

Becoming fully devoted followers of Christ, to bring hope and healing to our community and to the world.



# Sudley Connect

August 2016

## Words from the Pastor

### Why do we have VBS at Sudley UMC?

Thanks to God's grace and the dedicated and loving work of our awesome director Robyn Frazier, the teachers, and volunteers (youth and adults) we had the best Vacation Bible School ever. Thank you for all your hard work and prayers.

Regarding VBS, a question has been asked many times - "Why do we do this? Don't some families use this for baby sitting or a low-cost day care?" Hopping from one VBS to another, some even three or four times! Maybe? Maybe not!

This is what I believe and why we have a VBS year after year. We believe that through God's grace, VBS is an opportunity to *share the fun and good news of Jesus' love for the children and their families - planting the seeds.* Through songs, stories, games, crafts, and snacks we plant the seed of Christ's love. We can be confident that God the creator will help them grow and bear fruits in God's time, and people will find hope and healing through Jesus.

### Strategic Planning Committee

Through the recommendation of the July Council on Ministries meeting (July 18th), the Sudley Strategic Planning Committee met to pray, discern, and come up with ideas and plans that will help us to live out our mission of becoming fully devoted followers of Christ, to bring hope and healing to our community and the world. The committee is *not to make decisions, but to make recommendations* to the Council on Ministries for action. At the Monday August 1st meeting, we discussed our covenant and mission. We will also suggest priorities for how we could use the remaining resources from the Mill Campus sale to further our mission.

\*Attending: Hal Miller, Dianne Miller, Todd Bartlett, Deb Angerman, Doug McGuire, David McAbee, Marcia Conway, Bob Reed, Andrew Bryden, Pastor Lee, and Bobbi Marshall.

If you have any ideas that will help fulfill our mission, please talk to one of the committee members listed above.

I thank you for working for God's kingdom of spreading the good news of hope and healing to our community and the world. *Pastor Lee*

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# Youth in Action

## Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School

VBS was so much fun this year! Sudley Church welcomed over 85 kids each day to participate in a variety of activities, and most importantly, to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Some of the highlights were: acting out the daily bible story with costumes; playing outside farm games like herd the sheep, fly the coop, and feed the pigs; eating delicious and nutritious snacks; creating crafts that will be saved for years and bring back memories of the week; singing and dancing to catchy worship songs; and performing science experiments to learn more about God's world!

This incredible week could not be possible without the over 30 wonderful adult and youth volunteers. Thank you for taking the time to build relationships and impact the lives of all the children. Save the Date for next year: July 31-August 4!



## YOUTH NEWS!

This summer Sudley Students participated in two different missions.

First, 20 members of Sudley, plus twelve members from other NoVa UMCs went to San Isidro de Grecia, Costa Rica for ten days. Our main focus was construction on the new facility at Strong Mission's permanent home. When we return in 2018, we will be staying at that facility! We also went into the slum of Los Guido, near the capitol city, participating in a feeding program for the children, and ran a Vacation Bible School in Carillos. It was a very challenging trip, but so rewarding!

Four days after we returned home from Costa Rica, another team of twenty youth and adults headed to Roanoke, Virginia, for our annual mission with R.E.A.C.H. We love going to Roanoke because all the mission work we do there is relationship based. We worked in the Rescue Mission side by side with those recovery from addiction and chronic homelessness, we played with children at the West Side Community Center, we helped workers at the Mill Mountain Zoo clear brush, painted shelves at the Presbyterian Community Center and so much more!

We couldn't do any of this work without the encouragement and support of our church family and we thank you all - especially for the spiritual support of the Prayer Warriors who covered both teams in prayer during our travel time and while we worked.

Thank you all for helping us to be Kingdom Builders!

