



Farmville District United Methodist Church

Staying In Touch

November—December 2009

In Everything Give Thanks?

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- I Thessalonians 5:16-18

I have a suspicion why Thanksgiving Day is so easily lost to us. It is not just smothered under the gravy that comes with the turkey and dressing or lost in the roaring crowds at football games. Nor is it only squeezed out of sight in the mad holiday rush of "Hallowthankmas," that frenetic commercial blitz that balances the end-of-the-year books for retailers. And is not merely wiped away by the instant everything technology which breeds our cultural amnesia that cannot even remember whether Columbus sailed in 1492 or in 1942. I think Thanksgiving Day gets lost to us because too often we are blind to God.

Whatever our opinions might be of those strange folks who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1621, we have to agree that they saw God constantly at work among them. Bradford's *History of Plymouth Colony* reads as vividly as the Old Testament *Exodus* recounting God's hand working at every turn. Even though half their number perished in the first year, and life had been extremely hard, they saw with the eyes of the psalmist all "the wonderful works God has done" (Psalm 105:5). Their first Thanksgiving was a deep expression of their faith welling up in praise to their Creator and Redeemer: "O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1). They had seen "...the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13).

How is it that these Pilgrims had such vision? Were they just simple folks, gullible for signs and eager for anything to affirm their enterprise of founding a New England? They certainly were naïve about the demands of the new world, but no more than those earlier settlers at Jamestown. But far from the stereotype of religious innocents, they were actually highly literate, deeply committed, and boldly courageous. They should never be idealized; they were far from perfect, much like that murmuring band moving from Egypt to the Promised Land. Like those early Israelites, they were a people alive to God, knowing "both we and our ancestors have sinned," yet believing in God's power to redeem (Psalm 106:6). Their astounding awareness of God was awakened and nourished by their love and knowledge of scripture.

Biblical illiteracy brings blindness to God. One of the great joys of Bible studies is watching students suddenly catch sight of God's hand in their own lives. Reading the old, old story enables us to hear God's word to us. Reading *Psalms* enlivens our words to God. And through the amazing grace of God's Spirit those once blind now see.

One more thing about thanksgiving: it is in itself a spiritual discipline. That is why "Praise the Lord!" echoes as a constant refrain throughout the Bible's psalms. We praise God, not because God needs our gratitude, but because we need to express our thanks. By thanking God, we remember that it is God who has made us; we did not make ourselves. By speaking our praise, we recall that it is from God that all blessings flow. If "in everything" we give thanks to God, we will see God in more places than we can imagine. And when thanksgiving replaces our complaining, and gratitude replaces our greed, we will more likely see our way to becoming what God calls us to be: God's children.

Jim Tongue

For Thanksgiving Day

It is always right, O God,
to praise you and to bless your name.
Even if the harvest fail,
Even when the economies falter,
still you are our God;
still you bless us richly.
Help us to see your active hand
in bounty or in scarcity,
in pain as well as pleasure.
When we fail to see you at work
we fall into the sin of ingratitude,
Or even suppose that all that we have
is the work of our own hands,
the result of our own intelligence and industry.
Forgive us, and save us
from an existence so self-centered.
Set us free from greedy and grasping hearts.
By your generosity to us,
teach us to be generous to others,
And thus to give evidence to you
that we are indeed your thankful people.
This we pray through Jesus Christ,
your most gracious and enduring gift to us,
for whom be everlasting praise. Amen.

--Lawrence Hull Stookey, *This Day*, p. 133

2010 LEADERSHIP TRAINING-FARMVILLE & PETERSBURG DISTRICTS

January 17, 2010 at VUMAC 2:00 to 5:30 pm

You can visit Cokesbury from 2:00-2:30 pm and the speaker will begin at 2:30 pm

The keynote speaker, The Rev. Melissa Rae Dunlap, Bi-District Coordinator for Church Development for the Arlington and Alexandria Districts.



