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A Note From the Pastor

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Well, the special called *General Conference* is now concluded and the votes are all in. After hours of delaying tactics by opponents, the United Methodist *General Conference* delegation of 2019, in response to questions in the church about human sexuality, passed the Traditional Plan with a vote of 438 to 384. A last ditch effort to bring the One Church Plan, a plan that would leave decisions about inclusion of LGBTQ pastors in church ministry in the hands of each individual church, back for discussion was defeated in the morning of the last day. That afternoon there were efforts to amend the Traditional Plan but for the most part these too failed.

What this means is simply that the current language in our United Methodist Book of Discipline will remain unchanged. The ban on our denomination ordaining LGBTQ pastors, and the ban on any pastor conducting a same-sex marriage remains intact. It is likely that there will be some continued challenges to the Traditional Plan in the near term. However, it seems equally likely that our denomination's stance on the exclusion of LGBTQ pastors in the ministry of the church will remain as it is.

As I mentioned on Sunday, I encourage our congregation not to rush to judgment regarding the outcome of the vote. There will be ample time for us to see how the global church and the church in the U.S. will respond to what has transpired. At the same time I

urge everyone to remember that the church is in God's hands: meaning that God has a plan for our denomination and our local church. Our task is to be faithful in our attempts to discern that plan and to engage it in ways that glorify God.

For those who would like more details, on Monday, March 4, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., our Bishop Sharma Lewis will air a special response to the General Conference's actions titled: "The Spiritual State of the Church: Where Do We Go from Here?" This presentation will be available for later viewing by going to our conference's website, www.vaumc.org.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

MEN'S GATHERING

The Men's Gathering will meet Monday evening, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carroll Deane, 14200 Dyke Road in Stanardsville. All men are invited to come for time of spiritual refreshment and plenty of good food.

MEN'S Gathering



Birthdays This Month

3	Jennifer Capecci
3	Tom Wallace
4	Zed French
6	Ellen Deane
7	Scott Feathers
9	Chloe Feathers
9	Natalie Richardson
9	Duane Tooley
10	Larry Mayhew
14	Siobhan Hudson
18	Hayley Cotton
19	Samantha Brunelle
20	Bridget Kirby
21	Sandy Reynolds
23	Elizabeth Conley
23	Matthew Eppard
23	Mackenzie Woodward
25	Mary Louise Konetski

April Birthdays

1	Peggy Taylor
3	Rodney Brunelle
3	Helen Webster
8	Carole Mayhew
8	Betty Vaneekhoven
9	Mandy Bass
9	Doni Williamson
10	Justin Bass
11	Robert Vaneekhoven
12	Olivia Peterson
14	JoAnne Worley
20	Jayden Kirby
22	Connie Moore
24	Ellen Collier
26	Lexi Cooper
26	Jennifer McDaniel
27	Tanner Cotton
28	Carol Haney
30	Rusty North

UMW Reading Group

The UMW Reading Group will meet on Thursday, March 14, from 1:30-2:45 p.m. at the home of Jane Winner. If you have never attended and would like to be our guest, please just show up! For questions, call Jane at 434-990-1801.



Hygiene Kits Collection

Hygiene Kits

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, or UMCOR, is always in need of many supplies. Stanardsville United Methodist Church sends Hygiene Kits to Annual Conference each year. Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. The kits

may be used locally, nationally or internationally depending on the need. Our local UMW unit collects items and packs these kits.

The rules for the contents of each kit are quite specific and must be followed closely. Our UMW is asking for cash donations this year to fill 125 kits. We've found it best to order in bulk so we get the same item at lower prices and have found sites that offer what we need. In addition to the items, we have to send \$2 for each kit to cover postage and toothpaste. Toothpaste has an expiration date and these kits are held in storage until the need arises so the toothpaste might have passed its expiration date.

