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PILLOW TALK



Madeline Pillow
Editor

In deep
blue
waters

Stephen Jones was homeless.

Sleeping near England's Manchester Arena on the night of May 22, he was awakened by the sound of a blast and screams.

What followed the terror attack at an Ariana Grande concert was concert goers fleeing from the stadium, hurt, trying to get somewhere safe. It was then that Jones came to their aid, removing things like glass from the survivors' faces and arms.

Hours later he would tell a reporter, "Just because I'm homeless doesn't mean that I haven't got a heart and I'm not human still. They need the help. I'd like to think that someone would come and help me if I needed the help."

His story was shared quickly around the world which led to an online fundraiser to give him housing. A chairman with a London soccer team tracked him down to give him six month's rent and provide an opportunity to help find him work.

In Psalm 107: 23-24, we read: "Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep."

Unfortunately, the violence we saw at the Manchester Arena is becoming all too familiar. As wave upon wave of horrible news falls on us, we run the risk of becoming numb.

But in the midst of some deep, blue, frigid water, Stephen Jones ran into the middle of horror to help. He aided when he could have run the other way. He brought meaning to the verse above because it is in deep waters that God does miracles through ordinary people.

And Stephen did none of this for recognition. He has stated that the kind words were good enough for him. He felt it was a chance to counterbalance the things in his life, like being imprisoned and his prior drug use that he was trying to move away from.

With every day and every new bit of bad news, we run the risk of becoming numb to it all. We run the risk of shutting ourselves up to the outside world.

We are in some deep waters in our world right now. Will you trust God in the deep waters or will they overtake you and your faith? 🍷

Madeline C. Pillow



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COMMENTARY



United Methodist Bishop Sharma Lewis with seminarian Virginia Greer.

Five reasons to look forward to ministry in 2017

by Alex Joyner

Tired of counting the reasons the sky is falling? Me, too. The traditional metrics for mainline ministry (church membership, finances, number of organists) may be on the decline and the angst about how the nation's Great Divide will impact the church continues. But let me give voice to the hope that is within me during the moments I dare to dream God's future:

1) We are getting over our generational building fever.

There are some places where investing in major new buildings makes sense and I appreciate the energy that comes with beautiful sanctuaries and new ministry space. But more and more churches are living out the truth that we often proclaim – the church is not the building. So I look forward to using the legacy space we have in new ways and doing more ministry in the community in places like homes, restaurants, campus lounges and coffee shops.

2) Cooperative parish models are offering

new life to small churches.

Particularly in rural areas, the joining together of congregations to carry out ministry cooperatively makes sense. Combining missions committees, youth groups and even church councils means greater resources for ministry, a critical mass of people, and less burden on small church leaders who often juggle multiple roles. Churches in cooperative ministry also have more capacity to focus on mission rather than just keeping the doors open.

3) The segregation of our churches along racial lines has never looked more ridiculous.

Half a century after Martin Luther King Jr. made the observation that Sunday at 11 a.m. was the most segregated hour in America, mainline churches are still trying to live into a new reality. The good news is that our clergy and lay leadership on the denominational level is more diverse than it ever has been and cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments of clergy to churches are now becoming routine. This is one of the features of our United Methodist appointment system that I most value. Of course, there's still a long way to go.



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COMMENTARY

4) Young clergy are transforming the way we do church.

Young clergy have always been seen as slightly irreverent by their older peers, but I admire the way that God continues to use the creativity and gifts of young people in the church. The young people in ministry that I know are bringing a deep thoughtfulness to their engagement of this changing culture that we live in and from their online experiments with podcasts and social media to their non-traditional gatherings like street liturgy and pub theology, they are challenging us all to take both our tradition and the realities of the contemporary world more seriously.

5) Small, communal experiments are modeling new ways of connecting the church to the world.

The Missional Wisdom movement, Fresh Expressions, and the New Monasticism are all examples of Christians seeking to live in accountable community with one another as they serve the world. Most of them commit to a rule of life that brings them to a level of sharing and spiritual formation that many people hunger for. They also tend to take seriously ministry with the poor.

Church is different these days. No doubt about it. And if our expectation of success is a model circa 1955, then we're destined for disappointment. But if we expect that God can do a new thing and is transforming the world and wants us to be part of it, well, then we've got a lot to look forward to in 2017. 🍷

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Church hosts nonprofit Bike & Build for second year

by Madeline Pillow



Participants in Bike & Build get excited before setting out on their cross-country route.

St Luke's UMC in Yorktown hosted the nonprofit Bike & Build for a second year in a row from May 22-26. The organization engages young adults from across the nation to take part in the affordable housing movement and to raise awareness and funds. Each cyclist raises at least \$4,800 prior to participating.

This year there are three cross-country routes. The group that left from Yorktown is the Central United States (CUS) route, and they will travel for around two

and half months to reach Portland, Ore. Along their route, these cyclists will share information about affordable housing and help build houses through organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

The cyclists will experience three types of days during their two-month journey: riding days, build days and days off. The CUS route will have 14 or 15 build days and two days off. Tasks will include putting on siding or a roof, depending on what is needed. On average, the cyclists will bike about 65-80 miles a day.

Along their route, these cyclists stay in churches or community centers where their hosts house and feed the group for free, and the saved funds are then con-

tributed to the affordable housing cause.

When St. Luke's was contacted last year to host the group, Emily Howdysshell, director of Emergent Ministries, said they didn't hesitate.

"We built this space for it to be used, to be welcoming to the community and to help others make this community a better place," Howdysshell said.

As a host, St. Luke's allowed the organization to ship bikes to them for the cyclists, they took care of meals for the team and stocked up on food for the cross-country trip. Howdysshell said the experience is also about helping the team grow together as well as to fellowship with the congregation.

While at the church, the team helped in tasks around the church and hosted a bike clinic for church members. The bike clinic was a big hit, Howdysshell said, as the team taught members about bike maintenance and safety tips to some of the church's children.

It's partnerships like these, Howdysshell said, that helps spread the word about what St. Luke's is doing as well as Bike & Build.

"You never know how connections might happen," Howdysshell said.

The experience has also shared some truths about cycling.



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"The biggest benefit the church has seen from hosting Bike & Build is the recognition and understanding of how important cycling is to so many people. I think it's easy to be driving out on the roads and to see a cyclist and to think they're in my way," Howdyshell said. "But what we've learned through partnering with Bike & Build is that cyclists have a right to the road, and they deserve our respect."

Some tips the church has learned is to give at least 6 feet of space to cyclists, to look out for cyclists and that both drivers and cyclists need to make themselves aware of each other while on the road.

"Cycling safety is so important, and we want to make sure we are looking out and keeping those in our community safe," Howdyshell said.

Andrea Legacy, a first-time participant from Austin, TX., shared that she decided to take part this year because of the adventure and the opportunity to volunteer.

"There's such an incredible gratification in surmounting huge obstacles with a tight team of people. As I got to learn more about the affordable housing movement, I realized there is so much to do and there's so much we'll

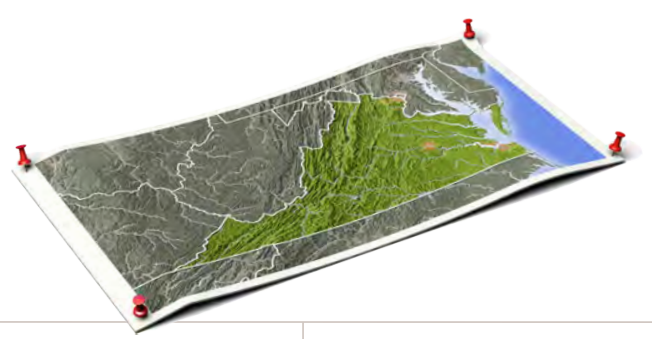
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Bike dip: Cyclists "dip" their bikes into the water before setting off.
(Below): Children at St. Luke's had the chance to test out bike safety.



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be able to do through this organization," Legacy said.

Senior Program Director Claire Collins said that it is not a requirement to have had extensive cycling experience to participate in Bike & Build.

"We have riders from all over the country who typically haven't ridden more than 15 miles. The only requirements are really having a good attitude and wanting to contribute to the group. Cycling is just the way that we do it," Collins said.

Collins said that most of the cyclists are hooked by the cause and want to help out with it, so they take on the challenge of cycling long distance.

Prior to the start of the trip last week, first-time cyclists on the CUS route

did a 20-mile ride with their leaders as a warm-up. Legacy shared that the cyclists rode in pods (groups) of four for this exercise as they learned how to work together as a group and implement hand signals for the other cyclists as well as drivers. They also learned how to call out hazards they see in the road for each other from potholes to roadkill.

"Learning another's pace especially is so humbling because we are really learning to communicate well, and being honest in our needs will be one of the themes of this trip. It's about getting vulnerable with people," said Legacy.

As a former participant and leader in Bike & Build, Collins shared that it's hard for participants to go through the program and not be changed.

"It's different for everyone. We learn from our surveys that about 97-98 percent of our participants go on to volunteer monthly or yearly or seek some job with a social service aspect whether its AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps."

To learn more about Bike & Build, its mission, structure and how to donate, visit www.bikeand-build.org.

— Madeline Pillow is editor of the **Advocate**.



Bike & Build cyclists held a bike clinic and taught safety signals to some children from St. Luke's.

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New conference resource seeks to stir up conversation

by Madeline Pillow

About six months ago, the first “3-minute Stir” video was released on YouTube. The brainchild of Paulo Lopes, conference director of Ministries with Young People, and Nick Ruxton, conference videographer, *3-minute Stir* started with Bishop Sharma D. Lewis’ charge to the Virginia Conference at her welcoming service in Sept. 2016. At that time, Bishop Lewis encouraged the conference to stir up their gifts.

Lopes and Ruxton thought about how they could continue this momentum of “stirring up the gifts” in a video format.

“The hope is to stir up people’s thoughts. Bishop Lewis challenged us to stir up the gifts and it’s through these videos, if nothing else, that we hope to stir up people’s thoughts,” Lopes said.

Though they admit the

series has evolved in some slight ways since beginning, the concept remains the same.

Each video in the series is just three minutes that is based on Scripture. The message is concise and is perfect for use by clergy or laity, for Sunday School classes, small groups and with youth and youth leaders. The name of the series, Lopes said, is derived from Bishop Lewis’ charge. A new video is released each month.

Lopes and Ruxton said they are excited to find that the first video is still getting views even six months later.

“This shows that these videos are still relevant. Most videos become old news after they release, but these videos maintain their relevance,” Ruxton said.

“The videos are not contextual in that there is no time stamp on them. These are general thought-stirring videos to do with Scripture and faith and life,” Lopes said.

Topics that have been covered so far include “being called” and what it means to be “people of the book” in a technology-driven world.

Lopes and Ruxton said they look forward to continuing the series and giving people more opportunities to interact with the videos. 🍷

— Madeline Pillow is editor of the *Advocate*.

Subscribe to the *3-minute Stir* YouTube channel to get notifications when the newest video is released at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZux6hGthPjz-wlqmqzGTncA>.



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AF	Affiliate Member
AM	Associate Member
DM	Diaconal Minister
DR	Retired Diaconal Minister
EP	Minister Recog. from other Denom. Serving UM Probation
FD	Deacon in Full Connection
FL	Full-time Local Pastor
LM	Certified Lay Minister (Assigned by district superintendent)
MOD	Minister, Other Denom., Serving Ecumenical Parish
OA	Associate Member, Other Annual Conf.
OD	Deacon Member, Other Annual Conf. or Other Denomination
OE	Elder Member, Other Annual Conf. or Methodist Denom.
OF	Full Member, Other Denom.
OP	Provisional Member, On Loan
OR	Retired FE, Other Conference
PD	Provisional Deacon
PE	Provisional Elder
PL	Part-time Local Pastor
PM	Probationary Member, '92 Disc.
RA	Retired Associate Member
RAF	Retired Affiliate Member
RD	Retired Deacon
RE	Retired Elder
RL	Retired Local Pastor
ROF	Retired, Other Denomination
ROM	Retired, Other Methodist
RP	Retired Probationary/Provisional Member
SY	Lay Supply (Assigned by dist. supt.)
TBS	To Be Supplied

ROLL OF THE FIRST MILE

Church names in red represent congregations that paid 100 percent of their conference and district apportionments last year. Churches in blue paid 101 percent or more. Those in green represent a 10% increase in apportionments paid from the prior year.

