



THE CONNECTION

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Mission Statement: Love God. . . Love Others. . . Reach Out to the Community and the World

As most of you are aware, the 235th Virginia Annual Conference was held on June 16-18, 2017 in Hampton, Virginia. Pastor Jim and Ellie Casterline, your Lay Leader, represented Orlean UMC at the Conference.

All annual conferences are similar in some respects; there are various events, presentations, recognitions, and clergy business such as licensing and ordination, meetings, administrative details, opportunities for study and worship, networking and fellowship, planning for the future addressing, and voting on resolutions and amendments, addresses by key figures in our Conference and other items ---- all packed into a busy three days.

This particular Conference was unique, however, in some ways as well. It was the first Conference to be presided over by our new Bishop, Sharma Lewis, who brought forth revitalizing energy at conference this year as she unveiled her vision for churches in the Virginia Conference. Her vision is we are to be **“Disciples of Jesus Christ, a lifelong learner who influences others to serve.”** She went on to say that she came up with her ministry vision statement after listening to members in her Chat n’ Chew sessions in each of the 16 districts and heard the same recurring desires from the people she met with: 1) to learn more about the Bible and the Wesleyan Way, 2) how to share their faith, and 3) how to be better disciples. Bishop Lewis said that we need to **“Take Jesus to the streets”** to show others the true joy there is in loving and serving Him. As Christians we need to study God’s word daily so we can witness and serve others in our family, church, community, and world, following the example Jesus set for us.

In conclusion.....this was a busy time for all who attended the Conference, but also an exciting time as a new vitality and vision were introduced to the Virginia Conference.

If you want to know more, please see Ellie or Jim and we will be glad to talk more with you about our Annual Conference experience.

By: Ellie Casterline, OUMC Lay Leader

Food Pantry and PDF

During the second quarter, the PDF helped a woman with her rent; Food Pantry twice served one family and one single person.

Birthdays and Special Occasions

July 7	Thomas C.	Aug. 4	Kristy B.
July 7	Jeff S.	Aug. 5	Heidi J.
July 9	Carol P.	Aug. 21	Rusty R.
July 9	Sandy S.	Aug. 31	Betty T.
July 15	Bobby M.	Aug. 31	Eileen & Jim Leamon (anniversary)
July 20	Elma C.	Sept. 10	Zachary H.
July 25	Jim L.	Sept. 14	Gus & Elma Constantinides (anniversary)
July 27	Mary C.	Sept. 15	Tammy S.
July 30	Lorraine U.	Sept. 30	Katlyn B.
July 30	Steven M.		
July 31	Joan P.		
Aug. 1	Betty & Bob Tschida (anniversary)		
Aug. 3	Amelia H.		

We are delighted to have the Buzzi family, Kristy & Jeff and children Katlyn, Jena, and Henry worshipping with us.

Scheduled Events

July 30	5 th Sunday Potluck after worship in Fellowship Hall
August 13	Administrative Council meets after worship in Fellowship Hall
Sept. 10	Administrative Council meets after worship to prepare for Charge Conference
October 22	Charge Conference in sanctuary after worship

Tip of the Halo to:

~~**everyone** who donated Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson's A+ labels, and Box Tops
~~**everyone** who contributed to the 5th Sunday Potluck
~~**everyone** who supported the backpack drive
~~**Orlean United Methodist Women** for collecting cleaning materials for Fauquier Homeless Shelter, for sending a donation to Kits for Conference, and conducting worship in June (Annual Conference) with thanks to **Norma** for delivering the message
~~**Lorraine** for the beautiful flower arrangements for the altar
~~**everyone** who donated money and food to the Food Pantry
~~**Team Orlean** for participating in Hoofin' It for the Homeless fundraising event for Fauquier Family Homeless Shelter