

Hilltopper

Harrisonburg District

June 2015



Prayers
Presence
Gifts
Service
Witness

Vacation Bible School
at
New Hope
United Methodist Church
ABUNDANCE ORCHARD

Where faith grows and hungry people are fed

June 25 through June 27 6:00 pm
to 8:00 pm
June 28 10:30 am

Special points of interest:

- Annual Conference
- Activities & Events
- Anniversaries & Birthdays
- UMW
- Transition

Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference

June 19—21, 2015

Berglund Center (former Roanoke Civic Center)

Roanoke, Virginia

June 14th due date for kits for conference

Conference Offering for 2015 (\$150,000)

Methodist Mission in Cambodia \$50,000

UMCOR Global Health Ministries \$50,000

Children Out Of Poverty—Virginia \$50,000

Prayers for our representatives from New Hope



FORTHCOMING VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

June 19-21 in Roanoke, Berglund Center Coliseum

from Pastor Tom

It is that time again when laity and clergy will be gathering for our Annual Conference session to pray, sing, consider our Conference Programs, financial support, consider petitions, and receive clergy appointments for the coming year. In addition to the above work, the Conference will take time during its session to elect lay and clergy to represent the Virginia Conference later at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the General Conference of our United Methodist Church, the governing body of our denomination. Once completed, the elections will designate delegates from laity and clergy numbering 22 each plus alternates. These will represent our Conference on matters of consideration for our churches ministry and mission. The first eleven elected from the laity and clergy will be our delegates to General Conference plus alternates. All 44 will attend as delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference where new bishops are elected. This process

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KITS FOR CONFERENCE (due June 14th)

Health Kits: 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels); 1 washcloth; 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized); 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers); 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up); 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes); 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (Band-Aids). (NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE! UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.) Seal all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag.

School Kits: 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip); 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2"x11" ruled paper (approx. 250 sheets total); 1 30-centimeter ruler; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 1 large eraser, 2 1/2"; 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24). Prepare a 14"x16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and one of these three closures (Velcro, snap or button) and place items in the bag. Pattern available on the Web at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/media/reliefsupplypdfsimages/schoolbagpattern.gif>.

Baby/Layette Kits: 6 cloth diapers; 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits; 2 baby washcloths; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 diaper pins; 1 sweater open in the front; 2 receiving blankets. Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

Birthing Kits: 1 hotel size bar of soap (1 oz and up); 1 pair of clean latex gloves

1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting; 3 pieces of clean string; 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap in protective paper or cardboard to prevent it from causing injury); 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard. Place these items inside a clear one-gallon plastic bag. *Do not wrap items up in blankets; all items need to be visible.

Sewing Kits: 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric); 1 pair sewing scissors; 1 package of needles; 1 spool of thread; 5-8 matching buttons. Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Bedding Kits: 2 flat sheets (double size); 2 pillow cases, 2 pillows

IMPORTANT Packing Instructions: All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items — nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be removed and will delay the shipment. Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of kit in each box, with the contents clearly written on the outside of the box.

Monetary donations include: \$1 per kit for processing and shipping; \$1 for UMCOR to purchase toothpaste.

If you prefer UMCOR to provide kits for you, include: \$12 for a health kit; \$11 for a school kit; \$35 for a baby/layette kit; \$18 for a sewing kit; birthing kits \$8; \$50 for bedding kit; \$55 for cleaning buckets.

Include ALL monetary donations on one check, payable to "Virginia Conference UMC," earmarked for "Kits" which is mailed to the Virginia Conference

TRANSITIONING AT NEW HOPE

from Pastor Tom

Around this time last year, following our Annual Conference Session, Bishop Cho sent to us the Reverend Dr. Tom Murphy when our former pastor the Reverend Doug Gonzales moved to Lynchburg. Pastor Tom's assignment with us was/is to be an Intentional Interim Minister for two years. The first year of his being among us as pastor and leader has "flown by for us and for him." During this time a Transitional Team, made up of some of our committed leadership, has met some eight times to assess New Hope's ministry and mission. As a part of its study together, the team has been addressing the following areas of the life of our church: *our **CHURCH HISTORY** (past, present and thoughts for the future), our **IDENTITY** (who we understand ourselves to be as a church of Jesus Christ and how others in the community view us), and our latest work has been consideration of our past and present **LEADERSHIP** as we understand that leadership in tasks of ministry for our local church and community outreach.*

In the coming year the Transitional Team will be seeking to better understand how our **DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTION**, known as the United Methodist Church, functions at the Local, District, Jurisdictional, and General Church levels. Such a study will involve our denomination's history, theology, and missions. Finally, in preparation for the next pastor to be assigned, the team will begin preparation for the future of New Hope Church by developing a Mission Statement and Actions goals, and our *congregational preparation for the **FUTURE***. Also, plans will be developed to receive the new pastor when the pastoral change occurs.

