

Hilltopper

Harrisonburg District

July 2017



Prayers
Presence
Gifts
Service
Witness

Virginia Annual Conference 2017 Hampton, Virginia

(note: for those of you with computer access, more detail and videos can be found at the Conference website <https://www.vaumc.org/AC2017>, from which much, but not all, of this report has been lifted)

This Year's Conference Theme was

A New Thing (Isaiah 43:19 -- "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.")

Annual Conference is a time when the business of the Conference needs to be conducted, consistent with the Book of Discipline (we are a connectional and Episcopal denomination). The days include the hearing of reports

(accountability), voting on resolutions when offered, times of worship and celebration. Another feature of this year's conference included videos of Glory Sightings from around the Conference (***We even saw a***



June 16-18, 2017

video with Emily Howdyshell). Highlights of each of the sessions follow.

Friday Afternoon June 16

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis officially called the 235th session of the Virginia Annual Conference to order at 3 p.m., June 16. The conference began with the historical singing of "Are We Yet Alive," a hymn written by Charles Wesley that has been sung by persons gathering for holy conferencing since the beginning of the Wesleyan movement.

Opening session organizing actions included:

- election of Conference Secretary
- setting of the bar (for voting purposes)
- adoption of agenda
- opening reports



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Important Dates to Put on Your Calendar

- 7/9 3-6pm Ole Time Revival with Bishop Lewis, Verona UMC
- 7/30 Church Picnic with Fire Extinguisher demonstration.
- 9/10 Hearts Party which will celebrate Grandparents Day.
- 10/29 Bring a Friend Sunday
- 11/11 HOTS.



40 Years of Hilltopper – 1977 – 2017

(over the following months of 2017 highlights from previous newsletters will be presented)

Part 4: Continued 40 years of Hilltopper Reviews 1992 to 1996

Of Note: First 50's Drive In 1989; profit \$420 given to missions) (Next year will be 30 year anniversary)

1992

- *Youth sponsored child for WTON Christmas Party
- *March HOTS
- *Thanks from Henderson Settlement for soup labels
- *Assisted 11 families through Food Bank
- *3 members helped load trailer with clothing from warehouse in Mt. Solon to go to Border Missions in Texas
- *Youth at YAY92 at UVA
- *VBS August 2-7; theme: "Festival"
- *General Conference held May in Louisville, Ky
- *Began Blessing Lodge Challenge - each family asked to pledge one quarter a day over 3 years
- *Easter Egg Hunt – April 18th 11 – 12:30 included ice cream social
- *Working on a Junior Hilltopper

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The Bishop's Episcopal address included **fiery preaching** as she reminded us that "God is up to something in Virginia!"

Friday Evening June 16

A Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion

The Rev. Susan Reaves, conference secretary, led the naming of those being memorialized that evening as a bell was rung a candle lit in their memory.

The Rev. Tom Joyce, retired, and assistant to the bishop, gave the sermon, "Running the Race." He talked about the writer of Hebrews who says the life we are called to live is a race. Holy Communion followed.



Saturday Morning June 17

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett started the day leading a **Bible study**. Wallace-Padgett was elected a bishop of the United Methodist Church at the 2012 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. She carried the theme of "A New Thing," happening in the Virginia Conference, and compared it to having "good soil" in which to grow. She wanted congregants to ask themselves, "How might God be leading my church to reach new people to Christ?" Bishop Lewis called the session to order at 9 a.m.

Mr. Warren Harper, conference lay leader, gave the **laity address**.

Reports were heard from:

- Board of Pensions
- Common Table
- 2019 Called Session of General Conference (upcoming)
- Association of Educational Institutions
- Africa University
- Board of Global Ministries

A Mission Worship Service was celebrated. Different individuals involved in various ministries of the conference came forward with items that represent their ministry.

Bishop James E. Swanson Sr., resident bishop of the Mississippi Conference was the featured speaker, whose sermon title was "Stay Focused." An altar call followed, and the Conference offering was collected

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-23, 2017 "Fishin' on Mission for Jesus" was very uplifting and exciting. We average 25 youngsters and had lots of fun with skits, music, fascinating snacks, bible study, crafts, and games.



Dinner & Korea Pilgrimage Presentation June 25th at 5:30 pm.



