# DISTRICT NEWS

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# From Your District Superintendent:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my word will never pass away"

Matthew 24:35 NIV

I always find airports to be fascinating places. Whenever I get a chance, I find a seat and just observe people going up and down the halls. You can see it in their faces; the different

feelings they may go through at that particular moment. You can also have a very good guess of what is going on in their minds by the way they walk, by their postures, by their facial expressions, by their conversations. Some are running trying to get to the gate as soon as possible. Others walk slowly talking on their cell phones, listening to music, texting or just walking, and often and without intention impeding being passed by those who are in a hurry, whose faces immediately reflect frustration and discomfort. Some seemed lost trying to find their way around. Others seemed confident as where they are going, while other are just wandering around.



Some faces reflect sadness, as if they have left a loved one or returned from visiting their homeland. Others reflect happiness as they are about to begin a new adventure or a new journey or they are meeting a loved one or simply going home. Others reflect anxiety, perhaps they are going to visit a family member in the hospital or they are going to a funeral or going to solve a crisis.

Then I think that every person passing by represent a different world, a world of their own. Every person passing by has a destiny at the end of the day. Some may miss their flight and may not reach their destiny. Others may get to their destiny right on time. Others may be delayed in reaching their destiny. But then the next day, all repeats again.

While I am still observing people walking down the halls of the airport, I ponder on the words of Jesus found in Matthew 24:36, which says: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my word will never pass away," and I think about how we all are passing by up and down the halls of our life, trying to reach our own destiny and trying to fine meaning in our lives. Some may be delayed in reaching their destiny. Others may miss it altogether. Others may get there right on time.



As I visit our churches in the District, I am able to observe the different journeys. Some seemed lost trying to find their way around. Others seemed confident as where they are going, while others are just wandering around. The promise is that in the Word, we find Jesus who can walk with us up and down the halls of our lives. All you have to do is invite him to walk along with you. After all, we all want to reach our destiny and what a better destiny than being with our Lord.

*In God's amazing grace, Victor Gómez* 

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**NOTE:** NEW Harrisonburg District webpage: www.harrisonburgdistrictumc.org



Harrisonburg District Co-Lay Leader Marguetta Mitchell shared Part I of an article entitled, "Spiritual Gifts" in the September 2018 Newsletter. Below, please find Part II of "Spiritual Gifts".

"Spiritual Gifts Part II"

To all of the churches in the Harrisonburg District: "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father. . . " This is Part II of the Part I September newsletter article on "Spiritual Gifts". . . and growing our congregations using spiritual gifts.

In Part I we spoke about getting ready for the "Charge Conference" and how charge conferences give us an opportunity to talk about growing our congregations to represent the communities where we live and serve.

Well by now, many of us have already had a 2018 Charge Conference. After many of the charge conference meetings, we are being told by members so far that charge conferences this year are a "spiritual experience"; worshipful and holy! Many in the district are renewing their baptismal vows during charge conferences. Votes are being tallied; church business is being discussed and resolved; scripture is being shared and fellowship is being enjoyed by all! Well, certainly that sounds like the angst and dread that is sometimes associated with charge conferences is taking a back seat so far this

We understand, though, that discussions, no matter how difficult they may be during and after charge conferences, are important ones to have in order to grow our congregations. RIGHT NOW is a GREAT time to schedule conversations for 2019-2020 goals and visions. Let's take a minute and focus on #5 (from the September newsletter article: "Consider a small group workshop/class/Bible study within your congregation discovering spiritual gifts and assessment to support growth of your congregation.") This would be for setting goals for 2019-2020. A couple of things to consider:

