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## From Our District Superintendent

Dear church leaders,

Hurry up and wait. What craziness is this? As I grew up, there were many times when I felt like my parents or teachers were saying hurry up and wait or even better, they were telling me to hurry up one minute and then wait the next minute. Isn't this the feeling we have for Advent and Christmas, a sort of hurry up and wait mentality?

We have to hurry up to get shopping done, make plans with friend and family. We have to hurry up to be sure we do our jobs, professional or volunteer so that we can be ready. We hurry up to mail presents or Christmas

cards so that we cannot be in a "rush" later. I have always found it curious how we hurry up to do things so that we can avoid the "rush" later. I always thought a rush was a rush, how about you?

So what about waiting? My parents used to remind me not to wish my life away wanting things to come more quickly. But how are we at waiting? I watched a Christmas movie yesterday that reminded me of those times we wait for – when time stands still and the quietness of the holy comes upon us. In this case, it was the holiness of Christmas.

So friends, you might hurry up – but don't forget to wait. Look for the encounters with the holy one who came for you and me. Sense the spirit, wait for it – wait for it - it is coming, all the time!!! Hurry up and wait.



Steve Hundley

The District Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 23, for the Christmas Holiday and will reopen Wednesday, December 29. The office will also close at noon on Friday, December 31, for the New Year's Holiday and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

The District Staff wishes you a blessed Advent and Christmas season.



Steve,  
Carole, and  
Fran

## Apportionments Paid for Year 2010

### District Apportionments 100% Paid:

- Mt. Elbert UMC
- First UMC, (Pembroke)
- Calvary (Christiansburg)
- Crockett Springs
- White Memorial
- Catawba (Catawba Charge)
- Mount Tabor
- Lawrence Memorial
- Mt. Pleasant (Roanoke)
- Wesley Memorial
- Asbury
- Mt. Lebanon (Pembroke)

- Central
- Andrew Chapel
- Ebenezer
- Locust Grove
- St. Marks
- Boones Mill
- Lithia and Trinity (Buchanan Charge)
- Copper Hill, (Floyd Parish)
- Havens Chapel (Floyd Parish)
- Huffville (Floyd Parish)
- Stonewall (Floyd Parish)

### Conference Apportionments 100% Paid:

- Calvary (Christiansburg)
- First (Pembroke)
- Mount Elbert
- Mount Tabor
- Ebenezer
- Boones Mill
- Mt. Lebanon (Pembroke)
- Catawba (Catawba Charge)
- Locust Grove
- Central



## News from Camp Alta Mons

### District News:

- ✓ **St. Mark's UMC** in Daleville will host their **34th Annual Christmas Fair** on Sat., Dec. 5th, at **Lord Botetourt High School cafeteria** from 8 am - 2 pm. The church and more than 30 crafters will offer many quality crafts, decorations, wreaths, jewelry, silent auction, and much more. A menu of delicious breakfast, snack and lunch foods will be served throughout the day, and also there will be an extensive bakery area. Door prizes and a drawing for a beautiful handmade queen-size Jacob's Ladder Quilt will be held at 2 pm. Monies raised will support many mission projects.
- ✓ **David S. Wiley, RSO Conductor**, will be at the **Roanoke United Methodist Home**, Tuesday, December 7th, at 11 am. All are invited to come as Conductor Wiley officially brings in the Christmas season to the Home.
- ✓ **Rockingham Court UMC** would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the Christmas holiday with a live, outdoor, drive-through Nativity Scene to be held December 11th and 12th from 6 - 9 pm, weather permitting. This is a free, beautiful event you and your family can share to start your holiday season. The church is located at 4615 Bryan Rd., just off Yellow Mountain Rd. For more information, please call 427-0112.

**Merry Christmas from your Alta Mons Family.** "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:9 We wish you the Peace and Joy of Christ this Holiday Season.