† - Denotes increase in Profession of Faith

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Associate: Ryan S. LaRock (2) PE

Christ Online: **Anthony J. Arnold** (1) FL

Cranford: Lorenzo D. Hill (13)

Franconia: **Melissa D. Porter-Miller** (1)

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Associate for Hispanic Ministries: Luz M. Zuleta (3) PL

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Associate: Grace S. Han (4) PE

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†**Saint Stephen's:** A. Mark Mrini (3)

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Associate: Drew VanDyke Colby (5)

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Nkrumah (8)

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ALBEMARLE COUNTY

†Aldersgate: Robert J. Robertson III (2)

Batesville: Elizabeth A. Buxton (6) FL

Batesville, **Bethel, Mt. Olivet**

Bingham's: William R. Payne (15) PL

Crozet: Sarah R. Evancho (2)

Ivy Creek: Edward F. Rigg (2)

Mount Moriah: **Alan R. Follett** (1) FL

Restoration: **Gregory E. Miller** (1) PL

Southern Albemarle: Bruce N. Lugin (7)

Mt. Zion, †Scottsville

Trinity (N. Garden): Timothy L. Worley (3) PL

West Albemarle: Benjamin F. Houchens (18) PL

Browns Cove, Gentry

AMHERST COUNTY

Bethany-Sardis: Roger T. Powell (2) PL

Bethany, Sardis

Mount Pleasant: Judy G. Morris (9) FL

†**Mt. Horeb, Mt. Pleasant, Poplar**

Wesleyan: Adam J. White (3)

CHARLOTTESVILLE

First: Alvin J. Horton (9)

Associate: John Phillip Woodson (2) FL

Hinton Avenue: Robert D. Lewis (6)

Wesley Memorial: Janice M. Rivero (3)

CULPEPER COUNTY

†Culpeper: J. Randall Orndorff (14)

Associate: Jessica Squires Colwell (5)

East Culpeper: **William Michael Evans** (1) FL

Hopewell, Richardsville

Little Fork Circuit: Kang Uk Lee (4)

Jeffersonton, †Oak Shade, Woodland

FLUVANNA COUNTY

†Byrd Chapel: Neil W. McLaughlin (4) FL

†Cunningham: Thomas E. Frost (9)

Haden Chapel: George E. Gorman (5) AM

Palmyra: George E. Gorman (5) AM

Salem: Michael W. Pettry (2) FL

South Fluvanna: **Rachel R. Miller** (1) SY

New Bethel, Seays Chapel, Wesley Chapel

GREENE COUNTY

Greene: **Samuel R. Plymale** (1) FL

Mt. Vernon, South River

Standardsville: Charles S. Winner (6)

Westover: Julie A. Nitzsche (2) PL

LOUISA COUNTY

†**Louisa:** David R. Palmer (6)

Macedonia: Stephen M. Hall (5) FL

Mineral-Mt. Pleasant: Erin Geoffrion (3) PE

Mineral, Mt. Pleasant

West Louisa: Jeffrey B. Smith (3) RE

Ebenezer, Lasley, Mt. Horeb

†**Zion:** David C. Lagerveld (5)

MADISON COUNTY

Bethel-Mountain View: James F. Lacy (7) PL

Bethel, Mountain View

Madison: **Daniel H. Albrant** (1) FL

†**Madison, †Rose Park**

North Madison: David A. LeFon (5.5)

Etlan, Mt. Olivet, †Oak Grove

Rapidan: **Richard P. Grendahl** (1) FL

Bethsaida, Mt. Zion, Walkers

NELSON COUNTY

Bethany (Norwood): T. Isaac Collins (2) OP

Bethlehem: Edwin M. Childress (6) FL

Nelson: **Hung Su Lim** (1)

New Faith: Gregory Payne (12) LM

†*Rock Spring:* Pamela J. Baldwin (8) FL

†*Rodes:* Lowell D. Petry (4) FL

ORANGE COUNTY

Gordonsville: Charles W. Townsend (3)

Barboursville, †Gordonsville

Orange Circuit: **Ralph G. Satter** (1) RE

Bethlehem, Salem

Trinity: Craig C. Newman (3)

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

Amissville: Maxine C. Crenshaw (7)

Rappahannock: Sara Porter Keeling (7)

Flint Hill, Sperryville, Willis Chapel

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

James H. Chandler—360 Intentionality (TBD)

Barry Penn Hollar—Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Shenandoah U. (Madison)

Deborah E. Lewis—Director & Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation, UVA (Wesley Memorial)

Thomas W. Sherrod—Director of Pastoral Care, Iredell Hospital, Statesville, N.C. (Mt. View)

Adam James White—Chaplain, Director of Service Learning, and Religion Dept. Chair, Virginia Episcopal School (Wesley Memorial)

DANVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Janine W. Howard (7)

DANVILLE

Danville Area Teaching Parish:

Grace Design: Lauren Swanson (1) PL

†**St. Luke's:** Susan M. Hannah (3)

Wesley Chapel-Rock Springs: Steven D.

Morningstar (2) SY

Rock Springs, Wesley Chapel

Fairview: Jennifer D. Coffey (2)

Moseley Memorial: Elizabeth A. Nordan (2) PL

†**Mount Vernon:** Bart A. Fletcher (2.5)

Trinity: **Bobbie J. Henley** (1)

FLOYD COUNTY

†**Harris Chapel:** Marcus C. Wood (11) PL

FRANKLIN COUNTY

†**Bethlehem:** D. Chris Bennett (9) FL

Callaway Cooperative Parish: Amy E. Pannell (3)

Highland, New Hope

East Franklin: Byung C. Sung (2) OE

Crafts, Penhook

Fork Mountain: **G. David Williams** (1) PL

Gogginsville: Kathryn F. Budzik (4) FL

Pleasant Hill: James R. Rodden (2)

Red Valley: Jaeyong Song (1)

Redwood: Bradley S. Dulaney (9)

Minister of Community Outreach: Susan M. Hughes (5) PD

Rocky Mount: William J. Waller (2)

Dir. of Music Ministries/Organist: Lynn

Meeks (22) DM

St. James (Ferrum): Mary S. White (10) RE

Upper Franklin Cooperative Parish: **Anthony**

C. Budzik (1) FL

Flint Hill, Oyler's Chapel, Rehoboth

Washington Cooperative Parish: **Kelvin A.**

Edwards Sr. (1) FL

Associate: **Jeffrey T. White** (1) PL

†**Burnt Chimney, Epworth, †Halesford**

West Franklin: BaeSick 'Peter' Choi (5)

Bethany, Maple Grove

HENRY COUNTY

Axton: **Amanda B. Barbour** (1) FL

Beckham, Carroll Memorial, Irisburg

Fieldale-Mount Bethel Cooperative Parish:

Janet F. Grissett (1)

Fieldale, Mount Bethel

Henry County Cooperative Parish: E. Russell

Gresham IV (2)

Bassett Memorial, Chatham Heights

Pleasant Grove: Gi-il "Gil" Lee (2) OE

Smith Memorial: Kameron M. Wilds (3) PE

Stanleytown: David A. Westmoreland (4) FL

Two County Cooperative Parish: **Timothy V.**

Satterfield (1) FL

Associate: **Blair O'Quinn** (1) SY

Anderson Chapel, Bethel, Cascade,

Granbery, Ridgeway

MARTINSVILLE

†**First:** Keith E. Ritchie (6)

Wesley Mem.: Timothy W. Gearheart (3) FL

PATRICK COUNTY

East Patrick: W. Mark Clayton (14) FL

Concord, **Nettle Ridge**

Fellowship: Monte Mitchell (6) MOD

Meadow: Mark R. Collins (8) PL

Mountain View: Terry F. Martin (13) PL

North Patrick: Sandra L. Wright (8) FL

†**Ross Harbour, Woolwine**

Providence: Keith L. Vernon (4) FL

Salem: John B. Franklin (6) FL

Stuart: Thomas B. Shepherd (11)

West Patrick: Tammy P. Franklin (5) PL

Creasey's Chapel, New Hope

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

†*Brosville:* **Intek Oh** (2) OE

Calvary-Kerns Mem.: **Christopher Donald** (1)

Calvary, Kerns Memorial

Concord-Mt. Pleasant Cooperative Parish:

Tobias B. Lutz (3) FL

Concord, Mount Pleasant

Floral Hills: Winston L. Crichlow (5) RE

Harmony: Robert F. Hardy IV (18) FL

†**Hopewell:** Timothy J. Barth (4) PL

Mount Olivet: Jimmy D. Calhoun (4) OF

Oakland: Jon M. Woodburn (5) FL

†**Swansonville:** Linwood G. Cook (7) RE

†**Watson Memorial (Chatham):** William T.

Mackey-Wisor (4) OE

Whitmell-St. John's Cooperative Parish:

Wayne C. Moore (3)

St. John's, Whitmell

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Barry Scott Foster—Pastor, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province (TBD)

Jan Nicholson-Angle (AF)—Dean of the Chapel, Ferrum

Brenda L. Rose—Pastoral Care Minister, CC Young Mem. Home (Smith Memorial)

Ralph K. Hawkins (PE)—Assoc Professor and Chair, Dept of Religion, Averett University

DIACONAL, DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER

Lynn Meeks (DM)—Rocky Mount UMC, Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Elizabeth "Lisa" Nichols (DC)—Exec. Dir./Church and Community Worker, Henry Fork Service Center (Redwood)

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Alexander B. Joyner (4)

ACCOMACK COUNTY

Accomack Cooperative Parish: William A.

Greer (3) FL

†**Drummondtown,** Metropolitan

Cashville Cluster: **Roland D. Major** (1) PL

Andrew Chapel, Leatherbury, Riverview

Adams-Bloxom Mission Cooperative Parish:

Gregory L. Duncan (3) PL

Adams, Bloxom Mission

Atlantic: Arum Kim (3) PL

Belle Haven-Bethel: Paul Donghwan Oh (4) PE

†**Belle Haven, Bethel**

Calvary: Barbara Justis (3) LM

Christ (Chincoteague): Joseph D. Carson (1)

Craddockville: Robert I. Kelly (6) FL

Grace (Parksley): C. Alan Layman (1)

Greenbackville: **Deborah C. Killough** (1) RL

Signpost, Union

Guilford: Hyeon Ho Lee (3)

Guilford, St. Thomas

Hallwood: James R. Maddox (6) RE

Market Street: J. Barton Weakley (4)

†**Melfa:** Glenda T. Turlington (7) RL

New Beginnings: **Fred O. Okello** (1) OF
New Hope: Barbara L. Parker (5) FL
 Evergreen, Harborton, **Mears Memorial**
Oak Hall: Bertina Westley (2) FL
 Assawoman, **Downings**
Ocean View: Sallye H. Bowen (13) RE
 †**Onley**: Charles W. Parks III (18) AM
Pittsville-Pocomoke-Wattsville: W. Maury
 Enright (4) RL
Pittsville, Pocomoke, Wattsville
Saint John's (Atlantic): Gary C. Miller (31) AM
Sanford-Saxis: William C. Jefferson (7) PL
Sanford, Saxis
Seaside: Curtis D. Lucy (2) FL
 †Painter-Garrisons, †**Smiths Chapel, Oak Grove**
 †Snead Memorial (Wachapreague): James S.
 Nock (12) PL
Swain Mem. (Tangier): John E. Flood Sr. (5) FL
Woodberry: E. Wayne Johnson (2) SY
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
Cape Charles-Capeville: **Linda H. Lowe** (1)
Capeville, Trinity
Cheriton Cooperative Parish: Janet C. Allen (4) FL
Cheriton, Travis Chapel
Epworth (Exmore): Mikang Kim (5)
Franktown: Judith G. Worthington (4)
 †Johnsons: Clarence W. Bowen Jr. (19) RE
New Mission: Harold E. White (13) FL
EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS
 Verónica Barrell—Executive Director, Una
 Familia (Market Street)
 Brenda Lee Laws (FD)—Case Manager, Intellectual
 Disabilities Services, ESCSB (New Beginnings)

ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: M. Wayne Snead (4)
CHESAPEAKE
Chesapeake Avenue: **Joseph McDaniel Jr.** (1) SY
Covenant: Franklin T. Jennings (17)
Deep Creek: Michael W. Plasters (5)
Good Hope: Mark E. Christian (21)
Great Bridge: Timothy P. Craig (5)
 Associate: Amanda S. Webber (4)
Hickory: Thomas L. Mercer Sr. (29)
Indiana: Forrest Benjamin Teague (2) SY
Jolliff: Waverly C. Smith III (14) FL
 Assistant to Pastor: James W. Jones (4) LM
 †**Messiah**: Robert G. Robinson (2)
Mount Pleasant: Robert M. Pihlcrantz (12) FL
New Creation: C. Randolph Duncan (3)
 Associate: Stephanie Kimec Parker (5)
Oak Grove: H. Frank Holley (6)
Oaklette: Timothy D. Hazlett (7)
Portlock: **Andrew H. Schwartz** (1) SY
Resurrection: Jesus N. De Los Santos (2) OE
Saint Paul's: **Sonja Frye Oliver** (1)
CURRITUCK COUNTY, NC
Knotts Island: Diana L. Johnson (6) PL
NORFOLK
 †**Aldersgate**: Lee J. Crosby (2) FL
Christ: Derrek P. Koolman (6)
Epworth: Luis E. Alderman (4)
Fairmount Park: Linda S. Young (7) PL
 First: Vickie R. Seibert (2)
 †**Ghent**: Melody P. Tanner (3)

Larchmont: Scott M. Rimer (11)
 Associate: Randall T. Timmerman (2) FL
Miles Memorial: David A. Goodpasture (2)
Norfolk: Sherry L. Daniels (12)
 Associate: Carolyn J. Graves (7) PL
Norview: W. Joseph Shepherd (15) RE
Saint John's: Christa M. Springstead (3) PE
Wesley Grace: **Scott A. Beck** (1)
PORTSMOUTH
 †**Broad Street**: Frederick C. Brockhausen III (3) FL
Centenary: John W. Cole II (4)
Community-St. Mark: R. Kirk Culpepper (16) FL
 Community, Saint Mark
Monumental: Megan J. Saucier (2)
Saint Andrew's: Jae Woo Park (4)
West End: Lynda D. Moore (6)
SUFFOLK
Beech Grove: Keith D. Moore (8)
Ebenezer: Won Gyu Lee (2)
Virginia Korean: **Kwon Hong Min** (1) PE
 English Pastor: Bonnie J. Whitehurst (4) SY
Wesley Chapel: Brandon T. Nichols (3) PE
VIRGINIA BEACH
Baylake: Clark D. Cundiff (3)
 Associate: Deborah S. Clark (11) FL
Bethel: Barbara J. St. Jean (4) PL
Charity: David Ryu (2) FL
Community: **Matthew Meisenhelter** (1)
 Associate: Brian T. Boettcher (3) FL
Courthouse Community: Elizabeth S.
 Anderson (2)
Foundry: **Sandra Benton Plasters** (1)
Francis Asbury: Edward S. Martin Jr. (9)
Haygood: Tammy L. Estep (4)
Heritage: Michelle D. Louk (2) PE
Lynnhaven: Ronald K. Morris (5)
 †**Memorial**: Larry J. Edmonds (4)
Nimmo: Brandon L. Gilmore (3)
Princess Anne Plaza-St. Luke's Co-op Par.
 David L. Cunningham (2)
Princess Anne Plaza, Saint Luke's
Saint Andrew's: Jeffrey A. Witt (2)
Salem: William L. McClung Jr. (5)
Sandbridge Community Chapel: **Mary**
Sullivan-Trent (1) PE
Tabernacle: Jack E. Davis (22)
Thalia: E. Joseph T. Varner (2) PE
The Gathering at Scott Memorial: Rachel M.
 Gilmore (2)
Virginia Beach: **Mark A. Miller** (1)
 Associate: **Matthew G. Potter** (1) FL
EXTENSION OTHER APPOINTMENTS
 Frank P. Decker—Vice-President, Member
 Care and Development, The Mission
 Society (GA) (Community, Portsmouth)
 James R. Driscoll—Operations and Mobili-
 zation Chaplain, Army Chief of Chaplains
 Office (Baylake)

