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THE DISTRICT CORE



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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.



Creating Passionate Worship! Workshop

A *Creating Passionate Worship!* Workshop, will be held at Shenandoah University on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Narthex of Goodson Chapel, followed by a brief worship service at 9 a.m. The workshops, featuring the latest innovations in church worship, will be held in Brandt Center and Goodson Chapel immediately following worship. The following classes will be offered.

- ◆ Technology in Worship - Learn how to use computers, video-screens, tv-dvds, and other forms of technology in all your ministry areas. Bring your ideas as well as your questions.
Instructor: Rev. Jason Duley
- ◆ Visual Environment - This workshop will look at creative and new ways to use your facility to expand your worship setting.
Instructor: Rev. Kathy Pigg
- ◆ Building a Design Team - This class looks at ways to bring together the creative and artistic gifts of your church members to form a team approach to worship.
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jim Hewitt
- ◆ Music in Worship - This class will look at different music styles and how to incorporate them into your worship experience.
Instructor: Rev. Delyn Celic

A continental breakfast and a buffet lunch will be offered and is included in the workshop cost of \$12. The registration deadline is March 18, 2011.

REGISTRATION FOR WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Name _____

Local Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CLASS SELECTION

AM Class _____

PM Class _____

Please send registration form and check to the Winchester District Office, 21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Make your check payable to Winchester District UMC and indicate for Worship Workshop.

Virginia CEF Professional Development Training

Living Abundantly in the Age of Scarcity

Dr. Rhonda VanDyke Colby will be the training leader and keynote speaker for the Virginia Christian Education Fellowship Professional Development Training event scheduled for March 28-30 at Camp Overlook. The theme of the training is Living Abundantly in the Age of Scarcity.

Dr. VanDyke Colby is an ordained elder in the Virginia Conference serving as Vice President for Student Life at Shenandoah University,

All persons serving the local church in education, formation, and age-level ministries are welcome. The registration fee for the event is \$165 and the deadline to register is March 14. Send registration and payment to Molly Gee, VA CEF Treasurer, c/o Wright's Chapel UMC, P.O. Box 193, Ladysmith, VA 22501.

For more information about the training event and/or CEF, contact MaryKaye Cochran, VA CEF President at mcochran@woodlakeumc.org or 804.739-4535, x33

University SpL@Sh for youth will be April 2 at Shenandoah University

Shenandoah University will host *University SpL@Sh* for youths, grades 6-12, on **Saturday, April 2**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the SU campus in Winchester.

Youths will participate in worship, small groups, concert by *Stereoreel* and a mission opportunity.

The Rev. Drew Dyson, Wesley Theological Seminary professor, will lead a seminar on emerging trends in youth ministry today for adults.

SpL@Sh is free of charge; groups are asked to bring donations of supplies for the homeless ministry, Teens Opposing Poverty, as an offering.

Annual Conference Offering



Bishop Charlene Kammerer has announced that the 2011 Annual Conference Offering goal is \$200,000 and will benefit four

mission projects:

- ◆ Mozambique: \$50,000 — leadership development training for laity and clergy in the United Methodist Church in Mozambique and funding for the Living Well Society in its ministry of drilling new wells for drinking water;
- ◆ Brazil: \$50,000 — minister to the spiritual, physical, educational, social and emotional needs of at-risk children through the Shade and Fresh Water program and the John Wesley Medical Boat, both sponsored by the Brazil Methodist Church;
- ◆ Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Eastern Shore: \$50,000 — help with the center's ministry in this small rural ethnic minority community of Horntown as it strives to provide a healthy nurturing environment for at-risk children; and
- ◆ Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries, Roanoke: \$50,000 — minister to the disenfranchised of downtown Roanoke with an emphasis on the recovering community, immigrant community and marginalized people. More information about Annual Conference and this offering is available at www.vaumc.org.

April 3 is One Great Hour of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is Sunday, April 3. The special OGHS offering supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionment money. Gifts to OGHS cover all operating expenses for UMCOR, allowing 100% of every dollar given to specific UMCOR programs and relief efforts to be spent on that project — not on office administrative costs.

UMCOR does not take anything from designated gifts to cover administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through the One Great Hour of Sharing annual offering. UMCOR's ability to respond and remain until the job is done is in direct proportion to the generosity of United Methodists during One Great Hour of Sharing.

Call 1-888-346-3862 to order OGHS offering resources.



