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Welcome Pastor Franklin!

Greenwood welcomes our new pastor, Pastor Josette L. Franklin, who assumed her ministry here on June 30.



"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a local pastor in this two-point charge for the VAUMC Richmond District," said Pastor Franklin, "excited about what God has in store as we grow in Christ Jesus together."

Pastor Franklin comes to the Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Washington, DC, where she served in a variety of worship, arts and congregational care ministries since 2008.

"I'm excited about her enthusiasm and her joy," said Greenwood SPPR committee member Glenda Stalnaker.

"The congregation of Greenwood United Methodist Church welcomes Josette L. Franklin as the new Pastor," remarked Greenwood Administrative Council chair Charley Banks. "We welcome her and her family into the congregational family. We all hope that GUMC will grow in its members and ministries under Josette's leadership."

"June 30 will mark a milestone in the history of Greenwood UMC as Josette L. Franklin begins her work

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Where Were You on July 20, 1969?



By Steve Stalnaker

We tend to remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when momentous historical events occurred, like the Assassination of President Kennedy, the 9/11 Attacks and, for those even older than me, the Attack on Pearl Harbor.

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the Moon, mankind's first setting foot on another heavenly body – a decidedly momentous historical event.

I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing on July 20, 1969: I was the Midshipman Duty Officer at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, TX. I watched from the NAS duty office as Neil Armstrong stepped off his Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) ladder, put the first human footprints on our moon and uttered those famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." I was one of millions of people around the globe watching this on their televisions.

Armstrong's words as he stepped onto the Lunar dust have become an iconic reminder of this great achievement. As we remember this historical event, let's also keep in mind the inscription on a plaque fixed to one of the legs of the LEM that still remains at that landing site in the Sea of Tranquility: "We came in peace for all mankind."

**Our July Communion
Offering Goes to:
Sheltering Arms**

Pastor Josette L. Franklin

Reverend Josette L. Franklin was born in Washington, DC to Reverend Joseph Freeman Sr. and Linda Delores Manago Franklin, and was baptized at age 6 at Palmer Park Baptist Church in Prince George's County, MD.

In 1974, Josette and family joined the First Baptist Church of Deanwood in Washington, DC. She served in music ministry there for over 20 years in various capacities as a member of the Music Committee, pianist/organist and choir director with Sunday School, Youth and Senior Choirs.



Josette received her B.A. degree from Hood College, Frederick MD in Management: Business Administration. While in college, Josette started a gospel ensemble and directed and played for that choir until 1990. After finishing college she was employed by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC and she served in music ministry at various local churches.

In 1998, Ms. Franklin joined St. Paul Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, MD serving in a variety of children's, music and praise ministries, joining the staff full time when she assumed duties as the Church & King's Kids Child Development Center Administrator.

In 2005 she was named the Director for Children's Ministry at SPC and served in

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Thanks from Lori Lohr

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to our brothers and sisters at Greenwood UMC for your generous love offering. We appreciate your support

during a difficult time and are thankful to have friends like you in our lives.

thankyou

God Bless,
Jon and Lori Lohr

Picture Directory Update

As this issue of your *Twig Bender* goes to press, the 2019 Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge directory is at the publisher, Lifetouch. We're waiting for them to send us proof copies which we will edit and send back for final publication.

Lifetouch.

Once the directories are finalized and published, they'll be shipped to Greenwood where we will distribute them. Each family who sat for a portrait is entitled to a free directory. Extras can be purchased for a nominal fee — to be determined later after the final printing. Watch the bulletins for updated information as it is available.

Readers who had their portrait taken, but chose not to purchase additional photos from Lifetouch still get a complimentary 8" by 10" portrait. Those readers who haven't yet received theirs may find these prints waiting them in the church office. Readers should feel free to drop by the office before or after Sunday services, or Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect their portraits.

VBC Coming this Month

The joint neighborhood Vacation Bible Camp, sponsored by Greenwood and Biltmore Baptist will start on Monday, July 15 at Biltmore Baptist at 1300 New York Ave, here in Glen Allen.

This year's VBC theme is Roar. Our campers will enjoy dinner each afternoon at 6 p.m. followed by a faith and fun-filled couple of hours of Bible study, crafts and fellowship.

