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The **Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation (SALT)** is an eight-month program designed to identify, inspire, train, and support a new cohort of spiritually-mature lay people able to partner with clergy to lead effective change in congregations and communities.

The program consists of five pieces: retreats, evening sessions, a leadership project, collaboration with clergy, and small groups.

Sponsored by: Yadkin Valley District

Cost per participant: \$200 (scholarships are available)

**APPLICATIONS DUE August 1, 2019.** (More information to come!)

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## RETREATS

The cohort will gather four times for a retreat experience: one overnight retreat at Caraway Conference Center and three full-day Saturday retreats at a local church. The purpose of these gatherings will be to inspire excitement and commitment while exposing participants to excellent training around leadership principles and practices. The retreats will explore topics like Leading in the Kingdom of God, leading self, leading others, leading change, etc. Retreat dates: Sept. 28, Nov. 1-2, Feb. 15, April 4.

## EVENING SESSIONS

Participants will gather for 8 Thursday evening sessions for the purpose of processing content presented at retreats and to build relationships while interacting around new learning, as well as establishing a community of peers who can help each other translate leadership principles into their particular contexts. Dates: **2019:** Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, **2020:** Jan. 9 & 23, March 5 & 19.

## LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Participants will covenant to identify a leadership challenge around which they are being called to make a difference. This could be the launching of a brand-new ministry or the development of something already in place. Throughout the SALT process, projects are presented as Case studies for group input and shared learning.



**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 are in bold lettering.

**Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District AND Conference apportionments for 2019:**

Center (Mocksville)  
**Pilot View**  
Yadkin College

Cherry Street  
Piney Grove (Advance)

**Delta**  
Salem (Mocksville)

**Maple Grove**  
**Withers Chapel**

**Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District apportionments for 2019:**

Bethel (W-S)  
First (Mocksville)

**Centenary (W-S)**  
First (Thomasville)

**Chestnut Grove (Mocksville)** **Dobson**  
Good Hope Unity



## Happenings Around the District and Conference

St. Andrews UMC and Saints Home UMC will be presenting the 14 Stations of the Cross with a footwashing service on **Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Andrews UMC, 1840 Butler Street, Winston Salem. Everyone is welcome.



**Rev. Dr. Amy Rio** is an ordained United Methodist minister in the WNCC, and a **certified spiritual director**. What is spiritual direction and guidance? It is a time to meet with a skilled practitioner to explore the spiritual aspects of one’s life – where is the Divine, what is one’s deep calling in life, how are we spiritual beings in our day to day world. Conversation, tools, and practices are provided to insights to life’s deepest questions. If you would like to find out more about spiritual direction, or schedule an appointment,

please email [amyjr1@gmail.com](mailto:amyjr1@gmail.com) or call Amy at 336-402-5762. Her offices are at Wellspring Healing in Winston Salem. Spiritual direction is for both laity and ordained. Amy is also available to provide an introductory program at local churches on spiritual direction and resources.

**HOW WOULD YOU END POVERTY IN WINSTON-SALEM?** There will be several Community Listening Sessions throughout Winston-Salem during the month of April. One Listening Session will be held at **Open Arms Community, 437 E. Sprague Street, on Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.** Everyone's voice is welcome. Sponsored by the United Way of Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem.

**St. Paul United Methodist Women** invite women from across the Yadkin Valley District to join them **April 26-28 for Women's Day Weekend 2019.** The theme is *The Women Gather: Where Faith and Racial Justice Align.* There is an Eventbrite link to RSVP for the breakfast. <http://bit.ly/SPUMC-UMW2019>. The events include Denim and Pearls Night (Enjoy Mingling, Fellowship and Pop-Up Shops) **Friday, April 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Saturday's events are from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and include Prayer Circle, Meditative/Healing Breakfast and Racial Justice Round Table featuring The Honorable Camille Banks-Prince, The Honorable Denise Hartsfield, Attorney Jennifer Martin, Dr. Shawn Ricks, and Attorney Stacy Rubin. The Sunday morning worship at 11:00 a.m. will feature Nicole L. Little, Esq. For more information, call 336-723-4531 or visit [www.stpaulumcws.org](http://www.stpaulumcws.org).



