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



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The District Office will close at noon on Friday, September 2nd, for the Labor Day Holiday and will reopen Tuesday, September 6th.

The **Bishop's Convocation** will take place Saturday, October 1 at Grace UMC, Manassas, VA from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. More information about registration is available on the conference website: www.vaumc.org, select Events and choose the Oct. 1st event.

District Conference Meeting
October 9th - Cave Spring UMC at 3:00 pm

From Our District Superintendent

Dear leaders,

Some of you may have heard about the "Call to Action" report that has been issued by the Council of Bishops and others in our denomination. This is a call to you for your action! I spent an extended amount of time with your pastors at our Charge Conference Preparation meeting last week talking about the report and what we need to do in the local church.

Each church is going to be asked to set "number goals" for each of the next few years (through 2015) in church worship attendance, new disciples

by profession of faith, the number of persons involved in small groups, number of persons involved in mission and giving to mission. This is a way of setting expectations and naming our plans.

I ask each of you to pray about this and do what you can to "set expectations and name plans" for a full and bright future for your church! See you at District Conference, October 9, 2011, 3:00 p.m. at Cave Spring UMC!

In service, I am

Steve Hundley



Note: the call to action report is on the web at:

<http://roanokeumc.org/clientimages/45038/state%20of%20the%20church%20report%202011%20for%20charge%20conference.pdf>

Prayers and Celebrations

- The family of **Mrs. June K. Failes**, mother of Rev. Walter B. Failes, Jr., who died August 15th. Rev. Failes is senior pastor of Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton.
- The family of **Mrs. Virginia (Mary) Saxton**, mother of Rev. Sandra McMillen, who died July 27th. Rev. McMillen is pastor of Fincastle UMC.
- Mrs. **Edris Perdue**, wife of Rev. Frankie Perdue, undergoing knee surgery on September 6th. in Blacksburg.
- Welcome to **Michael Gartland**, the new Social Services Director at The Roanoke United Methodist Home. He is a member at Northview United Methodist Church.

Directory Additions

Community Outreach Program now has its very own email address. All e-mail correspondence in regards to COP should now be directed to: UMCOPR@roacoxmail.com

Rev. Joe Klotz, pastor of Northview, has a new email address: clabberclown@gmail.com

Rev. Emory Tarpley is now serving as the new pastor at Mt. Elbert UMC.

District Events News:

September 7th @3:00 the **District Book Club** we will meet to discuss *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez. Marianne Bird will lead the discussion and we have plans to see parts of the movie. We will meet at the Roanoke UM Home. Questions? Call Becky Hundley at 904-2960.

The 5th annual Bar-B-Q at **Northview UMC** will be held Sunday, Sept. 18 from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. The price is \$8.00 for adults and includes food and drink. Children ages 4 and under will eat free. A dessert bar will be available at a small cost. Take outs will be available. Prior to the dinner, a free concert will be presented from 4 -5:00 in the Northview Family Life Center featuring the Covenant Jazz Ensemble and Soul Mates. A love offering will be collected. All are welcome.

VA PAUMCS Experience Your Conference Connection

The Virginia Chapter for the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries will host their fall event, **Experience Your Conference Connection 2011**, on Wednesday October 5, at the Virginia United Methodist Conference Center in Glen Allen. The event is open to all church administrative staff, full-time, part-time, paid and volunteer, including administrative assistants, financial secretaries, office managers and newsletter editors. A registration brochure is available at: www.vaumc.org or call (804) 521-1124.

District Apportionments PAID in full for 2011:

- Mt. Tabor UMC
- Mt. Elbert UMC
- Calvary UMC-Christiansburg
- Catawba UMC - Catawba
- Trinity UMC - Roanoke
- Lawrence Memorial UMC
- White Memorial UMC
- Crockett Springs UMC
- Three Oaks Fellowship UMC

Conference Apportionments PAID in full for 2011:

- Mt. Tabor UMC
- Mt. Elbert UMC
- Calvary UMC-Christiansburg

Camp Alta Mons News

Alta Mons Outdoor and Retreat Ministry seeks to employ an outstanding candidate in the capacity of Guest Services Coordinator. For more information see the district website: www.roanokeumc.org or contact: J. Benjamin Snapp: director@altamons.org



NEW DAY - SAME GREAT EVENT!

