

Roanoke United Methodist District

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Leading on the Edge - All Welcome Saturday, April 28

Poverty and Homelessness
Faith and Mental Health
Religion and Race
Human Sexuality



\$10.00 cost - lunch provided 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fieldstone UMC, 3385 North Franklin St. Christiansburg 24073

Register by April 25:

Online with debit/credit card -- [CLICK HERE](#)

By mail (include: name, address, phone, email, church, special needs including dietary and childcare) with check to: **UMC Roanoke District Office 4502 Starkey Rd., Suite 101, Roanoke, VA 24018**

[Click Here for Detailed Flyer \(PDF\)](#)



A Children's Mission Event June 28-29 at Greene Memorial UMC

Helping Hands is an exciting two-day mission experience for children (rising 4th through 6th Graders) offered to the VA Conference of the UMC

Come, learn and do missions and the importance of being a caring Christian. The cost is only \$36 per person -- including a T-shirt, meals, snacks, and an overnight stay. (sleeping on the floor and do not have shower facilities). Each church is responsible for bringing their own chaperones.

Possible Hands-On: * Food Bank & Pack-a-Snack Bags * Yard Work at parks/schools * Habitat Store * Nursing Home visits *SPCA* Community Garden*

Greene Memorial UMC, 402 2nd St SW, Roanoke 24011
Contact: Debbie Brown at debbieb@gmumc.org

[Information & Registration PDF](#)



NEXT GEN SUMMIT -- Saturday April 21

Registration has officially closed, but you can email BeckyTate@vaumc.org
Raleigh Court UMC, 1706 Grandin Rd SW, Roanoke 344-6011

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, April 21 - [Next Gen Summit](#), Raleigh Court UMC, Roanoke
Tuesday, April 24 - [Faithful Aging Conference](#), Williamsburg UMC, Williamsburg
Saturday, April 28 - [Leading on the Edge](#), 9 am - 3 pm, Fieldstone UMC, Christiansburg
Tuesday, May 1 - [District Next Gen Leaders](#) - 11 am, South Roanoke UMC
Sunday, June 3 - [Annual Conference Orientation](#), 3 pm, St Paul UMC, Christiansburg
June 15-17 - [Annual Conference](#) in Hampton, VA
Wednesday, June 27 - [Clergy Moving Day](#)
Sunday, June 24 - [Summer Camp](#) begins at [Alta Mons](#), Shawsville
June 28-29 - [Helping Hands](#), Greene Memorial UMC, Roanoke
July 16 - Clergy Luncheon at Natural Bridge Hotel
August - Lay Servant Academy at Smith Mtn Lake (rescheduled from March)

[Details and Future Events on Website](#)

Working Collaboratively

*A Message from our
District Superintendent*



It had been a long time since I had sat on a molded plastic chair at a school

desk. But there I was on the third floor of the historic Wren Building on the campus of the College of William and Mary, seated in a semi-circle panel of alumni in conversation with current Religious Studies majors. The focus of the conversation that March Friday afternoon was around career and networking, guided by such questions to the panel as: "What did you get the most out of from your major?" and "If you could give Religious Studies students any career advice, what would it be?"

Frankly, I was amazed by

Message from District Superintendent

Prayer Requests

For the new Korean language worship service at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton (photo right). Offered every Sunday at 3:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by dinner. Led by Rev. Dr. Peter Choi, pastor of Maple Grove UMC on the Danville District.



For the family Rev. William L. Ayres who passed away March 22, 2018. Rev. Ayers was a retired elder on the Roanoke District and had served Belmont UMC in Roanoke.

For Rev. Joe Cobb, the new chaplain at Hermitage-Roanoke.



Annual Conference - Hampton June 15-17 Orientation

ORIENTATION for Annual Conference Delegates -- Sunday, June 3 at 3 pm, St Paul UMC, 220 W. Main St, Christiansburg.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, June 15-17, Hampton Roads Convention Center. "Servant Leadership - Making a Difference." 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

For the 15th year in a row, the Holy Rollers will be cycling to raise money for the UM Virginia Annual Conference Offering. You are invited for all or part of the 200 mile ride, with a training April 28. <http://umholyrollers.com/>

Annual Conference details (kits, housing, service opps)

Register Now for Summer Camp



REGISTER NOW for Summer Camp -- kindergarten through high school for "[Waters of Grace](#)" at Alta Mons, June 24 through July 20. **New this year:** Backpacking Camp! Call 540-268-2409 or email office@altamons.org.

Male Counselors Needed -- help us find male counselors! Applicants must be 18 yrs old by June 24, 2018 and be available June 11-July 21. We are seeking young men who enjoy spending

time outside, love working with children/youth and are seeking to grow in their faith. Apply at [online](#) or call Meredith at 540-268-2409.

