The Yadkin Valley District cordially invites you to a Thanksgiving Celebration for the 23-year ministry of

Amy Johnson

as the District Administrator of first, the Winston-Salem District and subsequently, the Yadkin Valley District.

A drop-in reception honoring Amy will be held

Sunday, November 24,
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pine Grove United Methodist Church
1130 Jonestown Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Friends,

I wanted to let you know that soon, I will need to be out of the office for medical treatment for prostate cancer. My treatment protocol begins in late November and should be finished near the end of January. My treatment plan has great results with few, if any, side effects or quality of life issues. Please keep Lauralee and me in your prayers during this time.

While I’m out, Bishop Leeland has asked that you contact Rev. Amy Coles, his assistant, for any “superintendency” or “appointive”-type questions. Amy is glad to receive calls, but the preferred ways to contact her are by email (acoles@wnccumc.org) or text (704-244-6401). For technical kinds of questions regarding forms, deadlines, procedures or ministerial services, please contact Landa Wallace (lwallace@wnccumc.org) who will be providing administrator support along with some on-site time at the Yadkin Valley District Office through the end of this year. Of course, Randy Blanchard and Jack Lawson will be present in the office and available to help you with ministry/program /revitalization concerns.

Please note below that we have an experienced district administrator who will begin ministry with us in January and be able to help you. I so appreciate your prayers during this time and thank you in advance for your understanding for some “space to heal.” On a personal note, I’d appreciate your respecting my desire to not have my health situation posted on social media sites.

In Christ,

Mike

Announcing... We are pleased to announce that the Conference has offered (with extensive consultation with Michael Bailey and his approval) the position of Yadkin Valley District Administrator to Kara Miller. Kara was the administrator of a district office in the North Texas Annual conference for 19 years. She also served as an administrator of an Arkansas District. Importantly, she served in our annual conference as the District Administrator of the Smoky Mountain District. While Kara will need some time to learn the nuances of administration in the Yadkin Valley District, her experience in other conferences and especially in our conference will be invaluable. In a subsequent newsletter we'll have a "meet Kara" article. Kara will join us on January 2. On a personal note, if you have an empty parsonage for rent or know of housing within a 30-minute commute of the District Office, Kara would love to know of such an opportunity.
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. This report is as of November 12, 2019.

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

- Baltimore
- Brooks Temple
- Cherry Street
- Dobson
- First (Mocksville)
- Harmony Grove
- Maple Grove
- Mount Pleasant (Tobaccoville)
- Pilot View
- Salem (Mocksville)
- St. Mark
- Stony Knoll (East Bend)
- Bethel (Thomasville)
- Burkhead
- Cooleemee
- Elm Grove
- Forest Chapel
- Hickory Ridge
- Mount Herman
- Mount Zion (Pinnacle)
- Pine Grove (W-S)
- Shady Grove (East Bend)
- St. Paul (Hamptonville)
- Trinity (King)
- Beulah
- Center (Mocksville)
- Crews
- Epworth
- Good Hope
- Level Cross
- Mount Olivet
- Mountain Grove
- Piney Grove (Advance)
- Smith Grove
- Stokesburg
- Withers Chapel
- Blackwater
- Centenary (Clemmons)
- Delta
- Fairview (Pinnacle)
- Hanes Grove
- Longtown
- Mount Pleasant (Boonville)
- Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)
- Pisgah
- St. Andrew’s
- Stony Knoll (Dobson)
- Yadkin College

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

- Bethel (Mocksville)
- Bethel (W-S)
- Centenary (W-S)
- Chestnut Grove (Mocksville)
- Dulin
- First (Thomasville)
- Love’s
- Main Street
- New Hope (W-S)
- New Mount Vernon
- Pinnacle
- Shiloh (Lexington)
- Union Ridge
- Unity
- Wesley Memorial
- Woodleaf
- Yadkinville

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

- Fairview (Thomasville)

