



Staying In Touch



April—May 2014

Meet your new Farmville District Youth Coordinator Mrs. Kyla Marie Silver



“My heart has always been for the children. God did that. He instilled in me a passion that I cannot deny”.

Kyla is a member of the Keysville United Methodist Church. David is her 22 year old son and she has two daughters: Cha-Niya aged 15 and Emma aged 12. Her husband, William, goes by the nickname of Turk.

Kyla earned her undergraduate degree in Music and Masters Study in Vocal performance.

Previously Kyla served on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club in their Rockingham District. She taught in the Lunenburg School system for three years and at Longwood University for three years.

Her email is farmvilledcym@yahoo.com and her phone number is 773-332-6740.

New District Youth Coordinator selected. Read about her on page 1—pray for her ministry with the youth of the Farmville District.

Read what our D.S. has to say about the worship attendance on the Farmville District and planned programs to help your church on page 2.

An exciting workshop coming to help you discern how God is calling you—see details on page 2.

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Tired of all those pennies in your pocket, read on page 3 how those pennies can help the Wesley Foundation.

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Farmville District Youth (DCYM) has exciting things coming up—see page 7 for information and get your youth involved.

Did you know we had people involved with a mission trip to Romania—read about it on page 7.

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Sisters & Brothers,

In the church calendar year we are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. Lent is also a time when many of us give up something. I invite you to not give up something but instead to add a spiritual discipline to your life.

In recent months I have included journaling and fasting into my life. I journal by using the lectio divina (sacred reading) of the scripture. By doing this every morning I receive anew a word from God. I fast twice weekly, on Wednesday and Friday. I fast at lunch time and during my lunch time I practice contemplation. I am blessed and enriched by including these new spiritual disciplines in my life.

On March 29, the 2nd Bishop's Convocation on Prayer will be held at Trinity UMC in Richmond. I invite representation from all of our churches. We cannot afford not to attend. I believe our district and conference are changing the culture of prayer. The Covenant Prayer churches should make every effort to attend. Bishop Cho will be meeting with our covenant churches. For those churches discerning about joining the Covenant, I invite you to come to the Bishop's Convocation on Prayer to learn more about the prayer covenant churches. Dr. Tom Albin will be our guest speaker from the Upper Room Ministries. I hope to see you there.

Good news in 2013 the Farmville District increased worship attendance by 5%, from 3,935 to 4,156. I know we can continue to increase worship attendance. Please bring before your church council at every meeting our 2 Vital Congregation's goals: 1. Disciples in worship (increasing worship attendance) and 2. Disciples making disciples (increase professions of faith). Allow adequate time for discussion at each meeting.

We have scheduled a district event "How to Reach New People" for September 27 & 28. This will be led by Rev. Jim Griffith. More information will be forthcoming. This workshop will be for church teams (pastor and at least 3 lay members) to learn how to reconnect with your mission field, how to get more members in your church, why the old ways to growth no longer work and what works now, why most pastors want to reach new people but can't, and what new people look for when selecting a church.

Hope to see you at the Bishop's Convocation on Prayer.

Blessings, Bob

BOB'S ITINERARY



February 2014

- 1 District meeting (District Committee on Ordained Ministry)
- 1 Conference meeting (Prayer Team)
- 1 Cabinet meeting (4 days)
- Preached at Halifax, Kingswood and Rehoboth UM churches.
- 5 PPR meetings
- Worshipped at Bethel UMC in Alberta, VA
- 1 Church Council meeting

Traveled 1,239.76 miles

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL WORKSHOP APRIL 25-26 AT KEYSVILLE UMC

Church leaders, pastors, lay ministers, and others. The Farmville District Committee on Ministry (DCOM) is sponsoring a workshop on discerning spiritual gifts. It is presented by a group called Discover God's Call. The purpose of this retreat is to help Christian disciples discover their spiritual gifts and discern how God may be calling them to use them.

Susan Rigg, President of Discover God's Call, outlines how the retreat will begin: Participants in Discover God's Call work through a spiritual gifts inventory at home before the workshop begins, then take part in a guided retreat to discuss and discern their gifts. The retreat is held Friday evening through Saturday evening, with participants able to go home at night. The retreats are led by past participants trained for prayer groups and small group meetings. There is also worship with a featured inspirational speaker.

