

# THE CHANNEL MARKER

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Virginia Conference United Methodist Church

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### From our DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



The other night I was watching the national news when there was a piece on the war in Syria and how that was affecting children. Thousands of children have been the innocent victims of that war. Many have died and many have been wounded emotionally as well as physically.

This reminded me of a passage in the Old Testament book of Lamentations, a book written by the prophet Jeremiah who is weeping over the destruction of Jerusalem, Chapter 2:19, he urges the people to be praying for the children whose lives would be directly affected.

Every day we read in the newspaper or hear on the news that children everywhere, even as close as Tidewater, are affected by bad decisions of people. We hear about children being shot and wounded or killed. We hear about children who are left unattended in cars and homes. We recently heard about a mother in South Carolina who tried to drown herself and her children in the surf. They were saved by people passing by who jumped into the water to save them.

In Luke 2:40 Luke describes Jesus being blessed by Simeon in the Temple. When Mary and Joseph returned home after having Jesus blessed in the Temple Luke tells about Jesus growing up strong in body and wise in Spirit. This is my prayer for all children.

Being a grandfather of five, I want my grandchildren to grow up strong in body and wise in Spirit. I have a burden for children everywhere who do not have this opportunity. Their lives are not safe. Their future is bleak because of being innocent victims of hatred and war. Whether it is the streets of Syria or the streets of Norfolk, the children need our love, our attention, and our prayers. I pray that they will not get in the path of people shooting at each other or of natural and human made disasters.

I invite us to affirm children at every opportunity. Working in our churches, or tutoring and helping in other ways in local schools, let us reach out to love and offer hope to all children. Let us be persons who offer them spiritual enrichment and physical necessities. For Jesus once said that the Kingdom of God is like a small child. Children were and are important to Jesus and they are important, therefore, to us.

Love,

**Brad**



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## DISTRICT LAY LEADER



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During March, I had the privilege of conducting services on Ash Wednesday at both Marian Manor Assisted Living Facility and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Health Care Facility. At each of those services we had the Imposition of Ashes. For those residents who were brought up in the Catholic Church, it was not an uncommon service. However it was not all that common to some of our newer residents who had come from churches who did not celebrate Ash Wednesday. I am blessed to have residents of all faiths attend these weekly services held on Wednesdays. We will continue our worshiping together each Wednesday throughout Lent.

We all know the Palm Sunday story; the donkey and colt that Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the loud hosannas, the disciples running every which way, the palms softening his path. The whole city is in turmoil, people asking, "Who is this?" The turmoil of Jesus is still felt some two thousand years later, every time his words of peacemaking and righteousness confront our fretful daily routines and schemes. During Holy Week we will follow Jesus as he moves toward his inevitable crucifixion. We know that Good Friday will bring sadness beyond measure. We find it hard to be here. A popular understanding of atonement says that in the hour of darkness, God looks away. But it is not God who winces, but we. St. John's passion narrative makes it clear that Jesus dies to save us. Jesus declares, "It is finished." He is the Suffering Servant whose bruises heal us. Upon him, God lays the iniquities of us all, and he bears them, not in anger but in forgiveness.

But on Easter Sunday it comes clear to us, as Mary's awareness of Jesus' resurrection begins. She hears her name and realizes that he knows her, as does he his disciples. They don't go looking for him, but he appears to them. The clarity that comes is not their doing – it is all grace and all from God! Like Mary and like the disciples – realizing that we, too, are fully known and fully loved, relieves us of the burden of trying and always failing to get our hands around life. Now we, too, begin to get it! Grace also extends to us, even to the bearing of crosses. For God so loved the world . . . .

Grace and peace to us all during this holy time.

Shalom,  
*Keith*

## DISTRICT PROGRAM COORDINATOR



**Ellen Clements**  
District Program Coord.

Do you see it? Can you feel it? Change is in the air. Spring is upon us with the flowers beginning to bloom and the buds on the trees. Thank God that spring follows winter and Easter follows Lent. After a long winter, we need to get out and bask in the warmth of spring. After a season of serious reflection, we need to rejoice in the victory of Easter and celebrate God's love.

