



Staunton District Voice

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POSTPONED

The Staunton District Revival

to be held April 14-15 with special speaker, The Rev. Vance Ross has been postponed until September 15th and 16th.

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**UNITED
METHODIST
MEN'S BENEFIT
GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

April 30

Vista Links

(More Details on Page 7)



**LAY
ACADEMY
EVENT
May 7th**



**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Parrish Court UMC,
Covington**

(Put this on your calendar.
A Brochure will be sent with further details)

"We envision faith communities, where all God's people are welcome at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world." (Virginia Conference Vision Statement)

FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:



I want to extend a thank you across the Staunton District for the many expressions of sympathy extended to me and my family in the death of my mother, Shirley Houff, on January 4th. Your cards, visits, prayers and many expressions of love and support were and are deeply appreciated. I'm sorry I cannot express my gratitude to you individually but please know that your care was a great help during those days of grief.

As together we move into the season of Lent there are a variety of events in the churches of the district that help us form a spiritual focus and strengthen our discipleship. Your mission and ministry are alive with revivals, pancake suppers and church dinners, Ash Wednesday services, Wednesday noon services, Lenten Bible studies, special music ministries, a variety of fellowship events, mission experiences, worship times and individual times of meditation and renewal. As we make this journey to holy week and the Easter celebration let us take advantage of these opportunities that shape our lives for loving God as God loves us.

On February 1st a new phase of *All Things New* was introduced to the local churches through a letter from Bishop Kammerer and information sent to each church. This material is also noted on the Virginia Conference website. I encourage you to review this material to become involved in helping the United Methodist Church in Virginia to make new disciples for Jesus Christ in new ways and in new places. Pray for this important ministry emphasis and anticipate the participation of your church during the month of May and your response on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

As we pray for one another and reach out to those in need around us may we lose ourselves in serving others... here's a scripture for the season...the Gospel of Mark records it this way in Chapter 8 verse 35...*Jesus said...* those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. *NRSV*

May God's Blessings be upon you as you journey through this holy season.

Mike Houff
Staunton District Superintendent



Our Deepest Sympathy Is Extended To:

The Rev. Dr. D. Michael and Mrs. Joy Houff and their family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Shirley Houff. Rev. Houff is the Staunton District Superintendent.

The Rev. James and Mrs. Missy Rodden and their family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mildred Rodden. Rev. Rodden serves the Callaghan Charge.

The Rev. Gene and Mrs. Judy Williams and their family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Madge Williams. Rev. Williams is a retired Clergy on our District.

Mrs. Marjorie Green and their family at the death of Rev. Walter S. Green, III. Rev. Green served as Staunton District Superintendent from 1980 to 1985 and at Granbery Memorial UMC.

The Rev. Robert VanGilder and his family at the death of is stepson (Elinor's son) Jeff Dollarhide. Rev. VanGilder serves the Stonewall-West View Charge.

FROM THE DISTRICT PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Grace and peace in the name of our risen Savior,

As I sit at my desk writing this article, the Laity Banquet is a week and a half away. I always look forward to this event. It is great to see so many from across the district coming together to celebrate the ministries of our churches. I hope many of you are planning to attend.



The district has some great events coming up this spring. The United Methodist Men's Annual Golf Tournament is on Saturday, April 30th, at Vista Links in Buena Vista. Come out and have fun playing a round of golf for two great causes, Heart Havens and Camp Rainbow.

On May 7th the District Lay Servant Academy will be held at Parrish Court United Methodist Church in Covington, VA. Remember you do not need to be following the lay speaking track to attend. If there is a class we are offering that sounds interesting to you, you may attend.

We had some events planned for the spring but for a variety of reasons 2 of the events have had to be postponed. The Rev. Vance Ross was to be with us in April, but we have postponed this event until September. We look forward to Rev. Ross being with us in the fall. We were also hoping to bring a program on ministering to the poor. In searching for speakers and finding a date on the calendar we have chosen to postpone this event to sometime in the next year. Sometimes the season just doesn't work out the way we would like it to.

