

## **Loving, Learning and Serving Together**

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC  
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC  
Some of Highland worshipping at Smith Mountain Lake  
MONDAY (10 am) UMW tour Henry Fork Center with program  
WEDNESDAY (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany *Every 3rd Wed. of 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  
July 29 Scholarship Presentations in Worship  
August 4: After Jack music at Antioch COB Pavillion  
August 5 (9 am) Doughnuts and Devotions in the Fellowship Hall  
(After Worship) Youth Meeting  
(7 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
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 19 Rev. Bruce Tuttle Preaching  
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

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### **Calling All Leaders**

Please plan on attending our next Council meeting on August 12!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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

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

A copy of the brochure can be found on the bulletin board.

### **Way Forward**

Want to get the latest information about the United Methodist Church's work toward the called General Conference in February? Sign up to get emails. Contact Amy at [AmyPannell@vaumc.org](mailto:AmyPannell@vaumc.org) and she will send them to you. Many videos have recently been released sharing about the work on the Commission on the Way Forward. Also, please remember there is a "Prayer Wall" (by the pastor's office) that has articles and updates. As always, Amy is happy to share and listen. Thank you for your continued prayers for Jesus' church.

**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.

### **Saturday Social Live Music at Antioch Church of the Brethren Pavilion**

6 pm—Food, Music, and Fellowship Donations welcome

August 4: After Jack

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### **2018 Lay Servant Academy, Aug. 17-19**

Classes and worship is offered at the 4H Educational Conference Center (775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA). See the Handout on the bulletin board.

## **Reaching those who don't look like "Church People"**

By Olu Brown

“At Impact Church, we're a group of people that some would say don't belong in the church. We don't always look like church people or act like church people. That's who we are. But we have to work to help people to feel comfortable and feel like they can be themselves.

**Extreme hospitality:** One key practice is what we call extreme hospitality — an attitude that all people are welcome, all people are worthy, and all people have a place. It's the simple yet radical affirmation that all people really are welcome.

**Relevance and relationships:** Relationships are perhaps the most important factor. It's hard to draw someone to church whom we really don't like or understand. I'm finding that younger generations really want deep and abiding relationships with older adults. But these relationships have to be relevant and authentic. All congregations, whether small or large, are signs of God's grace. I hope and pray that 20, 30, or 40 years from now, when all our faces are different, we will be reaching even more people than our original group could have imagined.

~ Lewis Center for Church Leadership