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Dear friends,



Last month our newsletter featured ways churches and pastors may have a healthy goodbye. This month I'd like to share some highlights from the Annual Conference's moving instructions on how to have a faithful, fruitful and joyous welcome for those churches receiving a new pastor. I was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, and my first move was from the maternity ward into the parsonage of the Guntown, Mississippi Circuit, where my father had his first appointment. Counting that first move, subsequent moves of my father and my own appointments, I can now say I've moved 20 times! While the Annual Conference's instructions have many details for the pastors and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, here are some ways we can all participate in offering holy hospitality.

Extend an early welcome! Write notes, letters or send emails of welcome to your new pastor/family. This is generally better than phone calls.

Remember the children: If there are children/youth in the incoming pastor's family, consider ways to help them feel welcome.

A welcome reception: some churches have planned welcome events for the incoming pastor and family. Sometimes these take the form of a reception, breakfast or pot-luck.

Moving day plans: make sure someone is on hand to greet the new pastor/family. Ask if there is anything you can do to help. After you've helped, leave the parsonage so that the pastor/family has some privacy as they begin to make the church's house their home!

Provide food! Having an evening meal brought in on moving day is wonderful! This can be home cooking or take out. It will be appreciated. What a delight it would be as well if the parsonage had some breakfast food and/or casseroles. Some churches even give a gift card to local restaurants. The conference guidelines add: Consider having cut flowers and special welcome treats for the children/youth at the parsonage.

Consider having home gatherings in the first 90 days. Arrange to have folks living near each other gather in a home and invite the pastor/family.

Congregational understanding: Discuss ways of welcoming the new pastor and be patient as the pastor learns the names and traditions of the church. It is wonderful for folks to wear nametags for the first couple of months. As you meet your pastor, “go overboard” in sharing your name, each time you’re greeted. Remember, you only have the pastor/family member names to remember and your pastor has a lot of names to recall. Some of us clergy, including me, have a tough time remembering names. Help folks like me out! Never hold a grudge because the pastor needs help remembering your name.

Keep boundaries in speech and action: respect the privacy of the parsonage as a home; don’t treat it as another church building. Avoid comments regarding the pastor that left; either by canonizing them (he/she was so great at this, that and the other and always did it this way) or excoriating them (they were awful in such and such a manner.) Do not call your former pastor to do weddings, funerals, etc. You have a new pastor and your former pastor has a new church to serve.

Invite: invite your pastor to different groups and events and remember this isn’t limited to the church! Is your Sunday School class having a picnic? Invite the pastor/family. How about your UMM or UMW? Invite the pastor. Is there a civic club in your area such as Lions, Optimists Club, Rotary or Ruritan? Invite your pastor. As followers of John Wesley who said, “The world is my parish,” your pastor has been appointed to a community, village, town or city that has a UM congregation in it. Introduce your pastor to the folks in your town they need to know (school principals, fire and police chiefs, mayors, hospital administrators, etc.)

And finally, in all: do unto others as you would have them do unto you! Welcome your new pastor/family as you would like to be welcomed if you were in their place. These servants have promised to go where sent, believing in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through the Cabinet, sending them to your church for this season. This not an easy way to live: to be plucked up every few years and sent to a new place. Keep that in mind. Be respectful of their obedience and give them time to get to know you, your community and congregation. Soon, you’ll find that mutual respect, love and trust flower as you grow together in the Lord.

In joy,

Michael F. Bailey

Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Center is in need of pianists!!!



On **Sunday mornings at 11:00**, they have a paid opportunity—
On **Sunday afternoons at 4:00**, they need volunteer pianists for their service with skilled nursing. On **Wednesday afternoons at 5:00**, they need volunteer pianists for their informal Vespers services in retirement.
If you can fill in or are willing to be part of rotating schedule, please contact Rev. Laura-Lee Jones at 336-724-7921, Ext. 1382.

Please think about using your gifts to help with worship at Arbor Acres.



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:

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| Center (Mocksville) | Cherry Street | Delta | Epworth |
| Maple Grove | Mount Herman | Pilot View | Pine Grove (W-S) |
| Piney Grove (Advance) | Salem (Mocksville) | Stony Knoll (East Bend) | Withers Chapel |
| Yadkin College | | | |

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

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| Bethel (W-S) | Centenary (W-S) | Chestnut Grove (Mocksville) | |
| Crews | Dobson | First (Mocksville) | First (Thomasville) |
| Good Hope | Hickory Ridge | Longtown | Mountain Grove |
| Oak Grove (Mt. Airy) | Unity | Wesley Memorial | |

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

- Marvin UMC



Happenings Around the District and Conference

Join **Burkhead UMC**, located at 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem for their **2019 Music on the Hill** series. Their final concert will be held **Sunday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The featured artists will be Downtown Sound, a woman’s barbershop group. 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.



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.

Applications, pastors' information and more can be found at:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/spiritual-academy-for-leading-transformation>

Questions? Email or ring:

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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.



The Yadkin Valley District Adult Ministries Committee

proudly presents

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW

(for all ages)

August 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**New Hope United Methodist Church
5125 Shattalon Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

**Hot Dog Dinner with all the fixings,
chips, dessert, followed by the entertainment**

**July 30 – Deadline for talent sign-ups. Send talent info to
Nan Johnson (336-945-9391 or 336-816-6401 OR
email Nan at nanpj1@gmail.com)**

**Aug. 6 – Registration deadline for attendance to show
Cost: \$5.00/person OR \$20 per family (4 or more)**

**Make checks payable to Yadkin Valley District,
earmark for Talent Show.**

**Mail to: Yadkin Valley District Office
1031 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104**





Director of Christian Education - Ardmore United Methodist Church is looking for someone who is interested in an integrated approach to community evangelism & lifelong Christian discipleship, and who is willing to partner closely with other ministry areas of the church. This position involves an active ministry with children and their families, coordinating intergenerational events with the larger church calendar, and recruiting, equipping, and motivating volunteer servants to lead in various ministries that reach and teach children and

adults. Current job description is attached for more information.