On **Saturday, May 4**, the West Forsyth Missional Network will sponsor a food packaging event for Rise Against Hunger at the Fellowship Hall of **Pine Grove UMC**, 1130 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem and we will need "all hands on deck." Strong workers need to be at the church by 8:30 a.m. for set-up and the packing starts at 9:30 a.m. for everyone else. The event should be finished by noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve because there are tasks for all ages and abilities from runners delivering finished packages to sit-down stations where spices are measured and other tasks in between. Come out, enjoy the fun, and make a difference in the life of a family and a community.



**BBQ  
&  
Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, April 27th**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Maple Springs United Methodist Church**  
**2569 Reynolda Road**  
**Winston-Salem**  
**336-722-7563**

**Ages 13-100**  
**\$10.00**

**Under 12**  
**\$8.00**

100% of the profit will go to our Food Pantry to feed local families that are need.

Bake sale items will also be available.

Dine in or carry out available.

You may buy tickets at the door or tickets will be for sale at the reception desk in Craven Hall beginning Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.





**Bethesda United Methodist Women**

**SPRING BAZAAR**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL MISSIONS**

**Saturday - May 4th, 2019**

**Time: 8:00am-1:00pm**

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2922 Bethesda Road Lexington, NC 27295

**BREAKFAST starts @ 8 am**

**Serving: Ham & Sausage  
Biscuits, Coffee with  
Specialty Creams**



*Whole Chicken  
Pies Available for  
Purchase!*

**LUNCH starts @ 11 am**

**Serving: Chicken Salad and  
Pimento Cheese Croissants  
Drinks, Chips & Hot Dogs**



*Momaw's Apple Dumplings  
with Vanilla Ice Cream*

**Bake Sale,  
Crafts,  
Plants,  
White  
Elephant  
Sale and  
more...**



**Homemade Quilt made by  
Bethesda Quilters \$1.00  
Donation enters you in drawing**

**5 Theme  
Baskets  
\$1 Donation**





## **BENEFIT GOSPEL SINGING FEATURING**



## **THE BOYS**

OF ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1645 GRIFFIN ROAD

RURAL HALL, NC

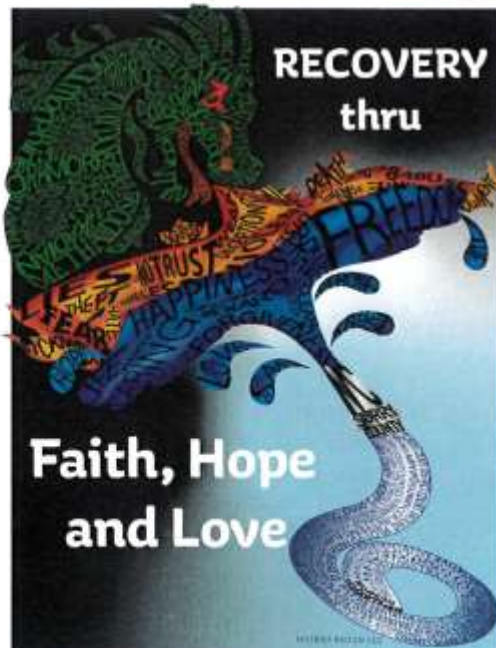
FREE ADMISSION. A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE  
TAKEN FOR FAITH UMC'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY.

May 7th, 2019

# Surry County Faith Community Opioid Forum

[www.surrycountycare.com](http://www.surrycountycare.com)

9:00am to 3:00pm  
(Check In: 8:30—9:00am)



## NO COST TO ATTEND

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all participants

## LOCATION:

Surry County Service Center  
915 E. Atkins Street  
Dobson, NC 27017

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists
- First Responders
- Addiction Treatment & Recovery Specialists
- Community Leaders
- Persons in Recovery

## RSVP BY APRIL 22ND, 2019

Open to ALL faith community members and leaders

## TO RSVP:

- By Phone: 336-401-8218
- By Email: [willism@co.surry.nc.us](mailto:willism@co.surry.nc.us)
- By Mail:  
Surry County Historic Courthouse, c/o M. Willis:  
114 W. Atkins Street  
PO Box 1467  
Dobson NC 27017

Join **Burkhead UMC**, located at 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem for their **2019 Music on the Hill** series. The concerts will be held **Sundays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is free, and for at least a couple of them, dancing shoes are encouraged. There will be light refreshments available or you can bring your own snacks.

