



Shenandoah Association

Central Atlantic Conference

United Church of Christ

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APRIL 2010

SHENANDOAH UPDATE

Recently the chairperson of the Republican National Committee said something like, "we should not allow calls for civility to stifle debate". Quite the opposite, calls for civility (a form of love for neighbor and love for enemies) encourages constructive debate.

A social worker whose desk is just 5 feet from mine in Hospice has opinions almost 180 degrees from my own. Occasionally we "get into it". We disagree directly, often bluntly, but we have a good and constructive relationship and I might say that we are almost closer that some with whom I have more agreement. It is possible to have a constructive and civil debate.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Haiti

Chile

Glade Church

Rev. John Ware

Christ Reformed United Church of Christ in Middletown, MD - Church damaged by fire

Euclid Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ in Cleveland - Church destroyed by fire

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IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, April 9, 2010

Annual Spring Meeting of the Shenandoah Association

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Please call, email or mail your registration information to

Angie at the Conference office

Call: 1-800-441-1965

Email: amegna@cacucc.org

(We need a count for dinner)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 2 Good Friday - Office Closed
- April 4 Easter Sunday
- April 5 Easter Monday - Office Closed
- April 9-10 CAC Church Vitality Event - Registrations due by March 7, 2010
See flyer below for more information
- April 12 Ministerium Meeting - St. Stephen's UCC, Harrisonburg
9:30 a.m. Gathering - 10:00 a.m. Program
Topic: A new music resource for any congregation
The New UCC Songbook - "Sing! Praise & Worship"
What is it? What's in it? Who's it for?
Samples, explanations, suggestions. Clergy AND music ministry folks invited.
- April 15 4:00 P.M. - Church & Ministry via Conference Call (per Richard Vaught)
No Council Meeting due to Annual Spring Meeting on 4/18/10
- April 18 Shenandoah Association Spring Meeting - THEME: "*BEING EARTH FRIENDLY*"
Mission Fair 2011 top four project "winners" will be highlighted.
- April 20-22 CAC Clergy Retreat - See flyer below for more information
- April 24 Pillar of Faith Awards Luncheon - See flyer below for more information
- May 9 Mothers Day
- May 10 Ministerium Meeting -10:00 a.m., Grace UCC, Mount Jackson
Continued discussion: The facts and ideas expressed in Robert Wuthnow's book
"**After the Baby Boomers**"
(How twenty and thirty Something's are shaping the future of American Religion)
Featured discussion leader: Keo Cavalcanti, JMU Department of Sociology
- June 11-13 CAC Annual Meeting - Delaware
- June 14 Flag Day
Ministerium Meeting - Time and Location TBD
How may a congregation honor military service without being warlike?
- July 17 Annual Picnic - location TBD
- July 21-25 Regional Youth Event- See flyer below for more information
- April 2011** Mission Fair 2011 - bring your proceeds from your seed money to be distributed to our four selected worthy causes

Register today for the...

Planful Communication in the Vital Church:

Completing the Circle

April 9-10, 2010

Holiday Inn

890 Elkridge Landing Rd

Linthicum, MD 21090

Presenter: Rev. David R. McMahill, author of Completing the Circle: Reviewing Ministries in the Congregation and former Eastern Association Minister of the Minnesota Conference.

Who should attend: called and interim pastors, council/consistory, education and worship leaders, search committees, pastor relations committee members.

Why: Good communication is energizing for the whole church and important for vitality. The method of gathering feedback that you will learn at this workshop not only lets leaders know what is on the hearts and minds of church members, it builds relationships within the church and gives people a chance to talk about things important to them.

Time: 3:00 p.m April 9 – 2:30 p.m. April 10

Cost: \$30 registration fee includes workshop, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. Add \$12 for a copy of the book (regularly \$13).

Single hotel room \$110 Double \$55.

Register with Arnetta Jones, ajones@cacucc.org, by March 7, 2010.

Planful Communication in the Vital Church:

Completing the Circle

Registration Form

April 9-10, 2010

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Registration Form

Planful Communication in the Vital Church

Completing the Circle

Please register the following persons (print)

Church _____

Address _____

Association _____

Registration _____ \$30 per person \$

Hotel Accommodation _____

\$ _____

Single \$110 Double \$55

1. Name _____ \$ _____

Position _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ \$ _____

Position _____ Email _____

3 Name _____ \$ _____

Position _____ Email _____

Completing the Circle: Reviewing Ministries in the Congregation \$12 each _____

Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Dietary needs or allergies: _____

Special needs: _____

Please send registration forms and fees to Arnetta Jones at the CAC-UCC, 916 South Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD 21228

Make checks payable to Central Atlantic Conference and note "Planful Communication Event"



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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CONGREGATION AND DELEGATES

February 25, 2010

TO: Pastors, Delegates, Ministerial Members, Churches and all Members of the Shenandoah Association

FROM: Rev. Barbara Rhodes, President

SUBJECT: Official Call to the Annual Spring Meeting of the Shenandoah Association

THEME: ***"BEING EARTH FRIENDLY"***

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

3:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.

