



Ashland District Connection ...

connecting laity and clergy to make disciples of Jesus Christ

June 24, 2010

From Our D.S....

We have had several late changes for our appointments on the Ashland District.

Here is an update:

Justin Williams will be moving to serve Hillcrest UMC in Fredericksburg.

Ellen Heatwole will be moving to serve Bethel UMC in Caroline County.

Susan Lynch will be coming to serve Forest Grove UMC in Hanover County.

Due to action of the Virginia Annual Conference in approving the recommendation to reduce the number of districts from 18 to 16, we will be facing a change in the way our churches are aligned. In all likelihood, some of our churches will be included in the Richmond District and some of our churches will be included in the New District that is centered around Fredericksburg.

The final decision about where the lines will be drawn will be made by Bishop Kammerer in consultation with the District Superintendents. Our 2008 Book of Discipline gives guidelines for this process.

As soon as I have news about the process we will follow, I will share that information with everyone. The changes will be effective July 1, 2011 so we have a full year.

I remain very proud of the Ashland District churches, pastors and laity as we move forward trusting that God will give us a future with hope.

Grace & Peace,

Mark

Coming Soon



THE ASHLAND DISTRICT FIRST ANNUAL LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

What is Lawn Bowling?

LAWN BOWLING IS AN OLD ENGLISH OR SCOTTISH GAME AND CAN BE PLAYED BY ALL AGES. JUST A BIT OF HAND AND EYE COORDINATION IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED. AND THE LADIES OFTEN OUTBOWL THE GENTS!

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE LEARNING A NEW GAME AND HELP PROVIDE LIVING ROOM FURNITURE FOR OUR NEW HOME!

COST IS \$50 PER PLAYER. FOUR PLAYERS PER TEAM. PRICE INCLUDES LUNCH AND SNACKS!

**SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG
TO BENEFIT HEART HAVENS
ASHLAND HOME 9:30 AM**

TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG BEHIND THE INN

DIRECTIONS:

COMING FROM THE WEST, EXIT 238 (RT 143) TO WILLIAMSBURG. FOLLOW RT 143 1.1 MILES, THEN CONTINUE STRAIGHT TO RT 5. CONTINUE 1.2 MILES TO 2ND LIGHT. US 60 GOES LEFT AND VA 5 GOES RIGHT BUT YOU CONTINUE THRU LIGHT TO FRANCIS ST. RESTORED AREA IS TO YOUR RIGHT. GO 0.5 MILES TURN LEFT INTO INN. IN PARKING LOT TURN LEFT AND PARK IN FAR EAST SIDE OF LOT. THE GREEN IS BEHIND THE INN NEXT TO GOLF COURSE.

Save the Date



November 20, 2010
at Shady Grove UMC
in Mechanicsville

Ashland District Conference

Registration at 8:30 a.m. ~ Conference begins at
9 a.m.

Keynote Speaker ~ Marc Brown

AND

**Local Church Officer's Training
Workshops**

10:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



Camp Westview, set on the banks of the James River in Goochland, is one of Virginia's finest summer camps. Camp at Westview is about fun, making new friends, renewing old friendships, and caring about each other in a Christian community. Check out www.westviewonthejames.org for details on our 2010 Resident Camps (Mini, Junior and Senior) and Adventure Camps (James River Trek, Backcountry Camping, Moon Shadows, Extreme Trek, Beach Trek, Whitewater Kayak, C3: Climb, Cave, Canoe, Saddle/Paddle, and Sailing on the Bay).



All God's Children Camp for Children of Incarcerated Mothers

Supply List 2010

Your Sunday School class, UMM or UMW circle, or Vacation Bible School can help the camp by collecting supplies, such as...

- new or gently used sleeping bags (plain colors – no special characters)
- pillows
- pillow cases
- flat twin sheets (no fitted sheets)
- rain ponchos
- plastic shower totes with handles
- swim suits (assorted sizes)
- hair combs with large teeth

All God's Children Camp for Children of Incarcerated Mothers at Westview on the James.....August 15 – 20, 2010

Contact: Casey Torrence, Director of All God's Children Camp
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Summer Work Camps Need You!

Richmond Metro Workcamp, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization, we were formed in 1993 by a team of youth and adults all of whom had participated in the work camp experience. Work camp is an inter-denominational youth mission designed to teach us how to serve GOD and spread His love. Crews will work together each day, Monday-Friday, on homes that have been assessed and pre-selected by R.M.W,Inc. Task may include sheet rocking, step building, floor replacement, painting & general repair. The crews are ready after some instruction & training.

The work camp program is based on commitment; we require that you participate from Sunday afternoon July 11, 1:30pm. until Saturday July 17, following clean-up. Evening programs offer inspiration through music, worship and drama. On Thursday night, work-campers will be treated to a private concert. Special activities are scheduled throughout the week. Wednesday, crews work half a day with a planned recreation for the afternoon. Saturday morning's re-entry celebration is a culmination of music and worship learned and shared that final morning with residents, campers, clergy, parents and others.