Pamela J. Gable—On loan: Pastor, Mogadore
 UMC, E. Ohio Conference (Great Bridge)
 Anne West Kesner (PD)—Chaplain, The Chil-
 dren's Hospital of The King's Daughters
 (New Creation)
 Joel M. LeMon—Associate Prof. of Old Testa-
 ment, Candler School of Theology, Emory
 University (Ebenezer)
 Patricia S. Money—On loan: Jason Lee Memo-
 rial UMC, Blackfoot, Idaho, in the Oregon-
 Idaho Annual Conference (Haygood)
 Ignite: Brandon P. Robbins—Ignite Wesley
 Foundation at ODU
 Brent M. Seusy—Peninsula Pastoral Counsel-
 ing Center (Ebenezer)
 Gregory B. West—Chaplain, Virginia Wes-
 leyan College (The Gathering at Scott
 Memorial)
 Dirk Anthony Wooten (PE) —On loan: Grove
 Ave UMC, Johnstown, PA, Western Penn-
 sylvania Conference (TBD)
DIACONAL, DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER
 Laarni S. Bibay (DC)—Children Health Advo-
 cate/Medical Mission Project Coordinator,
 Tidewater Pediatrics, Portsmouth (Resur-
 rection)
 Haniel Garibay (HM)—Cross Cultural Com-
 mon Witness Coordinator, Methodist
 Federation for Social Action (Resurrection)
 Olma Eleanor Garibay Olay-May (DC)—Multi-
 Ministry Director, Resurrection UMC
 (Resurrection)
 Anselma "Emma" Samson (DC)—Coordinator
 for Leadership Development for Church
 and Community, Resurrection UMC (Res-
 urrection)

FARMVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Robert J. Parks Jr. (7)
AMELIA COUNTY
Amelia: Calvin "Callie" Walker (2) PL
 †**Tabernacle, Trinity**
Journey: Michael T. Davis (7) AM
North Amelia: Ashley B. Roth (2) PE
Epworth, Jetersville, †Salem
APPOMATTOX COUNTY
Memorial: Russell M. Cheatham (8)
Pamplin: Marsha L. Davis (2) FL
Centenary, Evergreen, †Pamplin, †Piney Rdg.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Brodnax: Co-Pastor, Paul A. Beighley (6) RE
 Co-Pastor: Pamela G. Pickard (4) PL
Bethany, †Brodnax
Lawrenceville: John R. Jones Sr. (6)
North Brunswick: Benjamin H. Taylor III (5.5) PL
Antioch, Lebanon
Prospect: Kenneth L. Thrasher (11) FL
South Brunswick: Randall S. Williams (3) FL
 †**Olive Branch, Rock**
West Brunswick: **Hyo Gyum "James" Kim**
 (1) OE
Bethel, Macedonia

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

Buckingham: Rebecca L. Trovalli-Cook (4) FL
Browns Chapel, *Hanes Chapel*, *Rocky Mt.*
Dillwyn: Billy E. Swan (11) FL
Bethel, †*Salem*, *White Hall*
James River: Paul D. Larrimore (2) SY
Arvon, *Centenary*, *Glenmore*
West Buckingham: George K. Schaefer (2) PL
Mt. Tabor, *Trinity*, *Woodland*

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte: Justin A. Hicks (3) FL
Charlotte C.H., *Hebron*, *Lebanon*, *Mt. Calvary*
Keysville: **Ohhwan “Freedman” Kim** (1) FL
Mt. Carmel-Phenix: Michael W. Teixeira (15) FL
Mt. Carmel, *Phenix*
New Hope-Southall Memorial: **Song**
“**Philip” Hong** (1) OE
New Hope, *Southall Memorial*

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Antioch: Richard L. Meiser Jr. (4)
Cumberland: Jerry E. Drinkard Jr. (3) PL
†*Hobsons Chapel*, †*Payne Memorial*
Oakwood: Giani Manieri (4) PE
Thomas Chapel: Richard L. Bucher (12) RL

HALIFAX COUNTY

Cherry Hill: Patricia L. Neilsen (5) RL
East Halifax: Kerry L. Halbert (4) OF
Clover, *Scottsburg*
Glenwood: **Betty D. Marshall** (1) RL
Glenwood, *Olive Branch*
Halifax-Union Cooperative Parish: **Kenneth**
T. Decker Jr. (1) FL
Halifax, *Union*

Main Street: S. Wayne Rickman (2)
†*McCanless Memorial*: Joe D. Trickey Jr. (5) PL
McKendree-Asbury: James F. Brown (4) FL
Asbury, *McKendree*
Mount Cana: A. Randolph Holmes (13) FL
†*Mount Laurel*: Don R. Pizeck (16)
†*Shady Grove*: Shayne V. Estes (3)
South Halifax: Bonnie G. Pizeck (7) PL
Cedar Grove, *Harmony*

LUNENBURG COUNTY

Kenbridge: Timothy A. Beck (10)
Lunenburg: **Eduardo A. Carrillo** (1) FL
Antioch, *Williams*
Plantersville: Ralph “Red” L. Moore (14) LM
Victoria: Joshua D. Munnikhuysen (2) FL

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

†*Boydton*: **Nona F. Allen** (1) FL
†*Centenary (Chase City)*: Larry A. Lehman (2) PL
Easters: **TBS**
Jamieson Memorial: John A. Bright (5)
LaCrosse: Jerry B. Malone (2) PL
Lakeland: Michael G. Day (9) FL
Kingswood, *Rehoboth*
North Mecklenburg: **Michael D. Blythe** (1) SY
Salem, *Shiloh*
Providence-Trinity: Jody R. Jessup (3) OR
Providence, *Trinity (South Hill)*
Rehoboth: Ralph “Red” L. Moore (5) LM
Sardis: Linda K. Betit-Buck (2) PL

South Hill: Brian D. Siegle (3)
Union Chapel: John E. Conner (5) RE
West Mecklenburg: Randal L. Baisey (11) PL
Ephesus, *Fields*, *Friendship*

Zion: Robert I. Ledbetter (2) LM

NOTTOWAY COUNTY

Burkeville: Lisa S. Meyers (4) FL
Bethel, *Wards Chapel*
Crenshaw: H. Celeste Heath (3)
†*Crewe*: Christina M.H. Perkins (4)
East Nottoway: J. Randall Kiel (4) PE
Butterwood, *Grace*, *Rocky Hill*
Nottoway: **Dan E. Walker** (1) RL
Bethel, *St. John’s*
Nottoway-Lunenburg: Michael A. Johnson
(5) FL
Laurel Hill, *St. Mark’s*, †*Thrifts Chapel*

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Farmville: Michael P. Kendall (5)
Min. of Youth: Lyndsie N.K. Blakely (6) FD
†*Meherrin*: Kyla M. Silver (2) SY
Prince Edward: **Evelyn L. Penn** (1) FL
Beulah, *Mt. Harmony*, †*Mt. Pleasant*
Prospect: **TBS**

Olive Branch, *Prospect*, *Smyrna*
EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS
Charles F. Baber Jr. (FD)—On loan: Associate
Pastor, Highland UMC, Raleigh, NC, North
Carolina Conference (Oakwood)
George H. Donigian—On loan: Pastor, New
Hope UMC, Anderson, SC, South Carolina
Conference (Jamieson Memorial)
Richard L. Meiser Jr.—Campus Minister/
Director, Wesley Foundation, Longwood
and Hampden-Sydney (Antioch)
Tasi B. Perkins—Student, Ph. D. Program,
Georgetown University
T. McKennon Shea—Major Gifts Officer,
Duke Divinity School (Farmville)

HARRISONBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Ernest T. ‘Tommy’
Herndon Jr. (8)

ANNEAUX COUNTY

Annex-Crimora: Gayle Thornberry (3) PE
†*Annex*, †*Crimora*
Bethany: John E. Lock (2)
Harrison-Mt. Bethel: I. Cameron Carte (3) PL
†*Harrison*, *Mt. Bethel*
Mount Pisgah: John Crawford III (13.5) RE
Congregational Care & Visitation: P. Mardy
Marston (7) LM

Mount Zion (Mt. Solon): A. Al Tuten (2) PL
†*New Hope*: Shin Woo Hong (2)
Parnassus: Victoria L. Barb (6) FL
Sangersville: Gary M. Monroe (7) PL
Verona: Robert J. Weeks (7)

Associate: Kevin D. McMullen (2) FL
Weyers Cave: Margaret M. Packard (8) FL

HARRISONBURG

Asbury: Stephen D. Hay (5)
Associate: Robert E. Talbott (9) FL

John Wesley: Faith E. Fuller (4) PL
†*Otterbein*: Adam L. Blagg (4)
RISE: Amanda Miller Garber (8)

PAGE COUNTY

Luray: Erich D. Bennett (7)
Page: Laura Whittle Stratton (5)
Shenandoah: **Jonathan J. Lamb** (1) PE
†*Christ*, †*Fields*
Shenandoah Circuit: Ellen H. Martin (9) PL
Grove Hill, †*Oak Grove*

Stanley: **Anne M. Sisson** (1) FL

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Blue Ridge: **Richard R. Robertson** (1) FL
Assistant: **Michael W. Miller** (1) SY
Furnace, *Hensley*, *Jolletts*, *Mt. Pleasant*
Bridgewater: Stephen R. Creech (2)
Associate: James A. Harris (8) RE
†*Clover Hill*: Edward S. Barnett (3)
Dayton: A. Bruce Carper (2)
Elkton: **Debra A. Powell** (1)
Evangelical: David F. Vaughan (5)
Associate: Sarah Bailey (4) PL
Fellowship-Linville-Edom: Marlene A.
Chandler (4) FL

Edom, *Fellowship*, *Linville*
First (Timberville): **C. Edward Pruitt** (1) RE
Fulks Run: Darin M. Buse (2) FL

Caplingers, *Mt. Carmel*, *Riverside*
Grottoes: Brian E. Posey (4) PE
Keezletown: T. Joel Robinette (6)
Massanutten: **Steven L. Bird** (1) RE
†*East Point*, †*Mt. Zion*, *St. Peter’s*, *Trinity*
McGaheysville: James R. Wingert (5)
Mount Clinton: **Kevin C. Poeckert** (1) FL
Mount Crawford: Russell L. Heinrich (6) FL
Mt. Crawford, *Mt. Sidney*
Mount Horeb: Isaac E. Harper (13) PL
Mount Tabor: Kay Barstow Gentry (4)
Mountain Valley-Cedar Grove: **Mary J. Lock** (1)
Assistant: **Janet L. Davis** (1) SY

Cedar Grove, *Mountain Valley*
Port Republic: James W. Joyner (4)
†*St. James (Pleasant Vly)*: Carrie L. Talbott (5) FL
St. Paul: **Sue H. MacTavish** (1) PL
Singers Glen: **Debra C. Cline** (1)
Cherry Grove, *Donovan Memorial*
Sunset Dr. (Broadway): E. Thomas Murphy
Jr. (2) RE

Vision of Hope: David M. Burch (12)

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

Christian Newcomer: Luther Edwin ‘Nip’
Crites Jr. (9) OE

Christian Newcomer, *Mt. Hebron*
Columbia Furnace-Union Forge: W. Glen
Early (3) AM

†*Columbia Furnace*, *Union Forge*
Edinburg: **Eugenie Finn-McKinzie** (1)

†*St. John’s*, *Wesley Chapel*
Fort Valley: John W. Senters (2) SY

†*Oak Level*, †*White Chapel*
Manor Memorial (New Market): **Bass M.**
Mitchell (1)

Mount Jackson: Darwin G. Edwards (2) PE
Mt. Jackson, Quicksburg
Mt. Olive-Shiloh: Kathleen W. Haynes (4)
 †**Mt. Olive**, Shiloh
Mount Pleasant: F. Darlene Wilkins (3) PE
 Assistant: Lisa Coffelt (3) LM
 †**Hawkins town, Mt. Clifton, Mt. Hermon,**
Otterbein Chapel
Shenandoah Valley: Alvin West (3) PL
Mt. Zion (Strasburg), Mt. Zion (Woodstock)
Strasburg: John B. Haynes Jr. (4)
Toms Brook: Stanley A. Thompson (3)
Woodstock: Robert N. Hoskins Jr. (5)
EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS
 Benjamin D. Burks—Executive Director,
 Virginia Baptist Homes (Asbury)
 Thomas W. Crosby—Executive Director,
 Camp Overlook (TBD)
 Julie Ann Haushalter—Director, Lavender
 Center for Education and Retreats (Vision
 of Hope)
 D. Brent Levy (PE)—On loan: Christ UMC
 (Chapel Hill), North Carolina Conference

