



Winchester District E - News February 2019

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A Word from our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Steve Summers



Dear Winchester District,

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. There are so many things to celebrate and ministry opportunities to share on our wonderful district. Many good examples are in this

newsletter. I encourage you to read it and take advantage of the God “nudgings” you may have as you do so!

I have a special request of everyone on our district, so please feel free to pass the newsletter along so that others may subscribe and join us. Please join me in prayer for two people who are in a season of difficult health challenges. The first is our Bishop Lewis. An infection has developed after her hip replacement surgery last month, and she is having a second surgery to address that infection today (Friday, January 25). The second person who is heavy on my heart is Carol Dommissie, the spouse of David Dommissie, our Virginia Conference Treasurer and Business Administrator. Carol will soon have surgery and radiation to address cancer. As a people of faith we know that God is with us in all things, so may we call out to our Great Physician to be with Bishop Lewis and Carol in their medical care and throughout their healing. Thank you for joining me in prayer Winchester District faith family!

In Christ's Service, [DS Summers](#)

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 (NRSV)

Hello from the District Committee on Congregational Excellence (DCCE)

Let me quickly tell you who the DCCE is. We are a district committee formed to serve the ministries of the Winchester District of the United Methodist Church. How do we serve, you might ask? Glad you asked? We are a resource team equipping the ministries within the Winchester District to make life-long learners who influence others to serve in Christ.

To accomplish our goals, we need your help. So here is our big question? What resources do you need to fulfill your goals as local ministries around as disciples that are life-long learners who influence others to serve? In other words, how can we help you with the ministries of mission, neighboring (evangelism), worship, stewardship, laity development, and discipleship? Please help us to be the best resources of all of these ministries, by sending me, Rev. Andy Brock, the chair of DCCE, an email at andybrock@vaumc.org.

Also, since we know many of you are already doing wonderful ministries, you can send me an email of life giving ministries that you as a church are already doing.

Thanks, and God Bless
Rev. Andy Brock
Chair - DCCE

Upcoming Mission Events

ERT Training January 26, 2019

We will have a basic Early Response Team (ERT) training at Braddock Street from 9:00-5:00 on Saturday, January 26. Cost is \$30. Email Joanna Dietz at Joanna@braddockstreetumc.org to register. You will need work clothes and a pair of gloves!

Mission Trip to Danville January 27-30, 2019

A team of folks will be headed to Danville to work on cleaning up after the major flooding Danville experienced back in September and October. We are attempting to put together teams every 4-6 weeks. If you would like to go on a team, please contact Joanna Dietz at Joanna@braddockstreetumc.org. We have an email roster to keep those interested in the loop about when teams will be headed down. Job training will occur onsite.



Mission Team Leaders

If you have been certified to lead mission teams and you are interested in using those skills in 2019, we are looking for team leaders to take teams down to Danville and possibly North Carolina in the next twelve months. Interested leaders are encouraged to contact Joanna Dietz to set up a time to lead a team down.

Joanna@braddockstreetumc.org



Mission Trailer

Taking a team on mission this year and needing the equipment to take with you? The District has a trailer packed and ready to go for you to take. You do need a vehicle and experience pulling a large trailer to take it, but we'd love to see the trailer go out more this year! To reserve the trailer, please contact Joanna Dietz at

Joanna@braddockstreetumc.org

Winchester District Clergy Meeting

February 5th, 2019

Evergreen UMC, Leesburg

"Anatomy of Peace" with Brian Brown

Meeting begins at 9:30 am



Winchester District United Methodist Men

Winchester District UMMen Leaders

Happy New Year!! We hope that you are ready for a wonderful 2019 as we work together to make Men's Ministry

First, we need to get our fellowships chartered. Paragraph 256 of the Book of Discipline tells us that each church or charge shall have an organized unit of United Methodist Men chartered and annually re-certified through the General Commission on United Methodist Men. Our number of chartered fellowships has been on the decline in the past five years. A charter form is included in this mailing to make it easier for you to get your fellowship chartered soon. Not only does the Book of Discipline require our chartering of fellowships, but it also is a source of funding for the General Commission on United Methodist Men. I believe that this is something that each of you believe and will do your best to get your fellowship chartered.

We have two major fundraisers to support District UMMen ministries. The Jim Green Memorial Bowl-A-Thon which will be held on February 23, 2019 from Noon – 3 PM at Northside Lanes in Winchester. We have held our Bowl-A-Thon for over 20 years and usually get a good group of participants. Please let me know if your church will have a team participating this year. Our Bill Owen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on September 14, 2019. This has been a very successful fundraiser over the past 20 years, be on the lookout for more information over the summer regarding this fundraiser.

Our Fall Rally and Breakfast is our annual business meeting of the District UMMen and over the past five years, this has been poorly attended. Our Fall Rally will be held on October 19th this year so that we will not be in competition with hunting season as we have in the past in November.

Our District Executive Committee has been drained due to poor management on our part and the aging out of our existing committee. I would like for you to recommend men to me that would be good candidates to serve on our District UMMen Executive Committee. Our greatest need at this time is for a Treasurer, as our current longtime treasurer Jim Rudisill has moved out of the Winchester District and we need to replace him as soon as possible.

I would like to establish a Quarterly UMMen Breakfast at different churches in our district. The Christmas Breakfast at Braddock Street UMC proved to be a nice way for men to fellowship and can allow us to join together in district fellowship. If we could get volunteer churches in each quadrant of the district it will be a nice addition to our current structure to find ways for us to fellowship as men.

Please contact me if you have any questions or have someone who would be willing to serve on the District UMMen Executive Committee.