Church Council

Met on Thursday, June 15, 2017 with nine present.

JoEtta Walker shared devotions from Proverbs and led in prayer.

A review of the audio/visual project was shared with the proposal approved. Detailed information will be forthcoming in a presentation to the congregation by Bruce Rogers.

Kevin Armstrong noted the 2016 financial audits have been completed and submitted. Requests from various committees for consideration by the Finance Committee for Budget 2018 are due to Kevin by August 22, 2017.

Debbie Arnold reports the Worship Team has been and will be utilizing The Faith We Sing more during our Worship Services. Our choir will not practice or sing during the month of July.

JoEtta Walker stated plans are ready for the VBS 2017 coordinated by Christy Powell. VBS will be held June 19 to June 23. The VBS picnic for all is on Friday, June 23 at 6:30 pm

John Morse reports continued need for regular visitations by laity to our shut-ins. They are always very appreciative of visits. A mission trip to Tangier Island led by Rev. Sam Nesmith is scheduled for October 2nd to October 7th. Cost is \$350 per person. Contact John Morse if you are interested. Project list has not been assigned as yet.

Bruce Rogers noted there have been no applicants for the Music Director; they will expand the advertisement and search. An email account of SPRC@newhopetel.net is available for on-line applications. SPRC recommended salary for Elaine DeJong as she is functioning in the Music Director position.

Karen Whitmer is continuing to work on updating our membership roster.

Kim Maugans noted Planning Team meeting was postponed due to conflict in scheduling and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Pastor Shin set date for a Bring a Friend Sunday for October 29th. When Pastor Shin is away from the area he will notify Kim Maugans and Bruce Rogers for emergencies.

Meeting adjourned with Pastor Shin's closing prayer.

Web Page

Web Page: mynhumc.weebly.com

Reminder to check out our church web page frequently for updates including the church calendar.

July Nurse's Health Corner

The liver plays many important roles in the body including filtering toxins, storing minerals and producing bile to help digestion. This organ is located in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen. Hepatitis is considered an inflammation of the liver. The World Health Organization explains that this condition can be caused by many different factors including infections, toxic substances (i.e. alcohol or certain drugs) and autoimmune diseases. The most common cause of hepatitis is the hepatitis virus. Although there are five specific hepatitis viruses that scientists have identified and labeled with the letters A-E, all forms of the virus cause liver disease and have varying degrees of importance.

World Hepatitis Day is on July 28, 2017. A major milestone has been put into place to eliminate hepatitis. The World Health Organization held a Health Assembly in Switzerland recently where 194 governments around the world came together to adopt a strategy to eliminate hepatitis B and C by the year 2030. This public health goal is attainable with the help of proper education and action.

Hepatitis A and E are transmitted mainly through eating or drinking contaminated food or beverage. Hepatitis B, C, and D are transmitted through contact with infected blood, and in some cases can be passed on from mother to child during childbirth. One way to lower your risk of contracting certain types of hepatitis is to get vaccinated. Currently there are vaccines for Hepatitis A, B and E. Treatment options often vary depending on how the disease was contracted, what type it is and how severe it is.

It is important to be able to identify hepatitis if you think you or someone you know may have it. Signs and symptoms of acute hepatitis include dark urine, abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss, and yellowing of the skin and eyes. Chronic hepatitis forms at a slower rate so some of these symptoms may be harder to notice at first.

One way to get involved in the campaign to end hepatitis is to help spread the word. A social media campaign will be launched by World Hepatitis Alliance, in connection with World Hepatitis Day called #NOhep. By joining this campaign stakeholders want to speak out, be engaged and take action to hold the world accountable for eliminating the illness that affects 400 million people worldwide. For more information on hepatitis and #NOhep check out the following websites:

<http://www.worldhepatitisday.org/en/about-us>

<http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/>

<http://www.who.int/hepatitis/news-events/nohep-movement-against-hepatitis/en/>

Information provided by Sarah Conyers, student intern with Community Outreach at Augusta Health. To contact Dana Breeding, RN, relating to the information in this article or with questions/comments/concerns, please call (540) 332-4988 or (540) 932-4988.

Mission Opportunities

Valley Mission—ongoing project of cereal. Bring your boxes of any kind of cereal and leave in Wesley Sunday School Classroom. Regular deliveries are being made. Thank you !!!