On to the fall, the District is sponsoring a mission trip to the Henderson Settlement. The Henderson Settlement is in the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky. We will be going the last week in September. You do not need any special skills to participate. All you need is a desire to serve God and the people of the area and in serving build relationships with those we meet.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

Peace and blessings,

Martha



Fall Mission trip to the Henderson Settlement

A mission agency of the United Methodist Church within the Red Bird Missionary Conference

When: September 25 - October 1, 2011

Cost: approximately \$600.00 per person

No experience required. All you need is a loving heart and a desire to build relationships with all we meet. We however welcome skilled workers to help those of us with little experience to accomplish the tasks we will be asked to do. If you are interested in learning more about the Henderson Settlement and/or what types of work opportunities there are visit their website: [www. Hendersonsettlement.com](http://www.Hendersonsettlement.com).

We hope you pray about becoming a part of the district team.

To become part of the team contact: Martha Reynolds at the District office. Email is StauntonDistrictPD@vaumc.org or call 540-932-1055.



KITS FOR CONFERENCE: The 2011 Virginia Conference kit collection is being conducted to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. UMCOR: Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for all types of kits. Local churches are encouraged to collect items for any of the following most request UMCOR kits and bring them to Annual Conference for delivery: Health Kits, School Kits, Baby/Layette Kits, and Birthing Kits. Information on these Kits and Packing Instructions can be found on line at <http://www.vaumc.org/2011AC> ****NEW INSTRUCTIONS** SEND ALL**

monetary donations on one check, payable to “Virginia Conference UMC,” earmarked for “Kits” and mail to: Treasurer, Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, P O Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Do not place checks inside the boxes. Your checks will be accepted any time prior to Annual Conference. Please make every effort to send your checks no later than August 31st. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCPETED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Questions regarding kit contents should go to the Conference Mission Office at 1-800-768-6040 ext 144 and by email at Mission@vaumc.org. Questions about the kit collection site should be addressed to Kits for Conference coordinator, the Rev. Thomas Lee at 540-774-4730 or by email at tglsr@verizon.net.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING: GOAL \$200,000

MOZAMBIQUE – Leadership Development/Living Water: \$50,000 In support of our conferencing Theme: "Being Christ to Others" in the world, the generosity and outreach of local churches of the Virginia Conference will enable our partnership to attain significant forward strides in the following areas of mutual ministry:

1. Equipping Lay and Clergy Leaders: Provide direction and support for experiential leadership development training with our Mozambican partners through: a. On-site leadership training seminars; b. A six-week clergy exchange for at least three pastors from each conference; c. Funding support for distance learning strategies for local pastors; d. Funding support for translation of critical leadership materials into Portuguese.

2. Drinking Water to Living Water: Fund and assist the Living Well Society in its ministry of drilling new wells for drinking water, as the opening step in a comprehensive evangelism project which creatively shares Jesus’ gospel of “living water.”



Brazil – Shade and Fresh Water/Children At Risk: \$50,000



Funds received for Brazil will be used to minister to the spiritual, physical, educational, social and emotional needs of at-risk children in Brazil through the **Shade and Fresh Water program (2)** and the **John Wesley Medical Boat (1)**. Faced with an increasing number of at-risk street children, The Methodist Church in Brazil has made children its number one social priority. Contributions from the Virginia Conference will help to provide more after-school centers, train volunteers, and provide grants for resources and materials. Funds also will be used to develop preventative health programs and Shade and Fresh Water projects for children and teenagers in three towns in the interior of the Amazon region. These Holistic Health/Shade and Fresh Water projects will utilize the medical boat to take health teams and educators to each of the three communities three times during the year 2011-2012.



Local Ministries – 1. Agape Christian Children’s Community Center, Inc. – Eastern Shore: \$50,000

Money received for the Agape Christian Children’s Community Center will 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. The center operates a preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds that is open 11 hours daily, Monday through Friday; after-school program for kindergarten through second grade; and Vacation Bible School during the summer months.



2. Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries – Roanoke: \$50,000 Your gifts for Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries will be used in ministering to the disenfranchised of downtown Roanoke with an emphasis on the recovering community, the immigrant community and marginalized people. Shalom Zone offers help with immigration and Fair Housing law, jail ministries and worship opportunities, and education and nutrition opportunities.





