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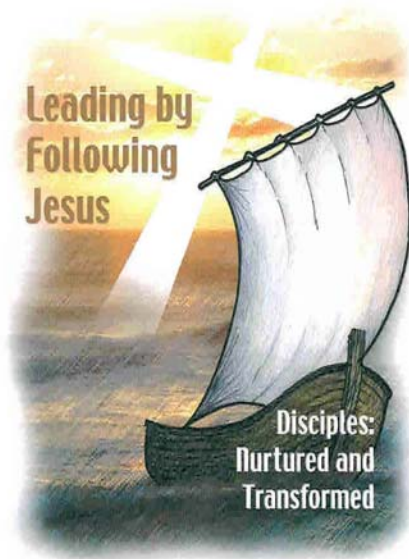
A NEWSLETTER OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT • VIRGINIA CONFERENCE • THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

JANUARY 22nd, 2011
8:15 to 3:45pm

BRADDOCK STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Leading by
Following
Jesus



*"Come,
Follow Me
and I will make you
Fishers of men."
Mark 1:17*



For more information call the District Office at
540-662-7332 or check the District Website
www.winchesterdistrictumc.org.

Stories of local churches in mission needed for 2011 Annual Conference

The Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries is currently seeking stories from local churches explaining how the church is involved in hands-on mission at local, national and international levels. Selected stories will be shared at the 2011 Annual Conference which will focus on missions. Submit this information to Terri Biggins in the conference Office of Mission and Global Justice no later than **Nov. 30**. For a submission form, contact Terri at (804) 521-1144, toll-free at 1-800-768-6040, ext. 144 or e-mail to mission@vaumc.org.

For more information, contact Donna Mott at (804) 863-1304 or donnamott8@gmail.com.



Society of St. Andrew Alternative Christmas Gift Card

Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), a national hunger-relief ministry, offers an Alternative Christmas Card program that helps feed Americans who are in need while honoring special friends and family.

For a minimum donation of \$12 in honor of someone special, you can provide about 600 servings of fresh food to those in need. Your gift donation will be announced with SoSA's exclusive Alternative Christmas Card, and you will also receive this beautiful card as a thank you and confirmation of the gifts you make.

This year's card is the 16th in a series designed exclusively for SoSA by Virginia liturgical artist Annis McCabe. The full-color, 7-inch by 5-inch card features original art on the front and an inspirational verse inside.

For more information, go to www.endhunger.org/card.



Don't forget to
set your clocks
BACK one hour
on Sunday,
November 7th!



“All Things New” begins to bear fruit

All Things New is bearing fruit in the life of the Virginia Conference. One of the most recent examples is the launching of “RISE:A United Methodist Faith Community” on the Harrisonburg District. Focusing on ministry with young adults, this new faith community began in September and is averaging 120 young adults at worship with an average age of 23. Since the annual conference’s approval of *All Things New* in 2008, 14 new faith communities have been planted and 10 more are currently in the planning phase in all regions of our conference.

Over 100 congregations are participating in the 5 Talent Academy as they discern how they may respond faithfully through the gifts with which God has blessed their churches. Part of these congregations’ covenant is discerning how they may begin or partner in beginning a new faith community by 2016. In addition, new and innovative ministries are being formed for existing congregations as transformational leadership development is emphasized through the resources of our conference.

A “direct visit” financial campaign was conducted during the past conference year to generate funds for start-up costs of new faith communities and the strengthening of ministries for existing faith communities. This effort generated \$2.7 million in pledges and financial support.

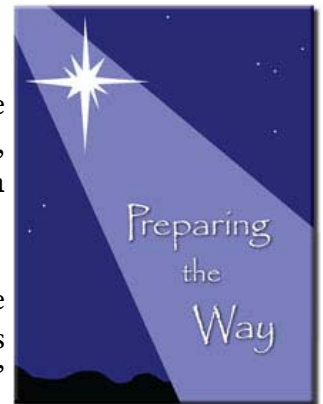
In January, a DVD will be produced along with other informational material sharing updates on *All Things New*. This material will include information about an invitation for partnerships with new faith communities as the *All Things New* vision of “reclaiming our Wesleyan heritage as a missionary movement of the Holy Spirit” is realized.

The *All Things New* financial campaign committee expresses its appreciation to all persons who continue to pray and support this strategy of living into the conference vision of “faith communities where all God’s people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.”