Because the Transitional Team desires input as it does its work, opportunity will be given our church membership, very soon, to give its comments on our church, its present ministry, mission, and future dreams. A church survey will be utilized during one our forthcoming worship services to help direct our planning team.

These are exciting times for us at New Hope Church. We are most grateful and humbled by our past and those who have brought us to this time of

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Children's Ministries



Children's Church

Lectionary Readings

6/7

I Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15
Psalm 138
II Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
Mark 3: 20-35

6/14

I Samuel 15: 34-16:3
Psalm 20
II Corinthians 5:6-10; 11-13;14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

6/21

I Samuel 17: 1, 4-11; 19-23; 32-49
Psalm 9: 9-20
II Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35-41

6/28

II Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Psalm 130
II Corinthians 8: 7-15
Mark 5: 21-43



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS June 2015

Acolyte

6/7 Taylor M
6/14 Kaylee M
6/21 Penny P
6/28 Cindy D

Nursery

6/7 Martha F & Morgan C
6/14 Robin C & Sylvia H
6/21 Tonya & Taylor M
6/28 Betty & Courtney S.

Ushers

6/7 Lewis W & Jake B
6/14 Helen S. & Al T
6/21 Henry B & Charlie Bill F
6/28 Darryl D & John M.

Children's Message

6/7 Courtney J.
6/14 Kevin A
6/21 UMM Sunday
6/28 Helen M.

Ruritan Sunday

On Sunday, May 3rd the New Hope Ruritans and families gathered at New Hope United Methodist Church for Ruritan Sunday.

President, Curtis Coffman made the following comments: Ruritan is dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through “Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.” Club Membership is available to all persons interested in their community.

The New Hope Club was chartered April 11, 1929 with 30 members. The Club is the sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 86 and Cub Pack 86. The club works with the New Hope Weyers Cave Sports Association, the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department., Young Life, Calvary Chapel, and an Out Reach Program through the New Hope United Methodist Church. The Club donates to the 4H/FFA Farm Animal

Show & Sale, Essay and scholarship contests at local schools, Hunters for the hungry, Weekday Religious Education and a number of other organizations.

With the closing of the New Hope Elementary School in 1991, the Club entered into a lease agreement with the County Board of Supervisors for the grounds and buildings for a Community Center and a Volunteer Fire Department. The Center offers a gym, Wrestling Room, Batting Cage, Exercise Room, Birthday Room, Banquet Room, Kitchen and Multi-purpose Room, and medical equipment to loan.

The Club’s main source of income currently is operating the New Hope Compactor site for the county and two “Big Breakfast” a year. Facilities can be rented by dialing 363-7787 and scheduling with

Linda Wheatley, Administrator.

The New Hope Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. In the Banquet Hall where good food is accompanied by fellowship with a focus on Community Service.

The Club will be joining with the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department and the Sports Association on June 20 from 8 am to 4 pm There will be activities for children, corn hole tournament, food, equipment and facilities to tour.

Leadership Training—May 23, 2015



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 !!!

Henry Fork Service Center—ongoing project of saving our Campbell Soup labels.

Mission Trips

July 2015	Tangier Island (youth) (building bunk beds for future mission trips)
Fall 2015	Tangier Island

See John Morse for more details and questions.

7 weeks beginning in late May Bahamas—Emily Howdysshell (prayers)

Children's Lighthouse Center

It is sad news to report that the Children's Lighthouse Center closed on April 30th. We thank Shelia Morris and Penny Saum as well as all the staff that have worked and served diligently at the Lighthouse Center.

