



Roanoke District News

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Stewardship Update

The following churches have paid 100% in District and/or Conference apportionments in full for the year 2009:

- Calvary (Christiansburg) - District & Conference
- Crockett Springs - District
- First, Pembroke - District
- Mt. Elbert - District & Conference
- Newport-Mt.Olivet - District & Conference

From Our District Superintendent

Dear Church Leaders,

The fall has come and with great speed, we got through September! Where did it go? In September we had a successful Stewardship Workshop with Klote Associates. The workshop was well attended and offered new ideas for a relational approach to stewardship campaigns. We also have seen the Community Outreach Program gear up and prepare to welcome a new Church and Community Worker. The Shalom Zone – Grace Ministries Mission is getting its legs and beginning to develop ministry. Our District Leadership Team for All Things New had its first meeting to organize our efforts for this campaign. I am thankful for Mrs. Brenda Brooks of Bonsack UMC and Dr. Michael Houff of First UMC Salem for agreeing to co-chair this committee. But take a look quickly at where we are going in October before it zooms by!

We will have our District Conference at Cave Spring UMC on October 11, 3:00 p.m. Lots of Charge Conferences will take place in October. The Annual UMW meetings for the district and for the conference will take place. The district youth will host a Stop Hunger Now Rally at Bonsack UMC on October 4. Ministry retreats will occur at Alta Mons and VUMAC (Blackstone). I will attend a Stewardship Summit along with about a dozen United Methodists across the denomination in Nashville this coming month, along with a cabinet meeting and the Order of Elder retreat.

All of this being said, **NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT** than what you do in your churches to organize for ministry, teach/learn in Sunday School or other studies, singing in choirs and sharing in the worship of God. **NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT** than each of you providing advocacy for the poor in your communities, sharing with one another your worries and concerns and praying for all in our world. Thanks for “carrying on” in your part of the Roanoke District. You inspire me! Peace to you.

Steve Hundley



Roanoke District Conference

The Roanoke District Conference will be held Sunday, Oct. 11, at Cave Spring UMC at 3:00 p.m.

All members of our churches are welcome! Who are District Conference Members and should attend:

- All commissioned and ordained clergy, licensed local pastors, diaconal ministers, deaconesses

- Local Church Officers: Lay Leaders, chairpersons of Church Council (or equivalent body: Administrative Council, Administrative Board and Council on Ministries), church school superintendents, presidents of UMM and UMW, three members at large, one of whom shall be a youth, lay members to Annual Conference from each charge.

The 142nd Roanoke Dis-

with a business session to elect the Roanoke District officers and committees for 2010, and district at-large members and alternates to the 2010 Annual Conference. We will also hear news about the District Builder's Club.

A worship service with Holy Communion will follow the business session. Dr. Stephen Hundley, District Superintendent, will lead the worship and preach.

District Events & News:

- ✓ **Greene Memorial UMC** will host Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 pm. Most of us have grown up watching the Sound of Music and she has been gifted with the musical talents of the family. She is doing a tour of the VA UM churches and we are very fortunate to have her. There is no cost for the program, but donations will be accepted.
- ✓ **Fall Apple Days Event at Camp Alta Mons** will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share at the pot luck lunch in the dining room. There will be a prize for the best apple recipes. Also enjoy wagon rides and live music at camp, along with homemade apple butter sales at Crockett Springs UMC. This will be a beautiful fall day for all ages!
- ✓ **Asbury UMC** and Christiansburg Presbyterian Church will hold its 4th Annual Benefit Concert on Oct. 4 at 3:30 pm. The concert is free, but has a tradition of taking a free will offering to benefit two local nonprofit organizations. Each year approximately 40 singers, two conductors, an organist/pianist provide a full program of choral music with the opportunity for audience participation. The concert will be held at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 W. Main St., Christiansburg. For more information you may contact Rev. Nate Spencer or Ben Dixon at 540-382-0743.
- ✓ **Catawba UMC** will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary and Homecoming on Oct. 11th. Former and current members, as well as friends are invited to Sunday School at 10:00, Worship at 11:00, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Children's Ministry

Our next District Children's Ministry Fellowship meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Shakers at Valley View Mall for supper. Bring ideas that have really worked for your children's ministry and any questions or concerns you might have. We will network to discuss these issues and what has worked at other churches. If you plan on coming, please RSVP by Oct. 3rd by calling Susan Wagner at 977-4212 or e-mail her at susan@bonsackumc.org.

