



Shenandoah Association

Central Atlantic Conference

United Church of Christ

916 South Rolling Road Baltimore, Maryland 21228 (410) 788-4190

Website: www.shenucc.org

MARCH 2010 SHENANDOAH UPDATE

Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Richard Vaught

PRAYER CONCERNS

Haiti
Glade Church
Rev. John Ware
Kelly Sisson
Sara Fitzgerald - Former Board President of the CAC - Loss of her Mother

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8 Ministerium Meeting - 10:00 a.m. at Saint Paul's, Woodstock
Rev. Richard Vaught presents "20 Somethings and 30 Somethings in the Church."

March 13 Boundary Training - 1st Saturday Session

March 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 19-22 Ecumenical Advocacy Days - See flyer below for more information

March 20 Boundary Training - 2nd Saturday Session

March 25 Saint Stephens, Harrisonburg
4:00 P.M. - Church & Ministry (Face to Face Meeting)
6:00 P.M. - Dinner - Church & Ministry
6:30 P.M. - Council - Conference Call

March 28 Palm Sunday

- 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 - Centenary UCC, Winchester
The New "SING" praise songbook: What is it? What's in it? Who's it for?
Samples will be played and sung, and full information given
- April 18 Shenandoah Association Spring Meeting - Mission Fair
2011 top four project "winners" will be highlighted.
- April 20-22 CAC Clergy Retreat - **See flyer below for more information**
- May 9 Mothers Day
- May 10 Ministerium Meeting - Time and Location TBD
Focus on Family
- 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 TDB
- 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



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February 23, 2010

Shenandoah Association Boundary Awareness Training

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010 and Saturday, March 20, 2010

Note: Attendance is required both days in order to receive your Certificate of Completion

Where: Bethlehem UCC - 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. both days

11923 North Valley Pike

Tenth Legion, Virginia 22815 (Please see the directions and map below)

Telephone Number for the church: 540-896-3975

Cost: \$55.00 - Clergy with standing in the Shenandoah Association only need to pay \$35.00

The Shenandoah Association will cover the remaining \$20.00

Lunch will be provided

To reserve your seat, please contact Angie Megna in the Conference Office by calling

410-788-4190 or 800-441-1965 or by email at amegna@cacucc.org

***Please be sure to identify which Association you have standing in**

Checks should be made payable to the Central Atlantic Conference and sent to:

Central Atlantic Conference UCC

916 South Rolling Road

Catonsville, MD 21228

Attention: Angela Megna

Disciples of Christ are invited to participate

Rev. Tom Arner

Chair

Shenandoah Association

Church & Ministry Commission

Ecumenical Advocacy Days Announcement

A Place to Call Home: Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Peoples

Register Now at www.advocacydays.org

March 19 - 22, 2010 in Washington D.C.

And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' -Luke 9:58

Jesus had no place to lay his head. Neither do tens of millions of migrants, refugees and displaced persons. Be a part of an action weekend addressing this global injustice. Join hundreds of faith-based advocates in taking action on U.S. legislation that will welcome immigrants, protect refugees, and prevent displacement of millions.

Worship, study and dialogue with hundreds of people of faith at the annual

Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

Then join us as we go to Capitol Hill to advocate for our members of Congress to remedy these global injustices. The 2010 conference will be held March 19 - 22 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City, VA just outside Washington, D.C.

We encourage groups from churches, denominations and regional councils of churches to charter buses and bring large groups to this important faith-in-action event. For more information about Ecumenical Advocacy Days, please visit www.advocacydays.org.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. -Hebrews 13:1-2

To register visit www.advocacydays.org

EAD has recently updated its website

With several new features including a [Resources Page](#) for finding announcements, graphics, and ads for your denominational or organizational newsletters and emails.

Send us a Tweet at [@EAD2010](#) or join our [Facebook Fan](#) page!

ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

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Keynote Speakers:

Sister Helen Prejean

Author of *Dead Man Walking*

Anti-Death Penalty Activist

Roman Catholic Sister

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins

General Minister and President

Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

Bishop Minerva Carcaño

The United Methodist Church

Desert Southwest Conference

Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

All sessions Friday through Sunday will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel** located across the Potomac River from Washington, DC, in Crystal City, Virginia. Monday, Lobby Day, events will be in Capitol Hill.

Make your hotel reservation under the name “Advocacy Days” for the special \$125 (plus tax) per night room rate. The room block is limited so call early! This rate will last until February 6 or the block is sold-out.

Learn more @ www.advocacydays.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010 • WASHINGTON, D.C.

2-5 P.M. AT THE NATIONAL MALL

March FOR America

People of faith will not stand by as our broken immigration system rips families apart, and anger, frustration, and misunderstanding divide our nation. This March, we are standing up for our families and our communities.

On March 21 in Washington, D.C., at the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building, we will gather for a powerful witness for just, humane immigration reform.

Together, we can create the moral urgency our leaders need to address this pressing issue ... but we need you! Join us. Be one of the thousands of people gathering in Washington to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform—because change takes courage and faith.

Interfaith service begins at 1 p.m.

For more information visit: www.changetakesfaith.org
or e-mail info@changetakesfaith.org



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:

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Registration Form

April 9-10, 2010

Registrations are due by March 7, 2010

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

Angie at the Conference office

Call: 1-800-441-1965

Email: amegna@cacucc.org

(We need a count for dinner)

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.

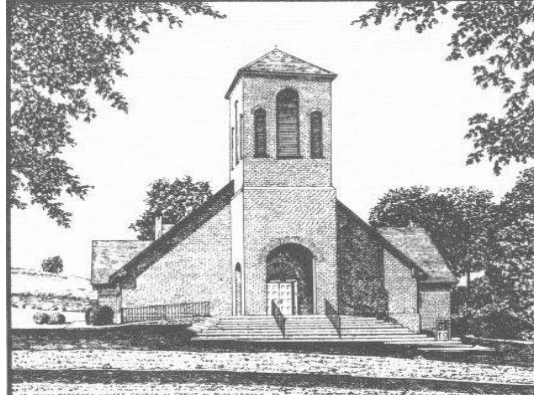
Quorum

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: _____

Please call, email or mail your registration information to

Angie at the Conference office

Call: 1-800-441-1965

Email: amegna@cacucc.org

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

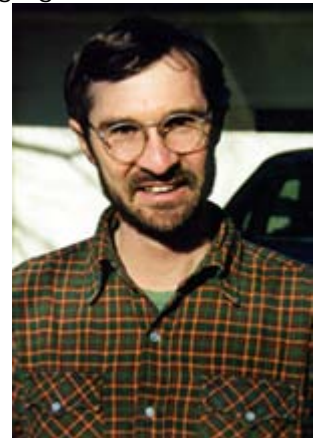
Please mail your checks (made payable to Shenandoah Association, UCC) to:

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 world. 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!

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***