

THE AMBASSADOR

*“So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.
We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).”*

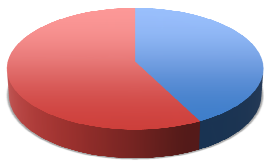
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August 2018

C'Ville Apt. Project

The Apartment That Love Built

Contributions



■ \$169,815.08
as of
5/31/18
■ \$400,000
Goal

Come Pray with Us at the Kindred Project

The Kindred Project is a group of clergy and laity who gather together for the practice of spiritual disciplines, contemplative prayer, and fellowship.

A new group has started in the Charlottesville District. We gather on the second Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 101 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

We meet from 8:00 am until about 10:00 am. We pray, have some time of silence, share, and celebrate Holy Communion. Beginners and long-time practitioners of spiritual practices are welcome.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 14**. Join us in our stillness, as we discover the Holy One in our midst.

For more information or to get on our email reminder list please contact Rev. Tom Frost at tefrost@aol.com.

C'ville Apt. Project Donations

There is a change in the procedure for giving to the Charlottesville Apt. Project. As we continue our fund raising efforts for this ministry, please make your checks payable to Charlottesville District UMC and in the memo line write "Apt. Project." Mail your contributions to:

C'ville UMC District Office
914 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 104
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Or you can send the gift with your district apportionments. Please specify the amount for the Apt. Project. Thank you!

Fundraiser for Apt. Project

Aprons are now available for \$10.00 each. Please contact Linda Truslow in the District Office to order: charlottesvilledistrict@vaumc.org.

The Virginia Annual Conference Vision – to be Disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

NEWS from the District Superintendency Committee

Our District Superintendent, Danny Kesner, will be on a 90 day renewal leave. He will be away July-September.

If you need a DS during this period, please contact Linda Truslow, our Administrative Assistant, and she will have contact info for other superintendents.

Thank you!

UMVIM Team Leader Training

Required for first time United Methodist Volunteers In Mission team leaders, but all interested persons are welcome to attend whether leading a team or not. Invite your friends! **There is a no longer a registration fee.** Doors open 30 minutes prior to training. Continuing Education Units (0.5 units) will be provided for those needing CEU certification.

Pre-registration is required. Register by sending an e-mail to Cindy Ingroff in the Conference Office (CindyIngroff@vaumc.org) with the following:

Name
E-mail address
Primary phone number
Church
District
Dietary restrictions (if any)
CEU (yes or no)

Registration deadline is noon on the Monday before the training event.

Team Leader Training:

UMVIM Team Leader Training
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
6pm-8:30pm
45425 Winding Road, Sterling, VA 20165

Sherman P. Lea Sr. to preach

Sunday, August 5th, the Hon. Sherman P. Lea, Sr., Mayor of Roanoke, and Associate Pastor of the Garden of Prayer #7 Church in Roanoke, will be preaching a message of civic and religious transformation at 9:45 & 11:00 am at First United Methodist Church of Charlottesville. Communion will be offered. All are invited. See flier attached to the email with this newsletter for details.

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Reveille UMC

4200 Cary Street Rd. Richmond, VA 23221

Both laity and clergy are invited to attend (450 limit).

Registration Cost: (\$10 – includes lunch)

Please [click here to download a detailed brochure](#) with workshop details (pdf) or see the attachment.

Convocation participants may attend two of these workshops.

Please indicate workshop preferences with registration.

[Click here to register online](#)

Deadline to register is September 8

Contact: MarcBrown@vaumc.org

Emmanuel Youth Mission

This is a mission in the rural communities of El Salvador.

John and Jonna Clarkson have a newsletter that shares their most recent work. It is attached to the email with this newsletter – EYM Summer 2018 News.

Computer Ministry

The computer ministry part of the HUB is thriving. In one week Pastor Art delivered 4,500 pounds of computes and components to Mission Central. The shipments included 66 laptops and over 50 desktops, printers, keyboards & monitors. The computer ministry will recycle the very old computer equipment, the cash they receive will help them with their ministry.

Kelsey's Big Give Golf Tournament

Thanks for helping support Kelsey's Missions through the Golf tournament. Here is this year's flyer. The tournament is Fri. Sept 14th. We are playing Bowling Green north for a bit of a change. You can also sponsor a hole or give items for the silent auction that day. And please feel free to pass along and share with other golfers. We'd love to have 30 teams this year.

Any questions, let me know.