NOTICE OF UPCOMING CLERGY EVENT:

“AN EVENT CLERGY CAN’T AFFORD TO MISS”

At the 2012 General Conference, changes to the Book of Discipline will likely be proposed that could significantly impact everyone who serves in appointed ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Virginia Conference clergy have an opportunity this spring to learn about the proposed changes and to reflect on these as they impact our ministry. An “Ordering of Ministry” event will take place May 15-16, 2011 at VUMAC and will feature guest speakers, Rev. Dr. Ken Carter, Jr. (Chair of the Division of Ordained Ministry, GBHEM, and a member of the Study Commission on Ministry) and Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore (Dean, Boston University School of Theology). You can find out more details and register online at www.vaumc.org, click the Events menu at the bottom of the page. .5 CEU is available.

PAUMCS SPRING RETREAT - MARCH 20-21, 2011:

Please join us for our VA PAUMCS Spring Retreat 2011 to be held Sunday, March 20-Monday, March 21, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. Our topic is *All Things New for Church Secretaries* to be led by VA Conference director of Connectional Ministries, Rev. Marc D.



Brown. For a brochure see the Conference web site at <http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/PAUMCS/Spring2011EventBrochure.pdf>.

We look forward to having you join us for this time of fellowship and learning at the beautiful Camp Overlook.



INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL MINISTRIES (ICM) is hosting a training seminar April 8th and 9th at Fishersville United Methodist Church. We train both Lay and Clergy to serve as a “caring presence in the workplace.” One CEU is given for completion of the course. The various classes are given by experienced or certified presenters.

Please announce this notice in your churches, and Thanks!

— Gene Williams, Seminar coordinator

112 Greefield Rd., Fishersville, Va. 22939 Or ICM@Aol.com and click on “contact us.”

HELP YOUR CHURCH BE READY. . . The Virginia United Methodist Credit Union has an **unsecured line of credit** that your church can use for any project or emergency.

~ Line of credit up to \$50,000; ~No fee to apply(credit restrictions apply)

Contact Mike Haydon at 866-657-0004 or email: mhaydon@vumcu.org

Membership at VUMCU is open to all churches, clergy, church members, organizations and agencies within the Virginia Conference.



CULTURE OF THE CALL CHURCH AWARD: The Foundation for Evangelism is now accepting nominations for the *2011 Culture of the Call Church Award*. The purpose of this award is to recognize one local congregation of The United Methodist Church each year that has a history of having young people 35 or younger respond to God's call to full-time Christian service as a result of their being active in the life of that church. The Foundation for Evangelism wants to recognize and highlight churches that are helping to raise up generations of leaders with a passion for evangelism.

The Foundation has been recognizing excellence in evangelism in The United Methodist Church for many years - the Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church Award and the Harry Denman Evangelism Awards. The first *Culture of the Call Church Award* was presented in 2010. We are seeking your help in distributing information about this award to churches in your annual conference.

For more information or to submit a nomination visit our website at www.foundationforevangelism.org. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2011. The selected church will be notified in early May and recognized at their 2011 annual conference.

Mail or email the completed nomination form to: **Dianne Collins, The Foundation for Evangelism, P O Box 985 Lake Junaluska, NC 28745, dcollins@FoundationforEvangelism.org**. We look forward to hearing about how congregations are nurturing young people in helping them answer God's call into full-time Christian service.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS:



"COUNT ME IN" is a United Methodist Women membership campaign launched by the Women's Division 15 years ago. We want to repeat the campaign beginning this year on the Staunton District and encourage our local churches with no United Methodist Women unit to join our 800,000 global community of women committed to the PURPOSE of the organization and to have an opportunity to be in mission, study, personal growth, social action and living out their faith. You don't have to be a United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member. You can also choose to be member of the District United Methodist Women and the MEMBERSHIP office can help you organize a new local unit if there are none in your area or want to join the organization and help you connect to a group locally or online. Many United Methodist women members take leadership roles and might find themselves serving on behalf of the organization at local, district, conference, jurisdictional or national levels at some point in their lives. A member commits in PRAYER that will grow and renew her relationship with God and others; commits her TIME to respond to human need through study, reflection and action and commits her FINANCIAL GIFTS to share in the global ministries of the church through United Methodist Women. The current program focus of the organization are: turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world; provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, to become more deeply rooted in Christ, and to put faith into action; to be an effective witness; equips women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, governments and churches; work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems and provides educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world. COME AND JOIN US AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVICE TO OUR GOD!