High School work-campers: must be going into the 9th grade in the fall of 2010 Leadership program: any camper between the ages of 18-24, you will receive extra training. Cost for the week is \$225 per person...this includes lodging for six nights, all meals from Sunday evening thru Saturday breakfast, building materials, mailings, insurance, evening programs, and a work camp tshirt. If you would like more information please contact Bill Giese at (804) 262-2967 or ricwkcp@verizon.net.

Fredcamp is an ecumenical Christian workcamp for high school youth that takes place each summer generally during the first week of July. Five to six youth and one adult spend the week at a worksite doing repairs and renovations for low-income individuals and families in the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline and King George. FredCamp's home base for the week is Fredericksburg Christian High School. Evenings are spent in fellowship, Bible study, singing, discussion, and free time. FredCamp is an opportunity for youth to become the "hands and feet of Christ", to learn more about themselves and about their faith walk, and to fellowship with other Christian youth and adults. Begun in 1999, FredCamp is a non-profit 501(3) corporation that is funded through camper tuition and donations. For more information, please visit FredCamp's website at www.fredcamp.org.

LebCamp, a mission of the youth ministry of Lebanon United Methodist, will be the week of July 18th. LebYouth will stay overnight at the church, and go out into the community to do various mission and service projects. Projects range from working with children to new construction. For more information about the camp and how you can volunteer, contact Jason Stanley at youth@lebanonumc.org.

Yes We CAN (Care about Neighbors) Camp, serving Caroline, Hanover and King William Counties, July 12 – 18, 2010. 30 youth and 30 adults share their gifts, talents, skills with carpentry, drywall installation and repairing, painting, minor plumbing repairs, etc. For more information about the camp and how you can volunteer, contact George Masten at 804-994-2285 or tractorgw@msn.com.

Job Opportunities in Our District:

Preschool Director - Ebenezer
Director of Music - Duncan Memorial
Director of Music (P/T) - Zion UMC
Minister of Christian Education (P/T) - Greenwood and Laurel
After School Program Aide (P/T) - Greenwood UMC
Director of Music Ministry (P/T) - Chamberlayne Heights
Youth Director (P/T) - Beaverdam
Administrative Assistant (P/T) - New Song Church
Director of Music - Traditional Service - Tabernacle

For more details, visit www.vaumc.org (click resources and then jobs)

Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission

Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center Blackstone, VA

July 22 – 25 & 26 – 29, 2010

Studies: For the Love of God: John's Letters

The Beauty & Courage of Sudan: Why a dream of peace is possible.

Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism

Registration Deadline July 10

Info: Chris Cole 540/289-5182 or criscole@intelos.net



Clergy Welcome Picnic

July 11 5:00 PM

**Poor Farm Park
Ashland
Shelter #1**





Notes from Larry Tubbs, Our Lay Leader:

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Julie and I are now back from Annual Conference and we are looking forward to transformation and awesome -building in our churches .

Please read the Advocate for more detailed information about the annual conference.

I'm sharing just a couple of points about transformation and awesome-building.

I enjoyed our Bible study leaders who spoke to us about transformation leadership.

Our Bible study leaders were the Rev. Mark Brown, Ms Kathy Merry and the Rev. John Briggs, author of the book, "Does Your Church Have a Prayer"? From the Gospel of Mark, Brown told about the disciples who were fishing but followed Jesus' invitation to "follow him" to be "fishers of people". The first part is to be personally transformed; the second is to be a transformational leader for Jesus. God invites us to be a part of transformation. Briggs said transformation leaders can respond to the needs of a congregation acknowledge their current reality and align their present and future needs for a desired outcome that is different from the past. Faith communities have to understand their current reality, their challenges and strengths. You have to understand where you are, to understand your starting point.

The Rev Vance Ross was our guest preacher for the annual conference. Ross is the Deputy General Secretary for External Connectional Relations and Strategic Initiatives for the UMC General Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Ross read from Acts. In the text, they see how people acted after the Holy Spirit moved them. Ross spoke on "Awesome -Building". Ross reminded us that Wesley's followers started out working with the poor and disenfranchised. He said that we can be about the task of awesome building again. We've got to be willing to see miracles and say we saw them, and not be scared that somebody calls them crazy. Awesome-building begins with seeing signs and wonders and then sharing them.

Sisters and Brothers, as we experience the love of Christ, we must share our faith stories to strengthen each other along the way in our faith journey.

Go Fish
Larry Tubbs



Ashland District Calendar for June/July 2010

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/30	6:30p.m.	District Finance Committee	District Office
7/1	7:00p.m.	Church Location & Bldg.	District Office
7/2	12:00	District Office Closes Early For Holiday	District Office
7/5		District Office Closed for Holiday	District Office
7/5	7:00p.m.	District UMM	Wright's Chapel UMC
7/6	7:00p.m.	Board of Missions	New Season UMC
7/7	7:00p.m.	Committee on District Superintendency	Wright's Chapel UMC
7/11	5:00p.m.	Clergy Welcome Picnic	Poor Farm Park Shelter #1
7/18	3:00p.m.	District Stewards	Wright's Chapel UMC
7/20	7:00p.m.	All Things New	Wright's Chapel UMC
7/22-25		School of Christian Mission	VUMAC
7/26 - 29		School of Christian Mission	VUMAC



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