

# THE CHANNEL MARKER

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### From our DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

A philosopher once observed, “the more he grew in knowledge, he realized the less he really knew.” This realization created a hunger to learn and grow more in knowledge and understanding. Courageous Spiritual Leaders have a hunger to learn more – to learn new and different ways of reaching new people and helping others to grow deeper in their faith in Christ.

One of the largest obstacles the church faces today is people who think they know all they need to know based on their past experiences. This practice contributes to the decline of many churches. Pastors and churches that focus on using their past experiences as to how to plan ministry will be frustrated by the results of people not responding to these plans and continued decline.

Churches with an intense desire to learn are always seeking how to do ministry in our present day culture. Learning best practices helps congregations develop relevant strategies that reach more people and make disciples of Jesus Christ. These learnings will empower congregations to be healthier and more fruitful. They will have a humble “can do” attitude towards ministering to its community and caring for the needs of the congregation. They will not be afraid of the challenges they face, but will rally together as a congregation to meet these challenges. These churches believe Philippians 4:13 which says, “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”

My biggest fear for our churches today is that some are content to use old ideas/programs that are not providing the outcomes they had hoped for. Many have become frustrated and hopeless. The District is committed to providing you with the best training possible. In this newsletter look for the opportunities provided to help rekindle your intense desire to learn. Remember, I am always willing to come and talk with your leadership about being more fruitful and vital!

#### DIRECTOR of CHURCH REVITALIZATION

*I would like to introduce Rev. Michelle Louk as our newest District Staff Person. Many of you probably already know Michelle. She has been serving as a pastor on the Elizabeth River District for 14 years, most recently at McKendree UMC in Norfolk. She will continue serving McKendree, but will be sharing her hours with the District as Director of Church Revitalization.*



*She will be assisting me in providing higher quality training opportunities within the District; assisting District churches with more one-on-one coaching, and providing learning opportunities for clergy and laity throughout the year.*

~ Wayne

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## DISTRICT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**“One Story, Many Voices: Telling the Biblical Stories to and From Diversity”** was the theme of the **Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers** that I recently attended. Dr. Marvin McMickle, President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and Professor of Church Leadership, was the keynote speaker. He spoke candidly about his childhood and how he was headed down the wrong path as a teenager. One night the father of one of his friends asked permission to take Marvin for a ride. His mother agreed and this man drove Marvin to a local prison and showed him what his life would be like if he continued down the path he was going. This scared Marvin into changing his ways. Someone cared enough to help Marvin turn his life around. He also shared insights on preaching from his book, *Shaping the Claim: Moving from Text to Sermon*.

The Epic Telling of the first half of the Book of Acts illustrated the theme of diversity found in Scripture. One story that spoke to me is found in Acts 10 where an angel visited Cornelius the centurion as he prayed in Caesarea. The angel told Cornelius to send for Peter. Meanwhile, as Peter prayed on the roof in Joppa, he had a dream about animals being lowered in a sheet from heaven and received the Word, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” At the home of Cornelius, Peter spoke to the Gentiles gathered and said, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” The Bible comes alive when we tell the stories and wrestle with what they mean for us today. ***I pray that we can see one another through God’s eyes and listen for the voice of the Spirit as we pray.***

The story came alive around the District this summer at the many Vacation Bible School Programs. I had the opportunity to visit a couple of churches as they embarked on an icy expedition to Everest where they overcame obstacles with God’s awesome power. Thank you to **Messiah UMC** in Chesapeake and **St. Andrew’s in Virginia Beach** for welcoming me to their VBS sites. The storytelling was creative with hands-on experiences and opening skits illustrating the point of the day’s story. It is a blessing to see the adults, teenagers and children interacting and building relationships as they explore God’s Word together.

I visited **West End UMC** in Portsmouth as they began their first summer participating in the USDA Summer Food Program. Although they had a small number of children, you could tell that they were enjoying getting to know one another. After lunch they played games like Checkers and Monopoly, read books and Bible stories and did puzzles together. This was just another way to build relationships with the children in their neighborhood.