CONTACT PERSON: Luz de Tablan -- Membership Coordinator

206 Rose Hill Circle, Staunton, VA 24401, e-mail: ldetablan@gmail.com, Phone: 540-885-7406, cell: 540-290-0090



The Green Corner

THE GREEN CORNER:

Have you ever noticed how often water is mentioned in the Bible? From Genesis 1:1-2 "In the beginning...a wind from God swept over the face of the waters"; through the Psalms "he leads me beside still waters" (Psalm 23) & "he has founded it (the earth) upon the seas, and established it on the rivers" (Psalm 24); to the last chapter of the Bible "...the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God..." (Revelation 22:1)

In the semi-arid land of the Bible the availability of water was very important. Abram and Lot parted company as Lot chose the well-watered plain of the Jordan Sea (Genesis 13: 5-11). Abraham and Abimelech had a confrontation because the latter's servants had seized some of Abraham's wells.

How important is water to us in the James River watershed? The James originates from the Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers in Bath and Highland Counties and its 340 miles is one of the longest rivers to be entirely in one state. More than 1100 state and national landmarks and approximately three million people are in the area it drains. More than 1500 miles of the James and its tributaries are on the "Dirty Waters List"! OUCH! (Data from the James River Association)

What can we and the other three million citizens do to restore the health of our streams? If you are not near enough to a stream to clean up the shoreline you may be able to reduce your use of fertilizers and pesticides that make their way to the rivers. Can you reduce storm run-off from parking areas at church or home? Perhaps a rain garden or other planting would help.

Conserving water is also good stewardship. Using a dishwasher only when it is full; using low-flow shower heads; taking shorter showers; and using no bottled water at church functions are some suggestions.

To learn how your church can help make clean water available to impoverished people overseas you may wish to contact Church World Service with whom the UMC works worldwide. The web address is www.churchworldservice.org.

Note: It is not too early to plan how you will observe Earth Day on April 22nd.

Dot Ravenhorst



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The Benefit Golf Tournament will be April 30, at Vista Links with the same format as past years. Many of you have participated in past tournaments as players, hole sponsors, supporters or helped in other ways—for this we say Thank you.

Again this year, the Staunton District United Methodist Men are hosting the Benefit Golf Tournament to support the missions of the Staunton District. The primary beneficiaries are **Heart Havens** - which provides Christian residential care for the Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled adults throughout the Virginia Conference and **Camp Rainbow Connection** - a summer camp for the Mentally Handicapped. In addition, we also support some other endeavors such as the Boy Scouts of America.

You can help by sponsoring a golf hole and/or playing in the tournament. All funds received for sponsorship will be used to fund these missions. The Hole Sponsor Form (this form may be gotten from the District Office or your UMM President) describes the different levels of sponsorship. Any profits from golf fees will go into this fund also.

Thank you for your help with this event.

Calvin Hughes, District UMM President



Captain's Choice Format

- Closest to Pin Awards**
- Longest Drive Awards**
- Door Prizes**
- Free Range Balls**
- Clinic by the Pro**



Registration 11:30-12:30 p.m. Starting Time 1:00 p.m.
Tournament followed by DINNER and AWARDS CEREMONY

Entry Fee —\$280.00 per foursome (\$70 per golfer)
Meal for non-golfer \$10.00
Entry Deadline: April 23, 2011

| Player's Name | Player's Address | Phone# |
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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Church: _____

Make Checks payable to: Staunton District UMMen Mail to: Earl Cash
74 Snowy Egret Lane
Lexington, VA 24450

FROM OUR SCOUT COORDINATOR:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to one and all in the name of our Great Scoutmaster and Savior, Jesus Christ! For those of you who don't know me, My name is Andrew Workman. I am the Staunton District United Methodist Church Scouting Coordinator. By the Grace of the Lord, our God, I have been given the opportunity to serve in this position now going on three years. My objective in this position is to faithfully and spiritually promote Scouting as an intentional outreach ministry to the youth of our District!



