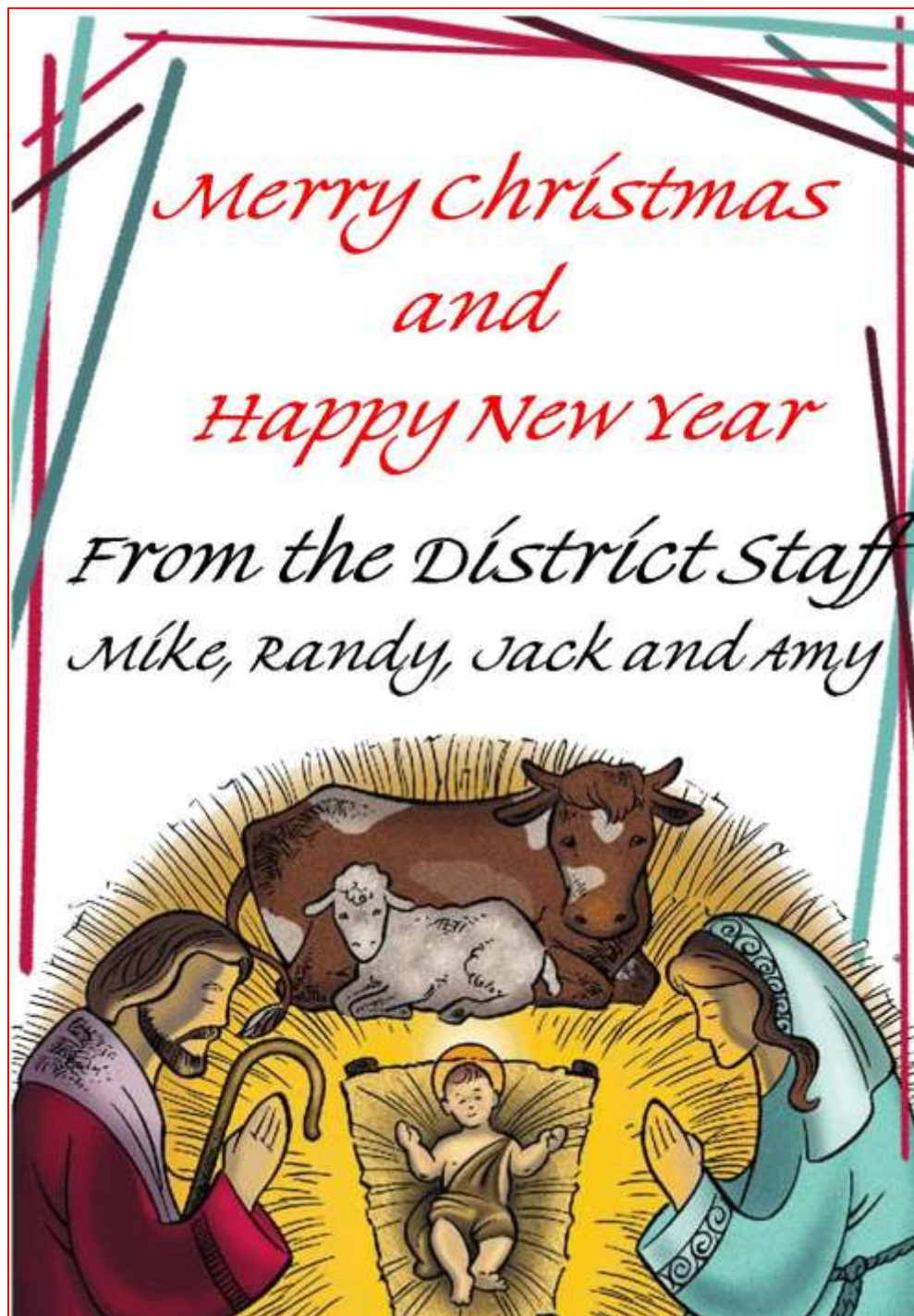


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**APPORTIONMENT - A portion meant for the service of God.**

*(The above is the definition of what the word “apportionment” really means as stated by a former Conference Treasurer, Bob Meyers.)*

We will continue to add to our Apportionment Honor Roll as churches pay 100% of their apportionments. The churches added this month (as of November 8) are in bold lettering.

**Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District AND Conference apportionments for 2018 :**

<b>Ardmore</b>	<b>Asbury</b>	<b>Bailey’s Chapel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>
Bethel (Mocksville)	<b>Bethel (Thomasville)</b>	Bethel (W-S)	<b>Bethlehem (Advance)</b>
<b>Beulah</b>	<b>Brookstown</b>	<b>Burkhead</b>	Center (Mocksville)
Cherry Street	Cooleemee	Crews	Delta
East Bend	<b>Elbaville</b>	<b>Elm Grove</b>	Epworth
<b>Fairview (Pinnacle)</b>	<b>First (Thomasville)</b>	Forest Chapel	Franklin Heights
<b>Good Hope</b>	<b>Hanes</b>	<b>Hanes Grove</b>	Harmony Grove
<b>Hickory Ridge</b>	<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>Johnsontown</b>	<b>Kingswood</b>
Longtown	<b>Main Street</b>	Mallalieu-Jones	<b>Marvin</b>
Maple Grove	<b>Morris Chapel</b>	Mountain Grove	Mount Herman
Mount Olivet	<b>Mount Pleasant (Boonville)</b>	Mt. Pleasant (W-S)	Mount Zion (Pinnacle)
New Union	<b>Oak Forest</b>	Oak Grove (Mocksville)	Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)
Pilot View	<b>Pine Grove (Kernersville)</b>	<b>Pine Grove (W-S)</b>	<b>Pisgah</b>
Pleasant Hill	Salem (Mocksville)	<b>St. Andrew’s</b>	<b>St. James</b>
<b>St. Mark</b>	<b>St. Mary’s</b>	St. Paul (Hamptonville)	<b>Stokesburg</b>
Stony Knoll (East Bend)	<b>Trinity (King)</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>Union Chapel</b>
<b>Union Ridge</b>	Whitaker’s Chapel	Wither’s Chapel	Yadkin College

**Congratulations to the following churches who paid 100% of their District apportionments for 2018:**

<b>Bethesda (Lexington)</b>	Brooks Temple	Centenary (W-S)	<b>Center (Welcome)</b>
<b>Central (Mt. Airy)</b>	First (Mocksville)	Hardison	Mt. Pleasant (Tobaccoville)
<b>Mount Zion (Trinity)</b>	New Mt. Vernon	<b>Pinnacle</b>	Pine Woods
<b>Saints Home</b>	<b>Shady Grove (East Bend)</b>	Shiloh (Germanton)	<b>Shiloh (Lexington)</b>
<b>St. Paul (W-S)</b>	Stony Knoll (Dobson)	Trinity (Thomasville)	Yadkinville

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Last Day to pay 2018 Apportionments is **TUESDAY, January 8, 2019**. All payments from local churches must be in the office of the Conference Treasurer by 3:00 p.m. that day in order to be applied to the 2018 year.

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We want to share the good things that are happening in our churches. If you have something you would like to share with others, please let us know.

This month we have experienced our first major snowfall of the year. While it was beautiful to look at, the snow prevented churches from having their regular worship services. We celebrate our churches who, through the wonders of technology, provided worship experiences for their congregations via live streaming, Facebook, etc.

We also celebrate **New Story** for opening their Waughtown Campus this week and providing bags of food for their neighbors. With kids home from school because of the snow, families experienced dwindling food supplies. New Story's extravagant generosity meant that children would receive a meal that might otherwise go hungry.



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**Reason for the season?** This is a question many should be asking themselves. We know Christ is the reason! Now some of the things we should ask ourselves is how can we serve Christ this season. Thinking about this is the reason for this article.

"Who is my Neighbor" was a question put to Jesus. As we approach the Christmas Season, that question is very important. We are all called to reach out to others both on a personal level and as a church. There are so many needs out there we can respond to.



**Mt. Carmel UMC** in Winston-Salem along with their Missional Network Churches started a fund for a Kenya Water Project to raise funds to give a community in MERU, KENYA clean water. This project was started in 2016 and has placed water tanks and put in a roof runoff system to fill the tanks in the rainy season. Now their charge is to dig a well and power that well to furnish clean water year round. Site studies have been done and the water table is quite deep (since this is in the mountainous area of Kenya) so the well is to be dug and the pump to be set at 170-180 meters. The UMC church in Meru, at this point is getting the land to put the well on. Now our goal is to raise the final funds to pay for the well drilling and pump to furnish clean water. We need your help to accomplish this.

**"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward" ( Matthew 10:42, NIV )**

For additional information, please contact Lynn Harmon at 336-725-2594 (home) or Mt. Carmel UMC church office at 336-788-4183. Donations can be mailed to Mt. Carmel UMC, 4265 Ebert Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27127. Please mark in the memo area of your check that this is for the "Kenya Water Project."