What does that celebration look like in your life? Do you live each day expectantly, wondering what God is leading you to do today? You might have guessed from reading my column each month that I am an avid reader. I have recently finished reading a book called *Love Does*, by Bob Goff. He believes when "*Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance to make faith simple and real." He has realized that he doesn't have to be somebody important to accomplish things. Jesus uses ordinary people more. Bob Goff shares his failures, adventures, passion, and more in this book about lessons he has learned. You might find Bob Goff a little unconventional, but you cannot help but be inspired by his faith in action.

The District Board of Discipleship is excited about learning how we are living out our faith around the district and beyond. We hope to coordinate with churches to encourage partnerships that will strengthen our ministries as we celebrate and live out God's love. If you have not turned in a survey, please do so as soon as possible. Check with your church office or send me an email directly if you need a copy of the survey.

Camp GOTCHA planning is in full swing. We are focusing on celebrating the goodness of God's creation and being green for goodness sake. If you are passionate about creation care and are willing to encourage such passion in a new generation, please come and get involved. We are looking for ideas of places where the children can glean, garden, recycle and learn about what it means to live green. Our next planning meeting is on Wednesday, April 16, 10 am, at Baylake UMC on Shore Drive in Virginia Beach. Camp GOTCHA is for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be held the week of July 28–August 1.

If I can assist you with ideas, training, or resources, please let me know. Great Bridge UMC recently shared a list of their resources with the district office. Other churches are also willing to lend out resources. Our collection in the District Office is slowly growing, too. I look forward to seeing you around the district.

Shalom,  
*Ellen* [eclements@elizabethriverdistrict.org](mailto:eclements@elizabethriverdistrict.org)

# 2014 Annual Conference

June 20-22.

The Hampton Roads Convention Center  
Hampton, VA



The 2014 session of the Virginia Annual Conference is being held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Va., Friday, June 20, to Sunday, June 22. Laity and Clergy sessions will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday. First plenary session begins at 3 p.m. Ending time should be around noon on Sunday.

- **Housing Information** was mailed out from the conference office mid-February. You can access it on the conference website: [vaumc.org / resources / 2014 Annual Conference](http://vaumc.org/resources/2014%20Annual%20Conference).
- **Orientation** will be held on **June 1st** at Memorial UMC in Virginia Beach.
- **ALL KITS** are welcome; there is an increased need for: **Sewing Kits** ~ **Layette Kits** ~ **Bedding Kits**

Kit instructions & patterns can be found on the UMCOR website:  
<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

- **FREE CHILD CARE**

Wesley United Methodist Church in Hampton will host this year's child care, free of charge, because of the generosity of the York River District. Staffed child care for day and evening sessions will be available at Wesley UMC, 2510 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23666, which is less than three miles from the Hampton Convention Center. Child care will be a mini-Vacation Bible School experience using Cokesbury's Workshop of Wonders, where kids will discover how to imagine and build with God. For details and registration, please use either the Word or pdf file available on the Annual Conference webpage.

## Seminar: Lord, Teach Us To Pray

An exciting program developed by Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (an affiliate of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church). A team led local church renewal event, with teaching that is scripturally based to encourage God's people to become people of prayer.

### Seminar Schedule

Friday evening, April 11, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 9a.m.- 8:30p.m. (hour and half for lunch)

Sunday, April 13, 9:45 a.m. Worship (noonish)

Cost: \$30

(Fee covers the seminar, your participant's manual, Dinner on Saturday)

To register, call or email Rev. John Cole for a registration form.