I would like to take this opportunity to touch on a few up-coming projects and events that we will be working on for 2011... First, and foremost, is the creation of a local district chapter of *NAUMS*, (the National Association of United Methodist Scouters) a not-for-profit organization that focuses on supporting local Boy and Girl Scouting units within the United Methodist Church. They are most notably recognized for distributing Bibles at the National Scout Jamboree, as well as the Philmont Ranch, the BSA's Premier High Adventure Base in Cimarron, New Mexico. Our Chapter, which will be known as the S.U.M.S. Initiative, (*Staunton United Methodist Scouting Initiative*), will be working closely with the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, BSA, and the Staunton District U. M. Men to provide Bibles and Strength for Service devotionals to every boy who attends Summer camp this year at Camp Shenandoah in Swoope. We will also be publishing a Scouting outdoor cooking cookbook, the proceeds of which will help to pay for the books! Anybody who wishes to may send recipes to me for publication. Contact me via E-mail for information on submitting recipes and ordering information! If your Church or Charge has a BSA Troop, Cub Scout Pack or a Girl Scouts of the USA Troop chartered to you, I encourage you to have them check out the N.A.U.M.S. website at www.naums.org to learn more about the benefits of being a member! Every leader/adult member of the Troop/Pack is eligible to join the S.U.M.S. Initiative, even if they do not belong to yours or any other U. M. Church! Simply because you are the charter organization of the troop allows them to be members!

Don't have a troop? Contact us for help in chartering one!! Need ideas for supporting a unit near you? Let us know!! We are here to help you! Plan a United Methodist Scout Sunday in February or March, invite the Units and take up a special offering to donate to them! Show the youth of your Community that you care for them and are there to help! They don't have to "belong" to you directly!!

Recently, we've heard some rather distressing news from the National Conference! They are considering, removing Scouting from the Discipline as apart of our Ministry! We feel that this would be a very grievous error on their part! Scouting is one of the most fundamental avenues of bringing youth to Christ today! I strongly encourage all Congregations, Clergy and Laity to contact the Conference and help convince them to leave Scouting in the United Methodist Discipline!! Those churches who have a unit chartered to them know well the impact Scouting has in the lives of our Youth!

In closing, please allow me to thank you in advance for your continual prayers for our ministry, and your prayerful consideration of support. I look forward to hearing from each of you soon!

Sincerely Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Workman, Scouting Coordinator

Hebrews 2:13 (KJV) "I will put my trust in Him. Behold the children which God hath Given me.



NEWS FROM HEART HAVENS:

Spring has arrived at the Bonnie House a little early! There's an exciting energy in Stuarts Draft with relationships being rejuvenated! Several churches have expressed interest in getting involved with Heart Havens. The folks at Calvary UMC, along with Heart Havens staff, have been painting and updating the home. The individuals living in the home are enjoying making new friends and visiting new churches. If you would like to get involved at the Bonnie House, contact Stosh @ 540-337-3728.

Help Wanted: Heart Havens is currently accepting applications for a Frontline Supervisor and Relief Staff for our Stuarts Draft program. Frontline Supervisor candidates must have experience in the field and a bachelor's degree in a related field. Relief staff are needed for weekend, afternoon, evening and overnight hours. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.hearthavens.org

Pat Maehr, Director of Development



REVIVAL RESCHEDULED:

Due to many unexpected conflicts we have had to reschedule our Spring Revival, it will now be a Fall Revival. More information will be sent out about the event during the summer. Hope to see you at the Revival in September.

Rescheduled to:

**Staunton District Revival
Preacher - Rev. Vance Ross
Deputy Secretary of the General Board of Discipleship
September 15 & 16, 2011
Fishersville UMC
Fishersville, VA**

NEW in the RESOURCE ROOM:

Lenten Study – *24 Hours that Changed the World* by The Rev. Adam Hamilton.