The reason for being so specific about the items to fill the kits is that when a shipment is sent internationally random samples are inspected at the export site. If even one thing is off in any of the samples, the entire shipment is rejected. We try very hard to make sure the kits are correct when they leave us, then the kits are checked again before being sent out, and then the random samples inspection occurs.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to our church's effort. Checks should be made out to Stanardsville United Methodist Women (UMW) and placed in the offering plate. Cash should be placed in an envelope with the notation UMW Hygiene Kits. Please have donations in by Sunday, April 28 so that we have time to order and get the kits prepared before our delegates go to Annual Conference.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Hands and Feet of Christ

- For cleanup work around the Station we thank David Mack, Joe Lavarra, Dann Moore, Jr. Eppard, and Bob Holtzman
- Joel Warren for stepping in on short notice when Pastor Chuck was ill with the flu

Charlottesville District Mission Trip to Danville Virginia

A Volunteers in Mission trip is scheduled for the first week in June to Danville, Virginia, for rebuilding. If you are interested in serving the Kingdom on this Mission Trip, please contact Art Fellows at jdpastorart@yahoo.com.

Total Operating Budget for 2019	\$193,126
Needed as of February 24	29,712
Received as of February 24	<u>31,106</u>
Over	\$ 1,394

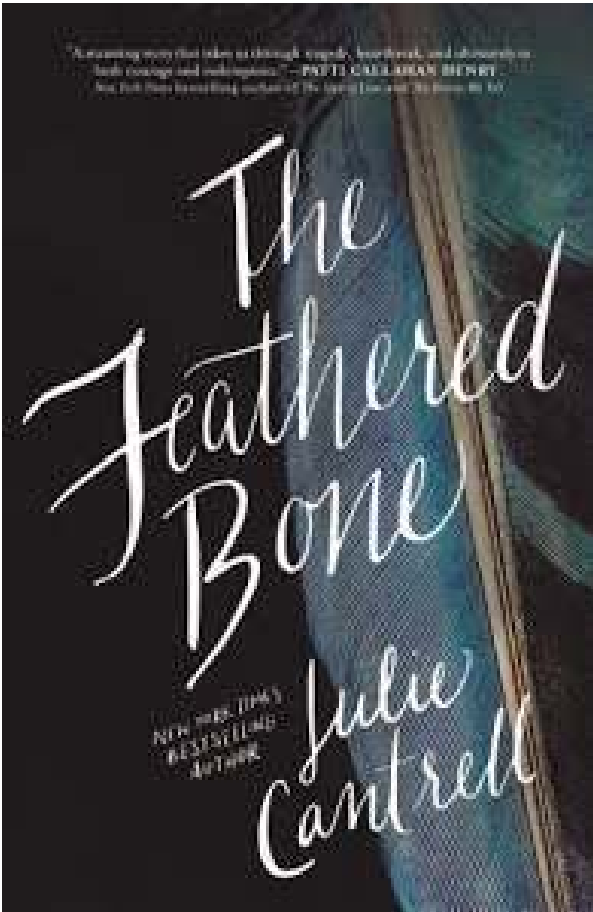


Church

Finances

UMW BOOK REVIEW

The Feathered Bone by Julie Cantrell



An amazing story of faith, strength and love, this novel was a real page turner. Suspenseful and soul wrenching, it was difficult to put down. The story was set in Louisiana, where on Halloween in New Orleans, a parent's worst nightmare was realized when a 12 year old girl disappears during a school field trip.

Amanda was a Social worker, wife, and mother of fifth grader, Ellie. Loved by all, Amanda was committed to solving the problems of the world until that fateful day when her faith, courage and the truth would be tested. It was Amanda who was responsible for watching over her own daughter and for Sarah. Sarah was the daughter of Amanda's best friend and the parishes' devoted young minister. Sarah was also Ellie's dearest friend and her constant companion. The two were inseparable, almost. Within a few critical minutes, the laughter and learning of the day turned into a lifetime of fear, grief, guilt and survival.

Using a format of letters, the author weaves the story of the three main characters, Amanda, Ellie and Sarah. She takes us through their tragic journey and the long reaching effects of one lost moment in time.

The Feathered Bone was a symbol of beauty, faith and strength. I highly recommend this book along with a box of tissues.

Reviewed by Neddy Mack

Charlottesville District Mini Mission Trip

May 1-2, 2019

Culpeper UMC will sponsor a Mini Mission Trip to Mission Central in Pennsylvania on May 1-2 to work in the Warehouse. The Van will leave CUMC early Wednesday morning and return after a full day of work on Thursday. You will be responsible for your meals and overnight lodging. If you are interested, please contact Darryl Lam at darryllam@comcast.net or Gloria Phillips at gloreyacres@gmail.com

Charlottesville District Lay Servant Training

The Charlottesville District Lay Servant Training is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at

Rock Spring United Methodist Church
1655 Rock Spring Road
Faber, VA 22938

Charlottesville District Lay Servant Training is open to anyone who wishes to benefit from this training. We offer the opportunity for laity who are interested to audit a course. If you are a Lay Servant, you must attend the entire course and complete all assignments to receive credit for certification or recertification. Recertification is required every three years.

