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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.



Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Winchester District School of Christian Mission

MISSION ENCOUNTER

Saturday, September 6, 2014 ~ 9 AM – 4 PM

Stephens City UMC, 5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline August 26, 2014

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name tag should read: _____

Cost for Mission Encounter: \$15 per person (includes lunch)

Child Care will not be available for this event.

Make checks payable to: Winchester District United Methodist Women

Mail registration form and check to:

Judy T. Smith, 567 Shady Creek Rd, Clear Brook, VA 22624

Phone number: 540-667-0836

Indicate class preference

_____ Geographic Study: Roma of Europe

_____ Spiritual Growth: How Is It With Your Soul?

_____ Issue Study: The Church and People with Disabilities

Study books for your class **must be purchased in advance** from Mission Resource Center

United Methodist Women Orders

P.O. Box 742349

Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

Or

www.umwmissionresources.org

Or

1-800-305-9857

For Administrative Use Only: Amount Paid _____ Class _____ No. _____

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STUDIES

Geographic Study: Roma of Europe

This study will introduce us to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. You will explore their history, the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture, introduce their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside them. Study Leaders: Linda Carty and Ken Carty

Spiritual Growth Study: How Is It With Your Soul?

This study is framed within four verbs, “pray”, “learn”, “mentor”, and “transform”. This study will give an overview of the setting for this question– “How Is It With Your Soul? –in Methodist class and band meetings, and moves from the individual to the church to the world.

Study Leader: Darlene Runalduie

Issue Study: The Church and People with Disabilities

This study will focus on Awareness, Accessibility and Advocacy. Provides for hands on experience completing an accessibility audit and engaging in multisensory worship and education. Study Leader: Rev. Elizabeth von Trapp Walker:

WHAT IS IT?

An opportunity for men and women, as well as clergy to learn about being partners in God’s global mission and to grow spiritually through study and worship.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

For anyone who has wondered how we do mission, where we are in mission and most importantly why we are called to live out missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

WHY SHOULD I COME?

Men and Women – Mission learning and involvement for young and old alike.

Clergy – Learn about the Wesleyan Theology of Mission and implementation in the local church.

~ The day will begin with morning worship.

~ Participants will receive material that will be helpful in teaching the studies in the local church.

~ Please bring Bible, notebook, pencil & textbook.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CEU credit offered for clergy upon request.

PLEASE NOTE

9:00 AM: Registration and Gathering

9:30 AM -10:00 AM: Plenary – Rev. Denise Bates of the Front Royal UMC

10:00 AM -12:30 PM: 1st half of class

12:30 PM -1:30 PM: Lunch with mission presentation by Martha Reynolds

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM: 2nd half of class and dismissal

This event is sponsored by the Winchester District United Methodist Women.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



Winchester District Lay Servant Ministries Training



Who: All Current Lay Servants,
All who would like to be Lay Servants
Anyone who has an interest in the courses offered

When: Friday, September 26 ~ Registration: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.;
Classes: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
AND Saturday, September 27 ~ Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.;
Classes: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Braddock Street United Methodist Church, 115 Wolfe Street, Winchester, VA

Fee: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

- Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Servant **MUST attend their sessions on Friday AND Saturday.**
- Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Servant **MUST attend their course sessions on Friday AND Saturday.**
- It is critical to register for the course of your choice far enough in advance so that you can order and have read the text for that course. Ordering information is listed with each class. **ALL BOOKS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE TRAINING.**

There are many areas in the church that you can assist with by training in the Lay Servant Ministries Program. ***ANYONE who wants to take any of these courses may register. If any course interests you, please register as soon as possible.***

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

BASIC COURSE:

Instructor: Martha Reynolds

This is the first training step to becoming a certified Lay Servant. It focuses on three primary areas of Lay Servant Ministry: Caring, Leading and Communicating.

TEXT: *Basic Course Participant's Book*; Available from Cokesbury. ISBN: 9780881775525

ADVANCED CLASS # 1: Lay Servants Tell Stories (Preach)

Instructor: Rev. Sherry Waddell

Suggested Reading: *Dancing with Words* by Ray Buckley
Available from Cokesbury; ISBN: 9780881774078

ADVANCED CLASS # 2: United Methodist Heritage *Instructor: Rev. Dr. Dan Garrett*
Suggested reading: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*
By Bishop Kenneth Carder; Available from Cokesbury; ISBN: 9780881775716

ADVANCED CLASS # 3: Lay Servants Lead Prayer *Instructor: Rev. Adam Sowder*
Suggested Reading: *Let the Whole Church Say Amen!*: By Laurence Hull Stookey
Available from Cokesbury; ISBN 9780687090778

ADVANCED CLASS # 4: Lay Servants Lead Worship *Instructor: Rev. Mike Mayton*
Suggested Reading: *The: Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together*, By Marcia McFee
Available from Cokesbury; ISBN 9780687046348
Participants will need to bring a Bible and a UM Hymnal (current edition).

