

Connector

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A WORD FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:



Dear Friends,

It is a special opportunity for me to serve as the District Superintendent for the Alexandria District. In 1977, I moved to Alexandria as a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America. I joined Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Two years later, they voted to approve me as a candidate for ordained ministry. I had been exploring a call to be a minister since I was in high school in Greenville, South Carolina, and answered God's call in 1979. I attended Wesley Theological Seminary and began my ministry as a student pastor at Herndon United Methodist Church.

Although I was born in Greenville, South Carolina, I met my wife, Gail, in Alexandria 33 years ago. Our first child, Elizabeth, was born in Washington, D.C., and we have served various congregations in Northern Virginia for a total of fifteen years. We consider Alexandria our home, and it is good to be back home.

In the more than 30 years of our journey in ministry together, we have served churches in Newport News, Richmond, Lynchburg, and, most recently, at St. Matthews in Annandale. Our faith journey in the Virginia Annual Conference has been filled with wonderful experiences.

As I begin this new part of my faith journey here in Northern Virginia, I look forward to getting to know each congregation, and to sharing experiences and ideas together for the growth and benefit of the children of God.

Yours in Christ,

Ken



Join us in welcoming Ken as District Superintendent on Sept. 19, 3 PM at St. Stephen's UMC, Burke.

Rising Hope News!

by Rev. Keary Kincannon

Rising Hope has a lot going on this summer:

Vacation Bible School: for 60 community children, August 9 – 13, 9 AM-Noon

Needed: Teachers and aides
Music leaders
Crafts people

Contact: Sharon Emory – 703-360-1976

Backpacks and School Supply Drive: August 28
Planning for this annual event has started!

Needed: Backpacks
School supplies
New socks
New under ware
New T shirts



Jeff Majors



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"A Day for the Hungry & Homeless of the Route One Corridor"

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, 8 PM

(doors open at 7 PM)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
7836 Fordson Rd.
Alexandria 22306

Tickets available in exchange for a can of food. Contact Rising Hope, 703-360-1976

(info@risinghopeumc.org)

August 6 is A Day for the Hungry and Homeless:

- ... 1-4 PM: Bring donations of non-perishable food items and clothing to Rising Hope UMMC
- ... Meet Jeff Majors, local politicians, and Pastor Keary Kincannon
- ... Groove to local gospel and praise bands
- ... Mt. Gilead Full Gospel mobile food trailer, "The Net," will be feeding the hungry
- ... Medical screening and HIV testing
- ... Haircuts and styling

District Lay Leader Corner

Annual Conference 2010 will be over when you read this article, and churches across the Conference will be continuing in ministry and beginning in ministry. We are always called to be making followers of Christ. As ministers begin in new churches, they are called to continue the present ministries and to listen and share new possibilities for ministry.

One of the things I enjoy about any conversation is learning something new. No matter whether it is a conversation on church matters, on world affairs, on oil spills (which happen to be tops on our minds these days), or on family matters, conversations bring new information, new insights, and possibly a change in position on a subject.

In the church, as we listen to others we hear similar things: new information, new insights, and thus a possible change in approach to a particular ministry. I believe it is our job as laity to be open and have these conversations and see where they lead us. Hopefully, we will be encouraged in both familiar and unfamiliar ways of doing ministry. Many times these conversations work best with a lot of prayer interspersed. The leading of the Holy Spirit to guide us is a basic way to check our direction in any conversation. As you welcome your returning minister or your new minister, and our new District Superintendent, The Rev. Ken Jackson, be in prayer and conversation, and continue to make disciples with words and actions.

