



Thank You and Farewell

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“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20–21, NRSVUE)

Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord:

As this will be my final newsletter message to you as your District Superintendent, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you.

Over the past six years, you—as congregations and followers of Christ—have persevered faithfully through many challenges: COVID, redistricting, the Boy Scouts matter, racial tensions following George Floyd’s death, disaffiliation, General Conference, and now immigration concerns. Through all these waves, you have remained resilient and steadfast in proclaiming the good news of God’s love. For that, I thank you.

At the same time, I recognize that there were moments when, due to my own limitations—whether ignorance or poor judgment—I may have caused hurt or come across as dismissive. At times, I may have made excuses, even pointing to the scope of serving 115 churches. For these shortcomings, I ask for your forgiveness, as I take full responsibility.

If anything worthy of glorifying God has been accomplished during this time, it is by God’s grace alone—undeserved and unmerited. Among many examples, I want to highlight your commitment to social holiness. When I asked for prayerful and financial support for a deported family in need of housing and utilities, the goal was \$28,800 for one year. Through your generosity, individuals and churches contributed \$31,266.15. On a monthly basis, this support is distributed to the family through our Conference Treasurer’s Office. Thank you for living out your faith through both personal piety and social holiness.

I am also deeply grateful for the dedicated leadership and support of so many: Ms. MaryKaye (District Executive Administrator), Rev. Larry Cochran (Mission Grant Committee), Rev. Jim Chandler (Innovative Ministry), Ms. Maria Maxwell (Vitality Ministry), Rev. Peter Moon (my predecessor), Mr. Don Vaught (DLB Chair), Ms. Elizabeth Farrell (District Lay Leader), and Mr. Jim Mallon (DBCLB Chair). I could not have carried out this work without your partnership, wisdom, and faithful example.

I entrust you—all the followers of Christ and churches in this district—to God’s grace, love, peace, and joy, that you may continue to live fully into the promise of Ephesians 3:20–21. I am also thankful that Rev. Grace Han will serve as your next District Superintendent. She is a dedicated and thoughtful leader with deep experience in our connectional ministry. I am confident that you will love and support her, just as you have supported me.

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Kit Packing Event: June 6

The Central Virginia Mission Hub is hosting a Kit Packing event this **Sat., June 6, 9:00am**, at the Culpeper UMC pavilion. This packing event will be in conjunction with receiving Kits for Conference.

Kits for Conference Collection Date: June 6

This **Sat., June 6, 9:00am-12noon**, the District will have two collection sites for Kits for Conference. Cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and menstrual hygiene kits will be collected. For UMCOR kit assembly directions, click [HERE](#). Checks for mailing costs should be made out to VAUMC with Kits in the memo and mailed to: Treasurer's Office, 10330 Staples Mill Rd, Suite 100, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

- 1) **Charlottesville area: Culpeper UMC**, 1233 Oaklawn Dr, Culpeper. Contact: Darryl Lam, darryllam@comcast.net, 540-219-2829
- 2) **Richmond area: Lakeside UMC**, 2333 Hilliard Rd, Richmond. Contact: Kip Robinson, krobin7856@aol.com, 804-539-2494

Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference: June 17-20

Annual Conference will be held June 17-20 at the Atlantic Union Bank Center, James Madison University, Harrisonburg. **Volunteers are especially needed** in the following areas: directional support, parking attendants, and transportation support. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer.

Clergywomen's Luncheon: June 18

The Clergywomen's Lunch will be held Thurs. June 18, 12:15pm, at The Arena Club in the stadium. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will be our guest. The Spirit falls on us all! It's Pentecost in here again as we celebrate the 70th year of full clergy rights for women in the United Methodist Church. We look forward to being together We would love to see your red shoes - wear 'em if yo have 'em! The menu will be a deli express lunch - \$25/registration. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Golf Tournament: Sept. 14

The Jim Wright 4th Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Monday, September 14, starting at 12noon, at Providence Golf Course. Registration is \$125/person or \$480/teams (4-person). Men and women are welcome. A box lunch, silent auction, door prizes are included. Register [HERE](#). All proceeds benefit the Belmont Food Pantry and Closet (Richmond).



Mission u 2026

The United Women if Faith are excited to have you join them at New Creation UMC, Chesapeake, **July 24-25**, for their Mission u. This year's theme is "Experiencing Emmanuel" and participants can register to be in person or on Zoom. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



United Women in Faith

UMM & UWF Breakfast: June 19

The United Women in Faith and the United Methodist Men are sponsoring a breakfast about Caring for God's Creation at Annual Conference on Friday, June 19, 6:30am, at Dayton UMC, 215 Ashby Street, Dayton, VA 22821. The speaker is Jeremy Harold and the cost is \$18/person. All are welcome to attend. Registration is available [HERE](#) and on the VAUMC website.

