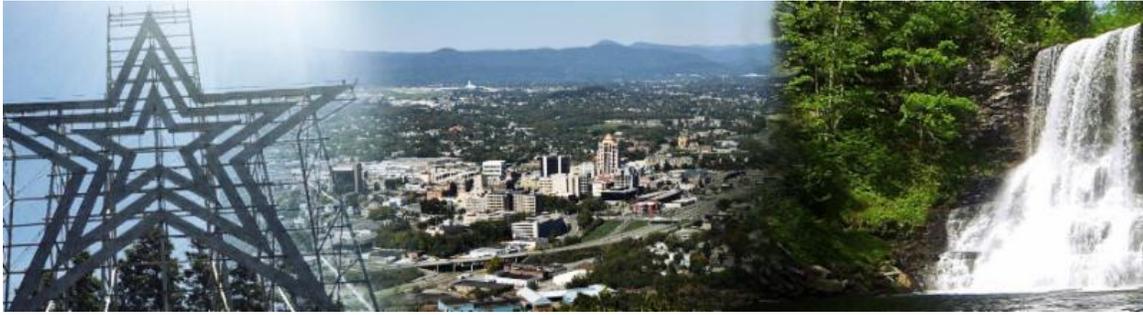
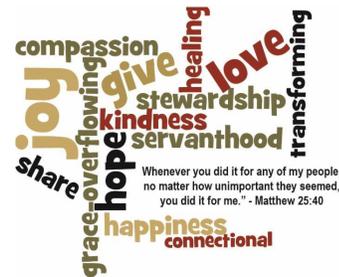


Roanoke United Methodist District

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Review District Budget at Stewards Annual Meeting July 26



District Stewards Annual Meeting is Thursday, July 26 at 7 pm at Locust Grove UMC, 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 24153.

Stewards will review / adopt the 2019 District budget and review/ approve the distribution of the apportionments to the churches of the District. All church/charge **District Stewards** and **Clergy** are encouraged to attend.

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Regenerations Workshop Saturday September 29

Church is one of the only places where up to five generations converge on a regular basis. This poses a unique opportunity for faith transference, as well as a challenge to effectively communicate and to create a culture that engages all ages and stages in meaningful faith community.

Workshop leader, **Jessica Stollings**, is a national speaker, author, and the president of [Re-Generations](#) - an organization that bridges generational gaps to build a better future.

Stollings will explore each of the generations with us and offer insights into how we can relate across differences and integrate all people into a strong intergenerational faith community- within our church and the region that we serve. All lay leadership and clergy are invited.

Sponsored in partnership with the **Roanoke District Common Table** and **Greene Memorial UMC**, 402 Second St, SW, Roanoke.

8:30 am - 4: 30 pm Cost: \$10 and includes lunch 0.5 CEU pending



Advance Registration by September 24. By mail with check payable to Roanoke District UMC to: 4502 Starkey Road, Suite 101 Roanoke, VA 24018 Include contact information, church and any special needs Or [register online](#) with credit/debit card.

Step Out in Prayer

*A Message from
our District
Superintendent*



We might have seemed a quirky group...the four of us making up a team for the Great Day of Service Prayer walk...as we walked in the heat down the somewhat shaded street to where "our" block of Locust Street began. Matching florescent green tee shirts. One tall, three not. One wearing a large floppy brimmed sun hat. One striding, another limping. Three female. One male. All white. All baby-boomers. Two I knew beforehand but they did not know each other; we came from four different districts.