- 1. Consider asking the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee RIGHT NOW to form one of these small groups. An opportune time may be during the first and/or second quarter of the year (2019). This timing may make sense because the committee will have just recently reviewed goals for growth/nominations for the previous year's charge conference. It is important for this group (lay leadership and nominations) to be very familiar about how knowledge of spiritual gifts is designed to help grow our churches. Spiritual gift knowledge can and will positively impact the committee's decisions. So that when the committee is recommending members for nominations and asking members to consider taking on roles of the church, it will be open to being led by the Holy Spirit to match roles with the spiritual gifts. When the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee study and take the assessment themselves, they will be in a much better position spiritually to understand the very unique and difficult job to recommend and match roles.
- 2. Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee should consider asking members of the church council to join their group. The church council is the governing body of the church. And as such a group study/class/workshop will help to educate this body as well. THE MORE THE MERRIER!
- 3. As lay leadership and nominations begin to consider asking members to assume roles, the member should be well aware of the nature of the role. A full description of the role and the responsibilities of the role should be shared by the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee with the prospective member before the member accepts the role. Guidelines for roles can be found in "Guidelines for leading your congregation 2017-2020". Every church should have a set of these. This set of booklets include a booklet for every role in the church. This set can easily be ordered from Cokesbury.
- 4. Be prepared to offer a small group/Bible study/workshop to interested membership. . .or include members in the group for lay leadership and nominations at least one time per year.
- 5. Congregations should consider asking new members to share their spiritual gift/s as they join our congregations. This not only allows the new member to know that we want to get to know them, but that the congregation values their "unique" gift/s and that their gift is important to the entire congregation. It also sets the expectation that the congregation wants to share God's gifts with them and when an opportunity arises for a need of their gift the church will call on them. Lay leadership and nominations should consider keeping a list of spiritual gifts

of membership (with their permission) in a protected place. This can be helpful when the congregation is searching to fill a role. Reviewing this list may help in locating a match and filling a much needed role!

Prayerfully, the above ideas will be helpful to you and your congregation. If you have not read Part I in September's issue. . . CHECK IT OUT! So as in the Part I article, continue to pray about your congregation's spiritual gifts and your gifts as well. Continue to read Peter 4:10; Romans 12; I Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; I Corinthians 10-14; and Ephesians to encourage you and your congregation. GET STARTED TO-DAY! DON'T DELAY!

Sincerely, Your sister in Christ, Marquetta

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# A challenge to read the Bible in 2018 Bible Readings for November



November 1	Matthew 20-21	November 16	Acts 1-3
November 2	Luke 18:15-19: 48	November 17	Acts 4-6
November 3	Mark 11, John 12	November 18	Acts 7-8
November 4	Matthew 22, Mark 12	November 19	Acts 9-10
November 5	Matthew 23, Luke 20-21	November 20	Acts 11-12
November 6	Mark 13	November 21	Acts 13-14
November 7	Matthew 24	November 22	James 1-5
November 8	Matthew 25	November 23	Acts 15-16
November 9	Matthew 26, Mark 14	November 24	Galatians 1-3
November 10	Luke 22, John 13	November 25	Galatians 4-6
November 11	John 14-17	November 26	Acts 17-18:18
November 12	Matthew 27. Mark 15	November 27	1 Thessalonians 1-5, 2 Thessalonians 1-3
November 13	Luke 23, John 18-19	November 28	Luke 16-17:10
November 14	Matthew 28, Mark 16	November 29	1 Corinthians 1-4
November 15	Luke 24, John 20-21	November 30	1 Corinthians 5-8

[resource: www.vaumc.org > office & staff > Bishop > 2018 Bible Challenge]



From Sue MacTavish, District Librarian November 2018 featured item:

The Gift of the Nutcracker by Matt Rawle, 2018

This month's selection is a new Advent Study which can be used for the entire congregation: adults, youth and children. Enjoy!



Just in time for Advent - check out this new congregation-wide study based on the charming tale of the Nutcracker, but from a new perspective!

The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a Christmas tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In The Gift of The Nutcracker, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom of Christ came to build. The study works well for a small group Advent study, but can also be adapted as a church-wide program to include youth and children.

Available components include: the Book, a Leader Guide with complete session plans, a DVD featuring Matt Rawle, a Worship Resources Flash Drive, and the Youth and Children Leader Guide which provides youth and children's resources.

