

# Fredericksburg Connection

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Connected Hearts:

Leadership and Spiritual Formation:

Empowering Local Churches:

Reaching our Neighbors

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have been reading three books this past week and I would like to share with you and recommend that both Laity and Clergy read them.

First, a friend of mind challenged me, to read the Bible through again in one year. I have not done that since Disciple 1 class, so I accepted his challenge for this year. My concern was what Bible I should read. I study with about five different study bibles and I like best my NRSV version. My friend suggested I read *The One Year Bible* which is the New Living Translation arranged in 365 daily readings. It's easy reading with a combination of the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in one setting. I would recommend it for first time readers of the Bible.

Second is the

book called *Bearing Fruit Ministry with Real Results* written by Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin. They state that churches are called to be fruitful for God. The authors believe that one of the most important sources of fruitful ministry is the fruitful leadership of laypersons and pastors in the church. They ask the question, "what good things are happening in your church?"

Third is the newest book by Lovett Weems. It is called *Focus, the real challenge that faces the United Methodist Church*. Weems explains with the ageing and declining membership of the United Methodist Church we need to examine our real financial needs and how are we going to meet those needs. I find the facts in this book very interesting and challenging for us as United Methodists.

I pray that God will give you the desire

FROM OUR DISTRICT LAY LEADER.....

and time to read and reflect on these three books.

Go Fish  
Larry Tubbs



Coming Soon!



## We Tried it and IT WORKED!

This section will be a very brief sharing of something our churches tried that worked well. It could be anything from the creation of Pew Partners at McKendree to keep up with missing members or the Peace Church end of year fundraiser event(s).

There were lots of great ministries shared at the Charge Conferences, so, in short, let's share ideas that worked. Please send your "We Tried....And It Worked" stories to the district office.

We've been contacted by UMFS regarding nominations for members to serve on the **Child Advocacy Council** for United Methodist Family Services in Fredericksburg. UMFS has regional offices in 8 different locations throughout the Conference and are working to form strong councils in each location.

Do you know of any individuals who are passionate about at-risk children and youth and who would be interested in speaking with Angie Williams regarding serving on the council?

Please contact fredericksburgdistrict@vaumc.org if you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more.

Thanks!

The Spotsylvania U.M. Cluster had such a well attended 2011 Midweek mid-day Lenten series that the Cluster will repeat the rotating series this year.

The scheduled locations for the 12 noon services and 12:30 PM light lunches will be as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 @ Shady Grove UMC (Pastor: Rev. Fred Marvel)

Wednesday, March 7th @ Peace UMC (Pastor: Rev. David Erickson)

Wednesday, March 14th @ Zion UMC (Pastor: Rev. Barb Jacobs)

Wednesday, March 21st @ Hillcrest UMC (Rev. Steve Hay of Tabernacle will preach at Hillcrest)

Wednesday, March 28th @ Eastland UMC (Pastor: Rev. Craig Muffey)



## Cokesbury Announces New Children's Curriculum Releasing Fall 2012!

Cokesbury is proud to announce their new children's curriculum, *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!*

[Visit the website](http://www.cokesbury.com) (www.cokesbury.com) to watch videos, [preview sample lessons](#) and [learn more!](#)

*Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* incorporates Bible stories, activities, crafts, media, and games into a full faith experience for children. With *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* children will develop the skills to unlock the Bible and grow their faith by leaps and bounds.

With *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* children will grow in mind and body, they will also grow in heart and soul. *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* will nourish and enrich children, from birth through tweens, in their faith. They will be able to proclaim the good news of God's love and serve God and neighbor. Children will realize that their faith goes with them as they grow.

[Parents can get involved too!](#) As a parent, finding a church home that reinforces and encourages the spiritual development of your child's faith is very important. The resources that a church utilizes to accomplish that task can be equally important. Encourage your church to us *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!*

Sign up for the [Grow, Proclaim, Serve! email newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date on top of all the latest announcement! Visit [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) today!

The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) Disability Concerns website now includes the revised [Accessibility Audit for Churches](#). This is the resource that in the past has been a published booklet that covers all areas of accessibility and provides resources for church use. The document - in 4 sections - can be downloaded as pdf files from the GBGM website at: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/work/health/disc/churchaccessible/> This document is an extremely valuable resource if your church is considering any type of modification or construction for accessibility.