We gathered in a huddle when we reached our block and offered prayer for all those who lived there, for the other prayer and work teams in the neighborhood, and for us as we stepped out in this unaccustomed way. We knocked at every house (except the one that a no trespassing sign at the edge of the yard). Twice folks came to the door and accepted our invitation to pray with them. One asked for prayers for her mother who had just returned home from hospital and rehab after falling on the front steps. Another asked for prayers that "stuff will stop breaking...I feel like I'm putting out a lot of fires. If no one came to the door we stopped in the yard (under a shade tree if possible) and took turns praying ... (*click on the button to read more of "Step Out in Prayer"*)

[Step Out in Prayer - DS Message](#)

Special Session of General Conference 2019



"We are encouraging every **United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily** with the Council of Bishops," said Bishop Al Gwinn, the Prayer Team Coordinator, from now through the Special Session of General Conference in February 2019. More details

at www.UMCPrays.org

Pray for two Roanoke District lay members who will be attending this special session -- Dr. Nataniel L. Bishop (Asbury UMC, Christiansburg) and Jacob Paysour (Cave Spring UMC, Roanoke).

[Link to
Special
Session
'19
News](#)

Report from Annual Conference 2018

[Link to AC 18 Wrap Up Report](#)



Upcoming Dates

July 26 - **District Stewards Annual Meeting**, 7 pm, Locust Grove UMC, Salem

July 27-29 - **Mission Encounter** - at Smith Mtn Lake 4H Center

August 17-19 - **Lay Servant Academy** - at Smith Mtn Lake 4H Center

Saturday, Aug 25 - **Alta Mons District Cookout** - Worship at 11, Lunch at noon.

Thursday, Sept 13 - **District Clergy Summit** - 10 am, St Marks UMC, Daleville

Saturday, Sept 29 - **Regenerations Workshop** - 8:30 am, Greene Mem UMC, Roanoke

Saturday, Oct 3 - **District Common Table** - 10 am, Asbury UMC, Christiansburg

Saturday, Oct 13 - **District UMW Day** - 9 am, Southview UMC, Roanoke

Tuesday, Oct 30 - **5 Talent Academy** - Thrasher Memorial UMC, Vinton

Sunday, Nov 18 - **District Conference** - 3 pm, First UMC, Salem

Tuesday, Nov 27 - **Training** - Finance/Treasurers & SPRC - 7 pm, TBA

Thursday, Nov 29 - **District Clergy Day Apart** - 9:30 am, TBA

Feb 23-26, 2019 - Special Session of **General Conference**, St. Louis, MO

Saturday, April 6, 2019 - **Chat and Chew 3.0 with Bishop Lewis**, SW Cluster—TBA

Fridays - District Office closes at noon (*summer hours June- August*)

[Details and Future Events on Website](#)

Prayer Celebrations & Requests

For **Rev. Stephen Darr**, (*photo right*) who serves with an extension ministry, Community College Ministries (CCM) who was recently honored at the Alliance for Excellence Dinner.



For **Rev. Art Wingfield**, retired pastor, and his wife **Willie**. Rev. Wingfield is recuperating from recent surgery.

For **Rev. P. Edward Leonard, Jr**, retired pastor, and his wife Becky. Mrs. Leonard is recuperating after a recent illness.

For **Rev. Philip Waltz**, his wife, Katherine and family. Katherine's mother has been in the hospital recently. Rev. Waltz serves Greene Memorial UMC.

For **Rev. Kathy Carpenter**, Asbury UMC, and family, whose father, in Greensboro, has just been diagnosed with cancer.

For **Helping Hands**, a VA Conference Children's Mission event, recently hosted at Greene Memorial UMC (*photos below*) VA Conference Children's mission event, held for the first time in Roanoke. Appreciation to Grace UMC, Mt Pleasant UMC (Roanoke), Redwood UMC, and South Roanoke UMC for participating. The leaders of these groups were amazing and their support is appreciated!



District Cookout will be Aug 25



ALTA MONS
District Cookout
AUGUST 25TH, 2018
10AM-5PM @ SHELTER 3

Remember Your Baptism Event

Last Week of Summer Camp -- Prayers would be appreciated as we finish out our last week of "Waters Of Grace" at Alta Mons! So far this summer we have served over 220 campers (final count coming soon!).