The Gift of the Nutcracker can be found in the Bible/Bible Studies section of the District Library.



Stop by the District Office and "check out" the library. Please remember to check out library items by signing the book card in the pocket with your name and church and date—you may keep items as long as you need—but remember to return items when finished so that others may borrow.

Thanks, Sue



Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the <u>Harrisonburg UMC District Conference</u> and <u>Leadership Training Event</u> to be held at <u>Bridgewater United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 18, 2018. <u>District Conference</u> will begin at <u>2:30 p.m.</u> with the <u>Leadership Training Workshops</u> taking place from <u>4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</u>. The Reverend Dr. Victor R. Gómez, District Superintendent, will be the preacher for the forty-fifth session of the Harrisonburg District Conference. You are encouraged to come hear the District Conference message from Rev. Gómez.</u>



# HARRISONBURG DISTRICT 2018 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

To help your church leadership stay on course.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 9 4:15 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.,

Immediately Following District Conference

Bridgewater United Methodist Church, 219 N. Main Street, Bridgewater, VA

# **WORKSHOP 1: We Believe That? – Marc Brown**

What is unique about Wesleyan Theology? This training will focus on the belief structure that provides the foundation for the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church.

## **WORKSHOP 2**: How to Reach Young People: A Missional Approach to Discipleship – Paulo Lopes

Every church would love to reach more young people. What kind of changes would it take for our communities to become more effective in reaching younger generations with the gospel of Jesus? This workshop is designed to help participants begin to answer that question. We will also share some concepts and tools to help redirect ministries or simply get them off the ground.

#### **WORKSHOP 3: When Serving Helps and Helping Hurts – Glenn Rowley**

Whether you are a veteran of many mission teams or organizing and planning your first one we will explore many ways teams can with humility and hearts of service learn and grow from serving. At the same time we will look at the ways that well-meaning volunteers in mission can hurt those who we think we are "helping". Finally we will look at models for transformational mutuality in mission.

# **WORKSHOP 4**: Legacy Giving/UM Foundation – Tommy Herndon

How to unlock the stewardship potential of your church to build God's kingdom!

#### **WORKSHOP 5: Exploring Ministry – Erich Bennett and Stan Thompson**

Have you ever thought that God was calling you to vocational ministry or being a pastor? Learn from others who have heard that call, answered, and can share requirements for candidates for ministry in the United Methodist Church.

#### WORKSHOP 6: Worship - Debbie Creech and Becky Wright

Do you enjoy how the message, the music, and even the worship setting all come together to create a truly spiritual worship experience? Learn how it happens through planning and preparation.

#### **WORKSHOP 7: Work of the Nominating Committee – Tom Murphy**

This workshop will acquaint participants with the Disciplinary requirements for the committee to provide a "year-round" approach to the process of the committee's work. Plus a Q & A time.

#### **WORKSHOP 8: Laity Serving Communion to Shut-ins – Jim Harris**

In this workshop you will learn the reasons for laity taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend church, and how to effectively meet this need in your congregation. Holy Communion will be offered.

## **WORKSHOP 9: Dementia-Friendly Congregations – Martha Stokes**

Dementia-friendly churches are accessible and inclusive for people with dementia and their care partners; understanding how dementia affects a person physically, emotionally and mentally and the impact upon those who care for them. Churches have a vital role in helping create dementia-friendly communities, that demonstrate God's love for all people. Come explore the how to become a dementia-friendly church, from access of physical settings to continued spiritual formation needs.

#### WORKSHOP 10: Mission Central Visit – Artie Fredrick and Delores Reid 1704 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg

"Come and See What God has Done!" We will be giving tours of the building and explaining how the Children's Closet is operating. Drive up behind Cedar Grove church to the Green Building.