**Wesley Memorial UMC** in Norfolk has been involved in the **USDA Summer Food Program** for many years as an extension of their **Club Sandwich Program** offered during the school year. Debbie Winn, who coordinates Club Sandwich, invited a reporter to visit this past spring and see first-hand how this ministry impacted the children in Norfolk. Due to the reporter’s article, donations came in to help fund the program. Some folks helped to plan and fund a summer enrichment program with classes in art, dance, guitar instruction, journaling, and reading. They refurbished computers enabling them to provide on-line reading and math classes. Thank you to Gray Puryear for bringing this story to my attention. They hope to continue providing Club Sandwich and enrichment classes through additional grant applications they have submitted.

I worked with some children at **Thalia UMC** during their music camp, “Back to the Cross.” In their missions station, each child traced a cross design on a muslin square and colored it with fabric markers. The squares will be sewn into a quilt and given to a local children’s or retirement home. They also wrote messages of encouragement with Bible verses to prisoners who will attend a Kairos weekend this fall.

Michelle Louk and I drove across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to visit **Camp Occohannock** and meet with the camp director, Michael Henry, and the Chair of the Conference Board of Discipleship, Don Jamison. Don shared some of his experiences with us on the Board of Discipleship and will be coming to our District Training next January. If you haven’t visited the camp, it is a beautiful place for a retreat or day away.

I am running out of room. Please call if I can assist you or if you have a story to share! ~Shalom, Ellen



## Christian Education News!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK 2015**, which can be scheduled on a date of your choice, is the ideal time to feature the home and to emphasize the important role that parents and other family members play in faith development. A resource is available from Discipleship Ministries that includes a workshop on Faith Formation in Our Homes, ways to support parents and teachers for faith formation and a daily prayer practice to see where and how God is at work in your life. For a free download go to <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/christian-education-week-2015>

**EDUCATORS’ MEETING, September 24, 10 am** at Second Presbyterian Church, 7305 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk. All those involved in planning for Christian Education in your church are invited to join our ecumenical group. We will share ideas of what’s working in our churches, resources, and news of upcoming events. Bring a lunch and enjoy good conversation with old and new friends. Contact Ellen, [EllenClements@vaumc.org](mailto:EllenClements@vaumc.org) to RSVP or for more information.

**THE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ON THE ROAD** will be held **October 17**, at Thalia UMC, 4321 Virginia Beach, Blvd., Virginia Beach. Learn extraordinary lessons from ordinary objects. Cost is \$20 per person. Register online at [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) by clicking on the Events Calendar and clicking on October 17 event. Choose 4 workshops from the following choices when you register: Music for Non-musical people; Mission Kids; Creative Community Outreach; Technology for You and Children; Teaching Through Games; 20 under 20; 12 Simple Things to Be a Better Leader; Prayer and Spiritual Disciplines for Children.

## DISTRICT LAY LEADER



**Gary Denette**  
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Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a great summer filled with fun activities and trips. Now we get to settle down with school, schedules and routines. When we broke for the summer, I was hoping that all of us would be in some kind of intentional prayer. Over the past several months I have kept praying for Centenary to continue to grow and hire a youth director. Well praise God! We have done both. In prayer we must be patient and have faith. God will always answer our prayers but not necessarily as we would like or expect. But faith is key.

When I was a teenager, I asked my catechism instructor and my priest, what is the difference between belief and faith? To my dismay neither one had an answer. My faith journey was derailed for several years. Throughout my journey I have continued to search for the answer. What I have found is that you can't answer it but rather live it. This lesson became very real to me during my first wife's illness. Everyday I believed that God would make her well. As years went by it was obvious that wasn't going to happen. Nor was God about to free her and afflict me. She was kind, loving, generous and of course Christian. We discussed her passing and how to deal with it when the time came. Three years into this discussion I finally agreed to honor her DNR and let God have the last word. Wow! After all the years of believing and nothing happening, I realized what was missing. Faith! My faith now became a living part of me. Praise God for that. Through living faith I have had God with me through my first wife's passing, an aunt, and just recently my mom. It has made the grief easier, and I am comforted knowing my loved ones are in our Father's house.