More information and registration form are available at the Farmville District website www.umcfarmville.org. Registration deadline is March 31, 2014. Cost is \$70 (includes study materials, dinner on Friday, lunch & dinner on Saturday). Scholarships are available. Contact Susan Rigg at 434-572-4406 or revednsusan@embarqmail.com for more information.

Farmville District UMW

Greetings from the UMW of the District. We had a wonderful Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 8 at Brian's Steakhouse in South Hill. Jane Smith, our Spiritual Growth Coordinator, was responsible for the delightful meeting. We had 130 people registered for the event. We will be having the Prayer Breakfast in 2015 at Brian's, also. The 2015 date for the meeting is March 14. I hope we can have a large number next year.

Our Mission Study will be on Saturday, April 12 at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilsons from 10 a.m. to noon. The speakers will be Ken and Linda Carty who will talk to us on the Roma of Europe. At noon, the UMW of Grace UMC will provide lunch. Our offering for the day will go to the Roma people. Please bring school supplies and Bible story coloring books for the Roma people. We need to know the number of people who plan to attend. All are invited. If you plan to attend, please call or email Elaine Chipley, our Education & Interpretation Coordinator, by April 4. Her telephone number is 252-537-5112, and her email address is elainechipley@embarqmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Conference Spiritual Life Retreat— May 16-18

This retreat will take place at the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. There is a registration form in the spring edition of the *Linkette*, our UMW District newsletter.

Our Leadership Team is available to assist individual units. Please contact any member for assistance. Contact information is included in the District Directory which each unit has received. Happy Easter, Betsy Hanmer, 434-736-9241, bhanmer@verizon.net.



Wesley Foundation Mission Trip—Guntersville AL.

Eleven individuals gave their time and talents and answered a call to help a community in a larger way than what we know. What we accomplished was to paint inside a gym, give a family a working toilet, made it easier to get in and out of a trailer without falling, made an area to wash in safer, cleaned up undergrowth and briars around the trailers, painted the roof of a trailer, repaired an outside wall of a home which had started to rot, put up fascia boards and soffits, took time to play with children and help them with their homework, to just be a friend for a few moments, to sit and talk with people who were homeless, We gave snacks and juice drinks to children who had none, we took part in a worship service. We answered the call to show God's love through action. Yet while we were trying to minister to others we were definitely ministered to as well.

There are so many that made this mission a success. First and foremost was God who blessed us so that we could share His blessings with others. Also, the folks back home that wrote notes to the team members and the people that donated snacks and money and a special gift of homemade bread and candy! To those that kept the team in prayer. To Reverend Rich Meiser who truly lives his faith by his example in all that he does. To the team members who worked side by side doing things that we don't do on a regular basis. I truly have come to appreciate the spirit that lives within the team that I was blessed to be a part of.

We are home again with our family and friends. Yet we will be forever touched by those we met in Guntersville, AL. We will wonder how Kathy and Bill are doing as well as Carla and Jackie. We will pray that the "neighbors" that we met will find jobs and a place to live. That the children at the afterschool program will be safe.

So until the next time that we feel the tug or hear the cries of the needy and we answer that call that comes from within us, may God's grace and peace be with you always.
In Christ, Jeff

Wesley Foundation's Fundraiser—"MILES OF PENNIES"

This is a reminder about the Wesley Foundation's Campus Ministry fundraiser "Miles of Pennies". The money raised through this fundraiser will help pay for the various mission projects for the Wesley participants from Longwood University and Hampden Sydney College. Mission trips are a powerful part of our campus ministry programs, not to mention the life changing results they have on the participants.

We ask that your church consider filling containers with their pennies and other spare change. Simply place the container in an area that is used often in your church and mark it for "Pennies for Wesley Missions". There is no set deadline for this fundraiser, but we ask that you periodically contribute what your church has raised so we may apply it to the expenses of our mission trips. Did you know a mile of pennies will total \$844.80? You can bring your change to us to count or you can have them counted and mail the check to The Wesley Foundation, 204 High St., Farmville, VA 23901. Please let us know what church has made the contribution.