#### **District Council on Ministries**

The District Council on Ministries Executive Committee will be meeting on November 8, 2018 at the District Office, 7:00 p. m. Please see information below on the Ministry Teams. Rev. Bob Talbott, DCOM Chairperson



Faith Development Ministry Team: For 2018, Faith Development Ministry Team will be meeting with the DCOM Executive Committee on the date listed above. Our team members for 2018 are: Tommy Crosby, Kemper Dadisman, Scott Dillard, Dale Dodrill, Becky Downey, Victor Gómez, Sharon Harold, Annie Pierce, Kevin Poeckert, and Phil Secrist.

Many thanks to Rev. Jim Harris who has served as the Faith Development Ministry Team leader in planning the Leadership Training Event on November 18, 2018, at Bridgewater United Methodist Church. Please put November 18, on your calendar for District Conference and also the district's Leadership Training Event at Bridgewater UMC. See page 4 for workshops that will be offered.



Mission and Outreach Ministry Team: Team members for 2018 are Artie Frederick; Delores Reid; Scott Dodrill; Ann Homan; Rodney Bussard; Victor Gómez, Louise Jennings; Mary Lock; Elizabeth Neff; Mary Jane Rawley; Lydia Weeks; and Bill Lalla.



Mission Central's Children's Clothes Closet: Mission Central opened October 10, 2018 in the new Clothes Closet building! There are so many to THANK, it is hard to know where to start. Our men and women of the Harrisonburg District are the most faithful and hardworking group imaginable. They have answered God's call to serve our community in the name of Christ with determination and gusto. We are in the process of getting water and plumbing to complete the Center. Mission Central belongs to all of our churches and it will be amazing as we work together to see where God leads us. Blessings to all who have made this Center a reality. Come

and see what God has done!

Artie Frederick, Sub-Committee Chairperson, 208-7669

Our regular hours open to the public are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings from 10:00-1:00 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All other Wednesday mornings are work days sorting, tagging, and preparing for open days.



Mission Central's Medical Equipment for Caring Loaner Closet: We are now at Mission Central, 1704 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg, VA, and are open to the public Mondays, 9 AM - 12 Noon and Thursdays, 5 PM - 7 PM. We are still accepting donations of equipment and supplies as we continue to give these to those needing them. Our medical equipment includes walkers, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower benches, hospital beds, Hoyer lifts, and over the bed trapeze bars. We deliver and set up hospital beds if these are needed. We also have disposables such as dressings, wound care supplies, disposable briefs and diapers. We

need volunteers to help keep our loaner closet open and to clean and organize the equipment, and organize the disposables. We also need strong persons to help the bed delivery group. Please contact Delores Reid, 540-383-6112, if you can help in any Delores Reid, Medical Equipment Sub-Committee Chairperson, 383-6112 way.

Bill Lalla, Mission & Outreach Ministry Team Leader, billlalla@gmail.com



To reach Mission Central's Children's Clothes Closet and the Medical Equipment for Carino Loaner Closet by phone is as easy as calling the District Office at 433-2382! You will be connected to a voice mailbox for each of these ministries to leave a message. If you call the district office and no one answers, you may leave a message by pressing 300 for the Medical Equipment for Caring Loaner Closet and Delores Reid will pick up your message and return your call. You may leave a message for the Children's Clothes Closet by pressing 301 and Artie Frederick will receive your message and return your call. We hope this will make your correspondence with these two vital district ministries easier.



SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED? Stressing about the holidays? Need spiritual renewal, some joy? Then join us for our annual WOUNDED HEARTS, HEALING LOVE RETREAT. Realize this is not a matchmaking event, but a time to gain a Christ centered perspective on your future. This event will be held on November 30-December 2 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon), Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries, Keezletown, VA (on the Harrisonburg District). Comfortable accommodations at Blessings Lodge, 5 meals and snacks provided. Cost is \$105/some financial aid may be available. Contact (540) 269-2267 or campover-

look@omail.com Detailed information in an attached brochure.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Debbie Harris, wife of Rev. Jim Harris, Associate Pastor, at Bridgewater UMC. Mrs. Harris' brother, Edward Cline "Eddie" Thompson, Sr., passed away on Tuesday, October 9th. A celebration of life was conducted on Friday, October 12th at the Coffman Funeral Home Chapel in Staunton.