JAMES RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Robin L. Colwell (5)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick: Ruth A. Collins-Dinger (6) RL
Edgerton, Pelhams, Pleasant Grove
Philadelphia: Brian Mallary (2) FL
Ebenezer, Matthews Chapel, Philadelphia

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Bermuda Hundred: Michael Dettmer (2)
Bethia: James H. Carey Jr. (20)
 †**Centenary**: Pennie M. Foy (5) PL
Chester: Sylvia S. Meadows (5)
 Associate: Patrick S. Pillow (3) FL
Ettrick: Bobby H. Lamb (8) RA
Hopewell: Mark D. Richardson (4)
Ivey Memorial: **Anita E. Mays** (1)
 †**Matoaca**: Richard S. Gordon (7)
Trinity: Teresa M. Keezel (7)
 †**Wesley Chapel**: Michelle E. Lindsey (8)
Woods: **Andrew Ware** (1) PE

COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Highland: **Joseph T. Carson III** (1)
 Associate: **Maggie Hasselbach** (1) FL
Wesley: L. Raymond McGarr (5)

DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Asbury: S. Karen Workman (11) FL
 †**Carson**: Joseph E. Hammond Jr. (8) AM
Crawford: James H. Fry III (2) SY
Kenwood: Mary K. Dadisman (5)
Lebanon: Steven E. McMillion (3)
Ocran: R. Lawrence House (9)
 †**Rocky Run**: Bryan L. Carper (2.5) PL
South Dinwiddie Hope: S. Ray Watson (3) PL
Mansons, Mount Olivet
Twin Grove: **Michael Tolbert** (1) FL
 †Oak Grove, Smiths Grove
West Dinwiddie: James G. O'Quinn (5)
Corinth, Trinity, †White Oak

EMPORIA

Main Street: Thomas E. Durrance (2)
Monumental: Rachel Plemmons (2) FL
GREENSVILLE COUNTY
Centenary (Jarratt): Richard C. Franklin Jr. (3) PL
Greensville: Joellen M. Simmons (5) PE
Independence, Mt. Pleasant

HOPEWELL

First: J. Christopher Andress (4)
Wesley: Jacob H. Sahms (2)

PETERSBURG

†Saint Mark's: Gerald L. Wicker (2) PE
 †Trinity: **Robin M. Jones** (1) PL
 Washington Street: Thomas F. Lester (2) PL
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

Prince George Cooperative Parish: Michael
 Baugham (3) FL
 Associate: **Deborah F. Baugham** (1) SY
 Blandford, **Gary's, Salem**

Prince George: Gilbert M. Elder (5) FL

†**Newville, Salem**

Sycamore: DeWayne A. Duncan (5)
 †**Trinity (Disputanta)**: Stephen P. King (4)

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

Boykins: **Kyle Bass** (1) SY
Boykins, Branchville, Persons
Capron: Julie A. Larch (2)
 Associate: David Everett (3) SY
Capron, Drewryville, Joyner, Vincents Grv
Courtland: Andrew H. Book (4)
Grace Memorial: **William H. Sloan** (1) PE

High Street: Nathan A. Decker (3)
Newsoms: **Mary Alice Colwell** (1) FL
Barnes, Newsoms

SUFFOLK

Magnolia: Michael W. Harrington (4) FL
Main Street: Myrtle F. Hatcher (7)
Oxford: **Rita Kantan** (1) RL
Providence: Garland K. Hines (8) RE
 †**Somerton**: James Bowers (3) OF
Whaleyville: John E. Meservey (5) PL

SUSSEX COUNTY

Fort Grove: **R. Shaun Smith** (1) PL
Rocky Hock-Ivor: Clifton D. Fritzinger (8) PL
Ivor, †Rocky Hock

Concord: Brian J. Simmons (5) PE
 †**Lebanon**: Donna B. Smith (3) PL
Sharon: James H. Harrison Jr. (3) FL
Wakefield: Glenn Riggs (2) FL
Waverly: Steven C. Snodgrass (3) FL

SURRY COUNTY

†**Claremont**: Melody A. Duncan (2) PL
Surry: Raymond G. Rowland (28)
 Carsley, Oak Grove, †Surry
EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS
 Delano Douglas (FL) – Director, Wesley Foun-
 dation, Virginia State University (Ettrick)
 J. Stanley Hargraves—Registrar, Union Pres-
 byterian Seminary (Chester)
 Anthony Hunley—Chaplain, U. S. Army, Fort
 Lee, Virginia (Indiana Conference)

Robin C.M. Jones (FL)—Director of the Spi-
 ritual Care Program, Jackson-Feild Homes
 (Salem)
 James G. O'Quinn—James River District Di-
 rector of Congregational Excellence (West
 Dinwiddie)
 Donna B. Smith (FL)—Chaplain, Greenville
 Correctional Center (Lebanon, Sussex)
 R. Shaun Smith (FL)—Dendron Mission Cen-
 ter Coordinator (Lebanon, Sussex)
 John D. White (FD)—Autism Teacher, Ches-
 terfield County Schools (Trinity/ Chester-
 field)

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Scott E. Davis (2)

AMHERST COUNTY

Amelon: Lawrence A. Erbin (4)
Emmanuel: Nancy Coleman Johnson (5) FL
Monroe-St. James: Joshua E. Dalton (2) PL
 Monroe, Saint James
Mt. Tabor-Smyrna: Joyce G. Austin (10) LM
Mt. Tabor, Smyrna

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Appomattox Circuit: Larry F. Mann (7) AM
Mt. Comfort, Trinity

Bethel: Janet C. Burton (6) SY

BEDFORD

Main Street: Richard H. Ecklund (4)
 Associate: William P. Greer (2) RL

BEDFORD COUNTY

Bellevue: **R. Kent Wise** (1)
Bethany, Oakland
 †**Bethesda**: Richard L. Barton (2)
Bethlehem (Moneta): David W. Lord (11)
Big Island-Cove: **Kevin D. Yarnell** (1) SY
 Big Island, **Cove**
Center Point-Salem: William R. Clark (6) PL
Center Point, †Salem
Court Street-Marsh Memorial: William Turner
 Burleigh (10) FL
Court Street, †Marsh Memorial
Ebenezer-Otterville: Mark A. Wilkerson (13) LM
 †**Ebenezer**, Otterville
Emmaus-Leesville: Edward F. Sheehan (5) FL
 †**Emmaus, Leesville**

Epworth (Thaxton): June C. Carpenter (2)
Forest: Susan W. Keen (2) PL
Kelly Circuit: Mark W. Tucker (2) PL

Mt. Zion, †New Hope
 †**Lebanon**: Steven D. Parker (8) RA
Mountain View: Steven L. Propst (9)
Otter: Jerry O. Viemeister (6) PL
Ephesus, Nicopolis

PATMOS: TBS

Peaksview: Russel K. Alden (2) PL
Hickory Grove, Wilsons
Shiloh: Charles E. Johnson (6) PL
 Union: **TBS**

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Bethany: Jennifer V. Moore (3) FL
Bethlehem (Concord): Daniel R. Dibble (8) PL
Bethlehem, Early's Chapel
Brookneal: **Willie B. Guill** (1) RE
Calvary: Michael W. Miller (9) PL
Huddleston-Mt. Horeb: **Jane L. Whitehead** (1) PL
Huddleston, Mt. Horeb
Indian Hill: James D. Stevens (4) ROF
Lane Memorial: Benjamin E. Horrocks (2)
†**Mt. Zion:** Kevin M. Holt (4) OF
Mead Memorial: **Keon Huh** (1) PE
Mount Hermon: Dawn Compton (3) FL
New Hope-Sharon: Richard A. Daily (3) RE
†**New Hope, Sharon**
Providence-Whites: George Jack Davis (4) FL
Providence, Whites
Rustburg: Sung Woon Yoo (6) PE
Salem: Charles E. Schooler (20) FL
Timberlake: Bradley A. McMullen (2)
Wesleybury: William A. Smith (6) SY
West Campbell: Marcia K. Huntsman (3)
Evington, Lambs
LYNCHBURG
Boonsboro: Amy Beth Coleman (2)
Centenary: R. Douglas Gunsalus (4)
Chestnut Hill: Elizabeth W. Ecklund (2)
Christ's Community Fellowship: **Yosep Nam** (1) SY
Fairview-New Bethel: Phillip C. Showers (11) FL
Fairview, New Bethel
Forest Road-Mt. Olivet: Mark Tinsley (2) SY
Forest Road, Mt. Olivet
†**Fort Hill:** Ronald A. Litten (2)
Minister of Music and Congregational
Care: Janet D. Hawkins (18) FD
Heritage: Paul S. Baker (2)
Associate: **Robert F. Michalides** (1) FL
Jackson Street: Reason A. Chandler (5) FL
Peakland: John N. Vest (5)
Tyreeanna-Salem: James W. Martin (18) RL
Salem, Tyreeanna
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY
Anderson Memorial (Gretna): Sharon L.
Forbes (4)
Fowler Memorial: Floyd A. Archie (4) FL
Bethany-Ebenezer, Mt. Airy
Hurt: Robert J. Thorne (6) RA
Mount Airy: Kyle D. Uselton (3) SY
Providence, Republican Grove, St. Andrew
New Bethel-Motley: M. Stephen Morris (2) FL
Motley, New Bethel
Payneton-Siloam: Harold E. Thornton (2) RE
Payneton, Siloam
Smith Mountain:
Mt. Zion: Rodney Newbill (2) SY
New Ridgeway: Ricky R. Scott (3) SY
†**Zion:** David P. Edinger (3) FL

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Ashley Abarca-Mitchell—On loan: Min. of
Comm. Outreach and Evangelism, Franklin
First UMC, Tennessee Conference (Main
Street, Bedford)
Dori Baker—Dir. of Spiritual Life/Chaplain,
Sweet Briar College, and Research Fellow,
Forum for Theological Exploration (Lane
Memorial)
Marc D. Brown—Director of Connectional
Ministries, Virginia Conference (Em-
manuel)
Ray A. Buchanan—Founder and Interna-
tional President, Stop Hunger Now, Inc.
(Bedford Circuit)

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Theodore Smith (7)

CAROLINE COUNTY

Bethel: Angela M. Kittrell (2) PL
Bowling Green: Jarvis Bailey (2) PL
Bowling Green, Shiloh
Caroline: Mark A. Lawrence (5) PL
Mt. Vernon, St. Paul's

Hopewell: Lou Woolner (10) PL
Rehoboth: Christopher Watson (3) FL
Wrights Chapel: Charles Tillapaugh (26)

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex-King & Queen: George M. Warner Sr. (3)
Lebanon, Providence, Trinity
Tappahannock Memorial: **Loretta A.**
Benninghove (1)

FAUQUIER COUNTY

Cedar Run: J. Stephen Little Jr. (7) FL
Trinity, Wesleyan
Grace (Hartwood): Brenda Lee Pusso (8)
Liberty: Barbara H. Jamieson (5) RL
Midland: Barbara H. Jamieson (5) RL
Morrisville: Elizabeth S. Glass (4)
Mount Horeb: Gayle D. Porias (8)
Remington: Walter W. Westbrook (6)

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg: Larry E. Davies (2)
Associate: Robert A. Almy (2)
Pastor of Congreg. Care: **Carole T. duBois**
(1) PL

Hillcrest: Justin L. Williams (8) FL

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY

Mizpah: Betty Jo Sims (12) PL
Shepherds: **Ellis H. Gayle** (1) PL

KING GEORGE COUNTY

Dahlgren: Thomas G. Lee Sr. (3)
†**Fletchers Chapel:** Michael B. Reaves (6)
Trinity: Susan M. Reaves (6)

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Epworth: Jonathan B. Baker (6) PL
†**McKendree:** **Betty Jo Sims** (1) PL

LANCASTER COUNTY

Asbury: Jack T. Bailey (4) PL

Bethel-Emmanuel: Tae Won Kang (2) OE
Bethel, Emmanuel

Irvington: A. Ray Massie (4) PL
Kilmarnock: Penny P. Cory (5)
White Stone: L. Bryan McClain (10)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bethany (Reedville): **Derek E. Tomek** (1) FL
Bluff Point: Jack T. Bailey (4) PL
Galilee: Carl L. Perez (3)
Heathsville: Rebecca L. Minor (7)
Henderson: Esther N. Agbosu (5) PE
Melrose: Kathy B. Gochenour (2)
Mila-Wicomico: Donna M. Blythe (10) PL
Mila, Wicomico

Northumberland: **John C. Wright** (1) FL

†**Afton, Fairfield's**

Rehoboth: Donna M. Blythe (6) PL

RICHMOND COUNTY

Richmond: Kenneth E. Hanson (3) FL

†**Calvary, Hopewell, †Oakland**

Warsaw: **Daniel Burch** (1) FL

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Eastland: Craig A. Muffley (7)
Peace: **Scott D. Hopkins** (1)
Shady Grove-Olivet: Hae Rin Lawson (6)
Olivet, †Shady Grove
Tabernacle: Barry R. Throckmorton (3)
Wilderness Community: **Karma Denise**
Walton (1) OE

Zion: Kimberly Barker-Brugman (3)

STAFFORD COUNTY

†**Andrew Chapel:** Thomas L. Swingle (3) PE
Antioch: **M. Mochel H. Morris** (1) RE
†**Ebenezer:** **Robert D. Lough** (1)

