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THE DISTRICT CORE



A NEWSLETTER OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT • VIRGINIA CONFERENCE • THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.

Conference Orientation on Sunday, June 6

An orientation session for Winchester District members of the 2010 Virginia Annual Conference will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 3–5 p.m.**, at Stephens City UMC. It is important that pastors, church lay delegates, and district lay delegates be present to be briefed on issues coming before the Conference.

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION



**Virginia Conference School
of Christian Mission**

Virginia United Methodist
Assembly Center
Blackstone, VA

July 22-25 & 26-29, 2010

STUDIES:

- ◆ For the Love of God: John's Letters
Led by: Clarence Brown
- ◆ The Beauty & Courage of Sudan: Why a dream of peace is possible.
Led by: Ellen Wicker Cummings, Addie Haynes, and Kip Robinson
- ◆ Joy to the World Mission & Evangelism
Led by: Glory Dharmaraj, Lyle Morton, Darlene Amon, Stephen Hundley, David Hindman, Ted Smith and Myrtle F. Hatcher

More info available by clicking on the conference calendar at www.vaumc.org

Change the World to Become Annual Event

More than 100,000 people from more than 1,000 churches united with a common purpose over a 48-hour period: to make a world of difference. United Methodists from 13 countries and every state energetically worked to build community locally and fight malaria globally during Change the World weekend, April 24-25.

Congregations at local churches rolled up their sleeves and took to the streets to feed the hungry, aid the homeless, visit the lonely, and more. From stocking food pantries and cleaning school grounds to washing cars and renovating homes, people of faith reached out to a world outside the walls of their own churches with work crews, talent shows, candlelight vigils, picnics, sleep-outs, food drives, etc.

Enthusiasm for the 2010 Change the World event was so great that it will become an annual event. Next year's event will be held May 14-15, 2011.

Save the Date!!

*A Service of Celebration for the Appointment
of Larry R. Thompson, Jr.*

as Winchester District Superintendent

Reception Following Service

Sunday, July 11, 2010 - 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Duncan Memorial UMC

210 E. Main Street

Berryville, Virginia

A word from the District Superintendent...

I remember reading once about a lower-level minor league baseball manager who had to cut a not-talented-enough player from the team and send him home. Being a caring sort, he was not looking forward to the job: "It never gets any easier," he said.

No, delivering bad news to people, I'm sure, never gets any easier. And that's the way I feel about moving: it never gets any easier! And I should be an expert in it by now having moved in my life in 1952, 1956, 1962, 1968, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1986, 1990, 1999, 2004, and now 2010. That does not include going off to college and seminary and graduate school. I remember leaving Emory University in Atlanta in December 1974 when I finished seminary and saying to my fellow students there: "Well, goodbye. Have a nice life!"—assuming that I'd never see them again, and for the most part, I haven't.

Being a preacher's kid, you'd think I'd get use to it, but I don't: I always get attached to people—people like you! I've found that wherever you go, there are lots of wonderful people around (and a few soreheads, too, of course, but not too many of those). I'm going to miss you. Of course, we aren't going very far away—just to Manassas, where I'll be one of the pastors at Manassas St. Thomas UMC. (There will be a new associate pastor, as well.)

I want to thank you for putting up with me as District Superintendent these last six years. I certainly made some mistakes that I wish I could undo, and ask for your forgiveness for anything I've done that didn't make your life any easier.

One thing I've learned for sure after all these years in the church is that it is not our church: it is Christ's church, and unless we focus our all on following him, we labor in vain. Please continue to pray for us as we transition away at the end of the month and please lift up Larry Thompson, the new District Superintendent, and his wife, Vicki, in your prayers each day.

Thank you for your ministry. Best wishes.

David Forrest

Thank you from Amor Y Paz!!!

We would like to thank the following churches and individuals who have submitted Covenant Forms for 2010;

Aldie UMC	Bluemont UMC	Boyce UMC
Burnt Factory UMC	Janie Davis	Fairview UMC
Front Royal UMC	Hites Chapel UMC	Joe & Ann Klotz
John Mann UMC	Millwood UMC	Rev. James & Trish Page
Redland UMC	Refuge UMC	Reliance UMC
Relief UMC	Archie & Pauline Skiles	Stephens City UMC
Gerald & Stephanie Tracey	Rev. Pete & Betty Wadsworth	Kathleen Wageley
White Post UMC		

Your financial support ensures that we are able to continue reaching out to the Hispanic population of the great Winchester Area.

If you are interested in entering into a Covenant relationship with Amor Y Paz or would like additional information about this ministry, please contact Linda Whitacre at 540-662-7497 or Martha de la Rosa at 540-974-1485.



*Come join us in
celebrating*
Rev. David Forrest's

*6 years as
Winchester District Superintendent*

Saturday, June 26, 2010

5:00 p.m.

*Burnt Factory UMC Picnic Shelter
1943 Jordan Springs Road
Stephenson, Virginia*

*Please RSVP by calling the District Office
at 540-662-7332 or emailing SherylPifer@vaumc.org
NO later than Wednesday, June 16th!*

*A love offering for Chicuque Rural Hospital in Mozambique
will be presented to the Forrest family during the celebration.*

*Please send donations to the
Winchester District Office, 21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601
by Wednesday, June 16th*



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ June 6 - Annual Conference Orientation, Stephens City UMC—3-5 p.m.
- ◆ June 8 - Clergy Executive Committee, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ June 12 - Cabinet meets in Norfolk
- ◆ June 13-16 - Annual Conference - Norfolk (District Office Closed)
- ◆ June 26 - Farewell Celebration for David Forrest, Burnt Factory Picnic Shelter - 5 p.m.
- ◆ June 30 - Clergy Moving Day



There is a time
for everything,
and a season
for every activity
under heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1

- ◆ July 2 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ July 5 - District Office Closed
- ◆ July 6 - Clergy Exec. Comm., Dist. Ofc. - 9 a.m.
- ◆ July 6 - District Finance Committee, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ July 11 - Welcome Service & Reception for new DS, Duncan Memorial UMC - 3-5 p.m.
- ◆ July 14 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ July 17 - Clergy Association Reception for New Clergy, Greenwood UMC - 3-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ July 21 - Yth Directors, District Ofc. - 10 a.m.
- ◆ July 22-25 - School of Christian Mission, Blackstone
- ◆ July 25 - District Stewards, Duncan Memorial - 3 p.m.
- ◆ July 25-31 - Youth Mission Trip
- ◆ July 26-29 - School of Christian Mission, Blackstone
- ◆ July 27 - DCOM, Braddock Street - 10 a.m.