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THE DISTRICT CORE

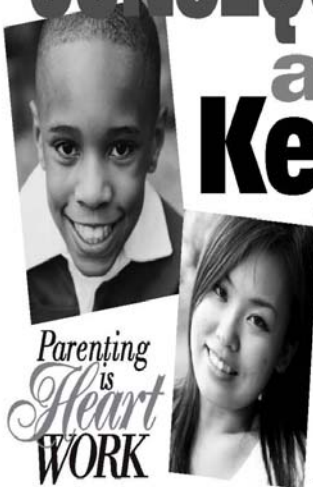


A NEWSLETTER OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT • VIRGINIA CONFERENCE • THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.

Parenting Seminar

For parents of children
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Presented by
Cindy Randolph

**Saturday
April 10
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Braddock Street
United Methodist Church
115 Wolfe St in Winchester

Cost: \$15 per adult
Lunch is provided

For more information contact
Dana Jackson at (540) 338-2937
or email harmonyyouth@aol.com.
Please register by Monday, April 5.

Winchester District

Lay Speaking Ministries Training
Duncan Memorial UMC in Berryville
Saturday, April 10 ~ 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Speaker MUST attend this event.
- Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Speaker MUST attend this event.

The following classes will be offered:

BASIC COURSE:

This is the first training step to becoming a Lay Speaker - Teachers: Doug Rinker and Jan Sickel

ADVANCED CLASSES:

- United Methodist Beliefs - Teachers: Rev. Mike Mayton and Rev. Adam Sowder
- Evangelism - Teacher: Rev. James Page
- Lay Speakers Preach - Teacher: Rev. Janet Martin

A registration fee of \$15.00 is charged to partially defray the cost of food and materials.

Please send registration along with a check made out to Winchester District UMC (please note for Lay Speaker Training on memo line) to: Winchester District UMC, 21 South Kent Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601

Registration Form for Lay Speaker Training

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church: _____

Class Choice: 1st _____

2nd _____

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2010

A word from the District Superintendent...

Dust—everything's covered in fine dust. That's the report of Ann Moore's daughter following her recent medical mission trip to Haiti. (She's a nurse who lives in North Carolina.) Ann, a minister's widow who used to work in our district office before moving last year to Danville to be closer to her family, shared with Sheryl Pifer, our district administrative assistant, about her daughter's trip. Apparently, her most enduring sensation was of the dust that covers everything there as a result of the earthquake.

As everyone knows, Haiti was a disaster before the earthquake! At one of his famous news conferences many years ago, President Kennedy was moved to say in response to a reporter's question: "Life is not fair." Truer words were never spoken, for the people of Haiti don't deserve their pain anymore than we deserve our bounty. It just is.

As our District Lay Leader, Kathy Lutman, writes elsewhere in this newsletter, the United Methodist Committee on Relief was there long before the earthquake, and it will be there for a long time afterwards. Thank you for what you've done to support UMCOR's ministry there. My brother, Bob, and his son, John, from Charlottesville have driven tractor trailer loads of health kits to the Sager-Brown UMCOR Center in Baldwin, Louisiana twice this winter. We hope that by now the kits are in Haiti or at least on the way! Of course, we'll be collecting various kinds of kits for conference as usual this year.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

David Forrest

The James A. Davis Lectures in Religion Shenandoah University

Presents Public Lectures on the Theme

Advocacy with Civility: Faith Traditions United for the Common Good

The Rev. C. Douglas Smith, Exec. Dir.

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Sunday, March 21: 3:00-6:00 p.m., S.U. Pharmacy School
"Community United Against Racism and Anti-Semitism"

Sunday, March 21: 7:30 p.m., Hester Aud., Henkel Hall
"The State Budget as a Moral Document"

Monday, March 22: 7:30 p.m., Hester Aud., Henkel Hall
"The Case for Restoration of Voting Rights for Felons"

Tuesday, March 23 12:00 p.m., Ferrari Room, Student Center

Luncheon* with the Rev. C. Douglas Smith
"The Value of Interfaith Witness on Public Policy"

The Rev. C. Douglas Smith is the Executive Director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy working to "build a more just and compassionate Commonwealth" on behalf of a unique Christian, Jewish, and Islamic partnership in Virginia.

Co-Sponsored by:

Valley Interfaith Council, Downtown Clergy Fellowship
Shenandoah University: Department of Religion,
Criminal Justice Program, Office of Spiritual Life

*All events are free and open to the public, except for the luncheon. For a info or to purchase a ticket for the luncheon, contact Dr. John Copenhaver, jcopenha@su.edu.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering *March 14, 2010*

I'm sure most of you are familiar with UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee On Relief. Many of us have recently supported UMCOR with our gifts to help with relief efforts following the devastating earthquake in Haiti just as we have following other disasters in the past. We give our gifts with the assurance from UMCOR that 100% of those funds will go directly toward the relief efforts. But have you ever wondered how that is possible? Where does the money come from for operating expenses such as salaries, rent, utilities, travel, etc? Many people assume that UMCOR is funded thru our apportionments but that's not the case. UMCOR depends entirely upon gifts that are received on *One Great Hour of Sharing* Sunday to cover these expenses.