- **Fishing on the Right Side of the Boat**, Rev. Dr. Marc Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries—will help congregations order its administrative structure so it may fish on the right side of the boat.
- **Looking Good in Print**, Mrs. Linda Rhodes—This workshop will deal with the basics of producing a church newsletter or other print publications.
- **Called to Be Lay Leader – The Next Steps**, Mrs. Martha Stokes - Laity are partners in ministry with clergy. We must take seriously this call to be ministers, to be involved, exercise spiritual disciplines, be evangelists, help our churches become missional and celebrate our connectionalism.
- **Mission as a Way of Life** (young people) Co-led by Angie Williams and Denise Honeycutt. In a world of great need, youth want to be part of the answer. They will share practical hands on youth mission opportunities that are reflective of our theology of mission as United Methodists
- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee**, The Rev. Jim Tongue and The Rev. Jack Martin.
- **Seasoned Adults Spice Up Churches**, The Rev. Jim McClung - You will discover that with the "graying" of the congregation, it can prove to be an asset for your church. If you are looking to start a group within your church or are interested in working with seasoned adults, this class is for you.
- **The Parsonage Family** -Mrs. Marianne Martin and Mrs. Judy Tongue - They will help you understand how to allow your pastor and his family to live comfortably as they reside in your parsonage.
- **Christian Education for Children From K-6th grade**, Mrs. Lieu Lewis - This will be a general overview for what is available for all size churches. Topic: Where can we go for help.
- **Adults Training Acolytes**, Rev. Phyllis Piluso - This workshop will show how being an acolyte is an opportunity for younger elementary aged children to become involved in serving the Lord. Participants will see how serving as an acolyte is more than lighting candles on the altar The second half of this session,
- **Hospitality - Whose Job Is It Anyway?**, Mrs. Cammie Armstrong - What is our role in being the welcoming presence of Christ? It's not always the new person who needs welcoming – many times those who have been sitting in the pews for years have never been reached and need hospitality.
- **Trustees in the Local Church**, Rev. Henry Riley. This class will cover the role of a church trustee.
- **Endowment and Planned Giving for the Local Church**, Mr. Jim Bergdoll - This class will include how to develop an endowment program in the local church and ways of seeking gifts for endowment, as well as ways the Conference Foundation can assist local churches.
- **Worship Through the Visual Arts**, The Rev. Michelle Lindsay - Learn the art of altar decoration, the use of paraments, and the use of liturgical colors. Participants are asked to bring a bowl or vase or something to use on an altar; then see how it is all pulled together to add another dimension to worship.
- **Lay Pastoral Care Giving**, The Rev. Tim Farabaugh. This is a cover program that will prepare clergy to select, commission and train laity in providing pastoral care to members of the congregation.
- **Web Site Design**, two sessions will be offered - one for the beginner and one for those with some knowledge of design who want more advanced help. The Rev. Brian Siegle will lead one; the other leader is still to be announced.

Mrs. Joan White is unable to be with us this year for the **Banner Making Class**. If you wish to call her to arrange your own personal class at her home, she is more than happy to do that. Her phone number is 434-476-7925.

In the Works: **Local Church Treasurers**

Refreshments will be provided by the United Methodist Women of Petersburg and Farmville Districts.

Witnessing among the Body of Christ!

Is evangelism a word or term that has lost its meaning? It would seem so if you look at our churches today. And yet, as I spend time hearing of the things going on in the Farmville District, I realize that there is plenty of evangelism at work. There was a book several years ago that suggested everything we needed to learn we learned in Kindergarten. I wonder how many souls we could win if we would simply share with one another the things we are doing well?

There is the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" that has transformed several of our congregations, "Healthy Congregations" which has impacted several others and just plain old fellowship and evangelism that has made a difference in others. My appeal is to the laity of the district who might be reading this to share your stories of outreach, ministry and growth. Through the sharing of stories we can witness to one another new ways to reach out and grow our churches. We need to "rethink" church and look at ourselves with a new set of eyes. As we do that, we will embrace the things we are doing well and learn new things from each other. Let us help each other and realize the mission that Jesus set before us in Matthew 28: 18-20.

Write up a short account of what has happened in the transformation of your church and we will share it with the churches of Farmville. Send to Rev. Don Jamison, 8254 Hungarytown Rd., Crewe, VA 23930. Thanks! *Don Jamison*

Washington Vocal Arts

presents

Baritone Hyung Il Moon

Piano Dr. Lisa Kinzer

F. Shubert's Winterreise
(Winter Journey)
Longwood University

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Molnar Recital Hall
Free Admission

Rev. Moon is the pastor of the Prince Edward Charge of the Farmville District. He is an opera singer who has had articles written about his smooth, robust and characterful baritone voice as standing out from the rest of the crowd. He also sang at our Annual Conference this year during the Laity Session. This is your opportunity to hear him. Please make plans to attend and invite others.