Registration starts at 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

St. John's Reformed UCC, Middlebrook

1515 Arbor Hill Road

Staunton, Virginia 24401

(See below for directions and map)

Phone: 540-885-2107

Please call, email or mail your registration information to

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Agenda

3:00 – 3:30 pm – Registration

3:30 – 3:35 pm – Greetings and Welcome

3:35 – 3:40 pm – Music and Prayer

3:40 – 4:00 pm – Business Meeting and Elections

4:00 – 5:00 pm – Program ***“BEING EARTH FRIENDLY”***

With Guest Speaker - Tom Benevento from New Community Project

5:00 – 5:15 pm – Break

5:15 – 5:45 pm – Worship

5:45 pm - Dinner

Voting Membership

The voting membership of this Association shall be composed of the lay delegates selected by and representing the member churches, all authorized ministers who have standing in the Association as provided by these By-Laws, and the members (ex-officio) of the Association Council.

Delegates

Each local church shall be entitled to two lay delegates 30 years of age and under, and two lay delegates age 31 or over, plus one delegate for each 300 members or major fraction thereof in excess of an initial 300. Each church shall be entitled to the same number of alternate delegates. The alternate delegate shall be entitled to vote in the absence of the delegate.

Non-delegated members of local churches may attend with voice but not vote.

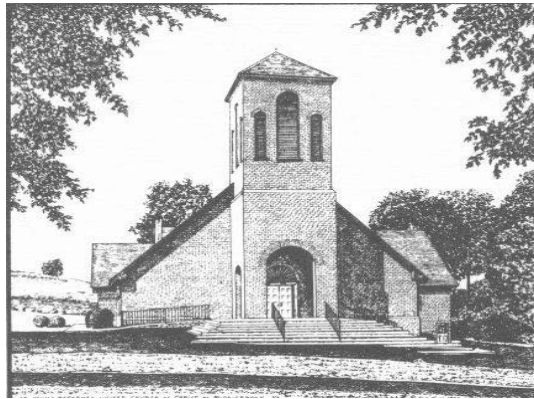
Quorum

A quorum at each meeting shall consist of delegates or authorized ministers representing at least one-third of the local churches.

DIRECTIONS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Middlebrook, VA



DIRECTIONS:

Take I-81 to Exit 213-B North
Exit onto Rt. 11 (Lee-Jackson Highway) NORTH
Make an immediate LEFT onto Rt. 701 (Howardsville Road)
(Landmark at this turn is the Riverheads High School)
Go approximately 3 miles, and you will see the sign for the church.
Bear RIGHT at the sign, onto Rt. 695 (Arbor Hill Road)
The church is on the LEFT just past the cemetery.

REGISTRATION FORM

Shenandoah Association Spring Meeting, April 18, 2010

Each church is encouraged to send their pastor, 2 voting lay delegates 30 years of age or under, 2 voting lay delegates age 31 or over, and as many visitors as they wish to this meeting. Additional lay attendees/visitors have voice, but no vote, on business items. All clergy with standing have vote.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, April 9, 2010

Church Name/Address: _____

Clergy Delegate: _____

30 & Under Lay Delegates: 1) _____
2) _____

31 & Over Lay Delegates: 1) _____
2) _____

Additional Lay Attendees/Visitors: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES

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Costs:	Meeting Only	\$ 4.00 per person
	Meeting & Meal	\$ 12.00 per person
	Child's Meal (under 12)	\$ 4.00 per child

Total amount enclosed:	Meeting Only	- #_____ X \$ 4.00 =	<u>\$ _____</u> .00
	Meeting & Meal	- #_____ X \$12.00 =	<u>\$ _____</u> .00
	Child's Meal	- #_____ X \$ 4.00 =	<u>\$ _____</u> .00
	Total Amount Enclosed =		<u>\$ _____</u> .00

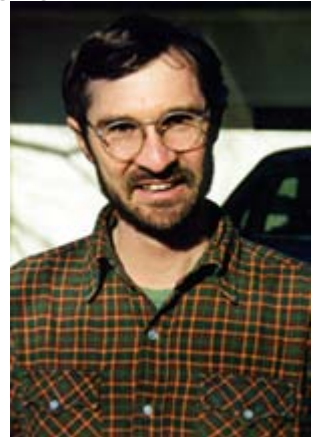
Please mail your checks (made payable to Shenandoah Association, UCC) to:

Rev. Marilyn Heishman - Treasurer
973 College Avenue
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802-5428



Undoing Global Warming / Sustainable Living Homestead

NCP now offers two very tangible initiatives for responsible living in our rapidly changing NCP offers two very tangible initiatives for responsible living in light of the many challenges facing our earth and its people. The Sustainable Living Homestead in Harrisonburg, VA combines sustainable agriculture with ground-breaking backyard environmental projects and outreach to the community. The Undoing Global Warming program helps congregations assess their energy use—and greenhouse gas emissions—and offers concrete suggestions for saving energy, emissions and money. Both efforts are coordinated by NCP's Tom Benevento, who is joined by an able crew of co-workers and a steady stream of volunteers.