Yours in Faith,
- Sue Stewart



District Dates to Note

As you start planning for the fall, please remember to note the dates of these District events first. More information will follow when planning is complete:

- ... Sept. 11, 8 AM - District UMM Meeting, "100 Years of Boy Scouting" (location TBA)
- ... Sept. 18 - District UMW Spiritual Life Event (location TBA)
- ... Oct. 2 - UMW District Day, Aldersgate UMC, Alexandria
- ... Oct. 16 - Alexandria District Conference (location TBA)

Alexandria District	All clergy are invited to bring their families and come for an indoor picnic to welcome the clergy who are new to the District. A delicious barbecue dinner will be prepared by our fabulous chef, Rev. Bill Burrough of St. John's UMC.
Clergy Welcome Picnic	
July 11, 4:30 PM	
St. John's UMC	
5312 Backlick Rd.	
Springfield	
RSVP to Martha by Wed., June 30; Alexandriadistrict@novaumc.org or 703-820-7200	



Are You Ready for "E-News?"

Electronic copies of our newsletter are available for reading on our website. If you can forego your paper copy and view the newsletter there, please contact Martha, 703-820-7200.



A note from The Reifsnyders

Dear Friends,

We just wanted to say a great "Thank You" to Jim Helm, Sue Stewart, the United Methodist Women, and all the others who contributed to make our retirement party such a fun event. It was great to share time with members of the Alexandria District and with some of the great friends we've made over the years.

Once again, your actions proved that the people of the Alexandria District are a generous group. The gifts of money, book and restaurant cards, and the expressions of best wishes through phone calls, e-mails, and cards are all greatly appreciated!

We look forward to retirement, but we know we will miss all the wonderful people with whom we've lived and worked for 39 years. May God grant each of you His richest blessings!

In Christ,
Alan & Libby

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—CLERGY CHANGES

Church	New Clergy	Who Comes From	Former Clergy	Who Went To
Dist. Superintendent	Kenneth Jackson	St. Matthew's (A)	Alan Reifsnyder	Retirement
Dist. Program Coord.	Herbert Brynildsen	St. Matthew's (A)	Phyllis Earley	Trinity, Alexandria (A)
St. Matthew's	Denise Honeycutt	Conference Dir., Missions	Kenneth Jackson	District Superintendent (A)
Trinity, Alexandria	Phyllis Earley	Dist. Program Coord. (A)	Scott Davis	Aldersgate (C)
Manassas St. Thomas	David Forrest	District Superintendent (W)	Tommy Herndon	District Superintendent (H)
Fairfax	Timothy Gerde	Peakland (L)	Stephen Bray	First UMC Salem (Rn)
Prince of Peace	Paula Werner	St. Matthias (Ad)	Edwin Clever	Peakland (L)
New Light	Hyeon Ho Lee	Korean of Gr. Washington (Ar)	Yong Hwan Kim	North Boston Korean (New England Conf.)
Wesley	Janet Salbert	Burke Associate (A)	Tony Forstall	Aldersgate (N)
Montclair Area New Faith Community	Matthew Meisenhelter	Manassas St. Thomas Assoc. (A)	New Position	
Mount Horeb	Gayle Porias	First Appointment	Mary Ann Buscher	Leave of Absence
Faith	To Be Supplied		M. Garey Eakes	Sydenstricker Associate (A)
Annandale Assoc.	Eduardo Carrillo	First Appointment	Rebecca Rumburg	St James (S)
Burke Assoc.	Morgan Guyton	First Appointment	Janet Salbert	Wesley (A)
Manassas St. Thomas Assoc.	Deborah Porras	First Appointment	Matthew Meisenhelter	Montclair Area New Faith Community (A)
Sydenstricker Assoc.	M. Garey Eakes	Faith (A)	Scott Beck	Prince Edward Charge (F)
Fairlington Assoc. PT	Barbara Parnell	Also is PT Chaplain at The Hermitage in Northern VA	Tonya Douce	Leave of Absence
		First Appointment	Ryan Schaeffer	AugustaSpring/Criagsville/Goshen (S)
	Hired Position	St. Matthew's Assoc. Minister for Youth (A)	Herbert Brynildsen	District Program Coordinator (A)
Christ Assoc.		Position Discontinued	Robert Riggles	Leave of Absence
Burke Assoc.		Position Discontinued	Carl Perez	Leemont Charge (2) (E)
St. John's Assoc.		Position Discontinued	Lou Ann Frederick	Henderson (R)
	Change of Status	Incapacity Leave	David Manner	Retirement
	Change of Status	Leave of Absence	Christina Suerdieck	Retirement

