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APPOINTMENT CHANGES ON THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT

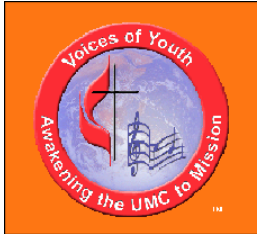
<i>Appointment</i>	<i>New Pastor</i>	<i>Coming from...</i>	<i>Previous Pastor</i>	<i>Going to...</i>
Winchester District Superintendent	Larry R. Thompson	Asbury UMC Harrisonburg District	David T. Forrest	Manassas St. Thomas Alexandria District
Leesburg Associate	Position Discontinued	~ ~ ~	Martha L. Spigener	Leave of Absence
Linden-Markham	Ralph H. Crabill	Page UMC Harrisonburg District	Edward S. VanDyck	Retiring
Marshall	Edna F. Moore	Melrose UMC Rappahannock District	David J. Greenawalt	Leave of Absence
Mt. Olive-Shiloh	Mary Jane Lock	Relief-Hites Chapel Winchester District	William W. Erbach	Retiring
Relief-Hites Chapel	Aaron W. Fitch	Belview UMC Roanoke District	Mary Jane Lock	Mt. Olive-Shiloh Winchester District
Round Hill (Fred.)	Steven B. Wells	Westover Hills Richmond District	John Jay Kelchner	Shady Grove UMC Ashland District
Warren Charge	Deborah L. Carey	Brunswick Charge Petersburg District	Sarah Cho	Leave of Absence
Wesley Chapel (Fq.)	Wesley S. Corber	Lay Supply First Appointment	Timo Rosenbach	Withdrawing as Local Pastor

*Please Join Us for a Service Celebrating
the Appointment of Our New District Superintendent,
Lawrence R. Thompson, Jr.
on Sunday, July 11, 2010 ~ 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
210 East Main Street, Berryville, Virginia
Reception to follow in the church fellowship hall
to meet and greet Larry and his family.*

THANK YOU!

Hillsboro UMC on the Short Hill Charge in Loudoun County was inadvertently omitted from the June newsletter as having formed a covenant relationship with Amor y Paz. We apologize to the members of Hillsboro for this oversight!

THANK YOU!



2010 *Voices of Youth* 25th Anniversary Tour

The "Voices of Youth—Awakening the Church Mission", a choir of youth from the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, will perform on Monday, July 19, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church at 308 North Braddock Street Winchester, VA.

The "Voices of Youth" choir is a group of high school youth from United Methodist Churches all across the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is not just another youth choir coming to share a concert of music. These young people want to share the story of mission in their lives as Christians. These talented young people are committed to and excited about the mission outreach of the Church. Their program will consist of choral and instrumental music, interpretative movement, and visuals aimed toward challenging congregations to BE in mission.

There is no admission charge. An offering will be received in support of the choir's expenses.

Honeycutt honored at Annual Conference



The Rev. Denise Honeycutt was honored for her 10 years of service as the conference's Director of Mission. Denise will be appointed to St. Matthew's UMC on the Alexandria District beginning July 1, 2010.

Clergy Invited to Canoe the Shenandoah



The District Chaplains invite clergy and family to take a Day On the River on Friday, July 23. We will meet at the Riverside Park in Strasburg at 9 a.m. and return to the park to picnic by Noon. Please contact Rev. Gary Heaton at frumcpastor1@comcast.net. You will need to bring lunch and a drink, close-toed shoes that can get wet, and river wear/swimwear. The rain date will be Friday, July 30.

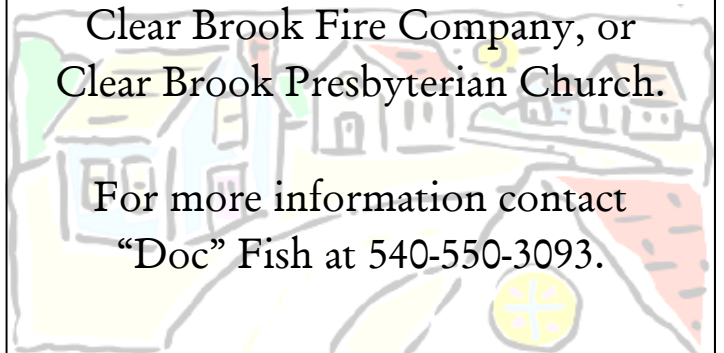
First Annual Brucetown Community Yard Sale

Saturday, July 24, 2010 - 9 a.m.

Yard sales from "the pike to the creek". Yard sales will start at the Clear Brook Presbyterian Church, follow Route 672 (Brucetown Road) to Brucetown UMC and beyond to the creek. Food concessions will be held at different locations.