EVENING AT BLACKSTONE

December 6, 2009

Presenting

The Brethren

A Male Vocalists

Christian Ensemble

Go to vumac.org for registration information or call 292-5308.

FIND A- CHURCH

More and more congregations have added ministries to their online profiles depicting the lifestyle of their churches. With the national advertising currently being aired, more than 400,000 page views per month have been documented on FIND-A-CHURCH.

Churches have been reminded a few times to go online and update their profile. The Farmville District has only had 20% to do this so far.

We are encouraging churches once more to please go online to www.Find-A-Church.org and complete your page. Assistance is offered at the toll-free number of 800-251-8140.

Thank you for completing this.

PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED ON THE NEW YOUTH SUB CULTURE OF THE OCCULT

Date: November 15, 2009

Time: 2 PM

Place: Farmville UMC Sanctuary

Farmville United Methodist Church will be hosting an event to educate youth, young adults, parents, and interested professionals about the rising sub culture of the occult in today's youth. Don Rimer, International Authority on Ritual Crime & the Occult, will provide a four hour session designed to educate attendees about Occult groups including Satanism, Witchcraft, Goth Culture, and Vampirism. He will explore the history of the occult, explain generational, religious, self-styled and the teenage dabbler. In addition to contemporary issues, Don will also speak about behavior indicators and symptoms characterizing abuse.

Don Rimer is a retired, 33-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Police Department. He currently serves as the Public Information Officer and Chaplain for the Virginia Gang Investigators Association. He is an internationally recognized authority on Ritual Crime and the Occult. Since 1986, he has spoken to more than 2,500 schools, churches, civic groups, and professional organizations. In addition, he has contributed to or has been featured in numerous books and publications. He has appeared on national and worldwide television broadcasts to include Montel Williams, The 700 Club, Unsolved Mysteries, Greta Van Susteren, and the Canadian Broadcasting Network.

The Farmville United Methodist Church, Farmville District Youth and the Wesley Foundation for Longwood and Hampden-Sydney will be sponsoring this event.

**ATTENTION FARMVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS, CHURCHES, UMM, UMW, UMYF—
SOUTH CENTRAL UMFS NEEDS YOUR HELP -**



Our South Central Center currently has 19 children (ages 4 months to 19 years old). Three of these children are medically challenged children who require special needs. Within the past year two children were adopted and seven are in the process of going through adoption procedures. The South Central Region has received the "Team of the Year" Award for their work in our area. This is because of the tremendous amount of help we have received from our congregations in the Farmville District. Through UMFS relationships are built with foster children and adoptive families. Selected families must go through training designed to help them as they work to give these children a safe and happy home. We are always looking for potential resource people who may be interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent. If that person is **YOU** please call Laura Davis @434-757-1065 and make a difference in the life of one of our children.



One of our hopes for the Christmas season is to find individuals or groups that will help us sponsor individual children in our programs or will help us sponsor a holiday party for all the families.

Below are listed some of the opportunities. I hope that you or your group will be able to help in some way. If you need further information call Rev. Al Green, 434-568-5400 or 434-917-0398.

<p>A. Christmas Party Treat Bags for Children and Teens - Provide items for small gift bags for a program's holiday party: crayons, pencils, pens, play dough, coloring books, disposable cameras, candy, mini-notebooks, rubicks cubes, small cars, bubbles, gloves, socks, card games, small stuffed toys, stickers or other items appropriate for the age and gender of the child.</p> <p>Number of gifts: _____ Age & Gender _____</p>	<p>D. Provide items on the regular wish list during the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •School supplies (notebooks, paper, pencils) •Board games for all ages, especially adolescents & teens. •Gift cards for families (\$10 Wal-Mart, etc) •Playground equipment •Padded folding chairs
<p>B. Small Individual Gifts for Children and Teens Provide a small, wrapped gift (\$6 or less) for a child or teen for one of the Christmas parties.</p> <p>Number of gifts: _____</p> <p>Age _____ Gender _____</p>	<p>E. Donation to South Central Region: Provide a financial donation to the South Central Region UMFS. Monetary donations (checks) are to be made out to UMFS and mailed to South Central Region UMFS, 100 N. Carter St., LaCross, VA 23950</p> <p>Donation Amount: _____</p> <p>Church Name _____</p>
<p>C. Gift Cards to Restaurants \$5 gift cards to restaurants for use as gifts for their families (Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday, Cracker Barrel, or other fast food restaurants.</p> <p>Number of gift cards. _____</p>	<p>Volunteer Opportunity Selected: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E</p> <p>Church Name: _____</p>
<p>POC: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>All donated items may be brought to the satellite office at Farmville United Methodist Church or contact Al Green. Christmas donations must be received by December 1st.</p>	