Pastor Randy Orndorff

Lead Pastor, Culpeper UMC

540-825-0764

pastorjro@culpeperumc.org

College Students and Seminary Students

The United Methodist Credit Union (TUMCU) is offering **SnapLoan**, an educational line of credit available to help with the funding gap once scholarships, subsidized federal student loans and college savings accounts have been exhausted. Our program comes with exceptionally low rates for students attending any accredited college and even lower rates for students attending seminary or Methodist affiliated schools. **In just three years we have provided students with over \$1,000,000 in educational funding.**

It's structured as a low fixed rate **Line of Credit**

- Only one application-no need to reapply each year
- No annual FAFSA required
- Quick and easy one page application
- Complete flexibility to draw the money whenever you see fit (subject to annual limits)
- Funds can be used for any educational related expense-even study abroad
- Borrowers may need a co-signer if not otherwise qualified

Visit www.tumcusnaploan.com or call 866-657-0004 for details or to apply online.

*All loans are subject to approval and credit restrictions apply. Must be a TUMCU member to apply.

Janie Hightower

Marketing Manager

The United Methodist Credit Union

(866)-657-0004 Toll Free

Archery Ministry

We were invited to come out and use the archery target at Louisa UMC for their Vacation Bible School and introduce 26 young boys and girls to archery and to the ministry.



~ Mark Frazier

District Youth

*Fifth Sunday Praise and
Worship*

September 30, 2018
3-5 p.m.

Mount Moriah UMC

This event is for everyone--young, old and in between!
Join friends from around the District in worshipping
God on a Sunday afternoon.

December 30--Host church still needed.

The District Youth Council plans and leads the
worship service. We just need a sanctuary where we
can gather with friends from across the District.

Save the Dates!

District Youth Rally

August 26, 2018

Mineral UMC

301 E 3rd St.

Mineral, VA 23117

The fun starts at 3 p.m.

Dinner will be provided. Please **RSVP** to Rebecca
Wagner at 434-823-4645

or wagnerwimps@yahoo.com with the number of
people who plan to attend by **August 20, 2018**. This
will help Mineral UMC plan to have enough food for
everyone!

We will be collecting school supplies for the Henry
Fork Service Center in Rocky Mount, VA. Please keep
this in mind when you are out shopping. We have
been doing this for years now and the children in
Rocky Mount really appreciate your continued
generosity.

Mission Blast Saturday

November 3, 2018

Aldersgate UMC in Charlottesville

Teams of youth will be going to different sites around
Charlottesville for service projects and there will be a
RAH Packaging Event that afternoon. All churches in
the District, whether they have youth or not, are
challenged to raise **at least \$150** for Rise Against
Hunger. Money is already being raised for this event.

Checks should be made payable to **Rise Against
Hunger** and mailed to Rebecca Wagner at 7071

Jarmans Gap Road, Crozet, VA 22932.

We normally pack 10,000 meals, but let's see if we
can top that this year!

Questions or to host an

event, contact Rebecca Wagner DCYM Coordinator @
wagnerwimps@yahoo.com or call 434-823-4645



Ready for the challenge?

Bishop Lewis has charged the conference to read the Bible all the
way through 2018 chronologically. You can find the whole year's
schedule at the link: [https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-
lewis/2018biblechallenge](https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/2018biblechallenge).

Wesley Heritage Tour

April 23-May 1, 2019

"I invite you to join me on this Wesley Heritage Tour that will
expand our knowledge of the ministry of John Wesley. Please
consider this my personal invitation to be a part of this adventure
in faith and join me in experiencing a once in a lifetime journey!"
– Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Pianist needed

Westover United Methodist Church, 2801 Fredericksburg Rd.
Ruckersville, VA is seeking a church pianist. Church service is
at 11:00am each Sunday. There is also choir practice on Tuesday
evening at 7:00pm from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Choir does
not sing during the summer. The salary is \$84 per week. Contact
person: Gayle Johnson 434-409-0262

2018 Lay Servant Academy, Aug. 17-19

[4H Educational Conference Center](#) – 775 Hermitage Rd.,
Wirtz, VA

We are excited to be offering some new classes this year and
fantastic worship as we fellowship, worship, pray, and learn
and love like Jesus! The Lay Servant Academy is about
equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the
mission of the church. "The mission of the Virginia Annual
Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for
ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the
local church; all to the glory of God."

All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take
one. Each course is designed to help those serving the local
church learn more about leadership, personal faith
development, and a deeper understanding of the United
Methodist church. Our courses are designed to support those
seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay
Speakers.

Encourage your friends and church leadership to come and
learn!

