

The Messenger

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PASTOR'S CORNER

From June 16th to the 18th, Jane and I, along with our Lay Delegate Marge Howell and her husband Jack, attended the Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton, Virginia. In a later section of this newsletter you will find Marge's conference summary report. Jane and I went earlier than usual in order that I could sit in on a playback meeting of the ongoing work of our United Methodist Commission on a Way Forward. This is the Commission charged with the task of discerning God's plan for a way forward through the church's current impasse over issues of human sexuality.



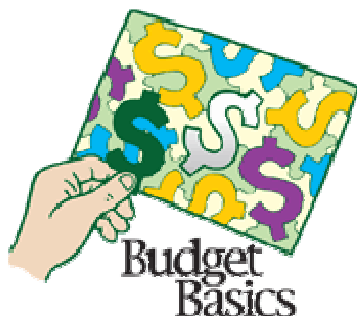
As I have indicated since General Conference convened in 2016, I want to be as transparent as possible in keeping our church up to date with the work of the Commission. So far, the Commission has met three times. The report given at Annual Conference indicated that the primary focus of the work to date has been what was described as "relational". This simply means that the Commission felt they had to spend considerable time coming to know and understand themselves. Representatives of the LGBTQ community on the commission needed to learn who the members of the straight community were and how they came to their beliefs about human sexuality, and vice-versa. Scholars needed to know lay people and lay people needed to have better understanding of our denominational leaders. In short, the approach so far has been to try and really listen and hear people of different beliefs and backgrounds articulate why they feel the way they do about issues of human sexuality. To me, this makes sense. It's virtually impossible to really hear someone unless you have a deeper understanding of who they are. Our United Methodist tradition of "holy conferencing" is built on the premise that the Holy Spirit will work best among us when we communicate from positions of mutual understanding and respect.

At this point, no specific decisions or outcomes have been established. Now that the relational work has been done, the Commission will meet several more times in 2017 and 2018. The objective will be for the Commission to draft a recommendation as to how the United Methodist Church might go forward in response to our current impasse. This report will be forwarded to the Council of Bishops. The Council can amend the report, delete it entirely, or leave it unchanged. Following the Council's action the final recommendation will be forwarded to the special 2019 General Conference for final action.

As further information becomes available I will keep you informed. In the meantime, my strong recommendation is that we pray that God's will is done within the Commission, and that the church as a whole will not rush to judgment until all of the Commission's work is complete.

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck



Total Operating Budget for 2016	\$185,489
Budget Needed as of June 25	\$92,745
Offering Received as of June 25	<u>88,378</u>
Budget Deficit as of June 25	\$- 4,366

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

Our Charlottesville District has scheduled a meal packaging event for “Rise Against Hunger”. The event will be held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Aldersgate UMC in Charlottesville. The district goal is to have enough adult, youth, and children volunteers to package 20,000 meals to be sent to needy countries around the world. The district is also raising \$5,800 to fund the event so if you can’t volunteer, a gift would be appreciated. This event has been organized to coincide with our annual District Conference on that Sunday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer or making a donation to fund this worthwhile ministry. Checks may be made out to SUMC and note “RAH” on the memo line.



New Grandchildren in the Church Family

This year has been VERY PRODUCTIVE! We have welcomed at least TEN grandbabies into this world in just the first six months! And all the people said AMEN!!

- Emma Jacqueline Jones, born January 21. Parents are Jennifer and Scott Jones. **Grandparents:** Scott and Carol Haas

- Hattiebelle Leigh Strombeck, born February 17. Parents are Jordan and Justin Strombeck. **Great Grandmother:** Erva Shifflett
- Ezra John Isanhart, born February 26. Parents: Rachel and Doug Isanhart. **Grandparents:** Rob and Betty Vaneekhoven
- Jack Thomas Rehpelz, born April 5. Parents: Shannan and Charlie Rehpelz. **Grandparents:** Scott and Carol Haas
- Landon Carthen Horne, born May 3. Parents are Zachary and Heather Horne. **Great Grandmother:** Erva Shifflett
- Charles Richard Mack, born May 31. Parents are Michael and Shelley Mack. **Grandparents:** Neddy and David Mack.
- Liam Oliver Lotterhos, born June 14. Parents are David and Alison Lotterhos. **Grandmother:** Karen McAuliffe
- Nash Monroe Perkins, born June 15. Parents are Holly and Kody Perkins. **Grandparents:** Gary and Sue Lam
- Abigail Renae Moore, born June 19. Parents are Marcus and Richelle Moore. **Grandparents:** Carolyn and Joel Warren
- Elizabeth Renee Roach, born June 22. Parents are Andy and Heather Roach. **Grandmother:** Doris Roach

This list is a collaboration of minds - some brilliant - some NOT so much - so if we missed you GRAND - please let the office know and we will print it next month!

QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT YDC

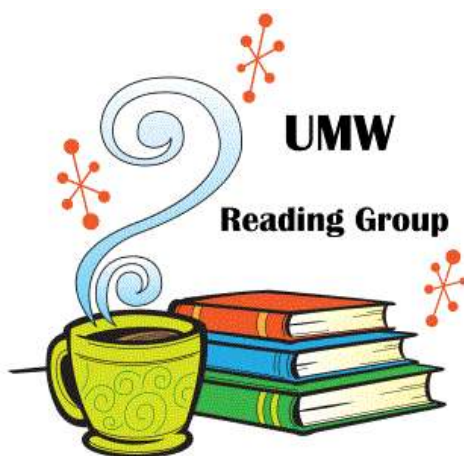
SUMC has been one of the strongest community supporters of the Youth Development Council of Greene County. Because of this strong support, summer camp and after-school programs are being offered to underserved children that provide structured activities in academics, character building, social interaction, physical fitness and personal development.

An exciting SUMC project is the creation of a unique queen-sized hand-made quilt to be raffled off to raise funds for the YDC. Pat Glassmyer has been the driving force in creating the design, obtaining the squares sewn by women of the church and assembling and quilting the cover. The quilt team consists of Anne Lundgren, Jane Winner, Zee Lawson, Marion Daughtry, Neddy Mack, Sue Endres, and Priscilla Schmitt.

Please notice the picture of the quilt. In this wonderful creation you can see the dynamic energy that so characterizes the work of the YDC. All are invited to participate in the raffle, both in purchasing raffle tickets and in encouraging others to participate. To get tickets see Carl Schmitt or Pat Glassmyer.



UMW READING NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to the members of the UMW Reading Group! You are exactly “the person” our new Bishop (of the Virginia Annual Conference) is asking you to be! ***A Lifelong Learner!*** That being said... the 2017 reading season is coming to a close very soon! **Reading Logs are due NO LATER THAN... Sunday, August 13, 2017** (This is *one week earlier* than advertised last September). Please contact Jane Winner if you need a few more books to complete YOUR plan... or if you need magazines to read. When completed, you may place your Reading Log in the mailbox of Pastor Chuck anytime. He has done a great job as Courier for the group.

THANK YOU for your participation!

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS

Save the Date!

Charlottesville District Conference
 Sunday, November 19, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 Aldersgate UMC, 1500 E. Rio Road
 Charlottesville.



This recipe comes from an old SUMC cookbook courtesy of both Ethel Lillard and Lizzie Haney.

COCONUT PIE

3 eggs	3 T. Flour
2 cups half and half	3 T. butter
2 cups coconut	1 1/2 cups sugar

This makes two pies. Mix and pour into two pie shells. Bake at 400 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until set.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

The Virginia Conference has publicized the schedule for upcoming missions trips originating in our conference. Consider if you might be interested in working a team for one of these trips. These projects have **urgent** needs for work teams to cover these dates with the ongoing disaster recovery efforts. (You don't have to commit to a week.) Housing is available in both locations. No per person cost. You're only responsible for transportation and meals - the rest will be taken care of.

- Aug. 13-19 - Virginia Beach
- Aug. 27-Sept. 2 - Evergreen
and Virginia Beach
- Sept. 17-23 - Virginia Beach
- Sept. 24-30 - Evergreen
and Virginia Beach
- Oct. 2-4 - Virginia Beach
- Oct. 16-21 - Evergreen
and Virginia Beach
- Oct. 23-28 - Evergreen
and Virginia Beach

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Would you like to help our Greene County Schools? All you have to do is start collecting the Box Tops for Education from the products you already purchase! Cut the Box Tops off your purchases and bring them into the Church. Give them to Pastor Chuck or Jane Winner. We will see they get to the Schools!

Thank You!

**PILLOW CASES NEEDED
 FOR DISTRICT UMW PROJECT**
 The District UMW is collecting pillow cases to make dresses! If you have any pillow cases you would like to donate, please bring them to the Church and give them to ANY member of the UMW.

Thank you!

WHO AM I?

This lady grew up in a small town about an hour south of Boston with her parents and younger sister. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst where she met her husband on a blind date arranged by friends. They were married in the Episcopal Church where her grandparents were very active and where her mother grew up and married. Their four children were all baptized in that Church.