Homestead makes front page news!!!



Working with families in a local trailer court to put in a vegetable garden.

Sustainable Living Homestead

Along with its on-site innovations related to farming, water use, waste disposal and more, the Sustainable Living Homestead serves as a model for other groups in the community seeking ways to mitigate the impacts of global warming. For instance, the Central Valley Habitat for Humanity board has invited NCP to collaborate in making the solar hot water system Tom has developed a main feature of all future building projects. NCP staff also work with local church groups and others to create neighborhood garden spaces for locally produced organic food. Good news travels fast!

In addition, the market garden seeks to collaborate with people in "difficult life circumstances" (our most marginalized in Harrisonburg, generally people who are homeless or unemployable). These folks are Creation Care Apprentices within our sustainable living center program. In this capacity they have a chance to gain job reference and experience, make a small amount of income (from sales at the farmers market along with a small initial amount of funds from one of our grants), and gain a healing experience with the earth. The market garden is local, organic, and the produce transported by bicycle trailers. Our goal is to create healing and meaningful work for people in need, chemical/pollution free food, and zero emissions food production.



This design reduces heavy digging, weeding and watering.

The 2010 CAC Clergy Retreat-- SABBATH KEEPING

**Are you in need of some time to rest, restore, relax and reconnect?
Yes?!**

Then join us for a *Sabbath Keeping* retreat, where we'll gather to support one another in taking better care of our precious selves through time set aside for contemplative prayer, Sabbath reflection, silent meditation, yogic relaxation, music and movement, and enjoyment of the great outdoors...

When: April 20-22, 2010

Where: Hallowood Retreat Center, near Sugarloaf Mtn (Comus, MD)

What: A sacred time and space to celebrate Sabbath

RSVP: Please e-mail Rev. Ellen Jennings at ellenjennings@yahoo.com for a registration form and cost information.

Ann Kline will be our retreat leader this year. Ann has been a spiritual director and retreat leader for over twelve years. She is on the faculty of Lev Shomea (A Hearing Heart), a training program for Jewish spiritual directors, and was formerly on the faculty of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program. Ann currently works as a hospice chaplain.

The Sabbath is a reminder of the two worlds--this world and the world to come; it is an example of both worlds. For the Sabbath is joy, holiness, and rest; joy is part of this world; holiness and rest are something of the world to come. --Abraham Joshua Heschel

For more of Heschel's thoughts on this sacred time and space, please go to www.beliefnet.com/story/36/story_3689_1.html.

This year's clergy retreat is being planned by Rev. Doug Clark, Rev. Julia Jarvis, and Rev. Ellen Jennings. If you'd like to share ideas or join us as part of the planning team, please e-mail Doug at revdlmc@gmail.com.

Thanks!



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**CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE
2010 JAMES F. JENKINS
PILLAR OF FAITH AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
ENDOWED CHAIR & THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
HONORING THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING CHRISTIAN LEADERS AS A "PILLAR OF FAITH"**

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REV. DR. LEONARD LOVETT
DIRECTOR, ECUMENICAL REL. & URBAN AFFAIRS

MRS. MYRTLE WASHINGTON
PHILANTHROPIST (POSTHUMOUS)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 + 12 NOON

**THE MARTIN'S CROSSWINDS
7400 GREENWAY CENTER DRIVE, GREENBELT, MARYLAND**

DONATION \$75 PER PERSON

**FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY, 1400 SHEPHERD STREET, N.E. ROOM 295, WASH. DC 20017
202/806-0757 OR EMAIL VORTIZ@HOWARD.EDU**

Reserve These Dates

**Middle Atlantic
Regional Youth Event
July 21-25, 2010**

at
Lebanon Valley College
(visit campus on line at www.lvc.edu)
Annville, PA.

Costs:

Early Registration: December 1 – February 28

\$275.00

Regular Registration: March 1 – May 31

\$300.00

Late Registration: June 1 – July 1

\$325.00

THEME:

“Take the Journey...Follow the Holy Brick Road”

daily themes focus on: Brains, Heart, Courage and Home

Keynote Speakers, Workshops and Schedule
coming soon!

Watch for the MARYE web page as well!!

Start planning now to attend. If you need fund raising ideas e-mail your request to bruce@hartmancenter.com. If you have ideas for workshops, include those with your e-mail.

***See you on the journey at LVC following the Holy
Brick Road***