Write your check to Memorial UMC, Memo: "LTUTP2014"

For more information: Contact Rev. Cole PHONE, (757)420-1407 EMAIL, [MemorialMethodist@Yahoo.com](mailto:MemorialMethodist@Yahoo.com)

## Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries VIRGINIA CHAPTER

### Spring Retreat for Church Secretaries (and other support persons!)

*Get Away from it All...*

Sunday, April 27- Monday, April 28, 2014

For more information, contact Bev Myers,  
Virginia Chapter President,

[BevMyers@vaumc.org](mailto:BevMyers@vaumc.org)

or [elizabethriverdistrict.org/PAUMCS](http://elizabethriverdistrict.org/PAUMCS)





# Lay Servant Training **REGISTRATION**

**When:** **Friday, April 4th** (6-9:30 PM) & **Saturday, April 5th** (8:30 AM 4:30 PM)

**Where:** Community United Methodist Church, 1072 Old Kempsville Road, VB

**Cost:** \$12 Registration *Register online:* [Elizabethriverdistrict.org/Events](http://Elizabethriverdistrict.org/Events)

*Here's your opportunity to attend a Lay Servant Training Event without having to leave Tidewater Area and with a minimal investment. All interested LAY PERSONS, LOCAL CHURCH LAY SERVANTS, and CERTIFIED LAY SERVANTS are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. **Certified Lay Servants must take an advanced course every 3 years to maintain certification***

**BASIC COURSE:** The Basic Course is for individuals new to Lay Servant Ministry. This course is designed to help participants discern and respond to God's call on their lives, to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership and growing in discipleship. It offers guidelines to promote constructive communication in leadership and outlines the various types of ministries lay servants may be involved in through their local church. Please bring your Bible. The *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book* will be available for purchase at the class. **Led by Drew Lankford**

**ADVANCED COURSES:**

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS 2 – God's Operating System for the Church :** Bring your Bible and *Each One A Minister – Using God's Gifts for Ministry* (Revised and Expanded), by William J. Carter. **Led by Rev. Linda Young**

**THE ART OF STORYTELLING:** Please bring your Bible. **Led by Ellen Clements**

**FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS – Delivering Effective Sermons :** Bring your Bible and *From Your Heart to Theirs* participant book by David Carroll and Tony Franks. There will be ample opportunities for you to tell the class, a small group, or an individual your message. It will be your choice which method you use. Providing feedback to others will be expected. **Led by Arnie Lindblad**

**EVANGELISM :** Bring a Bible and a copy of *Transforming Evangelism, The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith* by Henry H. Knight and F. Douglas Powe, Jr **Led by Charles "C.G." Miller**

**PRAYER 101 – Cornerstone of Relationship:** Recommended Book: *With Christ in the School of Prayer* by Andrew Murray. **Led by Lisa Hunt.**

**PRISON MINISTRY – Our Response to Prison Ministry.** **Led by Arthur Devine**

**POLITY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH :** Required texts: Bible, \**Book of Discipline, Book of Resolutions, Book of Worship,* the UMC Hymnal. Bring a Wesley quote to share with the group. **Led by Barbara St. Jean.**

**For additional information contact: Barbara St. Jean –CLS, Co-District Director LSM, Cell: 650-1577 Email: [bstjean@cox.net](mailto:bstjean@cox.net)**

## **REGISTRATION LAY SERVANT TRAINING – April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**BEFORE March 29th...** return this form to: **Barbara St. Jean, 1453 Bartow Place, Va Beach 23454**

**AFTER March 29th...** Call Barbara... (757) 650-1577

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ UMC

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$12 check enclosed  
(made payable to:  
**Elizabeth River District**)

*[If books are required for the course you choose, you are responsible for purchasing them ahead of time with the exception of the Basic Course. Basic will have the book available for purchase at the class]*

\_\_\_\_ Basic Course Pastor's approval signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup> time attendees – Basic Course)