Her husband was in the Navy when they were married and they loved living in Freeport, Maine, for a year when he was stationed at the Brunswick Naval Air Station, and where she taught first grade in a small school there. They both

loved the state of Maine as her family spent a lot of vacations there and her husband's family came from Maine. Vacations in Maine continued with their children through their teen-age years.

After a year in Maine the Navy decided they should move to Norfolk, Virginia, for the next two and a half years. They soon learned that Norfolk was not welcoming to the Navy but were very happy to take their money.

After leaving Norfolk they said that they would never live in the South again. She said to be careful when you say "never" because you may have to eat those words. After working for IBM in Boston for five years and seventeen years in a small town 50 miles north of New York City, her husband was transferred to Cary, North Carolina. After a short time there they fell in love with the South and never turned back.

Her husband bought her a small homeowner association management company after their move to Cary to give her something to do as their children had left home. The business grew quickly. Her husband joined her after his retirement from IBM and for nineteen years they managed townhomes, condominiums, and single family home associations with pools and tennis courts. They sold the business

when they were seventy and their son built their retirement home for them. Sadly her husband died four years later and she moved to Ruckersville to be near family.

Over the years she and her husband have enjoyed entertaining, bridge, traveling and taking cruises with friends. They were very active with the Boy Scouts for a number of years and she enjoyed taking part in volunteer organizations such as the PTA and the Federation of Women's Clubs.



In addition to their children she has fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren who live in New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia.

The Church has been a big part of her life and her involvement included UMW, Youth Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Administrative Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee, and Staff Pastor Relations.

Her happiness in Greene County is in large part due to her involvement in SUMC. It was very difficult for her to walk into this caring and loving church one December morning by herself. At the end of the service she had decided that this was the church for her. She likes the friends she has met, their concern for the community, the programs that provide outreach programs that help those that need it, and the opportunity for study which has led to her personal spiritual growth, and, last but not but least, Pastor Chuck and Jane Winner.



I Felt Welcomed

In case you have not guessed, this new Church member is Gail Grant.

(Time got ahead of me this month so I had to write about myself.)

CONFERENCE REPORT: 2017 VIRGINIA ANNUAL UMC
Marge Howell: Alternate Delegate, SUMC

June 23, 2017

The 2017 Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held in Hampton at the Hampton Roads Convention Center from June 16 – 18. I was privileged to serve our Lord and our Church as the Alternate Delegate from SUMC. I am also pleased to submit this report which reflects my personal impressions of the event as opposed to factual summaries of the outcomes of the Conference which can be found on-line at our vaumc.org website.

This was my first time attending an annual conference, so everything was brand new to me. To summarize my feelings, I would paraphrase my favorite baseball player, Yogi Berra: “It was 90 – 95% procedural tedium, but the other half was rather inspirational and uplifting.”

Bishop Sharma Lewis had chosen “A New Thing” as the conference theme because of her young stint as Bishop. She opened the conference with a “stir things up” proclamation and proceeded to do just that. Her energetic and charismatic style endeared herself to the Conference in just minutes, and she was instantly in control and remained in control until the end. She exhibited a high degree of fairness as she emceed the business discussions, yet she steadily moved the conference through a demanding schedule.



The body made cautious progress on a number of current issues affecting all of us and our planet, and I was pleased with the clarity, articulation, and depth of thought in most of the spontaneous interventions from the floor in point and counter-point exchanges. And when scientific data and logic were lacking, Scriptures were cited to strengthen certain points. Consequently, I found myself voting on behalf of SUMC with the majorities on all of the issues.

In summary I found it to be a rewarding experience; I learned a lot about our Church, about our Bishop, and about the expectations she has for us here in Virginia. Her send-off challenge message was emphatically and emotionally delivered: We should be **life-long learners** who can **influence others to serve**.

What will I do differently next time?? Well, I sure won't bother to pack a bathing suit or take a book to read because Yogi's “other half” followed a very challenging timeline.

Marge Howell

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR CHARLIE GRANT



Gail Grant's grandson, Charlie, has wanted to be a Marine since he was a toddler and last Sunday that dream came true as he left for Paris Island, South Carolina, for his thirteen weeks at Boot Camp. After boot camp he will attend two schools in combat training and combat engineering. He then will serve in a reserve unit until he completes college. After graduation he will go on active duty.

