

THE CHANNEL MARKER

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Virginia Conference United Methodist Church

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From our DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



Dear All,

I am reading a book that perhaps many of you have read entitled, "The Church Mouse" by Christopher W. Perry. The subtitle of the book reads, "Leadership Lessons from the Magic Kingdom". This is a book that examines the philosophy of Disney's great business success and how the church might tap into it in developing leadership.

In one of the chapters Perry talks about Michael Eisner who was CEO of Disney from 1984-2005. Eisner trained many of the Cast Members (employees of Disney) on giving the extra effort. He used the incident from the movie "Roger Rabbit" where Eddie, a live human takes Roger, an animated rabbit to the back of the bar to remove his handcuffs. In all of the craziness the lamp from the ceiling is accidentally bumped and begins to swing madly. The shadow in the room exactly matched the swinging motion of the lamp. That required a lot of extra time and animation to perfectly synchronize. Very few viewers of the movie noticed, but Disney's mantra is to get it right and get it authentic and be a stickler for detail. Disney over the years developed the culture of the cast crew who went beyond what was expected. The employees of Disney were motivated to go the extra mile even when they were not rewarded for the effort.

This attitude of detail and going the second mile became known around the Disney Corporation as "Bump the Lamp". The "Bump the Lamp" concept was used by Disney to craft a DNA of hard work. When people visit a Disney park they expect something far more superior to any other theme park.

In the church we have the greatest story ever told. We have had two millennia worth of faithful men and women who have given everything for the cause of Christ. God is doing incredible things in our midst today. Like Disney theme parks we have to be intentional in wanting to be motivated to go the extra mile. Be intentional with a mission, a direction as to where the church needs to go and to be. The church needs to be something greater than itself. We need to connect people to that story bigger than themselves. People today expect far more excellence in their church experience. Like Disney, people expect the "Bump the Lamp" attitude in church.

Looking forward to seeing you all on
July 17 at our Celebration of a New District.
(details next page)

Love,
Brad

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Travels with Brad and Kay

11 days



**TRIP TO THE
HOLY LAND
& JORDAN**

Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Jerash,
Mt. Nebo, Madaba, Petra,
Bethlehem and Jerusalem

Departing October 1, 2012

Thousands of tourists are flocking to the Holy Land again. We invite you to be a part of this inspiring journey--- a journey that every Christian should make at least once in a lifetime.

Informational Meeting:

Thursday, September 22, 2011

7pm at Deep Creek UMC

(141 N. George Washington Hwy, Ches)

Mark your calendar and plan on joining with new and old friends from across the Elizabeth River District.



DISTRICT LAY LEADER

Once again, June 21, the longest day of the year, ushered in summer! And from what it appears, it is going to be a repeat of last year – a “hot” one!

The 229th Session of the VA Annual Conference of the UMC is history, and we, who were formerly of the Norfolk and of the Portsmouth Districts, are preparing ourselves for a change. As I’m sure most everyone one of you are aware, the Norfolk and the Portsmouth District, as we have known them will no longer exist, effective July 1st. A new District has been formed, the “Elizabeth River District”. It is being made up of all the churches that were formerly in the Norfolk District, and a portion of the churches that comprised the former Portsmouth District. The new “Elizabeth River District” now includes the churches in Chesapeake, Knotts Island, Norfolk, Portsmouth, parts of Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

A service of celebration will be held on July 17 at Aldersgate New Creation-Aldersgate UMC in Portsmouth (Churchland) at 3:00 PM. Be sure your church has this information available for everyone. We hope to see you all there.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with the Lay Leaders in all of the churches in the Elizabeth River District, and to meeting the leadership of the churches at the Charge Conferences later this year!

Information about the happenings at this years Annual Conference can be found at the conference web site, www.vaumc.org

Additionally, your local church delegate will be presenting an overview to your congregation over the summer months.