**Winter Camp - NEW for 2010 (Dec. 28th - Dec. 30th)** Do we ever stop...No we don't. We just keep having FUN!! See past campers and staff while having a great time in the winter at Alta Mons. Enjoy hay rides, nature/tracking, crafts, bonfires and s'mores, chuck wagon dinner and winter games. Campers will stay in the Retreat Center and Pearman House. Sign up online [www.altamons.org](http://www.altamons.org) or call (540) 268-2409 the office for an application form.

**Holiday Meals and Winter Retreats** - Alta Mons offers popular holiday buffet menus for groups to enjoy in their beautiful wooden dining hall with a rural feel. Guests enjoy gathering around the fireplace, great food and fun. With four year-round facilities, enjoy your winter retreat and family gatherings at Alta Mons. Call the office to book your family/group/office holiday meal and winter retreat.

**Volunteers**—Saturday, Nov. 6, Alta Mons celebrated its first volunteer appreciation evening. All volunteers who had contributed more than 5 hours of their time in 2010 were invited to participate. We had a wonderful time of

fellowship together as we sat, ate, celebrated the achievements of the year, met new friends and gathered around the fire. So far in 2010, 294 individuals have contributed 4019 hours of volunteer time. We thank you once again for blessing us with your time and talents.

Don't forget us this winter! Volunteer help is needed year round. Alta Mons is looking for assistance in food service, office assistance and grounds keeping. If you are able to help, please contact the office at (540) 268-2409 and speak to Mandy Masching.

## District Leadership Training Event

Saturday, January 8, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, 707 E. Washington Ave., Vinton, VA  
(Brochures are available online at [www.roanokeumc.org](http://www.roanokeumc.org))

### CLASS OPPORTUNITIES:

Lay Leadership  
Stewardship  
Endowment and Planned Giving  
Mission Opportunities Near and Far  
Alta Mons  
Heart Havens: What's It All About?  
Congregation Care Team  
Pastor Parish Relations  
Apportionments  
Worship  
United Methodist Women  
What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty  
Children's Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Prayer

The Roanoke District Leadership Training Event is for both clergy and laity. Our goal is to equip and support those in leadership in the local church. This workshop is for both new leaders and veteran leaders. Please register by January 5, 2011 by phone, fax, email or mail registration form to the district office. For more information, call or email Debbie Brown at 540-344-6255 or [DebbieB@gmumc.org](mailto:DebbieB@gmumc.org).

# Roanoke District UMW

Nancy Sasser, District President



We held our last district event of the year at Northview UMC on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our annual prayer breakfast was well attended by over 90 women and several men. The men at Northview prepared a delicious breakfast for us. Dr. Stephen Hundley, our district superintendent, was our guest speaker sharing his thoughts from this past summer's School of Christian Mission Study, "Joy To the World! Mission In the Age of Global Christianity" We were hanging on every word; Steve always relates so well to his audience and shares his great knowledge of the Bible and the study materials. We are so fortunate that our DS is such a strong supporter of United Methodist Women on the Roanoke District.

This is my last opportunity to share with you about United Methodist Women. Next month our new district president, Lou Talbutt from Blacksburg will begin to share her knowledge and wit. I have a couple regrets that I wanted to share. First, I did not get to visit with each unit on the district, and that was a goal of mine. Second, that we don't have a UMW unit in every church on the district. I feel like churches of all sizes have women that are doing mission work, are passionate about the work, and could benefit by becoming members of a United Methodist Women's unit. Pastors, please encourage your women, have them contact Lou or any of the other women serving on the district team. They would be glad to come and visit and

share the story of United Methodist Women.

Let me share with you our PURPOSE: United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. " Our PURPOSE helps us to know who we are, whose we are and for what purpose we have organized." (From our United Methodist Women's Handbook)

We invite you, if you are not a member, to prayerfully consider making a commitment to join your sisters in Christ and help make a difference in our world.

## District Events & News:

**The Jubilee Assistance Fund (JAF)** is a loan program where a local church establishes an account at the VA UM Credit Union to provide collateralized small, short term loans for individuals who would not qualify for loans otherwise. To qualify for JAF, the borrower agrees to receive financial counseling, loan monitoring and payroll deduction. The program is a way to provide church members short term help during a financial crisis and financial management tools to assist with long term financial stability. For more information on partnering with VUMCU to establish a fund at your church, call 866-657-0004 or email: [creditunon@vumcu.org](mailto:creditunon@vumcu.org).

