



## EVENTS ON THE EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT UMC contt'd

Events will be updated at our Eastern Shore District UMC website @ <https://www.easternshoredistrictumc.org/upcoming-events.html>

**On Saturday, March 23, 2019, 2 identical 2-hr workshops being offered -2 locations, 2 different times.** Rev. Alan Layman, pastor of Grace UMC will present the **NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) model for small membership churches.** He will share how NOW has worked in his church with the membership so you can learn how your church could benefit NOW with this model. <https://www.easternshoredistrictumc.org/now-training-mar-23.html>

**Sunday, March 24, 2019, 10:30 am at Franktown UMC.** Come, Celebrate 150 Years of UMW! Nancy Walsh, Virginia Conference UMW Vice President will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday March 24th **during Franktown UMC's Worship Service** (10:30 A.M.) Brunch will follow the service. United Methodist Women from all over the Shore, please join us for a great day of history, celebration and fellowship and all we ask is that you let us know if you are staying for lunch so we can make sure we are preparing enough food. Just call our church office (757-442-3481) with the number who will be attending by March 19. Looking forward to seeing our UMW sisters. Mark your calendars! --Debbie Bridges, Franktown UMW President

**Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019, LSM Course: Devotional Life the the Wesleyan Tradition,** sponsored by the E.S. District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries. It's great for Lent as it is structured around Wesley's "means of grace." This course covers Scripture, the Lord's Supper and fasting which were all major features in John Wesley's devotional life. It's not just for lay servant/speakers; anyone can participate. <https://www.easternshoredistrictumc.org/now-training-mar-23.html>

**April 5-7, 2019: Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center is once again offering a retreat for the youth** here on the Eastern Shore –all youth and all denominations. This year's theme is Peace Works! The cost per youth/adult is only \$55 and includes live music; all meals; lodging; speakers, fun and games! For more information and registration go to: <http://www.ootbay.org/es-youth-retreat.html>

**Chat and Chew originally scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 has been postponed due to Bishop Lewis' Medical Leave:** More information will be forthcoming.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 6:30-8 pm: Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) TRAINING at St. John's UMC,** 10352 Atlantic Road, Atlantic, VA 23303. The training session is for all members of the S/PPR committee and pastors. Pastors and chairs will need to notify their S/PPRC members.

**Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Eastern Shore Vision Day at Franktown UMC,** 7551 Abyside Road, Franktown, VA 23354. **IMAGINE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO DON'T DO CHURCH!** A "**Fresh Expressions Vision Day**" is a one-day training event that provides an opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community, or

neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationships among those in your area. Click here for more information and registration: <http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/FreshX/FXEasternShoreEvent.pdf>

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 6:30-7:30 pm, Oyster Room at the Onley Town Center** (25020 Shore Parkway, Onley). Orientation in preparation for the 2019 Annual Conference Session in Roanoke. All clergy, lay members and interested United Methodists are invited.

**Saturday, July 20, 2019, (time and place on Eastern Shore TBA). Boomer Rebirth Workshop** with Martha Stokes who will present "What if Boomers Reinvented Senior Adult Ministry and Changed the Church?" Save the date!

**Saturday morning, November 2, 2019, David Tanner, EA (Enrolled Agent, Federally Authorized) Tax Service will present Tax workshops for churches and pastors!** David is a retired U.M. clergy in the Virginia Conference who is located in Roanoke. Several of our clergy are already using David Tanner's service. Treasurers, Finance Committees and anyone interested will want to participate in a Tax course that will help them with Federal tax documents and more. There will be time for discussion/questions! Stay tune for times, location, registration and more info!

**Thursday, November 14, 2019, 9-3 pm 5 Talent Academy "Engage 2019: Community Transformation", Eastern Shore live stream location TBA.** It can be hard to keep a positive attitude while planting a church or revitalizing a congregation, especially if you begin by comparing yourself to the "heroes" of church growth. "Eight Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches" presents discoveries and give learning opportunities on how you can tap into a sense of hope about the new things you can do to grow your church plant or to rejuvenate your existing congregation. Save the date! More information soon!

**Saturday, March 21, 2020.** Plan now for our **district's "Spring Training"!** Lots of new training workshops for everyone! Save the date! More info soon!

**Every Monday 10 am, Lectionary Group Meetings for pastors** at McDonald's, Onley (25297 Lankford Hwy, Onley, VA 23418) with group leader, Rev. Paul Oh. For more information contact [pauloh@vaumc.org](mailto:pauloh@vaumc.org)