ROANOKE UNITED METHODIST HOME BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

1009 Old Country Club Road Roanoke, VA

(540) 767-6800

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LUNCHEON - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FEATURING:

BOOKS, ATTIC TREASURES, FURNITURE, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, JEWELRY, CRAFTS, DECORATIONS, PLANTS, SNACK BAR, AND BAKE SALE

(Gold buyer for your items-you receive money for the items you bring and the guild gets a percentage of the buyer's commission. All transactions will be in private)

Luncheon Tickets \$8.00

(Reservations Required)

Tickets can be also purchased from any Guild member.

In order to have a great day we need your contributions! It's time to clean out those items you no longer value and give them to a good cause. The Hermitage Guild of Roanoke puts on this bazaar to raise monies for things to make life better for the residents, whether it's an electric door or flowers for the dining room tables or special items for health care, the main purpose is to make this the best retirement community anywhere!! If you have items for sale, please take them to the RUMH between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

District UMYouth News

The district youth council recently met and planned out the events for our upcoming school year. A brochure with all of the dates and places is available on the district website. Some of that information also follows. If you need additional information, please contact Tim Craft at craftytim@gmail.com or at 540-819-9386.

Sunday October 2 Pig Pick'n 6:00 - 8:30 pm Bonsack UMC

Join us for an exciting evening full of fair games, delicious pig pick'n food, music and worship. This will be the event of the fall and one not to miss. We may even have a few surprises in store for you. Please RSVP your church group and anticipated number to Tim Craft by Monday, September 26th.

Saturday October 29 & Monday October 31 Youth Service Fundraiser - Haunted House

The district churches are hosting a Haunted House at **South Roanoke UMC** for the community. If your church is interested in helping to "haunt" please contact Tim Craft. The house will be open to everyone. All proceeds will go to the Virginia Annual Conference Youth Service Fund.

Sunday, February 19, 2012 - Murder Mystery Dinner**Friday, April 20 -Sunday April 22, 2012 - All Things New Retreat****2011 - 2012 District Council Meeting Dates -**

All meetings at 7:00 pm

September 13 - Huntington Court	January 10 - Cave Spring
October 11 - South Roanoke	February 7 - Thrasher
November 15 - Trinity	March 13 - Bonsack
April 3 - Huntington Court	



Roanoke District UMW

Lou Talbutt, District President



Greetings,

After a successful weekend at the School of Christian Mission, I feel renewed and ready for the fall season. Through a study on Haiti, I came to respect the Haitian people for their courage, faith, spirit, and determination. I learned about their history and how their culture became so rich and colorful. I learned about their issues and challenges. Other countries, including the United States of America, have taken advantage of this once rich country to make it one of the poorest. Eighty percent of the people live under the poverty level. One percent of the population owns more than fifty per cent of the nation's wealth. Yet, the Haitian people maintain that great spirit of hope.

Just like our 9/11/2001 date, Haiti's landscape changed on 1/12/2010 in 35 seconds. Haiti's disaster was about 800 times greater in scope than our 9/11 attacks

on New York City. One was a "man made" catastrophe and one was a "natural disaster". Both events reminded us that, "Death does not have a warning bell".

The other topic I enjoyed at the School of Christian Mission was about, "Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation". Through scripture readings, discussions, audiovisuals, and our text, *The Journey*, by Stephanie Hixon and Thomas Porter, The Roanoke District Superintendent, Stephen Hundley, led the group to a better understanding of repentance, restitution, and forgiveness. The School of Christian Mission is a wonderful experience and I wish many more of you could have attended. Please think and pray about this experience for next summer. Scholarships are also available.

Ann Klotz, Conference UMW Mission Coordinator

for Education and Interpretation who is now at Northview UMC in Roanoke, and I will present more on this topic at the November 5th District UMW Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 am at First Salem UMC, Salem. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. In Christ's Love,

Lou Talbutt

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### September 11

Open UMW District Executive Meeting Unit Presidents St. Paul UMC, Christiansburg 3:00 pm

### September 24 – 25

Conference UMW Young Women's Weekend, VUMAC

### October 2

District UMW Annual Meeting – 3 pm Raleigh Court UMC, Roanoke

### October 29 – 30

Conference UMW Annual Meeting, VUMAC

## From Our Director Of Church Development

Rev. Lynn Alley-Grant



Somewhere a long time ago I saw this quote and it has remained at the front of my thinking and prayer life:

***"The church is the only institution on the face of the earth that exists for the purpose of those who are not yet members."***

In the Virginia Conference we have said that we are serious about being the church where more people, more young people and more diverse people can find a church home.