Sojourn to Sacredness

A Theological Ecological Pilgrimage for Young Adults

Beginning Monday, June 6—Friday, June 10. spend 2 days and nights on the Appalachian Trail, and 2 days and nights on the Shenandoah River!

We will begin at Blackburn Shelter on the Appalachian Trail in the northern Shenandoah Valley and end in Front Royal on the Shenandoah River. Come and renew your relationships with God, each other, and the earth!

We're first timer friendly so if you don't have experience backpacking and/or canoeing.....no problem. We will teach outdoor living skills that are low impact and earth friendly.

We will experience the beauty of God's creation, learn about some of the problems creation is facing, and discuss ways in which the church can be a part of the solution. Joining us for conversations on the pilgrimage will be scientists, environmentalists and theologians.

Cost is \$125.00, which includes canoes, food, transportation to and from trail, river, etc. and camping fees. \$25.00 will be paid at time of registration with \$100.00 being due upon arrival. Participants will provide their own backpack, backpacking tent and sleeping bag. If you don't own this equipment you can probably borrow it from a friend. A full list of what to bring (and not to bring), where to meet, logistics, etc. will be provided upon registration.

Leaders are: Rev. Pat Watkins, 703-323-4643, jpatdenise@mac.com, and Rev. Gary Heaton, 540-635-2935, frumcpastor1@comcast.net.

More information and registration forms are available on the conference website, www.vaumc.org, click on the Conference Events Calendar, go to the June calendar and click on the event date.



Linden/Markham Charge invites you to "Walk in the Way"

The churches of the Linden/Markham charge invite each of you to join them for a conversation with God's creation as they begin a journey called *Walking in the Way* later this spring.

On Saturday April 16th at 10:30 a.m. (rain or shine) we will be gathering at the Trillium Trail parking area on Blue Mountain in Linden, Virginia, for a very short informal devotional time followed by a walk among the sea of wildflowers that carpet the floor of the G.R. Thompson Wildlife Management Area.

The walk is intended to give each of us a chance to fellowship as we walk, talking with other believers or simply walking softly in the woods as God speaks through the petals of a wildflower's bloom. All are welcome!

For more information please contact the Linden/Markham Office - (540) 636-9497, or Nathan Staley -(540) 635-9252.

Called Winchester District Conference

On Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 3.30 p.m. at Duncan Memorial UMC in Berryville, there will be a called meeting of the Winchester District Conference. At that meeting the Winchester District Board of Trustees (with the support of the District Finance Committee and the Superintendency Committee) will "...move to sell the present Winchester District parsonage and a housing allowance be provided to the District Superintendent in lieu of a parsonage." A full announcement with additional information will be provided to all district churches through the local church pastor and Lay Leader.

(Steve Melester, Chair of WD Board of Trustees)

May 7 will be United Methodist Day at Kings Dominion

Saturday, May 7, will be Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion amusement park, with discounted tickets to the park available for United Methodist. To purchase tickets online, go to www.kingsdominion.com, click on "Tickets," then "Corporate Partners," and enter company code UMC4.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ March 5 - Annual UMW Prayer Breakfast, Lee Jackson Banquet Room - 9 a.m.
- ◆ March 7—11 - Cabinets meets at Blackstone
- ◆ March 15 - DCoOM, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ March 16 - Mission Celebration Comm., Dist. Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 17 - Church Location & Buildings Committee, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 22 - Dist. Council on Ministries, Braddock Street UMC - 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 22 - District Bd. of Missions, District Office - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 22 - UMM Executive Comm., District Office—7 p.m.
- ◆ March 26 - *Creating Passionate Worship* Workshop, Shenandoah University - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- ◆ March 26 - UMW Leadership Training, Harmony UMC - 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ March 27 - Called District Conference, Duncan Memorial UMC - 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ April 5 - District Comm. on Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ April 9 - UMM Clean-up Day at Heart Havens - 9 a.m.
- ◆ April 11-15 - Cabinet meets at Blackstone
- ◆ April 17 - Open House at Winchester Heart Havens - 12:30 –3:30 p.m.
- ◆ District Clergy Luncheon
- ◆ April 21 - District Office closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ April 22 - District Office closed for Good Friday
- ◆ April 23 - UMM 5K Run at Kernstown Battlefield - 7 a.m.
- ◆ April 24 - EASTER SUNDAY
- ◆ April 29 - District Office closed for Apple Blossom

