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## District Leadership Training

**February 10, 2019**  
**Bethesda United Methodist Church**  
**2922 Bethesda Road**  
**Lexington, NC 27295**  
**2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

A A new year provides us with an opportunity to learn about different roles in the church. We will meet briefly in the Family Life Center of Bethesda UMC (located in the Welcome community) for opening remarks, etc., before going to the respective classes. Classes being offered this year are:

- The Role of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee** led by Rev. Michael Bailey, Yadkin Valley District Superintendent – This class will explore the basic duties of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, as well as explore the role in recognizing and encouraging the call to ministry among those in their congregation.
- What Are the Ten Essential Needs for Local Church Finance and Stewardship?** led by Rev. Dr. Mark King, Conference Treasurer - This workshop will examine the ten most important and significant issues that local church finance and stewardship leaders should be most concerned. The issues and needs will stem both from the Book of Discipline, but will also be practical and logistical relevant. Topics will include Audits, Annual Reporting, Apportionments, Financial Policies, and Giving.
- The Role of the Local Church Lay Leader** led by Tom Bridges, Yadkin Valley District Lay Leader - This workshop will focus on the duties of the Local Church Lay Leader, as well as Lay Servant Ministry, and their importance to the congregation.
- The Role of United Methodist Men in the Local Church, District, and Conference** led by Eddie Foster, Yadkin Valley District UMM President. Whether you have an active unit of UMM in your church or if would like to form a unit, this workshop will inform you about the work of United Methodist Men and their vitality and strength going forward.
- Congregations 4 Children (C4C)** led by Camille Roddy, Yadkin Valley C4C Chair. This workshop will provide resources that can assist churches to impact families in poverty through partnerships with local schools. Learn how to get started working with a local school or district, enhance current efforts and discover opportunities to fund outreach initiatives.

**PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**



**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. Those listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

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

<b>Antioch (Belews Creek)</b>	<b>Antioch (Rural Hall)</b>	Ardmore	Asbury
Bailey's Chapel	Baltimore	<b>Bethel (King)</b>	Bethel (Mocksville)
Bethel (Thomasville)	Bethel (W-S)	<b>Bethesda (Lexington)</b>	<b>Bethesda (Pine Hall)</b>
Bethlehem (Advance)	<b>Bethlehem (W-S)</b>	Beulah	<b>Blackwater</b>
<b>Boonville</b>	<b>Brooks Temple</b>	Brookstown	Burkhead
<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Centenary (Clemmons)</b>	<b>Centenary (W-S)</b>	Center (Mocksville)
<b>Center (Welcome)</b>	<b>Central Terrace</b>	Cherry Street	<b>Clemmons</b>
Cooleemee	<b>Cornatzer</b>	Crews	Delta
<b>Dobson</b>	<b>Dulin</b>	East Bend	Elbaville
Elm Grove	Epworth	<b>Fair Grove</b>	Fairview (Pinnacle)
<b>Fairview (Thomasville)</b>	<b>Faith</b>	<b>Farmington</b>	<b>First (Pilot Mountain)</b>
First (Thomasville)	Forest Chapel	Franklin Heights	<b>Fulton</b>
Good Hope	Hanes	Hanes Grove	Harmony Grove
Hickory Ridge	Hillsdale	Johnsontown	Kingswood
<b>Konnoak Hills</b>	<b>Level Cross</b>	Longtown	<b>Love's</b>
Main Street	Mallalieu-Jones	Maple Grove	<b>Maple Springs</b>
Marvin	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Mitchell's Chapel</b>	<b>Mocks</b>
Morris Chapel	Mountain Grove	Mount Herman	<b>Mount Olive</b>
Mount Olivet	Mount Pleasant (Boonville)	<b>Mt. Pleasant (Tobaccoville)</b>	Mt. Pleasant (W-S)
Mount Zion (Pinnacle)	<b>New Hope (Pilot Mountain)</b>	<b>New Hope (W-S)</b>	New Union
Oak Forest	Oak Grove (Mocksville)	Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)	<b>Palmyra</b>
Pilot View	<b>Pine Grove (Kernersville)</b>	<b>Pine Grove (W-S)</b>	<b>Pine Woods</b>
<b>Pinnacle</b>	Pisgah	Pleasant Hill	Salem (Mocksville)
<b>Salem (Mt. Airy)</b>	<b>Sedge Garden</b>	<b>Shady Grove (East Bend)</b>	<b>Shady Grove (W-S)</b>
<b>Shoals</b>	<b>Siloam</b>	<b>Smith Grove</b>	<b>Snow Hill</b>
St. Andrew's	St. James	St. Mark	St. Mary's
St. Paul (Hamptonville)	<b>St. Paul (W-S)</b>	<b>Stanford</b>	Stokesburg
<b>Stony Knoll (Dobson)</b>	Stony Knoll (East Bend)	<b>Tabernacle</b>	Trinity (King)
<b>Trinity (Thomasville)</b>	<b>Trinity (W-S)</b>	Union	Union Chapel
Union Ridge	<b>Wesley Memorial</b>	Whitaker's Chapel	Wither's Chapel
Yadkin College	<b>Yadkinville</b>		