*Deb Angerman*

## Sudley's MISSION

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**Financial News** We have successfully sold the Mill House for a net total of \$313,144—CASH—in the bank! We have used \$148,144 to pay off the Parsonage. We are now out of debt! The Strategic Planning committee is in the process of prioritizing a suggested list to determine what to do with the remaining \$165,000. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

# Our community



**Council on Ministries meeting Aug. 8th & 22nd @ 7:00 pm**

**Our VBS program this year raised over \$1000 toward livestock for the needy!**

**Family Movie Night August 26th @ 6:00 (Nursery is available)**

**September 7th Sudley Supper Resumes! Join us @ 6:15 for dinner.**

**Pastor's Prayer Meetings -Thursday's @ 10:00 in the Sanctuary.**



Rev. Matt Smith welcoming Pokémon Go players to Calvary UMC

You may have heard about the newest craze sweeping our nation: a free game called Pokéman GO that can be downloaded and played on any mobile device. Turns out Sudley Church not only has TWO Pokestops, it also has a Gym - which means that gamers who might not ever step foot onto a church property, WILL definitely be dropping by to "catch" the virtual Pokéman creatures that hangout around Pokestops and Gyms.

We have noticed increased traffic in our parking lot, people with their eyes down and hearts filled with hope. No, they aren't coming to worship or tour the church, but to collect their Pokémon and battle at the gym.

This is an opportunity for Sudley UMC to be welcoming to folks in our whole community (young and old). We can encourage people to encounter (or "catch") the love of God, no matter what reason brought them to our doors.

God moves in many mysterious ways to catch us even as He can be caught! Would you ever have believed that a game on a phone would get people to our door - I didn't! But now it's up to us to decide how we treat and welcome them to Christ. We should embrace the opportunity, however its presented, to let people know that our church and our Lord is glad for their visit now and at any time.



The VA Conference United Methodist Men are stepping up to the plate to help UMCOR in gathering/assembling "clean-up" buckets. The buckets contain cleaning items such as: sponges, gloves, detergents, clothespins, etc. A full list of items and assembly instructions can be found on UMCOR's website [www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies). Monetary donations can be made through Sudley UMC (*clean-up* in the memo line). They would like to have the buckets assembled and ready for pick-up by August 27th, 2016. Contact: Bud West (Alex. Dist. Vice Pres. UMM) phone: 703-454-4655 email: [budwest1001@gmail.com](mailto:budwest1001@gmail.com) Let's show the spirit of our district and help our brother's and sister's as they clean up!

## AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>Service Times:</b> 7:30am - Prayer Service 9:00am - Contemporary 10:15am- Sunday School all ages 11:15am -Traditional	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00pm Jesus & Java	<b>4</b> 10:00am - Pastor's Prayer Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Service Times:</b> 7:30am - Prayer Service 9:00am - Contemporary 10:15am- Sunday School all ages 11:15am -Traditional  Topic: Faithfulness	<b>8</b> 7:00 Worship Committee Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00pm Jesus & Java	<b>11</b> 10:00am - Pastor's Prayer Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Service Times:</b> 7:30am - Prayer Service 9:00am - Contemporary 10:15am- Sunday School all ages 11:15am -Traditional  Topic: Gentleness	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:00pm Jesus & Java  Youth Lock in at Sudley	<b>18</b> 10:00am - Pastor's Prayer Service  Youth Battlefield hike and Splash-down.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Service Times:</b> 7:30am - Prayer Service 9:00am - Contemporary 10:15am- Sunday School all ages 11:15am -Traditional  Topic: Justice	<b>22</b> 7:00pm - Council on Ministry Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00pm Jesus & Java	<b>25</b> 10:00am - Pastor's Prayer Service	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Family Movie Night  (Veggie Tales in the Nursery)	<b>27</b> UMCOR Clean-up buckets due
<b>28</b> <b>Service Times:</b> 7:30am - Prayer Service 9:00am - Contemporary 10:15am- Sunday School all ages 11:15am -Traditional  Topic: TBA	<b>29</b> School Starts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:00pm Jesus & Java			