Susan wants to be a resource for you. If you need help with any aspect of your

Children's Ministry, please contact her.

Susan sends out information on area Children's Ministry Events, suggestions for Children's Ministry programming, and even notices if churches have or need materials to share. If you think your church is interested in being on that e-mail contact list so Susan can keep you in the loop, contact her at the above contact information.

The Virginia Conference has two opportunities for those who work with children. The first is on Thursday, Oct. 8th. This will be held at the Glen Allen Con-

ference Offices. This is a Christian Educator's Fellowship gathering. The whole day will be about using technology in Christian Education. Susan plans to go, so if you want to ride with her, contact her.

The second opportunity is on Oct. 23rd from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the VA Conference Offices. This day will be set aside for "Autism and the Local Church". If you have any children in your congregation who have autism, this would be a great learning experience.

To find out more about these events, check the Virginia Conference Website at www.vaumc.org.

A Call to God's Mission: Initiatives of Hope

In the next twelve months each United Methodist Church in the VA Conference is asked to "review and use the Initiatives of Hope DVD that was sent to your church and is available on the conference and district web sites. In partnership with our brothers and sisters in Brazil and Mozambique, we can help offer hope to the most vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the uneducated, the neglected, the unemployed,

the lonely, and the orphaned. IOH is based on a relationship of mutuality as we learn and experience God's grace through and with one another. The IOH partnership gives us the opportunity to share from our abundance. We recognize that even though we may face tough economic times, we have much to share. Extravagant generosity calls us to give unselfishly from our abundance - to give of our time, our talents and our gifts.

What can you do as a 'Fruitful Congregation?'" Pray, review, plan, sponsor, worship, give, encourage, invite, host or go. (excerpts from *Mission Opportunities* booklet)

I envision the Roanoke District churches as the first churches in the conference to answer the call to begin the journey to IOH partnership!

- Nancy Dickison
District Mission Coordinator

COP Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary!

EVERYONE is invited to join in the celebration of 20 years of ministry to the children of inner-city Roanoke. Current volunteers, former volunteers, prospective volunteers and those interested in the COP ministry are invited to join us in celebration on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Community Outreach Program located at Trinity UMC,

305 Mountain Ave. SW, Roanoke. The classrooms were updated this summer with fresh paint and refurbished classroom tables, not to mention our fresh new bathrooms.

COP is a mission project of the Roanoke District, the VA Annual Conference and the General Board of Global Ministries. Come and celebrate this mission right in Roanoke!

COP is at capacity this fall

with a waiting list, due in part to the lack of transportation available. Our bus was put to rest last spring which has left us with only the use of four fifteen passenger vans. We are currently fund raising for the purchase of a new used van for COP. Should you have one available or wish to contribute financially to the "Van Fund", please contact Deb Keeney, Executive Director at COP.

ROANOKE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Nancy Sasser, District President

Roanoke District UMW Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3:00 p.m. at Cave Spring UMC.

VA UMW 37th Annual Meeting will be held Oct. 24 - Oct. 25 at the VA UM Assembly Center in Blackstone. Theme: "Who's at the Table?" with keynote speaker Julie Taylor, Women's Division Executive Secretary for Children, Youth

and Family Advocacy. Also included: 140th Celebration of UMW, special presentation by Rev. Pat Watkins. Focus groups include: Mozambique 2009 and World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Sunday worship leader is the Rev. Tammy L. Estep. The registration form can be found at www.vaumw.org.

Stop Hunger Now Youth Rally

The Roanoke District youth helped feed over 15,000 people at their spring retreat this past April. They will meet again on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Bonsack UMC at 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Dinner will be served and packing meals will begin!

Their goal is to assemble 50,000 meals to feed 300,000 people!

The youth have challenged each church on the district to donate \$200 to this very worthwhile cause. If you have already donated, we thank you! If you have not, please send a check to the district office and earmark it for "Stop Hunger Now".

Our Sympathies and Well-Wishes

Our **sympathies** are extended to the families of:

- **Mrs. Ruth Fink** who died on Sept. 1. She was the surviving spouse of the Rev. J. Carroll Fink, who served in the VA Conference.
- **Mrs. Eula A. Reynolds**, who died on Sept. 17. She was the surviving spouse of Rev. Scott Reynolds, who also served in the VA Conference.