At the November meeting of our local church secretaries, a representative from greeNest gave a very informative presentation about their ministry. Their ministry provides an opportunity for persons who are able to gain housing an opportunity to “shop” for furniture and household items. They also provide beds for school children whose bed has been on the floor! Items needed the most are dressers, bed frames and headboards, sofas and loveseats, upholstered chairs, dining tables and chairs, kitchenware, microwaves and small appliances, side and coffee tables, lamps, bedding and bath linens, and home accessories. They are located at 630 Brookstown Avenue in Winston-Salem and are open for donations on Tuesdays (10:00-3:00), Thursdays (12:00-5:00), and the first and third Saturdays of the month (10:00-2:00). For more information, check out their website at www.greenestws.org. Invite a representative to speak to your church, Sunday School class, or small group. There are lots of ways YOU can help.
Happenings Around the District and Conference

Wesley Memorial UMC, located as 1210 Bolton Street in Winston-Salem, is hosted a Sit Down With the Sheriff – Coffee and Conversation with Sheriff Kimbrough on Thursday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Bingham Hall. For questions, please call Frank Murray at 336-749-5023 or email captfdm@aol.com.

Fulton UMC, located at 3689 Hwy. 801 S, Advance, will have a Community Breakfast, on Saturday, November 23, 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.

Foundry House Workdays in December - The Foundry House, an intentional Christian community on the campus of Crossnore School & Children’s Home supported by the Yadkin Valley District, will hold two workdays on Thursday, December 5 and Thursday, December 12, both from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The goal is to clear out and spruce up a side of the building that so far has not been in use but which they hope to develop into office space for ministries and nonprofits who share their values and can help make their ministry more resilient and sustainable. Volunteer tasks will include moving furniture, de-cluttering, cleaning, painting, and more. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a different time for a group to come help, please contact Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller (showell@wnccumc.net).

The Children and Family Ministries Team of Mt. Carmel UMC, located at 4265 Ebert Road in Winston-Salem, will be hosting a Walk Through "Miracle of Jesus" Family Event for the community on Sunday, December 8 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. "The Miracle of Jesus" is a family event - for parents & children to go through together. Join with your children on a walk through Bethlehem. Both you and your children will enjoy stops along the way including "The Stable", "The Fisher's Pier", "The Bethlehem Bakery", "The Spice Shoppe", "The Wool Trader" and "The Toy Shoppe" while having a special lesson focused on Christmas.

During your travels, your children will also create adorable keepsakes that will remind you of God’s eternal love and help you grow closer as a family. At one stop, the stable, you will experience a fun, interactive drama that retells the joy of Jesus’ birth with Sarah and Nate, both Bethlehem residents, as we join to sing the songs "Silent Night" and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain".

The event is free for children and their parents but spaces are limited. Parents or grandparents please register for both you and your children on mtcarmelumc.org.
The Yadkin Valley District Older Adult Ministry invites you to travel with them to Sanford, NC, to enjoy “Away in the Basement, A Church Basement Ladies Christmas.” This delightful show puts us in the midst of the ladies’ holiday preparations with their hilarious antics and witty, down-to-earth style. As they fill the treat bags, mend old bathrobe costumes, and discuss the politics of who is going to play the various roles, the ladies do not realize they are in for a big surprise and will once again be called upon to save the day.

**Cost is $82.00 per person and includes motor coach, lunch at Ron’s Barn, and the show.**

The bus will leave from Hanes Mall parking lot, near McDonalds, at 10:15 a.m.

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**December 13, 2019**

**Registration deadline is November 25.**

Make checks payable to Yadkin Valley District, earmarked “Bus Trip,” and mail to:

Yadkin Valley District
1031 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
World Cafe is a flexible and effective model for hosting crucial conversations leading to action with groups of all sizes on varying topics and issues - from strategic planning to engaging groups in civil discourse around polarizing topics. The workshop will provide an overview of the World Cafe model, including the seven design principles, as well as practical suggestions on hosting a World Cafe in your church or community.

For church leaders – clergy and laity

Three training experiences are being offered in WNC:
- Thursday, October 24 from 10:00-2:00 in Asheville
- **Tuesday, December 3 from 10:00-2:00 in Winston-Salem**
- Monday, February 24 from 1:00-4:00 in Huntersville

The World Cafe is led by Cindy Thompson and is being offered as part of The Space Between Initiative through the WNC Leadership Development Team.