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

<b>Center (Yadkinville)</b>	First (Mocksville)	Hardison	<b>Mt. Carmel</b>
Mount Zion (Trinity)	New Mt. Vernon	Saints Home	<b>Sharon</b>
Shiloh (Germantown)	Shiloh (Lexington)		

**Congratulations to Central (Mt. Airy) for paying 100% of their Conference apportionments for 2018.**



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 celebrate the success of the Yadkin Valley District UMAR luncheon that was held in November. We have three UMAR homes in Winston-Salem, two for women and one for men. The goal was to raise \$45,000 through this event. The total amount raised was **\$50,569!** In addition to this amount, sales of the beautiful artwork created by UMAR residents netted over \$2000, 40% of which goes to the UMAR “artist” to supplement their income.

Plans have already begun for the 2019 luncheon which is scheduled for November 14.

Reverend Beverly Gaska would like to thank **Union Chapel (Mocksville), Mount Carmel, and Wesley Memorial** for their generous gifts to the Purse Project. Approximately 430 purses have been given to shelters, police officers downtown, and women on the street. Because of your support, homeless women know that someone cares. If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Rev. Gaska at [begaska@aol.com](mailto:begaska@aol.com).



### Share a Meal in Intentional Community

**The Foundry House** is a residential Christian community for young adults on the campus of Crossnore School & Children’s Home in Winston-Salem. Our intentional community shares in daily prayer, weekly community meals, and service projects on the Farm at Crossnore and elsewhere. We would love for a group from your church to provide a Sunday evening meal for our residents and to join them in sharing food and fellowship. If some of your church members, a small group, a

Sunday School class, or other group (could be young adults but doesn’t have to be!) would like to learn more and support us in this way, please contact Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller ([showellmiller@missionalwisdom.com](mailto:showellmiller@missionalwisdom.com)) or visit [www.foundryhousews.com](http://www.foundryhousews.com). Sarah is also available to speak at your church and share more about the mission and vision of The Foundry House.



## Happenings Around the District and Conference

two evenings  
of  
**GREAT MUSIC**  
with  
**THE UNBROKEN CIRCLE**  
WFU'S MULTI-GENERATIONAL STRING BAND  
**February 8th & 9th**  
**7pm**  
The 8th annual  
benefit concerts for  
The Shalom Project

**BYRUM  
WELCOME CENTER  
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY**

Donations gratefully  
accepted during the show

 **THE SHALOM PROJECT**  
theshalomprojectnc.org  
336.721.0606

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Dawn Calhoun

## 8th Annual Lewisville Clemmons Dodgeball Tournament Benefitting the Clemmons Food Pantry

**Friday, February 15th** from 6:00-9:00pm.

**Location: Jerry Long YMCA in Clemmons.**

Brackets for middle school/high school guys or girls and **NEW** this year: ADULT TEAMS.

\$40 per 6-person team, all proceeds go toward the Clemmons Food Pantry.

Free admission with canned food or cash donation.

Gift card prizes for winning teams.

Details and sign up online at [www.clemmonsone.com/dodgeball](http://www.clemmonsone.com/dodgeball)

For more information, contact Rev. Clark Chilton at [chiltonc@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:chiltonc@clemmonsumc.org).



On **Saturday, February 16**, 6:00 p.m., **Pine Grove UMC**, 1130 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem, will host **Dinner and a Movie**. The dinner will be a Spaghetti Supper prepared by Chef Baxter Comer and homemade desserts. The movie is *Unbroken: Path to Redemption*. This movie tells the rest of Louis Zamperini's true story. It follows him when he returns home after suffering torture as a Japanese prisoner of war and how he overcomes what we know today as PTSD. Tickets are being sold in advance for

\$10. Please contact the church office (336.765.2569) to make your reservation.

**First UMC, Pilot Mountain**, will have their **Sweet Repeats 2019 Spring/Summer Children's Consignment Sale** featuring gently used children's spring & summer clothing, toys, baby equipment, maternity clothing, and more!

**Sale Dates: Thursday, February 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 1, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

For more information: [www.fumcsweetrepeats.com](http://www.fumcsweetrepeats.com)



Resource Center Update

## Resources Available from the District Resource Center

Several new resources have been purchased for the District Resource Center and are available to be checked out for local church use.