A final planning meeting was held on June 25, after this issue of the *Twig Bender* went to print, so watch the bulletin for final details. However, we know there's still a need for volunteers to help lead the children to and from their various activities and someone to help with registration the first night. To volunteer or for more information, contact Brenda Shuler at 804-746-4694.



United Methodist Family Services Tour



By Linda Walker

My neighbor, Hadassah, and I wanted to learn more about the Richmond campus of the United Methodist Family Services (UMFS), so we signed up to take a tour. We went on a beautiful spring afternoon and learned so much. Jill Gaynor shared history with us, took us to see some of the buildings, and told us about plans for the future. She gives the tour monthly.

An orphanage was built on Broad Street on 100 acres in 1900, and many children lived there in dorms, especially during the Depression years. They had a farm, ate the food grown there, and taught the children work skills. In the 1940's and '50's they sold 65 acres and built cottages. During the 1960's and '70's orphanages closed as foster care was emphasized.

The staff at UMFS states they are an unwavering champion for high-risk children and families. They help them reach their full potential and create a brighter future by providing customized services across Virginia, with 10 locations including Fredericksburg, Alexandria and Lynchburg.

The Richmond staff helps in three areas:

- **Foster Care:** finding foster and adoptive families for children struggling with behavioral, emotional or mental health challenges.
- **Residential Treatment:** Children ages 11 through 17, in crisis with mental health

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Greenwood Grads 2019

Michael Robert Andon Stapleton graduated from Atlee High School on June 15. He will start working at Diesel Power of Virginia, while looking into several other options. **Congrats!** from the *Twig Bender!*

Bible Quiz: Famous Children in the Bible

Children are an important part of many of the stories in the Bible. Each month we will post information about a child mentioned in God's Word. See if you can guess the identity of the child and the Bible reference.

The last question was: This little girl was brought back to life by Jesus.

The answer is: Jairus' daughter. You can read about her in Mark 5 verses 21 through 43.



Here's the Bible Quiz Child for July:

This boy had a colorful coat that made his brothers jealous.

The answer will appear in the August Twig Bender.

Food Donation Connection

July Pick Up Rotation

Wednesday, July 3: Charley Banks; Thursday, July 4: Lewis Daniel; Friday, July 5: Carolyn and Ray Smith.

Wednesday, July 10: Betty and Raymond Ritchie; Thursday, July 11: Lewis Daniel; Friday, July 12: Brenda Shuler.

Wednesday, July 17: Charley Banks; Thursday, July 18: Lewis Daniel; Friday, July 19: Adamarye Patteson.

Wednesday, July 24: Betty and Raymond Ritchie; Thursday, July 25: Lewis Daniel; Friday, July 26: Carolyn and Ray Smith.

Wednesday, July 31: Charley Banks; Thursday, Aug. 1: Lewis Daniel; Friday, Aug. 2: Brenda Shuler.



Annual Conference 2019

The Virginia Annual Conference 2019 met from June 20 — 22 in Roanoke. We anticipate a full report from our delegate, Susan Johnston of Laurel Park in due course.

Meanwhile, here's some tidbits of interest to Greenwood readers, gleaned from the Conference website:

Among other presentations, **The Rev. Anita Mays** — former Minister of Christian Education of the Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge — presented the “Green Church of the Year Award” to Bethlehem in Moneta, and Oaklette in Chesapeake. This Award goes to churches who dedicate to taking care of God’s creation in five areas of church life.

The Rev. Brian Johnson, former Greenwood Minister of Christian Education, and his wife Kim were elected as Virginia Conference delegates to the denomination’s 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Kits for Conference: At last count, the Virginia Conference had gathered over 54 thousand UMCOR Disaster Relief Kits, including 39,296 Hygiene, 14,243 School and 663 Cleaning Kits. Greenwood/Laurel Park sent 108 Hygiene Kits and 71 School Kits.