A new Harrisonburg District Mission Center has opened at Cedar Grove UMC. The children's clothes closet at McGaheysville UMC has moved to this new location. It is anticipated the Mission Center will offer men and women's clothing as well as a food pantry and medical supplies.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Met on April 12th. Reviewed five basic practices of a vital church.. Rescheduled leadership training for May 23, 2015 9 am to 3 pm with Rev. Glen Langston of the Harrisonburg District. Working on survey of congregation. Staff will meet to make recommendations for a survey based on input from Transition Team. Next meeting will be with Rev. Langston for leadership training. The next Transition Team meeting will be June 7th at 6 pm

Web Page

Web Page: mynhumc.weebly.com

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

Vacation Bible School (Help Us Spread the Word)

Join Us

Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation, refreshments and fellowship

Ages: Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade

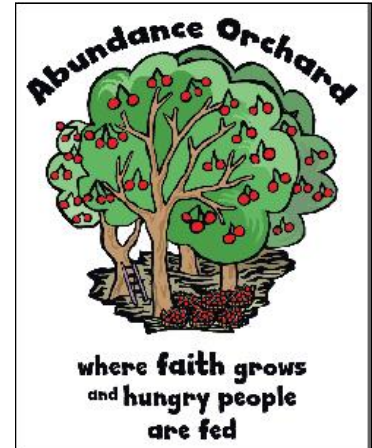
Thursday evening: Hospitality

Friday evening: The Miraculous

Saturday evening: Hunger

Sunday Worship:

Celebration Service and Closing of VBS followed by picnic lunch served by United Methodist Men



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Put the Passion in Prayer

The aim of any prayer ministry is to get more people, praying more. Not just for more answers to prayer, but so those praying can see that the incredible transforming power of God is flowing through them--which can cause their relationship with God to grow. Creating a dynamic prayer ministry causes people to experience God; his voice, his love, his gifts, his healing, his power and his Holy Spirit. And because prayer connects us with God, it is life-changing and it should never be boring. With careful planning we can make it creative, fun and enjoyable!

(from Jump Start Your Prayer Ministry by Nicki Carleton, ChurchSupportServices.org)

At New Hope we have been trying to do just that. Efforts began in earnest to revitalize our intentional prayer ministry in mid-April as several of us met to review chapters from ***The Beginner's Guide to Hearing God*** by James W Goll. It's been something of a

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United Methodist Women

Met on Monday, May 18th. Our annual candle burning program was led by Pat Ewers. A program from the Mabry/Shiflett Circle on “Whatever Happen to Dinner” (book review) followed by a drawing for a prepared chicken and broccoli casserole (recipe from Whatever happen to Dinner). Donation was made to the youth for their July mission project to Tangier Island.

Ladies Retreat—Spa Day

On Saturday, May 23rd, at 4 pm. Ladies met at the New Hope Community Center for an afternoon of demonstrations on essential oils and message therapy followed by refreshments and door prizes.



New Hope United Methodist Women
2015 Candle Burning (gift to missions \$215)

In Honor

Kevin & Gail Armstrong	honors	Kylie & Abigail Armstrong (daughters)
Tom & Pat Ewers	honors	Ellen Hopeck (daughter) & Cora Wilson (Pat's sister)
Wanda Harding	honors	Children & Grandchildren
Joanie T. Scholfield	honors	John H. Troxell and Elizabeth M. Troxell (parents)
Lynn Tuten	honors	Ethel White (friend) and All member of Minnie Carr Circle
Al, Lynn & Bob Tuten	honors	Joan Tuten (Al's mother) and Edna Pritchard (Al's aunt)
Alice Ward	honors	Aldhizer family
Linda Wheatley	honors	Donna Sheets (daughter) and Trey Hardesty (son)
Karen Whitmer	honors	Rita Bergsrud (sister)

In Memory

Kevin, Gail, Kylie & Abigail Armstrong	remembers	Charles & Elsie McCormick (grandparents)
Shelvie Critzer	remembers	Harold Critzer (husband)
Pat Ewers	remembers	Marguerite Wolfe (mother) & Dobie Ewers (mother-in-law)
Phyllis Jarvis	remembers	Floyd Jarvis (husband)
Greg Scholfield	remembers	Albert and Velma Scholfield (parents)
Al, Lynn and Bob Tuten	remembers	Agnes & Bob Fainter (Lynn's parents & Art Tuten (Al's father)
Alice Ward	remembers	Herbert Ward (husband)
Linda Wheatley	remembers	Brooks Wheatley (husband)
Karen Whitmer	remembers	Clarissa Brenna (mother) & Meredith Sikkink (sister)