## Happenings Around the District and Conference



### “ CHRISTMASTIME ”

“VIRGINIA BINKLEY WARNER MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT”

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

LOVE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SANCTUARY

3020 MAIN STREET WALKERTOWN, NC

CONCERT MUSICIANS

DR. CAMERON AIKEN, TENOR      VANESSA VAN VALIN, SOPRANO  
PAUL ORKISZEWSKI, GUITAR      DR. JULIANNA HAYWARD, ORGAN & PIANO

*“Holiday Reception follows the Concert”*



**Pine Grove UMC**, located at 1130 Jonestown Road in Winston-Salem, will have an outdoor nativity program, offered every 30 minutes, **Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A Drive-Thru LIVE NATIVITY will take place at **Harmony Grove UMC**, 5041 Styers Ferry Rd, Lewisville, NC, on **Sunday evening, December 16**, 5:30-7:30pm. Join with them as they celebrate the birthday of Jesus, our Messiah. Free refreshments available as well as activities for the children.

**Burkhead UMC** will be showing a Safe Sanctuary video during their regular Wednesday Night Fellowship meal **December 19** at 6:00 pm. Anyone that would like to join them for a pancake supper and Safe Sanctuary training is welcome! Please call Darlene in the church office at 336-765-6590, Ext. 3, to reserve your spot (and pancakes!). The church is located at 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem.

**Yadkin Valley District  
2019 Lay Servant Training Registration**

**Location: First UMC**, 210 Marion Street, Pilot Mountain, NC  
Two Saturdays (**February 2 and February 16**), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Please check one:** Basic Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Courses: "Leading Bible Study" \_\_\_\_\_  
"From Your Heart to Theirs:  
Delivering an Effective Sermon" \_\_\_\_\_

**Location: Midway UMC**, 9795 Old Hwy. 52, Lexington, NC 27295  
Two Saturdays (**February 2 and February 16**), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Please check one:** Basic Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Courses: "Justice in Everyday Life" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Leading in Lay Pastoral Care" \_\_\_\_\_

**Location: First UMC**, 310 N. Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028  
Five Weeks: February 5, 12, 19, 25, March 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Please check one:**  
Advanced Courses: "Lay Servants Lead in Conflict  
Resolution" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Leading Missional Small Groups" \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$30/course.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

**Make checks payable to *Yadkin Valley District Office***  
**1031 Reynolda Road**  
**Winston-Salem, NC 27104**

Registration due by **January 7, 2019. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

District Lay Servant Ministries Committee of the Yadkin Valley District:  
Amy Johnson, District Director of Lay Servant Ministries  
Tom Bridges, District Lay Leader  
Louise Jones  
Carol Roberts  
Sara Williams

### 2019 Lay Servant Course Descriptions

**The Basic Course** acquaints you with your gifts, calling, and responsibilities as a follower of Christ. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. This course is the foundational course for lay servant training and is a pre-requisite for any Advanced Course. This course will be led by Rev. Bart Milleson at First UMC (Pilot Mountain) and Rev. Sandra Ireson at Midway UMC.

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The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **First UMC in Pilot Mountain:**

*“Leading Bible Study”* will be led by Sandy Smith. This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation. It reminds us as United Methodists that Bible study and biblical interpretation are a core part of our spiritual journey.

*“From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon”* will be led by Rev. David Rorie. Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons – from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons – as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

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The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **Midway UMC:**

*“Justice in Everyday Life”* will be led by Rev. Chuck Ireson. This course will take an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church – the church’s attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as the Natural World, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, Biblical Foundations of the Social Principles, and Teaching the Social Principles.

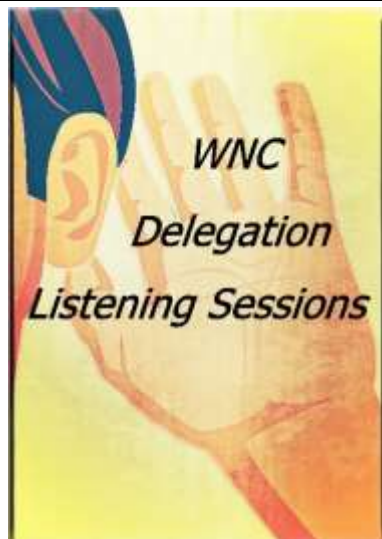
*“Leading in Lay Pastoral Care”* will be led by Tom Bridges. This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God’s love and care to others. Tom is a certified Stephens Minister and serves as a volunteer chaplain at Kernersville Medical Center.

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The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **First UMC Family Life Center in Mocksville** are:

*“Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution”* will be led by Rev. Darren Crotts. Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through times of conflict as a time of transformation.

*“Leading Missional Small Groups”* will be led by Tim Hoffman. The text for this study is “Transforming Community.” This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God’s mission in the world.



