



# Staying In Touch

Sept.-Oct.  
2011

## **A WORD FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

Well, as I start this article I have been on "the job" for one month. I cannot tell you how blest Susan and I are to be in ministry with you. Farmville District is not only the largest geographical area, and largest number of churches totaling 110 plus one campus ministry but it is the greatest district of the Virginia Conference. Even though it has been hot this summer we have been blest to travel this great district. By now I hope all of our moving pastors have at least begun to settle in and are making yourselves at home. This past month, I have attended an outdoor worship gathering for our new faith community, Journey, visited 12 churches, attended the District Youth Mission Week, School of Christian Mission, Cabinet meeting, five local church meetings and attended School of Congregational Development in Dallas.

I am preparing for our charge conference season. Susan and I look forward to worshipping and celebrating with you during this time. Our theme is "*Being Christ to Others: Snapshots of the Kingdom.*"

I will be preaching from Jeremiah 29:11 "A future with hope." My request is that the conferences be less business and more celebration with you sharing "Snapshots of the Kingdom." God is doing a great work among us and God wants to do more. There is no reason why any church is not adding people to the Kingdom. We are mandated to make disciples of Jesus.

In closing Susan and I want to thank the District for the grand reception given in our honor yesterday, August 14th. The worship, feasting at the Lord's Table and fellowship afterwards were awesome. We could not have been more received into this amazing district. The stole that was presented to me was a "big" surprise. I will always cherish it. Thanks to the laity and clergy that made my installation service so special. We want you to know that you are loved very much and we look forward to our ministry together.

Blessings, *Bob*

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**2011-2012**  
**Mission Opportunities**  
for Communities of Faith in the  
Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES TOGETHER WE CAN SPREAD THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST ALL OVER THE WORLD**

This year's new Mission Opportunities booklet is written to educate each church member on how they and their church can be in mission in helping "the least of these".

If you have not seen this booklet and would like to receive a copy they have been handed out to your pastors.

It explains how your church can go the "First Mile" and then the "Second".

It would be impossible for each of us or each church to reach out to all in need, but together churches in the Virginia Conference with United Methodist Churches all over the world, we can do it!

**MEETING OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT STEWARDS** on Sunday, October 2, at the Crenshaw UMC at 3:00 PM. We will nominate our Annual Conference Members. If you or someone you know might want to attend Annual Conference as a District Member in 2012 please notify your pastor ASAP. You will need to fill out a form online (your pastor can copy it for you) and return to our office by September 15, 2011. The form can be found at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org), Ministries, Common Table, Leadership Discovery and Development Team. Annual Conference 2012 will begin on Friday afternoon, June 22 and conclude on Sunday, June 24 at noon. The Ordination Service will be on Saturday evening. All Stewards should plan to attend this business meeting, and for the District Conference those required to attend are: **all** ordained and commissioned **clergy**, licensed Local pastors, lay supply pastors, certified lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and deaconesses and home missionaries related to this district, plus.....

CHARGE	CHURCH	DISTRICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Conference Delegate</li> <li>• Lay Leader</li> <li>• District Steward</li> <li>• 3 Members At Large (one of whom shall be a Youth elected at charge conference)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairpersons of Church Council</li> <li>• Lay Leader</li> <li>• Church School Superintendent</li> <li>• Pres. UMW, UMM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson, Common Table</li> <li>• Finance Members</li> <li>• Trustees</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Lay Leader</li> <li>• Associate Lay Leaders</li> <li>• Pres. UMM, UMW, UMYF</li> <li>• Children's Coordinator</li> <li>• Other District Coordinators</li> <li>• 5 Youth Members (elected by District youth council and five young adult members elected by Council of Ministries)</li> </ul>

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
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If you are receiving this newsletter by hard copy but would like to receive it by email, contact Phyllis at 434-392-4687 or email [farmvilledistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:farmvilledistrict@vaumc.org). Help us be good stewards of our resources. Those that receive email copies get their news earlier and in color. Thanks to all who have responded so far!