Associate: Mark Montgomery (3)

Falmouth: Robin BeMiller (4) PL

New Hope: Teresa S. Smith (8)

Regester Chapel: Sung Il Yoo (5)

Saint Matthias: Patsy B. Tony (6)

Salem: Robin BeMiller (4) PL

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Kevin F. Elmore (3) FL
Carmel-Coles Point: Robert W. Gochenour (2)
Carmel, Coles Point
Colonial Beach: **Stephen Kwang-Hoon Lee** (1)
Edgewater: Jon B. Davis (5) PL
Ebenezer: Rebecca L. Rumburg (5)
Grace (Oak Grove): Jesse C. Blythe (3) PL
Montross: Penny G. Rasnake (2) PL

Lebanon, Providence

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Gerald C. Headley III—Chaplain, Charles
County Hospice and Student, Doctor of
Ministry Program, Wesley Theological
Seminary

Emily Moore-Diamond—CPE, Mary Washing-
ton Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA

Gayle D. Porias—Dir. of Heartwood Minis-
tries (Mount Horeb)

Caitlin Proctor (PD)—Director of Children's
Ministries, Jarvis Memorial UMC, Green-
ville NC

Teresa Signer Smith—Director, New Pathways Ministries (New Hope)
DIACONAL, DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER
 Susan Lewandowski (DC)—GED Instructor, Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (Fredericksburg)

RICHMOND DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Peter M. Moon (3)

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Asbury Memorial: R. Jason Elmore (2) PL

Beulah: **Donald D. Gibson** (1)

Associate: Martha C. Ringenbach (2) PE

Bon Air: N. Burton Brooks Jr. (3)

Associate: Jennifer L. Day (4)

Brandermill: Jim C. Dunkin (2) MOD

Associate: **Terry Kwanghyun Eum** (1) FL

Mount Pisgah: Robert E. Cooper (6)

Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Min.: Amy L. Crisp (2) FD

New Life: Michael T. Maxwell (10)

Providence: Derrick Parson (3)

Saint Luke's: Lisa K. Sykes (7)

Saint Mark's: Francis T. Cooper (3)

Sherbourne: Pamela H. Culler (12) PL

Woodlake: Gordon K. Pruitt (3)

Associate: Mark A. Roscoe (2) FL

Associate: **Marie E. Misiaszek** (1) FL

GOOCHLAND COUNTY

Bethel: John R. Hall Sr. (20.5) AM

†**Corinth:** Robert L. Jennings (3) PL

St. Matthew's: **Michael L. Whaley** (1)

HANOVER COUNTY

Duncan Memorial: **Dorothy McNeer**

O'Quinn (1)

Associate: **Joshua A. McCauley** (1) FL

Dunns Chapel: William R. Freeman (6) RE

†**Enon:** ReNe'e R. Teague (4)

Forest Grove: Linda E.F. Crabbs (5)

Kenwood: Daniel Kim (3) PE

†**Lebanon:** R. Spencer Broce (13)

Mechanicsville: Kerry D. Boggs (18)

Mount Hermon: Keith A. Lauer (9) PL

New Song: Chad M. Herndon (10)

Dir. of Discipleship: Cynthia A. Lee (2) FD

Prospect: **Sheldon F. "Mac" McLeod** (1) SY

Saint Peter's: Debra Ruth Lucas (9)

Shady Grove: John J. Kelchner Jr. (8)

Associate: Sandra Bottoms (3)

Deacon of Youth & Young Adult Min:

Jessica Hargrove (2) FD

Shiloh: Sarah G. Sealand (4)

West Hanover: Claudia H. Stallings (15)

†**Beaverdam, Rouzies Chapel**

HENRICO COUNTY

†**Brookland:** **Richard "Dickie" Coffey** (1) PL

†**Chamberlayne Heights:** Linda Driver Ray (4)

Christ: Karen B. Hittel (4)

†**Corinth:** W. Joseph Winfree (5)

Discovery: **J. Adam Sowder** (1)

Fairmount: **Mi Sook Ahn** (1) FL

Good Shepherd: Steven J. Summers (5)
 Min. of Discipleship and Communications:

Lisa M. McGehee (8) FD

Greenwood-Laurel Park: Barbara D. Lewis (6) FL

Greenwood, Laurel Park

Highland Springs: Douglas E. Crockett (7) OE

Lakeside: **Mark V. Rooks** (1)

Laurel Hill: Norman L. Ramsey III (7)

River Road: Darcey G. Johnson (3)

Saint Andrew's: Erin Reibel (2) PE

Shady Grove: **Christina R. McLain** (1)

Associate: Anne B. 'Beanie' Kelley (3) FL

Skipwith: T. Todd Smith (2)

Trinity: Larry E. Lenow (5)

Associate: Andrew B. Willson (2)

Minister of Discipleship: Judith Clegg

Oguich (18) FD

Welborne: F. Elizabeth Givens (6)

Willis: **Arthur D. "Art" Thomas** (1) OR

†**Worship and Praise:** Timothy J. Kirven (7) FL

LOUISA COUNTY

Sum Spring: Lauren E. Lobenhofer (4)

NEW KENT COUNTY

Providence: William H. John Jr. (4)

POWHATAN COUNTY

Powhatan: John T. Hemming (6)

RICHMOND

†**Asbury (Church Hill):** Marilyn A. Heckstall (13)

Belmont: Larry J. Cochran (7)

Associate: Julio Serrano-Perez (5) PL

Boulevard: Rachel G. May (6)

Calvary: J. Robert Berghuis (2)

Centenary: Matthew D. Bates Jr. (7)

Central: **Amy Wolz Johnson** (1)

†**Emmaus at Stratford Hills:** Chul Ki Kim (5)

Ginter Park: Dennis C.M. Lipke (6) RE

Huguenot: Gay B. Hall (2) RE

Ramsey Memorial: Deborah Ann Koontz (5)

Associate: Norma E. Aguilar (11) PL

Reveille: J. Douglas Forrester (4)

Associate: Stephen A. Coleman (8) FL

Dir. of Adult Discipleship: Kelley Lane (4) FD

†**Walmsley Boulevard:** Denise B. Watkins (5) FL

Wesley Memorial: Rodney M. Hunter (32) RE

Westhampton: Christina Haga Turner (9)

Westover Hills: Donna C. Holder (8)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Caitlyn Fox Bailey (PE)—Chaplain, VCU

Health Systems (Westover Hills)

Lindsey Baynham—Associate Director,

Center for Clergy Excellence, Virginia

Conference (Boulevard)

Christopher M. Bennett—Associate Facilitator

and Consultant, The Spark Mill (St.

Matthew's)

Florence F. Brooks—Chaplain, The Hermitage

at Cedarfield (Bon Air)

David E. Carl Jr.—Ex. Dir. of Spiritual Care &

Education, Carolinas Health Care System,

Charlotte, NC and On loan: Pastor, Big

Spring UMC, WNC Conference (River

Road)

Katie B. Anthony Gooch—Director, Pace

Center at VCU (Centenary)

Kendra D. Grimes—Chaplain, Randolph-Ma-

con College

Allen E. Gunther Jr.—Battalion Command

Chaplain, US Army (Skipwith)

Lynda W. Harding (FD)—Chaplain, Hospice

of Virginia (New Song)

M. Jan Holton—Integrated Refugee and

Immigrant Services (TBD)

Virginia A. Lee (FD)—Associate Professor of

Christian Education and Dir. of Deacon

Studies, Garrett-Evangelical Seminary

(Reveille)

Meredith L. McNabb—Director, Center for

Clergy Excellence, Virginia Conference

(Boulevard)

Teresa McRoberts, Executive Director, Jubilee

Ministries (Trinity)

Mark V. Ogren—Dir. of Congregational

Excellence, Virginia Conference (Duncan

Memorial)

Nancy Robinson (FD)—Southeastern Jurisdic-

tion Mission Advocate (Lakeside)

Crystal Sygeel, Director of Hospitality Minis-

tries, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Good

Shepherd)

Kathryn F. Talley—Senior Development

Officer, Community Housing Partners

(Skipwith)

Joseph Torrence (FD)—Chaplain, St. Christo-

pher's School (St. Matthew's)

Dorothee Tripodi—Assoc. Dir. of Supervised

Ministry and Vocational Planning, Union

Presbyterian Seminary (Westover Hills)

DIACONAL, DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER

Diane W. Hassell (DC)—Outreach Ministres

(Mount Pisgah)

ROANOKE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Kathleen Overby

Webster (5)

BEDFORD COUNTY

†**Mays Memorial:** Melanie D. Franklin (2) PL

†**Parrish Chapel:** Troy M. White (14) RL

†**Three Oaks Fellowship:** **Clyde M.**

DeLoach (1) RE

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Morris A. Bennett (12) RE

Buchanan: W. Douglas Mitchell (5) FL

Lithia, Trinity

Eagle Rock: W. Raysor Sandifer (15) RL

Bethel, Eagle Rock, †Glen Wilton, Shiloh

†**Ebenezer:** Melanie D. Franklin (2) PL

†**Fincastle:** Jae-Haeng Choi (4)

†**Saint Mark's:** **Justin S. White** (1)

CRAIG COUNTY

Foothills: Rodney Longmire (4) SY

Hebron, **Mt. Pleasant, Pierce Chapel**

New Castle: **Charles R. Stacy** (1)

Bethel, New Castle

FLOYD COUNTY

Floyd Parish: Darren E. Landon (10) FL

Copper Hill, Havens Chpl, Huffville, Stonewall

FRANKLIN COUNTY

†**Boones Mill:** James R. Rodden (2)

Mount Olivet: Connie Ray Lee Sr. (35) RL

GILES COUNTY

Newport-Mt. Olivet: Morris V. Fleischer (10) FL

Pembroke: Laney S. Spigener Jr. (3)

First, Mt. Lebanon

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Asbury (Christiansbg): Kathy Carpenter (2) SY

Belview: **Walter L. Pierce Jr.** (1) SY

†**Blacksburg:** **Ralph W. Rowley** (1)

Associate: **Jennifer L. Fletcher** (1)

Associate: Kelly A. Shushok (2) FL

Min. of Music: Leigh Anne Taylor (17) FD

Calvary (Christiansbg): Sebert W. Rorrer (16) RE

Crockett Springs: Milton E. Marks (3) RE

†**Fieldstone:** Jonathan J. Page (4)

Goodwin Mem.: **Charles W. DeHart** (1) RLOC

Halls: Brenda Sternfeld (4) PL

Lafayette: Jeane D. Dunkum (2) RE

Mt. Elbert: **Daniel Purdom** (1) PL

Mt. Tabor: Kenneth D. Farrar (8) PL

Park: Patricia A. Jones (4) RE

Prices Fork: Michael Hill (4) SY

†**St. Paul (Christiansbg):** Moonsup Paul Song (3)

Trinity (Christiansbg): Russell Shepherd (6) PL

Wesley Memorial: **Robert S. Baldwin** (1) ROF

White Memorial: Herbert C. Williams Jr. (10)

ROANOKE

Fairview: Donald W. Baldwin (9) FL

Grace: Christopher E. Yopp (2) SY

Greene Memorial: Gary E. Heaton (5)

Huntington Court: Jeffrey D. Wilson (8)

†**Raleigh Court:** Seungsoo Jun (3)

†**Saint Paul:** Lyle E. Morton (2)

†**South Roanoke:** Michael D. Copeland (2)

Southview: Warren R. Carswell (2)

Trinity: William C. Logan (14) RE

West End: Lyle E. Morton (2)

†**Windsor Hills:** Douglas B. Paysour (3)

Woodlawn: John B. Snyder (4)

ROANOKE COUNTY

Bonsack: J. Randall McMillen (2)

Catawba Circuit: Scott Robertson-Gouge (2) OR

Catawba, †McDonalds Mill, †Shiloh

†**Cave Spring:** Denise P. Bates (3)

Associate: Joanna M. Paysour (6)

Lawrence Memorial: Terry A. Ross (7.5) PL

Locust Grove: Benjamin F. Lockhart Jr. (9) PL

†**Mount Pleasant:** Robert G. Stutes (5) OE

Northview: **Douglas R. Sasser Jr.** (1)

†**Rockingham Ct:** Seung Hae Yoo-Hess (3) PE

†**Thrasher Memorial:** Walter B. Failes Jr. (7)

Associate: **Jesse M. Moffitt** (1) FL

SALEM

Calvary (Salem): Jason L. Bryant (3) FL

Central: Bryan K. Buckles (3)

†**First:** **Alan T. Combs** (1)

Associate: Jeffrey L. Dorsey (21)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

M. Lynne Alley-Grant—Ministry Coach,

Epicenter Group (Fieldstone)

Carroll Clifton Carter (RE)—On loan: Moriah-

Holmes Grove, WNC

Stephen Darr—Campus Ministry Dir., Com-

munity College Ministries (Blacksburg)

Bret-Ashton G. Gresham—Director/Campus

Minister, Wesley Foundation at VA Tech

(Blacksburg)

Jeffrey C. Pugh—Professor of Religious Stud-

ies, Elon (South Roanoke)

STAUNTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: David J. Rochford III (5)

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Alleghany: Shannon Cox (5) SY

Callaghan: Nancy Palmer (2) FL

Fletcher Chapel, Hoke Chapel

Epworth: Nathan R. Colwell (3) FL

Iron Gate: William D. Bearden (3) FL

†**Iron Gate, Longdale, Walton Mem.**

Mountain Valley: H. Ray Tucker (3) RL

Mt. Pleasant-S. Covington: **Yun Goo Kang** (1) OE

Mt. Pleasant, †South Covington

Potts Valley: David C. Brown (16) FL

Humphrey's, Persinger Mem., Pinnell

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Bethlehem-Jollivue: **Sarah Payne** (1) FL

Bethlehem, Jollivue

Calvary: Charles F. Reynolds (3)

Associate: Nancy M. Vaughan (4) FL

Churchville Cooperative Parish: Lester W.