**ADVANCED COURSE:** (Indicate preference: 1-2-3)

\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Gifts 2    \_\_\_\_ Storytelling    \_\_\_\_ From Your Heart to Theirs  
\_\_\_\_ Evangelism    \_\_\_\_ Prayer 101    \_\_\_\_ Prison Ministry    \_\_\_\_ Polity of the U.M.C.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For additional information contact: Barbara St. Jean –CLS, Co-District Director LSM Cell: 650-1577 Email: [bstjean@cox.net](mailto:bstjean@cox.net)**

**All are invited – you can take the class even if you do not wish to be a lay servant.**

*There are a number of eating establishments near Community UMC for Saturday lunch.*

## CHURCH POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**CHURCH SECRETARY** [Community UMC—VB] is seeking a Church Secretary. This 20 hour per week position provides administrative support to the Pastors and staff. For a written job description, visit website 'cumcvb.org' and click on "forms and on-line resources" tab. Resumes may be mailed to Community UMC, Attn: SPR Committee, 1072 Old Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach, VA, 23464, or emailed to [cumc@cumcvb.org](mailto:cumc@cumcvb.org).

**P/T DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** [Larchmont UMC Norfolk] The position is based on 10-12 hours per week. Youth ministry or similar experience is required; a Bachelor's degree is preferred. Reaching out to youth along with an ability to build this ministry is vital to this position. For details, visit the Virginia Conference Web site at [www.vaumc.org/jobs](http://www.vaumc.org/jobs)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR** [Centenary UMC, Portsmouth] to implement and oversee a comprehensive plan for all educational ministries of the church - for children, youth, and adults. Bachelor's degree in Christian Education is preferred, or equivalent education and experience. Candidate must be committed to Jesus Christ and the teachings of Scripture. Candidate must demonstrate skills, such as organization and communication, and passion to provide vision, encouragement, and spiritual leadership to all age groups. Position is part-time, up to 29 hours per week. Please call Pam Kelly (757) 484-7158.

**COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR** [Virginia Beach UMC] Part-time, 20-hrs. Effectively create, facilitate, edit, strategize, and streamline two-way communication from the church office to the congregation and wider VBUMC community. If interested, email [jobs@vbumc.org](mailto:jobs@vbumc.org).

**OFFICE CLERICAL SUPPORT** [Virginia Beach UMC] Part-time, 20-hrs (M-F 8am –Noon). operate behind the scenes supporting communications and administrative processes for the staff, the congregation and wider VBUMC community. Email [jobs@vbumc.org](mailto:jobs@vbumc.org).

**NURSERY ATTENDANT** [Centenary UMC, Portsmouth] Centenary UMC is in need of a Sunday paid nursery worker. Every Sunday from 8:30- 12:30. If interested, call the church at 484-5051 or Pam Kelly (757) 484-7158 .

**PIANIST/ORGANIST** [Heritage UMC, Virginia Beach]

**PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP - Youth & Children's Ministries** [Great Bridge UMC, Chesapeake] Position runs 10 weeks with varied hours, averaging 40 hours per week. A successful candidate will show a desire to serve students between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade a majority of the summer while also serving children between kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at least one day a week. Ministry opportunities may include week-long mission trips, Vacation Bible School, providing a weekly message to Middle and High School students, leading a Children's Sunday School class, traveling to the beach with students, and/or working nights and weekends when necessary. Find us at [@GBUMCYouth](http://www.facebook.com/greatbridgeumcyouth) on Twitter, [www.greatbridgeumc.com/children](http://www.greatbridgeumc.com/children). Apply by April 15 with a letter of interest, resume, and two work references to Jeff Myers/Sandy Gregory at [gbumcyouth@verizon.net](mailto:gbumcyouth@verizon.net).