**BRUNSWICK CIRCUIT  
FOUNDATION**

The annual meeting will take place on October 6, 10AM at Boydton UMC. Walter Beales will give the program on the old Randolph Macon College. Lunch will follow and the other two sites, Ebenezer Academy and the Dromgoole House will be available to see. Contact Thelma Crowder, 434-572-4001.

**HERMITAGE GUILD**

will not be meeting this Fall due to the illness of Rev. McClung. If you have items you would like to donate to the bazaar contact Thelma Crowder, 434-572-4001.

**THANK YOU  
Farmville UMChurch  
and Participants**

A special thanks to the people that helped to make our Worship and Praise Service perfect on August 14. This includes those that worked behind the scenes as well as those out front such as the persons that arranged the gift flowers, set-up for our Communion and presentations, **our pastors** that robed and processed in to the song "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates".

We especially want to thank: **Rev. Meadows** who organized and led us so that the service flowed smoothly, **Martha Taylor**, the star of it all, for her patience, skills, and guidance in getting the event to come together, the **ushers led by George Conner, Jr.**, the **organist-Dr. Gordon Ring**, the **soloist-Michael Johnson**, presenters of "signs": **Geraldine Sanderson, Dr. Paul Baker, Rev. Loretta Benninghove, Rev. Randy Williams, Johnnie Morris, Carol Sanger**,

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**Mable Knotts and Phyllis Goin** and of Communion **Rev. Scott Hopkins and Johnnie Morris**.

Thanks continue to the leaders: **Rev. Sylvia Meadows, Susie Wolf, Rev. Michael Davis, Johnnie Morris and Rev. Bob Parks, Jr.** who shared his wonderful and inspiring faith story with us.

It was truly a special event. I apologize if I have missed anyone. It would not have been as special without every one that helped to make it so. Again, I thank you. Phyllis

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### **FARMVILLE DISTRICT DAY**

**2011** will be held on Saturday, October 1, at VUMAC.

Registration will begin at 9:30AM. The format this year will be different—singing, special music, unit awards, memorial service, and our new D.S. Rev. Bob Parks will bring us greetings. The offering will go to VUMAC and the Mission Project for this event is the Nottoway Food Bank located in Crewe. Registration forms are on the [umcfarmville.org](http://umcfarmville.org) website.

### **ADVENT DAY APART**

Farmville District's Advent Day Apart will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Location to be determined. More information will be forthcoming in the October Linkette. Offering for this event will go to Mission Giving. The Mission Project will be Kingsway Prison Ministry (note pads, pencils, chap stick, toothpaste) are needed.

### **DISTRICT UMW OFFICERS NEEDED:**

Are there unit leaders that may hear God calling them to a new level with UMW? Vacancies needing to be filled are Secretary, Mission Education & Interpretation and Vice-President. Please call Sue Mayo and she can talk with you about the duties involved.

### **FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW OFFICER TRAINING:**

There will be unit officer training on January 22 during the Annual Training Event. District Officers of the Farmville will provide training. There will be a time of sharing activities that worked in your unit and time for games and prizes! Mark your calendars now!

### **Unit Officer information for 2012**

needs to be sent to Sue Mayo as soon as elections are confirmed. Forms are located on the [umcfarmville.org](http://umcfarmville.org) website or contact Sue Mayo, email [bnsmayo@yahoo.com](mailto:bnsmayo@yahoo.com) or mail 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930.

The Farmville District UMW now has 58 units out of 110 churches. If your church does not have a UMW unit and would like information on how to charter contact Sue Mayo.

### **FARMVILLE DISTRICT LINKETTE BY EMAIL**

The Farmville District UMW Linkette can be sent to members by email and is also being made available on the Farmville District website [umcfarmville.org](http://umcfarmville.org). If you would like to receive a copy by email please send Sue Mayo a note at [bnsmayo@yahoo.com](mailto:bnsmayo@yahoo.com). This is a great way of sharing with members in your unit or they can receive their own. We would like to get at least one email address for each unit so information can be distributed quickly and more economically.