We have also included it on the "Disabilities" section of the Virginia Conference website as one complete document. The direct link is:

<http://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=381>

If you have trouble with the link, go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org), select "Ministries," then "Disabilities."



FIRST  
Builder's Club  
Call for the  
Fredericksburg  
District !!!!!

Dear Fredericksburg  
District:

Many of our congregations are experiencing increasing growth and challenges trying to meet the spiritual needs of those within the communities. It is people like you that make the difference within God's Kingdom as we deal with churches that need help. Without knowing it, you have most likely provided a more positive opportunity for someone beginning a relationship with Christ. This is why we need you as a partner in the Builder's club.

The Committee for the Fredericksburg District Builder's Club has approved the first Call for New Hope United Methodist Church. New Hope is located in Stafford and is currently in construction of a concrete ramp, handicap accessible

bathrooms within the church and renovations to the parsonage for use in ministries.

Financial information

Project cost for all the totals \$ 32,220

Cash on hand \$ 17,100

Remaining funds from Builder's Club, Eagle scouts, Local pledges and church members.

Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing for New Hope. In the future, your support will help more churches on the Fredericksburg District.

We are asking that you support this call by sending a check payable to the Fredericksburg District Builder's Club to the District Office (Post Office Box 100, Ladysmith, VA 22501) by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for being a partner with New Hope.

Working in His Kingdom

David A Kellison, Pres

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Stained Glass in Rouzie's Chapel  
new narthex

A story of a past Builder's Club Call.....

**Rouzie's Chapel UMC  
Blessed by Builder's  
Club**

In October 2008 we joined the Ashland District Builder's Club as a church. Some of our individual members also joined, but we wanted as a church to reach out to the other Ashland District churches to help them grow in their ministry and mission projects. Little did we know at the time, we would receive back from this same organization. In the summer of

2009 we undertook construction of a new narthex making our church fully accessible and adding a steeple for the first time in its 218 year history. A Builder's Club call went out in August and our fellow Builder's Club members on the district gave generously. The funds the Builder's Club provided (\$8,066) when added to our building fund donations and receipts allowed us to complete this project debt-free. The freedom to safely enter the sanctuary and the fellowship

opportunities of the new space have enhanced our ministry in many ways. We agreed to give to others not expecting anything in return and ended up receiving also. We were blessed when we gave, we were blessed when we received; and praise be to God, many people are now blessed by our new narthex. That's just like God - to multiply the blessing and let it overflow onto us all.

-Claudia Stallings,  
Pastor

How can joining the Builder's Club help me or my church?

For the Rouzie's Chapel call, the average gift of Builder's Club members was less than \$50 each. By combining gifts from the 167 members who contributed, the total amount given to the church by the Builder's Club was \$8066.

Rouzie's Chapel  
**BEFORE**  
the Builder's Club



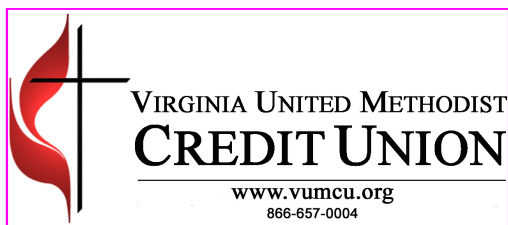
Rouzie's Chapel  
**AFTER**  
the Builder's Club





February is Heart Havens Month!

February is Heart Havens Month in the Virginia Conference, a time when churches are asked to make financial contributions to this agency that provides residential services for men and women with intellectual disabilities by building and operating 12 group homes throughout Virginia. This February, help support this mission in your own backyard by donating, volunteering or advocating for Heart Havens ([www.hearthavens.org](http://www.hearthavens.org)). A 9" by 12" packet of informational materials was mailed to all Virginia Conference churches. For more information or if you would like a Heart Havens speaker at your church, call (804) 237-6097 or toll-free 1-877-442-8368; or e-mail [info@hearthavens.org](mailto:info@hearthavens.org).

