Antioch (Camden)
 Argonneville
 Bethel (Dillway)
 Bethelville Charge (Bethel, Wood's Chapel)
 Centenary (Mellonsville)
 Carey
 Egworth Farmville
 Kephile
 Millerton
 Mount Calvary
 Mount Carmel Phenic Charge (Mount Carmel, Pleasant)
 New Pimple Charge (Evengren, Dorey Ridge)
 Nottoway/Lansing Charge (Forest Hill, Sassa Mack's, Thel's Chapel)
 Oakwood
 Pleasantville
 Prospect Charge (Clive Branch, Prospect, Smyrna)
 Saint John's
 West Buckingham Charge (Mount Taber, Trask, Woodland)
 Verona

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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



Clergy, Would you like to experience the Advent/Christmas season before having to make way for others? Then the Mini Advent Retreat, Tuesday,

October 10 - Thursday, October 12 at Roslyn Retreat Center is the event for you! Registration closes Tuesday, October 3. [Sign up](#) today!

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/805613597967561>

VIRGINIA BEACH LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

Thalia UMC located in the Town Center of Virginia Beach would love to have you join us as laity comes together to study and refresh our minds for our Lay Leader and Lay Servant responsibilities. Please pass this information on to your congregation also. Everyone is invited.

Thalia United Methodist Church is located at 4321 Virginia Beach Blvd, Va Beach, VA 23452

Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. on **October 28, 2023** and end at 5:00 p.m.

We have restaurants across the street and less than a mile away or you can bring your lunch. You have lunch from 12-1:00.

You will do three hours of prior reading from the book listed under each class and when you finish your time with us on Saturday, you will receive credit for taking the class and can use your class for certification or recertification.

Thalia United Methodist Church Lay Ministries Academy

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage Course) is one of the core Lay Servant Ministries classes where we will explore a basic explanation of the history, heritage, beliefs, missions, and culture of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Students will uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way. No matter what happens at or after General Conference in 2024, this bedrock of all groups in Methodism will still be relevant. Participants must obtain the book **Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way** by Bishop Kenneth Carder before class. This book can be purchased through Amazon or Cokesbury for \$13.00.

Preaching: Preparing for and writing biblically based sermons is one of the classes needed for Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers. All are welcome to take this class. It will be taught by Pastor Brian Boettcher from the Burkeville Charge. Students will receive instruction on the process of exegesis, focus and function, basic sermon forms, beginnings, endings, and transitions, and tips for the sermon moment. You need to purchase the book, **The Witness of Preaching** by Thomas Long. This book can be purchased through Amazon for \$24 and Cokesbury for \$34.

Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basics Course is designed to assist laity as they explore and discover their

unique call to serve God, neighbor, and the greater church. Ministry is not just a clergy endeavor as we are all called to serve. All are welcome to take this class. Students will receive instruction on how laity can assist our churches in becoming more connectional. We will explore our spiritual gifts and how servant leadership calls us to holy living, accountable discipleship, and a unity of ministry. You will need to purchase the book, [Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participation Book](#) by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson. The book can be purchased through Amazon for \$11 and Cokesbury for \$9.29.

If you are interested in any of these classes, please call Gail Von Mosch, Director of Lay Ministries Committee, at 757-481-3304 or email me at gvonmosch@verizon.net with your name, email address, phone number, and class you would like to take, and I will give you a call or email within 24 hours.



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May 14 - 23, 2024



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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

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 1:00 p.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

APPLE GLEANING!



Mt. Carmel-Phenix U.M.C gleaners picked 2160# of apples to be distributed to those in need on Wednesday, September 20. Thank you to Gross Orchard for your generosity and to our gleaners



CORN GLEANING!

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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



TURKEY-HAM SUPPER

Bake Sale & Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 2023

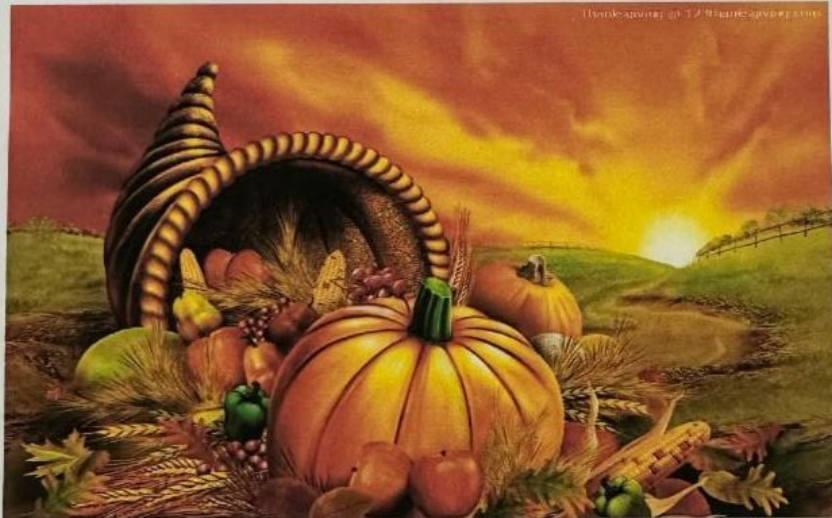
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

\$15.00

\$10.00

Adults

Children Under 12



Concord United Methodist Church

18591 Concord Sappony Road

Stony Creek, VA

Youth Events



DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT!

Our DYC had a wonderful time at the Fall Retreat held at Camp Willow Springs!!

Our DYC Leaders are asking that you please have your Youth Coordinator fill out this brief survey to help us better serve the Youth of our District.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDQFN83>





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!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

To download the latest Messenger newsletter please visit:

[Click Here](#)

Two of our Women of Faith, Jane and Sandy, selling baked goods at the Wood's UMC Farmers Market. A fundraiser that allows our group to support people/organizations in need.



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BEACON NEWSLETTERS & NOTICES/VAUMC



Prayer Requests
Rev. Phillip Urban

Please send your prayer requests to terrirosser@vaumc.org

NewsLetter DEADLINE

October 24th 2023

Email: TerriRosser@vaumc.org

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