Paid Kitchen Staff Wanted -- full time summer hours and weekend hours during the fall/winter/spring. Contact Ronda Wimmer at 540-268-2409.

Volunteer Nurses Needed -- to serve at summer camp July 8-13 OR July 15-20. You must be an RN and be able to give a week in residence at camp. Room and board provided, along with sending one child to camp for free!

Big THANKS -- to everyone who came out for **Paul Bunyan Day** and our April 7th **Work Day!** We are so thankful for the support of the District in preparing Alta Mons for our busy spring and summer seasons! Mark your calendars for the **6th Annual District Cookout**, Saturday August 25, 2018. Remember, Alta Mons is open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset. Come out for a hike to the falls or just a walk around camp. We have picnic tables for community use as well.

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

[Alta Mons website](#)

Update from Community Outreach

We have started enrollment for our rising 1st graders, and it is a busy spring season here at [Community Outreach Program](#). Our volunteers have been a gracious key role in getting everyone working smoothly and settling these little students in. The past few weeks have been filled with hands on help with students and staff from JMU, Franklin and Marshall, Marquette, Florida Atlantic University, and University of Missouri, thru REACH.



**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH PROGRAM**

April 30 we will be having our **Annual Talent Show** at 6 pm with dinner following. Not only have the children been working on their own talent, but they have also been working on a praise dance and will perform for the first time that night. All are welcome to attend.

Here are a few ways you can help us out -- we need [VOLUNTEERS, GIFTS and DONATIONS.](#)

Our program is growing and growing with the seeds you help plant and we cannot wait to see what God will do and where he will take this program.

Candace Hess, COP Executive Director
communityoutreachroanoke@gmail.com 540-342-3103

Volunteers, Gifts, Donations Needed!

Project Spy Invites Teams



Project SPY, aka Summer Project Youth, is a week-long mission adventure for middle and high school students & adults at Fieldstone UMC in Christiansburg. Bring your team to spend a week (June 23 - August 3) performing community service and growing in Christ, as we seek to be God's hands and feet.

Prevent Child Abuse

Did you know that April is Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Month? It is a good time to review your **Children, Youth and At Risk Adults Protection Policies!** Annual reviews should be done on your policies and procedures. Questions: Contact Debbie Brown 344-6225 ext. 113.



United Methodist Women



Please take time to read April's edition of **response**, beginning with Tara Barnes' *Think* article on gun violence (Powerful, and a good Holy Conversation starter). Be sure to read *Learn, Live, Give, Listen* by Jessica Stonecypher, the author of **Embracing Wholeness: An Earth's Perspective for Covenantal Living**, one of our studies for Mission Encounter at Smith Mt. Lake this July. Invite a young woman to your group. Be a mentor. Tell your story. God bless your efforts.

Did you know that the **Prayer Calendar** now has a Facebook page? Click on the button to follow and get the daily prayers for missions and missionaries.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Spiritual Life Retreat in Shawsville on Saturday, April 14 with missionary Rev. Nancy Robinson (*photo above*).

Phyllis Geoghegan, District UMW President
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UMW Prayer Calendar

Local Churches & Organizations

Friday, **April 20**, 3 pm -- Cave Spring UMC welcomes the **Mill Mountain Ringers**, in concert at 7 pm, free with love offering, 4505 Hazel Dr, SW, Roanoke.

Monday, **April 30**, 6 pm -- Talent Show at [Community Outreach Program \(COP\)](#), free, 305 Mountain Ave SW, Roanoke. (Trinity UMC).

Sunday, **May 6**, 6 pm -- **Spring Choral Masterworks Concert** featuring Mozart and Vivaldi by choirs from Greene Memorial UMC and Thrasher Memorial UMC, free with love offering at [Greene Memorial UMC](#), 402 Second St SW, Roanoke.

Saturday, **May 12**, 9 am -- [VA Conference Board of Church and Society](#) hosts a review of the [revised Social Principles](#), Community of Faith UMC in Herndon.

The **Rescue Mission** is looking for churches/volunteers to lead summer day camp for children who are guests at the mission, at their Jubilee Acres site, for a week or a day. Contact Natalie Kline 540-343-7227 ext 8703 or nataline.kline@rescuemission.net.

100% of 2018 Apportionments

Thanks to the **Roanoke District Churches** who have paid 100% of Conference and District apportionments for 2018: Calvary, Christiansburg; Mount Elbert; Mount Pleasant, Foothills Charge; and Three Oaks Fellowship. Thanks to Bethel, New Castle Charge: who have paid 100% of the District apportionments. (*as of March 31, 2018*)

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



Sharma D. Lewis - Area Bishop
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