**November 1** (Thursday)-District UMW Executive **November 21** (Wednesday)-VUMCenter & District Office Committee, Mt. Jackson UMC, 7:00 p.m.\*

**November 5** (Monday)-Partners in Ministry [PiM], New **November** Hope UMC, 9:00 a.m.\*

**November 8** (Thursday)-District Council on Ministries, District Office, 7:00 p.m.\*

Eyrie-Lynchburg

**November 10** (Saturday)-District UMW "Looking Forward Together", Mt. Crawford UMC, 9:00-11:00 a.m.\*

**18** (Sunday)-District Conference and Leadership Development Training, Bridgewater UMC, 2:30 p.m.\*

closes at 1:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving Observance

**22-23** (Thurs-Frid)-VUMCenter & District Office closed for Thanksgiving Observance

**November 29** (Thursday)-District Committee on the Ordained Ministry, District Office, 9:00 a.m.

**November 9-11** (Fri-Sun)-Middle School Retreat, Eagle **Nov 30-Dec 2** (Fri-Sun)-High School Retreat, Eagle Eyrie-Lynchburg

> **December 3 & 5** (Mon & Wed)-UMW lunch & entertainment, 12:00 noon\*

> **December 6** (Thursday)-Partners in Ministry, Christmas Dinner, Mt. Tabor UMC, 6:00 p.m. gather, 6:30 p.m. dinner\* \*Denotes related article elsewhere in this newsletter



The next PiM meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. at New Hope UMC. Rev. Melissa Fretwell will present a program on "End of Life Ministry". All clergy are encouraged to attend the PiM meetings.

On Thursday, December 6, Partners in Ministry will gather at Mt. Tabor UMC (8337 North Valley Pike [Lacey Spring], Rockingham - Rt. 11, 8 miles north of Harrisonburg) at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship, followed at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas **covered dish dinner**. All clergy and clergy families are encouraged to be present for this Christmas celebration.



PiM Executive Committee



District UMW News: November 1 will be the last DUMW Executive Committee Meeting of the year and it will be held at Mt. Jackson UMC, 7:00 p.m. All committee members, please have your job descriptions ready and any information you will be sharing at the November 10th event. All committee members, please plan to attend.

Our last event of the year will be "Looking Forward Together" on Saturday, November 10 at Mt. Crawford UMC, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. We will update everyone on what's new for UMW in 2019, introducing our new officers, sharing information

from our VA Conference UMW Annual Meeting and we will have 2019 forms available. Our speaker for this event will be Heather Gómez, our District Superintendent's wife. Please plan to attend and meet Heather as she shares her work with the immigrant resettlement program. Unit Officers' reports are due by November 10 and can be brought to this meeting.

I encourage all units to attend the United Methodist Women's Christmas Banquet held on both December 3 & 5, at 12:00 noon each day at Camp Overlook. Rev. Tommy Crosby and staff are sponsoring this event and will be providing our lunch and entertainment. The cost is \$15.25 per person. I will be updating everyone as more information becomes available.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Sharon Harold, Harrisonburg District UMW President, sharold714@aol.com or 540-879-2270



Our Tri-District UMM Retreat is coming up January 4-5, 2019, at Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries. We are excited to have Rev. Peter Moon, Richmond District Superintendent, as our leader for the weekend who asks us, "Does the Gospel still work?" We will be affirming that the gospel is still as powerful as it always has been! Register online at www.campoverlook.org Additional information is included in an attachment.