**“Simon Peter”** by Adam Hamilton. This is a six-week, in-depth study in the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Peter was not rich or educated, but he was familiar with hard work. He could be quick-tempered and impetuous, but he also possessed a passion that would change the world. The DVD was shot on location in Israel and Italy, showing key sites in the life of Simon Peter. Several copies of the book, leader’s guides for adults, children, and youth, and DVD are available.

**“Scripture and The Wesleyan Way”** – by Scott Jones and Arthur Jones. This eight-week DVD-based study uses John Wesley’s sermons to illuminate the Bible passages at the heart of Wesley’s understanding of what it means to be a real Christian. The sessions include:

1. What Is the Bible’s Message?
2. How Can I Be Saved?
3. Am I a Real Christian?
4. Do I Have to Obey the Law?
5. Am I a Sinner?
6. How Can I Connect with God?
7. Why Is the Christian Life so Hard?
8. What About My Money?

**“She Dreams”** - by Tiffany Bluhm encourages you to discover and follow your God-given dreams. Looking to the story of Moses, she exposes the ancient wisdom God offers every woman with a dream within her soul. This is a six-session, DVD-based study.

**“This I Know For Sure”** – by Babbie Mason. This six-session study is an invitation to join other women in a journey toward a deeper relationship with God and a stronger faith. The study explores five non-negotiable principles of faith and discovers what it means to know and believe God with certainty and assurance. The kit includes a participant book, leader’s guide, DVD, and preview book that presents the main concepts of the study.

Sunday School and Bible Study groups have really enjoyed the Andy Griffith series. We’ve added a few studies from popular television series:

- **“The Lucy Show” Volume 1** – Four classic “primetime parables” are featured with themes around Worry, Lies, Legalism, and Schemes. The kit includes a DVD and leader’s guide.
- **“The Beverly Hillbillies” Volume 1 and Volume 2** – The themes of Blessings, Change, Truth, Motives, Humility, Forgiveness, Generosity, and Belief are featured. The kit includes a DVD and leader’s guide.
- **“Gilligan’s Island and The Seven Deadly Sins”** – Did you know that the creator of *Gilligan’s Island* based the seven castaways on the Seven Deadly Sins? Can you guess which character is featured in each session? The sessions will focus on Sloth, Anger, Pride, Lust, Envy, Greed, and Gluttony.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Sunday - Sunday, February 17, 2019** is our designated Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood Sunday. We encourage all churches to include the following information announcements and weekly bulletins to inform everyone of this significant ministry to our clergy families.

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood of the Western North Carolina Conference has been engaged with the families of clergy members ever since this voluntary association was organized in 1894. The founding 121 clergy members pledged \$5 and laity members pledged \$1, and, following the death of a clergy member, the family received \$400.00 to help with funeral, medical, and moving expenses.

As we begin 2019 with 653 clergy members pledging \$8.00 and local churches, classes, groups, and individual members contributing \$3.00 or more per death, the base amount of the benefit for bereft clergy families is \$9,500.00. To maintain this level of support, we need to increase our membership and the total amount of pledges and contributions.

With deep gratitude for the on-going support for this compassionate ministry to clergy families, we invite everyone to join us. Please visit our website at [brotherhoodsisterhood.com](http://brotherhoodsisterhood.com) to learn more about your Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood including how to become a member. We welcome your support as we seek to sustain and strengthen this ministry together.

Your brother in Christ,  
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Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, one of our United Methodist-Related Historically Black Colleges, has served for more than 100 years as a college for women of color within the bounds of our Western North Carolina Conference. Due to severe financial difficulties, Bennett College is in danger of losing its accreditation. Presently, the Board of Trustees are working to assure a sustainable plan for Bennett's future, and they need our continued financial support in order to fulfill this plan.

The college has been working with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) as well as with additional consultants to assist them during this difficult time. The Western North Carolina Conference invited Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, President of Bennett College, to speak to last year's annual conference, received a special offering at annual conference, and has held conference meetings on their campus to raise awareness of the college. The denomination continues to support Bennett College through GBHEM and the Black College Fund. We are grateful for all these efforts.

Due to the severity and timing of this crisis, Bishop Leeland invites Western North Carolina United Methodists to celebrate the 100 years of Women's Suffrage and the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution by receiving a second mile offering for Bennett College. Individuals and local churches are asked to send this offering of gratitude and hope to the WNCC Treasurer, designated for "Bennett College" by **February 11**. In doing so, you will join others in offering support and aid to this college which has committed itself to a vision of producing phenomenal women scholars and global leaders.