THANK YOU—Rodney Lewis, Farmville District Youth Coordinator

It is always hard to say good-bye. We sincerely thank Rodney for the time and love he has blessed our youth with over the past couple of years. He started to work in January 2012 and has worked tirelessly since that time to further our youth ministry. Along with the youth, our churches and our district benefitted from his ministry. Even before he was hired as the coordinator he had a passion for the youth ministry and attended most of the district events. He hopes to continue to do that when and where possible.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication Rodney.

Rodney's email signature— "He (God) will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." Job 8:21

4 CANS 4 CONFERENCE COLLECTION!

This offering, now in its sixth year, will benefit the Peninsula Food Bank. Along with your Pastor and Lay Member, please send/bring at least one can of each of the following:

- * Fruit and/or Veggies
- * Meat and/or Fish
- * Soup and/or Stew
- * a Pop-Top can that can be opened without an opener



Beyond that, dry goods such as cereal, boxed/packaged mixes (Hamburger Helper, pancakes, soup, etc.), rice, instant potatoes, powdered drinks, etc., will be great. So also would Peanut Butter and Jelly! As usual, please don't send home-canned, damaged cans, expired date cans, or items in glass jars, as they tend to break at the worst times! Also, please keep in mind that "exotic" things are not "really" helpful. Of course, an entire case from each of the above goods would go a great long way! Paper goods, too! And, reusable tote bags would help cut down on the amount of trash winding up in the local landfill and will go directly to the recipients of the canned goods you bring. For more information, contact Jim Earley at pastor@walkerchapel.org or at Walker Chapel UMC in Arlington, (703) 538-5200.

CONGREGATIONAL REDEVELOPMENT.....

What a tremendously blessed week-end I have just experienced! It started on Friday with the surgeon's statement, "The pathology report shows the cancer was all removed; there's no more problem!"

It continued on Saturday as I attended the streamed *Five Talent Academy* workshop on Stewardship with Clif Christopher, author of *Rich Church, Poor Church* speaking on the main points of his book. The sub-title of this book is "Keys to Effective Financial Ministry", but the real message, so evident in his speaking and from his book is **GOOD STEWARDSHIP HAPPENS AS A SIDE EFFECT OF A "RICH CHURCH" COMPLETELY SOLD OUT TO JESUS CHRIST!**

Throughout his speech, and throughout his book, Christopher contrasts the beliefs and actions of the Rich Church (I like the term "WOW" for "Walk on Water" Church) with the Poor Church (for which I use the term "Wimpy" Church!) and then gives his "keys to effective ministry" in ALL areas of church ministry.

Continuing on Sunday morning, I attended a neighboring church to find that the pastor had discovered just an hour and a half prior to worship time that he was too ill to conduct the service and had called a lay person asking him to lead the worship. This true disciple, though obviously very nervous, led a beautifully meaningful time of worship, made possible because the pastor had given high priority to Paul's job description of a pastor as being that of "equipping the saints for ministry" (Ephesians 4:12).

It is now Monday morning. I have just finished re-reading *Rich Church, Poor Church*, am ordering additional copies of the book and will make study guides for the book, hoping that churches will want to study this important book.

Call me for info. Pat Inge (434-292-3428) chair, Congregational Redevelopment)

Virginia United Methodist Foundation exists to serve local churches and Conference agencies in their efforts to expand their programs and ministries through planned giving and endowment funds. It also exists to invest monies for local churches or Conference agencies in accordance with the Social Responsible Investing principles of the *Book of Discipline*.

Tackling money issues is not easy—some tips below may help:

1. Acknowledge discomfort right away. Say what is on your mind to your congregation. Think about what God says, not the world.
2. Talk about yourself. Money is so personal. As a pastor, be open and encourage your congregation to open their minds and hearts.
3. Be brave. Share your own story when it comes to money. Be honest about your struggles to tithing and giving.
4. Remember that money is only one part of a generous lifestyle. Remind the congregation that generous giving doesn't start and end with money.

If you are looking for assistance in your local church in addressing the stewardship and/or gift planning issue, contact Dave Thompson or Stephen Clark, at the VA UM Foundation Office, 800-768-6040.

2014 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE THEME



2014 Annual Conference Logo

The theme for the 2014 session of the Virginia Annual Conference is "Lord Renew Us with Your Spirit." The logo, designed by Cathryn Wooton in the Conference Communications Office, features red and orange elements of fire representing the Holy Spirit and blue elements of water representing the renewal of Christian baptism.

