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A Newsletter of the Roanoke District
VA Conference - The United Methodist Church



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From Our District Superintendent



Dear leaders,

As you find yourself in the middle of the fall church season of

programs, events, meetings (even charge conferences!) and planning, I hope you will ask yourself some essential questions about who you are as a church. In his electronic newsletter from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Lovett Weems has a regular section on the right questions leaders in churches should ask themselves when making decisions. I have always read that section with

particular interest. This section is a "help" for us in our process of discernment.

Just how do we decide something is a good idea or a not-so-good idea? I have seen people make decisions almost entirely on their emotional response and some almost entirely on what a clinical, almost business response would be. Neither of these are "right" ways for making decisions.

So here I go sharing my ideas for discernment.

1. Pray it through.
2. Think it through.
3. Agree that this is a decision made for the good of the church.

4. I always ask this question, what is the worst that can happen? This begs the question "what is the best that can happen" - and for us as Jesus people, interested in building the kingdom of God, we always operate on a rule of love.

As you come to a time of Thanksgiving, know that I thank God for you and your leadership everyday as we share ministry on the wonderful Roanoke District!

Peace,

Steve Hundley

The District Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 24th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen Monday, November 29th.

Bishop Invites Us To Pray, Fast

Bishop Charlene Kammerer is inviting Virginia Conference United Methodists to join her in a weekly time of fasting and prayer, from now until Dec. 31, to ask God to work within us for the future of the church.

Bishop Kammerer will fast and pray each Thursday evening through Friday. Others are invited to join her at that time or another time of their choosing. This will be a time

to refrain from meals (skip Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and Friday lunch—break the fast at dinner on Friday evening) and ask God's Holy Spirit to work within us and provide direction.

Those with health concerns that do not allow skipping meals are encouraged to find other ways to spend time listening for God's direction.

The 2010 Annual conference adopted a motion that calls on all Virginia Conference United Methodists to "fast, wait before the Lord, confess our sins related to sharing our faith with those not connected with any faith community, and repent of all that has kept our faith communities from being as fruitful as God desires."





News from Camp Alta Mons

District News:

- ✓ **Huntington Court UMC** in Roanoke is seeking resumes for a 25 hours per week Office Manager. The applicant must be proficient in secretarial skills and knowledge of financial software appropriate to maintain the financial and giving records of the church in order to support the Finance Committee; and must pass a criminal, financial and sexual misconduct background check. Send resumes, marked personal and confidential, to Jeffrey D. Wilson, Pastor, Huntington Court UMC, 3333 Williamson Rd., Roanoke, VA 24012, or e-mail: wfsjw@aol.com. Deadline for receipt of resumes: Nov. 10, 2010.
- ✓ At the **Roanoke District Conference** held Oct. 10, a Builder's Club check was presented to Mt. Tabor UMC for \$5,000 to replace the siding on the exterior of the church with vinyl siding. This was the second call of 2010, the other being for Greene Memorial UMC. We encourage you to consider becoming a Builder's Club member. The goal for the Club is to help build, expand and renovate church facilities in our district. Each member will receive a letter to contribute \$50 or more for designated projects in the Roanoke district. There will be two calls in each calendar year. A brochure/commitment form may be found on our website www.roanokeumc.org under Ministries.

Fall Fellowship Success!

We enjoyed a great Fall Day at Alta Mons filled with many wonderful activities. A delicious pot luck lunch was shared, with many entries submitted for the best Apple Dish Contest. Joint winners for the best Apple side dish were Red Cabbage with Apples and Autumn Squash with Apples. Although every Apple dessert received votes, the Apple Pie was the clear winner. The community yard sale was a great addition to the day and over 50 people enjoyed wagon rides. We were blessed once again with the acoustic music of Rich Bowles and Andy Bishop, two of our RV campers, filling the mountains with sweet song.

Annual Corporation Meeting
- Sun., Nov. 21, 3:00 pm

Every fall Alta Mons holds its annual Corporation meeting, open for all corporation members to attend. Every UMC minister of the Roanoke District and a representative from each church is a member.

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 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.

Volunteer Help Needed - Alta Mons is looking for volunteers particularly 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.

Time To Register!

Historic Downtown Roanoke Route
Wonderful Music to Enjoy Along the Way

Dash to our website for more details
and register on-line at
rescuemission.net
or call (540) 343-7227

Early Registration Deadline
November 15th

RESCUE MISSION
ministries

5K Race & Family Walk

Thanksgiving Day

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!



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.

Roanoke District UMW

Nancy Sasser, District President

On October 3rd the United Methodist Women's District Annual Meeting was held at Southview UMC with over 100 women (and a few gentlemen) in attendance. We gathered to conduct business and to approve the 2011 Budget and Pledge to Missions, and to elect and install new district officers.