ALL Advanced Classes count as recertification as a Certified Lay Servant. Advanced Classes 1-4 can be applied toward the new Lay "Speaker" designation.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church: _____

Class Choice: _____

Registration Fee: \$20.00 (includes lunch)
Deadline: September 12, 2014

Please send registration along with a check made out to Winchester District UMC
(please note for Lay Servant Training on memo line) to:
Winchester District United Methodist Church
21 South Kent Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

Burial Plots for Sale

The Winchester District Board of Missions has been the recipient of two (2) burial plots that are located in Shenandoah Memorial Park. Both plots are located in the Garden of Gethsemane, Lot 11B, plots 1 & 2. We are asking \$1500 a piece for the burial plots. They are valued at \$1880 each. If you are interested or need more information please call the district office at (540) 662-7332 and ask for Sheryl or Melanie.

Job Opportunities

CUSTODIAN POSITION – Braddock Street United Methodist Church in Winchester, VA is looking for a full-time Custodian. Hours are 5 AM – 1 PM, pay is based upon experience (starting at a minimum of \$10 hourly). Requirements: High School diploma or equivalent, general knowledge of cleaning, ability to lift a minimum of 40 pounds, must be trustworthy and amiable. Forward a cover letter and resume to bsumcjobopening@gmail.com.

Director of Adult Discipleship, part-time (12hr/wk), Front Royal United Methodist Church, a faith community committed to sharing God's love and serving God's people, is seeking an experienced and dedicated person to provide staff leadership for Adult Discipleship. The successful candidate for this outstanding opportunity will be a creative, relational, spiritually-mature person who is experienced in and committed to personal discipleship development for adults. This person will be responsible for directing adult spiritual formation, including small groups, Sunday School and other opportunities. Please visit www.frumc.org for the full position description. Please submit resumes electronically to pastor-denise@frumc.org by Aug. 15.

Director of Children's Ministry, part-time (12hr/wk), Front Royal United Methodist Church, a faith community committed to sharing God's love and serving God's people, is seeking an experienced and dedicated person to provide staff leadership for Children's Ministry. The successful candidate for this outstanding opportunity will be a creative, relational, spiritually-mature person who is experienced in hands-on Children's Ministry including mission, spiritual formation and worship. This person must be gifted, graced and passionate about children's discipleship and who can engage parents and volunteers. Please visit www.frumc.org for the full position description. Please submit resumes electronically to pastordenise@frumc.org by Aug. 15.



Winchester District United Methodist Churches Change the World Mission Fair

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 11, 2014
Clarke County Fair Grounds

An Afternoon of:



*Mission
Opportunities,*

*Music - Fellowship
Preaching*



DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ August 17-18 - Clergy Retreat, Camp Overlook

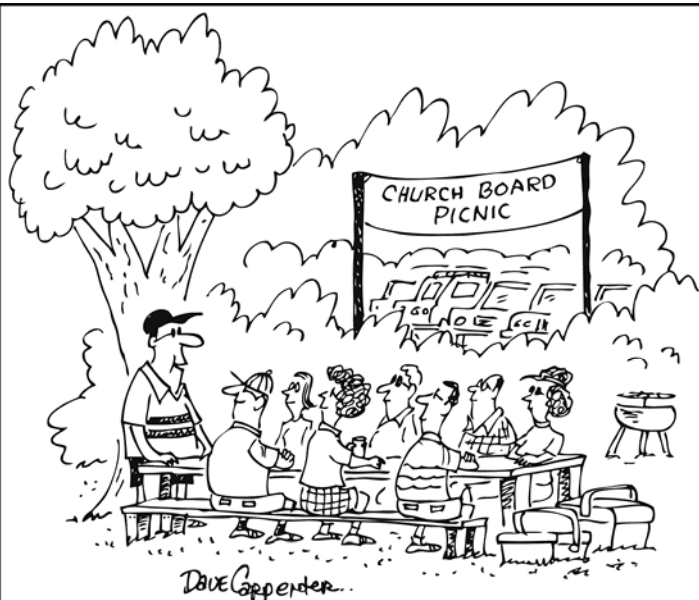
Back To School



- ◆ Sept. 1 - District Office Closed for Labor Day
- ◆ Sept. 6 - UMM Golf Tournament, Bowling Green County Club “North” - 7 AM
- ◆ Sept. 6 - UMW School of Christian Mission, Stephens City UMC - 9 AM - 4 PM
- ◆ Sept. 9 - Dist. Comm. On Ordained Ministry, District Office—9:30 AM
- ◆ Sept. 21 - UMW Annual Meeting, Grace UMC - 2:30 PM
- ◆ Sept. 23 - Dist. Committee on Congregation Excellence, District Office - 10 AM
- ◆ Sept. 26 - Lay Servant Training, Braddock St. UMC - 6:30 - 9 PM
- ◆ Sept. 27 - Lay Servant Training, Braddock St. UMC - 8:30 AM - 5 PM



The District Office will close at 1 PM on Fridays, beginning July 12th and continuing through August 29th!!



Dave Goppenter...

“Mr. Harris moves that we play softball.
Do I hear a second?”



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