**Fellowship Dinners
FunRaisers Bag Lunches
Ruth and Willing Workers Circles
Are taking the summer off; they'll be back
in September.**



Doozie Tuesday

Aggie's Attic

**4th Tuesday
of every month 10 am - 7 pm**

Beginning July 23

**Everything in the main store will be
discounted 50% on that day**

Some exceptions may apply

Aggie's Attic is located at 2320 Hungary Rd., Henrico, VA 23228
Or at <https://www.facebook.com/Aggies-Attic-288839537890110/>

Be Prepared – Read the Scriptures

July Lectionary Readings

July 7	2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Pastor Josette Biography

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that position through 2008. On Feb. 10, 2008, Ms. Franklin preached her initial sermon and was licensed to the preaching ministry by Dr. Robert J. Williams Sr., Senior Pastor of St. Paul Church.

Minister Franklin then became a part of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) Ministerial Staff as the Minister of Worship and Arts.

After a call from the Senior Pastor and much prayer, Minister Franklin began studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and later transferred to the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology (STVU) at Virginia Union University here in Richmond.

She completed her studies at STVU in May 2010, earning a Master of Divinity degree and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Saturday, May 14, 2011 by the Mount Moriah Baptist Church.

Because of her love for young people and music, she accepted the position of Director for the Children's Choir at the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in Clinton, MD in 2011 and later consented to also serve as the Director for their Youth Fellowship Choir in 2012. Reverend Franklin was appointed the Director for Children's Ministries at Mt. Ennon.

Reverend Franklin comes to the Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge from MMBC, where she was a disciple and served on the Ministerial Staff as the Executive Assistant to the Office of the Senior Pastor. She also served as Leader of the Bereavement Ministry providing support to disciples' families during loss of loved ones, and special programming to minister to those who have been left behind.

Pastor Josette will be joined in Richmond by her two daughters, Lydia Zipporah Cuffy and Madison Erica Elliott.

**Mt. Moriah
Baptist Church
of Washington, D.C.
Dr. Lucius M. Dalton,
Senior Pastor
MountMoriahChurch.org**

All About UMFS

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issues or autism, live at UMFS in cottages with counselors and therapists. The average stay is nine to 12 months.

- **Specialized Education:** providing therapeutic education for elementary, middle and high school students with developmental challenges or neurological differences. Class size is 6 to 8 students. Jill showed us a classroom which includes two teacher's desks – one for the teacher explaining the lesson and one for a therapist. If behavioral issues develop during class time, the therapist can intervene. There is a sensory room where a student can go to quiet down, with a swing chair and calming games.

UMFS is currently working with about 120 children in Richmond, and they serve about 2,000 children statewide yearly. UMFS receives 90% of its funding from government programs like Medicaid and from local school districts and 10% from local churches and other donors.

The Richmond UMFS staff have exciting plans for the future. UMFS owns 35 acres and has leased space facing Broad Street to a corporation that will erect a boutique hotel and condos. UMFS cottages built in the 1950's will be torn down to make way for some new buildings more suited to today's needs. Trailers will be used for classrooms during construction. One new subject to be taught is HVAC services.

In the center of the campus there is a peaceful space of green lawns and old shady trees where children play. They plan to keep this green space intact.

We can help UMFS in many ways: pray for God's continued blessings on this organization, donate funds any time of the year, participate in the December UMFS church offering, transport children to appointments, help in the office or become a school tutor or mentor. If you or your group would like to go on a tour like I did, contact Jill Gaynor at jgaynor@umfs.org or call 804-254-9463.



Welcome Pastor Josette

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as our new minister," said Greenwood Lay Leader Lewis Daniel. "I know first and foremost that she loves the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior.

"Having attended a celebration at the church where she has been on staff for the last 11 years," Lewis added, "I can tell you that she knows the difference the local church can make in people's lives. She wants our churches to grow and thrive for the right reasons-to serve others as we help folks be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus."

Richmond District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Pete Moon commented: "I am thrilled that Pastor Josette is headed to the Richmond area and to the Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge. I have been so impressed with her joy and spiritual passion to lead the church and I am looking forward to the great things that God will do through her and these two great churches!"

See page 3 for Pastor Josette's full biography.

The Twig Bender welcomes Pastor Josette to the Greenwood/Laurel Park Charge.

