

**NEEDS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** As we move forward into the new year, please consider assisting with one or more of the following as we await decisions regarding staffing following the resignation of our Director of Family Ministries:

- 1) Children's Church will need leadership and assistants starting January 14<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Tweens and Youth Group will resume today at 4:15pm. Additional Adult support would be appreciated.
- 3) New "Faithful Families" Activities will begin in 2018. This will be a time to gather for practice and encouragement of nurturing faith within our homes. This is especially for families with children and includes parents, grandparents and other adults who support the faith of a minor. Contact Pastor Lisa

**KNOW YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR 2018!** Pick up a copy of our 2018 Lay Leadership List and Budget information located in the breezeway

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL BIBLE CHALLENGE:** For 2018, Bishop Lewis is inviting us to read through the Bible in Chronological order. You can pick up the monthly readings in the breezeway or visit here: <https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/2018biblechallenge>



The 2017 Altar Flower sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Dedicate them to God's Glory, in remembrance of a blessing, or in honor of a loved one.

## York River District Upcoming Training Opportunities

**January 20, 2018**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Leader: Warren Harper, Conference Lay Leader

**Lay Leadership in the Local Church**

Wesley UMC

This course will review these important issues listed and many more. Who represents the lay people? Who strengthens ministries that build discipleship? Who assists in advising of opportunities available and needs expressed? Who celebrates the ministry of the laity? Who meets regularly with the pastor? Who continues in involvement in study and training? Who informs laity of training opportunities?

**February 1, 2018**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Leader: Stephen Clark, President of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation

**Stewardship Training**

First UMC (Newport News)

**March 4, 2018**

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Leader: Marc Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries

**We Believe That?**

Crooks Memorial UMC

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

**April 8, 2018 Renewal for Existing Church—"Fresh Expressions"**

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Leader: Mark Ogren, Director of Congregational Excellence

Chestnut Memorial UMC

This workshop will present information about "Fresh Expressions" which is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world.

**April 22, 2018**

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Leader: Madeline Pillow, Director of Communications and Advocate

**Navigating Social Media**

St. Luke's UMC

Ideal for Beginners to social media as well as those with more expertise. For churches ready to delve into the world of social media, or ready for new ideas, this workshop will look at some of the social media platforms and how they can work for your church.



## ***Chat and Chew 2.0* with Bishop Lewis**

Topic: The work of the Commission on the Way Forward regarding unity and human sexuality

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Location: Ebenezer UMC,  
1589 Steeple Dr. Suffolk, VA 23433

Participants: Clergy and Laity of  
Eastern Shore District, Elizabeth River District,  
James River District and York River District

Registration and lunch are free but due to space limitation, the event is open to 100 persons per District. To register, go to <http://yorkriverdistrict.org/district-events.html> or use the QR code. **The registration deadline is February 5, 2018.**



Schedule:

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Opening and Facilitated Group  
Conversations

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Worship  
(Bishop Lewis preaching on unity, the  
celebration of Holy Communion)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

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Questions to engage in conversations:

1. In our diverse and global existence, what is the shared mission/purpose of the Church?
2. Is there a proactive way for us to live together in our differences that doesn't presume that we will resolve our differences? What would it be?
3. What might be a form of unity that would empower us living together?
4. What is our witness and what can be our witness to the world in relation to our differences?
5. Which voices are missing from your conversation? How will you hear them?

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Assisted Hearing Devices and Large Print Hymnals: See an usher**

**Name Tags for all** are in the narthex.

They can be returned to the basket on the table following worship OR in the Fellowship Hall after Meet & Greet.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** are available for hosting. Please see the sign-up sheet or contact the office.

**2018 Offering Envelopes** are located in the Breezeway with your name. If you desire envelopes and do not see your name, please contact the Church Office.

**THE BG'S** will have a planning lunch prepared by Ricki, at Crooks on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Come and bring ideas for the coming year.

**MOSES, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE RELUCTANT PROPHET** by Adam Hamilton  
Starting January 8 at 10 AM.

**THE UMW** will be meeting at 10AM on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**JOIN US FOR MESSY CHURCH:** January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM. All ages, all fun, all centered on Christ. Every second Tuesday of the month.

**WIT AND WISDOM** will be meeting on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall to watch the Movie "MAUDIE". The movie is 2 hours. After the movie we plan to go to Nicks Spaghetti and Steak House across the bridge at Gloucester Point. We have reservations at Nicks for 5PM and we will need a firm headcount for them by the end of church on the 14th. We will also be holding a planning session on Monday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM.