

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends and Members of
Good Shepherd Church,

Annual Conference in
Norfolk will begin on Sunday,
June 14. Please remember all

our lay and clergy delegates who will travel to represent churches and ministries in the Virginia Conference. Together, we build the kingdom of God. This year, our lay delegates year include: Claudia Newhart (GSUMC), Barbara Newhart (Alex. District), and Karen Booker (Alex. District UMW). Rev. Brad McMullen will receive his full commissioning as an ordained elder on Monday June 15 and expects to receive an appointment in the Shenandoah Valley. We will be taking our school kits and our conference offering (to be **received as this Sunday's Communion** Offering). The Conference offering will support three unique global mission projects: The Shade and Fresh Water Project in Brazil (seeking to save children from street gangs and drugs), The U. M. Theological Seminary at Cambine Mission (upgrades to our facility in Mozambique), and Pathways Ministries in Petersburg, VA (building affordable homes for needy and helping at-risk youth with job training).

We're deeply proud of our young people as they continue along their journey of faith: The 2009 Confirmation Class, who made their professions of faith and joined our church; and our high school and college graduates, whose accomplishments we will celebrate June 7 in worship and the covered-dish dinner following.

As you spend time this summer taking much needed rest and recreation, remember that you take your faith with you wherever you **go. I urge God's people to continue to let the Lord's light shine through you** constantly. Take time even on vacation to join in worship with other communities of faith, always remembering with thanksgiving the joy and meaning that God has brought into your lives.

I hope to greet you in worship! Grace and peace!

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