[Click here to register online](#) and pay by credit card or
complete the form below (and also attached to this message).
[2018 Registration Form and Class Descriptions](#) (pdf)

For more information contact [David Bailey](#) at (804) 338-3168

Reaching new people in your community

Don't tell the kids, but school will be starting before you know it (schools open in the U.S. anywhere from early August to just after Labor Day.) Whether your church is in a large community or small, there is a school nearby. Growing churches learn how to connect to a local school and minister to students, parents, teachers and administrators. Here are some of the best practices from around the country:

- It is best to start with a conversation with a school Principal. Set up an appointment and go and find out what some of the needs are and where your church might be able to assist. School administrators will relax if we go in with a "How can we help" attitude. And most schools have many needs.
- Appreciate the teachers: Churches have brought breakfast into teachers, or served meals on special days with a message of "thanks for doing such a great job with our kids".
 - Some churches have sent members into classrooms at the beginning of the school year and handed teachers a business card, saying, "If you need anything this year, such as supplies, or snacks or a reader, I am your contact from our church. Please call us".
 - Other churches have become involved in parent/teacher organizations, meeting lots of parents in the process.
 - Still other churches simply attend school and sports activities. Sooner or later someone asks them who their child or grandchild is, and they reply, "Oh, I don't have a child here, we are here because our church wants to support kids and families". That response will start a conversation!
- Honor a group of teachers on a Sunday morning (sometimes called, "Heroes of the community") and given them certificates of appreciation. Their families and friends will come to the worship service to see them honored.
- Whatever you do, be sure to surround it with prayer. Pray for the schools and families, do a prayer walk around a school building a few days before school starts and ask God to bless the upcoming year.

Many of our school districts have faced budget cuts over the years and are in highly stressful situations. We in the church can find creative ways to minister and make a difference.

Paul Nickerson
Nickerson Coaching
www.nickersoncoaching.com
Phone: 508-930-9327

The Virginia Conference UMM 40th Annual Spiritual Advance will be held Oct. 26-27, 2018 at Baylake UMC, Virginia Beach. Speakers will be Bishop James Swanson, Mississippi Conference UMC and Gregory Koukl, Author and Apologist. Workshops will include: Wesleyan Small Groups, Mentoring, Young Adult Ministry, Spiritual Growth and Discipleship. There will be group rates at Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center, and Early Bird specials, discounts for Spouses and Clergy. More details will be announced soon.

Save the Date

The 5 Talent Academy will be held Oct. 30, 2018. Speakers will be Bishop Sharma Lewis, Matt Miofsky (Lead Pastor The Gathering UMC, St. Louis, MO, Greg Moor, Ex. Dir. Of New Faith Communities NC Conference, and Jason Byassee, Professor of Preaching, Vancouver School of Theology. See attached flier to this email newsletter for more information.

Save the Date

Charlottesville District Conference- Sunday, December 2 @ Crozet UMC.
1 p.m. – Mission Project-Central VA Mission HUB
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. – District Conference

Grants for Youth Groups

If your church youth group is raising funds **for special projects or mission trips**, we want to help. Each quarter we will be awarding a grant for up to \$500 to a United Methodist youth group within the conferences we serve. We welcome the opportunity to help our youth in their service to others.

Applications deadlines:

Summer Grant – August 31

Fall Grant – November 30

Winter Grant- February 28

<https://www.tumcu.org/grants-for-youth-groups/>

If this link doesn't open, copy and paste it in your browser.

Thursday Evening Worship

Every Thursday at 6:30 pm, Palmyra UMC (right outside Lake Monticello in Fluvanna County, across from the Treasurer's office in the courthouse complex) is offering a traditional worship service for Sunday worship. This is not about securing additional members but providing an alternative worship experience for those who perhaps work on Sundays, for those traveling on weekends, etc. All are welcome.

George Gorman, Pastor

Save the Date

Virginia Five-Day Academy for Spiritual

Formation

The 2018 Virginia Five-Day Academy will be meeting at Roslyn Retreat Center from October 14-19 this coming fall. For 35 years The Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation has offered an environment of Christian community that supports the goal of spiritual formation for clergy and laity alike. It combines academic learning with experience in spiritual disciplines and community. It is a proven model that has been implemented nationwide and internationally. We are excited to be offering our third retreat in Virginia!

Our topic for the 2018 Five-Day is "Healing and Community Through God's Reconciliation". Our faculty members are Dr. Amy Oden, formerly of Wesley Seminary, and Dr. Luther Smith, Professor Emeritus at Candler and a Howard Thurman scholar. Amy Oden will focus her teaching on Christian hospitality, welcome, and community. Dr. Smith will address the healing and transformation that come through reconciliation. We are excited to have such a well-respected faculty.

Perhaps you are aware of members in the Charlottesville District who might be strengthened by attending an Academy. The event brochure is attached to this email, and it includes registration information.