But don't think that faith is lived just in hard times. Oh no! God and my faith are also there in the good times. He was with me on my walk to Emmaus, in my prayers for my church and in sending me the second love in my life. Thank you God for Donna. So you see how difficult it was and is to answer the question, "what is the difference between belief and faith?". It must be lived to understand and I pray you all may have this joyous understanding.

Peace!



### How to Reach New People Coaching ... **Tune-up Event**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 ~ 9AM to 3PM**

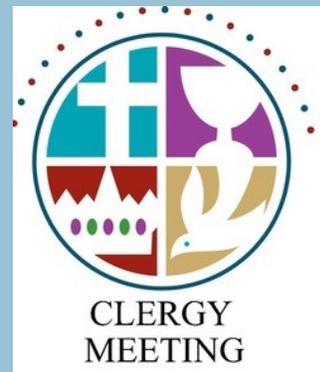
Courthouse Community UMC 2708 Princess Anne Road, Va Beach

If your church is participating in coaching with Steve James, you are encouraged to bring a team of people to this Tune-up Event. There will be light refreshments in the morning, and sandwiches and salad for lunch.

Please **RSVP to Ellen**,  
ellenclements@vaumc.org **by September 15**, with how many from your church will be attending. Thank you.

## Elizabeth River District

Mandatory for all appointed Clergy



Thursday, September 17th  
9:30 a.m.  
Ghent UMC  
531 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk

-Worship-

- “New Realities” of the Appointment Process
- Clergy Peer Learning Groups-
- Up-coming High Quality Training-
- Clergy & Laity Opportunities on our District and in the VA Conference -



If there are any families interested in learning more about becoming an unwavering champion by providing foster care services for UMFS, please attend an Orientation to learn more. Contact: Vineta Watson, Family Systems Coordinator at (757) 490-9791 ext. 106. Orientations are held on the following dates: September 14, 21, 28, 2015. Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at UMFS, 5301 Robin Hood Road, Suite 122, Norfolk, VA. We would love to talk to YOU!

You can also support UMFS with donations listed here:

We are in need of the following:

- Fast food gift cards in increments of \$5.00
  - Burger king
  - Chick-Fila
  - Wendy's
  - McDonalds
  - Tropical smoothie
  - WaWa
  - Sonic
  - Subway
  - Hardees
  - Jersey Mikes
  - 7/11
  - Dollar Tree

We are also in need of equipment for the youth to have when we conduct support group

- Balls – volley ball, baseball, basketball
- Jump rope
- Bubbles
- Board games – Operation, Checkers, etc.
- Arts and crafts
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Paint

**The Bishops' Foundation**  
invites you to the  
**Goodson Preaching Academy**

**Craft & Creativity**  
*Preaching in the Context  
of a Rapidly Evolving World*

**Sept. 21-24, 2015**  
Virginia United Methodist  
Assembly Center, Blackstone, VA



**Dr. Paul Scott Wilson**

Dr. Paul Scott Wilson, Professor of Homiletics at Emmanuel College, Toronto, is our presenter. He is the author of many books on preaching, including *Four Pages of a Sermon* which is recommended reading. He is past president of the Academy of Homiletics. Go to [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) for registration and information. Registration deadline is September 15.

**Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast**

*Kempsville Presbyterian Church, 805 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach*



KPC Women's Ministry is excited to invite you to a lifechanging experience on **Saturday, September 12** as we host the *Living Proof Live* simulcast from Wichita, KS, with well-known teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore. It will be a dynamic day of one-of-a-kind Bible teaching, uplifting worship, and fellowship with other women. Visit [www.KPC.org](http://www.KPC.org) for ticketing information and schedule.



**heart to heart**

monthly e-news from Heart Havens

**Upcoming Events**

**The Amazing Raise, September 16-17**



This 36-hour online giving challenge is so much more than a pledge drive-- participating nonprofits can win incentive prizes! Stay tuned for more information on how to support Heart Havens during this fun event.