Recently two UMCOR officials were killed in the Haitian earthquake. Rev Sam Dixon and Rev. Clint Rabb were in Port-au-Prince attending a meeting at the Hotel Montana when the earthquake struck. UMCOR was *already in Haiti*, prior to the earthquake, to help address the needs of the Haitian people just as they are in other countries all over the globe where there is human suffering and need.

Many of these projects don't make the headlines or have faded from the collective memory but UMCOR is there, continuing to work in the name of Christ and the United Methodist Church ministering to "the least of these", our brothers and sisters. I was not raised in the Methodist church. As an adult I made a decision to become a United Methodist in large part because of the work that the church does here and around the world addressing the needs of those less fortunate than myself.

Many of us are not able to go on a mission trip or travel to a distance land to help address the needs and ease the suffering of others but *ALL* of us have the opportunity to support UMCORs efforts thru the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering that will be taken on Sunday, March 14th. I know these are trying economic times but I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to help support UMCORs programs and relief efforts as they minister in Christ's name. If you would like more information on UMCOR and their relief efforts, please visit www.umcor.org

Kathy Lutman, District Lay Leader

CHILE: UMCOR RESPONDS TO 8.8 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE

After the strongest earthquake in the region in half a century struck central Chile early Saturday, February 27, UMCOR responded with an initial emergency grant to its partners in Chile to help them bring relief to survivors.

The \$10,000 grant will help the Methodist Church of Chile (IMECH) and its relief arm, the Methodist Humanitarian Action Team (EMAH), conduct needs assessments and bring water and food to survivors.

Last October, UMCOR dispatched an international disaster response team to Chile to help the Methodist Church there prepare for natural and human-made catastrophes.

Bishop Joel Martinez, interim general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, called on "our generous United Methodist constituents to join in the response to the Chile Emergency Advance to strengthen UMCOR's ability to be fully present with resources."

Please give through your local church and mark **Chile Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021178** on the memo line. One hundred percent of gifts made to this advance will help the people of Chile.

Hankes to Host Mission Gathering

District Disaster Relief Coordinators, Jay and Harriett Hanke would like to gather the "mission trip minded" people on our District together for networking, encouragement, information sharing, and organization.

This gathering would be for persons who are called to be in mission at a variety of levels: close to home, within our Conference boundaries, nationally, internationally, doing medical work, disaster recovery, building, teaching, VBS, etc.

Jay & Harriett will host this gathering at Duncan Memorial UMC in Berryville on Saturday morning, 10:30 - Noon, March 27th. Anyone with mission trip experience and/or interest is invited!



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ March 6 - UMW Annual Prayer Breakfast, Lee Jackson Restaurant - 9 a.m.
- ◆ March 8-12 - Cabinet meets at Blackstone
- ◆ March 11 - Dist. Clergy Association, Grace Annex (Purcellville) - 9 a.m.
- ◆ March 16 - Dist. Comm. on Ordained Ministry, Macedonia UMC - 9 a.m.
- ◆ Prayer Vigil for Immigration Reform—Amor y Paz (Montague Ave.) - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 17 - Professional Youth Directors, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 21 - District Youth Council, Shenandoah University
- ◆ March 23 - DCOM, Braddock St UMC - 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 23 - District Board of Missions, District Office - 1 p.m.
- ◆ March 27 - Mission Gathering w/ Hankes, Duncan Memorial - 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ April 1 - District Office Closed - 1 p.m.
- ◆ April 2 - District Office Closed
- ◆ April 10 - District Lay Ministries Training, Duncan Memorial UMC (Berryville) - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ◆ April 10 - Dist. Children's Ministry Event, Braddock Street UMC - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- ◆ April 12-15 - Cabinet meets at Blackstone
- ◆ April 20 - Dist. Comm. on Ordained Ministry, Macedonia UMC - 9 a.m.
- ◆ April 21 - Professional Youth Directors, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ April 22 - District Clergy Association w/ Marc Brown, Mt. Olive UMC (Shenandoah Co.) - 9 a.m.
- ◆ April 23-24 - District Youth 30-hour Famine
- ◆ April 24 - UMM 5k Race for Heart Havens, Kernstown Battlefield - 8 a.m.
- ◆ April 30 - Dist. Ofc. Closed for Apple Blossom