

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC
(9 am) Donuts and Devotions in the Fellowship Hall *2nd Sundays*
(After Worship) Council Meeting
(4 pm) Ordination Service for Rev. Jessi Slusher at Bethany
MONDAY 4 pm) Fire and Ice Party at Henry Fork Center
WEDNESDAY (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany *Every 3rd Wed. of month*
SAT-SUN. 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 2 (7 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal
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 16 (7:30am) Men's Breakfast at the Roanoker
September 21-22 Piedmont Women's Retreat at Pheobe Needles
September 22 Pastor Amy in Richmond for VA Conference Cooperative Praish Workshop
September 23 Pot Luck with Outdoor Games Hosted by the Youth
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

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ROANOKER

September 16, 2018 meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Roanoker. Text or call Terry Jamison at 540-420-9782.

THE YOUTH INVITE YOU...

The Youth invite you to join them for a potluck meal and outdoor games following worship on September 23.

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.

EMAIL

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

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!!!!

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.

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!

Women’s Retreat

The women of Piedmont Presbyterian Church invites the ladies (18 and older) to a fall women's retreat September 21-22nd at Phoebe Needles. Guest speaker is Diane Hoffman, the wife of Senior Pastor Gary Hoffman of Faith Fellowship. Diane will speak on *Matthew 11: 28*, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (ESV). There will have worship, nature walks, Christian yoga, prayer stations and other fellowship opportunities, excellent meals. The cost is \$45/per person and registration will close on September 4th. (No price cut is given for those who choose not stay the night.) See the flier on the bulletin board. Register with Rev. Nadia Stropich at 483-2655.

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.