We pray for God's help as he serves his country. He left on Sunday with the only two things he was allowed to take – his Bible and his address book.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMPOUT 2017

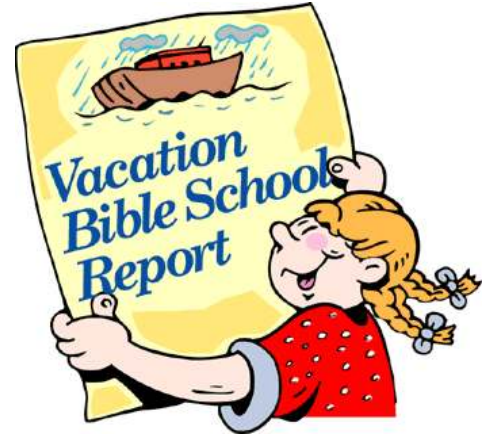
Campout scripture - John 8:12
 "Jesus is the Light of the World "

Thirty children attended this year's VBS. Our theme incorporated live campout activities which included roasting marshmallows to make their own personal s'mores. This was something the children did every night. We also roasted hotdogs, and had other fun snacks, like ants on a log.

The children enjoyed the fun crafts which included a mini camper bank, stuffing a bear, and giving out dog-tag necklaces to remind us that Jesus is our light and we need to follow Him. Each night we would gather to do a little singing. One of the favorite songs was "This Little Light" - another highlight was when Higher Voices came out to sing, and what a show they put on!

We hope to see everyone next year for our new adventure in following Jesus.

A big Thank You to Pastor Chuck and many members of the congregation. This could not have been successful without all your help.



Continue to let your light shine,
 Lisa Davis and Sue Lam



OUR VISION

Our vision is for every neighbor in our community to hear and know the good news of Jesus Christ and to be free from physical and spiritual hunger or thirst.

OUR MISSION IS TO CONNECT – GROW – AND SERVE

We seek to make more and better followers of Jesus Christ by making strong connections with Jesus; by helping all followers to grow spiritually; and by serving our community's physical needs.

- July 24-26** **YDC Camp here**
- Oct. 7** **UMW District Annual Meeting**
- Oct. 14** **Fall Festival**
- Oct. 28** **Virginia Conference UMW Annual Meeting**
- Nov. 19** **District Packaging Event**
 District Conference
- Dec. 2** **UMW Advent Prayer Breakfast**

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

SIP N’ CHAT

- July 2 Fundraiser
- July 9 Connie Flora, Sharon Morris, Sandra Shifflett, Rhonda Houchens, Meghan Wallace
- July 16 Val Shifflett, Chaz and Lucy Anderson, Doris Roach, Gayle Collier
- July 23 UMW - Pat Holtzman, Danease Arrington, Jane Winner, Pat Glassmyer, Anne Lundgren, Marion Daughtry
- July 30 Potluck

LITURGISTS

- July 2 Beverly Lamb
- July 9 John Ringle
- July 16
- July 23 Nettie Mack
- July 30

COMMUNION STEWARD

- July 2 Mandy Bass

BLESSINGS ON YOUR JULY BIRTHDAY

July 1 Gary Sims	July 13 Marsha Huddleston	July 23 Jo Colley
July 3 Deanne Deisbeck	July 13 Devan Myers	July 23 Carolyn Warren
July 4 Sara Hughes	July 13 Barbara Ringle	July 24 Alanna King
July 4 William McAuliffe	July 14 Marion Daughtry	July 25 Lexi Lam
July 8 Madison Cropp	July 15 Frances Barham	July 26 Val Shifflett
July 9 Candace Mallory	July 16 Lizzie Lawson	July 27 Steve Morris
July 10 Rachel Freid	July 17 Annette Garth	July 27 Ty Shifflett
July 10 Mike Garth	July 18 Alexis Wayland	July 28 Bailey Wayland
July 10 Cory Houchens	July 19 Bill Wade	July 30 Gayle Collier
July 11 Charles Anderson	July 20 Bob Holtzman	July 30 Sadie Kirby
July 11 Laura McAuliffe	July 20 Brenda Compton	July 31 Lucy Anderson
July 11 Nancy Porter	July 20 Chad Roach	July 31 Jamie Wayland

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers. If you have any names to be added to this list, please complete a prayer concern card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or contact Lucy Anderson at 985-7632.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Lam, John Ganoe, Ruth Hodges, Zed French, Sandra Shifflett, Scott Haas, Leonard Moubray, Nory Sanabria, David Robinson, John Paffen, Davis Lamb, Cliff Morton, Frances Coffey, Hazel Elliott, Aaron and Elizabeth Martens, Agnes Shifflett, Rob Vaneekhoven, Carlyle and Ellis Moyers, and Peggy and Earl Moyers, Doreen Good, Glen and Ellen Collier, Abigail Moore, David Mack, Mike Syner, Mary Syner.



THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

Kay Freid, Grace
 At Home: Bobbie Eddins, Eva Morris, Mildred Snow, Toni Suydam

PRAYERS IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Family of Doris Reese Arrington

July 2017

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