COMPUTER ASSISTED NOTE TAKING AT Annual Conference.

Individuals are needed to help with this during conference sessions. Tasks include typing text of reports, worship, and music using Microsoft Word, at the same time as the speaker is presenting. Good typing speed and accuracy is a must. Individuals are needed for all sessions, for shifts of one hour or longer. Further information is available from the Office of Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence at 1-800-768-6040 or (804) 521-1100, ext 154 or by email at marthastokes@vaumc.org.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Local church members if you find you will not be able to attend conference this year please let your pastor know as soon as possible so that they can advise the alternate to make plans to attend. In the event there is no alternate elected there is still time to nominate and elect a person to attend this year. Pastors please notify the district office of all changes. District members—please let the district office know immediately if you will not be attending.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIENTATION—

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:00PM at Keysville UMC. Every Annual Conference member and pastor should plan to attend this meeting. Information will be shared that will be of help to you. By this meeting date you should have received a package with your "Book of Reports", name badge and registration card. They are to be mailed in May. If you have not received them by June 1, please contact Phyllis at the D.O. farmvilledistrict@vaumc.org or 434-392-4687.

2014 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

2014 Annual Conference offering to help fund eight ministries. This year the Annual Conference goal is \$200,000. Bishop Young Jin Cho is requesting contributions to support eight different ministries:

♦ **Imagine No Malaria - \$50,000;**

♦ **Initiatives of Hope - \$50,000 for Cambodia church construction and Christian education, \$25,000 for Mozambique lay leadership and communication training, \$15,000 for Brazil Shade and Fresh Water program for street children;**

♦ **Engaging/Connecting God's Mission Funds - \$10,000 to promote mission engagement of Virginia Conference small membership churches;**

♦ **Children Out of Poverty in Virginia - \$30,000 divided between Community Outreach Program of Roanoke and Agape Christian Children's Community Center in Horntown on the Eastern Shore; and**

♦ **Haiti - Connecting Hope - \$20,000 to coordinate and connect Virginia Conference churches in Haiti mission projects.**

CONFERENCE KITS – 2014



THE FOLLOWING KITS ARE IN CRITICAL NEED AT UMCOR THIS YEAR: BIRTHING, SEWING, BEDDING. Kit contents may be found on the Farmville District Website www.umcfarmville.org. On the right side of the page you will see the link "Conference Kits for 2014". Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items. **Do NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things **must be** removed and will delay the shipment. In preparation for the 2014 Annual Conference kit collection effort, please review this short list of **RELIEF KIT "DO'S" AND "DON'TS"**

1. **DO** read, and follow, all instructions as they are published.
2. **DO** pack only the requested items: pencils, rulers, etc. in EXACT numbers. Time and money is lost in repackaging efforts when instructions are not followed.
3. **Do NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional materials in kits.
4. **DO NOT** bring money to kit collection site. It will be refused. Instead, **DO** mail kit money to the Conference Treasurer.
5. **DO NOT** over pack boxes. Heavy boxes can lead to volunteer injuries.
6. **DO NOT** deliver unboxed/incomplete kits. Refer to Rule #1.
7. **DO NOT** leave kits inside the Convention Center. **DO** take them to the appointed drop-off location. Please ask your pastor to help get the kit information for you if you do not have a computer available.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LODGING— lodging information has been forwarded to all members listed on line.

If you have not received it please let your pastor know. To locate the information about housing please look on-line at www.vaumc.org, 2014 Annual Conference (see topics on the left side of the page). Pastors please continue to update your members on the evc.vaumc.org site. They will pull mailing labels for the *Book of Reports*, name tags and other information from this site sometime in May.

PARSONAGE REVIEWS AND INVENTORY

2014 PARSONAGE REVIEWS and INVENTORY are due soon. If there is to be a move this year we need these reports in our office by no later than June 1. As always we would like to receive these forms as soon as possible but other churches/pastors have until July 1st to submit them. If for any reason these will not be completed on time please notify the district office as to when they can be expected. If there are any concerns that we need to be made aware of please call us at 434-392-4687 or email us at farmvilledistrict@vaumc.org so that we might be of help. These forms can be found at www.vaumc.org, Administrative Services, Clergy Information And Resources, Parsonages, Annual Review of the Parsonage and Parsonage Inventory. These forms require the signature of the Chairperson for the Trustees and the PPR Committee along with the pastor stating that they have reviewed the parsonage.