Please remember **Peggy Carwile**, wife of Rev. Elwood Carwile, who is recovering from surgery at home. Rev. Carwile is pastor of Lafayette UMC.

Congratulations to Bret and Erin Gresham on the birth of a daughter, Clara Wimberly, on August 27th. Rev. Gresham is the Director/Campus Minister of the Wesley Foundation at Virginia Tech.

Positions Available:

Bonsack UMC is seeking a part-time Nursery Supervisor to work 22-27 hours a month. This person will work 2 or 3 Sundays a month, allowing them to worship and attend Sunday School, while also serving God through the Church. The Nursery Supervisor will plan the Sunday School portion of the nursery program on the days they work, as well as have the added responsibilities of coordinating volunteers and childcare for all church functions. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Linda in the office at 977-4212 or email office@bonsackumc.org.

St. Mark's UMC is seeking a part-time Children & Family Ministries Coordinator, 10hrs./week (flexible) to lead energetic laity. For more information, contact Becky Arthur at 992-3030 or email her at clerk@stmarksmethodist.com.

Northview UMC is seeking a part-time Youth Leader. Duties include planning and leading weekly youth meetings, coordinate and participate in mission trips. Ten hours per week, pay based on experience. Please mail resume to Northview UMC, PO Box 7131, Roanoke, VA 24019 or email to nvumc@aol.com (subject line "resume"). No phone calls please.

More District News:

- ✓ **The Heritage Guild Annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon** will be held Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Roanoke UM Home. Donations are now being accepted for the sale, and tickets for the luncheon are on sale as well. Luncheon tickets are \$8.00 each (menu: beef bourguignon with egg noodles, spinach casserole, hot yeast rolls, salad, and dessert) and can be purchased through your church guild member, or by calling the Home at 767-6800. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Marge Jones 297-2019 or Winky McCann 427-4691.
- ✓ **Fincastle UMC** is having a Fall Sale on Sat., Oct. 24, at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Items to be sold will include good quality new/used household/yard goods, hand-made crafts, and home-baked food.
- ✓ **The Roanoke UM Home** has beautiful shrubbery and ornamentals that need some trimming, pruning, and shaping. We are looking for volunteers to assist in getting our plants back in shape. The staff will work behind you and do the pickup and clean-up work but they do not have the expertise to start the trimming. If this is something you could help with, please contact Elaine Lavinder at 767-6810.
- ✓ **"Living as Spiritual Older Adults"** is the theme of an event to be held at the Blacksburg UMC Christian Life Center, 706 Harding Ave., Monday, Oct. 19, at 9:00 am - 2:45 pm. The leader will be Marvin Cropsey, editor of *Mature Years*, a UM magazine for older adults. For more information contact Bonnie Vanderberg at 540-951-1238 or thevbergs@comcast.net or Bill Finley at 540-552-3238 or Finleywm@aol.com.
- ✓ **The Roanoke District Leadership Training Event** will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bonsack UMC. Complete details on classes will be coming out soon.

CHARGE CONFERENCES 2009

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church (Host church in bold)</u> |
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| Sept. 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Lawrence Memorial |
| Oct. 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Floyd Parish |
| Oct. 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Fincastle , Andrew Chapel, Buchanan Charge, Eagle Rock Charge, Foothills Charge |
| Oct. 18 | 3:00 p.m. | Huntington Court , Grace, Hispanos Unidos, Northview, St. Mark's |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Thrasher Memorial , Bonsack, Ebenezer, Mt. View Charge, Three Oaks Fellowship |
| Oct. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Rockingham Court , Boones Mill, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Pleasant |
| Oct. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | New Castle Charge , Catawba Circuit |
| Oct. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | White Memorial , Crockett Springs, Goodwin Memorial, Lafayette |
| Oct. 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Raleigh Court |
| Oct. 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Greene Memorial , St. Paul (Roanoke), Trinity, West End |
| Nov. 1 | 3:00 p.m. | St. Paul (Christiansburg) , Asbury, Belview, Christiansburg Charge, Mt. Elbert, Mt. Tabor, Wesley Memorial |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Blacksburg , Fieldstone, Newport-Mt. Olivet, Pembroke Charge, Prices Fork Charge |
| Nov. 2 | 7:00 p.m. | First (Salem) , Calvary-Hall's Charge, Central, Fairview, Locust Grove |
| Nov. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Southview |
| Nov. 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Cave Spring , Windsor Hills, Woodlawn, South Roanoke |

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