

# The Glovier Messenger

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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

## **244<sup>th</sup> Session of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church June 17-20, 2026**

**Atlantic Union Bank Center – Harrisonburg, VA**

In The United Methodist Church, “annual conference” refers to two related, but distinct entities:

- An organizational body: A geographic unit of the church. Each annual conference in the United States is led by a bishop.
- A yearly meeting: A gathering of United Methodist clergy and lay members from within the conference to make decisions that impact the churches and ministries in that region. This legislative body includes all clergy under appointment, along with an equal number of lay members. Each church sends its appointed clergy and a lay member for each clergy member.



Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore on Christmas Eve, 1784.

While these sessions are a time to make business and financial decisions that impact the local congregations, they are also deeply spiritual events filled with worship, discernment and fellowship. Annual conference members are expected to embody the spirit of “holy conferencing” – engaging one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, listening deeply and discerning where God may be leading the church.

In addition to voting on resolutions and receiving reports from various ministries, lay members will attend daily worship, participate in Bible studies and witness sacred moments such as the ordination of new elders and deacons.

We are excited to gather together this year in a new venue, the Atlantic Union Bank Center, located on the beautiful campus of James Madison University. Though only the clergy and elected lay delegates vote on the business of the annual conference, members of our congregations are welcome to attend the meetings and events.

The tradition of annual conferences dates back to the early days of Methodism under John Wesley. The first annual conference in America was held at

This year’s conference will also include two teaching moments led by Dr. Ashley Boggan and Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis. A memorial service for clergy and

lay conference members who have died in the last year will be on Thursday afternoon.

A laity address will be given Mrs. Martha Stokes, Virginia Conference lay leader, on Thursday afternoon. Saturday afternoon will conclude this year's conference with the "Fixing of Appointments" of clergy for the next conference year and a "Service of Call and Ordination" for new clergy.

Copies of the **Agenda** for this year's annual conference are available in the Narthex for those who would like to attend any of the conference events and meetings.



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| Jan Bottemiller  | Pauline & Tobi Broyles |
| Teresa Childress | Sandra & Emmitt Eccard |
| Freddy Iseli     | Walter Harlow          |
| Linda Jones      | Nancy Napier           |
| Pete Phillips    | Judy Mead              |
| Jim Roberson     | Elsie Spencer          |



### AT HOME MEMBER FOR JUNE

**Jan Bottemiller**

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Jan would love to hear from you. Send her a card, text or give her a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.

**UMM** The United Methodist Men will not be meeting in the months of June, July and August. Have a wonderful and blessed summer.



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Kimberly Kestner
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Linda Roberson
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Bobby Dunn
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Janet Knott
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Andrea Plummer
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Doris Sipe
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Eccard
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Keith Fields
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Fitzgerald
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sonny Easton
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Fran Davis



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8<sup>th</sup> - David & Sheila McCallister
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Emmitt & Sandra Eccard
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Larry & Bonnie Johnson
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Freddy & Jean Iseli
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Jeff & Andrea Plummer
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Roger & Anita Pullin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| June 2 (Tues)  | 3:00pm | Choir Practice        |
| June 2 (Tues)  | 4:30pm | Plummer's Bible Study |
| June 3 (Wed)   | 6:00pm | Bible Study           |
| June 10 (Wed)  | 6:00pm | Bible Study           |
| June 16 (Tues) | 4:30pm | Plummer's Bible Study |

**Plummer's Bible Study** has changed to their summer schedule and will meet at 4:30pm on the first and third Tuesdays. Next meeting is June 2. Come and enjoy learning more about the Lord and bring a bag supper.

**Into the Heart of Romans Bible Study** continues each Wednesday evening 6-7pm in the JOY Classroom until June 10. Pastor Bill leads us through the epistle, lifting up the power and beauty of Paul's words for his day and for our own contemporary moment. You are invited to attend In Person or on Zoom (To attend via Zoom, please send your email address to [billjones@vaumc.org](mailto:billjones@vaumc.org))



The United Women in Faith did not meet in May. We will not meet during the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September

8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the social hall. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Glovier UMC Phone Tree Update.** Going forward, calls from the Phone Tree will appear on your caller ID as the church's phone number: 540-943-3071. **If you want to listen to the last message that was sent out, just dial 1-405-308-4474.** Under the menu options press 1.