Kennedy (3) FL

Glossbrenner, Saint James

Fishersville: Charles F. Bates (3)

Greenville: Kevin W. Haynes (14)

Lyndhurst-Oak Hill: Vivian Utz (2) FL

Lyndhurst, Oak Hill

McKinley: Donald L. Long (18) RE

Mint Spring: **Ryan Oswald** (1) PE

St. Paul's-Goshen: Mary Pysell (4) SY

Goshen, St. Paul's (Craigsville)

Shenandoah: Reginald A. Early (3) RL

Asbury, Community, Lawson, Randolph Street

Sherando: **Greg Kropff** (1) PL

West Augusta: David Coffey (2) PL

BATH COUNTY

Bath: Lorrie Aikens (6) FL

†**Burnsville, Eden, Starr-Bolar, Va. Chapel**

Hot Springs: Genevieve Bowles (2) PE

Ashwood, Emory

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Mount Olivet: Doris T. Hedrick (6) PL

BUENA VISTA

Saint John's: **Louis Caddell** (1) OR

People United in Christ: Danta Thompson (4) SY

CLIFTON FORGE

Central: J. Lynn Wright (4) FL

COVINGTON

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EVENTS



July

Candidacy Summit

Jul. 7-8, Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond

The Candidacy Summit is a 24-hour event for anyone (18 or older and out of high school) who is interested in learning more about pursuing ministry leadership in the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church (VAUMC). (There are separate events for high school students who are interested in pursuing ministry leadership.) The purpose of the Candidacy Summit is to provide opportunities for vocational discernment, connection with others who are exploring God's call in their lives and deeper understanding about the VAUMC journey toward certified, licensed and ordained ministry. For more information on this event, please visit the Candidacy Summit webpage at www.vaumc.org/CandidacySummit. For more information, contact ClergyExcellence@vaumc.org or 804-521-1126.

Mission Encounter

Jul. 28-29, Bon Air UMC, Chesterfield

Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board (formerly the Board of Global Ministry) and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

This event offers a wonderful opportunity for your whole congregation to come alive to mission by participating in an exciting weekend mission education experience. There are classes for adults where men, women, clergy and laity alike come to learn and be involved in mission groups by choosing one class out of three choices — a spiritual growth study, geographical study or social issue.

This year from Jul. 28-29, the classes offered will be *Climate Justice*, *Living as a Covenant Community* and *The Missionary Conference of The UMC in the United States (Red Bird, Oklahoma and Alaska)*. Contact Gail Sutcliffe with questions at 703-490-3381.

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◀ The **2017 Spiritual Life Retreat** sponsored by the Virginia United Methodist Women (UMW) was held Apr. 28-29 at The 4-H Educational Center at Front Royal, Va. Keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. J. Denise Honeycutt challenged participants to consider the spirituality of their relationship with God, self, others, groups and nature. After each group session with the keynote, participants met in small groups for discussion and contemplation. The beautiful setting in the mountains was the perfect backdrop for further journaling, prayer and communion with nature during "free time." More than a dozen women were "first-timers" at the event. Mary Wright, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, organized the event which is held each spring. The Virginia UMW are currently planning their next annual



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event, Mission Encounter, in partnership with Global Ministries. In this photo, Richmond District attendees got a photo-op with Honeycutt.

► The **UMW of Chestnut Memorial UMC, York River District**, decorated boxes in support of the 2017 campaign "Let's Box 'Em Up!" to raise awareness about human trafficking. Boxes symbolize to box up "those who hurt and harm," "the criminal traffickers" and "laws that criminalize the victims." Stacking boxes symbolize United Methodist Women intercepting the traffickers who bind the vulnerable within boxes of imprisonment with the boxes also embodying the church's commitment to be in communion with survivors of trafficking.

▼ **Bethany United Methodist Church in Forest** celebrated Easter with about 25 children enjoying games, refreshments and a traditional



egg hunt. A highlight of the day was presenting to Nancy Strachan, founder of Bedford's Rwandan Hugs, the money donated to the Lenten mission project. Since 2011, the children at Bethany have enabled Rwandan Hugs to purchase 164 goats, 65 pigs, 267 chickens and 208 rabbits for the families in Rwanda, an African country ravaged by genocide in the 1990s. This year the young people collected

money to buy an additional 280 rabbits, bringing their total contributions to this mission project to over \$18,800. Bethany is proud to be a sponsor of Rwandan Hugs and to be able to help the families in Rwanda. Pictured with the children is Nancy Strachan, founder of Rwandan Hugs, and the Rev. Tom Thomas, pastor of Bethany and Oakland United Methodist Churches. 🍷



Redefining



Church

the Church
exists by
mission
just as a
fire exists
by burning
where
there is
no mission
there is no
Church.

Emil Brunner

It is no surprise in our current society that churches are struggling to relate to a younger demographic. As well we know it's harder for churches used to a time of high attendance to seek out new opportunities in their communities or relate to people with little to no church experience. Just like other churches in the United Methodist denomination and churches around the world, local churches in Virginia are working either individually or collectively to redefine what church can be and mean to a generation who may have little to no experience with it.

In the Virginia Conference, a redefinition of the idea of church can be seen in the *How to Reach New People* program and a new movement from Europe, *Fresh Expressions*.

The word "church" is rooted in the Old Testament and is Hebrew meaning "the assembly of God's people." In The New Testament, the Greek word "ekklesia" is translated into English to mean "called out ones" which we then define as church. Read on to learn how this word continues to be redefined.

Question:

In your own church and community, how do you see the culture changing? And what responses seem to connect with persons who are clearly outside the church?



"Fresh Expressions is an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society."
(freshexpressionsus.org)

Currently, Fresh Expressions is just in the pilot program stage in the Virginia Conference, but the initiative has created solid traction in Europe where, according to the Rev. Mark Ogren, conference director of Congregational Excellence, the church is about 30 years ahead of the U.S. denomination in terms of membership declines. Because of this fact, many have eagerly turned to see what those are doing in Europe to reverse the trend.

A fresh expression is defined as a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. It may also be an inexpensive, creative way to reach people who may never come to your church.

Ogren said that the program is about having a third place in which to meet people. "The focus is not about bringing people to your church but about going to where they are."

In *From the Steeple to the Street*, author Travis Collins

queries, "What is a church?"

This is an important question raised by the Fresh Expressions movement. Some within this movement argue that "the church" as we traditionally know it is actually found in the relationships, and those relationships define "the church" rather than the building, the functions or the activities.

In Fresh Expressions, relationships come in four forms: up, in, out and of.

Up: Worship of God and participation in Trinitarian community

In: Discipleship and Fellowship in community

Out: Service to world through mission, ministry and evangelism

Of: Identifying with and participating with universal body of believers

As Collins says, "[This is] a reminder that mission is not something that we do as a nice add-on. Church finds its very reason for being in the mission of God."

Collins says fresh expressions of church are so important because they "help engage the truly unchurched, who make up a growing percentage of the North American population." 🍷



Messy Church

Messy Church, an offshoot of Fresh Expressions, has been taking place at Crossroads Mission Center in Fredericksburg since June 2016. Evelyn Penn who is appointed there said there was concern in the district that church worship was dropping off and new ways were needed to reach people to teach them about God's love. The purpose of the program is to bring families together to experience God's love in a non-traditional "church" surrounding.

The families of Messy Church meet once a month for two hours on the first Wednesday of each month. The structure of the night begins with a group blessing, a buffet-style dinner, clean up and time for crafts and Scripture-oriented activities.

Next they have "celebration time" with Holy Communion. As families leave for the evening, to-go boxes of food left over from dinner are available to take home.

A mission-minded group from Bethel UMC in Caroline County, Va., who has been doing Messy Church for three years was the inspiration for Crossroads.


"Crossroads Mission Center was born out of this group as a mission-focused ministry. With the district office funding a part-time pastor and paying the rent on a storefront, Crossroads Mission Center was born," said Penn.

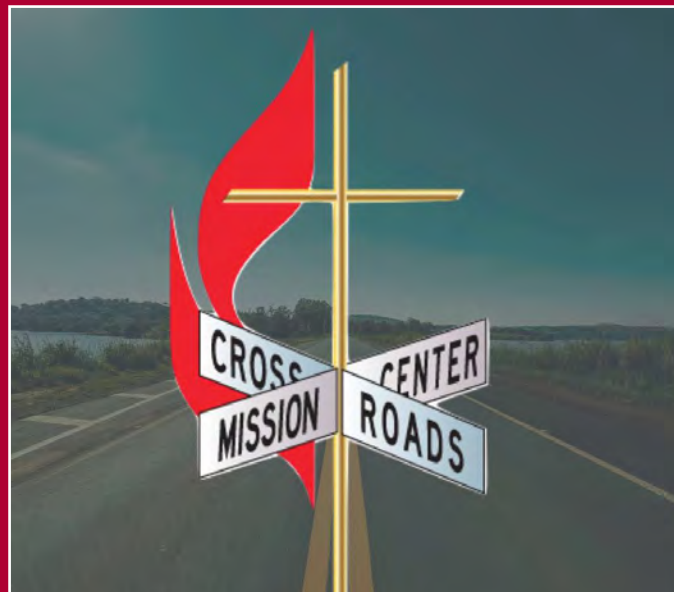
Penn said that she hopes to see their "storefront" used more for community activities such as movie nights.

"Being open to suggestions about uses for our building and our volunteers is the foremost thought in our minds. King William County falls into a gap area and outside of the area served by many of the larger community-minded organizations like United Way," Penn said. "With the partnerships we are forming, Crossroads Mission Center hopes to bridge that gap and help the families in the area. We do not want to take away from anything currently going on in any church, rather find a way to coordinate efforts to help the community."

Penn said the Messy Church team in the U.K. produces a newsletter every four months with a template for the upcoming months. This template includes Scripture, activities and crafts surrounding the Scripture, and suggestions for skits, which the Crossroads team adapts for their families.

It is all about knowing who their community is, Penn said, and planning their once-a-month get-together around what they know will resonate with their families.

"Do we ever have a bust of an activity? Sure, but that is how we learn what our families enjoy doing," Penn said. 



Crossroads Mission Center summer mission is to provide food for children who may be lacking in that necessity. There are many children in the King William County and West Point City schools that are on the federal free-reduced meal program during the school year. This program makes breakfast and lunch available to them when school is in session. When school is out for the summer, there is no guarantee of meals for them.

Crossroads is working with other churches and organizations to pack six days of food each week for those children. Parents must complete a registration form with the names and ages of each child, and then tell them if they prefer to pick the food up on Saturday at Crossroads Mission Center, or have the food delivered to their home.

Each child on the list will receive six days of child friendly meals (six breakfast-type foods, six lunches, six drinks and six snacks.) This will take place each Saturday from Jun. 24 through Aug. 26.

Crossroads is currently accepting donations of specific food items or monetary donations with which the food can be purchased. It is a huge undertaking, but they are committed to helping the children have food during the summer, and to help the parents at the same time.

They are also encouraging local farmers and families with gardens to donate fresh vegetables to this worthwhile program during the summer. Visit Crossroads Mission Center at <http://www.crossroadsmissoncenter.org/site/cs/Index.asp> for more information.

How to Reach New People

The pilot program of "How to Reach New People" began in 2011. The Rev. Mark Ogren, conference director of Congregational Excellence, says this program is about "trying to have a culture of an invitational church."

At these workshops, church teams learned how to reconnect with their mission field, how to get more members, why old ways to increase growth were no longer working, why most pastors want to reach new people but aren't successful and what new people look for when selecting a church.

"I learned that if we don't do something to change the way we recruit people to come to church, many churches will close their doors in the next 10-15 years."

These issues all sprung from one problem: church vitality. So far, the Virginia Conference, in conjunction with the districts, has coached over 300 churches in the conference.

For the Rev. Laetitia Schoeman, pastor of Fairview-Refuge UMC in Stephens City, this program was necessary to get new ideas to reach people outside of the church's walls. Schoeman attended a December 2016 session with four other members from her church, and the experience was worthwhile especially because costs for the coach were shared by the conference, district and church. Schoeman said she was hoping to learn how to emphasize to her church that old ways of increasing membership would no longer work.

"In the 50s, you could still wait for people to come to church. It was what everyone did on a Sunday," said Schoeman. "After giving the statistics of how few people still go to church in Virginia — which is about 17 percent — most people were shocked and realized we had to give these new ideas a try."



Rev. Laetitia Schoeman visited the Stephens City firehouse to reach out to a new group of people.

Schoeman said she also learned realities of not changing how church is run. "I learned that if we don't do something to change the way we recruit people to come to church, many churches will close their doors in the next 10-15 years."

Following the experience, Schoeman organized a Bible study on Thursday mornings. It was held at a local restaurant. When 25 people showed up, the venue had to change back to the church. Schoeman called it a "wonderful problem to have." From this group, three new small groups have formed. The announcement of the Bible study in the community also attracted new participants.

Schoeman also contacted the local firehouse to see if she could come to their monthly meeting to introduce herself and the church to them. She offered assistance to whatever needs they may have and also to the community. The following Sunday, four people from the firehouse came to the church and are now regular members.

She now opens the Little League season with prayer, and the church reaches out to new people who have moved into the community, providing homemade banana bread and church calendars that provide church service times and programs. She also holds one-on-one meetings in the community at Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts.