Our **6th Annual District Cookout** will be Saturday August 25. To connect with our summer theme, Waters Of

Grace, we will be having a "**Remember Your Baptism**" event during worship. This will also be a chance for those who have never been baptized to do so (please bring your pastor). Worship will begin at 11 AM and will be led by Gary Heaton. After worship, we'll have a potluck lunch at noon and then live music and activities until 5 PM. The pool and high ropes tree course (including the zipline) will be open for use! Invite your church, friends, co-workers, and family-- we hope to see you there! A downloadable [flyer](#) is available.

Alta Mons will be having a **Square Dance Fundraiser** on Saturday Sept 15. Come out to enjoy a great night to benefit Alta Mons! We will have food trucks selling dinner, a live band, and more!

Remember, Alta Mons is open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset, except for during summer camp (Sunday June 24 to Friday July 20). Come out for a hike to Stiles Falls or just a walk around camp.

Meredith Simmons, Program Director
office@altamons.org 540-268-2409

Alta Mons website

An Afternoon Full of Laughter!

Presenting **Jeanne Robertson**

The Rocking Chair Tour "Looking For Humor In Aging & Finding It"



Roanoke Country Club • Thursday, August 9th

**Welcome Reception begins at
4pm - Performance at 5pm**

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MUST RSVP to 540 767 6800
Seating will be limited!

About Jeanne:

Jeanne Robertson is a professional speaker who specializes in hilarious humor based on her life experiences. Speaking to thousands of people annually, she utilizes her positively funny style to illustrate that a sense of humor is much more than a laughing matter. For more on Jeanne, visit her website www.jeannerobertson.com

Event is Free of Charge

Charitable donations to the Hermitage Guild - Roanoke are appreciated.

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Community Outreach Program (COP) Requests School Supplies

The Community Outreach Program (COP) of Roanoke would like to offer a sincere thank you to all that gave to our campership drive. Because of your generous gifts children were given the gift of a week of camp. Only at camp can the wonder of God be seen and felt and heard more clearly by our children.

Please drop off the school supplies at COP,
305 Mountain Ave SW, Roanoke.

Mon-Thurs 8 am - 6 pm

Fridays from 2 - 6 pm

Thanks so much for your support of our kids and our program. When we all work together, we can make a huge difference in a child's life.

We are in need of the following items

Bookbags (boys and girls)

1/2, 1 and 2 inch binders

loose leaf paper

2 pocket folders

markers

colored pencils

highlighters

expo markers

composition books

liquid glue (Elmers)

scissors

glue sticks

water colors

tissues

flash drives

index cards (blank, 4x6 and 5x7)

pencil pouches

COP's Literacy Initiative is an after-school and summer program for first through third grade children who are severely behind and in danger of failing school. Programming requires parental involvement at weekly classes. COP started in 1989 as an outreach to inner-city children of Roanoke, as a mission of the United Methodist Church. Today, the program has over 250 volunteers. All services are free and open to all children.

Candace Hess, COP Executive Director
communityoutreachroanoke@gmail.com

540-342-3103

Community Outreach Program website

Get College Students Connected



Get Connected - As students are preparing to return or go to college for the first time, let us not forget to help get them plugged in and **connected** with our United Methodist campus ministries!

By filling out the information form, campus ministries can connect with your students. Use the link below to fill out information for your students so they have the opportunity to learn and grow with others around them during this part of their lives! <https://vaumc.org/collegeinfo>

Student Loans - The United Methodist Credit Union (TUMCU) is offering **SnapLoan**, an educational line of credit available to help with the funding gap once scholarships, subsidized federal student loans and college savings accounts have been exhausted. **In just three year they have provided students with over \$1,000,000 in educational funding.** Visit www.tumcusnaploan.com or call 866-657-0004 for details.