Be the Church Sunday

Enon UMC, Mechanicsville UMC, New Song UMC, and Shady Grove UMC partnered for "Be the Church Sunday" on Sunday, May 3 (pictured on page 1 and below). This annual service opportunity was hosted at Shady Grove UMC and had just under 1,000 people participate in 20+ regional projects, from landscaping at Shineforth (formerly UMFS) to passing out detergent kits at the laundromat. The churches served senior citizens, Veterans, college students, the unhoused, first responders, and adopted 9 different schools for cleaning and organizing. "Appreciation Bags" blessed the staff, administrators, and teachers across Hanover and King William Counties, as well. This event was championed by Keri Marston who lived to serve God and others; Keri's memory and legacy endure. Special thanks to Mary Elder, Heather Shaheen, and the multi-church planning team for organizing and all who participated!



Part-time Choir Director Needed

Ivy Creek UMC is hiring a part-time choir director to join our leadership team. Our Chancel Choir leads the Sunday morning worship service and presents special music performances throughout the year with a special emphasis during Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter. Our choir ranges in size week-to-week from 4 to 12 volunteers who can perform a wide variety of pieces and styles. Rehearsals are typically once weekly. Expected time commitment: 10-15 hours/week at \$28/hour. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to: ivycreekumc.jobs@gmail.com. Ivy Creek UMC is located at 674 Woodlands Rd, Charlottesville, 434-973-4793 (church office). Closing date: 7/1/2026.



New District & Conference Calendars

We have updated district and conference calendars now available for churches to publicize their events and see what is going on in other parts of the Virginia Conference. To view the calendars, visit:

- <https://threenotchd.org/calendar/>
- <https://vaumc.org/events/>

To submit an event for the district calendar, please use this [FORM](#). Should you have any questions, contact the District Office, TNDistrict@vaumc.org, 804-521-1124.



Summer Mission Week Experiences

This summer, Cross Connection is launching their first summer in Richmond with both Awareness and Access mission week experiences for middle and high school students! We are excited to welcome ten churches from North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland consisting of about 134 volunteers this summer to learn, serve, and be in community together as Christ taught us.

As this dream begins to take flight, we are in need of support in the form of referrals for our Access Week projects happening this July. The kinds of safe access projects we take on are: ramps, porches, steps/handrails, car work, and exterior painting. There is no cost for the work being done, and there are no barriers or requirements to receive help, with the exception of needing to pass a sex offender background check.

If someone you know or people in your congregation or community are in need of some extra assistance in this way in the Richmond area, we would love to help as best we can! You can refer yourself or someone else in the following ways:

- through our online form: www.crossconnection.org/referral
- via Phone Call: 704-237-0349
- via Email: referral@crossconnection.org

For more information about Cross Connection, please visit www.crossconnection.org.

For any questions, please email Rev. Jo Ann Batteiger, Regional Director for Virginia, joann@crossconnection.org.



Samaritan Program: May 10-June 21

Each congregation is encouraged to participate in a love offering for the Pinnacle Living Samaritan Program, which takes place between Mother's

Day (May 10) and Father's Day (June 21). This tradition dates back to 1948 when Pinnacle Living first began serving as the Virginia Conference Home for the Aged. The Samaritan Program offering ensures that individuals who enjoy a longer life do not have to move when their financial resources are exhausted. You can find helpful resources on our website at <https://www.pinnacleliving.org/samaritan-program>. Sample bulletin announcements, PowerPoint slides, Worship item are available. For offering envelopes or to have someone give a brief presentation about the Samaritan Program or if you need additional information, please reach out to: Rev. RJ Jun, Church and Community Director, 804-474-8718, rjun@pinnacleliving.org.



Older Adult Ministry Leader Survey

The VAUMC Older Adult Council is collecting names of church leaders who are involved in Older Adult Ministries. Completing this survey will assist the Older Adult Council in:

- 1) creating a useful database as we seek to create opportunities for learning to best support your ministry
- 2) enable us to help you build connections with other congregations and communities, all in the interest of better serving Older Adults.

You can access the survey [HERE](#). Thank you for your participation.



"Esther" Youth Musical: June 5-7

Reveille's youth are preparing the full-length musical Esther by Martin and Janice Landry. It's the story of an orphaned Jewish girl who becomes Queen of Persia, and discovers that her people are to be annihilated by royal decree. She is forced to trust God through frightening circumstances, with the survival of her entire race seemingly on her shoulders.

We invite your church to RSVP for an in-person performance: Friday, June 5, 7:00 pm; Saturday, June 6, 7:00 pm, or Sunday, June 7, 2:00 pm

All performances are free and open to the public. Details at <https://bit.ly/esther-26> Performances take place in Reveille's sanctuary and plenty of free parking is available at the church. Performances will not be livestreamed.

Reveille UMC is located at 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221.



Be Still & Know Women's Conference: July 18

The Women in the Word, a weekly bible study, presents "Be Still and Know", a women's wellness conference on Sat., July 18, 9:00am-3:00pm, at Woodlake UMC in Chesterfield. This conference promises to provide a path to physical, emotional and spiritual wellness. Speakers include: Dr. Mary Brandon, DO; Cameron Kempson, MEd; and Rita Stewart, MEd, M.A.C.E. You are invited to step away from your busy routine into a space of balance and renewal with women who truly understand. You're invited because your wellness matters. Step away from the noise and reconnect with your purpose, passion and power. The cost is \$65 and includes lunch. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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