Learn more and register: [https://www.wnccumc.org/space-between](https://www.wnccumc.org/space-between)

Two Travel Opportunities to see Alpine Wonders & the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020

Rev. John Stein (Pleasant Grove UMC, Thomasville) and Rev. Glenn Myers (First UMC, Mocksville) are organizing tours to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020.

John will be going in **July 2020**, fulfilling a long-time dream of seeing first-hand the remarkable Passion play. If you would like more information about John’s trip, click on the link below:

For more information about the trip – and to register – click here!

Rev. Glenn Myers, Pastor of First UMC, Mocksville and his wife, Susan, are organizing a trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and an Alpine Odyssey tour of Germany and Austria **September 14-22, 2020** through Educational Opportunities. For more information, contact Glenn at 336-870-314 or glenn@firstumcmocksville.org and check out this information:

[http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ao20091420a24756#eotours](http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ao20091420a24756#eotours)

This grand tradition has been observed every 10 years since 1634, a continual expression of thanks for God’s action in saving the town from the bubonic plague that ravaged Germany in 1633. This will be the 42nd time the play has been produced since it began in 1634.

For those interested, there are also options for short extensions to the trip, allowing you the possibility of staying a few extra days in the area, or of traveling on to Switzerland or Italy.
Oak Forest United Methodist Church

B.E.A.R. Closet
Baby Equipment and Resource Closet
Free and Non-Judgmental

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, as I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." - Matthew 25:35-36

When: Opened Every Monday from 10AM-2PM
Where: Oak Forest UMC 11461 Old US Hwy 52 (across from Cagney’s Restaurant)
Enter through the back entrance (under the brick portico) of the church

How to contact: call the church office @ 336-764-2949 or oakforestumcnc.org

What: Our goal is to help families who are in need help with the basic necessities for their children. We “loan” baby equipment and provide essential baby items and clean used clothes size newborn to size 6. If you need our help we are here. No one is turned away!!

What we offer and loan:
Diapers and wipes—clothes—shoes—coats—socks/underwear—sheets—Strollers—high chairs
pack-n-plays—cribs/mattresses—swings—bouncy seats—potty seats—blankets—and much more!

Notes: Car seats are sold at a reduced rate
The New Worship Service Workshop
Exploring how to launch worship services well

PRESENTED BY
Jim Griffith

This workshop is designed for clergy leaders who:
• Are planning to launch a new worship service in the next few years.
• Did not learn how to launch new worship services in seminary.
• Have a current worship service that is 70% full or more.
• Want to learn how to reach new people by adding a worship service.

Tuesday, January 7
Wesley Memorial UMC
High Point
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday, January 9
Biltmore UMC
Asheville
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: $15 per person, lunch included
Click on the link below to Register Online:
www.wnccumc.org/launchingworship
Yadkin Valley District
2020 Lay Servant Training Registration

**Location:** New Hope UMC, 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Two Saturdays (March 7 and March 21, 2020), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please check one:  
Basic Course (English)  
Basic Course (Spanish)  
Advanced Courses:  
“Leading in Lay Pastoral Care”  
“Embracing Personal Prayer”

**Location:** Midway UMC, 9795 Old Hwy. 52, Lexington, NC 27295
Two Saturdays (March 3 and March 17, 2020), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please check one:  
Basic Course (English)  
Advanced Courses:  
“Living our United Methodist Beliefs”  
“Transferring Evangelism”

**Location:** First UMC Family Life Center, 305 N. Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028
(The Family Life Center is the building across the street from the church)
Five consecutive Tuesday evenings (March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31), 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Please check one:  
Basic Course (English)  
Advanced Courses:  
“Afire with God”  
“Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders”

**Cost is $40/course.** The cost of the course includes text and lunch both days.

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 **February 14, 2020.**

**THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**
2020 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 and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. This course is the foundational course for lay speaker training and is a pre-requisite for any Advanced Course. New this year, the Basic Course is offered in Spanish, led by Revs. Sonia and Oscar Zuniga. The Basic Course (English) will be led by Rev. Bart Milleson at New Hope UMC, Rev. Sandra Ireson at Midway UMC, and Rev. Chuck Baker at First UMC, Mocksville.