During the study you will journey with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper, Pray with him in Gethsemane, Follow him to the cross, Desert him, and Deny him.(DVD & Book study)

One of the quotes on the back of the book is “Adam Hamilton combines biblical story, historical detail, theological analysis, spiritual insights, and pastoral warmth to retell the narrative of Jesus’ last and greatest hours.” Leith Anderson , author of *The Jesus Revolution*



JOINT REVIVAL

Bethlehem, Glossbrenner, McKinley and Mt. Zion Churches will hold joint revival services **March 6 – 9, 2011**. Services will be held 7:30 P.M. nightly. An offering will be taken each night to benefit the Staunton District Habitat for Humanities House. Services will be held on Sunday, March 6, at McKinley UMC in Middlebrook with the Rev. Janet Knott preaching. On Monday, March 7, the service will be held at Bethlehem UMC in Swoope with the Rev. Adam Blagg preaching. The Rev. Donald Long will bring the message on Tuesday, March 8, at Glossbrenner UMC in Churchville. The final service will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at Mt. Zion UMC in Mount Solon, with the Rev. Ed Pruitt preaching. All are invited to join us for this wonderful time of revival. For additional information, please call 885-6479 or 255-2309.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lyndhurst United Methodist Men's Club will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 12, 2011** at 7:00 AM in the church's Fellowship Hall. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Orange Juice & Coffee. Price's are: \$5.00 for Adults - \$3.00 for Kids 6 to 12 - FREE for 5 and Under. Takeouts are also available. For more information contact the church office at 540-943-8057 or Rev. Dettmer at 540-471-9332.



SILENT AUCTION

Looking for something unique and usable? **St. James UMC in Churchville, VA** will once again be hosting the annual **Silent Auction on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.**. Food items will be available for your lunchtime enjoyment and snacking. There will be a bake sale with lots of homemade items for purchase.



3014 Camp Overlook Lane
Keezletown, VA 22832

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Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries, Ron Robey, Director, 540 2MY-CAMP, CampOverlook@gmail.com, CampOverlook.org



OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



Mar./Apr. 2011

Ground Breaking **1966** *April 24th*

This is the day the church gathered to create Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries out of the Reid Farm that was purchased the prior fall. Folks gathered from across the EUB Virginia Conference to ask the Lord's blessing as they began making a dream into reality. The following is part of a prayer that was lifted up:

... We come in humility to set apart a plot of ground whereon to build a camp to thy glory. This day we propose to break the ground that a solid foundation may be laid that the buildings we build may stand. But before we can break this ground, we need the assurance of thy divine blessing. Grant, therefore, O Lord, we beseech thee, to accept the purpose of our hearts and give thy blessing to the work of our hands. As we erect buildings here to thy name, do thou, O Lord, protect them in the process of erection; protect with thine almighty power the workmen who shall labor here. And grant, O merciful Father, that these buildings may be a *light* to all who walk in darkness; that they may be a place for learning and fellowship; and that they may cause all who come here to lift their hearts unto thee in praise and thanksgiving; that they may help us through thy grace in all the days of our life to prepare for a better world with thee, a world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Celebrating 45 years of walking with
God on the mountain!

Your Last Opportunity to register for **NEW** Overlook Events!

Register on line or call 540 2MY-CAMP

Hiding Place: *A Contemplative Retreat*

Ash Wednesday—March 9-10

Songwriter/Worship Leader Sheila Lloyd will guide your spirit through a blend of creative worship and silent contemplation. This is a time to rest in the Lord so that you may soar with the Spirit!
Registration: \$53 to \$98 depending on room occupancy you choose (4-1)

Heavens Declare God's Glory

Bed & Breakfast Retreat March 12-13

What do a million stars say to you about God's awesome presence? Join us as individuals or families to discover how God's creation reveals God's glory and how we are created to be in relationship with God. Event includes stargazing, campfire, intergenerational encounters and games, and creative worship at Blessings Lodge
One rate fits all- \$89 bed & breakfast for 1 through 4 (bedding provided) or more on the floor!

Confirmation Camp

April 15-16, 2011

Camp Staff, Rev. Tommy Herndon (Harrisonburg DS), Rev. Gary Heaton (Front Royal UM), Rev. Gary Zeigler (retired clergy), and Mr. Bob May (career missionary) will creatively and interactively cover sections 4-8 and 12 of the "Claim the Name" curriculum. The cost of the retreat is \$46.00 for youth and adults (one or more adult with each group). Discounts apply for early registration. Contact office for details.