Enjoy your summer, your vacation, your time away with family, or just kicking back. See you next month!

Shalom,

Keith

Celebrating a new district, Elizabeth River District

July 17, 2011 – 3:00 p,m,

New Creation—Aldersgate UMC
4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake

A time for Worship —
a little traditional ... a little contemporary
followed by Fellowship & refreshments

Child Care provided for up to 5 yrs old
by reservation only, (757) 484-8217



You can help end hunger!

The Society of St. Andrew is a national hunger relief organization founded in 1979 that connects volunteers, farmers, and food distribution agencies to bring produce from the field to the table.

Volunteers go out into the fields and glean produce that would otherwise be left in the fields. That produce is then distributed by Foodbanks and Soup kitchens in our local community. It is through the generous donations of farmers and the hard work of volunteer produce pickers that gets fresh produce into the hands of "the least of these" in our neighborhoods.

Interested? Please contact John Haynes, Jr., the Tidewater Gleaning Coordinator for the Society of St. Andrew (this includes all of the Elizabeth River District, portions of James River district, Eastern Shore, and portions of the York River District) at Tidewatergleaning@gmail.com. Gleaning happens most weekends from July -November, and March - May. During the summer, groups may also pick any day during the week to glean, and we will do our best to connect you to a farm in your area.

We are looking for gleaners to volunteer and farmers who are willing to open their fields!

For more information about the Society of St. Andrew, check out www.endhunger.org

John and Kathleen Haynes
Tidewater Gleaning Coordinators



Welcome New Pastors / Farewell Departing Pastors

Appointment	New Pastor (<i>Spouse</i>)	Coming From: <i>church/district</i>	Departing Pastor	Going To: <i>church/district</i>
CHESAPEAKE AVENUE	Haden Conrad (<i>Ellie</i>)	Georgia	Carroll Carter (<i>Fredia</i>)	St. Paul / Roanoke
COMMUNITY (VB)	"Lee" Seibert (<i>Vicki—Scott Memorial</i>)	Sydenstricker / Alexandria	Milton Marks (<i>Cheryl</i>)	Raleigh Court / Roanoke
COMMUNITY Associate	Christa Mercer	First Appointment		
EPWORTH	Gay Hall (<i>Lester</i>)	Amissville / Charlottesville	Hyung Moon (<i>Yeon Jung</i>)	Urbanna / York River
FAIRMOUNT PARK	Linda Young (<i>Dennis</i>)	First Appointment	Bill Bruner (<i>Mary</i>)	Retirement/Elizabeth River
MONUMENTAL	Joseph Cailles (<i>Kim</i>)	Urbanna / Rappahannock	Bob Friend (<i>Debbie</i>)	Retirement / Elizabeth River
NEW CREATION —ALDERSGATE Associate	Eric Song (<i>Heather</i>)	Trinity / Arlington	Bob Weeks (<i>Lydia</i>)	Verona / Harrisonburg
NORFOLK Associate	Carolyn Graves (<i>Rayfield</i>)	First Appointment		
OAKLETTE	Tim Hazlett (<i>Lori</i>)	Emmanuel / Charlottesville	Gene Meek (<i>Sue Ann</i>)	Trinity / York River
PARK PLACE	Stephen Wall-Smith (<i>Lis</i>)	Another Conference	Jim Williams (<i>Eileen</i>)	
ST ANDREW'S (VB) —Associate	Jonathan Page (<i>Kelly</i>)	First Appointment	Brandon Gilmore (<i>Rachel—The Gathering</i>)	St. John's / Elizabeth River
ST JOHN'S	Brandon Gilmore (<i>Rachel—The Gathering</i>)	St. Andrew's (VB)	Jim Maddox (<i>Sandy</i>)	Retirement
SCOTT MEMORIAL	Vickie Seibert (<i>Lee—Community VB</i>)	Middleburg / Winchester	John Price (<i>Catherine</i>)	Retirement
VIRGINIA KOREAN -English Pastor	Lisa Meyers (<i>Steve</i>)	First Appointment	Donna Smith (<i>Shaun</i>)	Waverly / James River

