



The Beech Grove STAR



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June - July, 2013

Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 14
Flag Day

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day
9:45 am breakfast

June 24 - 27
Vacation Bible
School, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, July 2
Soda Jerk Party

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

July 29 - Aug. 2
Camp GOTCHA
Baylake UMC

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Pastor's Fold... "The Story About Pentecost"

After Jesus' ascension, his followers remained together and devoted themselves to prayer. They were still gathered together on the day of Pentecost.

Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came upon them with power and rested on each person in the house. Just as Jesus, in his resurrection and ascension, opened heaven for humanity, so the faithful believers, in their openness to God, opened the earth to the Spirit of God.

We may struggle today to understand what a Spirit-filled believer looks or acts like. Still, we acknowledge our need for the Holy Spirit in our churches and in our lives.

The Holy Spirit brings understanding, clarity and enlightenment. As we open our hearts to God's will, the Spirit can lead us in surprising new directions. May we always be open to how the Spirit of God leads us in more faithfully being His church in this community and beyond.

Pentecost represents the gift of the Holy Spirit and has been known as the Church's Birthday. We enjoyed a church-wide celebration on Pentecost Sunday a couple of weeks ago.

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Donate and Participate at Camp Rainbow

Held in Blackstone, Camp Rainbow is a week-long respite camp for individuals with intellectual disabilities. It is a ministry of the Virginia Conference UMC and has been in operation since 1985.

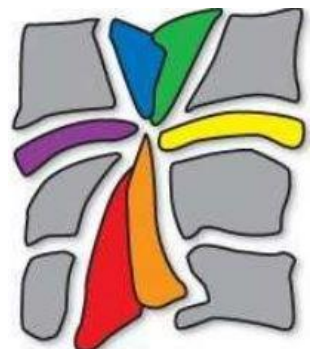
This year, male volunteers (ages 16 and older) are needed to staff the camp the weeks of July 7-12 and August 11-16. Come experience God's love from a

different perspective and witness amazing changes in both the lives of the campers and yourself.

If you can't attend, please also consider donating small Bingo prizes such as new picture frames, coloring or puzzle books, T-shirts, costume jewelry, toiletries, socks, hair accessories, visors, hats or baseball caps.

For more information,

contact Martha Stokes at #800/768-6040 or visit www.VAUMC.org.



Summer Yard Care Support Needed at Beech Grove



Happy Birthday!

JUNE

7 Annie Dillingham
13 Barbara Rodham
18 Bob Freiler
19 Sydney Tabor
19 Brendan Jump
23 Edward Crowson
23 Darryl Yandle
25 Karen Harris
25 Madysen Simmons
29 Jason Smith

***please let us know if we've missed your special day*

JULY

1 Brenda Hawkins
1 Chuck Rintamaki
2 Paul Smith
5 Pep Mims
6 Parker Mims
9 Maggy Hurff
9 Karen McVey
14 Phyllis Goodrich
15 Katherine Eberwine
15 Casey O'Berry
16 Cheryl Carter
19 Madison Hill
20 Linwood Stalls
27 Katrina Coggins
27 Ken Sawyer
31 Pat Dillingham
31 Shary Zirkle

Volunteers maintain the church grounds during the Spring, Summer, and early Fall by mowing the lawn, trimming/edging sidewalks, flower bed borders, etc., and blowing clippings from paved areas. The total time required each week is about 2 to 3 hours.

With 32 weeks to cover on the calendar, we sure could use your help! Please consider signing up on the clipboard in the hallway for a week or two. Work may be performed on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, and all equipment is provided. Please contact Joe Bonney (#488-0792) or Rich Stevenson (#538-3717) for more information and to sign up to help.

Your help in keeping our church grounds beautiful is greatly appreciated, and the ongoing support from our Scout groups makes a big difference, too!



UMCOR Tornado Response

Recently, a series of damaging storms cut a swath of destruction through the Midwest. With your generous donations, UMCOR works hand-in-hand with hard-hit communities to restore and rebuild thousands of lives affected by these disastrous storms. Please consider supporting their efforts with a donation to www.UMCOR.org.

Let Your Summer Blossoms Beautify Our Altar!



Help us adorn our altar each week with blooming examples of God's glorious creation! You don't have to order anything fancy, even fresh-cut flowers or a potted plant will do. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall and help us revive this lovely tradition!

Looking Ahead:

Enjoy all the fun that summer brings, and mark your calendar to submit items for the back-to-school edition of our Beech Grove newsletter (August & Sept.) by **Monday, July 15th.**





"Scouts and Churches Enrich Each Other"

Ship 16: Busy as usual, the crew of Ship 16 was able to get the diesel in the Contest 31 running again, thanks to Bo! They hauled her out last month to clean her bottom, replace the head and repair the roller furler. Recently, they've been sailing an Irwin 46' on the Rappahannock River, prepping the crew for this Summer's Long Cruise. This year, they are planning a circumnavigation of Del-Mar-Va over 10 days. Port call options include Solomon, Baltimore, Chesapeake City, Cape Henlopen, Ocean City and Yorktown.