ARLINGTON DISTRICT—CLERGY CHANGES

Church	New Clergy	Who Comes From	Former Clergy	Who Went To
Dranesville	Samantha Tuttle	Centreville (Ar)	Richard Daily	Retirement
Pender Assoc.	Daniel Elmore	Parkview (Pn)	Sandra Boone	Leave of Absence
Centreville Assoc.	Jennifer Coffey	First Appointment	New Position	
Mt. Olivet Assoc.	Kevin Havens	First Appointment	New Position	
Mt. Olivet Assoc.	Bruce Lugn	First Appointment	New Position	
Mt. Olivet Assoc.			Susan Cutshaw	Retirement
First Korean Assoc.	David Chang	Lay Supply Pastor	Paul Kong	GBGM
First Korean Assoc.		Position Discontinued	Kiok Chang Cho	Leave of Absence
Sterling Assoc.	Luz Zuleta	First Appointment	New Position	
Herndon Assoc.	Ryan Oswald	First Appointment	New Position	
Arlington Assoc.	Chenda Lee	Lay Supply Pastor	Raymond Max-Jones	Resigned
Galilee Assoc.		Position Discontinued	Sarah Calvert	Page (H)
Korean of Gr. Washington	TBA		Hyeon Ho Lee	New Light (A)
Bi-Dist. Church Dev. Coordinator		Position Discontinued	Melissa Dunlap	Leave of Absence

DISTRICT ABBREVIATIONS: A-ALEXANDRIA, AR-ARLINGTON, AD-ASHLAND, C-CHARLOTTESVILLE, D-DANSVILLE, E-EASTERN SHORE, F-FARMVILLE, H-HARRISONBURG, L-LYNCHBURG, N-NORFOLK, PN-PENINSULA, PT-PETERSBURG, PR-PORTSMOUTH, RP-RAPPAHANNOCK, RD-RICHMOND, RN-ROANOKE, S-STAUNTON, W-WINCHESTER

Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission July 22-25 & 26-29, 2010

What Is It? The School of Christian Mission is a cooperative school offered by the Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Women (UMW). It offers an opportunity for women, men, youth and children to come alive to mission by participating in the weekend school or the weekday school, both held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC) in Blackstone.

Two opportunities to meet your schedule:

July 22-25 - Weekend Session

July 26-29 - Weekday Session

Register on line or download the brochure for mail-in registration at www.vaumc.org. Financial scholarships are available; please contact Chris Cole for more information. Chris will also handle any other inquiries about special needs, etc. Contact information is 540-289-5182 or ChrisCole@intelios.net.

Handbell Training Opportunity is Coming!

Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg is hosting the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Area III 2010 "DiscoverING KIDZ" Festival on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010. Clinicians will be Kath Wissinger and Bettie Dollins Tindall.

For more information on this one-day event, contact Laura Douglass at 540-434-2836 or lbdouglass@asburyumc.cc

Questions? Go to infoserv.umc.org for Answers!

InfoServ, the official information service of The United Methodist Church, now offers an online "Live Chat" feature that allows customers to communicate directly with representatives. Launched June 1, "Chat with Infoserve" encourages real-time conversations between members, church pastors, agency staff and others with questions about The United Methodist Church. Customers are able to submit questions via e-mail at infoserv@umcom.org. Answers to frequently asked questions are also available online at infoserv.umc.org.