**May 5: The Salem Swing Band**

**May 19: None of the Above - bluegrass music**

**June 9: Sweet Dreams - smooth jazz**

**June 23: Downtown Sound, a woman's barbershop group**

Add the dates to your calendar and pass the word around. It's going to be a great series this year. See you there!

**Life Line Screening** will be offering **preventive health screenings May 9, 2019** at Burkhead United Methodist Church, 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem. To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**Fulton UMC**, located at 3689 Hwy. 801 in Advance, will have a **Community Breakfast, on Saturday, May 18**, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, tenderloin, country ham, eggs, hash browns, grits, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and beverages. Donations will be accepted with a portion going to missions.

**Fulton UMC** will also have a **Poor Man's Supper on Tuesday, May 21**, 4:00-6:00 p.m. The menu includes chicken and dumplings, pinto beans, stewed potatoes, slaw, baked apples, rolls or corn bread, dessert and beverage. Cost is by donation. The supper is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, and proceeds will benefit the missions and ministries of the UMW.

**Mocks UMC**, located at the corner of Mocks Church and Beauchamp Roads in Advance, welcomes the Isbell Singers on **Sunday, May 26**, for their 10:50 a.m. worship service. All are invited to come and witness their singing ministry.



**Children's Ministry Assistant** - Centenary United Methodist Church, a large congregation in downtown Winston-Salem, NC, has an immediate opening for a full-time Children's Ministry Assistant who, along with the Associate Minister with Children, would work to support and lead the comprehensive and holistic ministry to children and their families.

Centenary is currently undergoing a renovation to its children's ministry space and this position would have the opportunity to work with the congregation to live into this new space and its greater capacity for excellent ministry with children and their families.

If you are a children's ministry leader who has continually growing faith in God, finds joy in being in ministry with children and their families, and a desire to nurture growing disciples of Jesus Christ we would like to get to know you.

To view the complete job description, visit [www.centenary-ws.org](http://www.centenary-ws.org).

To apply, submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Mary Ann Wexler, Executive Director at [mwexler@centenary-ws.org](mailto:mwexler@centenary-ws.org). The deadline to apply is May 6, 2019.



**The Western North Carolina Conference  
Fellowship of Local Pastors and  
Associate Members**

**Annual Conference Meeting**

**Friday, June 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

for our Annual Meeting at

The Foundation of Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive  
on the grounds of Lake Junaluska

*Please note that seating at the foundation is limited to 100 people  
make your reservations today*

There will be a time of Worship, Holy Communion, fellowship and business.  
Rev. Andy Lambert, Pastor of Oak Ridge UMC, will be our guest speaker for the evening  
We will also have a delicious dinner buffet.  
The meeting will end no later than 7:30 pm.

**To make your reservation**

Please contact Rev. Tony Owens  
by mail: 710 Fifth Street, Spencer, NC 28159  
by e-mail: [towens@wnccumc.net](mailto:towens@wnccumc.net)  
by cell phone: 704-798-4188

**Donations will be accepted to defray cost of dinner.**

**Deadline for Reservation is June 3, 2019**

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FLPAM of Western North Carolina

**Or visit our web site:**

[www.wnccfellowship.org](http://www.wnccfellowship.org)



## District Joys and Concerns

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

the family of **Rev. Dr. James Ferree** (retired) on his death March 26. Dr. Ferree was the former Winston-Salem District Superintendent 1988-1995.

**Rev. Jenny Stewart** (Boonville UMC) on the death of her father, Robert Roy Stewart, Jr., on April 12

The family of **Miriam Wilkins Hudspeth** (widow of Rev. Powell Wilkins, Jr.) on her death April 14. Miriam was the Administrative Assistant in the former Winston-Salem District Office for a number of years, retiring in 1994.



## Upcoming District Dates

April 22-26 – Cabinet Meeting

May 5 – Pastoral Appointments Announced

May 27 – Memorial Day – District Office Closed

June 20-23 – WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska



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