Society of St. Andrew offers Advent Devotions

The Society of St. Andrew offers its annual Advent Devotions program using the theme “Preparing the Way.” Through daily devotions, scriptures, and prayers, this Advent Devotions program will nourish your spirit while providing an opportunity to feed the hungry.

“Be inspired by the personal stories of our writers and how, in the midst of the secular world’s version of Christmas, our authors prepare the way for Jesus as represented in His birth, in our lives, and the coming of Christ again in glory,” said Rev. Jennifer Moore, Director of Church Relations for the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). “Discover through the words of our gifted writers how they prepare for the birth of the Christ child.”



During the season of Advent, the Society of St. Andrew asks participants to prayerfully reflect on the scriptures and devotions and then join in their ministry of feeding America’s hungry by making a financial donation. Last year donations made through SoSA’s Advent devotional program provided more than 1.2 million servings of food to the hungry.

All materials for this Advent devotional program are free from the Society of St. Andrew. For a church sample kit or a personal packet, order online: www.endhunger.org/advent.htm; by phone: 800-333-4597; or by email: church@endhunger.org.

**2010 VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
TEAM LEADER TRAINING EVENT
NOVEMBER 20, 2010**

A Virginia Conference United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader Training Event will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Lakeside UMC, 2333 Hilliard Rd, Richmond, VA (804 266-7016) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *Team Leader Training is required for all first time team leaders*, but all interested persons are welcome to attend whether leading a team or not. Registration forms are available on the conference website at www.vaumc.org. *All participants must pre-register by 12:00 noon, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010.*

**African-American Roundtable
scheduled for Nov. 19-20**

Teams from churches are invited to attend an African-American Roundtable on **Friday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 20**, at the Virginia United Methodist Center in Glen Allen. The event will begin with worship Friday evening.

The Rev. Alex Duncan, pastor of Jackson Street-Trinity in the Lynchburg District, will preach. On Saturday, Jennifer Davis, director of Connectional Ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference, will offer the keynote address.

Davis' wide range of effective leadership in the corporate, public and private sectors and her deep commitment to Christ and the Church led to her selection as the first lay person to hold this position within the Western North Carolina Conference.

Breakout sessions will focus on expanding the use of technology in the church, ministry with young adults, and the church discernment process.

All laity and clergy who have a vision and passion for ministry within the African-American church are encouraged to attend.

Cost for the day is \$25 per person which covers lunch, refreshments and materials. A .5 CEU has been requested for clergy. **Registration will begin Oct. 15.**

For more information, go to www.vaumc.org.

**School for Children's Ministry
will be Nov. 19-20**

The School for Children's Ministry will be **3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20**, at Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, Blackstone. It will be an opportunity for training, networking, and fellowship.

A focus on Special Needs Ministry for Children will be featured, as well as crucial workshops addressing children's ministry 101, mission, recruiting and retaining volunteers, event planning, children's messages, and nursery ministry.

For an information flier and registration. **Registration deadline is Nov. 12.**

**"Single Again" Retreat at Camp Overlook
December 3-5, 2010**

Join us at Blessings Lodge, at Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries in Keezletown, VA to explore the trials, the hurts, and the loneliness of being single again, and search for the road that leads to healing and wholeness.

Participants will join with others who have found themselves single again through separation, divorce, or death. Brief presentations, small group reflections, and expressive worship will help restore body and soul.

For more information contact Camp Overlook at campoverlook@gmail.com or by calling 540-2MY-CAMP. You may also register online at www.campoverlook.org.





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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- ◆ November 9 - Comm. on Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ November 11 - District Clergy Association, Round Hill UMC (Fred.) - 9 a.m.
- ◆ November 11 - District Trustees, District Office - 1 p.m.
- ◆ November 16 - District Committee on Superintendency, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ November 17 - Youth. Directors, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ November 20 - UMM District Rally, Macedonia UMC - 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ November 20 - UMW Quiet Day, Braddock St. UMC - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ◆ November 21-23 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ November 24 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ November 25-26: District Office Closed for Thanksgiving

- ◆ December 7 - DCOM, Braddock St. - 10 a.m.
- ◆ December 10 - Clergy Christmas Dinner, Marshall UMC - 6 p.m.
- ◆ December 14 - Comm. on Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ December 15 - Youth. Directors, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ December 23 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ December 24-January 2 - District Office Closed



- ◆ **January 22 - Winchester District Training Day, Braddock St. UMC - 8:15a.m.-3:45 p.m.**