July-August Dates to Note

(www.novaumc.org/community_events.html)

- Mondays at 7 PM - Body and Soul Class, Chesterbrook UMC, McLean
- Tuesdays at 7 PM - Divorce Care Class, Centreville UMC
- Tuesdays at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10 AM - New Horizons Job Transitioning Group, Floris UMC, Herndon
- Wednesdays at 6 PM - Centering Prayer, Trinity UMC, Alexandria
- 1st Sundays at 12:15 PM - Grief Support Group, Cherrydale UMC, Arlington
- 1st Fridays at 9:30 AM - Alzheimer's Support Group, Manassas-St. Thomas UMC
- July 5 - Bi-District Offices are closed (Independence Day)
- July 7, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- July 8, 7 PM - Bi-District Young Adults Book Study, St. Paul UMC, Woodbridge
- July 10, 5:30 PM - Hearts Afire Contemporary Experience, Church of the Good Shepherd, Vienna
- July 11, 11 AM - Bishop Charlene Kammerer will preach in Northern Virginia, Roberts Memorial UMC, Alexandria
- July 11, 4:30 PM - Alexandria District Clergy Welcome Picnic, St. John's UMC, Springfield
- July 13, 10:30 AM - Alexandria and Arlington Districts Clergy Orientation Meeting and Luncheon, St. James UMC, Alexandria
- July 14, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- July 17 and 24, 10 AM - Bi-District Lay Speaking Ministry Basic Training, Ghana Wesley UMC, Arlington
- July 20, Noon - Voices of Youth Concert, Rising Hope UMMC, Alexandria
- July 20, 7 PM - Voices of Youth Concert, Sterling UMC
- July 21, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- July 22, 7 PM - Bi-District Young Adults Book Study, Greenberry's Coffee Company, McLean
- July 22-25 - School of Christian Mission, VUMAC
- July 26-29 - School of Christian Mission, VUMAC
- July 28 - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- July 30-31 - Mission Possible: A Two Day Mission Experience for Children, Calvary UMC, Arlington
- Aug. 4, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- Aug. 7 - Alexandria District UMW Executive Committee Meeting, Good Shepherd UMC, Woodbridge
- Aug. 11, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- Aug. 11, 7 PM - Bi-District Young Adults Book Study, St. John's UMC, Springfield
- Aug. 18, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- Aug. 25, 7 PM - Jesus & Java Summer Youth Bible Study open to all in the bi-district, Friendship UMC, Falls Church
- Aug. 26, 7 PM - Bi-District Young Adults Book Study, Wegman's Food Court, Fairfax

Bi-District Lay Speaking News

The 10-hour basic Lay Speaking training will be offered on July 17 & 24 at Ghana Wesley UMMC, 2315 S. Grant St., Arlington, starting at 10 AM each day.

Soon a date will be announced for a session on Lay Speakers Leading in Worship - watch for more information soon!

Questions about Bi-District lay speaking should be directed to your District's Director of Lay Speaking (Alexandria: Rick Kottemann, Arlington: Co-directors Vicki Poindexter and Rick Dawson).

Wesley Housing Sets Dates for Fall "Camp GiveHope" Opportunities

Wesley Housing (WH) is planning Camp GiveHope events, homelessness education/experience overnights for the fall - and you're invited! Call or email now to find out about participating in this Friday night - Saturday noon event on your preferred fall dates below:

Camp GiveHope events for children grades 3 - 6 and their parents:

Oct. 15/16: Community Bible Church, Fair Lakes

Oct. 22/23: Sterling UMC, Sterling

Oct. 29/30: Fairfax UMC, Fairfax

Camp GiveHope events for youth groups:

Oct. 1/2: St. Paul UMC, Woodbridge

Date TBA: Faith Temple Church, Manassas

Meanwhile, this summer. . .

- ... Invite WH to lead a Vacation Bible School session on homelessness and how to help;
- ... Participate in WH's school supply drive as a Vacation Bible School mission project;
- ... Dedicate a VBS offering to WH's affordable housing mission.

Contact WH now to reserve your date:

Linda Honea: 703-642-3830, ext. 218; 571-237-8920 (cell); lhonea@whdc.org or Rev. Joanne Maughlin: 703-536-4153; jmaughlin@yahoo.com

Generosity at the AC...

