



Vacation Bible School

Imagine what it was like when Daniel and his friends were taken to Babylon. You might have seen the hustle and bustle in the Marketplace, or met Daniel, or even seen a fiery furnace.

During the week of June 18 our church was filled with just those sights and sounds. The kids were surrounded by the culture of Bible times. Almost forty children were in four of the tribes of Israel – Reuben, Levi, Simeon, and Judah. The tribes traveled through Babylon as they visited Daniel's Adventures, Palace Playground, Music, and the Marketplace.

The tribes huddled like sheep during Tribe Time. Through Bible stories, Daniel (Gary Benefield) with Pat Maurakis told of how Daniel worked to keep his faith in God in a faithless culture. The kids loved spending their *darics* (Persian coins) in the Marketplace at these shops: Cylinder Seal, Pottery, Jewelry, Toy, Mosaic, Music, Food, Royal Gardens, Nursery, and the Royal Animal Court. Sally Burton played games with the kids each day. Beth Bauman led the music. We collected \$325.00 for our mission project, Heifer International.



Pat Maurakis
Linda Woodard
Margaret Milam
Beth Bauman
Emily Potts
Gayle Morris
Vicki Johnston

Rebecca Lutz
Nik Belanger
Rev. Barry Foster
Gary Benefield
Sally Burton
David Potts
Wendy Sampson

Angela Longerbeam
Linda Sampson
Lin Benefield
Margaret Scott
Karen Blachura
Alysia Alber
Lewis Williamson
Carol Williamson

Kathryn Waters
Abby deAristizabal
Dustin Milam
Angel Moore
Patrick Woodard
Tristan Woodard
Kacie Pile

Lily Hungerland
Carolyn Fortney
Thomas Fortney
Nicholas Wright
Kailin Greene
Seth Parker
Kyla Lipscomb



The week's activities culminated with a mission experience when the children served others by presenting a musical program to the residents of Stratford House. Beth Bauman and Kathryn Waters led our group in singing such songs as *Through It All*, *Awesome God*, and *Watching Over You*. It is so important to teach children about helping others and how acts of kindness make a difference in the world. Our last stop in Babylon was lunch for the kids and their families.

We made some great VBS memories! There are wonderful pictures on the bulletin boards at church – check out the fun!

VBS is only as successful as those people who commit their time, energy, and blessings. A special thank you to Margaret Milam for bringing Ethel, the goat, as well as chickens! Babylon came to life through the hearts and minds of those listed below.





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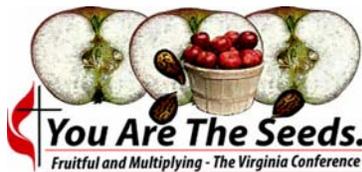
THANK YOU
to
Beth deAristizabal,
Bible School Director!



The 2012 Virginia Annual Conference

The 230th session of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church met June 22–24 in Roanoke, VA. Highlights of the conference are listed below:

- ✓ Appointed Steven Brown of Richmond as new conference chancellor.
- ✓ Appointed Warren Harper as the new Lay Leader to replace Shirley Cauffman.
- ✓ Elected the Rev. Dr. Young Jin Cho as the Virginia Episcopal nominee for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- ✓ Honored Charlene Kammerer for her eight years of service as Bishop of the Virginia Conference.
- ✓ Conducted a Remembrance Service for clergy who passed away, as well as a service of Holy Communion.
- ✓ Conducted an Ordering of Ministry Service in which 30 men and women were ordained as Elders, 29 ordained as licensed local pastors, and 24 commissioned as provisional members.
- ✓ Retired 40-plus clergy, including our former pastor, John LeGault.



- ✓ Collected \$161,500 for the Conference Offering to help ministries in Mozambique, Brazil, Cambodia, and the Richmond District.
- ✓ Received a total of 36,916 Kits for Conference: 19,151 Health Kits, 11,586 School Kits, 1,784 Layette Kits, 3,991 Birthing Kits, and \$9,000 in cash. The total value for all collected kits was over \$473,000.
- ✓ Passed four resolutions: Challenge for the Africa University Endowment Fund, Continued Moratorium on Uranium Mining and Milling in Virginia, Eliminate the Death Penalty, and End Life-Long Stigmatization (with Revisions).
- ✓ A call from the conference floor for the Council on Finance and Administration to look very carefully at conference expenditures and reduce these expenditures to ease the financial burden of member churches.

– Sonny Morton,
Delegate to the Conference from Mount Vernon

Note: Mount Vernon Church sent 55 School Kits and 2 Layette Kits, and \$400 for the Conference Offering.

Welcome, New Members!

On June 17, at the 11:00 a.m. service, Mount Vernon Church received three new members into our church family.