Lay Servant Academy August 17-19 at SML

The [Lay Servant Academy](#) is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. We are excited to be offering some new classes this year and fantastic worship as we fellowship, worship,

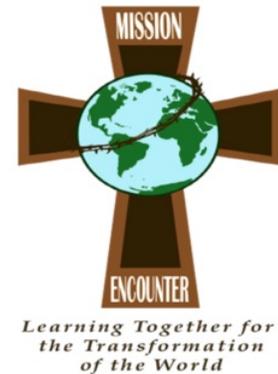
pray, and learn and love like Jesus!

All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take one. Each course is designed to help learn more about leadership, personal faith development, and a deeper understanding of the United Methodist church. Our courses are designed to support those seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers. [Click here to register online](#) and pay by credit card. For more information contact David Bailey at (804) 338-3168.

Mission Encounter at SML

Register for [Mission Encounter](#), July 27-29, at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. If you have ever wondered not just how we DO mission, where we are in mission, and most importantly why we are called to LIVE out missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, this is the event to attend!

NEW DAY STUDENT RATES - \$90 with all meals but no room OR \$60 for Saturday only, includes all meals



There are classes for adults and children, clergy and laity: Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the USA; What About Our Money; Embracing Our Wholeness. Rev. JaeHaeng Choi, from Fincastle UMC, will be leading the Korean language study of "What About Our Money".

United Methodist Women Dates



July 27-29: [Mission Encounter](#), July 27-29, at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center -- a great weekend learning about mission.

Aug 26: Open Executive Meeting 3 pm, St Marks UMC, Daleville

Sept 14-15: Conference [UMW Young Women's Retreat](#), Camp Overlook in Keezletown.

Oct 13: District UMW Day - Prayer Breakfast, Annual Meeting, Training and Mission Project at Southview UMC, Roanoke

Phyllis Geoghegan, District UMW President
phyllisg9@verizon.net 382-1545

[UMW Prayer Calendar](#)

Local Churches & Organizations

July 22- 25: [Belview UMC Revival](#) with Bishop Richard C. Looney, retired Bishop of the South Georgia Conference. Sunday at 11 am and 7 pm; Mon - Wed at 7 pm. A variety of choirs and musicians will start 1/2 an hour before each service. 3619 Onyx Dr, Radford.

August 7: [Blue Ridge Continuum of Care Symposium](#) - Creating Safe Spaces: Culturally Competent Housing and Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations, at Greene Memorial UMC, 8:30 am - 4 pm. Includes a workshop for churches. Click on [LINK](#) for registration information. 402 Second St SW, Roanoke.

August 12, 11 am and 2 pm Homecoming at [Asbury UMC](#) in Christiansburg, with guest pastor will be Rev. James R. King, Jr, retired Bishop of the South Georgia Conference. Morning Worship is at 11 am, followed by Lunch. The Afternoon Service will begin at 2 pm. All are invited! 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg.

August 12, 8, 9 and 11 am - Bishop Young Jin Cho, retired Bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference will preach, in English, at [Thrasher Memorial UMC](#), Vinton. Bishop Cho is also leading a revival, in Korean, Aug 10 and 11 at 7 pm, and Aug 12 at 3:30 pm. 707 East Washington Ave, Vinton.

August 27: 5-7 pm, Praise on the Patio at Ferrum College. Churches are invited to reserve a table before Aug 10. RSVP to jcnicholson@ferrum.edu.

Lake Junaluska, the UMC's Jurisdictional Conference & Retreat Center, is now offering guided and self-directed personal spiritual retreats!
www.lakejunaluska.com/retreats

Visit our website - Job Openings

100% of 2018 Apportionments

Thanks to the Roanoke District Churches who have paid **100% of Conference and District apportionments**: Calvary, Christiansburg; Fairview, Mount Elbert; Mount Pleasant, Foothills Charge; and Three Oaks Fellowship.

Thanks to Bethel, New Castle Charge; Locust Grove, and White Memorial, who have paid 100% of the **District apportionments**, *(as of June 30, 2018)*.

The VAUMC Treasurer's office newsletter, [Dollars and Sense](#), has helpful information on your church finances, including IMPORTANT updates affecting moving and taxes.



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