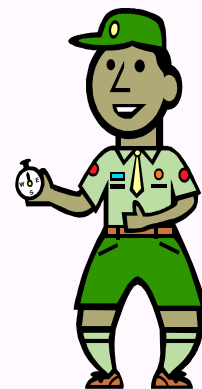


#### Looking To Purchase A Church Vehicle?

Don't miss out on the historically low loan rates at the Virginia United Methodist Credit Union. Our church vehicle rates start as low as **1.99% APR for up to 72 months**. Contact Mike at [mhaydon@vumcu.org](mailto:mhaydon@vumcu.org) or call 866-657-0004 for details and loan applications. Offer good thru 3/31/2012. *Credit restrictions apply.*



Zion United Methodist Church, in historic Spotsylvania Courthouse, is offering an opportunity suitable for an Eagle Scout Project. The church is interested in relocating/reconstructing its playground and seeks an interested Scout to accomplish this project. Interested Scouts should contact the church by e-mail at [zionumc@HistoricZionumc.org](mailto:zionumc@HistoricZionumc.org) to inquire as soon as possible.



"On my honor I will do my best . . . to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." Every Boy Scout knows this. Every Girl Scout knows something similar.

Good words, but maintaining physical & mental well-being becomes a burden as we age. Why? We skip breakfast, maybe grab a bagel & coffee at work, eat fast food for lunch, grab a candy bar about 2 p.m., eat dinner too late, & have cake/pie/ice cream for a snack, & watch the late news before going to bed (only to get stressed about what is reported), and start the cycle all over again.

And we wind up teaching this to our children because we didn't know better. It used to take until our 50's or 60's to develop insulin resistance & Adult Onset (Type 2) Diabetes. Research shows that an overwhelming number of children have T2D. If untreated it can result in blindness & loss of limbs as early as the age of 22!

I made the transition to a healthier lifestyle, & I'm very glad I did! I learned: why we need 8-9 hours of sleep each night, about the Glycemic Food Index, how to maintain steady blood sugar levels & stay in the fat burning mode, the bioavailability of vitamins & supplements, and what I need based on my DNA. Once I started taking better care of the body God gave me I found it much easier to improve myself morally. The longer I live healthier, the more I can do for Him! I've still got a long way to go, but I'm on the right path.

Who else works to set a positive example for the younger generations so they will be "... physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight"?

YIS,

**Martin Shirilla**

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**Scouting Corner**

**by Marty Shirilla,  
District Scouting  
Coordinator**

## Enhancing Personal Bible Study & Teaching

Eugene Peterson, the author of "The Message," says that the inductive Bible study method "profoundly changed my perception of the Bible, and me with it, in ways that gave shape to everything I have been doing for the rest of my life. This is not an exaggeration."

The Evangelical Fellowship of Virginia (<http://www.efumcva.org/>) will host a gathering of laity and clergy to hear "Inductive Bible Study" by Dr. David Bauer, Professor of Inductive Bible Studies and Dean of the School of Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Dr. Bauer, will use the Gospel of Matthew to demonstrate and invite us to use the Inductive Bible Study Method.

The talk will be on **Saturday, March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Shady Grove United Methodist Church, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville 23111.**

Dr. Bauer is the co-author, with Dr. Robert A. Traina, of "Inductive Bible Study" (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011). The book is an excellent resource to accompany your attendance at this gathering and to empower your future use of the principles which will be taught. You may purchase a copy at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) at a price of \$20.83 plus shipping.

### **CEU Credit & Advanced Reading**

This event has been approved for award of .5 CEU by the UMC Virginia Conference. In order to receive .5 CEU, clergy must attend the entirety of the event.

### **The Event**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by worship at 9:30 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

9:30 AM Worship

10:00-11:15 AM Teaching Session I

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Teaching Session II

12:30-1:15 PM Lunch

1:15-2:30 PM Teaching Session III

2:45-3:45 PM Teaching Session IV

3:45-4:00 PM Closing

Each teaching session will be interactive, encouraging hands-on application of the principles shared by Dr. Bauer.

## Registration

Register for the event by completing the form below. On or before February 17, the cost of pre-registration is \$25 per person and includes lunch. After February 17 through March 9, the cost of pre-registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch. Registration after March 9 or at the door is \$35 per person and does not include lunch.