The following Courses are Offered this year and are limited to the first 10 participants to sign up:

Called to Preach will be taught by Rev. Debbie Powell

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs will be taught by David Bailey

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity) will be taught by Rev. Tim Worley

(This is a ONE-DAY MODEL, which means there will be a take-home assignment due two weeks after the event.)

Contact Pastor Chuck with questions about the Lay Servant program!

Heard at a District Meeting...

"It is pure JOY to be a part of all the Churches..."
(Danny Kesner)

"Anyone can do mission work..."
(Mira Suddreth)

Susanna Wesley Circle

The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on March 28 at the home of Marion Daughtry.

UMW SUNDAY is March 31st

10:30 a.m.

(with "covered dish" Sip n Chat to follow)

The Stanardsville UMW is excited to host a guest speaker this year for UMW Sunday! Lindsay Baynham comes to us from the Virginia Conference Office in Richmond and is equally excited to be with us for our Worship Service.

We hope you can join us as we welcome Lindsay on Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. as she speaks about the Call God puts on each of our lives.

Please Meet Lindsay...

Lindsey Baynham

Associate Director for Call, Candidacy & Discernment



A Virginia native, I am an elder in the Virginia Conference with a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, and a Master of Divinity from the Divinity School at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Upon being commissioned in June of 2012, I was appointed to Fairfax United Methodist Church (Alexandria District) as the Associate Pastor. While there I had the opportunity to craft worship experiences, begin a small group ministry, lead in student ministry as well as teach and preach in the community. In July of 2015, I went to serve with the students, faculty and staff at George Mason University through Arise Campus Ministry. While at George Mason, I was able to work with other campus ministers to host a Hunger and Homelessness Action Week, develop a leadership team, lead small groups, serve in mission and craft weekly worship opportunities. I came to the office of Clergy Excellence in the Conference Center July of 2016.

I am passionate about storytelling and hearing other's stories. I enjoy preaching and teaching. When I have the time, I delight in creating art with paint or through photography as well as with other mediums. I get energy and joy from laughing with friends and loved ones. And I would be remiss if I didn't name Charles, my dog, who is rightly named after my favorite Wesley brother. In this new season, I am full of wonder at how God has worked and continues to work in my life. I look forward to how the Spirit will lead in the time to come. Peace!



Thanks to Cindy Lavarra for submitting this recipe originally by published by KARAN1946.

"This is a very unique breakfast dish. Good for any holiday breakfast or brunch, it's filled with the fresh taste of blueberries, and covered with a rich blueberry sauce to make it a one of a kind."

Overnight Blueberry French Toast

Ingredients

- 12 slices day-old bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, cut into 1 inch cubes
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 12 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon butter

Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange half the bread cubes in the dish, and top with cream cheese cubes. Sprinkle 1 cup blueberries over the cream cheese, and top with remaining bread cubes.

In a large bowl, mix the eggs, milk, vanilla extract, and syrup. Pour over the bread cubes. Cover, and refrigerate overnight.

Remove the bread cube mixture from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Cover, and bake 30 minutes. Uncover, and continue baking 25 to 30 minutes, until center is firm and surface is lightly browned.

In a medium saucepan, mix the sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly, cook 3 to 4 minutes. Mix in the remaining 1 cup blueberries. Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes, until the blueberries burst. Stir in the butter, and pour over the baked French toast.

March Opportunities

Liturgists

March 3 **Won't You**
March 10 **consider**
March 17 **signing up**
March 24 **on**
March 31 **Sign-up Genius?**

Sip 'n' Chat

March 3 No Sip 'n' Chat

March 10 **Connie Flora**
 Sharon Morris
 Jane Winner
 Rhonda Houchens
 Kimberly Eppard

March 17 **Val Shifflett**
 Doris Roach
 Gayle Collier
 Gail Grant

March 24 **UMW**
 Carole Mayhew
 Cyndy Sprinkle
 Bill Wade
 Priscilla Schmitt
 Donna Bates

March 31 **Potluck**



Aprons to Benefit the Charlottesville Apartment Project

Aprons are still available for only \$10.00 through the Charlottesville District Office. This a restaurant quality apron with a Methodist Church LOGO. Contact Jane Winner if you would like to purchase one.