**District DIRECTOR of CHURCH DEVELOPMENT** [James River District] (clergy or lay) District is comprised of 83 churches with approximately 18,000 members. This position will: 1) Revitalize existing churches on the district and 2) Form new faith communities within the district. This is a part-time position, 20-25 hours per week. Submit a cover letter and resume to P O Box 3413, Petersburg, VA 23805 by April 18, 2014. For a complete job description and compensation package, please contact Tish Borden, Administrative Assistant at [JamesRiverDistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:JamesRiverDistrict@vaumc.org)

**STEWARDSHIP ADVISOR** [The Virginia United Methodist Foundation] Formed in 1971 to provide stewardship education and manage assets for local churches, districts and agencies of the Virginia Conference. Currently the Foundation manages \$47-million in assets. The President of the Foundation is seeking an individual with both a heart for stewardship ministry and a background in business and marketing to serve its donors, clients, churches and agencies and provide assistance through expansion of current service offerings in asset management, strategic planning and ministry development.

More job opportunities go to Conference website . . . [www.vaumc.org/jobs](http://www.vaumc.org/jobs)

## FAREWELL Worship & Reception for BRAD & KAY PHILLIPS

### JUNE 8, 2014

† EBENEZER UMC  
1589 Steeple Dr, Suffolk

It's hard to believe it's time to bid farewell to our District Superintendent, Brad Phillips and his wife, Kay. Please join us Sunday, June 8, 3:00 p.m. at Ebenezer UMC for a time of celebration and appreciation as they complete their journey on the Elizabeth River District. A worship service followed by a reception will be held in Ebenezer's Family Life Center.

*A basket will be available for your cards of appreciation for Brad and Kay, and we will also receive a love offering for them .*

*We will also be accepting photos of Brad and Kay from their years on the Norfolk and Elizabeth River Districts. More details on that in the near future.*

† *Those who aren't familiar with the area, Ebenezer UMC is easier to get to than you might think ... From I664 you take the Bridge Road exit 9A & merge onto Bridge Rd Rt-17...follow Bridge Rd 5.7 mi to Eclipse Dr ...turn R then left on Steeple Dr.)*



www.elizabethrivermen.o

UNITED METHODIST MEN UMM Dinner Meeting - Monday, April 28 at Community-Va Beach, we continue with our video series "STEPPING UP" led by Johnnie Draughon. This lesson is titled "Adolescence, An Age of Pushing and Pulling". Our time of fellowship starts at 6:30 and dinner is served at 7:00 - come early! Chefs Doug and Rick always prepare a fabulous meal! Don't forget to sign up on the UMM bulletin board or on Facebook. First timers eat free!



If you have ever thought of connecting with intellectually disabled adults now is your chance. The United Methodist Conference supports Camp

Rainbow Connection held every summer at beautiful Blackstone Retreat Center in south central Virginia. Each year a large number of volunteers ages 16 and up are needed to provide the campers with a much anticipated week long experience of fun activities and Christian growth. 2014 Camp Rainbow will be held July 5-11 and August 9-15.

Please consider giving a week of your summer to "go camping" with these very especial adults. For more information call Janice 361-5231 or Alice 467-1892 or contact the Conference office in Richmond.



## Haygood United Methodist

### Kirk

Will celebrate

## The Kirkin o' the Tartans

April 6, 2014 11:00 am



## CHURCH ATTIC SALE



APRIL 12, 2014

9AM-1PM

## MONUMENTAL

United Methodist Church  
450 Dinwiddie St.  
Portsmouth  
INFO: (757) 397-1297



## Deep Creek UMC

Palm Sunday

April 13th

4:00-6:00pm

Open and Free to the Public!!

Bounce Houses, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Balloon Guy, Easter S'mores, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt, Hot Dog Dinner, Egg Dying, Easter Bonnet Parade and more!



## St. Luke's UMC

### Spring Craft Show

Saturday, April 5th

9am - 2pm

3396 Stoneshore Rd & Holland Rd  
(Va Beach)

Crafts & more & goodies galore!