District Mission Central – basket in Narthex for children’s socks and underwear

Educational Box Tops & Postage Stamps – wooden box by the front door. Campbell company are no longer supporting organizations from collection of soup labels. Thanks for your years of support for this mission. We continue to collect educational box tops and cancelled postage stamps.

Lectionary Readings

7/2

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13 (UMH 746)
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

7/23

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (UMH 854)
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



7/9

Genesis 24:34-38
Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795)
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/30

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828)
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

7/16

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)
Romans 8:1011
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

8/6

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

7/2 Becky Tate
7/9 Karen Maugans
7/16 Joanie Troxell
7/23 Derek Deavers
7/30 Becky Tate
8/6 Weston Powell
8/13 Cindy Deavers

Nursery

7/2 Dana Breeding & Clara Breeding
7/9 Carolyn Fretwell & Kenny Fretwell
7/16 Angella Pence & Penny Pence
7/23 Wendy McLaren & Kevin McLaren
7/30 Joetta Walker & Melanie Aldhizer
8/6 Megan Aldhizer & Lynn Tuten
8/13 Gail Armstrong & Debbie Arnold

Children’s Message

7/2 Pastor Shin
7/9 Dana Breeding
7/16 Robin Craun
7/23 Kevin Armstrong
7/30 Helen Morse
8/6 Pastor Shin
8/13 Dana Breeding

Lead Ushers

7/2 Rob Riner & Lewis Whitmer
7/9 Dallas Van Lear & Becky Tate
7/16 Charlie Bill Fretwell & Henry Breeding
7/23 Darryl Deavers & John Morse
7/30 Kevin Armstrong & Andy Breeding
8/6 Rob Riner & Lewis Whitmer
8/13 Dallas Van Lear & Becky Tate



July/August Anniversaries & Birthdays

July

1 Kyle VanLear
 3 Stephanie Kerley
 4 C.J. Botkin
 Suzanne Lank
 Irene Morrison
 6 Leon & Mary Sheets
 7 Ava Funk
 8 David Shiflett
 Jeffrey Walker
 9 Barbara Greene
 William Harding
 David Layman
 Charles & Phyllis Fretwell
 10 Clara Breeding
 11 Roosevelt & Mary Rowe
 12 Tuck Rogers
 Louise McCray
 Nathan Selmon
 Natasha Ritchie
 13 Debbie Arnold
 15 Hilda Painter
 Sharon Kile
 Dakota Canipe
 Hunter & Martha Black
 15 Jerry & Susan Coffman
 16 Andrew Viers
 Jase Harding
 17 John & Helen Morse
 Theresa Humphries
 18 Will & Elizabeth
 Harding
 20 Heather Arndt
 22 Helen Stogdale
 23 Margie Selmon
 Timothy Howdysshell
 24 Mary & Richard Booth
 26 Cathy Lewis
 27 Becky Breeding

28 Mary Sheets
 Earl Wilberger
 Beth Howdysshell
 29 Arlene Crist
 31 Julia Arndt
 Nancy Howdysshell

August

1- Justin Duncan
 1 Taylor Meier
 2 Winton & Ava Funk
 3 Lewis Whitmer
 3 Tim & Amye Bergman
 5 Michael Harner
 7 John DeJong
 7 Susan Mehler
 8 Kent Darrah
 8 Charles Powers
 9 Monique Houser
 10 Amy Corbin
 10 Catherine Taylor
 11 Robert Carr
 11 Carolyn Fretwell
 11 Weston Powell
 12 Greg Killough
 12 Alice Ward
 12 Savannah Ritchie
 13 Charles Fretwell
 13 Mary Taylor
 13 Linda Wheatley
 14 Mike Stout
 15 Judith Howard
 15 Adam Shiflett
 16 Chelsea Bosserman
 17 Hunter Black, Jr
 17 Henry Breeding
 17 Rose Sadano
 18 Vanessa Harner

19 Lester & Amy Herman
 19 Glenwood & Kerry
 Fretwell
 20 Stoney Caricofe
 22 Randall Hinebaugh
 23 George & Mary Taylor
 24 Steve Bosserman
 26 Julia Miller
 27 Karen Maugans
 30 Paul Abbe
 30 Casey Houser
 30 Laura Lewis



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Saturday Afternoon June 17

The afternoon session began with the **retirement service**. The Rev. Janet Knott, representing the retiring class, preached on "Be An Ambassador." She talked about questioning God but then she realized God said, "I will be with you and it will be good."