**The SEJ Clergywomen's Consultation "Sister Strength: Grace, Growth and Grit"** will be held April 4-7, 2011 at Emory Conference Center and Hotel in Atlanta, GA. For more information and to register, check the website: <http://www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebIb=ox2252277343>. For questions, contact the VA Conference Planning Team Member, Hija Yu (240) 994-5522 or [yuhija@gmail.com](mailto:yuhija@gmail.com).



Joy to the World

### Mission Celebration

**NEEDED: Housing and Transportation for District Mission Celebration Missioners .**

Housing and transportation are needed for some of our missionary speakers for the District Mission Celebration March 25-27, 2011. If you or others in your church can help or need more information, please contact Carol Gaston at 540-989-7685 or [cagas-ton@aol.com](mailto:cagas-ton@aol.com), or Jean Broyles at 540-366-9065 or [LVQDAY@aol.com](mailto:LVQDAY@aol.com).

## Remember in Your Prayers

The family of **Mrs. Annie Cahoon Lucado**, mother-in-law of Jessie Howard and mother of Peggy Howard, who died on November 4th. Howard is a certified lay minister serving Bethel UMC on the Eagle Rock Charge.

The family of **Rev. William "Bill" Archer Moon, Jr.**, who died November 9th. Rev. Moon was a retired minister on the Roanoke District.

## 2011 District Volunteer in Mission Teams

**WHAT:** Boca Costa Medical Mission in Mazatenango, Guatemala

**WHEN:** May 21-29, 2011

**NEEDED:** Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, non-medical persons to participate in fluoride treatments, Vacation

Bible School and construction. Contact Larry Lance at 362-4361 or [LMLANC@Cox.net](mailto:LMLANC@Cox.net) for more information. Mission website is [www.bocacostamm.org](http://www.bocacostamm.org). Cost is approximately \$1,500 (tax deductible).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your church is forming a mission team(s) for 2011 and it can accommodate youth and/or adults from other churches, please contact Larry or the district office 989-3335 so the information can be passed on to district churches.



**HOLY LAND TOUR** - Dr. Stephen Hundley is leading a tour to the Holy Land on January 25 - February 5, 2011. Anyone interested can call the district office at 989-3335.

# Opportunities to Connect and Serve in the VA UMC

**You may be exactly the one we need!** The Conference Leadership Discovery and Development Team is looking for transformational leaders who will help both influence and shape present and future opinion by faithful remembering of our heritage as a missionary movement of God's Holy Spirit. Throughout the Body of Christ, we need persons invested in equipping local churches and disciples for the many facets of ministry in our community and world. Following is a preliminary list of openings for conference leadership in these areas:

- Common Table for Church Vitality: Administration and Ministries with Adults
- Church and Society: 1 lay, 1 clergy
- Board of Discipleship: 1 clergy, 1 Children's Council, 1 Young Adult Council
- Board of Higher Education Ministries: 3 clergy, 5 lay
- Board of Laity: 1 clergy, 1 lay
- VA United Methodist Communications: 1 clergy, 2 lay
- Commission on Disabilities: 1 lay
- Equitable Compensation Commission: 1 clergy
- Council on Finance and Administration: 2 clergy
- United Methodist Foundation: 1 lay
- Commission Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy: 1 lay or clergy
- VA United Methodist Housing Development Corporation: 1 lay

To be considered in a pool of nominees for one of these positions, you must fill out a **Nomination Profile Form** available from the District Office or the Conference website and have it signed by the District Superintendent. Profile forms and descriptions of the various Boards of Agencies, as well as the kinds of skills/gifts needed, can be found on the Leadership Development and Discovery Team Page. Go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org), then click on Ministries, then Common Table, then Leadership Development and Discovery Team. **The form must be returned to the District Office by December 15th to be signed by our District Superintendent and forwarded to the Conference.**

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