ANNUAL CLERGY EVALUATION MATERIALS have been emailed to all pastors and mailed to the P/SPR Committee Chairperson. These evaluations are to be completed beginning April 1 and submitted to the District Superintendent no later than June 1 of each year. It is always important to place the name of the church and the charge along with the date, including the year, on all forms returned to the District Office.

LUNENBURG CHARGE MISSION TEAM

"28 Days of Service" was the theme for the Lunenburg Charge's spring mission. The congregations prayed daily for the missionaries, those who stayed at home and for the effectiveness of the mission. Over \$1500 was given in an offering to support the team and mission, which took place March 6-9. Twenty missionaries served in a Volunteers in Mission program in New Bern NC, an area still suffering the effects of Hurricane Irene (Aug 2011). Team Leader Brenda Barnes was pleased with the support and participation of Antioch and Williams church members. Five UM congregations along with representatives of three other denominations participated in this year's mission.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT DAY WILL BE MAY 18, 2014

MOVING DAY—June 25 is the date that has been set this year for those that will be transitioning to and from your appointments. If you are anticipating a move please place this date on your calendar.

NOVEMBER 22– DISTRICT CONFERENCE - Mark your calendars now for the Farmville District Conference. Place and theme to be announced at a later date.

CHUCK KNOWS CHURCH: GRACE

Grace. The word seems to have multiple meanings. Chuck takes a few minutes to explain prevenient, justifying and sanctifying grace. "Chuck Knows Church" is a weekly online series that explains the meaning behind some of the objects, symbols, terms and rituals in church. Episodes can be downloaded for free at www.ChuckKnowsChurch.com and used in worship, youth groups, fellowship groups, confirmation classes, worship teams, new member classes and late-night snack viewing. Chuck is on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). "Chuck Knows Church" is produced by the General Board of Discipleship.



The first ever **UMC Giving Tuesday**

generated a record 6.5 million online on Dec 3, 2013. Nearly 11,000 donors in 34 countries gave more than 16,300 gifts through *The Advance* to mission and ministries they believe in. Global Ministries matched the first \$500,000 received. Faith communities in the Virginia Conference donated 577 gifts for a total of \$281,061.74

The Farmville District Conference Offering totaled \$2,591.00 and was donated to UMCOR-Philippine Emergency.

FRIENDS OF THE EDISTO SPRING TRIP

The spring trip of the Friends of the Edisto mission team will be from May 17 to 24, 2014. The cost of the trip remains at \$125.00, which includes registration and insurance through UMVIM, and food and lodging for the week. For more information or to request a registration form, contact Gary Lied at fote@hughes.net or call 434-223-2672. Completed registration forms and fees need to be received by April 30. *Thanks, Gary Lied*

CONFERENCE FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES continue to grow.

Currently there are 1,454 friends on the Facebook page and 1,402 followers on Twitter. If you are not connected through Social Media, please "Like" on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/vaumconf> and "Follow" us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/vaumc>.





**REPORT FROM THE FARMVILLE DISTRICT COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES (DCYM)
J. RODNEY LEWIS, DISTRICT YOUTH COORDINATOR
MARCH 2014**

Greetings! It is again my pleasure to share with you the activities of the DCYM. Below is a partial listing of our calendar for your information. Please come and join us when you can.

- MARCH 23- Worship Team @ Victoria UMC 11:00AM service
- APRIL 13 - DCYM meeting @ Wesley Foundation 2:30 – 5:00PM
- APRIL 26 – 27 - Worship Team @ Providence, 11:00AM service
- MAY 11 - DCYM meeting @ Wesley Foundation 2:30 – 5:00PM
- MAY 17 -18 - Centenary UMC, 11:15AM
- JUNE 13 -14, Spiritual/Elections Retreat (date subject to change)

If your congregation would like for the Worship Team to come and worship with you, we are available in August and September. Please call us. It is a very special and spiritual time when we worship with you.