The **Advanced Courses** being offered at New Hope UMC in Winston-Salem:

"**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.

"**Embracing Personal Prayer**" will be led by Rev. Dr. Suzanne Michael. This course will explore steps you need to strengthen your personal prayer time with God. You will look at aids to prayer, considering the prayer life of Jesus. In addition, you will explore intimacy with God and determine how you can move to a more personal prayer life that takes you closer to God.

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

"**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs**" will be led by Rev. Chuck Ireson. Participants will explore the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church and will develop a deeper understanding and experience of the Christian faith as they embrace the United Methodist way.

"**Transforming Evangelism**" will be led by Rev. Vincent Howell and Rev. Mary Dow. This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

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

"**Afire with God**" will be led by Tim Hoffman. This course focuses on stewardship. Church members need to be encouraged to go beyond thinking in terms of dollars contributed in order to see stewardship as becoming living examples of the gospel. Included in this study are examples for faithful stewardship of the earth, ways to reinvigorate stewardship in worship, long-range planning ideas, and plans for individual ministry growth.

"**Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders**" will be led by Rev. Darren Crotts. This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.
Real Estate Reminders from your friends at Wesley Community Development

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:
Applications for Property Tax Exemption status are due January 31, 2020.

Property renovations, county revaluations or changes in property status can all be reasons to update Form AV-10, Property Tax Exemption or Exclusion, with your county tax assessor. Please take a moment and complete Form AV-10 if you have not recently done so. (The link is included below for convenience.) Updating this exemption application will help to ensure that all churches that are eligible for exemption have updated their status with the County Tax Assessor. Additionally, the contact for each North Carolina Tax Assessor’s office and address is listed in the link below for proper handling.

Please read all correspondence from the county tax collector’s office closely and respond within the given time frame if applicable.

Form AV-10:

North Carolina Tax Assessor’s Office by County:

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 find joy in being in ministry with children and their families, and have a desire to nurture growing disciples of Jesus Christ we would like to get to know you.

To view the complete job description, visit centenary-ws.org.

To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to Mary Ann Wexler, Executive Director at mwexler@centenary-ws.org.
Maple Springs UMC, 2569 Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem, has an opening for an Office Manager.

As the face of the church, this position will be the central contact for daily church operations of Maple Springs UMC and provide administrative support for the staff and lay leadership. As Office Manager, this role will be accountable for identifying, evaluating and addressing the operational needs of the church to support lifelong Christian discipleship and community evangelism. By providing support to the Pastors, staff and lay leadership, this position enables church leaders to fulfill their roles in ministry.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**
- Assist the Pastors in managing their calendars and scheduling appointments.
- Support the communications needs of the Pastors and staff by preparing and sending letters and emails as requested.- Attend staff meeting and facilitate the discussion of administrative items.
- Assist with Development of annual administrative budget for management of office.
- Manage master church calendar and room reservations on website in coordination with Staff and Trustees.
- Provide communication and coordination as needed with the cleaning service with Trustees.
- Coordinate with pastors for the communication with visitors/guests, new members and those transferring membership to include personal follow-up communications, adding to mailing lists and database and sharing with note-writing team.
- Enter guest information from services into database
- Maintain the church contact and membership database and track ministry activity of members via church software.
- Provide new member forms/baptism forms completed by pastors to Membership Secretary. Acknowledge new members and new babies in written bulletin announcement the week after joining/birth, and in the month’s newsletters.- Set-up and maintain a filing system for church records. Each group has their own at this time – would like for Office Manager to maintain these files in a central location.
- Provide administrative assistance and event logistics for the staff and lay leaders.
- Prepare monthly newsletter for email and website format in conjunction with church marketing plans, making adjustments as needed for email distribution, mailing, and uploading to website.
- Maintain the church website including calendars, announcements, documents, pictures, and text copy, ensuring timeliness and continuity among written announcements and website information.
- Organize and gather announcements for weekly e-news. Distribute e-news weekly on Wednesday.
- Manage information flow to staff, including important news, birth/death announcements, etc. Keep hospital reports and communicate updates to pastors and lay care teams.
- Support Marketing/Communications work as needed – Website, Social Media and Signs.
- Manage the office including equipment, supplies and technology.
- Maintain inventory of all church technology assets, including all firewalls and safekeeping of computer passwords.
- Prepare all church bulletins, including Sunday worship bulletins, special services, and funerals.
- Distribute mail and secure postage for the postage meter/maintain petty cash.
- Compile and submit all reports needed for Charge Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Year End Reports.
- Provide day-to-day guidance to the volunteer receptionists and coordinate volunteers to help with various office projects.
- Other duties as required.
Skills and Competencies:

