

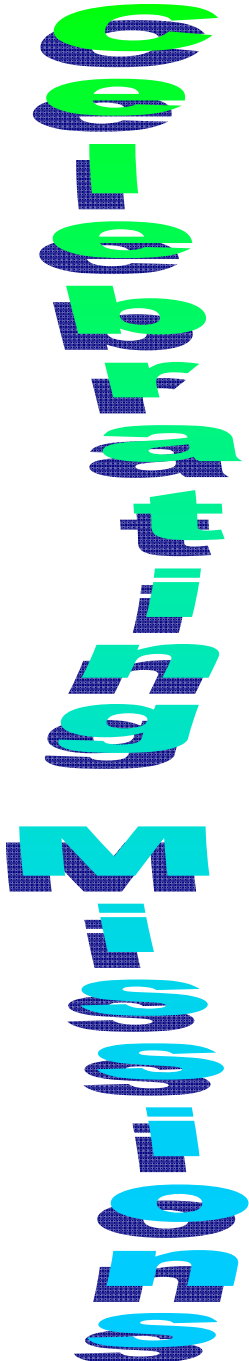


September 2011

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.



Schedule of Events

Mission Banquet ~ Friday, September 23, 6:00 PM, (doors open at 5:30 PM for our gathering time) at the Holiday Inn on 522 north of Front Royal. Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer, the resident Bishop of the Virginia Conference, will be our keynote presenter. A limited number of tickets are available through your pastor.

Mini-School of Missions ~ Saturday, September 24, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM., at Stephens City UMC, 5291 Main Street, Stephens City. Classes include:

- ♦ Spiritual Growth Study: Coming on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- ♦ Geographic Study: Haiti—Challenges & Hopes
- ♦ Mission Study: Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism

Cost to attend is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 14th. See registration form on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging ~ Saturday, September 24, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, at Harmony UMC (Driscoll Hall), 380 E. Colonial Highway, Hamilton. Monetary donations are needed to help fund the cost of packaging 25,000 meals. Checks made payable to Harmony UMC and earmarked for Stop Hunger Now should be sent to the church. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed on the day of the event to package the 25,000 meals in 2 hours.

Gleaning with Society of St. Andrew ~ Saturday, September 24, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Marker-Miller Orchards Farm Market and Bakery, 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester. Apples gleaned will be delivered later that day to local agencies that feed the hungry. Those in need will receive fresh nutritious fruit you have provided.

Directions: From I-81, Exit 310 onto Route 37 North. Proceed approximately 2 miles to the Opequon exit. Turn left on Route 622. Go 2 miles to the village of Opequon. Turn left across the bridge. The orchard in 1 1/4 miles on the left.

Mission Interpreters will share the Mission Story of God's great work among us during the morning message in each church on the Winchester District.



Winchester District Lay Servant Ministries Training

Friday, September 30 ~ 7:00 - 9:30 PM
AND Saturday, October 1 - 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, 210 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA

- Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Speaker MUST attend their course sessions on both Friday AND Saturday.
- Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Speaker MUST attend their course sessions on both Friday AND Saturday.

This year anyone who wants to take any of these courses may register.
If any courses interest you please register as soon as possible.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

BASIC COURSE:

This is the first training step to becoming a certified Lay Speaker. It focuses on three primary areas: Caring, Leading and Communicating.

Teachers: Rev. Jan Sickel & Doug Rinker

ADVANCED CLASS: Lead Bible Study

This advanced course is designed to help you become versed in how to teach and lead a Bible study.

Teacher: Rev. Jay Hanke

ADVANCED CLASS: Discover Spiritual Gifts

This class focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs.

Teacher: Rev. Joan Rudisill

ADVANCED CLASS: Lead Small Groups

This advanced course is designed to help you identify the role which you play as leaders of small groups and help you understand the power of your leadership can have in transforming Christian lives.

Teacher: Rev. Hyo Lee

REGISTRATION FORM For Lay Servant Ministries Training

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Class Choice:

1st _____ 2nd _____

A registration fee of \$25.00 is charged to partially defray the cost of food and materials.

Deadline to register: September 20, 2011

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



WINCHESTER DISTRICT MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

September 24, 2011 ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stephens City UMC

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9:30 -10:00 PLENARY: Rev. Larry Thompson
10:00 -12:30 1st HALF OF CLASS
12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH along with a mission presentation
1:30 - 4:00 2nd HALF OF CLASS; DISMISSAL

Men and women, clergy and lay are encouraged to attend (For pastors .5 CEU - Certificate given at end of day!)

CLASSES

- 1. Spiritual Growth Study: Coming on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
2. Geographic Study: Haiti—Challenges & Hopes
3. Mission Study: Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism

\$10.00 - Cost of class includes lunch. (Study books will be available for purchase at registration; please indicate on the registration form if you would like to purchase a study book; cost of book not included above.)

REGISTRATION FOR MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Name Local Church
Phone Email

CLASS SELECTION (You will be placed in one class only.)

1st choice 2nd choice

I would like to order a study book Yes No

Please send registration form and \$10.00 per adult to Winchester District Office, 21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601.
Make your check payable to Winchester District UMC and indicate for Mini School of Mission in memo line.
Registration Deadline is Wednesday, September 14th!

PRESS RELEASE ON ORIENTATION SESSION FOR GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

Did you ever wonder what exactly happens at General Conference? Or whether you could enjoy attending General or Jurisdictional Conferences even if you weren't a delegate? Have you ever thought about how bishops are elected and what else goes on at Jurisdictional Conference?

Information sessions led by members of the 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation will be held from 10 AM to 12 Noon, on Wednesday, September 28 at Wellspring United Methodist Church at 4871 Longhill Road in Williamsburg, and on Saturday, October 8 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 1500 Rio Road East in Charlottesville. The same program will be presented at each location. The two hour session will include a General Conference overview, detailed information on the day to day schedule and plenary sessions of General Conference, tips on practical considerations for attendees, detailed information on the legislative committee process, a presentation called "elections and other surprises", an overview of Jurisdictional Conference including the process for the election of bishops, and some suggestions on being a visitor at General Conference in Tampa and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska.

These programs are free and open to all clergy and all church members who want to know more about our General and Jurisdictional Conferences. For further information, please contact Susan Garrett at RevSGarrett@gmail.com or Neill Caldwell at NeillCaldwell@vaumc.org.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ September 2 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ September 5 - District Office Closed
- ◆ September 6-7 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ September 8 - Clergy Exec. Committee, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ September 10 - UMM Annual Golf Tournament, Bowling Green County Club - 7 a.m.
- ◆ September 12 - District Bd. of Trustees, District Office - 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ September 13 - District Board of Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ September 23-25 - MISSION CELEBRATION WEEKEND
- ◆ September 27 - DCOM, Braddock St. - 9 a.m.
- ◆ September 30 - Lay speakers Training, Duncan Memorial UMC - 7 -9:30 p.m.
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- ◆ October 1 - Lay Speakers Training, Duncan Memorial UMC - 8:30 am. - 5 p.m.
- ◆ October 5 - PAUMCS Fall Event, Conference Office - 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ October 11 - District Board of Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ October 18-19 - Clergy Lectionary Retreat, Camp Overlook

In Remembrance of

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