



# THE CONNECTION

## *Orlean United Methodist Church*



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For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations.  
As you have done, it shall be done to you,  
your deeds shall return on your own head. Obadiah 15

### **Notes From Annual Conference**

You are the seeds.  
Be fruitful and multiply.

This is my report of the Virginia Conference and what was of greatest interest to and hopefully to you. There was so much to cover in this 3 day event which made it very overwhelming. However, I did learn a lot in that short amount of time.

Every delegate was asked to bring "4 cans 4 conference" but I didn't think to take food; I called Jim Leamon to ask if I could do more than 4 cans and he said yes so I went shopping at Kroger's. Conference collected 13,000 pounds of food for Southwestern Virginia and 36,916 kits for UMCOR. At the Society of St. Andrew potato drop, 45,675 pounds of sweet potatoes were bagged for the Southwestern Virginia Food Bank.

The Laity Session started with a full afternoon of emotional speakers, preaching, and music. There were reports by the Rules Committee. Clark Williams was honored after 12 years as conference chancellor (lawyer) for the bishop; Steven Brown was introduced as the new chancellor. Clark Williams gave a sermon.

The evening service was Remembrance and Holy Communion and Steven Hundley preached *It's Time to Act Now*. Conference Secretary Robert Blinn read the names of all who had died since last year's conference. As each name was read, a bell tolled and a candle was lit. Bishop Charlene Kammerer led the Service of Holy Communion.

The Saturday session began at 8:30 a.m. with the election of the new conference lay leader. A sermon was given by Shirley Cauffman who retired after six years as lay leader; Kathy Lutman, Winchester District Lay Leader, made a special presentation to Shirley Cauffman. Warren Harper was introduced as the next conference lay leader.

At the Service for the Ordering of Ministry: 30 men and women became ordained Elders, 24 became commissioned as provisional members, 29 became licensed as local pastors, one person was received as an associate member, and another had elder orders recognized.

After the Service for the Ordering of Ministry, more business was conducted (for more information, visit the Virginia Conference website). A few items to note: Marshall and Middleburg will become a charge, Amor Y Paz will move from full time to part time, and Happy Creek will be discontinued. (Happy Creek was once part of the Markham, Linden, Hume, Orlean, Wesley Chapel Charge.)

Worship was led by Bishop Charlene Kammerer who also gave the sermon. Earlier she had announced her retirement so she was honored for her eight years as bishop.

This has been a great experience for me. Thank you for letting me be your delegate to the 2012 Virginia Annual Conference.

*Carol W. Payne*

### **Food Pantry & PDF**

During the 2nd quarter, the Food Pantry was able to help three families two times. There were two calls for financial assistance (a water bill and an electric bill). The escrip (Safeway Bonus Card) donated \$44.12 to the Food Pantry fund in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

### **OUMW**

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who donated money and items to the Kits for Conference drive. The Orlean United Methodist Women sent 30 kits to Annual Conference; also money was collected and sent to buy two each of Health Kits and Birthing Kits as well as cover the kits processing cost.

The Orlean United Methodist Women will not hold meetings in July and August.

We will be helping FISH again this year with their program to provide backpacks and school supplies for students in low income housing in Fauquier County. We will be helping 16 elementary students when the drive starts in July.

### **Tip of the Halo to:**

- **everyone** who contributed food for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck
- **everyone** who contributed money and items to Kits for Conference; **Margaret Williams** (from Wesley Chapel) who took them to Roanoke; **Elma Constantinides** who made the 30 school kit bags
- **everyone** who contributed to a successful post Easter Sunrise Service continental breakfast
- **everyone** who contributed food for Praise and Worship
- the **bell ringers** from St. John's who preformed during worship on June 3rd; **everyone** who contributed food for the St. John's Bells of Praise reception; **Scott Poole** and **Ken Poole** for preparing the sanctuary for the event
- **Carol Payne** for her guest column
- **everyone** who contributed Campbell's Labels for Education
- **everyone** who provided food for Melissa's reception
- **everyone** who contributed food to the Food Pantry
- **Brenda Hackett**, **Joan Poole**, and **Sharon Stanberry** for cleaning, painting, and outfitting a Sunday school room and turning it into a nursery
- **everyone** who helped set-up and take down and work the tables at the Orlean Flea Market; **Luke** and **Noah Surface** for helping **Joan Poole** carry the ice; **everyone** who provided baked goods to sell; **Shaw Moffett** who made bookmarkers to distribute (information about the church on one side and OUMW on the other side); **Ellie Casterline** for buying food and drinks, for bringing her gas grill, and for cooking the hot dogs; **everyone** who purchased food and drinks
- **everyone** who contributed to Eileen's baby shower and **Beth Darrough** for hosting the event in her home
- **Lorraine Updike** for the flower arrangements on the altar

**Welcome to the world:** Gineen Ellen Leamon born during the morning of 27 June 2012, weighing in at 8 pounds & 15 ounces.

**Birthdays and Special Occasions:**

Jeff S.	July 7	Judy G.	Aug. 8
Carol P.	July 9	Michael S.	Aug. 10
Sandy S.	July 9	Rusty R.	Aug. 21
Karen S.	July 12	Bob B.	Aug. 27
Bobby M.	July 15	Eileen & Jim Leamon	
Elma C.	July 20	(anniv.)	Aug. 31
Connie & Bob Dixon (anniv.)	July 23	Betty T.	Aug. 31
Jim L.	July 25	Lyn S.	Sept. 1
Susan & Bill Chaney (anniv.)	July 26	Zachary H.	Sept. 10
Steven M.	July 30	Gus & Elma Constantinides	
Lorraine U.	July 30	(anniv.)	Sept. 14
Joan P.	July 31	Tammy S.	Sept. 15
Betty & Bob Tschida (anniv.)	Aug. 1	Bill C.	Sept. 26
Amelia H.	Aug. 3		
Crystal Baer S.	Aug. 7		

**Calendar of Events**

**July 8** drive begins to help FISH with their program to provide backpacks and school supplies to low income students in Fauquier County

**August 5** last Sunday to bring in filled backpacks

**September 13** Orlean United Methodist Women; meet via email at [1931karma@gmail.com](mailto:1931karma@gmail.com)

**September 27** Ladies Night Out, time and place to be announced