For more information about this event, please contact Keith Boyette at [pas-tor@wildernesschurch.org](mailto:pas-tor@wildernesschurch.org) or by calling 540-972-8808.

For directions to Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville, go to [www.shadygroveumc.org](http://www.shadygroveumc.org).



### Dr. David Bauer

A graduate of Spring Arbor College, Dr. Bauer went on to receive the M.Div. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is the recipient of the American Bible Study Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies. A member of the executive committee of the Institute of Biblical Research, he has served as chair of **the Matthew Group** and as chair of the Hebrew Consultation of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Church & District

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Early Registration Fee Postmarked By February 17

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Registration Fee Postmarked After February 17

Please issue CEU certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Evangelical Fellowship and mail to 10501 Plank Road, Spotsylvania, Va. 22553.

# Congratulations!

## 100% District Apportionments Paid for 2011

Andrew Chapel Edgewater	Kilmarnock
Andrew Chapel Stafford	Lebanon Essex
Antioch	Lebanon Montross
Asbury	Liberty
Bethany	McKendree
Bethel Caroline	Midland
Bowling Green	Mila
Calvary Richmond	Mt. Horeb
Carmel	Mt. Vernon
Coles Point	New Hope
Dahlgren	Oakland Richmond
Eastland	Olivet
Ebenezer Oldhams	Providence Essex
Ebenezer Stafford	Providence Montross
Edgewater	Rehoboth Caroline
Epworth	Rehoboth Northumberland
Fairfields	Remington
Falmouth	Salem
Fletcher's Chapel	Shady Grove S
Fredericksburg	Shiloh BG
Galilee	Saint Matthias
Grace Hartwood	Saint Paul's
Grace Oak Grove	Shepherds
Grant	Tabernacle
Heathsville	Tappahannock Memorial
Henderson	Trinity Catlett
Hillcrest	Trinity Essex
Hopewell Caroline	Wesleyan
Hopewell Richmond	White Stone
Irvington	Wicomico
	Wilderness
	Wright's Chapel
	Zion

If you have a printed church history, the Archives Office at the Conference Center would love to have a copy for their files.

## Church History?

Please send to Stephanie Davis, Archivist, Virginia Conference Center, Post Office Box 5606, Glen Allen, VA 23058



The Wesleyan United Methodist Men are hosting a spaghetti dinner which is a combined community outreach event and fundraiser for our various projects.

**Event:** Spaghetti Dinner

**Date:** Saturday, March 3d.

**Time:** 5 to 7:30 pm

**Place:** Wesleyan UMC, 9711 Bristersburg Road, Calverton VA 20138

**Cost:** Free-will donations

**Fredericksburg District Office**



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District Lay Leader: Larry Tubbs  
District Clergy Assoc. President: Rev. Barb Jacobs  
Office Manager: Lynn Manley

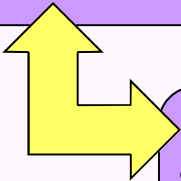
**DS Preaching Schedule:**

February 26 Galilee  
March 18 Bowling Green Charge  
March 25 Colonial Beach

**Tip:** We'd rather you not print this newsletter—but if you need to, please print in black and white to conserve your ink. From your print screen, click on properties and then color. Select "print in grayscale" and it will print black and white only.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Feb. 19	Youth Retreat Planning Meeting	Trinity KG
Feb. 21	Ordained Ministry	District Office
Feb. 23	5 Talent Academy	Ebenezer (Stafford) UMC
Feb. 24–26	Lay Servant Academy	VUMAC
Feb. 29	Clergy Association Officers Meeting	District Office
<b>UPCOMING</b>	<b>March 2–4</b>	<b>Youth Retreat</b>
	<b>March 5</b>	<b>UMM</b>
	<b>March 11</b>	<b>Girl Scout Sunday</b>
	<b>March 12</b>	<b>Council on Ministry/Board of Laity</b>
		<b>VUMAC</b>
		<b>Wright's Chapel</b>
		<b>Giuseppe's—Ladysmith</b>



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Saturday, October 13, 2012 for the Fredericksburg District Vital Congregations Training at **Tabernacle (new location)**