Following the service, a report was presented by Bishop Ray Chamberlain on the Committee on the Episcopacy, which included a recommendation to change the Episcopal residence (approved)

The Conference next debated and voted on 2 Constitutional amendments (results to be shared later). Rev Tom Berlin, Senior Pastor of Floris UMC in northern Virginia, and member of the Commission on a Way Forward presented a stirring report, after which the Bishop offered a solemn prayer for their work.

Saturday Evening June 17

Saturday evening featured A Service for the Ordering of Ministry. Bishop Sharma Lewis greeted those gathered and led in prayer. The bishop then stood near the baptismal shell for the Recognition of Common Ministry and Reaffirmation of Baptism

Bishop James E Swanson Sr was again the featured speaker. Again his sermon was followed by an altar call, after which Bishop Lewis conducted the Licensing of Local Pastors, the commissioning of Provisional Members and the Ordination of a Deacon and Elders. (breaking precedent from the past where the altar call is typically made at the end - another "New Thing")

Sunday Morning June 18

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett started the day leading a **Bible study**. The theme was "sing a new song" as she talked about singing God's song.

The Bishop convened the session at 9 am, and more reports were heard from:

statistician and treasurer

Council on Finance and Administration

Board of Discipleship (including the awarding of the Denman awards)

Two resolutions were presented and approved (after discussion)

A Closing worship was held, with another fiery sermon from the Bishop, and followed by the fixing of appointments. The Bishop encouraged everyone to "hug someone" as we left.

United Methodist Women

UMW is sponsoring a Work Morning to clean the kitchen and social hall area. Helpers are needed. Thursday, July 20th at 9:00 am

Mabry/Shiflett Circle met on June 5th with Susan Coffman with 11 present. Devotions were shared by Susan Coffman focusing on faith of Ruth followed by prayer. Alice Ward completed the review of the book "Don't Put a Period Where God Puts a Comma." Prayer concerns and praises were reviewed. Approved donation of \$150 for kits for annual conference. Forms for candle burning are due to Pat Ewers, UMW treasurer, by August 27th. Our annual family and friends picnic is at 6 pm on August 7th at the



1992 (continued)

- *Adult Sunday School Classes to adopt younger classes
- *Celebration Singers performed on April 5 at 7 pm
- *Mother Daughter Banquet – “Hello Dolly”
- *Lucy Black, librarian, noted funds from “birthday money” used to purchase “Cokesbury Basic Bible Commentary”
- *Father/Son Banquet June 10th sponsored by Sunday Evening Prayer Group
- *Virginia Annual Conference held at Virginia Beach (Sunday to Wednesday)
- *Missionaries Hunter and Esther Mabry visited New Hope and had presentation after covered dish supper
- *UMW joined in weekly prayer times on Wednesday at choice of 7:30 am or 7:30 pm
- *Youth went to King’s Dominion
- *50’s Drive In in August
- *Mission study: “The Middle East” (Oct – Nov)
- *Homecoming September 20th with Barbara Barrow, speaker
- *UMM hosted work night on 8/18
- *Church softball team finished with 13 and 5 season
- *HOTS November 14th; served 844; profit \$4,125
- *Youth gleaned apples and made cider (sold 85 gallons); with generous donations made \$250
- *A Pageant of the Nativity

1993

- *Ladies Fun Night on 2/22 35 attended; focus of music and missions
- *UMW recognition pin given
- *Mother Daughter Banquet held on 5/8; theme: “Heirlooms”
- *VBS; Theme: Palestine 30 AD – You Are There; Fri night and all day Saturday; lunch provided by UMM
- *Program to obtain Pew Bibles in memory or in honor of Cost: \$15
- *Wesley Class presented live presentation of “The Last Supper” and celebration of Holy Communion
- *Youth – overnight lock-in
 - *Pew Bibles dedicated on May 23rd
- *50’s Drive-In 8/28 (5 to 8 pm)
- *Administrative Council called meeting to vote on Social Hall use for a voting precinct for elections
- *Homecoming 9/19
- *UMW held silent auction
- *Coats collected for Armenia – winter coat – 6 boxes; 594 collected by Harrisonburg District
- *Co-Ed from FDHS sang for financial crusade (cancelled due to blizzard)
- *HOTS Nov 13 1:30 pm to sold out; served 894’ profit \$4596
- *Borrowed \$2400 to repair parsonage porch roof
- *Pictorial directory
- *New Choir Director – W.A. Hill
- *Youth leaf raking project (11/15)
- *Live Nativity scene (12/24 at 9 pm)