Mission HUB in Culpeper

The Mission Hub in Culpeper is collecting used computer equipment, printers and Kindles / Notebooks. They will be "cleaned" of all personal data in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania at Mission Central.



Tech Donations

Once refurbished, the Computers will be sent to schools and medical facilities that cannot afford them. If you have a donation, please contact Pastor Chuck or Darryl Lam (540-219-2829)

Summer Camp



Westview on the James has an exciting schedule of summer camp programs for kids and teens. Founded by the United Methodist Church in 1966, Westview on the James presents opportunities to encounter God, experience Christian community - and do it all while having a great time.

Water sliding
Zip lining
Canoeing
Kayaking
Swimming
Crafting
High Ropes
Wall Climbing
Biking
Hiking
Music

Sound interesting? The various camps run beginning June 9 and continuing through early August. For more in-depth information and a color brochure, please visit their website at westviewamp.org. Also, a brochure is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

What an opportunity to discover God's world --- and only a short drive away at Goochland, Virginia. Hope you can make it!!

P.S. An open house will be held at Westview on April 28 from noon till 4:00 p.m.

BOWLING FOR A CAUSE

Stanardsville United Methodist Church has participated in the "Bowling for a Cause" fund raiser for the Charlottesville Apartment Project through the Charlottesville District United Methodist Church for three years and now we have been asked to make it four!

Because of this Congregation's enthusiasm and generosity, SUMC has been the leading income producer by sponsoring the most teams every year! THANK YOU ALL for your continued support.

As of today, the following people have signed up to represent SUMC on Sunday, March 24:

Bob Holtzman, Jesse Huddleston, Bev Taylor, Val Shifflett, Jr. Eppard, Kimberly Eppard, Jane Winner, Pastor Chuck, Jon Rocha, Erin Rocha, Riley Rocha, Olivia Wishert, Lizzie Lawson, William McAuliffe, Kiersten Jenkins, Bev Lamb, Paisley Shifflett.

This list does NOT include the names of those who signed up after February 20, 2019. As long as lanes are available through the District, we will keep the sign-up open through March 17, 2019 at noon. If you would like to BOWL, please contact Pastor Chuck or Jane Winner. If you are a YOUTH, please contact Jon or Erin Rocha.

If you would like to SPONSOR a bowler... you may give cash OR make a check payable to SUMC...please write "bowling" in the memo line along with the "name of the bowler" you would like to sponsor. If you would like to sponsor the YOUTH GROUP, please write "bowling" in the memo line along with "YOUTH".

The Event will take place at AMF Kegler's Lanes, 2000 Seminole Trail, Charlottesville... 2:00-4:00 p.m. We will meet at the Lanes between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. in order to sign in at the desk, pick up shoes and find a ball. BOWLING will begin promptly at 2:00.

Food is available for purchase at the Lanes all day long. There are many tables for viewing (and laughing out loud)... We invite our Sponsors and Congregation to come out and have some fun!

The Charlottesville Apartment Project has transformed through the years from being sponsored by Heart Havens to being the complete responsibility of the Charlottesville District United Methodist Church. The District Committee has worked tirelessly on this project and have now identified several partnership possibilities including Hinton Avenue UMC. If you would like more information about this project, please contact Pastor Chuck.



ASAP



Always Say a Prayer

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

John Ganoë, Scott Haas, Phyllis and Danny Michau, Patricia Guerra, Crystal Richardson, Russ Porter, Mike and Jennifer Rice, Cindy Shifflett, Claudia Manning Miller, Melinda Ingle, Steve Grant, Wanda Cox, Joe Greenwood, Joyce Sims, Matt Armstrong, Nory Sanabria, Steve Neill, Janis Lamb, Graham Shifflett, Pat Holtzman, Gil Zentgraf, Dennis King, Linda Bush, Pete Pritchett, Ed Beatty, Doris Swenson, Fran Owens, Tom Anderson, Weltha Martin, Louise Hayes, Warren and Mieke Rucker, Ginger Shackelford.

THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

At Home

Bobbie Eddins, Eva Morris,
Virginia Snow, Louise Hayes,
Mick Carrier

Please call the church office at 434 98-3888 if you have a name you like to submit for the prayer list.

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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