

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC
(After Worship) Youth Meeting
(1 pm) Spaghetti dinner held at Antioch Church
(2 pm) Fan the Flame meeting
(7 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

SATURDAY Hunger Auction at Antioch Church of the Brethren

August 12 (9 am) Donuts and Devotions in the Fellowship Hall *2nd Sundays*
(After Worship) Council Meeting

August 13 (4 pm) Fire and Ice Party at Henry Fork Center

August 15 (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany *Every 3rd Wed. of month*

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)*

August 25 (8 am) Kingdom Run 5K

August 28 (9 am) Community Breakfast at Maple Grove UMC *4th Tuesdays*

September 8 (6 pm) Like the Moon followed by The Harwell Grice Band at Antioch COB

September 9 Mini Mission Encounter at Smith Memorial UMC
(6 pm) Ice Cream Social at Antioch COB

September 21-22 Piedmont Women's Retreat at Pheobe Needles

September 22 Pastor Amy in Richmond for VA Conference Cooperative Praish Workshop

October 5-7 Smith Mtn. Lake Charity Home Tour

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

FIRE AND ICE PARTY

Henry Fork Service Center paid off their note on the building and they are celebrating with a burn the mortgage and ice cream party on August 13 (4 pm). Please RSVP to 540-483-2819.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Antioch COB invites you to come September 9 at 6 pm for a Ice Cream Social in the fellowship hall. Eat some yummy treats, enjoy the sweet spirit of fellowship and be inspired by the witness of what God did this summer mission.

CARAVAN OF GRACE

Join in the Caravan to Danville!!!! October 20 Let us make our way to Danville for a wonderful experience! This year the the whole District is invited to come together for a day. After worship, we will break out into three groups. One group will take care of Charge Conference, the other group will learn more about the called General Conference, and the third group will learn more about how we can help our local congregations be disciples of Jesus Christ! This day will take place at Fairview UMC, 1013 Westover Drive, Danville. Martha Stokes, the lay leader of the VA Conference's delegation to the called Conference will come and share. Martha is a hometown girl—she was baptized and grew up in faith in Fieldstone! She is also an amazing person of grace and peace—she can share with us all what it means to be Jesus' disciples in this anxious time. Please let Amy know you will be part of the CARAVAN of GRACE!!!!

Light the LIGHT OF CHRIST!

On Sunday mornings candles are lit—on the altar. This is an ancient, meaningful part of worship. Before worship begins someone lights the candles, using this cool stick (it has a wick inside it!) The light shines meaning: “God is with us—here!” Then, during the final hymn, this same person with their special stick comes up, puts the light on the stick and then extinguishes the candles. This light, being held by the person, going out before us means: “God is going out before us—out into the world in front of us.” Would you like to be one of these “lighters?” If you are interested in lighting the candles, see Katherine McPherson! She may ask you, too! THANK YOU!

Thank you to Billy and Shelby Moran for filing up the candles with oil once a month, too!

FAN THE FLAME

Did you know that the worship service is recorded every Sunday and then part of the service is played the next week on radio? This is a ministry that began with the Rev. Dave Snead. This ministry could not happen without the help of many people. Thank you to Keith and Harrison Brubaker who record the message. Thank you to the newest member of the team Mike Neal. He now will splice and send the show to the radio station. Thank you to Mike, Keith, and Harrison.

Commission on the Way Forward Update

The Commission on the Way Forward's report and recommendations has been released in different languages for this UM global church. Amy has printed it out this 92 page report and will be trying to process it. This report is from over two years of prayerful discussion from the Commission. The plans are just proposals—suggestions. What's the next step? These possible plans will be considered by the United Methodist Church Judicial Council. (Like our U.S. government's Supreme Court, we have a Court.) This Judicial Council (our Court) will decide in a few months if these proposed plans are acceptable (okay by our book of Discipline). If they are "okay" (constitutional) then the plans go on to be voted on by the called General Conference in February, 2019. So, we continue to be in a "holding" pattern. We continue to wait and see. What can we do in the meantime? PRAY! Keep informed. There are hand outs on the table by the pastor's office. There are videos to watch. Attend Charge Conference on October 20 and hear more from leaders. Meet with Amy if you have questions or would like to know more. Once the Judicial Council rules on what will be going to the Called General Conference in February, 2019, Amy will hold an informal time of discussion if you have questions.

EMAIL

If you would like to receive email announcements and prayer requests send your email address to AmyPannell@vaumc.org Please remember to ask permission from someone before putting their name on a prayer list.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The women of Piedmont Presbyterian Church would like to invite the ladies of your church (18 and older) to our fall women's retreat September 21-22nd at Phoebe Needles. Our guest speaker is Diane Hoffman, the wife of Senior Pastor Gary Hoffman of Faith Fellowship. Diane will be speaking on our theme verse, Matthew 11: 28, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (ESV). We also will have worship, nature walks, Christian yoga, prayer stations and other fellowship opportunities. Of course, there will also be an excellent dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch Saturday.

The cost is \$45/per person and registration will close on September 4th. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted in the order in which they are received at Piedmont. Ladies are encouraged to stay at Phoebe Needles but do not have to as sleeping arrangements may be more conducive at home. (No price cut is given for those who choose not stay the night.)

See the flier on the bulletin board. If you would like a registration form contact Rev. Nadia Stropich at 483-2655.

Blessings,
Rev. Nadia Stropich
Piedmont Presbyterian Church
Callaway, VA

COMMUNION PRAYER

As we—a community—begin a new school year, Jesus invites us to his table. A table where everyone born has a place.

Like a parent that packs a lunch,
Like a cafeteria worker that prepares and places food on a child's tray,

**Jesus wants to feed us so we can live, learn, play,
find our place in the world, and help others.**

(Silent prayer for receiving from Jesus.)

Like a nurse that takes our temperature and gives insulin,
Jesus listens to where we hurt, how we need help.

(Silent prayer for naming to Jesus our hurts—of the heart and body.)

Like the administrators and secretaries,
God wants to remind us who we are—and where we come from—
**God calls us by name—
God created us for good—
God keeps up with us—
God corrects us, keeps us on track or puts us back
on track.**

(Silent prayer for being willing to be helped.)

Like principles from the past and present, ordering our lives,
inspiring us,
Like coaches and PE Teachers, cheering us, showing us,
**Those around us and all those in heaven,
encourage us and join in praising God.**

(Silent prayer for remembering those on earth and in heaven.)

Like teachers, librarians, vocational leaders,
**Jesus spends time with us, personally,
Jesus tells us stories, shows us, teaches us
with who he is and what he knows so
we can grow up, be mature, share,
and be teachers with how we live and
what we have learned.**

(Silent prayer for remembering Jesus.)

Like the janitors, the maintenance men and women,
**Jesus prepares, shines, sets up, gives.
Jesus looking into all parts of our lives, sets the table,
washes our feet, sets the table, and says:**

“Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.”

“Drink this, all of you, this is my life poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

(Silent prayer.)

Like the wise counselor or aide giving personal help,
**The Holy Spirit helps us see who we can become,
together.**

(Silent prayer for offering ourselves to Jesus)

Like a ride with our bus drivers,
**We ride into the world, on the wheels of the Holy Spirit,
trusting we won't be let off this ride until we
see Jesus, waving. After school, at home, an
eternal summer with each other. Amen.**

