

# The Antioch UMC

## Epistle

October, 2014



**Fact:** In 2010, there were an estimated 216 million cases of malaria causing 655,000 deaths, mostly among African children younger than five.

**Fact:** Every 60 seconds, malaria claims an innocent life in Africa.

**Fact:** Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes.

**Fact:** Malaria symptoms appear seven days or more (usually 10–15 days) after the infective mosquito bite. The first symptoms include fever, headache, chills and vomiting. If not treated within 24 hours, malaria can progress to severe illness often leading to death.

**Fact:** More than 85% of the world's malaria deaths are in Africa.

**Fact:** Malaria is preventable and curable. Increased malaria prevention and control measures are dramatically reducing the malaria burden in many places.

**Fact:** Malaria mortality rates have fallen by more than 25% globally since 2000.

**Fact:** There are currently no licensed vaccines against malaria. One research vaccine, known as RTS,S/AS01, is most advanced. This vaccine is currently being evaluated in a large clinical trial in 7 countries in Africa.

**Fact:** The United Methodist Church has more than 300 hospitals, clinics and health posts in Africa, all part of a comprehensive program to fight this killer disease.

**Fact:** Prior to 1951, Malaria was a serious public health problem in the United States—in fact, it led to the creation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). An comprehensive effort from 1947-1951 virtually eradicated malaria in the US.

*The goal of the Virginia  
Conference is to save  
100,000 lives.*

*The Lunenburg Charge  
wants to save 500 of those  
lives.*

*\$10 saves a life.*

*Our special offering will be  
collected on Sunday,  
October 19.*

*What will you do to  
imagine no malaria?*

Advocate, Raise Funds & Engage Your Community.

ImagineNoMalaria.org

Source: World Health Organization ([www.who.int/malaria](http://www.who.int/malaria))

**We rejoice with sister church Williams UMC in their commitment to be a Prayer Covenant Congregation.** The church council and membership have covenanted to have a weekly prayer group, and participate annually in prayer classes and growth activities. 20% of the congregation has covenanted to practice an hour a day of spiritual disciplines.

District Superintendent Bob Parks said, "Great news! God is doing a great work in our midst. I believe God wants to send revival, but we need to want it. Here is another reminder that we are wanting revival in our midst. Praise God!"



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Joyce McDaniel	October 02
Wanda Chumney	October 24
Robert Hite	October 29
Bobby Moseley	October 31

<b>By the numbers – September</b>	
Average weekly attendance	48
Average weekly giving	\$1,093
Amount needed each week	\$1,278
September Shortfall	- \$740

**Mark Your Calendar for...**

- Children’s Craft Sunday is October 19, before worship, from 10 to 11 at Antioch UMC.
- Charge Conference is Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to noon, at Victoria UMC.
- District Conference is Saturday, **December 7** from 10 to noon, Journey UMC, Amelia. This is a change!

**News on the HOME front**



Lunenburg Charge members have been busy at Pine View recently. Pastor Alan led two worship services there in September both of which were well received and well attended. The head count at the second service on September 17 was twenty-seven, of which approximately eight were members from both churches on our charge and one from Dundas Baptist. What a blessing!!

On Friday, September 12, Wayne and Margaret were there and they also had a large number of attendees. Some were there for visits to the residents and dropped in to hear the music. One of the visitors actually got up and sang his own solo! Everyone had a great time!

You are welcome to come and share your time and talents with the residents there whenever you can. The staff and residents are always glad to see you. They are so appreciative of your time and you will be the one receiving a blessing.

As always, keep the residents and staff of Pine View in your prayers.



**The Red Cross** is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ripberger Public Library in Kenbridge, VA. They are in desperate need of blood, please drop by between 1:00 – 6:00 to give the gift of life.

**Serving in October**

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
5	Kim William	Communion Sunday	Shirley Hite
12	Tessie Sam	Kim / William	Dawn Bacon
19	Ginny Sara	Shirley / Sara	Earl Callis
26	Wanda Jimmy	Brenda / Abby	Tessie Bacon
2	Lori Joyce	Communion Sunday	Abby Barnes

**Church Notes**

**Reaching New People**

Our team of Abi, Tessie, Earl, Thomas Clegg (Williams) and Pastor Alan participated in training with several other churches from around the Farmville District the weekend of September 27-28. Consultant Jim Griffith opened our eyes to this reality: to reach people who are outside the church, we must get out of the building and meet people where they are. The team will meet with church leadership in early November to present their recommendations and answer questions.

**Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry**

Get your box and instructions to contribute to the Samaritan's Purse ministry. Pack a box for a boy or girl and return it to the church by November 2.

**Away at College**

Please keep Amber, Teresa and Wellsley in your prayers. They would love to get a card or note from you, too!

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**BOO!**

Children's Craft Day on Sunday, October 19 will have a Halloween theme. Children from 3 to 13 are invited to create something fun from 10am to 11, before worship. Tessie Bacon is organizing this activity time.

**UMW**

**Farmville District UMW Day** was held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. John Hatcher, Executive Director of Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, was the speaker. He gave an interesting talk on the center and how it has changed the lives of so many children and youth. Even their mothers have benefitted from the love, care, and attention that was given to their children, which ultimately benefitted the entire family. He gave heartfelt thanks to the UMW for all of their efforts, in supporting

the Wesley Center; and told how our connectional ministry *not only* helps those at the center, *but also* those in the surrounding community in Portsmouth. 😊 During the business session, **Antioch UMW** was recognized as a **Six-Star Unit** again this year. We also achieved the **“Silver” Mission Today Unit** award this year, so we are proud of those accomplishments!

**UMW Stew** – A big “thank you” to all who helped, in any way, with our annual Brunswick stew. From cooking chicken and donating money towards ingredients, to cooking and stirring the stew ... and helping us get it into the containers, we wouldn’t be able to achieve our main mission fundraiser, without you. A special thanks to Earl Callis, our “Stewmaster” for another job, well done. God bless each and every one of you, for supporting us, in our efforts. We ask God’s blessings on the funds, as they are used for missions locally, nationally, and around the world.

**UMW** – Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM**, at **Dana Bacon’s**. All ladies are welcome! 😊 Please come, if you can.

### **Woohoo!**

The church will be in use on Friday evening and throughout the day Saturday, May 15-16, 2015 for the wedding of Sherie Solomon and Cale Poole

### **The Joke at THE END**



Two nuns were travelling through Europe in their car. They got to Transylvania and were stopped at a traffic light. Suddenly, a tiny Dracula jumps onto the hood of their car and scratches the windshield!

"Quick, quick!" shouts the first nun, "What shall I do?"

"Turn on the windshield wipers, that will get rid of this abomination," shouts the second.

The nun switches them on, knocking Dracula about, but he clings on and hisses at them loudly!

"What shall I do now?" shouts the first nun.

"Switch on the windshield washer, I filled it with Holy Water when we stopped in the Vatican!" says the second.

Dracula steams as the water burns his skin, but somehow manages to hang on. He hisses at the nuns even louder now!

"Now what?" screams the first nun.

"Show him your cross!" replies the second.

So the first nun rolls down the window and shouts: "GET OFF MY HOOD YOU STUPID IDIOT!!!!!"

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*As a community of faith,  
our mission is to be the Presence of Christ.*

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