MEET ME AT THE FINISH LINE



Farmville District Children's Retreat January 16 – January 17, 2010

"But my life means nothing to me. I only want to finish the race. I want to complete the work the Lord Jesus has given me. He wants me to give witness to others about the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

The Children's Retreat

is unique to the Farmville District. It provides an opportunity

for children in grades 3 – 6 to come together and celebrate and grow in their faith.

Activities include art, swimming and recreation, music, mission, Bible study, and worship. There will be a talent show on Saturday night – come prepared to entertain and be entertained!

An important focus of our weekend is missions. Through our different mission activities we find ways to not only help others, but to also spread the love and Word of God. Our mission activities this year will once again focus on ways we can help people in our community. Last year we assembled food bags and included hand written prayers/notes to go in each bag to give to local families in need of food. We believe this to be a much needed mission project and will continue this project again this year. Each child should bring in **at least one** non-perishable food item **from each food group** – canned meats, vegetables, fruits, boxed pasta/rice/cereals, and boxed desserts. Last year we assembled almost 90 bags! Let's see if we can beat that.

It starts with registration Saturday at 8 a.m. and ends after lunch Sunday. Please let us know if you will be picking up your child BEFORE lunch Sunday so we can order the correct number of meals. Chaperones are required (1 adult per 4 children) and will be assigned jobs. Youth helpers will come from our own District United Methodist Youth. If you have youth who are looking for a retreat to attend, encourage them to attend the Farmville District Youth Retreat. **EARLY DEADLINE FOR CHEAPER REGISTRATION FEES IS DECEMBER 15, 2009.**

Registration fees:

\$55 for children (by 12/15)	\$95 for children (after 12/15)
\$60 for youth (by 12/15)	\$100 for youth (after 12/15)
\$70 for adults (by 12/15)	\$110 for adults (after 12/15)

Registration forms are available from your pastor or by going to the Farmville District Website or by contacting Melissa Johnson, 434-480-2795 or mjohnson9801@yahoo.com.

MEET ME AT THE FINISH LINE



"Meet Me at the Finish Line" Acts 20:24 Farmville District Winter Retreat Registration 2010

January 1-3, 2010 at VUMAC in Blackstone Va.

Time to register your youth group for the FARMVILLE DISTRICT WINTER RETREAT 2010 for youth grades 7-12!!! Back by popular demand is the Christian Rock Band "Bias Red" and the speaker for the weekend will be Rhonda Van Dyke Colby from Shenandoah University.

****PLEASE NOTE**** Registration is being done by Cindy Schnell at VUMAC. PLEASE send the forms to the address found below, NOT to the District Office, Wesley Foundation, or to Marilyn's home address. Please do contact Marilyn at 434-223-8307 (h), 434-392-2011 (O) or fdumy@yahoo.com with questions about the retreat. Registration can be by mail ONLY. *No phone, no email, no fax registrations will be accepted*

*****There is a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee for each person.** This amount must accompany registration. All checks should be made out to VUMAC. (You may pay the balance of your group when you arrive in Blackstone.) Reserve your space now!!!

Dates	Youth	Adult
postmarked before 11/30/09.....	\$95.00	\$110.00
postmarked after 11/30/09.....	\$105.00	\$125.00
postmarked after 12/15/09.....	\$130.00	\$140.00

We use US P.O. stamped dates - **Absolutely NO REFUNDS after 12/15/09***.

Visit www.farmvilledcym.org for registration forms and for more information.



FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM

November-December, 2009

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

It is said that one sign of getting older is repeating yourself; I feel I am doing that in this newsletter.....I am getting older BUT this announcement needs repeating, even if you do not attend the VA Conference Men's Spiritual Retreat this year (11/6/2009) at VUMAC. Start thinking about attending in 2010. I believe this to be one of the best retreats for men in the entire nation . . . in our own backyard and at a most reasonable cost. The keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Bryan Collie, the lead minister at The Orchard (UMC) in Tupelo, MS. And, here is some more good news; THE FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS OFFERING FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$75.00 EACH TO FOUR "FIRST TIME ATTENDEES." Men, don't let these scholarships go unused. Call me or email me, even at the last moment, and if a scholarship remains, it is yours to have.

I believe I have written previously that the Farmville District UMM have established a PRAYER ADVOCACY position on the Executive Committee. Mr. Tommy Inge of Crenshaw UMC (Blackstone) is now serving in that position. Please do contact him when you are in need for prayers. Tommie will be in contact with the rest of us as we all pray for your need or request. Tommie can be contacted by phone at 434-292-3428. I have asked Tommie to share some of his plans as he develops this needed position in our District.

God bless,
Bill Schall, President, Farmville District UMM
Phone: 434-392-1752; email: bschall@embarqmail.com

Our VA Conference UMMen leadership is getting serious about strengthening the prayer life of our UMM and churches. Each of the 18 districts of our conference are being asked to enlist a District Prayer Advocate to promote this ministry. I have accepted this challenge for the Farmville District and prefer the term Prayer Encourager instead of Advocate.

One study has shown that the average professing Christian spends less than 2 minutes a day in prayer. Consider that in each 24 hour day we have 96-15 minute periods (virtually 100). Fifteen minutes would be approximately 1% of our day. Just think how much life would change if each of us spent 15 minutes in prayer instead of only 2 minutes. The primary purpose for prayer is to grow what one writer calls "The most important love relationship in any life". God simply wants us to know Him and He wants to be in communion with us. He wants to talk to us, to have us share our hearts with Him.

Jeremiah 33:3 should turn all of us on to prayer.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

The Upper Room daily devotional guide is a valuable publication which many churches make available to their membership. The daily devotion writers indicate how God is affecting their lives. Reading daily can affect our lives. The center of the devotional gives us a Prayer Workshop with its valuable insights. In the back of the Upper Room is a helpful easy plan to use in small groups. The questions presented are to be used in weekly settings. **Each issue has a toll free 24 hour phone number you can call if you are in the need of prayer. The number is 1-800-251-2468.** The phone answerer will pray with you and the prayer requests are recorded to be sent to one or more of the numerous covenant prayer groups across the country. Additional prayers for the requests will extend for thirty more days. I have the covenant group applications that explain the requirements to be a Covenant Prayer Church. More about this later.

During the months ahead I will be available to present a program to each of the 15 or so UMM organizations in our district. My phone number is 434-292-3428.

PRAY OFTEN, PRAY REGULARLY, AND PRAY WITH OTHERS
WHO UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Tommy Inge
Prayer Advocate (Encourager), Farmville District UMM

Farmville District United Methodist Women

FARMVILLE UMW DISTRICT DAY 2009

CONGRATULATIONS TO FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW UNITS!

The purpose of the Mission Today is to encourage every UMW unit to attend events in the District and Conference; to participate in programs of the UMW; and to take action where we can provide those in need and learn more about the work of the Women's Division.

Nineteen (19) UMW units on the Farmville District qualified as **Six Star Units**. To achieve this award the unit must meet all of the six requirements.

Antioch-Cumberland
Antioch-Lunenburg
Appomattox
Bethel-Dillwyn
Cedar Grove
Crenshaw
Evergreen
Farmville
Fields
Kenbridge
Main Street
Mt. Carmel
New Hope
Payne Memorial
Salem-Dillwyn
Salem-North Amelia
Shady Grove
Tabernacle-Amelia
Trinity-Amelia

Mission Today Units: Met their pledge to mission +8 additional

Cherry Hill
Clover
Kenbridge
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Laurel
Shady Grove
Trinity-Amelia
Ward's Chapel

Gold Mission Today Units Met their pledge to mission +22 of the 25 requirements Farmville

\$3,386.54 was contributed to **Candleburning** which allowed the mission candle to burn 94.07 minutes for missions throughout the world.
Congratulations UMW!!!