**Fourth Annual Ride for Independence,**



**September 26**

Our annual motorcycle rally fundraiser will again be at Richmond Harley Davidson. The ride will go through Hanover and Caroline Counties (including passing right by our Tate Home in Ashland), before ending back at the Harley dealership for a party with food trucks and other vendors. Not a rider? No worries! Come for the party and celebrate with us. To register go to

<http://www.rideforindependence.myevent.com/>

## A note about 2015 Charge Conference

If you were at the charge conference (c.c.) set-up meeting on the 25th, you are all set to move into *charge conference mode*. You know that one of the first reports to complete is your **Nominations**. The **Clergy Compensation Form** can be completed as soon as Staff Parish Committee sets your 2016 salary (even though it hasn't been officially accepted, it must be entered so that the Finance Team can prepare your 2016 Budget — in the rare case it gets changed, there's no problem going back into EVC and making that change.)

There are very few forms that must be retrieved from [ElizabethRiverDistrict.org](http://ElizabethRiverDistrict.org) Forms page: ER District **Order/Minutes/Attendance** (*this is the order your reports go in your "Red Notebook"*), **2015 Charge Conference Agenda** (*this is the order of the meeting provided by the D.S.*), the Faith-Sharing worksheet (*a copy for all in attendance as this is a part of the Agenda*).

There are other forms there as well: the **Nominations Profile for AC at-large member** for election at the District Conference in November 14.

Don't forget the **5+ Reports that need to be in the district office 10 days prior to your c.c.**

## See, Know and Serve with [www.MissionInsite](http://www.MissionInsite)

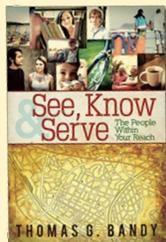
Speaker: Thomas G. Bandy

Thursday, October 29, 2015

(Time: TBA)

Oak Grove UMC

472 N. Battlefield Blvd N, Chesapeake



### Learn how to:

- Plot Your Membership
- Define Your Primary Mission Field
- See the people in your community with unparalleled clarity, so that you can truly serve them!

Tom Bandy is an internationally recognized consultant, conference speaker, and leadership coach for Christian organizations and faith-based non-profits. Tom has developed planning tools to interface with the demographic research of [www.MissionInsite.com](http://www.MissionInsite.com). He is widely respected for his unique ability to understand diverse cultures, traditions, and denominational polities; and his grasp of systemic change and congregational mission.



Get help meeting  
your Vital  
Congregation Goals!

Please join the next **5 Talent Academy**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2015 | 9AM-3PM**

**Francis Asbury UMC**

1871 North Great Neck Road, Va Beach 23454

for our **FAITH DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

**Stir Up the Fire:**

**Wesley's Way of Making Disciples**



Featuring the Rev. Dr. James Harnish

This event, focused specifically on **small group ministry**, will feature the Rev. Dr. James A. Harnish, former senior pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, and author of many books including *A Disciple's Path*. Dr. Harnish is an advocate for Wesleyan small group ministry with 40 years of pastoral ministry and involvement in the church.

**Register by October 23, 2015**

<http://vaumc.org/5talent>

**Session 1:** Faith Development and a Wesleyan Understanding of Grace

**Session 2:** "Going on to Perfection" Steps for Developing Wesleyan Small Groups

**Session 3:** Small Group Ministry in YOUR Congregation

**Who should come?** This event is ideal for church leadership, church staff, and those interested in and/or responsible for small group ministry, and anyone who has a desire to grow in faith. Group pricing available.

**How much does it cost?** This event costs \$25/person and lunch is provided. We encourage you to bring a team from your church so that together you can experience the event and can take the information and new ideas back to your church together.

