

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Winchester District  
Leadership Training**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

**8 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.**

**Braddock Street UMC**

**Theme: "Rethink Church"**

"Open hearts" challenges us to show kindness, acceptance, and hospitality to everyone - guests and members alike. But, what if "open" moves from an adjective to a verb and together we open hearts, open minds, and open doors? How can we rethink church as more of an out-of-building 365-days-a-year experience, where anyone seeking may find a spiritual journey they can call their own?

More information on District Training will be available through your pastor in the coming weeks!

**Elder Care Support Group**

Looking for support in caring for elderly parents?



Do you have experience you'd be willing to share?

Join us:

Thursday, November 13, 7:30-8:30pm

Friday, December 10, 7:30-8:30pm

Stephens City UMC, Room 213

For more information contact the Stephens City UMC office at 540-869-2348

***Mission Trip to Merci Center***

***Planned for January***

Nancy and David Forrest will lead a VIM trip to Merci Mission Center, North Carolina January 10-14, 2010: Journey with us to our denomination's warehouse & distribution center in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The group will stay in the center's Volunteer Village and work on a variety of projects such as: sorting and packing health kits, flood buckets, sewing girls' dresses and boy's shirts for Haitian children, office filing, small construction jobs in homes of needy families. In other words - if you want to have a 'hands-on' mission opportunity, we have a job for you! Cost of the trip: approx \$150/person including transportation, and room & board.

Call the District Office at 540-662-7332 for more information about the trip.

***JUST A REMINDER!!***

The Builder's Club Fall Call is underway! The Fall Call recipient is Little Mountain UMC on the Cedar Grove Charge in Frederick County. They have been working to make their church handicapped accessible. The project they are now working on and in need of financial assistance is to add a two-story wheelchair lift to their building to provide access to their fellowship hall in the basement and their main floor. The estimate for this project will cost about \$25,000. Please consider a \$20 pledge to the Builder's Club to help this small membership congregation complete this project. Please send pledges to Winchester District UMC at 21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Please note on the check that it is for the Builder's Club.