Anniversaries & Birthdays for June

1st	Robert & Peggy Corbin	
2nd	Richard & Ruth Wampler	Emma Shifflett
3rd	Mark Hite	Ruth Wampler
3RD	Isaac Thomas Markow	Mike & Nellie Bosserman
4th	Courtney Joyner	Bill & Gail Shipe
	Mike & Sharyn Huff	16th Jessica Arnold
5th	Megan Rickman	17th Robert & Judy Riner
7th	Jeffrey Bragg	David & Kitra Shiflett
	Richard Randolph	18th Owen Harner
	Eddie Shaver	Junior Morris
	Thomas & Nancy Glass	Will & Elizabeth Harding
	Jack & JoEtta Walker	19th BF & Peggy Caricofe
8th	R.W. Stogdale	20th Ricky Rowe
	David & Julia Miller	21st Billy Morrison
10th	Tracy McCray	Fred & Julia Arndt
	David Miller	22nd Howard Poole, Jr
11th	Harold Strickler	23rd Kindra Bragg
	Ethel White	Owen & Dolly Harner
	Kenny & Carolyn Fretwell	24th Katie Harding
12th	Abby Armstrong	Shawn & Jennifer Cook
	Broc Powell	25th Linda Clark
	Stuart & Candi Dunlap	Paula Whitmer
	Greg & Kathy Killough	26th Zack Joyner
13th	Janet Harris	Sam Carr
	Richard Stogdale	Michael & Patty Morris
	Robert & Sylvia Herman	Mike & Susie Shreckhise
14th	Kaylee McLaren	27th Janice Howdysshell
15th	Elizabeth Barnhart	Timothy Randolph
	Teresa Barr	29th Gail Shipe



If we have any incorrect information or are missing information, please leave updates in mailbox in church library for Hilltopper or email to altuten@vaumc.org

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS— June

6/1	9:00 am	Verona Food Pantry Volunteers
	7:00 pm	Mabry Shiflett Circle meeting with Susan Coffman
6/2	1:30 pm	Minnie Carr Circle meeting with Becky Tate
	7:00 pm	Irene Fretwell Circle meeting at church in the Social Hall
6/3	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
6/7	6:00 pm	Transition Team Meeting
6/9	All Day	Primary Elections
6/10	6:00 pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Choir singing at Brookdale
6/15	9:00 am	Verona Food Pantry Volunteers
6/17	6:00 pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group
6/19-21		Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke, Va
6/25-27	6:00—8:00 pm	Vacation Bible School (Abundance Orchard)
6/28	10:30 am	Celebration Worship & Closing Vacation Bible School followed by picnic lunch
6/29	9:00 am	Verona Food Pantry Volunteers

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of election is held every four years across the entire church.

In addition to our ministers, Deacon Courtney Joyner and Elder Tom Murphy, they will be joined by Helen Morse as our lay delegate from New Hope Church and Al Tuten, Lay Delegate from the Harrisonburg District. Together they ask for your prayers as they prepare to join this year's Annual Conference Session under the banner "**From Members to Disciples.**" At a later time, during a worship service, these delegates will report back to our congregation their impressions of the Conference and our Annual Conference programs for the coming four years.

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our ministry. But in the words of the Apostle Paul, "*We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.*" (2 Corinthians v.7). His words urge us as a people, as a church to let others see God through us as we seek to do His Will. So, let us continue to move forward together into new possibilities with His message of service and salvation.

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combination book study/prayer time. We've learned that we don't often do a very good job of keeping the channels open so that God can communicate with us, but we've also learned how we can better help that happen. And we've engaged in some exciting ways to pray

- prayer walking
- combining prayer with visitation as the team joined the pastor in taking communion to a retirement home
- a joint visit with the choir to share music and prayer to yet another retirement community
- building a prayer wall (watch for details soon)

The objectives are to see prayer in a new and fresh way, to make prayer exciting, and to make it exciting to pray with each other. Come and see on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

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Mission: Growing in discipleship, living our faith and reaching others

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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