The New ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT Churches

(C)=Chesapeake (N)=Norfolk (P)=Portsmouth (S)=Suffolk (VB)=Virginia Beach

Aldersgate (N)	Community (P)	Ghent (N)	Memorial (VB)	Oak Grove (C)	Salem (VB)
Asbury (VB)	Community (VB)	Good Hope (C)	Messiah (C)	Oaklette (C)	Sandbridge (VB)
Asbury-Cradock (P)	Cottage Place (P)	Great Bridge (C)	Miles Memorial (N)	Park Place (N)	Scott Memorial (VB)
Baylake (VB)	Courthouse (VB)	Haygood (VB)	Monumental (P)	Portlock (C)	Tabernacle (VB)
Beech Grove (S)	Covenant (C)	Heritage (VB)	The Bridge (P)	PA Plaza (VB)	Thalia (VB)
Bethel (VB)	Deep Creek (C)	Hickory (C)	Mount Pleasant (C)	Resurrection (VB)	The Gathering (VB)
Broad Street (P)	Ebenezer (S)	Indiana (C)	New Creation:	Saint Andrew's (P)	Virginia Beach (VB)
Centenary (P)	Epworth (N)	Jolliff (C)	Aldersgate Campus (C)	Saint Andrew's (VB)	Virginia Korean (S)
Charity (VB)	Fairmount Park (N)	Knotts Island (KI)	Grace Harbor Campus (C)	Saint John's (N)	Wesley Chapel (S)
Chesapeake Ave (C)	First (N)	Larchmont (N)	Nimmo (VB)	Saint Luke's (VB)	Wesley Memorial (N)
Christ (N)	Foundry (VB)	Lynnhaven (VB)	Norfolk (N)	Saint Mark (P)	Zion-Grace (N)
Colonial Ave (N)	Francis Asbury (VB)	McKendree (N)	Norview (N)	Saint Paul's (C)	West End (P)

THIS FALL

The Norfolk District United Methodist Men's Chorus opens its **TWENTY-FIFTH** year of choral performances with a new name:

THE ELIZABETH RIVER METHODIST MEN'S CHORUS



Men from **ALL** District churches are invited to join this exciting and rewarding music ministry as we celebrate our first quarter century of singing.

Rehearsals are held at 7:00 p.m. each Sunday evening at Community UMC, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd. Va. Beach.

The Chorus normally performs several times a month on a schedule that does not interfere with members' home church worship services or musical support.

Singing experience is beneficial, but not mandatory.

Auditions are not required.

There is always a need for additional voices, **with a particular need for tenor voices.** Non-Methodist friends are welcome.

**REHEARSALS RESUME SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011.
COME REHEARSE WITH US.
WE THINK YOU WILL WANT TO RETURN.**

For additional information contact:

Mr. Jeff Hall, Telephone 757-615-4191,
e-mail rjeffhall@cox.net
or

Dr. Martha Springstead, Director, Telephone 757-467-7504,
e-mail choirmom@hotmail.com

The Chorus welcomes invitations to perform.

Annual Fall BRUNSWICK STEW Sale

COMMUNITY UMM (VB)

1072 Old Kempsville Rd, Va Beach

The UMM will be making their homemade Brunswick stew again this year. One quart will feed two people. The cost is \$6.00 a quart again this year. All orders placed prior to September 11th will be available at \$5.50 per quart. Orders can be placed via the church web site at www.cumcvb.org or by email to douglasmillsjr@gmail.com.

ORDER EARLY and SAVE!
(Deliveries begin September 11th).

Regular sales begin on Sunday September 11 through October 30 and we will be taking orders and making deliveries every Sunday.

All proceeds are used for UMM supported missions.



**"THE LORD IS
MY ROCK,
MY FORTRESS,
AND MY
DELIVERER...."**

2 SAMUEL 22:2

District Resource Center



Open

Monday thru Thursday

Mornings 9am-1pm

NOW AVAILABLE:

UMW Reading Program

List 2007-2011





ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Welcome to our sisters from the former Portsmouth District, there are exciting times ahead, new beginnings for all. During the summer months members of the Mission Team will meet together in a time of decrement and preparation that will allow the Elizabeth River District United Methodist Women to move forward in Mission.

Dates to Remember:

Sat. July 9th **Mission Team Community Building Retreat:** 9:30 – 12:30 Haygood UMC,
4713 Haygood Road, Virginia Beach, 23455

July 22-24th **School of Christian Mission,** VUMAC, Blackstone

July 25th-28th

Sun. July 24th **Conference Training for District Officers,**
Blackstone, Va., 1:30–3:00

School of Christian Mission to be at VUMAC July 22-24, July 25-28

Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center
Blackstone, Virginia

Weekend Session: **July 22-24, 2011**

Week Session: **July 25-28, 2011**

Classes will include:

- Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Geographic Study - Haiti: Challenges and Hopes
- Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism
- Children's Study: Krik, Krak—The Study of Haiti
- Youth Study: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

*And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See I am making all things new." Also he said,
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy
and true."*



Lotus Luncheon

TABERNACLE United Methodist Church will hold its **56th LOTUS LUNCHEON** on **Wednesday, July 20** from **11:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Home-style country cooking: country ham, chicken salad, two vegetable tables, drink and dessert. Adults \$9.00, children \$4.00 under 5 free. The church

is located at 1265 Sandbridge Rd., Virginia Beach.

A **COUNTRY BAZAAR** will be held with fresh vegetables, homemade breads, cakes, pies, pickles, and jellies.

We will have the reprint of our 1974 cookbook "Table Talk" for more information call 426-6991 or 426-2396.



Country Bazaar

CHURCH POSITIONS AVAILABLE

DIRECTOR of YOUTH MINISTRIES, Baylake UMC in Virginia Beach is seeking energetic, motivated individual with strong Christian values to grow an already established, committed youth ministry (6-12th grades). Candidates must have a proven record of success working with youth. Primary responsibilities include planning/leading Youth Sunday School, Sunday evening youth fellowship, and other planned youth ministry activities. Bachelors Degree in related field with additional Youth Ministry Training preferred. Position has potential to become full time. Send cover letter and resume to Youth Director Search Committee. Baylake UMC, 4300 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 or e-mail to: SearchCommittee@BaylakeUMC.org.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER, Grace Harbor Church, a new U.M. faith community in northern Suffolk and a campus of New Creation UMC, is actively seeking an experienced leader to model authentic Christian worship, lead and engage a diverse congregation. Candidates for this part-time position should: 1) display strong passion and spiritual gifts for music and worship; 2) have a strong vocal ability with a contemporary vocal tone and quality; 3) play guitar and/or keyboard with the ability to lead structured rehearsals and guitar-based worship services; 4) have strong communication skills for speaking in worship setting; 5) have a heartfelt desire to cultivate, coach, encourage, disciple music volunteers. For more information, to apply, or see full job description go to www.graceharborva.org under "Leadership, Employment Opportunity."

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR, Monumental UMC in Portsmouth. This part-time position includes traditional Sunday worship with pipe organ and 30 member choir. Job description and resume information found at www.monumentalumc.org.