July Grass Cutting Detail

Your Trustees have established a volunteer rotation for cutting the grass on the church grounds this summer. This month's schedule is:

- Week of July 1: Lewis Daniel
- Week of July 8: Harry Shuler
- Week of July 15: Bob Stapleton
- Week of July 22: Lewis Daniel
- Week of July 29: Harry Shuler



If anyone else would like to help with this summer's grass cutting, please give Bob Stapleton a call at 804-672-8408. Thank you from your Trustees.

Hidden Treasures Sales at the Hermitage

By Arline Shafer Hermitage, Guild Representative

Don't miss the Hermitage Richmond's Hidden Treasures sales coming up this year.

Come on down and shop— not just clothing, but some gorgeous furniture, games, books, etc. Meet some Hermitage Guild volunteers, including Ann Via, a former Greenwood member. Proceeds bring in lots of dollars that let us buy major items not included in the HR budget.

Hidden Treasures sales are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 26, Aug. 23, Sep. 27 and Dec. 6, with a bazaar and bake sale Oct. 25-26.

And check out our cool web page at <https://www.hermitagerichmond.org/> hidden-treasure-store.

The Hermitage is located at 1600 Hermitage Ave., Richmond, VA 23227 .



LAMB's BASKET FUN FUNDRAISER AT THE PANTRY



LAMB's Basket volunteers and guests are invited by the LB Board of Directors to meet other volunteers and enjoy a home-grown tomato sandwich on white or wheat loaf bread, ice cold beverages, potato chips / assorted desserts.

DOOR PRIZES!!!

July 13 and August 10, 2019 ~ 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Serving the first 50 people to sign up for either of these two dates.

Sign-up sheet at LAMB's Basket or call Nancy Yeary (262-7655).

We ask for only a \$5.00 Donation to LAMB's Basket.

LAMB's Basket is located at 8419 Oakview Ave., Henrico, VA 23228 .





Greenwood Church Family Birthdays

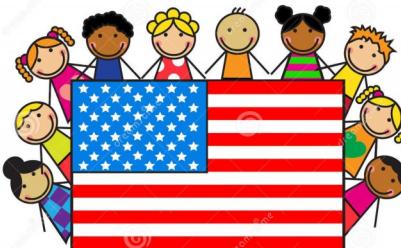
Isaiah Robinson	7/3	Raymond Ritchie	7/24
Dorothy Powell.....	7/7	Kyle Lahocki.....	7/28
Kristen Bray	7/15	Lauren Loving	7/28
Lucas Langston	7/18	Sue Anne Blanton.....	7/29

Anniversaries

Janice & Charley Banks	7/12
Bob & Gay Stapleton.....	7/12
David & Jonae Shuler	7/12



Don't see your birthday or wedding anniversary in The Twig Bender and would like to have us publish it? Send your dates to admin@gumcva.org or call the church office at 804-266-5341; likewise, let us know if you'd like your birthday or anniversary removed.



Happy
Independence Day!

Greenwood UMC — July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 World UFO Day 	2 National Stay Out of the Sun Day 	3 National Stay Out of the Sun Day 	4 Independence Day 	5 National Bikini Day 6 p.m. Free Food	6 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
7 Communion Sunday LAMB's Basket Sunday 11 a.m. Worship	8 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meets	9 National Sugar Cookie Day 	10 National Piña Colada Day	11 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Richmond Bee-keepers Meet	12 6 p.m. Free Food	13 5 p.m. LAMB's Basket Fund Raiser
14 Bastille Day 11 a.m. Worship 	15	16	17	18 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	19 Flag Day 6 p.m. Free Food	20 50 th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing
Vacation Bible Camp 2019 at Biltmore Baptist						
Friendship Quilters						
21 11 a.m. Worship	22 Hammock Day 	23 Doozie Tuesday at Aggie's Attic	24 Amelia Earhart Day 	25 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	26 Twig Bender Deadline 10:30 a.m. Hidden Treasures at	27 National Scotch Day
28 11 a.m. Worship	29 National Lasagna Day 	30 International Day of Friendship	31 Mutt's Day 			



Mark Your Calendars

Aug. 31	College Football Season Opens
Sep. 2	Labor Day
Sep. 3	After School Program Opens
Oct. 6.....	World Communion Sunday
Nov. 28.....	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1	Advent Begins

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