The ideas Schoeman has implemented because of the

program have resulted in more people coming to church.

"Our tithing is up, and we will be having a new membership service on Labor Day Sunday with the prospect of many new members joining."

The program has also instilled a new excitement within the congregation to "reach new people" and a new realization of their role not as volunteers but as servants of God.

"They realize that church is not about the building but about going outside and making disciples."

It has also inspired a new energy within Schoeman's ministry.

"I know that all is not lost in the UMC and that we can change the declining membership one church at a time."

The program has also changed how Schoeman and her church view the ideal of traditional church.

"We at Fairview-Refuge UMC are now much more focused on ministry outside of the church. We want to be there for our community," said Schoeman. "We still do our traditional things but add some things to it so that people from outside will also be included."

Schoeman said the church maintains regular phone conferences with their coach to stay up to date with their progress. They are currently planning a retreat in the fall to reassess their progress.

"We are still trying to find new places and people to introduce ourselves to. We try to step out of our comfort zones and do things differently."

Schoeman commented that the experience has not only grown their congregation physically, but more importantly, spiritually.

Reaching new people of Stephens City UMC

+ The Rev. Laetitia Schoeman's husband, the Rev. Robert Schoeman, pastor of Stephens City UMC, also participated in the program in order to learn new and creative ways to get connected with their local community next to the church.

"I love creating new avenues of doing ministry and mission through my church," he said. "I have been involved in creating new visions, core values and goals at all my previous appointments but always struggled to get everyone excited and synergized to drive the core values through new goals in ministry in the community and beyond."

Schoeman emphasized that church growth can only happen when we reach new people in creating new and

creative avenues for vital and transformative ministry and mission.

"Reaching new people starts with a vision, a mission and core values to drive the mission. Most critically it is for the entire church to take ownership of this new initiative in speaking to the needs in our local community."

The church has formed "Teens Talk" to create a place for young families and their teens to discuss their struggles in school and in life and to be connected to a caring, faith-based community. These conversations are a joint initiative between the community and church where experienced health professionals facilitate the forums.

The church also held a community Blessing of the Animals in a nearby public park last fall to share God's care for animals to the community.

The church's evangelism team has also been involved in fixing homes next to the church and assisting its residents with necessary resources. The youth team and adult mission team will be doing the same this summer.

The effect of the program, Schoeman said, has been transformative in new professions of faith, confirmations, baptisms, synergy among churchgoers, their connection in the community and newly-formed relationships with the needy in their community. It's all about forming one relationship at a time.

"God is doing a new thing in and around our church. My connection outside the church is more intentional. Our sanctuary is the door where people struggle to survive and yearn for love, belonging and grace. The church is coming to understand the meaning of becoming friends with the community and sharing their burdens," said Schoeman. 🍷



Rev. Laetitia Schoeman
and her husband, the Rev.
Robert Schoeman, pastor of
Stephens City UMC.

Creativity in Worship Design

by Nancy D. Whitfield

Why heart has always longed for a deeper worship experience than I have found in many churches. While some people thrive in an environment of the expected, represented by repetition, routine and rote, I, on the other hand, desire an ever-changing environment of worship that is responsive to the needs of the people and offers a dynamic opportunity to encounter the Living God. As I shared in the November issue of the *Advocate*, I have had the distinct privilege of helping to design unique worship offerings in churches that were ready to experience a paradigm shift. For me, each experience becomes a catalyst to the next, fueling creative thoughts toward new ways to invite God's people into more profound relationship with Him.

These experiences have included all kinds of interactive and sensory-rich activities, including everything from driving nails into wood blocks during the recounting of the Passion story to tying orange strings on each other's wrists as a symbol of unity in our Christian community. The experience of writing prayers to God on a mirror with our reflection shining through as we see God's creation interposed on the prayers we write was revealing in amazing ways. The list could go on and on of the moving experiences I have been a part of or witnessed in creatively-designed worship.



There are some people who eagerly seek the creative process and others for whom it is not such a comfortable place to be. It can be scary to create something new, especially since creativity requires engagement with the unknown. Who knows what the end result will look like? Who knows whether people will like or accept what we create? Wading into the creative deep end requires courage, skill and dedication. My experience is that it is easier to find creative worship alternatives when the seeking is done with others in a community of faith and trust.

Having spent several years experiencing an incredible journey across the creative ocean of possibilities for designing worship, there are a few lessons and observations God has revealed to me. These are summarized below, captioned by a few short descriptive words: anything, time, consciousness, relationship, courage and culture.

Anything:

First, healthy creative processes often begin with the assumption that nothing is “off the table” so to speak. Exploration without judgment paves the way for us to really consider out-of-the-box thinking. I have found that the current “real world” experiences of the congregation are highly informative. They can point us toward topics and content that help the church be responsive and well-attuned to offering worship experiences that minister to the congregation's present needs. The church has a unique opportunity to equip people to live in the real, messy and sometimes chaotic world. God is the ultimate Creator of all, and I believe we are the beneficiaries of God's creativity when we seek new ideas through God.

Time:

Designing unique worship experiences takes time. If we want to offer truly responsive and relevant opportunities in worship, it takes time to brainstorm, order supplies, find necessary materials, develop creative presentation approaches and plan music, for example. When worship services are intended to be different, whether weekly or for a special service, the cookie cutter approach no longer works. Every offering is fresh and new and requires a fresh set of eyes and ideas.

Consciousness:

Being conscious of everything that shows up in the creative team's lives can be a great asset toward sparking creativity and new ideas. Everywhere I go I am thinking about how something I encounter could be used in worship. Whether surfing the web, shopping in a store or finding myself in



the middle of a real-life story, every experience and interaction becomes a potential source of material for service design and content.

Relationship:

Creative ideas and thoughts that spawn service offerings come from a deep desire and calling for the creative team members. It is through building a strong collaborative relationship, built on mutual respect and trust, that we can explore ideas without worry of judgment and glean workable ideas. These are the ideas that create opportunities for people to see and experience God in new ways while offering them the chance to build and bolster their faith. Although relationship and teamwork are critical components, successful outcomes also depend on the involvement of people who are passionate about this undertaking and consistently invest creative energy in the process.


Courage:

The success of a service that taps into the creative and non-traditional could not be realized without people who are courageous and willing to explore something new. This courage extends beyond the creative team; it extends also to those who will attend the

worship service. It is always amazing to see congregations immerse themselves in something different and new, embracing the unexpected and relishing in discovery.

Culture:

Developing a creatively-inspired service depends on a culture in which the church recognizes that there are people hungry for God who may need a different environment than traditional worship in which to encounter Him. The people who have engaged so fully in the services that I have had the privilege to help design are willing to step out of their comfort zone, I believe, because the culture of the worship service is one of grace and freedom to participate as much or as little as they wish. There is no pressure. They are invited, but not required.

I feel so fortunate that God has placed me in situations where I could tap into the creative inspiration that God sends through me daily. My prayer is that the creativity that God sparks creates a fire in others, and that maybe you will be so inspired as well! 

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EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY

Five out-of-the-box ideas for men's ministry

by Jeremy Steele

It's time to get creative with your United Methodist Men's ministry. A Pew study has confirmed what churches have seen for years. "In the United States, for example, women are more likely than men to say religion is 'very important' in their lives (60 percent of women vs. 47 percent of men), according to a 2014 Pew Research Center survey. American women also are more likely than American men to say they pray daily (64 percent vs. 47 percent) and attend religious services

at least once a week (40 percent vs. 32 percent)."

Reaching out to men in your community is important, and, while an early-morning devotion over eggs is nice, we need to think out-of-the-box. Here are some ideas to move your men's ministry beyond the traditional breakfast Bible study.

Host an un-conference for men

Expenses for a traditional conference with guest speakers can pile up quickly. What's more, they ignore the wealth of wisdom within your congregation. That's where the un-conference comes in. Rather than finding outside experts, you leverage the wisdom of the participants.

Though an un-conference can be structured

in many ways, the goal is to connect people and spread knowledge through those connections. You might begin the day by having people write topics they'd like to discuss or in which they feel they have particular expertise. Then, allow participants to vote silently, maybe by adding hash marks next to the topics listed on a white board. Once the voting is complete, have a couple of leaders decide how to group the participants to discuss the most popular topics.

United Methodist Men offers ongoing webinars and videos on various topics of concern to men's ministry. These webinars are available live-feed at various time throughout the year, and are archived for later use. They are



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about an hour in length and would be excellent discussion starters for a larger men's gathering. Since the webinars are free, they offer a great opportunity to bring national experts to your group in a cost effective way.

The cost is low, and the return on investment is high as participants get the reward of being both teachers and learners. In addition, the format helps nurture relationships and open lines of communication in ways not possible in a typical top-down conference.

Be a kid with the kids

Sometimes we get stuck thinking that every meeting must be focused around teaching. Instead of offering a parenting seminar, try planning an event or two that helps fathers and grandfathers have fun with kids in a safe environment. This could be a dance party, a field game day or an outdoor adventure in a local park. Men could attend and support youth sporting events or volunteer to be badge counselors or adult support for scouting groups. United Methodist Men have several resources on scouting and mentoring programs.

As you plan these fun times, be creative and think through ways to enable the father figures to have spiritual conversa-

tions with the children. You might give them a card with questions about God and nature to talk about while your group is hiking. Children love to move to music, so find a good segue to talk about the time David danced in front of everyone in a very unhindered, dad-dancing sort of way.

Conference-room study

When many men invite their friends to church or to a breakfast Bible study they hear excuses like, "I've got to take my kids to school" or "That's the day I need to be at work earlier." What if instead of asking men to come to the church, you took the church to them?

Talk with men in your church to find a conference room, coffee shop or home near where many of them work. Consider rotating sites to accommodate job locations in other areas. Then, design a short creative Bible study with a solid icebreaker to which men can invite coworkers. Make certain you allow plenty of time for them to get there and back within their lunch hour. You might even offer a free lunch to attendees to encourage participation.

Faith-and-film meeting

Here's another option for bringing the church to a place it is not often seen: the movie theater. Instead of showing the newest Christian DVD at your church, consider going to see the latest blockbuster in the theater together. Thinking about movies as powerful modern parables can transform them into faith-forming material.

Every movie has themes that can prompt interesting spiritual discussions. You could either watch the film in advance to identify key topics or save time and money by tapping into online reviews from Christian movie critics. Plugged In provides great movie reviews, synopses and outlines of all the spiritual themes. They also have a great search tool and a handy app for Android and iOS devices.

Write an outline of the themes in advance, watch the movie with your group and then use the outline to spark discussion at the closest restaurant or coffee shop. Talk about how the movie helps participants understand life and faith. Urge attendees to spread what they've learned, to influence the culture positively and to live out the command of Colossians 2:8: "See to it that no one takes

you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

Art lessons

Many churches offer sports leagues for kids with parents as volunteer coaches. What about the dads who are more artsy or have kids that are more creative than athletic? Consider offering seasonal art courses from painting to dance with volunteer leaders and groups of kids in the same way a typical sports ministry would operate. This is a way to reach out to the personality types who don't connect with the sporty side of life. Learn how to how to create artisan communities for more ideas.

Whether it's painting or un-conferencing, creativity in planning men's ministry is a must. Take this article to your next meeting and start a conversation about how you might think out-of-the-box to help the men in your community see the importance of faith and engage with your church.

The General Commission on United Methodist Men is also available to resource church men's ministry groups to do out-of-the-box ministry and activities. Find them at www.gcumm.org.

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Devotions from International Lesson Series

LIVING THE WORD



Nick Ruxton joined the Virginia Conference staff in October 2014. In his role, he is responsible for creating and sharing videos about conference, district and local church activities throughout the Virginia Annual Conference. A graduate of Shenandoah University's Class of 2014, Nick majored in Mass Communication.

Nick was born and raised in Chesterfield, Va., and is a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Chesterfield. He has served both his local church and the district in a variety of roles, including his current role as Annual Conference Lay Member for Trinity and six years on the James River District Youth Council.

Stand-up paddleboarding, mission work, adventures with his fiancé Laura, food, family and his Newfoundland dog Izzy, are just a few of the things Nick is most passionate about.

July 1, 2017 "Addressing injustice" Exodus 3:1-12

Before working full time for the conference, I worked at a local television station. It was really interesting to see how news was selected for the broadcast. Depending on the day, there would be a wide variety of stories, from a fluffy kitten driving a toy car to the growing homicide rate in the city. It seemed to me that we were always starting off the broadcast with "Breaking News" about something bad that had happened. It started to become the norm to me. I started to become numb to the hurt and anger that I saw.

The world around us is full of hatred, war and other negative things but most of us carry on with our daily lives without thinking about it because, sadly, it is the new norm. The same can be applied to this Scripture lesson. There was injustice in how the Pharaoh was treating the Israelites in Egypt. People were blinded because it became the norm, but God had other plans. It wasn't until Moses saw the burning bush that his eyes were opened to what was happening around him. God did not just call Moses, he sent him to fight for justice and bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

In the later verses of this lesson, Moses questions God about how to rescue the people from this situation. God simply says, "I will be with you." In times of struggles and fighting for justice we need to remember these words. They are five simple words that mean so much. God sees the injustice in the world, calling and equipping us with the tools to address the unfairness around us. It is up to us to accept the call, join together and make the world a better place.

Where have you seen injustice in your daily life? How can you as an individual, church and denomination address the injustice and help change it?

July 9, 2017 "Taking unexpected paths" Isaiah 6:1-8

When I was applying to college my senior year of high school, my mind was set on one of two colleges. I had literally "been there, done that, bought the t-shirt" and just knew that I was going there. I even had planned out which of my friends I was going to room with. All of this came to a screeching halt when I was denied by one and waitlisted at the other. I thought my world had ended. All of my friends got into their schools and were celebrating while I was in the corner with no good news.