- Experienced and effective administrator
- Able to work well with Pastors, staff, lay leadership, members and the public
- Able to use discretion and maintain confidentiality
- Self-starter who has critical thinking skills, is able to work independently and recognize needs, gaps and opportunities and initiate solutions
- Working knowledge of United Methodist worship and policy
- Friendly, Reliable, Courteous and Professional in dealing with members, visitors and vendors
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- Knowledge of Office Equipment including complex printers, computer hardware (Mac and PC) and computer software including Microsoft Office Suite and E-Z Worship/Pro-Presenter
- Basic Website Maintenance Skills and ability to learn to work with Elexio

Hours of Employment:
- The position will be 35 hours per week, Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Resume and references may be sent by mail to:
Maple Springs United Methodist Church
ATTN: Staff Parish Relations Committee
2569 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Submissions can also be emailed to jill.gordon@embarqmail.com Deadline: November 26, 2019

Center UMC (Welcome) - Worship Director for Contemporary Service

First and foremost, the worship leader would need a strong Christian character and lead the people in the presence of God. We feel to do this they would need to live in a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Also, accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God – our final authority for faith and life. We ask for a strong commitment to the ministry of Center United Methodist Church. Candidate should possess experience, training and expertise in the field of music and worship as well as set a good example of personal, spiritual, and family life.

Below is a list of position requirements:

- Strong vocalist
- Keyboard player preferred (instruments other than keyboard acceptable)
- Prepare all praise team music each week in cooperation with the Pastor
- Lead the praise band as well as play a role in leading the service
- Schedule and lead weekly praise band practice
- Attend Worship committee meeting as appropriate
- Develop and continue to build our contemporary service as well as the praise band
- Monthly staff meetings
- Work with Youth as requested
- Play a role in special services

Hours vary per week
Salary varies based on experience
If interested, please contact Tim Williams at twilliams28@triad.rr.com or 336-239-8520.
District Joys and Concerns

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

Carol Peden, wife of Rev. Ivan Peden (Lewisville UMC) on the death of her mother on September 6,

Rev. Brian Russell (Memorial-Unity) on the death of his sister, Eileen Becker, on October 13,

Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel (Burkhead UMC) on the death of his mother, Dr. Nan Manuel, on October 20, and

Rev. Bart Milleson (Trinity UMC, King) on the death of his father, Wilson (Wil) Milleson on October 27.

Upcoming District Dates

November 17 – Western Winston-Salem Missional Network Charge Conference, 3:00 p.m., Mount Tabor UMC
November 17 – Davidson Missional Network Charge Conference, 6:00 p.m., Centenary UMC (Clemmons)
November 24 – Retirement Reception for Amy Johnson, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Pine Grove UMC, Winston-Salem
November 25 – Eastern Winston-Salem Missional Network, 7:00 p.m., Centenary UMC (Winston-Salem)
November 25 – Registrations due for Christmas Bus Trip (December 13)
November 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holidays – District Office Closed

December 17 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, Rural Hall, 9:00 a.m.
December 23-26 – Christmas Holidays – District Office Closed

January 1 – District Office Closed
January 5 – Registrations due for Clergy Beach Retreat (February 28-March 1, DoubleTree by Hilton Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC)
January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – District Office Closed

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Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Monday-Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Check out our website: www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org