God Bless, Scott Dillard, Harrisonburg District UMM President



Fields UMC's Homecoming & 150th Anniversary: On Sunday, October 7th, Fields Church celebrated a homecoming to mark their one hundred fiftieth anniversary. The congregation was officially chartered as a Methodist congregation in 1868. The roots of this faith community proceeded with its organization when Pennsylvanian iron workers moved to Shenandoah after the American Civil War. These men brought their faith with them, founding a chapel on the top floor of their business. These first men became known as the industrious seventeen for their faithful dedication to the Lord. John Fields soon took over the business and helped to finance the construction of a church building. Mr. Fields unfortunately was caught out in the deluge of rain that became the Flood of 1870 and died from pneumonia and the church was named in honor of him.

We celebrated by having Rev. Dr. Patricia Meadows share her testimony about growing up in the faith at Fields UMC. Rev. Stephen Creech, who was the pastor at Fields Church from 1997-2016, proclaimed a sermon entitled, "The Breath of God." Rev. Creech reminded us that those who established this congregation had a vision and purpose for God. Our work continues today. Many people came from all over Virginia and from other states to take part in celebrating this monumental day. Our mission continues in Shenandoah as we live out sharing God's good news about God's love for us. Rev. Jonathan Lamb, Pastor, Fields UMC



# **Kingsway Prison Ministry:**

Our Thursday night group is growing and we need more space, but it will take donations. Please consider how your church can help. If your women or men's groups would like to furnish a meal on Thursday nights, please let us know.

Louise Jennings, Director

Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach

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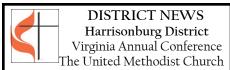
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### **Conference Opportunities & News**



#### 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR DISASTER RESPONSE:

- Pray for those whose lives have been impacted by this disaster. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
- Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at <u>umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies</u>.
- Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts at <u>umcor.org/donate</u> (U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670; International Disaster Response, Advance #982460; Undesignated, Advance #999895).
- Donate requested items only. To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources, Advance #901440 at <u>umcor.org/donate</u>.
- 5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

You can make a donation to disaster response through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). [See information above.] Use the toll free line 1-866-264-8488 for questions regarding Early Response Team (ERT) deployments or issues. Call Rev. Pihlcrantz at 757-408-6653 for disaster-related questions or concerns. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has offered instructions and tips for donating to help with Hurricane Relief efforts. Visit <a href="http://www.vaemergency.gov/get-involved/">http://www.vaemergency.gov/get-involved/</a> to learn the best ways to get involved (and what not to do).

The Council of Bishops has called a <u>Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019</u>, at The Dome, part of the America's Center Convention Complex <u>in St. Louis, Missouri</u>. The purpose will be to act on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward.



The 32-member Commission was appointed to examine in *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. Resources about this special session are available on the Virginia Conference website at <a href="https://www.vaumc.org/GC2019">https://www.vaumc.org/GC2019</a> This includes the archived livesteam from the September 26 Q & A session featuring Bishop Sharma Lewis, Rev. Tom Berlin, and Ms. Martha Stokes, direct link: <a href="https://livestream.com/VAUMC/COWFQA">https://livestream.com/VAUMC/COWFQA</a> Links to the three proposed plans: <a href="https://www.vaumc.org/document.doc?id=3289">https://www.vaumc.org/document.doc?id=3289</a>



The **Dillard Forum at Trinity UMC**, 903 Forest Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229 welcomes **Rev. Tom Berlin** on **Sunday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., and Monday, November 12, 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m**. Rev. Berlin will talk about UMC at a Crossroads, considering not only possibilities of what may happen at the special session of the General Confer-

ence in February 2019, but even more the questions beneath the possibilities over issues of inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the United Methodist Church. These questions are relevant for faithful Christians of all traditions and indeed for all persons interested in the relationship between faith, culture, and justice. *If you plan to attend on Monday, November 12, at noon, the church asks that you call 804-288-6056 to reserve lunch.* A brochure is one of the attachments with this newsletter.



Register now for <u>UM Day at the General Assembly to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019</u>. Learn more about how our Commonwealth's Legislature works, meet with people who work there, and lean more about issues before them at this next session. Register: https://www.eiseverywhere.com/umday2019. Please note there are NO paper registration form. Please see attached flyer for more information.