Cathy Bowen, team leader

Virginia Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation
703-281-5506

Cathy.bowen@verizon.net

Mission Central Trip

The dates for this mission trip are Thursday, Sept. 20 and Friday, Sept. 21. Leave CUMC at 6:15 am on the 20th and return around 8 pm on the 21st. Please email Art Fellows to make room reservations: jdpastorart@yahoo.com.

Trauma Therapy

The Central Virginia Trauma Recovery Network is sponsoring early intervention for those impacted by the events of August 11 and 12, 2017 and 2018. There are two locations. These services are free.

August 10 – 13: First UMC, 101 E. Jefferson St., Charlottesville (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

August 14 – 21: Sojourners UCC, 1017 Elliot Ave., Charlottesville (9:00 am – 4:00 pm except Sunday – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

See flier attached to the email with this newsletter for more details.

The Dementia Friends Program

The Dementia Friends program is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom and now underway in the United States. The goal is to help everyone in a community understand five key messages about dementia, how it affects people and how we can each make a difference in the lives of people living with dementia in all its varied forms. The Dementia Friends program is closely related to Dementia Friendly America, a nationwide initiative to improve quality of life for those living with dementia and for their millions of caretakers. One Virginia community, Herndon, has received the designation. We need more!

I was honored to be a part of the inaugural group of Virginia Dementia Friends Champions to be trained last week and would welcome the opportunity to bring the information session to your church. Worldwide over 2.5 million people have become dementia friends. We want members of your congregation to join them.

The one-hour information session is an in-person experience run by a Dementia Friends Champion. It is not a formal training. The session has activities and discussion that cover the five key messages everyone should know about dementia. Everyone who attends is asked to do a dementia-friendly action as part of becoming a Dementia Friend, but the choice is up to each participant. The action can be very simple as in "be more understanding" or may lead to something much larger like "advocate for my local community to be designated as Dementia Friendly." The Information Session would be beneficial for congregational care teams, UMW and UMM groups as well as for ushers, greeters and other hospitality volunteers.

Pinnacle Living is honored to be a part of the effort to increase the number of Dementia Friends across Virginia. Please let me know if I can bring the information session to your church and assist your congregation in leading efforts in your greater community to become more dementia friendly.

Martha Stokes

Just Moved Ministry

Cunningham UMC is beginning a new ministry for women who have recently moved to the area. This will promote emotional well-being and spiritual growth for women uprooted by a move or other life changes. Our first meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 7 at 10 am. Please share this with your new neighbors! For more information, contact Carol Frost: cifrost@aol.com or 434-589-8423.

The Black Box Players And Aldersgate

UMC Production of

Join Aldersgate United Methodist Church and the Black Box Players for the production of "The Pirates of Penzance" on August 2nd - August 5th. All performances are at 7:00 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1500 East Rio Road). Show Tickets are **FREE**. *Bring the whole family and invite your friends!*

About The Show:

A band of bumbling pirates, a bevy of unmarried ladies and a not so brave police force meet in this hysterical tale which is based on the classic Gilbert and Sullivan musical! **This original adaptation will feature select songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan musical and promises to have all ages laughing from start to finish! So be sure to bring the whole family!**

Dinner Theatre Information:

We will have our annual Dinner Theatre on Sat. Aug. 4th - Dinner at 5:45 and show at 7:00 - the Actors will be your waiters. Lots of fun for the whole family!

The Menu:

- Ocean Tossed Salad
- Captain Clucker's Casserole
- Long John Sliver's Green Beans with Almonds
- Buccaneer Biscuits
- Pirate Cake
- Shipwrecked Punch
- *Children may choose a dinner of Dog in a Lifeboat and Barnacle Chips instead.

Tickets for the Dinner Theatre are \$7.00 for adults & \$5.00 for the children's meal (12 yrs and under).

How to Reserve Show and/or Dinner Tickets:

- Online at: blackboxplayers.com
- Ticket Hotline: (434) 218 - 3148
- At The Door: Tickets will be available at the door starting a 1/2 hour before the performance.



The Ambassador by email

If you would like to receive The Ambassador by email, or if your email address has changed recently, please send an email to the District Office with your request to

CharlottesvilleDistrict@vaumc.org

Dates to Remember

August 2-5	Black Box Players at Aldersgate UMC
August 8	UMVIM Team Leader Training
August 10-13	Trauma Therapy at First UMC
August 14-21	Trauma Therapy at Sojourners UCC
August 14	Kindred Project
August 17-19	2018 Lay Servant Academy
August 26	District Youth Rally

Newsletter Deadline - July 15

Please send your submissions for the **August 2018** newsletter by July 15 to Carol Frost at cifrost@aol.com.

Attached to this email is a flier about Sherman Lea at First UMC, The 5 Talent Academy, EYM Summer 2018 News, Lay Servant Academy, Trauma Therapy Network