Daniel Vicks

935 Green Street, Danville, VA 24541. Father of Bonnie Griffith
Transferring from Central Boulevard Church of God



Andrew and Katie Fitch

110 Clarendon Circle, Danville, VA 24541

(434) 770-4174, Andrew (434) 857-6040, Katie
Transferring from Twin Harbors Lutheran Church in Redding, CA

New Children's Council Formed

Angela Longerbeam is the chair of our newly formed Children's Council, which will meet regularly to evaluate our children's ministries at Mount Vernon, support our existing programs, and create a vision of where we would like to be in the future. Members are Elizabeth Hylton, Kathryn Waters, Tafton Coleman, Vicki Johnston, Sue Davis, Leslie Navis, Ann Hurt, and Beth deAristizabal. Staff representatives are Beth Bauman and Tim Navis. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 6:30 p.m., and other interested persons are welcome to join us.



Angela Longerbeam

"Young Adults" News

Our next **Sunday Evening Social** will be **Sunday, July 8**. Watch your e-mail for details from Sam Newell, and please RSVP to Sam if you plan to come.



Ushers needed for the July 29 worship service (11 a.m.). Please let Sam know.

Remember to mark your calendar and save the date for the **church picnic** this fall: it will be on **September 9**, 4–8 p.m., at Ballou Park.



Congratulations, Barbara

Barbara Brande Davis is a 2012 graduate of the Danville Regional Medical Center School of Health Professions Nursing Program, and in June she passed the examination for registered nurse.



Virginia Legislature Honors Bishop Kammerer with Resolution

On June 7, Virginia House of Delegates member Peter Farrell (R-Henrico) presented Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer with a copy of a joint House and Senate resolution praising her ministry as bishop of the Virginia Conference.

The resolution notes Bishop Kammerer's eight years of service in Virginia, and also her long career of ministry. It commends Bishop Kammerer for her "exceptional devotion to The United Methodist Church in Virginia" and offers "the General Assembly's respect for her service and best wishes in her future endeavors." The bishop accepted the honor "on behalf of all the United Methodists in Virginia."



Dear Barry, Beth, The United Methodist Women, and the Mount Vernon Congregation,

I was so humbled and rewarded by your recognition of me during the church service and afterwards at the reception. Thank you so much for the gift as well as the scholarship I received. Both will be a great help in my transition to college.

Mount Vernon Church has always been a huge part of my life from my first memories. I will take so much of what I have learned on with me to Yale.

Thank all of you so much from the bottom of my heart for your continued support and love.

Love, Ali

Note: 2012 George Washington High School graduate Ali Stephens-Pickeral was recognized at the 11:00 a.m. service on May 20 and at a reception afterward.

Exciting Projects Underway:

Volunteers Needed on July 5, 6, and 7

As we prepare for fall, several projects are being undertaken to benefit our children and youth programs:

 On the second floor of our education wing, two classrooms are getting a facelift! One will be used for our third Godly Play classroom and the other will be our Children's Music room and Children's Library. Jerry Franks (793-4658) and Chuck Sampson (713-9671) are coordinators of this project to paint walls and trim, make new shelves, and hang new blinds. **Volunteers to paint are needed on July 5, 6, and probably on Saturday, July 7. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day. July 7 volunteers should call the church office or Chuck Sampson on Friday to see if there is still work to be done.**

 In the basement, a large room is used by the youth group, Boy Scouts, and Children's House. There has been water damage over the years in the walls and ceiling. The source of the problem has been fixed, and we are ready to tear out old sheetrock, repair plaster in the hallway and bathroom, etc. Frank Cuthrell, Tom Underwood, and Gary Benefield are coordinating this project.

Many thanks to each of these men who are coordinating the projects and to those who will volunteer!

Children's House Board Expands

Our Children's House Board is excited to welcome several new members: Ann Hurt, Joyce Underwood, Elizabeth Ware, and Dan Newell. They join Fran Ashby, Ely Foster, Leah Cooter, Ashlyn Payne, and Board Chairperson Lindsay Payne. Thank you for the good work you are doing to support and strengthen our weekday children's ministry.

Staff members on the Board are Bonnie Williams and Beth Bauman.



Words of Hope from the House of Hope

[Excerpts from the June newsletter: message from Director Stephen Anderson]

As the warmer weather comes, know that our doors at the House of Hope will be open to any person in need of a place to stay while looking for new direction. This past month we had 18 guests: 8 men, 8 women, and 2 children. I have seen two families leave here this past month, moving into their own place! To God be the glory!!

The House of Hope is many things to different people. Some guests come here while trying to return to their home; others are here looking for work; others are here due to bad circumstances and waiting for a couple of monthly checks to build up so they will be able to get their own place. Times are hard—for whatever reason a person comes to the House of Hope, we are here to help!

