

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC
(After Worship) Scholarship Committee Meeting
(After Worship) Church Camping Trip Meeting
(7 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

July 11 Pray for Kenny Bernard having surgery at the Mayo Clinic
July 13-15 Highland Church Camping Trip
July 14: Cassie Smith followed by Skillet Sisters at Antioch COB Pavillion
July 16 (10 am) UMW tour Henry Fork Center with program
July 18: (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany *Every 3rd Wed. of the month*
July 24 (9 am) Community Breakfast at Maple Grove UMC *4th Tuesdays*
July 26 (7 pm) PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) Meeting
July 27-29 UMW Mission Encounter at 4-H Center in Smith Mountain Lake
August 4: After Jack music at Antioch COB Pavillion
August 5 (After Worship) Youth Meeting
August 11 Hunger Auction at Antioch Church of the Brethren
August 12 (After Worship) Council Meeting
August 17-19 Lay Servant Academy in Wirtz, VA
August 20 Newsletter for September due to Pat Webb
August 21 (7 pm) UMW *Every 3rd Monday (No meetings Jan, Feb or July)*
September 8: Like the Moon followed by The Harwell Grice Band at Antioch COB
September 9 Mini Mission Encounter at Smith Memorial UMC
October 14 (3 pm) Danville District UMC Annual Meeting Halesford UMC
October 20 Charge Conference at Fairview UMC
October 24 Garden Club meets at Highland UMC
February 23-26, 2019 Called General Conference of the UMC

Calling All Leaders

Please plan on attending our next Council meeting on August 12, after worship! Amy looks forward to rallying together for a new year of serving together.

SAVE THE DATE

October 20 District Conference with Combined Charge Conference at Fairview UMC, 1013 Westover Drive, Danville.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) will meet on July 26, Thursday, 7 pm in the Sunday School room. The purpose of this annual meeting is to discuss the Pastor's Compensation for 2019. The PPRC meet and send their recommendations to the Finance Committee and then Council for preparing the 2019 budget. (Yes! It's that time of year!) As always, the PPRC welcomes your prayers, suggestions, and questions to strengthen the pastor and people's relationship so we serve Jesus Christ with grace and accountability. Thank you to those who serve on your behalf: Earl Akers, Caroline Guilliams, Alton Hall, Chuck Hall, Sarah Haskins, Vicky Hodges, Eric Krauss, Betsy Stanley, Jennifer Brubaker and Mitch Webb.

UM Women's Mission Encounter: July 27-July 29

At this year's Mission Encounter, there are 3 classes to choose from: "What about Our Money", "Embracing Wholeness", and "Missionary Conferences". Also offered is a dynamic children's class on "Money Matters". The mission project will benefit Kingsway Prison Ministry. A copy of the brochure can be found on the bulletin board.

Saturday Social Live Music at Antioch Church of the Brethren Pavilion

6 pm—Food, Music, and Fellowship Donations welcome

July 14: Cassie Smith followed by the Skillet Sisters

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September 8: Like the Moon followed by The Harwell Grice Band

2018 Lay Servant Academy, Aug. 17-19

Classes and worship is offered at the 4H Educational Conference Center (775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA). The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. All of the courses are open to anyone. 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. For more information contact David Bailey at (804) 338-3168 and see the Handout on the bulletin board.

Prayer for Communion: July 1, 2018

The Communion Prayer is based on 2 Corinthians 4 (The Message and New Revised Standard Translations) (this scripture was used at Saturday morning's Annual Conference worship) and the Great Thanksgiving Prayer for Communion in the United Methodist Hymnal and used by Christians for communion.

Leader: Jesus invites us to his table to love and care for us, his grace helps us turn to him for help for our sins and hurts, have new beginnings, follow him, share our life together and the love of Jesus Christ.

All: Jesus Christ died and rose for us while we were yet sinners and broken; this proves God's love for us!

Leader: With all the company of heaven, we praise and give thanks to God, Almighty, always and everywhere.

All: For all that God has done, is doing, and will do, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and life of Christ so we may be for the world the Body of Christ.

Leader: "Since God has so generously let us in on what God is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times.

All: We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver or manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

Leader: Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. The One born to us, helpless and needy, humble and holy; Jesus who ate with sinners, healed the sick, blessed the poor and grieving; rebuked demons and rebelled against religion that does not change the heart and will. The One who serves us now, saying,

All: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to be alive in all I am for you."

Leader: Jesus who says to us now,

All: "Drink this all of you, this my life, new promises of our life together, our covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; Do this as often as you can to live in me."

Leader: We carry this precious Message, the Life, this treasure in clay jars, pots of our ordinary lives, so it is made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God.

All: We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body Jesus' death and life.

Leader: By your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast at the heavenly banquet table, healed and whole.

All: So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us.

Leader: All honor and glory is yours Almighty God now and forever.