Set up your own yard sale or rent a space (\$10) from the following venues: Brucetown UMC, Clear Brook Fire Company, or Clear Brook Presbyterian Church.

For more information contact
"Doc" Fish at 540-550-3093.



2010 Annual Conference Wrap Up

Before a small boat, not unlike the size used on the Sea of Galilee in Jesus' time, the 228th session of Virginia Annual Conference focused on "Leading by Following Jesus" in the port city of Norfolk June 13-16. Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer presided over a meeting filled with uplifting messages and examples of United Methodists' generosity.

The most stirring moments came in response to the fiery preaching of the Rev. Dr. Vance Ross, deputy general secretary for the General Board of Discipleship, and the quiet testimony of the Rev. Jim Gulley, who survived the collapse of the Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince during the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

Ross raised the roof of the Scope arena in downtown Norfolk with three powerful messages along the conference theme. Talking about Jesus calling the fishermen along the shore of the Galilee, Ross said "the word 'follow' in the Greek doesn't mean 'just come hang out.' It means drop what you're doing, to cut loose from it. ... Simon, Andrew, James and John walked away from all they knew because in Jesus there was something different, something unique."

After describing the horrific earthquake and its aftermath, Gulley thanked the conference for its contributions to Haiti relief, which now surpass \$1.6 million, its assembly of more than 43,000 kits during the gathering, and those who have physically gone to Haiti to help. But Gulley also urged United Methodists in the U.S. to learn all they can about Haitian history and culture, saying that our national histories are tied together and "our futures can also be tied together with hope for the resurrection of Haiti to be better than it was before the earthquake."

Members also packaged 102,000 meals for *Stop Hunger Now*, an international food distribution agency, during the conference meeting, while the annual Potato Drop for the *Society of St. Andrew* bagged 42,000 pounds of potatoes for 18 feeding agencies in the Tidewater area of southeast Virginia.



Bishop Kammerer and Rev. Gulley



Rev. Susan Garrett and members of the Redistricting Taskforce

In a sign of continued belt-tightening, members voted to reduce the number of districts within the Virginia Conference from 18 to 16. That reduction will occur following 2011 annual conference.

Surprisingly, the item that drew the most prolonged discussion was the Site Selection Committee report. The committee recommended shortening the length of future conference gatherings, but the provision that drew debate was extending an upcoming stay in Hampton from two years (2013-2014) to four years. The Annual Conference eventually approved a motion to go back to Roanoke in the western part of the state for 2015-2016. The conference had already committed to meet in Roanoke in 2011-2012.

The conference also voted to turn over control of its longtime retreat center in Blackstone to the center's board of directors.

The members approved all five resolutions presented. This year the Committee on Resolutions sponsored Christian conferencing on the resolutions before debate on the floor of conference.

A conference offering was taken for Virginia's ongoing partnerships with Mozambique and Brazil, and for Grace Ministries, which ministers to low-income people including immigrants in northern Virginia.

Virginia was honored by The Advance for most mission giving for the whole connection in 2009. The Annual Conference honored the Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt, who is leaving as director of mission after 10 years on conference staff to take a local church appointment, and the Rev. Robert Regan Jr., who is retiring as president of the Virginia United Methodist Wesley Housing Development Corp. Regan has been president since the organization was chartered in 1975.

There were 36 clergy in the 2010 class of retirees, with 945 years of combined ministry.

Conference membership stands at 338,334, an increase of 774 members from the previous year. Worship attendance is 112,624, down by 4,000. There were 5,966 professions of faith, up by 154 from last year.

More news can be found at the conference home page, www.vaumc.org. You can also find information about ordering DVDs of the various sessions.



Members of Annual Conference stand to sing

-Neill Caldwell, Editor of the Virginia United Methodist Advocate



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ July 2 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ July 5 - District Office Closed
- ◆ July 6 - Clergy Exec. Comm., Dist. Ofc. - 9 a.m.
- ◆ July 6 - District Finance Committee, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ July 11 - Welcome Service & Reception for new DS, Duncan Memorial UMC - 3-5 p.m.
- ◆ July 14 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ July 17 - Clergy Association Reception for New Clergy, Grace UMC - 3-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ July 21 - Yth Directors, District Ofc. - 10 a.m.
- ◆ July 22-25 - School of Christian Mission, Blackstone
- ◆ July 25 - District Stewards, Duncan Memorial - 3 p.m.
- ◆ July 25-31 - Youth Mission Trip
- ◆ July 26-29 - School of Christian Mission, Blackstone
- ◆ July 27 - DCOM, Braddock Street - 10 a.m.

- ◆ August 4 - District Committee on Ordained Ministry Officers, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ August 18 - Yth Directors, Dist. Office - 10 a.m.