I wanted to mention that recently our washer in the shelter stopped working and we are buying a new one. If you would like to send a special gift to help with the expense of the new washer, it would be a wonderful blessing to our guests.

July

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| 1 Mildred Ferrell
Richard Smith | 20 Shirley Gammon |
| 3 Marian Adkins
Earle Garrett, III | 21 Jerry Foster
Marge Peters
Brooks Powell (III) |
| 4 John Ranson
Dianne Elliott
Andrew Love
Edgar Love | 22 Barclay Coleman
Dan Newell
Kylie Newhouse |
| 5 Jenna Rudder | 23 Page Harris
Kate Milam |
| 6 Tommie Blackmon
Jean Brown
BethdeAristizabal
Jerry Fisher
Dana Glass
Brad Kinn
David Parrish | 24 Dot Millner
Melanie Reed
Vida Wilkes |
| 7 Tom Darkis
Thomas Farley
Nick Fowler | 25 Ron Allen
Will Booker
Heather Slayton
Ashley Yates |
| 8 Laura Hughes
Margaret
Lanham
Robert Turner | 27 Zula Callahan
Susan Dibrell
Jimmy Jefferson |
| 9 Jim Daniel | 28 Frank Cuthrell
Charlotte Parrish |
| 10 Amy Eller
Joshua Southward | 29 Nicola Parrish |
| 11 Jerrye Mayhew
Mary Wilkes | 30 Al Corpening
Holly Lewis
Knox Milligan
Matthew Payne |
| 13 Libby Spainhour | 31 Virginia Hylton |
| 14 Beth Daniels
Becky Farthing | August |
| 16 Lisa Blackmon
Baxter Jennings
Stephen Milam
Christy Robertson | 1 Casey Fowler
Rhonda Yates |
| 17 Tony Miller
Andy Pickeral | 2 Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson |
| 18 William Gourlay | 3 John Morris |
| | 4 Lois Kirkland
Tobias Lutz |
| | 5 Edward Long |



Our Deepest Sympathy to...

Albert Maurakis and his family.
His daughter, Victoria Bicouvaris, died on June 6.

Sarah Southward and her family.
Her father, John Chenault III, died on June 7.

Betty Ann Smith and her family.
Her mother, Doris Brown, died on June 18.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

At home: Bill Hardy, Zane Kinn, Margaret Powell	At Stratford House: Marjorie Hood, Irene Guthrie, Becky Farthing, Paul and Helen Stanfield, Sylvia Gibbs, May Bergman
At Roman Eagle: Jake Carter, Virginia Farley, Lucy Scarce, Zula Callahan	At Stratford House Rehab: Mildred Ferrell
At Riverside Healthcare: Albert Maurakis, Nancy Barker, Greg Read	In Rock Hill, SC: Don Moore
At Our Lady of Hope (Richmond): Alyce Roach	In Raleigh: Vitula Porter

Our Worship Assistants

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July 8. 8:30: John Morris, Tom Savistano, Butch Dalton. **11:00:** Frank Grogan, J.G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (*alt*).

July 17. 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, Bill Booker, John Morris (*alt*). **11:00:** Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (*alt*).

July 22. 8:30: Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, Tom Savastano. **11:00:** Tom Leggett, J.G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt*).

July 29. 8:30: Tom Booker, James Bucklew, John Morris. **11:00:** Young Adults

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Wright, Pat Giles, Ellen Joyce, Betty Leggett, Frances McMillan

Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
June 3	26	112	\$9,355
June 10	36	145	14,282
June 17	29	91	3,855
June 24	41	106	5,478

Gluten-free communion bread is available at Mount Vernon.



Please contact the pastor at 793-6824 before Communion Sunday if you would like to be served gluten-free wafers.

July 8

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Ezekiel 2: 1 - 5; Mark 6: 6 - 13

Sermon: "Packing Lightly for the Journey"

Mr. Tobias Lutz, United Methodist Certified Lay Speaker

July 15

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Acts 6: 7 - 15

Sermon: "Stephen"

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

July 22

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Acts 4: 23 - 37

Sermon: "Barnabas"

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

July 29

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Acts 16: 16 - 40

Sermon: "Silas"

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

September 9 Ballou Park 4 p.m.



Save the Dates!



**2012 Danville CROP Walk
Sunday, October 7**

Project Crossroads: July 15 – 20

Please keep our team in your prayers as they travel to Marion, Virginia, to assist with the work of Project Crossroads. They will be helping elderly and disabled low-income homeowners with repairs.



Godly Play Classes and Young Adult Sunday School Class Resume on August 19