SUMMER 2011 BROCHURES ARE READY!!!

And there are a few **NEW** programs to check out!

"Night Flights" - July 24-29

Do you like to stay up all night and sleep late in the morning? Night Flights is a significantly starlight experience with much of the action happening between sunset and 2:00 am. Quartered away from the rest of camp in the teepee sites, your day will start with lunch and end with late night breakfast. There will be night hikes, tiki parties, ultimate glow Frisbee, moonlight gladiator ball, campfires, in-depth faith explorations, and much more. Where it is feasible, you will plug into many of the regular camp activities such as crafts, swimming and some of the Old Testament recreations.

"Beach Trip" - Jul. 31-Aug. 5

Be part of a unique Christian community exploring unity in the Spirit and the presence of God in the timeless, beautiful, coastal creation. Up to 12 youth and 3 adults will adventure together while camping at First Landing State Park. There will be daily trips to the beach including time along the boardwalk at Virginia Beach. There will be times for reflection, for exploration, for worship and for play.

SPACE FOR BOTH PROGRAMS IS LIMITED SO REGISTER NOW!

2 ways to register for summer programs at Overlook:

Online at www.campoverlook.org
(pay with Visa/MasterCard/Paypal)

Or by mail (use brochure)
with personal check/Visa/MasterCard

It's All About
TEE-OLGY



Enjoy the beauty and majesty of God's creation at Overlook and Packsaddle Ridge as you golf and retreat over 2 days. Enjoy the comfort of Blessings Lodge while the Rev. Dan Garrett (pastor, seminary professor, and golf enthusiast) shares insights that use the joy and challenges of golf to help us better understand faith.

Check in is 9 to 10 am on Tuesday at Blessings Lodge. The shotgun tee time is at 11:00. Following 18 holes of some of the best views and fellowship possible, you may shower and relax at Blessings Lodge.

A roast beef supper will be followed by a time of devotion and fellowship. Wednesday morning will start with a country ham and eggs breakfast followed by a meditation that will conclude the retreat.

Individual registration-\$145, day only registration-\$105, discounts available for registering as a foursome.

Upcoming Program for Families:

Kamp for Kids (May 6-7)

A parent and child (1st through 3rd grade) can experience a day and night at camp TOGETHER! Check in at 6pm on Friday and depart at 2:00pm on Saturday. \$67 for one parent/child team. \$33 for an additional child. Only 2 children per adult.

Mayfest... May 7

Open House, Hike-a-thon, Food Booths, Special Music, Face Painting, Hay Rides, Tour the remodeled cabin, Try your best shot at Goliath, Search for 10 Commandments on Overlook's Mt. Sinai, Cruise Noah's Ark and more!

Memorial Day Family Camp May 27-30



-Family Camping Fun in RV's, Trailers, Tents, Teepees, or Noah's Ark! Hiking, swimming, crafts, hayride, campfire devotions, face painting, horseshoes, volleyball & more!

RENOVATIONS

Progress continues on the renovation of the **Hope Cabin**. This is the 2nd of 3 cabins to be remodeled. We are indebted to the many volunteers who have kept this project moving. The building needs to be open by the 3rd week in March. Contact the Camp Office if you are available to help!



We are especially indebted to some professionals in the field who volunteer their time and expertise: Mike Miller of Belmont Builders, Marlin Fulk of Fulk's Electric, Stan Michael of Mast & Brunk, Stacy Lam from Riddlebergers, and Ted Kiracofe, Pinnacle Construction in Clearbrook.

Several churches have sent regular teams: Evangelical (H), Cherry Grove (H), Asbury (H), First (W), Vision of Hope (H). We also appreciate some extra help from two business that have supplied and discounted material: RS Monger & Sons and Redi Mix Concrete.

Work yet to be done includes more roofing, painting, stalls and fixtures, vinyl siding and landscaping.

Summer Staff Needs

Give the GIFT of God's love to children and youth!!