God Bless,
Steve Cunningham
Winchester District UMMen President



Seminar

**February 9, 2019 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Round Hill UMC,
Round Hill, VA**

Please spend the day with us as we gather to learn about Christ's character and our God-given gifts, and how we can grow with them through all seasons of life. Study scripture, enjoy fellowship, create a craft and share meals with other Sisters on this day of encouragement and faith.

Bring a Bible, pencil or pen, and a friend!

Guest Speaker

Rev. Lindsey M. Baynham
Associate Director for Call, Candidacy & Discernment
Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church

Cost \$35* includes a light breakfast, healthy lunch, and all program materials

Checks payable to: RHUMC Women's Seminar

To register contact **Diane Chen** at RHUMC, roxndhil@gmail.com, by Jan 31.

*scholarships available

Sponsored by Round Hill United Methodist Church, Round Hill, VA.

Due Midnight, Thursday, January 31, 2019 Table I, Table II, and Table III Carefully review your data input, be sure you approve the data, and then submit the data as FINAL.

Table I: The pastor, in conjunction with the church secretary and others, is responsible for overseeing the completion of this report.

Tables II, III: The pastor, in conjunction with the church treasurer and others, is responsible for overseeing the completion of this report.

Posted on behalf of the Virginia Conference Center for Justice and Missional Excellence

Applications for **new** and **continuing** projects are now being accepted for 2019 Virginia Conference Advance Specials from the Office of Justice and Missional Excellence. The applications are available on the conference website at <https://www.vaumc.org/ConferenceAdvanceSpecials>

The forms are also attached to this email.

An Advance Special Guidelines document is available on the same web page.

The Advance Application Forms are due in the Justice and Missional Excellence Office by **February 8, 2019**. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Cindy Ingroff Email: cindyingroff@vaumc.org Tel. 804-521-1153.

Clergy Spouses Retreat, March 8-9, 2019

"Healthy Transitions for Clergy Spouses" by Julie Anderman of Artos Retreats.

Are you anticipating some kind of major transition in 2019? Maybe a new appointment, or retirement, or the results of February's denominational vote? This session is designed exclusively for you – the clergy spouse!

- In confidential small group discussions, prepare your mind and heart with healthy habits and strategies for each phase of a transition.
- Have fun with other clergy spouses solving real-life scenarios about saying goodbye, dealing with the chaos, and planting new roots.
- Walk away with meaningful, supportive connections with other clergy spouses.

Julie Anderman has been a clergy spouse in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for 20 years. She co-founded Artos Retreats two years ago out of a calling to improve the well-being of clergy spouses through connection and learning. Before starting Artos, Julie provided independent instructional design and communications consulting for over 20 years. She has facilitated small group learning in both corporate and church environments for 25 years.

Location: Camp Overlook, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, near Harrisonburg. Cost: \$100 - accommodations and meals, based on double occupancy. Space limited. Register by Feb. 25.

Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=380672&>

Funding for Artos Retreats has been generously provided by the Ministerial Education Fund of the Virginia UMC.

Questions? Contact Judy Hall at 804-264-0524

Information for The Power of Storytelling for Preaching

Date: Wednesday – Thursday, March 27-28, 2019

Place: Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Avenue, Henrico, Va. 23229 (Northwest of Richmond)

Schedule: DAY ONE:

Start Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. (lunch included) Concludes at 3:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. (optional) Wednesday evening dinner at Trinity UMC. \$8.00 (paid separately). RSVP information will be provided to registrants.

7:00 p.m. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC storytelling session by Donald Davis.
Expected for those requesting 1.0 CEU.

DAY TWO:

Session begins at 9:30 a.m. (lunch included). Concludes at 3:30 p.m.

What to Expect:

Day one focus will be on how to find usable stories in your own personal and family experiences. And remodeling your preaching to encompass long range planning.

Day two focus will further help you to mine the resources of your own memories for stories you do not realize you already have. Many of these discovered stories have either mainstream or illustrative value in preaching.

Small groups will be formed throughout the event for the purpose of sharing what has been heard, how it may be used, and what of our own stories may inform and enrich our preaching.

Suggested Lodging: The Holiday Inn Express, located at 9933 Mayland Drive, Henrico, offers lodging for a conference price of \$99.00 per room, double queen or one king-sized bed. It is best to call and ask for the United Methodist conference rate. 804-934

Suggested reading *Telling Your Own Stories; Writing as a Second Language*, available from Amazon. And a DVD *What's Your Story?* available from www.TimpFest.org, "Marketplace".

How the Story Transforms the Teller, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgeh4xhSA2Q>

CEU: 1.0 CEU has been approved for the two-day experience with the Wednesday evening public storytelling session a part of that. No CEU for the one day only option.

Register at: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/2019goodsonacademy>

Goodson Academy of Preaching Team: Larry Buxton, Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, Marcia Huntsman, Jason Micheli, Amanda Newman, D. Paul Oh, Derrick Parson, David Rash chp., Greg West, Staff liaison: Marc Brown, Bev Myers



**From the
Bishop**

2019 Bible Challenge

Since 2017, Bishop Lewis has been encouraging the Virginia Conference to read the Bible in a year. Each year has featured a different way of reading.

- 2017- read the Bible straight through
- 2018- read the Bible chronologically

For 2019, the Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day. In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process. Each month's readings will also be printed in each *Advocate* issue.

Tips on reading the Bible daily:

- Start reading the Bible today.
- Set aside a specific time and place each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great; but feel free to use any time that works consistently with your schedule.
- Get a good study Bible to help to illuminate the meaning of the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek text.
- Choose a translation to use during your reading.
- Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding.
- Dive in and enjoy the richness of God's Word! Apply God's Word to your life. Bible study should be practical and applicable. I assure you that these seven steps will help you begin a journey in becoming a "lifelong learner" of God's Word.

[Click here for Monthly Readings](#)

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