Ten (10) UMW units on the Farmville District qualified as **Five Star Units**. To receive this recognition the unit must meet their Pledge to Mission + 4 other requirements.

Butterwood
Centenary-Cumberland
Clover
Crewe
Grace
Jamieson Memorial
Keysville
Mt. Laurel
Rocky Mount
Shiloh

The purpose of the Mission Today is to encourage every UMW unit to attend events in the District and Conference; to participate in programs of the UMW; and to take action where we can provide those in need and learn more about the work of the Women's Division.

Silver Mission Today Units: Met their pledge to mission +12 additional requirements

Antioch-Cumberland
Bethel-Dillwyn
Boydton
Centenary-Cumberland
Charlotte Court House
Crenshaw
Crewe
Evergreen
Fields
Grace
Jamieson Memorial
Main Street
Meherrin
Memorial-Appomattox
New Hope
Payne Memorial
Rocky Mount
Salem-Dillwyn
Shiloh
Tabernacle-Amelia

Local UMW units

need to send their slate of 2010 officers

*including circle leaders, with
addresses, telephone numbers
and emails **by November 30***

to Sue Mayo,
521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe,
VA 23930 or email:
bnsmayo@yahoo.com.

This is **required** by the VA
Conference and the District in
preparing the handbooks and
mailing lists for 2010.

Farmville District Advent Day Apart

Watching and Waiting: God's love coming anew

November 22, 2009, 3PM
Main St. United Methodist Church
701 N. Main Street, South Boston
Speaker: Doris Hedrick,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
for the Staunton District UMW
For information contact:
Susan Rigg (434) 572-4406
Mission Focus will be Kingsway
Prison Ministry—We will collect
Chap sticks, mini legal pads,
toothpaste and pencils.

CONGRATULATIONS READERS.

There were a total of 83 readers in the Farmville UMW units this year. Farmville & Fields units had readers who completed all 4 plans. The 3 readers reading the most books-Faye Asal (38)-Antioch-Cumberland, Madge Gardner (34)-Fields, Margery Fuller (30)-Farmville.

**Many thanks to the 10 pastors
and our DS for their support
and attendance at the
Farmville UMW District Day.
Your support helps light the
way for each UMW as we reach
out to others in missions.**

**From
"Staying In Touch"
Editor.....**

Our schedule for submissions to the 2010 newsletter:
Nov 20 (this is not the regular due date) for January — February 2010

All articles need to be submitted as you wish them to appear. They may be edited for length and correctness. Articles for the newsletter may be sent to Sue Mayo, editor, by email: bsnmayo@yahoo.com, mail: 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930 or telephone 434-292-5486

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

November

- 1,** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 3,** FDPA, Boydton UMC, 10AM
- 6,** UMM Retreat, VUMAC
- 8,** Organ & Tissue Donation Sunday
- 8, 15, 22,** Lay Speaking Classes, Mt. Laurel UMC
- 19,** District Finance Meeting 7PM
- 20,** Newsletter Deadline
- 22,** Bible Sunday
- 22,** UMW Advent Day Apart, Main St UMC, South Boston, 3PM
- 29,** FDPA, Sheldon's, 4PM
- 29,** United Methodist Student Day

December

- 1,** Christmas Donations Deadline UMFS
- 6,** Evening at Blackstone
- 8,** Common Table, Sheldon's, 6PM
- 18 -January 1,-OFFICE CLOSED**

January

- 1-3,** District Youth Retreat
- 16-17,** District Children's Retreat
- 17,** District Training Event
- 20,** FDPA, 4PM, VUMAC

February

- 2,** FDPA, 10AM, Keysville UMC
- 26-28,** Lay Speaking, VUMAC

March

- 4-6,** Clergy Spouse Retreat, VUMAC
- 2,** FDPA 10AM- Halifax UMC

April

- 6,** FDPA, 10AM—Wesley Foundation

May

- 23,** FDPA, 4PM—Sheldon's Rest.

June

- 6,** Annual Conference Orientation
- 13-16,** Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA
- 30,** Moving Day



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