1994

- *UMW silent auction; profits \$1000
- *Wesley class breakfast out
- *Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew
- *Second tractor trailer load of clothes sent to Border Mission in Texas

1994 (continued)

- *Maundy Thursday – Upper Room Experience
- *First use of gift from Wesley Class of Paschal Candle-Stand
- *Administrative Council Planning Retreat at Camp Overlook
- *Egg Hunt following Worship Service
- *Mother Daughter Banquet – “April Showers Bring May Flowers”
- *Henderson Settlement purchase van from soup labels
- *Youth YAY94 in Williamsburg
- *New dishwasher and stove installed in kitchen
- *Collected seeds for Liberia
- *VBS August 8-11; Theme: “Beneath the Storytelling Tree”
- *Softball team first place
- *1994 FDHS Baccalaureate Service held at New Hope church
- *Michelle Funkhouser, organist, resigned
- *50’s Drive in October 8 4 to 7 pm
- *Served food at Hallie Mabry auction sale (10/15/94)
- *HOTS 11/12 1:30 until sold out; profits \$5000
- *Reception honoring choir, director and musicians
- *Choir presentation 12/18: “Beloved Son”

1995

- *Homecoming 9/24; speaker Rev. Glen Evans
- *Youth Auction
- *Youth YAY 95 at Salt Lake City, Utah
- *Lilies on altar for Easter
- *Celebration Singers performed on May 21
- *Worship Service during Lent – healing service with anointing with oil
- *Youth attended Lay Speaker Training – Blackstone
- *Seekers Sunday School Class sponsored trip to Lancaster, PA for Sight & Sound
- *Youth made peanut butter eggs
- *Disciple Bible Study 34 weeks
- *August County Recreation Dept used church facilities for children’s summer program
- *Gifts Dedicated on May 21
- +United Methodist Cross with Flame given by Bill & Linda Puffenbarger in memory of Chuck and Charlotte Harmon
- +Communion Table in memory of Dorothy Hammer and Nellie Morris
- +Paschal Candle, Marriage Candle, Book Stand by Owen and Dolly Harner and Richard and Bettye Randolph
- +UM Flag by Robert Riner family
- +American Flag by John and Helen Morse
- +Labor and Enhanced Chancel by Ken Stevens, Taylor & Sons, Mike Breeding, Rob Riner
- *VBS July 10-14 “Turnabout Paul”
- *50’s Drive In October 21
- *HOTS 11/11 12:30 pm

1996

- *Mission team to Russia
- *Julia & Fred Arndt – retiring

1996 (continued)

- *Balloon launch kicking off Lent program "Proclaim the Word"
- *Bishop Thomas Stockton retires
- *Old pews sold for \$50 each
- *Rob Riner constructed credence shelves (holds the offering plates)
- *Administrative Council hold planning session at Holiday inn
- *Seekers trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA for play "Noah"
- *Egg hunt sponsored by youth on Easter Sunday
- *Mother Daughter Banquet
- *Softball team
- *Covered dish lunch to welcome Rev Wayne Rickman and family
- *VBS July 27 (11-5)
- *HOTS 11/9 12:30 – until
- *Replaced social hall windows, back door, sidewalk repairs, ceiling repairs, restroom made handicap accessible
- *Donation made to flood victims in Elkton – Furnace UMC
- *Visit to New Hope from Roman, Russian mentor and received follow up letter of thanks for our hospitality
- *Youth – cookie caper

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Mission: Growing as followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to live out our faith and serve God's community.

Identity: The New Hope congregation is a family of sharing and caring Christians who gather for worship and fellowship and through whom opportunities for spiritual growth are offered for all ages.

Vision: The people of New Hope will allow God to make a lasting and holy difference in us and through us as we apply ourselves to worship, prayer, study, witness and service



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