**"The Movement Continues" Emphasizes our Calling**

[United Methodist Communications](#) has launched a new advertising campaign that seeks to inspire church members and leaders to feel encouraged, assured and hopeful about the future of the denomination.

“The Movement Continues” campaign reminds us that the foundation of The United Methodist Church has always been to follow God’s call of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

“This campaign is an important reminder that the church will continue in our mission no matter how it might be structured or what the outcome of the 2019 Special Session may be,” said Dan Krause, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. “God calls us in various ways, and we have responded throughout the church’s history, up until the present day and into the future. Our call does not change.”

The ads use a series of verbs to focus attention on how we respond to God’s call: worship, love, pray, praise, serve, build, connect, teach, grow, heal, share, or study. For example, “Moved to worship--our response to God's call continues. The foundation of The United Methodist Church has always been to follow God's call of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We do that in many ways and many places. Yesterday. Today. Forever.”

The new ads appear online, in various church publications and at the event venue for the [2019 Special Session in St. Louis](#).

A companion to the advertising is “The Movement Continues” website at [UMC.org/movement](#). This site offers visitors an opportunity to read and watch stories of United Methodists responding to their own calls and learn more about our Wesleyan heritage as the people of The United Methodist Church.

In addition, the page offers resources for local churches and annual conferences to use, including downloadable versions of the ads formatted for use in social media, web banners and church bulletins. Get resources by going to [UMC.org/movement](#) and click on "download free resources."

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A Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. Please be in prayer for the 20 delegates (10 clergy and 10 laity) who will be representing the Western North Carolina Conference.



This Special Session is a result of action taken at the 2016 General Conference. The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops at the 2016 General Conference for the purpose of examining and possibly revising paragraphs in the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality, as well as exploring options to help maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

You may find information and resources about the report on the Commission on a Way Forward and the General Conference on the WNCC website: [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org).



**Part-time Youth Director**  
**Fair Grove United Methodist Church**  
**Thomasville, NC**

**Position Summary:** The Director of Youth Ministry will be responsible for overseeing the development, growth, and direction of the Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) at Fair Grove United Methodist Church. Fair Grove is the oldest Methodist congregation in Davidson County.

The mission of our church is: **Growing the church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.**

The part-time Director of Youth Ministry work with our Youth Ministry team to provide the content, guidance, and counsel to help our current youth members continue to develop their relationship in Christ.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- Build and implement a system of recruitment for our youth programs, and guide and mentor our current youth members in their faith development journey.
- Understand the dynamics involved in retaining our youth and building opportunities for involvement in a variety of church activities.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- At least two years of experience preferred in leading a youth program in a faith-based organization, with demonstrated success building the program in numbers and effectiveness.
- Experience developing and/or delivering faith based curriculum for youth. This could include weekly bible study lessons, oversight of a growing and meaningful Youth Sunday School program or programming during the week, and group and/or one on one counseling with youth for the purpose of helping them understand and develop their faith.

Please forward a cover letter and resume to: Marvine Myers, Staff Parish Relations Committee at [fgumc@northstae.net](mailto:fgumc@northstae.net)

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**THE SACRED INVITATION**  
*Living from the Center Out*

Held quarterly at Starrette Farm Retreat Center in Statesville, this 12-month curriculum is for those who long to deepen their relationship with God, respond to the Spirit's invitation to live out their sacred purpose, and be part of a kindred community to nurture them in the process. At the deepest level, this work frees participants to identify and follow their God-given passion and fulfill their highest purpose. Questions reach out to Ann at [AStarrette@davidsonumc.org](mailto:AStarrette@davidsonumc.org) For detailed information, participant impact comments, and online application process please visit [www.davidsonumc.org/Sacred-Invitation](http://www.davidsonumc.org/Sacred-Invitation).

## District Joys and Concerns

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

**Reverend Beth Orrell and her husband, Dale**, on the death of Dale's mother, Edna Mae Orrell on December 28,

**Reverend James (Jim) Clodfelter** (retired) on the death of his wife, Marlana Leonard Clodfelter, on January 11,

**Reverend Vincent Howell** (Centenary UMC, Clemmons) on the death of his brother, William Brodus Howell, Jr. on January 16

We rejoice with **Reverend Michael Bailey and Lauralee** on the birth of their eighth grandchild, Ronan Preston Knauer, on February 2.



## Upcoming District Dates



February 10 – District Leadership Conference, Bethesda UMC, Welcome  
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

February 23-26 – Special Session of General Conference, St. Louis,

March 9 – District UMW Mission Study, Pine Grove UMC, Winston-Salem

March 11-15 – Cabinet Meeting

April 11 – Tentative Date for District Older Adult Day Apart, Place: TBA

April 22-26 – Cabinet Meeting

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