BUSINESS/OPERATIONS MANAGER, Virginia Beach UMC in Virginia Beach is actively recruiting for this full time position. Responsibilities will include day-to-day management of accounting/recordkeeping tasks, budgeting, financial controls, reporting, building and maintenance operations and oversight, staff health and dental insurance oversight as well as other human resources related duties. Candidates should possess a college accounting-related and/or business administration degree with a minimum of five years' experience in accounting or business administrative related positions. Proficiency in SHELBY Church Finance Software preferred as well as other business software applications such as Microsoft Office. Additional experience required in accounting systems, payroll, taxes, and IRS reporting requirements. Ability to work within a team-oriented environment is a must and excellent communication skills with fellow staff and church volunteers is essential. Full compensation and benefits package available including vacation, sick leave, retirement benefits, etc. Please visit our website at www.vbumc.org for additional church related information. Qualified candidates please e-mail resumes to Laura Ezell, Church Administrator, laura@vbumc.org or mail directly to Va Beach United Methodist Church, ATTN: Laura Ezell, 212 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Please keep Job Announcements at 60-words or less
More church jobs can be found at the conference webpage
Vaumc.org / select Resources / Job Opportunities
Or enter this web address:
<http://vaumc.org/Page.aspx?pid=498>

Coming Soon!

Lay Speaker Training Event

October 14 & 15, 2011

Friday 6pm—9:30pm & Saturday 8:30am—6pm

Location: COMMUNITY UMC
1072 Old Kempsville Rd, Va Beach

COURSES OFFERED:

Basic Course

Advanced Courses:

Apologetis for Lay Speakers

UM Heritage Class

Spiritual Gifts

Lay Speakers Preach

“This Holy Mystery”

Registration, cost & details of the courses will follow soon.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Barbara St. Jean, Co-Director
bstjean@cox.net

Virginia Wesleyan College

Sacred Music Summer Conference
July 25-30, 2011

Guest clinicians: Roger Dowdy (worship and the pastor/musician relationship), John Bell (worship and congregational song), Mack Wilberg (choral artistry), Joseph Martin (music for the church choir), John Behnke (handbells), Michael Bedford (children's choir and organ), Charlotte Brandt (pre-school music), Gerald Chiusano (Finale music writing program), Jim Page (instruments in worship), and much more!

Evening events: A Service of Christian Prayer in the style of Taize (Monday), To God Be The Glory: The Organ for Worship (Tidewater Chapter AGO Members Recital - Tuesday); So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Hymn Festival Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Virginia Wesleyan (Worship leader: Dr. John Bell, and Preacher: Dr. Craig Wansink, head of VWC Religious Studies department); Finale: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (a choral concert in celebration of VWC's 50th year with the 90-voice Wesleyan Festival Chorus and members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Mack Wilberg, composer and conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir).

Accommodations: on-campus and air-conditioned



Are We There Yet?

The Story of Moses and the Exodus

Musical Theater Camp

for children grades 2 through 8

August 8-12, 2011 9 am-2 pm

performance 7 pm Friday

Thalia United Methodist Church

4321 Virginia Beach Blvd.,
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
340-5015

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www.thaliaumc.org



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

**Newsletter Articles Deadline
 the 15th of every month**

All articles should be submitted by email to address above
 Job Announcements should be 60-words or less
 Events 100-words or less or 1/4 page flyer-format
 District Officers try to limit a half-page

If you would prefer to get the newsletter by e-mail
 Send your request to email address above.

JULY

- 17 Elizabeth River Celebration, New Creation-Aldersgate, 4320 Bruce Rd, Chesapeake 3pm
- 18 District Budget & Finance, 7pm at district office
- 21 District Committee on Ministry, 9am at district office
- 22-24 School of Christian Missions, VUMAC
- 25-28 Christian School of Mission, VUMAC

AUGUST

- 11 District Stewards Meeting, Memorial UMC, 7pm
 804 Gammon Rd, Virginia Beach
- 14 Clergy Family Welcome Picnic – VWC
- 16 Charge Conference Set-up Option1, Deep Creek UMC, 10am
- 18 District Nominations, 7pm at district office
- 24 Charge Conference Set-up Option2 – Heritage UMC, 10am
- 25 District Board of Mission, 7pm at district office