FREE ADMISSION

Spaces \$15 each; 6-ft table rental \$5;





**JOLLIFF United Methodist  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

*FRESHLY FRIED POLLOCK FILLETS*

*FRESHLY FRIED HUSHPUPPIES*

*BAKED BEANS*

*COLE SLAW*

*ASSORTED DESSERTS*

Adult Meal: \$8.00

Children's Meal: \$4.00

Children under 3: Eat Free

Take-Out and Dine-In Options

Proceeds To:

*New Christian Education Building/*

*Jolliff Day School Addition*

Jolliff UMC, 1900 Jolliff Rd, Chesapeake

(757) 488-2784



**May 2-3, 2014**

**St. Andrew's  
UMC**

717 Tucson Rd, Va Beach

**Workshop Topics Include:**

- Creative ministries
- Leading a creative ministry team
- Puppetry technique
- Lip synch challenge
- And much more

For more information go to:

<http://www.creativemin.com/product/va1/spring?r=%5bVA14%5d>

**Community United Methodist Men**

1072 Old Kempsville Rd, Va Beach, VA 23464

invite you to a

**Pig Men's Retreat**



**Pickin'**



**2 Man  
Corn hole  
Tournament**

Join us for a fun filled day of Worship and Fellowship. Our guest speaker, Ron Clark, is a professional speaker whose topic is "Christian Manhood: For Such A Time As This". Please invite your spouses to join us for our Pig Pickin' which begins around 5:00 pm. You can register on the UMM bulletin board, on Facebook, or by contacting David Collins @ 420-1958.

Cost of Retreat - \$5.00 CUMC Social Hall  
Spouses Joining for Pig Pickin' @5:00 PM - \$3.00

**SATURDAY~MAY 3, 2014 3:00-7:00 PM**

**CAMP OCCOHANNOCK ON THE BAY  
SPECIAL OFFERS**



**Take advantage of these great offers for summer 2014.**

**Early Bird Specials:** Now until April 15 when paid in full you can deduct \$30 off summer camp fees. Between April 16 and June 1, when paid in full you can deduct \$15 off summer camp fees.

**Toll Reimbursement:** Show us your toll receipt on Friday when picking up your camper and we will pay you for the round trip for that day.

**Stay the Night:** Hampton Inn and Suites in Exmore VA is offering discounts to anyone traveling long distances to bring their child to Camp Occohannock on the Bay. Call for more details at (757) 442-7722.

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[ootbay.verizon.net](mailto:ootbay.verizon.net) (e-mail)

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 District Webmaster ... Dominica "Dee" Guagliardo

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

Send your request to  
[ElizabethRiverDistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:ElizabethRiverDistrict@vaumc.org)  
 Newsletter Articles **Deadline**  
 is the **15th** of every month  
 All articles should be submitted  
 BY EMAIL  
 to address below.

Job Announcements should be 60-words or less.  
 Events 100-words or less or 1/4 page flyer-format  
 District Officers try to limit to a half-page



[ElizabethRiverDistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:ElizabethRiverDistrict@vaumc.org)



- 4 Lay Servant Training Part I, *Fri. 6pm-9:30pm*
- 5 Lay Servant Training Part II, *Sat 8:30am-4:30pm*
- 8 District Youth, *Oak Grove, 7pm*
- 15 District Board of Discipleship, *district office 10am*
- 16 Camp Gotcha Planning, *Baylake, 10am*
- 17 District Historical Society *Community-VB 6:15pm*
- 22 District Board of Mission *(date tentative)*
- 24 District Committee on Ministry, *district office, 9am*
- 24, 29 & 30 Clergy Service Projects
- 27-28 VA PAUMCS Spring Retreat, *Eagle Eyrie*
- 28 Dist UMM Dinner Meeting,



- 3 Dist UMW Prayer Breakfast, *Oaklette 9am*
- 16-18 Conference Spiritual Life Retreat, *Blackstone Conf & Retreat Center*

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
*June 1 - Annual Conference Orientation , Memorial*  
*June 8 - Farewell to the Phillips'*

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