Their popular Spring Boston Butt Sale raised money to repair and maintain the boats for some good late Summer sailing. Other Spring activities included the Cardinal Wardroom Sea Scout Academy and recent change of command with the new ship's officers taking office. Check out their photo gallery at SEASCOUTSHIP16.WEBS.COM.

Troop 16: Ten new Scouts "bridged over" from Pack 89 to join T-16 in March ahead of a campout and bike tour of Yorktown and 70-mile ride on the historic C&O Canal Trail in Maryland. At the April 29 Court of Honor, 17 rank advancements and 89 merit badges were awarded, and Eagle Scout Trevor Fletcher received his Silver Palm Award.

This Spring, the boys have done yard maintenance at Beech Grove and Glebe in addition to a clean-up project at Izaak Walton League Park and bagging 41 tons of potatoes for area food banks and pantries.

This Summer, their travel plans include canoeing in Kiptopeke, camping in Maryland, attending the National Jamboree at the newest BSA High Adventure Camp in West Virginia and enjoying a 10-day adventure in the Florida Keys.

Troop 5292: The girls have been busy wrapping up their badge work with an Iron Chef Competition and Brownie Mystery night complemented by a bounty of overnight outings to Busch Gardens, Norfolk Zoo, Suffolk attractions and Hershey, PA.

Community projects have included Suffolk Humane Society donations collections and working with Walmart to Help Feed the Hungry.

Three Cadettes earned their Silver Award by repairing and updating preschool facilities in Portsmouth. All our girls earned patches and awards at our End-of-Year Awards Banquet and reception prior to bridging to the next level. It was great to see all their accomplishments over this past year in living color using the church's new projector system!

"Thank you for your generosity in letting us use your facilities. We take great pride as Girl Scouts and try to leave your building just the way it was when we arrived. We hope all congregants have a terrific Summer --safe travels and God Bless!"

Pack 89: Following a successful Bike Rodeo, field trips and badge work, Pack 89 Scouts wrapped up their year with a final Pack meeting full of awards at Beech Grove. Their final gathering is for the annual Bridging and Family Camp outing where the boys advance in rank.

Camps reign this Summer with Cub Scouts enjoying Day Camp in June and Webelos packing it in for a week in August at Camp Powhatan in the mountains. But they won't miss the annual Swim Call pool and pizza party to stay connected in July!



An exasperated mother whose son was always getting into mischief finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?!"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out slamming the gate until St. Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

COKEBURY'S
Everywhere

FUN

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WHERE
GOD'S WORLD
COMES TOGETHER

Come One
Come All to
VBS!

June 24 – 27, 2013

Date

Beech Grove UMC

Place

4251 Driver Lane, Suffolk, VA

Address

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Snacks
provided

Time

3 yrs – 12 yrs

Ages

For more information: call Lorraine @ (757) 335-0249

For online registration, please visit the website:

<http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/BeechGroveUMC>

Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

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Pastor's Fold (continued from cover)

I am asked from time to time what is expected as an active part of the church as one strives to be led by the Holy Spirit. My answer is to make it a priority to live-out the seven-fold covenant at the end of this article.

I am also reminded of the recent five-practices event in which Bishop Cho shared a message, "No disciplines, No disciples." The fundamental issue in being a vital church is a spiritual one. We must pray, fast, read, study and meditate on the spiritual disciplines as we watch over and encourage each other in love.

Bishop Cho has challenged both clergy and laity to strive to practice the spiritual disciplines an hour each day. The seven-fold covenant helps direct us toward this goal. Our Beech Grove church family will be more fruitful as we all strive for "No disciplines, No disciples."

Thoughts worth pondering,
Pastor Keith

SEVEN FOLD COVENANT

*"Obey my voice, and I will be your God,
and you will be my people; and walk in the way that
I command you, so that it may be well with you."
Jeremiah 7:23*

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **ATTEND WORSHIP** regularly
3. **TITHE** your time, talents and treasure (begin a plan now to reach that goal)
4. Join a **SMALL GROUP**
5. **VOLUNTEER TO SERVE** in an active ministry
6. **GREET** at least one person you do not know each Sunday
7. **INVITE 2** people to worship with you in the next twelve months

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide
in my love, just as I have kept my Father's
commandments and abide in his love.
I have said these things to you so that my joy may
be in you, and that your joy may be complete."
John 15:10-11*

**We've all heard the benefits of sunscreen,
but did you realize:
Exposure to the SON may prevent burning!**

Camp GOTCHA

July 29 - August 2

Send your kids on an adventure this summer at God's Outdoor Training Camp --Camp GOTCHA!