*******July 13 – 18, 2014 - Farmville District Mission Week***** -**

We are currently seeking projects within the Farmville District for Mission Week. Please help us find worthy projects; you know your community so much better than we do. We need your help!



FUSION 14 was totally off the charts. Please go to the fusionretreat.org for information on the retreat. I think Tammy Hunt summed the retreat up best when she said, "I am speechless". I just don't even know where to begin. Life changing. I witnessed our youth be touched and filled with the Spirit. I witnessed a flood of tears and more love than I have seen in a while. Our youth have such a tight bond that is unbreakable. I feel more on fire than I have in years. I'm so emotional and thankful. I'm so touched and humbled. I am in awe. God is good all the time. And He was exceptionally grand this weekend. Lives were changed, souls were saved. Glory to God!" The DCYM would like to thank everybody for their support, but especially the prayer support, we cannot carry out this ministry without prayer. We are in the midst of a Christian youth movement and it is exciting!

In closing, I would like to inform everybody that I will be stepping down as Farmville District Youth Coordinator effective March 15. I will stay very much involved with our youth, but due to health reasons, my involvement will change somewhat. I want to thank everybody for their prayers and support. Working with these young Disciples of Christ is the most exciting and rewarding ministry that I have ever been involved in and I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve. I give God all the Praise and Glory!!!! Let us welcome Kyla Silver, our new Youth Coordinator, with all the prayers and support given to me. Thank you again for allowing me to serve our youth as the Coordinator for the Farmville District, they are amazing and the honor has been all mine. Rodney Lewis

MEMORIAL UMC IN APPOMATTOX is being represented again on a Mission trip benefiting Stepping Forward Ministries in Romania. Victor Vernon and David Leckrone will be part of a team from Shady Grove UMC working on construction projects at Camp Living Water, four hours outside Bucharest, from April 29th to May 8th. The camp offers adventures in God's nature and personal, extended exposure to Jesus Christ in a rural setting. Steve Mather, who moved to Romania with wife Cami and daughters in 2000, states that this is the first experience many of these orphaned or abandoned children will have outside the city's congestion and controlled activity. **Victor** and **David** join **Mitch** and **Sue Eggleston** and **Tom** and **Carolyn Jolly from the Memorial UMC** who have recently served in Romania. Please keep these team members in your prayers.

UNION CHAPEL HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Holy Week Service of Scripture and Music will be on Palm Sunday night, April 13, at 7 pm at Union Chapel United Methodist Church, Boydton, Virginia. Please call the pastor for directions. John Conner-252-678-3504.



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The mission of the Virginia Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

**From "Staying In Touch"
Editor.....**

Our schedule for submissions to the 2014 newsletter:

- May 10 for Jun-July 2014
- Jul 10 for Aug-Sep 2014
- Sep 10 for Oct-Nov 2014
- Nov 10 for Dec 2014-Jan 2015

All articles need to be submitted as you wish them to appear. They may be edited for length and correctness.

Send to Sue Mayo, editor, by email: bns mayo@yahoo.com, mail: 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930 or telephone 434-292-5486.

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

April 2014

- 3-6 PAUMCS Conf, Asheville, SC
- 5 School of Children's Ministry, Farmville UMC, 9-4:30
- 12 UMW Mission Study, Grace UMC
- 13-19 Palm Sunday/Holy Week
- 20 Easter Day
- 25-26 Discover God's Call, Keysville UMC
- 30 Friends of Edisto Trip Reg Deadline

May 2014

- Christian Home Month
- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 2 May Friendship Day
- 4 Native American Ministries
- 4 Older Adult Recognition Day
- 5-11 Christian Family Week
- 10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 16-18 UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, BCRC
- 18 Appointment Announcement Day

June 2014

- 1 Ascension Sunday
- 1 Pastor Evaluations Due
- 4 Annual Conference Orientation-Keysville-7PM
- 7 UMW Day at Ferrum
- 8 Day of Pentecost
- 15 Peace with Justice Sunday
- 15 Father's Day
- 15 Trinity Sunday
- 20-22 Annual Conference, Hampton
- 21 UMW Breakfast, Annual Conf.
- 25 Moving Day

July 2014

- 13-18 Farmville District Youth Mission Week
- 25-27 Mission Encounter, W/E, BCRC
- 28-30 Mission Encounter, Week, BCRC