I invite you to join me in asking the question "**Who is Missing?**" When you drive into your church parking lot for administrative meetings, Bible Study, choir practice and worship, ask yourself: **who** is missing? When you are out running errands, driving to work and school ask yourself "**who** is missing?"

I am praying for every United Methodist in our district to begin asking "**who** is missing?" If the task feels daunting, begin with your own family. Do your nieces and nephews have a church home? Are your children enthusiastically engaged in church? Friends? School acquaintances? How about your neighbors? Why are they not interested in church?

If you are receiving the newsletter by USPS mail and would like to save our resources and receive the newsletter by email, please contact Cindy Martin at the district office: [cmartin@roanokeumc.org](mailto:cmartin@roanokeumc.org).

## District News:

**Cave Spring UMC** Weekday School is looking for a 4 day per week (Mon.-Thurs.) teacher in our 2 year old class. This is a 9AM to 12PM position. Please contact Tarra Svec at 540 989-3673 ext. 207 or: [weedaysschool@cavespringumc.org](mailto:weedaysschool@cavespringumc.org) if you are interested.

**Three Oaks Fellowship** in Vinton needs a pianist for Sunday services and special services. Please contact Barbara Perdue at: [b1perdue@aol.com](mailto:b1perdue@aol.com) or Pastor Tina Cox at [tcx61@gmail.com](mailto:tcx61@gmail.com). You may also call the church office: 540-890-8300.

**Asbury UMC** in Christiansburg seeks a keyboardist. Position requires performance each Sunday and at least one choir rehearsal per week. Preferred person would be able to sight read, perform on piano and/or organ, and be familiar with a variety of music, including hymns, gospels, spirituals, and traditional and contemporary anthems. Contact Asbury UMC at (540) 382-0743 or via e-mail at: [karene.jones@verizon.net](mailto:karene.jones@verizon.net).

**Huntington Court UMC** is searching for a new part-time choir director/organist. Please send resume to: Huntington Court UMC 3333 Williamson Road Roanoke, VA 24012

**Southview UMC** in Roanoke is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. Monday thru Friday, approx. 20 hours per week. Send resume to the attention of Don Fisher, Chairperson, SPPRC at the church address or fax to 362-9410 or email to: [office@southviewumc.org](mailto:office@southviewumc.org).

**Fincastle UMC** has a position available for a part-time secretary (approx. 20 hours per week). For information please call Art Pendleton at 540-397-2723 or the church office at 540-473-3001.

## Charge Conferences 2011

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church (Host church in bold)</u>                                                                             |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 9   | 2:00 p.m.   | <b>Hispanos Unidos</b> at Cave Spring UMC (prior to District Conference)                                        |
| October 12  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Floyd Parish</b> , Lawrence Memorial at Copper Hill                                                          |
| October 13  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Rockingham Court</b> , Boones Mill, Mount Olivet, Mount Pleasant                                             |
| October 16  | 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Fincastle</b> , Andrew Chapel, Buchanan Charge, Eagle Rock Charge, Foothills Charge, Saint Mark's            |
| October 17  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>New Castle Charge</b> , Catawba Circuit at New Castle UMC                                                    |
| October 23  | 3:00 p.m.   | <b>Huntington Court</b> , Grace, Northview, Southview                                                           |
|             | 5:00 pm.    | <b>Thrasher Memorial</b> , Bonsack, Ebenezer, Mountain View Charge, Three Oaks Fellowship                       |
| October 26  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>White Memorial</b> , Crockett Springs, Goodwin Memorial, Halls, Lafayette                                    |
| October 30  | 2:00 p.m.   | <b>Saint Paul (Christiansburg)</b> , Asbury, Belview, Calvary, Mount Elbert, Mount Tabor, Park, Wesley Memorial |
|             | 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Blacksburg</b> , Fieldstone, Newport-Mt. Olivet, Pembroke Charge, Prices Fork Charge                         |
| November 1  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Raleigh Court</b>                                                                                            |
| November 6  | 11:30 a.m.  | <b>West End</b>                                                                                                 |
|             | 3:00 p.m.   | <b>Greene Memorial</b> , Saint Paul (Roanoke), South Roanoke, Trinity                                           |
| November 9  | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>First (Salem)</b> , Calvary, Central, Fairview, Locust Grove                                                 |
| November 10 | 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Windsor Hills</b> , Cave Spring, Woodlawn                                                                    |

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