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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Message From Carol Payne:

Lord Renew Us With Your Spirit
2014 Virginia Annual Conference Report

The annual Virginia Conference is a very up-lifting experience the UMC ministry outreach program does every year. To highlight what went on in Hampton this year: the conference approved supporting the United Methodist Church IMAGINE NO MALARIA initiative; the leaders want to save hundreds of thousands of lives and asked every church to take part. Bishop Cho and others broke into dance (watch their moves on the Come On, Get Happy link below) to raise money for those with malaria.

They collected more than 41,000 Health Kits; 11,306 School Kits; 5,325 Birthing Kits; 1,666 Layette Kits; 388 Cleaning Kits; 394 Bedding Kits; and 1,455 miscellaneous kits.

The 2013 Conference financial report stated that \$209M in tithes and offerings plus \$47M in gifts were received. Some of this covers pension and health care. It is said we want to make sure we can afford the cost of retirement for clergy now and in the future.

I enjoyed the fellowship at the Conference. I met with Pastor Barbara Minter; we went to the retiree's special dinner and saw Pastor Donna Mott (a now retired and a former pastor of our church). It was nice to see familiar and new faces all gathered together. There were many wonderful and inspiring sermons as well. One that stands out in my mind is from Bishop Robert Hayes from Oklahoma who said "Jesus never minced his words. He said following him would be difficult and painful. . . .There are no easy jobs in God's kingdom if you do it right. We may as well say that here and now."

Carol Payne, OUMC Lay Leader

Notes from the Pastor

I just want to add a few more thoughts of my own about Annual Conference.

This may have been the best Annual Conference that I have attended. We are truly blessed in the Virginia Conference to have Bishop Cho as our Bishop. His prayerful and exciting and spirit-filled leadership---combined with a strong dose of humility and humor ---- are a joy and a blessing and I think that he set the example for all of us to follow during the Conference and beyond.

As is always the case, there are challenges and difficult issues to address and decisions to reach at any Annual Conference and this one was no exception.

You can find more important information through the links provided below:

VA UMC Conference “Imagine No Malaria” page: <http://www.vaumc.org/imaginenomalaria>

VAUMC AC2014 Come On, Get Happy! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfTRcCLKBxg>

Bishop’s Episcopal Address, June 20, 2014:

<http://vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/Ac2014/2014EpiscopalAddress.pdf>

Also, the appointment of our new District Superintendent, the Reverend Jeffrey Mickle, was confirmed at this Annual Conference. He is planning to visit all of the Alexandria District churches during July and August and will also get to know us better during our Charge Conference this fall.

The IMAGINE NO MALARIA initiative was a major theme of the Conference and we are already planning on how we might participate here at Orlean UMC.

If you wish to know more, please do not hesitate to ask myself or Carol.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Jim

Birthdays and Special Occasions

July 7	Jeff S.	Aug. 1	Betty & Bob Tschida (anniversary)
July 9	Carol P.	Aug. 3	Amelia H.
July 9	Sandy S.	Aug. 10	Michael S.
July 12	Karen S.	Aug. 21	Rusty R.
July 15	Bobby M.	Aug. 27	Bob B.
July 20	Elma C.	Aug. 31	Betty T.
July 25	Jim L.	Aug. 31	Eileen & Jim Leamon (anniversary)
July 26	Karen & Michael Sweeney (anniversary)	Sept. 10	Zachary H.
July 30	Lorraine U.	Sept. 14	Gus & Elma Constantinides (anniversary)
July 30	Steven M.	Sept. 15	Tammy S.
July 31	Joan P.		

Tip of the Halo to:

- **Erin** for organizing the Fling Family Fundraiser (over \$5,100 was raised!)
- **everyone** who donated time, money, food and prizes for the fundraiser
- **everyone** who contributed Campbell’s Labels for Education, Tyson A+, and Box Tops
- **everyone** who donated food or money to the Food Pantry
- **everyone** who contributed to the 5th Sunday Potluck
- **Lorraine** for the altar flowers
- **Ellie and Company** for our impromptu cookout after church the first Sunday in June
- **everyone** who contributed to Kits for Conference
- **Sharon** for the new banners in the rear of the church

Calendar of Events

July 4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.!

July 6 Celebration of Freedom at Orlean Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. followed by ice cream and pie social

July 27 Nominations and Lay Leadership Development Committee meeting after worship

Aug. 10 Administrative Council meeting following worship

Aug. 31 5th Sunday Potluck after worship

Food Pantry and PDF

During the second quarter, the Food Pantry was able to serve two families (one the families made return visits) with food, sundry items, and gift cards. During the first half of 2014, the escrip program (shopping with the Safeway Bonus Card) donated \$62.84 to the Food Pantry fund.

There were no calls for PDF assistance.

Kits for Conference

The Orlean United Methodist Women sent a check to Annual Conference so that UMCOR could purchase and assemble 20 Sewing Kits. Thanks to everyone who made a donation for this project.

FISH

The Orlean United Methodist Women will be helping FISH collect backpacks for needy students in Fauquier County for the upcoming school year. If anyone would like to sponsor a child, a sign-up sheet and supply lists will be available in the church within the next couple of weeks. For questions or concerns, please contact Shaw Moffett.

Future Event

The Bells of Praise from St John's United Methodist Church will be performing at Orlean UMC on 26 October.

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