Rising 3rd through 6th graders enjoy games, arts and crafts, storytelling, songs and drama, Bible forensics, swimming, hiking and canoeing. The 13th Annual Summer Day Camp is sponsored by the Elizabeth River District UMC and held at Baylake UMC in Virginia Beach from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

Registration is \$40 per child before July 15th or \$50 after. For more information, contact Liz Harris or Ellen Clements at #464-2423.

Overflowing Support for Cleaning Bucket Project

Thank you for your generous support of our new Cleaning Bucket drive! Our goal was to compile 20 to 25 buckets to send to Virginia Annual Conference this year, and your donations of supplies and money brought our grand total to 35!

The buckets included sponges, rubber gloves, laundry detergent, clothespins, dish soap, scouring pads, trash bags and more supplies to support areas recovering from natural disasters around the globe. The buckets will be dedicated at Beech Grove on Sunday, June 9th and stored in Louisiana until they're needed.



UMCOR distributed 23,544 buckets to Superstorm Sandy survivors in 2012!



We may not shower him with praise
Nor mention his name in song,

And sometimes it seems that we forget
The joy he spreads as he goes along,

But it doesn't mean that we don't know
The wonderful role that he has had.

And away down deep in every heart
There's a place that is just for Dad....

*Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 16, 2013*

Book Scholarship

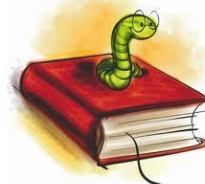
Applications Due June 30th

It's time to apply for the \$500 college book scholarship!

All candidates must have graduated from high school and be attending college this fall.

Each applicant also must be a member of Beech Grove UMC, and scholarship money can be received annually for up to four years.

Interested students must submit an application by June 30, 2013. Applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified by the end of July. Current recipients still attending college need not reapply. Contact Sydney Tabor at #434-4465 with any questions or concerns.



NO ENTRY!

As part of our ongoing maintenance efforts, the Fellowship Hall will be closed to all traffic all day on **Tuesday, July 16, 2013.**

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



2013 Annual Conference

June 21-23, 2013

**Hampton Roads Convention Center,
Hampton, VA**

This year's Annual Conference will be the first conference presided over by Bishop Young Jin Cho. He has set a special offering goal of \$200,000 which is designated to support children's projects in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia and Virginia.

If you'd like to follow the Conference, but can't attend, take advantage of the live web streaming beginning at 1 pm on Friday. All sessions of the three-day conference will be shown including an 11:15 am worship service on Sunday. For more information and to watch, visit www.vaumc.org.



Beech Grove UMC's Plan for Ministry

**We are called to be a compassionate,
nurturing congregation who serves God
through prayer, worship, fellowship, study
and missions as we**

**"Honor the past, serve the present
and build the future."**



**United
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The UMW continues to encourage its members and the entire congregation to read as part of its new "Summer is Fun" Reading Program. Books of all genres are available to loan in the old church office, so please browse the titles and sign out those that interest you. We also have a Kindle reader available for loan upon request. Be sure to let us know how much you've read and what you enjoy the most so we can include it in our August report!

We're looking forward to hosting both Father's Day services on Sunday, June 16th! You'll hear from guest speaker Ruth Shumate and we'll honor all fathers by providing breakfast for Beech Grove that morning. A full, hot breakfast is served from 9:45 - 10:30 am to accommodate attendance at either worship service. We will hold our last regular meeting the 4th Tuesday in June with a program presented by Mr. Hatcher of the Wesley Center before adjourning for the Summer. Enjoy the break, and be sure to read, read, read!



★ Independence Day is Thursday, July 4th ★



Knitting Classes Continue

The UMW's complimentary knitting classes are a hit! Come learn how to knit baby capes and prayer shawls for mission needs.

Led by Rose Brown, courses are held from 1-3 pm on Tuesdays in the Annex. For information, call #538-2369.

Beech Grove UMC Mission Statement

Our Beech Grove family seeks our Lord's will and shares Christ's love with all.



Treasurer's Report

	Mar. - Apr. '13	Year-to-date
Income		
Plate offering	\$ 31,924.54	\$ 60,856.64
Designated & Memorial Offerings	1,180.95	1,180.95
Missions/Outreach	120.00	120.00
Easter Egg Factory	108,943.00	108,943.00
Other	<u>\$ 1,900.95</u>	<u>\$ 4,795.34</u>
TOTAL	\$144,267.44	\$176,368.93
Disbursement		
Operating/program expenses	\$ 9,617.23	\$ 15,660.76
Virginia Annual Conference	16,668.33	16,668.33
Pastor/Staff compensation	18,649.82	37,189.68
Other	<u>\$ 18,617.61</u>	<u>\$ 34,529.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 63,552.99	\$104,048.56