For this event we are offering an incredible discount. If your church registers four attendees, you may register a fifth attendee for FREE. So, you can bring a team of five and will only be charged the price of four (\$100). *This offer is only good at the time of registration—all 5 attendees must be registered together at one time.*

Center for Congregational Excellence

*.5 CEU available*



Elizabeth River District

United Methodist Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Purpose of United Methodist Women:

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*



Joann McClung, President  
District UMW

I cannot believe that it is already time to start thinking about Fall. I just love and am amazed at how the trees turn all those colors and the air is crisp. Truly you can see God's handiwork all around us. This time of year I especially love to find a quiet spot to sit and meditate on all the wonderful things God has done and is doing in my life.

It is also time to turn in our reports for Living Into Our Purpose, Candle Burning, Reading Program, and deceased members. Our Annual Meeting and Prayer Lunch is Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Centenary UMC, 3312 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth. Reservations need to be called in by September 21<sup>st</sup> to 484-5051. Our speaker will be Karen McElfish, Conference UMW Vice President. Karen is the former President of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. She is our Conference Representative for the Legacy Fund that United Methodist Women, Inc. is promoting. We need to leave a strong organization for those young women coming behind us just as those who came before us have done for us. The Mission Project is Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth (our only National Mission Project in VA). Please bring paper products, food, gift cards (Walmart, Food Lion).

Some of you I know are already supporting Wesley Service Center in many ways, but this time of the year they have a great need. Also don't forget their pecan sale is coming up soon. This is a great fundraiser for the Center and if you would like to place an order just call 399-0541. They are very tasty and freeze very well.

Remember your Dimes and Dollars for Blackstone. This is a special project of UMW in the Virginia Conference since 1975.

Hope to see you at our Annual Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Young Women's Retreat "Big Enough" (ages 18-40) at Blackstone** Conference Center on September 18-19, 2015. Retreat leaders will be Sarah Stephens and Joanna Paysour. Information is on the Conference United Methodist Women website [vaumw.org](http://vaumw.org)



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**43rd Virginia Conference UMW Annual Meeting, October 24-25 at Blackstone** — Help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of this special program.

My contact information is below. Call me anytime!  
Joann McClung, President United Methodist Women  
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Cell (757) 408-1010



"At last, a pastor who fits our job description."

The York River District would like to welcome all who are interested for **LAY SERVANT TRAINING** on **Friday, September 18 (6:30-9:00pm)** and **Saturday, September 19 (7:30am – 5:00pm)** at Zion UMC; 2109 Seaford Road; Seaford, VA 23696. The Basic course will be taught by Dick Barnes, the Polity course will be taught by Angie Hoen, and the Prayer course by Jeff Clark. The cost for each course is \$30, which includes book, snacks, and lunch on Saturday. Registration deadline is September 8. Questions? Contact York River District office, (757) 596-3476

## Mid-Size Congregation Training Day

### Shift: From Membership to Discipleship

**When:** Saturday, October 3, 10am-4pm

**Cost:** \$25 per person (lunch included)

**What:** A day of training focused on helping laity and clergy from mid-size congregations shift their focus from membership to discipleship.

**Who:** All clergy and laity serving and attending churches with an average worship attendance between **150-349** with a desire to learn and grow.

**Featuring:** Keynote speaker is Phil Maynard, author of *Shift: Helping Congregations, Back Into the Game of Effective Ministry*.

**Locations:** This event will take place LIVE at Providence UMC in Richmond and will be broadcast to satellite sites. The Tidewater satellite site is Warwick Memorial UMC, 38 Hoopes Rd, Newport News, VA 23602.

**Register by Sept. 21:** [vaumc.org/mid-size-training](http://vaumc.org/mid-size-training)  
.5 CEU available.

## Small Congregation Training Day

**When:** Saturday, October 31, 10am - 4pm

**Cost:** \$25 per person (lunch included)

**What:** A day of training focused on helping laity and clergy teams from small congregations focus on the practical tools needed for bringing new vitality to small churches.

1. "Make a Little Plan, Sam" - The importance of moving beyond talk to execution.
2. "Cast Our Crowns before Thee" - The importance of quality worship.
3. "You Have Everything You Need" - The importance of expecting spiritual gifts.
4. "Brooding on Jeremiah 29:7" - The importance of blessing the place where you are

**Who:** All clergy and laity serving and attending churches with an average worship attendance between **1-149** with a desire to learn and grow.