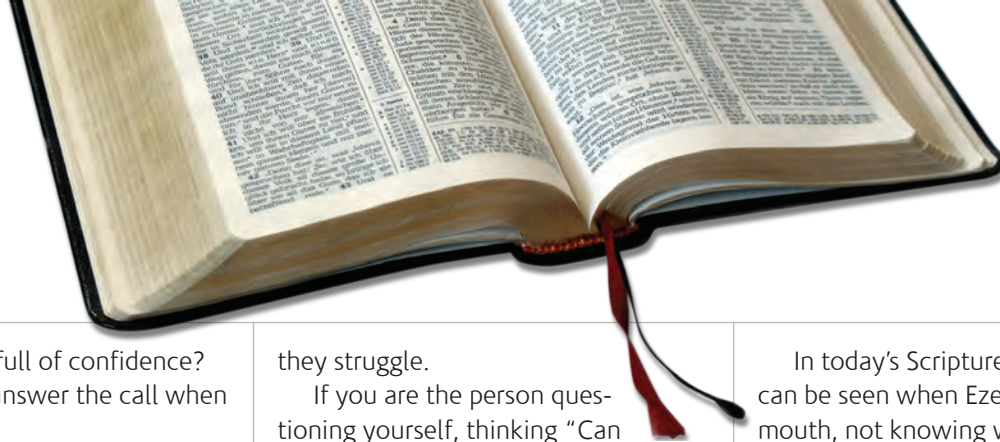
It's times like this where God steps in and takes control. I was not sure what path I was going to take, but knew because I had confidence in my faith and God, everything was going to be okay. Just like Isaiah, I received a call in an unexpected place.

Isaiah was given a vision from God. This vision was something that overwhelmed him. Much like the letter I received from my dream colleges. But, just like Isaiah, I said, "Here I am, send me." I was confident that something good was going to happen, I just had to find a different path to follow.

Later in the Scripture, Isaiah's life was fully consumed by God's call. This is what we are supposed to do as followers of Christ. It is not easy, but just like Isaiah, no matter how you feel, answer with confidence, "Here I am, send me."

My story does have a happy ending. One week after I received these letters in the mail, I helped lead the then-Petersburg District Youth Retreat. Our keynote speaker was the Rev. Rhonda VanDyke supported by a group of students from Shenandoah University. She introduced me to some of the students and invited me up to tour the campus. After hearing all about the university and what they had to offer, I was sold. The minute I stepped on campus, I knew I was home. Take the unexpected paths with confidence and know that whatever you undertake God is there.

What are some unexpected paths that God has called you to go down? Were you hesitant at



first, or were you full of confidence?
How will you answer the call when
God calls you?

July 16

"Called where you are"

Jeremiah 1:4-10

As a young adult, there are times where my knowledge and abilities have been in question in leadership roles. I have learned to just smile and move forward, but sometimes these comments really get to me and I question myself.

Just like Jeremiah I ask, "Am I too young?" Or, "should I really take this on?" It is in these times that we must look to God know that we cannot be afraid. We must trudge through the mud knowing that we have a rescue net that won't let us fail.

Jeremiah had a tough task ahead of him. He had to dive into the politics of his time, setting himself up against kingdoms. He had to "tear down and over throw nations" to then rebuild them.

I fully understand why he may question God - there is no way you would find me becoming heavily involved in politics. But God wouldn't let him hide or say no. God encouraged Jeremiah to go forth and do the work that he was called to do. Jeremiah overcame the preconceived notion that he couldn't complete the task because of God's encouragement and acknowledgement that he would be there to rescue Jeremiah.

We must do the same. If you are a person who may ask someone if they are "too young," "too old," "too new in their faith walk," "too set in their ways" to do something, consider taking that opportunity to encourage those people. Be there as a net to rescue them or offer to help when

they struggle.

If you are the person questioning yourself, thinking "Can I do this?" The answer is YES! Trust in God for support, as well as those around you who are supporting you through this journey we call life. Do not be discouraged — overcome the preconceived notion that you can't.

How have you supported someone who thought they couldn't do something? What was the outcome? What is a preconceived notion that you overcome?

July 23, 2017

"Speaking truth with love and compassion"

Ezekiel 3:1-11

What is the strangest thing you have eaten? A bug, a strange fruit or an animal? In my travels to Cambodia in January, I was given the opportunity to try cow intestine as well as fish eye and cheek (who knew fish had cheeks?).

Much like Ezekiel, not knowing what to expect, I opened my mouth and shoved the food in. Not knowing what to expect, I started relating the flavors to some I was familiar with. The cow intestine texture and taste is similar to calamari. My favorite was the fish cheek - the juiciest and most tasteful part of the fish - and it is comparable to the white meat of a chicken.

I have never tried eating a scroll, so I am going to take Ezekiel's word on the taste. There are times in life that we doubt what the outcome will be or there are things in our way. When we overcome these "walls," we realize how much doubt and discouragement can get in the way of something with a potential for a great outcome.

In today's Scripture lesson, this can be seen when Ezekiel opens his mouth, not knowing what to expect, and eats the scroll. I see this as a metaphor for God giving the truth and confidence to Ezekiel so that he could go and speak to the people of Israel. The people of Israel were being rebellious and not listening to God's words. God sends and protects Ezekiel to these people with strict instructions and words to speak. The part we all must remember is, even though the words Ezekiel speaks are tough to hear because of the truth, he does it with love and compassion.

Ezekiel is like that one friend that tells it to you how it is, and normally it is the truth. One of my best friends will do this to me. We will be talking about something and she just lays it out there. Nine times out of 10 what she is speaking is the truth and it is exactly what I needed to hear. The reason she can be so blunt is because I know she is doing it out of love and wants the truth to be first.

We must be like Ezekiel in our lives and faith, be willing to achieve something that you thought was impossible. Do not let ideas or actions be a hindrance to what you hope to achieve.

Have there been times that you had doubt and could not achieve something? What action helped you get beyond you fear or doubt?

Who do you have in your life that will speak truth to you or realize truth in you? Do you speak truth in the lives of others?

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DEATHS



The Rev. Orville Hargis "O.H." Burton Jr., died May 4, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. Burton was born in Salis-

bury, Md., and was the son of Jeanne Scott Burton and the late Orville Burton Sr.

Proud of his heritage, Burton grew up on the Eastern Shore, Va. He was trained as a diesel mechanic and was particularly passionate about racing and cars in general. Upon accepting the call to ministry, Burton pursued and completed his studies at Virginia Wesleyan College and Drew University. While in seminary, he served churches in New York City and Jersey City, N.J. As an ordained minister of United Methodist Church, Burton served churches in the Virginia Conference for 32 years. He was most recently the pastor of Benn's United Methodist Church, Smithfield.

A man of love and devotion to family and the congregations he pastored, he is survived by his wife of 29 years, Mary Carson Burton; his children, Layel Burton (Lacy) and Lynley Burton.

Pauline Cash Stoneburner Carr, widow of Henry Davis Carr, died May 9, 2017. She was born July 25, 1926 in Roanoke, Va., the youngest daughter of 15 children born to the late John Thomas (J.T.) and Julia Cash.

Carr was a dedicated life member of Christ UMC in Staunton. She was a Sunday School teacher, president of the United Methodist Women (UMW) and attended many Virginia United Methodist Annual Conferences.

She was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of Ferrum College, which she so faithfully served for many years and promoted until her passing.

Family members include her daughters and son-in-law, Charlotte Ellinger and Margaret and Donnie Baker; two grandsons, Benjamin Baker (Wendy) and Michael Baker (Christy); six great-grandchildren, Ally, Jack, Lauren, and Matthew Baker, Lucas and Jake Gluba; brother, Earl B. Cash (Aileen); brother, Herbert Carr (Brenda); and sister-in-law, Betty Carr.

Cloyd Crockett Morris Jr. died Apr. 27, 2017, while surrounded by his loving family and pastor.

Morris was born on Feb. 6, 1929 to the late Reba Tibbs Morris and Cloyd Crockett Morris Sr. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Wanda; brothers, Ross and Robert Morris; sister, Geneva Summerfield; and his first wife and mother of his children, Nell Wingo Morris.

He is survived by his loving wife, the **Rev. Connie Gibbs-Morris**, a retired elder in the Virginia United Methodist Conference; son, David and his close friend, Nancy Harrell; daughter, Cathy Day (Robert); grandsons, Andrew, Philip and Jonathan Day; granddaughters, Mindy Rynders (Donnie) and Amanda Saunders (Houston); great-granddaughters, Reagan, Abigail, Alexis Rynders; and great-grandsons, Colton, Brandon and Jordan Saunders. ☞

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July 30, 2017 "Listening to God's call" Amos 7:10-17

Shortly before graduating from Shenandoah University, I, like any other college senior, was on the job search. Since my girlfriend at the time, now fiancé Laura, secured a great job in Richmond, I was looking there, but keeping myself open to any other options.

One week before graduation a great opportunity was offered to me in the Winchester area that I seemingly could not turn down. Many of my friends expressed their happiness for me in this new potential opportunity, while a little jealous as many were struggling in the job market. It seemed like this was what I was supposed to do, right?

I applied and went through the first round of interviews and was asked to come in for the second round, all while discussing this with Laura. After four years of a long distance relationship and not knowing the future, I wanted to make sure we were on the same page. She was very supportive of me following my dreams and taking this job, but deep down inside I knew I couldn't take it.


I prayed and prayed asking God to give me guidance. As I walked into the final interview of the day, I felt this weight lifted off my shoulders and a sense of a calming presence. It was at that moment that I knew this was not the job for me. I finished the conversation with my interviewer and respectfully declined being considered for the position. The whole drive home I felt great – not necessarily a typical feeling for someone who was still unemployed with new plans. People called me crazy for not accepting

the position. I knew that God would lead me down the correct path, and I would find a position closer to home and Laura.

Amos' call was very similar to this. He was a shepherd tending the flock when the Lord came to him and told him to be a prophet amongst the people of Judah. He questioned God saying that this was not his profession - he was supposed to tend the flock and the sycamore-fig trees. People questioned Amos and his call, but God's call prevailed. Knowing that the call from God was what he needed to follow, Amos listen and traveled to the land of Judah.

About two months after declining the position in Winchester, I received a call from Linda Rhodes offering me a position as the videographer for the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church - my dream job. The rest is history.

Sometimes we have to go against what everyone is telling us to do and listen to what God is telling us. It is hard to swim against the current or ignore some input that is around you, but we are called to do just that. Be like Amos and step out of your comfort zone to see where God is taking you.

What is your first instinct to do when everyone is encouraging you to go one way and God is calling you the other? How can we more clearly listen and act upon God's call? 

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FROM THE BISHOP



Bishop's Chat and Chew

Dear Virginia Annual Conference,

By the time this Advocate is distributed, I will have completed my 16th (32 sessions total) Bishop's Chat and Chew listening session in the annual conference. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the host churches for providing excellent meals and hospitality during my visits. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation for the clergy and laity that shared their desires and struggles with the denomination and the Virginia Annual Conference.

I was very excited to dialogue with several youth groups and confirmation classes who attended the listening sessions. I was very encouraged by the energy, conversations and attendance that have taken place for the last eight months.

In addition, I would like to thank

Warren Harper, Virginia Conference lay leader, and Sandy Harper for accompanying me during the Chat and Chew listening sessions.

The purpose of the Chat and Chews was to provide me an opportunity to listen, glean and develop a collaborative vision for the annual conference in the coming years. After each Chat and Chew, I spent several hours in prayer and reflection upon the demographical information compiled from each district and the data transcribed from the listening sessions.

There were several common themes that permeated throughout the 16 districts. These included:

- ❖ developing an intentional discipleship system
- ❖ understanding our Wesleyan tradition and doctrine
- ❖ welcoming all individuals in our churches
- ❖ collaborating with other United Methodist churches in local and global mission
- ❖ cultivating stronger youth ministries
- ❖ shifting the culture of small churches from surviving to thriving mode within the Virginia Annual Conference.

I found the sessions in each district invaluable, and I met incredible clergy and laity blessed with many gifts and graces for ministry. Please join me next year in Bishop Lewis' Chat and Chew 2.0. Information and locations will be forthcoming. In addition, please read next month's issue (if you were not able to be with us at Annual Conference) to learn about the upcoming vision for the Virginia Annual Conference.

Peace and Blessings.

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Bishop's Bible Challenge readings for July

July 1	Psalms 90-95
July 2	Psalms 96-102
July 3	Psalms 103-105
July 4	Psalms 106-107
July 5	Psalms 108-114
July 6	Psalms 115-118
July 7	Psalms 119:1-88
July 8	Psalms 119:89-176
July 9	Psalms 120-132
July 10	Psalms 133-139
July 11	Psalms 140-145
July 12	Psalms 146-150
July 13	Proverbs 1-3
July 14	Proverbs 4-6
July 15	Proverbs 7-9
July 16	Proverbs 10-12
July 17	Proverbs 13-15
July 18	Proverbs 16-18
July 19	Proverbs 19-21
July 20	Proverbs 22-23
July 21	Proverbs 24-26
July 22	Proverbs 27-29
July 23	Proverbs 30-31
July 24	Ecclesiastes 1-4
July 25	Ecclesiastes 5-8
July 26	Ecclesiastes 9-12
July 27	Song of Solomon 1-8
July 28	Isaiah 1-4
July 29	Isaiah 5-8
July 30	Isaiah 9-12
July 31	Isaiah 13-17

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ONE LAST WORD



Isaiah
43:19

Behold

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