Tallies of contributions at the 2010 Annual Conference were as follows as of Tuesday, June 15:

For UMCOR: Kits and more kits! 25,137 health kits; 10,155 school kits; 4,856 birthing kits; 1,154 sewing kits; 1,734 layette kits; and 30 flood buckets, plus cash donations of \$73,523, bringing the total value of kits and cash donated to \$600,000.

Employment Opportunities

Pianists (Saturdays), Sydenstricker UMC, Springfield

P/T Organist, Sydenstricker UMC, Springfield

P/T Youth Minister, Washington Farm UMC, Alexandria

P/T Director of Children's Ministries, The Vine, Dunn Loring

P/T Youth Director, Oakton UMC

P/T Preschool Director, Pender UMC, Fairfax

3/4 T Preschool Director, Fairlington UMC, Alexandria

3/4 T Youth Director, Burke UMC

F/T Communications Coordinator, St. Matthew's UMC, Annandale

F/T Director of Traditional Music, Floris UMC, Herndon

F/T Director of Student Ministries, Christ Church, Fairfax Station

F/T Director of Children's Ministries, The Vine, Dunn Loring

P/T Director of Children's Ministries, Cherrydale UMC, Arlington

Contact the listing church or see employment opportunities at: www.novaumc.org.employment.html

DID YOU KNOW?

HIRE Act offers tax breaks for churches hiring previously unemployed workers

On March 18, 2010, the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "HIRE Act") became law. The HIRE Act provides incentives for employers to hire new employees who are currently unemployed. One of those incentives - an exemption from the employer's share of Social Security taxes - is available to non-profit employers, including churches. If an employer hires a previously unemployed individual, the employer will be exempt from paying the employer's share - 6.2% - of Social Security taxes on that new employee's wages through the end of 2010. (The employer is still required to pay its share - 1.45% - of the new employee's Medicare taxes.) Employers claim the HIRE Act Social Security tax exemption on their quarterly Form for more information, contact David Dommissee, Conference Treasurer, at 804-521-1109, 1-800-768-6040, ext. 109, or DavidDommissee@vaumc.org.

Conference Offering: The Tuesday morning conference offering was \$180,500.

Other Giving: The conference's contributions to relief efforts in Haiti is up to \$1.6 million in the latest total from the General Board of Global Ministry.

Stop Hunger Now: Meals packaged on Monday and Tuesday totaled 102,000.

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Voices of Youth to Perform in Northern Virginia on July 20

Voices of Youth 2010 - *Celebrating 25 Years of Awakening the United Methodist Church to Mission* will mount a tour that will take them to every district in the Virginia Conference this summer. The group will be performing locally as follows:

Tuesday, July 20, noon: Rising Hope UMMC
(Alexandria District)

Tuesday, July 20, 7 PM: Sterling UMC
(Arlington District)

Voices of Youth (VOY) is a mission outreach and education program of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church whose purpose is to Awaken the UMC to Mission. VOY is a summer youth vocal choir that participates in mission work in the US and abroad, and then shares their mission experiences via music and testimonies. Each year 30-40 high school youth travel to a mission site for approximately one week, followed by vocal concerts at a dozen or more VA UMC churches over the following 2 weeks.

To apply to be part of VOY, visit their website, www.voicesofyouth-va.org

"Jesus & Java" Returns July 7!



Open to all youth in the bi-district! As you enjoy your summer break, don't fall asleep spiritually.

Revive yourself with Jesus & Java!!

Friendship United Methodist Youth would like to invite you to join them for a summer Bible study series on Wednesday evenings in July & August. (The Church is located at 3527 Gallows Road, Falls Church.)

You will be invigorated by experiencing God's word, laughing with friends, and enjoying milkshakes or coffee.

The topic of our Bible study is **"Walk the Talk!"** - a study of the letter of James. Each week we'll explore a different passage to see how it applies to our lives. Together we'll discover what James means when he claims that, "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Jim Harrington, Harrington.Jim@gmail.com or call 703-409-9350.

Keep up-to-date at the Bi-District Website: www.novaumc.org