**Featuring:** Dr. Lew Parks is the featured speaker, author of *Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly and Preaching in the Small Membership Church*.

**Where:** This event will take place LIVE at Belmont UMC in Richmond and will be broadcast to satellite sites. The Tidewater satellite site is Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth.

**Register by Oct. 12** at [vaumc.org/small-church-training](http://vaumc.org/small-church-training)  
.5 CEU available.



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The impact of DevCo since 2014 is the power of 84; 84 individuals, families, churches and groups impact over 4,000 members (*47 members per deposit*). When investing, you are truly a part of DevCo's mission, "United Methodists helping Methodists". Your deposit impacts 47 (and growing) members and will be reinvested in the community to "open hearts, open minds, and open doors".

To learn more, visit our website at [www.vaumdevco.org](http://www.vaumdevco.org) or give us a call at 804-521-1151 or 800-768-6040 ext. 151.

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



Heritage UMC invites you to a **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, we meet here at the church (815 Baker Road, Va Beach 23462) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am to Noon. If you have questions, you may contact Linda Chase, (757) 613-1266.



## LYRA VOCAL ENSEMBLE

**Messiah United Methodist Church**

Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:00 p.m.



LYRA is a community of professional musicians. Most of our members are students or postgraduates of Saint-Petersburg Conservatoire. They introduce enormous musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as traditions of Russian folk. Messiah UMC is located in the Great Bridge area of Chesapeake. Our address is 408 Dominion Commons Way, Chesapeake, VA 23322.



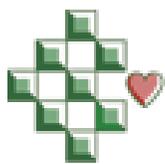
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**CREDIT UNION**

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- Funds can be used for any educational related expense-even study abroad

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**Virginia United  
Methodist Homes, Inc.**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we opened our new office in Innsbrook, near the intersection of I-295 and Nuckols Road in Glen Allen. If you have envelopes and materials left from the Samaritan Offering this spring, you can still use them as they have a Post Office box number which is still active. However, please note the new physical address below. Phone numbers all remain the same.

**Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc.**  
**5101 Cox Road, Suite 225**  
**Glen Allen, VA 23060**  
**Main Phone: (804) 474-8700**  
**or toll free (888) 673-1031**



Charity Tracker is a web-based application for shared case management used to gather and report statistical data for resource development, strategic planning, measuring outcomes, reducing duplication and providing disaster relief. Virginia Beach signed on with Charity Tracker in April 2012.

The **Bringing an End to All City Homelessness (BEACH)** Community Partnership provided a grant that allowed users, which included Faith-based communities, non-profit agencies and VA Beach City Departments, to be linked. Churches and agencies are able to communicate and coordinate with each other

to share announcements and collect assistance funds for clients in need.

For more Information, contact Susan Anders at Ascension Catholic Church, 495-1886, ext. 414 or email [anderss@ascensionvb.org](mailto:anderss@ascensionvb.org).

To try Charity Tracker free for 14 days, contact Nancy Will, 496-9155 or email [nwill@cox.net](mailto:nwill@cox.net).

Go to [charitytracker.com](http://charitytracker.com) to find a network in your city.



## CHURCH POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**P/T DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES [Baylake, Va Beach]** To build young disciples of Christ by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry (in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach) while serving as a spiritual leader and role model. Salary for this 20-hr/wk position is between \$19,000 and \$23,000 depending on experience. Send resumes including mailing address, daytime & evening phone numbers and an email address, to Staff-Parish Relations Chair, Sherry White [StaffParishChair@baylakeumc.org](mailto:StaffParishChair@baylakeumc.org).

**MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE [Ghent, Norfolk]** The Minister of Congregational Care (MCC) is a supportive team player capable of working with the Lead Pastor and staff. He or She will minister with the congregation, and has a role as a representative beyond our congregation to live into the vision of Ghent United Methodist Church. All applicants please contact us at [pastor@ghentumc.org](mailto:pastor@ghentumc.org) or 757-622-2843.