## Make Your Voice Heard: WNC Delegation Listening Sessions

The Western North Carolina Conference Delegation to the 2019 Called Session of the General Conference will be available at two sessions in early January for United Methodist clergy and laity to learn more about the upcoming conference and share their perspectives. You will have the opportunity to make your voice heard during directed table conversations and brief presentations. The sessions will be identical. Registration is required.

**Saturday, January 5 at First UMC in Morganton from 10:00-1:00**  
**Sunday, January 6 at First UMC in Salisbury from 3:00-6:00**

Information and registration are available:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/make-your-voice-heard-delegation-listening-sessions-12483050>



The Leadership Development Team exists to build the capacity of ministry Jesus, make disciples and transform the world. They have worked hard to identify providers and resources that will connect with the leadership needs of clergy and ministry professionals in order to develop the [characteristics](#) that lead toward vital ministry. They are excited to offer these opportunities in early 2019! Don't delay to look through the choices and find which one will support your growth! Click on the links for more information and registration!

### Adapt! Leading Off the Map

Designed for churches and clergy seeking to improve skills around leading change.

Developed and Facilitated by WNC clergy: Rev. Lory Beth Huffman, Rev. Mark Key, and Rev. Chris Westmoreland

[ADAPT information and registration](#)

Deadline for registration is January 7 or when full.

### Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process

Offered in WNC by The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting.

[Clergy Clinic information and registration](#)

### Great Ministry in the Second Half of Life

Rediscovering Meaning, Balance, Joy, and Success in Ministry

Developed and Facilitated by Rev. Janice Virtue

[Great Ministry information and registration](#)



## Secrets of Motivation: How to Motivate and Encourage Others

We are partnering with Dale Carnegie for a peer learning, facilitated experience developed and led by Rev. Rene' Wilt. There will be an online learning component as well as two in-person gatherings and periodic check-ins.

[Secrets of Motivation information and registration](#)

## Preaching Cohorts

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley and Rev. Talbot Davis have each agreed to lead a preaching cohort in 2019. Details and Registration coming in December on [THIS PAGE](#).

In addition, there will be **spiritual renewal opportunities and \$500 scholarships** offered again early in the year.

A spiritual growth opportunity coming soon is [The Big Silence](#). The Leadership Development Team has provided a grant that will allow 10 clergy and ministry professionals to receive a \$400 scholarship (available first-come, first-serve through the program.) Get away from the distractions of this world to find a holy place within.

The LDT underwrites a significant amount of the cost so that you can access these opportunities.

Duke Divinity School is offering five sessions of **Study Leave for Ministry Professionals** between January and April. Over the span of five to seven days, participants can immerse themselves in learning and renewal through self-directed study, worship and prayer on the Duke University campus for only \$150 for WNC leaders. More information is available at <https://www.wnccumc.org/resourcedetail/study-leave-for-ministry-professionals-12461383>.



The Explore Summer Internship exists to help young adults (18-25 years old) discern their call to vocational ministry by providing an environment for exploring their gifts and giving the intern opportunities to explore particular aspects of ministry and/or program development in a safe and encouraging environment.

The internship is a hands-on experience in a church setting or a church affiliated organization. Interns engage in a broad range of ministerial work and/or program development then reflect on their experiences. Interns are not meant to fill a certain hole in the ministerial staff, they are to be given opportunities to experience the full breadth of pastoral ministry; to discover, dream, develop and deliver, to learn by doing as well as by observing and discussing.

Learn more at this link: <https://www.wnccumc.org/exploresummerinternship>



## District Joys and Concerns

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Rev. Lee Pollock** (retired) on his death November 20 and to **Mary Thomas**, wife of Rev. Dr. J. Hurley Thomas, III (retired) in the death of her brother, Thomas Beasley, on November 25.



### Upcoming District Dates



December 18 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, 8:30 a.m.

December 21-January 1 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas Holidays

**December 31 – Deadline to submit Pastor and Church Advisory Forms**

**December 31 – Clergy Profiles and Church Profiles due**

**January 7 – Registration Deadline for Lay Servant Training**

January 11-13 – Clergy Beach Retreat, DoubleTree by Hilton, Myrtle Beach

January 15 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, 8:30 a.m.

January 17 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, 8:30 a.m.

January 19 – Conference Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, University City UMC,  
3835 West W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, Registration at 9:00 a.m.,  
Celebration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: Living Into the Dream: All of God's Children

Speaker: Bill Curry

January 21 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED

**January 31 – Year-End Statistical Reports due**



### District Leadership Conference

### Sunday, February 10

### Stay tuned for more information!

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