#### ***A Message of Thanks from Casa de Amistad***

*The Board of Casa de Amistad is very grateful for the support and partnership it has with the congregation of Glovier Memorial United Methodist Church. Casa de Amistad, a ministry that supports the Hispanic immigrant community in the Waynesboro area, was originally located at Basic United Methodist Church. When that church closed in the summer of 2022, the congregation of Glovier invited Casa de Amistad to move into their church. You have supported our ministry by providing classroom space for our After School Program and some storage space in a Sunday School room on the same floor. In addition to the After School Program for elementary school children, Casa de Amistad also provides school supplies for students of all ages at*

*the beginning of the school year. We also have a Christmas gift program for children, which supplies hoodies and sweatpants. The congregation of Glovier has been supportive of these programs. This past year we organized a 'Friendsgiving' meal that we held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. It was an opportunity to bring our constituents together to share a meal in a safe space. We welcome anyone who is interested in our programming to visit the After School Program. It operates Monday-Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm when school is in session. Casa de Amistad is also hoping to attract more volunteers to serve on our Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Pastor Bill Jones or Mary Ellen Golden.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Board of Casa de Amistad*

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**The Valley Ridge District UMC Volunteer in Mission team to Cuba** is ready to receive your application. (Since the dates have shifted to late October, our visa applications must now be sent by mid-July).

Don't wait! If the Holy Spirit is working in your heart to support the Methodist churches in Cuba, traveling with an UMVIM team will be your way to serve. The churches are packed, despite often having no electricity to run their instruments.

Ministry teams go into their neighborhoods to share a gospel message, including their drama and dance teams and children's programs. Mission teams meet in "house churches" to share a Bible lesson and pray. These outreach ministries include sharing many practical blessings of hygiene items and medicines. Many churches have ministries which include feeding children weekly.

"Lord willing" a Valley Ridge District UMVIM team with team leaders Joe and Ann Klotz will go to Cuba in late October this year. If the Lord has put a burden on your heart for the people of Cuba, contact Joe for an application form.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

### June 7 Deborah, Dutiful Judge

Judges 4:4–10, 14, 21–22 <sup>4</sup>Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. <sup>6</sup>She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. <sup>7</sup>I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’” <sup>8</sup>Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” <sup>9</sup>“Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup>There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

<sup>14</sup>Then Deborah said to Barak, “Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?” So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him.

<sup>21</sup>But Jael, Heber’s wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. <sup>22</sup>Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you’re looking for.” So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead.

### June 14 Hannah, Faithful Supplicant

1 Samuel 1:9–20, 25 <sup>9</sup>Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s house. <sup>10</sup>In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup>And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.” <sup>12</sup>As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup>and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.” <sup>15</sup>“Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. <sup>16</sup>Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.” <sup>17</sup>Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.” <sup>18</sup>She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. <sup>19</sup>Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and

the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup>So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.” <sup>25</sup>When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli,

### June 21 Jonathan and David, Resolute Friends

1 Samuel 18:1–4; 20:16–17, 32–34, 42; After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. <sup>2</sup>From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. <sup>3</sup>And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. <sup>4</sup>Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

<sup>20</sup>So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord call David’s enemies to account.” <sup>17</sup>And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

<sup>32</sup>“Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. <sup>33</sup>But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David. <sup>34</sup>Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the feast he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father’s shameful treatment of David.

<sup>42</sup>Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The Lord is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

### June 28 Amos, Courageous Prophet

Amos 1:1; 2:11–12; 3:7–8; 7:10–15 <sup>1</sup>The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—the vision he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash<sup>[a]</sup> was king of Israel.

<sup>11</sup>“I also raised up prophets from among your children and Nazirites from among your youths. Is this not true, people of Israel?” declares the Lord. <sup>12</sup>“But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

<sup>7</sup>Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup>The lion has roared—who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken—who can but prophesy? <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For this is what Amos is saying: “‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’”

<sup>12</sup>Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup>Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup>But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”