**CHRISTIAN CHILDCARE WORKERS [Kids Day Out in Baylake UMC, Va Beach]** Working with 1 to 3 year olds. Duties include changing diapers, doing crafts, reading stories, leading music time, doing light cleaning and of course showing the children Jesus' love! Person must be comfortable reading Bible stories to the children and singing religious choruses with them. M - F, 8:45 - 1:15. Also must work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons in our After School program, ages 3 - 6. 2:15 - 6:00. Start date September 8. Please send resume and personal testimony of your relationship with Jesus Christ to [PThatcher@BaylakeUMC.org](mailto:PThatcher@BaylakeUMC.org).

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC [Hickory UMC, Chesapeake]** Experienced in choral music, energetic, dynamic person looking for an opportunity to lead our choir and church in musical praise! Staff. Resumes should be sent to Hickory UMC, 2708 Battlefield Blvd., S., Ches., VA 23322, "Attention: Staff Parish Committee". For more information, please contact Don Brewer, Staff Parish Chair, Home: (757) 410-2139, Cell (757) 641-9261.

For more employment opportunities & details, visit the Virginia Conference Website at [www.vaumc.org/jobs](http://www.vaumc.org/jobs)



### Annual Pecan Sale

**\$10 per pound bag**  
**\$240 for case of 24 bags**

The price increase this year is necessary to support and sustain the operating budget of the center as we have not increased the price or the level of profit to the center for several years now.

We expect to have the product here **at the Wesley Center mid to late October**. (Please call after October 7<sup>th</sup> for the exact date).

Should you or your church/organization be interested in supporting the Wesley Center by purchasing or selling this popular product to benefit our institution, you are encouraged to **secure your orders and place a reservation with us by September 23rd** so that we may insure an ample supply. (Subsequent ordering costs the center shipping charges which we avoid at our initial order).

You may call the office at **(757) 399-0541** or e-mail us at [wesley@wesley.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:wesley@wesley.hrcoxmail.com) to place your reservation or for additional information.



### Annual Bazaar

**Where:** 2057 Salem Road, Virginia Beach, VA  
**Date:** October 3, 2015  
**Time:** 8:00am to 2:00pm

Join us for this special event! Peruse through the yard sale, bake sale, gardening shop, toys, books and more. Enjoy the quilt drawing, the live auction at 11:00 and the karate demo at 1:00. There will be food available including pork barbeque, hot dogs, soft drinks and home-made ice cream.

**FAITH**  
Don't Keep it to Yourself!



## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CENTENARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Elizabeth Manor Golf & Country Club

Four Person Florida Best Ball

Cost: \$100 per person *(Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Refreshments, Dinner, Awards & Prizes)*

Maximum of 120 Participants; Single & Foursome Entries Accepted.

All Donations & Sponsorships Benefit the ongoing mission of **Centenary United Methodist Church**.

October 9, 2015  
11:00 Registration  
& Driving Range  
Opens

12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Shotgun Start  
6:30 Dinner &  
Awards Banquet

Elizabeth Manor  
Golf & Country  
Club

Raffles & Prizes  
Mulligans  
50/50 Raffle

Great Golf, Fun,  
Food & Fellowship

#### CENTENARY GOLF COMMITTEE

3312 Cedar Lane  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
757-484-5051

David Keene, Golf  
Committee Chair  
757-484-0388 After 6:00

# NORVIEW UMC

## Clothes Closet

is a community outreach ministry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 10am-2pm at the church. The Clothes Closet provides clean and gently used clothing, hygiene items and more to serve God's people. Do you have a need or know someone who does? Just contact us and we'll try to help! Check out our website:

[www.norviewumc.org](http://www.norviewumc.org)

or contact

Deb Awbrey,  
Closet Manager at  
853-9361 and  
leave a message.

### Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38



3312 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth

Clothing, etc -(all seasons & sizes),  
Virginia's Boutique (Specialty shop -jewelry-etc),  
Mini-Flea Mart (Junk to Junque),  
& The Friendly Café

(donuts, hotdogs/chili, chicken salad & PBJ sandwiches,  
\$1,000,000 pie, & brownies. Hot & cold drinks)

## RAIN or SHINE

# BRUNSWICK STEW



Aug. 8 thru Oct. 23

## COMMUNITY U M C

1072 Old Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach

HOMEMADE!!

\$6 per quart (quart will feed two adults one meal)

Orders before Sept 10th \$5.50 per quart

Online or email orders \$5.75 per quart

Online sales via church website, [www.cumcvb.org](http://www.cumcvb.org),

direct mail, or [douglasmillsjr@gmail.com](mailto:douglasmillsjr@gmail.com)

ORDER EARLY & SAVE!

Orders will be delivered frozen.

*Proceeds to support funds for UMM Missions*



### THANK GOD FOR KIDS MINISTRY!



On Saturday, August 1, a beautiful clear sunny day, Saint Paul's UMC hosted "Thank God for Kids!" a ministry of Dr. Jim Lavender from Discovery UMC in Richmond. Over the years Dr. Lavender has collected exotic animals, which he stables at his home in Loudon County and uses in sermons and special programs throughout the church year. Tigers, camels, llamas, lions were among the circus animals that were in the spotlight for kids of all ages to enjoy. Approximately 100 children and adults turned out to enjoy Dr. Lavender's mini-children's messages, along with games, face painting, crafts, magic, and good food. Special thanks to volunteers from Saint Paul's, Baylake, Community, Portlock, Norfolk State Wesley-Westminster Foundation, and First Presbyterian Church at Virginia Beach.



## Deep Creek UMM Fellowship

141 N. George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake

will host a

### "Home Cooked" BBQ Dinner



at the DCUMC Social Hall

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

Eat in or Take out.

Price of \$8.00 per dinner that includes: BBQ, Coleslaw, Bake Beans, Roll, and Dessert.

*All proceeds support our Missions and Special Projects.*



## Salem UMM

### Spaghetti



### Dinner



Salem United Methodist Church  
2057 Salem Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

For More Info: Jim Becker 502-5476



Come and enjoy a great Spaghetti dinner & fellowship.  
Menu items to include Spaghetti,

Tossed Salad, drinks, & hot dogs. Desserts available.

Adults \$8.00 Children \$5.00



*Come Join us for*

## Foundry UMC

### BARBEQUE THROWDOWN

2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Va Beach

(757) 340-0595

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 11:15**

**AM**

**FOLLOWING 10:00 AM SERVICE**

*Silent Auction*

*Dessert Auction*

*Fun, Food, Festivities*

**The competition is gonna be hot!**

All proceeds benefit

Community Missions.



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**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

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- 7 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**  
**12 D. SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE, 9am**  
**14 D. BRD of MISSION Directors, 9:30am [D.O.]**  
**16 D. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, 7pm [D.O.]**  
**17 CLERGY MANDATORY MEETING, 9:30am [Ghent, see pg 3]**  
**18-19 Young Women's Retreat [VUMAC, see pg 6]**  
**19 Reach New People Coaching Tune-up, 9am-3pm [Courthouse, see pg 3]**  
**21-24 Goodson Preaching Academy, [VUMAC, see pg4]**  
**24 D. FINANCE COMMITTEE, 4pm [D.O.]**  
**26 UMW Annual mtg & Prayer Lunch, 10:30am [Centenary see pg 6]**  
**29 D. BOARD of DISCIPLESHIP, 10am [D.O.]**



- 1 D. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, 8:30am [D.O.]**  
**3 Mid-size Congregational Training, 10am-4pm [see pg 7]**  
**17 School for Children's Ministry on the Road [Thalia see pg 2]**  
**24-25 CONF. UMW Annual Meeting [VUMAC see pg 6]**  
**29 TOM BANDY-See, Know, Serve [Oak Grove, see pg 5]**  
**31 Small Congregational Training, 10am-4pm [see pg 7]**

**COMING UP... 5-TALENT ACADEMY—November 10th**  
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE—November 14th**

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