Essential duties and responsibilities include:

1. Actively engage in relationship building with children in the church and community. Oversee seasonal children's outreach events and participate in community events initiated by staff and volunteers.
2. Recruit, train, and oversee all volunteers in the area of Children and Family Ministries, including Sunday School, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, and midweek opportunities.
3. Attend planning meetings with the staff and other ministry leaders for planning and coordination.
4. Oversee Wednesday Night Fellowship and provide staff support to the Intergenerational Ministries Team.
5. Actively work with the Director of the Through-the-Week School to address the spiritual needs of pre-school families, engaging in evangelism and invitation with their families.
6. Oversee and implement the congregation's Safe Sanctuary policy. Keep all records and conduct all background checks.
7. Work with the Children's Council to develop and oversee the annual budget for Children's and Family Ministries. In conjunction with this group, choose appropriate curriculum and programming, regularly evaluating ministries to children and their families to see that community needs are being met.
8. Oversight of Adult Discipleship ministries, focusing on resourcing existing classes with increased curriculum choices and creating new opportunities for adults as worship services expand. Provide training for new teachers and small group leaders. Work with the Outreach Pastor to organize 3-4 New Members' Classes per year.
9. Perform any other duties as requested by the Senior Pastor and needed for the mission of the church.

Applicants must have a degree in Christian Education. Please send a resume, references and a letter of calling to SPRC@ardmoreumc.org by July 1.

Salem UMC, Mount Airy has a position open for a **Music Director**. This part-time position assists in worship and special events for the church. The Music Director is expected to play the organ or piano for the Sunday worship service, funerals and weddings, and special services. Working with the choir in selecting music and preparing for worship services at weekly choir practice is expected for this position. Send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Bob Nations at bnations@wnccumc.net.

Clemmons UMC has two openings – one for a **Ministry Leader for Children and Their Families** and another for a **Ministry Leader for Youth and Their Families**. The job descriptions are attached to the newsletter or you may view them on the district's website, www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org. To receive an application, email cumcsearchteam@clemmonsumc.org or call the church office at 336-766-6375.

Trinity UMC, Thomasville, seeking a salaried part-time Music Director for our congregation. They are looking for someone to cultivate the congregation’s music ministry at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Responsibilities include leading music for the worship service. They are looking for someone who is energetic, passionate, and excited to work with all ages. A competitive salary is being offered, Send cover letter and resume to trinityumcthomasville@gmail.com or mail to 130 Maplewood Ave, Thomasville NC 27360.

For persons attending Annual Conference, the information below is about an event you may want to attend.

Teaching Plants the Seeds for the Future



As the laity of the Western North Carolina Conference converge on Lake Junaluska, NC for AC2019, you are invited to attend a special pre-conference training event.

- Why:** Learn about Education, Connection, and Fellowship Opportunities for Conference-wide Lay Leadership
- Date & Time:** Thursday, June 20, 2019, 3 to 6:30 p.m.
- Cost:** A training event sponsored by your WNC Board of Laity [Snack Supper is available for purchase at the time of registration]
- Where:** Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church
566 South Haywood St., Waynesville

- Schedule:** Welcome and Orientation session, 3 p.m.
Hear an introduction for each focus area:
- Board of Laity – GET INVOLVED! Join the 2019-2020 focus to develop a continuum of lay leadership training and to determine what are the most-needed training to engage and equip our WNC members.
 - Gracious Accountability – True to our Wesleyan heritage, as disciples seeking to follow Jesus we know an active, intentional discipleship approach is key to our growth and progressing in our faith journey. How might we weave that yearning into our daily lives?
 - Lay Servant Ministry – In 2018, WNC began a focus on developing Certified Lay Ministers to lead faith communities. We’ve learned more, grown together, and published an updated program. Hear more about the various levels of training for laity to serve in the local church.

Dinner & Focus Groups, 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Grab dinner (if you pre-ordered) and select a round-table room where you will join the afternoon’s speakers to dive deeper as focus groups.

Transportation:
Leaves from Foundation for Evangelism at Lake Junaluska at 2:30 p.m.
Return leaves FUMC-Waynesville for Lake Junaluska (FFE) at 6:45 p.m.



Board of Laity
Western North Carolina Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sponsor: Your WNC Board of Laity is made up of leaders who model, assess, and advocate for lay leadership and engagement so that laity assume their role as active partners in fulfilling the Western NC Conference mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Upcoming District Dates

June 13-15 – Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska

June 20-23 – WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska

June 26 – Church Secretary Luncheon, 12:00 noon, District Office

July 1-5 – Moving Week for Pastors

(If living in a parsonage, pastors must be out by 12:00 noon on July 2)

July 4 – Holiday – District Office Closed

July 7 – Transition Sunday for New Pastors

July 14 – First Sunday for Pastors in their new appointment

July 16 – District Orientation for Moving Clergy – 10:00 a.m., Faith UMC, Rural Hall

July 18-21 – Conference UMW Mission u, Pfeiffer University

August 10 – District UMW Annual Meeting, Ardmore UMC, 2:00 p.m.

August 13 – District Talent Show, 6:00 p.m., New Hope UMC, Winston-Salem

August 16 – On-Line Charge Conference Reporting Workshop, First UMC, Conover
Sponsored by WNCC PAUMCS.

September 2 – Labor Day Holiday – District Office Closed

September 3 – Tentative Date for District Clergy Meeting, Place TBA

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