Conference UMW Vice-President, Louise Miller, was on hand to challenge and install our new slate of officers. Louise reminded each woman of her responsibilities and the commitment they must make to uphold the office they have accepted. Lou Talbutt of Blacksburg UMC was elected as District President and will be a great asset to United Methodist Women. Her leadership and organizational skills will be very valuable.

At this event we also recognize units that have worked to become Five and Six Star Units with their Mission Giving; Mission Today Units by taking an active part in mission projects. Social Action participation earns a unit one of the Gem Awards and they also earn individual Certificates for participating in the Reading Program, which includes education and information about all the parts of our mission emphases. A memorial service was held to remember those that have passed away since last year's gathering.

The offering received this year will go to help support the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA., which is a National UMW Mission Project and the only one in VA. We encourage all units to consider this project in their

future giving to missions.

The last district gathering this year of United Methodist Women will be Saturday, November 6th, at Northview UMC in Roanoke for our Annual Prayer Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be our District Superintendent, Dr. Stephen C. Hundley. He will be speaking on one of our mission studies for School of Christian Mission: JOY TO THE WORLD! "Mission in the Age of Global Christianity." We look forward to hearing from Steve and hope many will make an effort to attend.

We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of our United Methodist Women and their commitments to Mission locally, nationally and internationally. We are truly Women on a Mission.



District Events & News:

Blacksburg UMC will hold its 67th Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 6, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 111 Church St. There will be beautiful items in holiday décor, crafts, stitchery, plants and baked goods. From 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, a turkey dinner will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children ages 2-10 For more information, contact Pat Marlowe at 552-4353 or contact the church office at 552-5424, ext. 1.

The Lafayette UMW will have their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (5310 Walthall St., Elliston). Join us for breakfast. Go shopping for baked and canned goods, handmade items and white elephant items. Then have lunch as you socialize!

The Roanoke UM Home (1009 Old Country Club Rd.) invites you to a free paper shredding event on Friday, Nov. 19, from 9:00 am to Noon. Have your confidential information, personal files and household records destroyed free of charge by a mobile Cintas shredding truck. For more information, call 767-6800, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Joy to the World

Mission Celebration

SAVE THE DATES: The Roanoke District is sponsoring A Mission Celebration on March 25-27, 2011. If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact Nancy Dickison at ndickison@comcast.net or Carole Click at cclick@roanokeumc.org. You may also get more information off the district website at www.roanokeumc.org.

Charge Conferences 2010

Date	Time	Church (Host church in bold)
Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	South Roanoke , Boones Mill, Greene Memorial, St. Paul (Roanoke), Trinity, West End
Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.	First (Salem) , Calvary-Hall's Charge, Central, Fairview, Locust Grove
Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.	Woodlawn , Cave Spring, Windsor Hills

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
- Pembroke—Mt. Lebanon
- Central
- Andrew Chapel
- Ebenezer
- Locust Grove

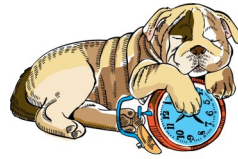
Conference Apportionments 100% Paid:

- Calvary (Christiansburg)
- First (Pembroke)
- Mount Elbert
- Mount Tabor

District Lay Members At-Large to Annual Conference 2011 and Lay Delegates to General & Jurisdictional Conferences 2012

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Nathaniel L. Bishop (Asbury)
 Sylvia S. Bishop (Asbury)
 Brenda S. Brooks (Bonsack)
 Stan Byrd (Greene Memorial)
 Frances P. Chubb (St. Paul, Roanoke)
 Tim Craft (Bonsack)
 Karizimine Fitzgerald (Trinity)
 Frankie Garman (Catawba/McDonalds Mill)
 Carol A. Gaston (First, Salem & Trinity)
 Hartley R. Gaston (Trinity & First, Salem)
 Thomas Hackney (Prices Fork)
 Ed Harless (First, Salem)
 Missy Hughes (Campus Ministries Rep)
 Sarah Hundley (Cave Spring Young Adult)
 Alan S. Johnson (Asbury)
 Shelia Kee (Blacksburg)
 LaNora King (Haven's Chapel)
 Rick Lewis (campus Ministries Rep)
 Hazel M. Norris (Andrew Chapel)



Daylight-Saving Time Ends
November 7th !!

Bernelle Rich (Grace)
 Jenet Robertson (Pierce Chapel, Foothills Chg.)
 Rhonda M. Rogers (Asbury)
 Nancy Sasser (Newport/Mt. Olivet)
 Lori Segovia (Blacksburg)
 Lori Smith (Fieldstone)
 Sue Speed (St. Paul, Christiansburg)
 Samantha Torgerson (Blacksburg)
 Jonathan Wilson (Southview - Young Adult)

GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES:

Nathaniel L. Bishop (Asbury)
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 Carol A. Gaston First, Salem & Trinity)
 Rachel Hundley
 Louise L. Miller (Raleigh Court)
 Jacob S. Paysour (Fincastle)
 Minnis E. Ridenour (Blacksburg)
 Nancy Sasser (Newport/Mt. Olivet)
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