- 1 CIT Male (high school junior or senior)
- Several Male Resident Counselors (18+, out of high school for one year)
- Certified Lifeguards (particularly those willing to rotate between lifeguarding & counseling responsibilities)
- Adult Volunteer Counselors (spend a week "in the trenches" as we live the stories of the Old Testament with youth and children.)

Coming Soon!

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| Emmaus 4th Day Women | Mar. 4 |
| Hiding Place | Mar. 9 |
| The Heavens Declare... | Mar. 12 |
| Walks to Emmaus | Early April |
| Confirmation Camp | Apr. 15 |
| Kamp for Kids | May 6 |
| May Fest | May 7 |

Wish List (recycle old items)

- Carpet Shampooer/Extractor for maintaining carpets at Blessings Lodge
- Used cast iron skillets & Dutch ovens for Pathfinders
- Foam sofa cushions (24x15x6" or larger) to recycle for Swank crate furniture
- Garden rakes, shovels, hammers
- Full size mattress
- Telescope for Star Gazing
- 4 GPS for geo caching



Thank YOU!

You are the key that opens the door!

- Kennis & Carolyn Armentrout
- Nancy Bolton Donald Clatterbuck
- Ralph & Anne Cline Laura Douglass
- Chris & Missie Deibert Janice Drechsler
- Sonny & Barbara Derrow Jeff Germroth
- Darryl & Tanya Eppard Doug Gunsalus
- Zane & Patsy Foltz Ernest & Betty Gard
- Thomas & Doris Foltz Betty Phillips
- Recordo & Crystal Ford First UMC-W
- Susan & Daniel Garrett Chuck & Dawn Kern
- Joseph & Oneida Hagenlocker Edith Pence
- David & Lori Hall Asbury UMC
- Stacy & Jennifer Lam Sandra Simpson
- Gary & Judith Lee Kathleen Lutman
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- Tressie Souder Carl & Violet Stewart
- Jerry & Debbie Stroop Bridgewater UMM
- Lawrence & Vicki Thompson Jr.
- Manor Memorial UMC Mt. Sydney UMC
- First UMC (B'way) -Lamplighters SS Class
- Verona UMC—New Beginnings SS Class
- Sunset Drive UMM Mt. Clinton UMC
- Braddock Street UMM Vision of Hope UMM
- Mt. Pisgah UMM Wesley Chapel UMW
- Mt. Clifton UMW Virginia UMW Conf.
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- Lewis & Phyllis Ritchie Campbell
- Garland H.& Louise Ritchie

We appreciate your financial support!

STAUNTON DISTRICT PROGRAM CALENDAR 2011



- March**
- 1-2 Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, VUMAC, Blackstone
 - 4 District Laity Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Horse Center, Lexington
 - 7-11 Cabinet
 - 8 Clergy and Spouses Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Trinity UMC
 - 9 Ash Wednesday
 - 15 District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 9:00 a.m., Calvary UMC
 - 20-21 Virginia PAUMCS Retreat, Camp Overlook
 - 22 District Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., District Office
 - 24 Common Table Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Camp Overlook
 - 26 District UMW Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Main Street UMC, Waynesboro and South Covington UMC, Covington



- April**
- 11-15 Cabinet
 - 12 District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 9:00 a.m.
 - 22 Good Friday, District and Conference Offices Closed
 - 24 Easter
 - 26-29 Rev. Houff - Hinton Rural Life Center Board of Directors, NC
 - 30 District UMW Day Apart/Spiritual Life Retreat, 9:30 a.m., Burnsville UMC
 - 30 District UMM Golf Tournament, Vista Links



- May**
- 7 Lay Academy, 8:00 a.m., Parrish Court UMC
 - 13-15 Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, VUMAC, Blackstone
 - 18-19 Cabinet
 - 19 District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 9:00 a.m.

UM FAMILY DAYS AT KINGS DOMINION

Get special discount tickets for Kings Dominion, valid April 16-24, 30, Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21 and Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30. Tickets are only \$28.50 and \$25.50 depending on age / height. Children ages 2 and under admitted FREE. Contact Angie Williams for a brochure: 804-521-1135 or 1-800-768-6040, ext. 135 or angiewilliams@vaumc.org



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