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

**Bethel UMC/** Nottoway Charge: **Oct 30**, 3PM "The Gospel Grass", from Crewe UMC will perform. This new program "Neighbor to Neighbor" is held on 5th Sundays as a way of reaching out to our neighborhood. There will be refreshments following the musical program. All are welcome.

North Brunswick Charge:  
**Rocky Run UMC: Oct 1**,  
Bake Sale

**Antioch UMC: Oct 16**,  
Homecoming

**Lebanon UMC: Oct 22**,  
5:00 PM—Harvest Festival

**Smyrna UMC/**Prospect Charge  
Rt. 15 N. of Farmville for 5 Miles.  
**Sept. 1** – Community Labor Day  
Fellowship, 5PM Games, 6PM Food  
7PM Music. No Charge to attend  
Call 434-574-2680 for more info.  
**Oct 4, 5 & 6** -Revival, 7PM.  
Special Preachers and Music  
Groups each night. All are invited.

**Ward's Chapel UMC/**Burkeville  
Chg. **Oct. 1** -Harvest Festival, 9-1.  
Food, games, fun for all ages.

**Oakwood UMC—Sep 3 & 4**,  
Centennial Homecoming.  
**Sept. 3**, 7 p.m., informative and  
fun vignettes about our founders  
will be presented. Reception after.  
**Sept. 4**, 11:00 a.m., Special  
Service –Rev. Kang Uk Lee will  
officiate. Rev. Al Horton, from  
Charlottesville will be the key  
speaker. A covered dish luncheon  
will follow the service. That  
afternoon, Oakwood's choir will  
offer the Testament of Praise,  
Charles Wesley's hymns collected  
in 2007 in celebration of his 300th  
birthday.  
Oakwood members invite you to  
come and celebrate with us!

## HAVE YOU BEEN TO LAKE JUNALUSKA LATELY?

For United Methodists in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Lake Junaluska, in the beautiful mountains of N. Carolina, exists as a largely untapped resource for inspiration, information, and quiet reflection on our place in a rapidly changing world in desperate need for the love of Christ to bring its healing.



We have recently returned from the 2011 Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit, "Leading in a New Day" featuring the leadership of Mike Slaughter of Ohio where his ministry focuses on "helping churches navigate uncertain times by becoming missional forces locally and globally", and Lovett Weems, professor of church leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Weems says, "Between now and 2018, the church desperately needs to regain its historic passion for reaching people for Christ and begin to show results that will give energy and momentum heading into years that will test the church in ways not seen since the early days of American Methodism".

A pastor, from our District, also took part in this challenging discussion of the future of our beloved church. Will there be more attendees for the 2012 Summit?

Other exciting opportunities are planned: Some highlights include: 9/2-3 Smoky Mtn Folk Festival  
10/14-15 Lake Junaluska Singers

10/18-21 Fall Fling  
10/21-23 Choir Music Weekend  
Visit Lake Junaluska at [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com) or call 800-222-4930, or contact Pat Inge at [tpinge@live.com](mailto:tpinge@live.com) or call 434-292-3428.



## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION— UNITED METHODIST FAMILY SERVICES

### WISH LIST

Churches and individuals can help by donating items:

\*\*For our activities: *facial tissue, hand sanitizer, napkins, bottled water, paper towels, paper plates.*

\*\*Other items needed: *padded folding chairs, board games (Yahtzee, Uno Attack, Life, Sorry), Electronic Games (Wii Games, X-Box Kinetic Game Console and game cartridges).*

**\*\*There is a great need now for \$10 gift cards.**

*These can be for Wal-Mart, telephone, restaurants, movies, bowling, etc.*

The families, children and staff thank you for your generosity in helping prepare our children for school and all the ways you think of us each day! We want to share with you some great news! Six children are in the process of finalizing their adoption, five children have been adopted, Nineteen children are at home with foster and adoptive families. Thank you for celebrating with us as we continue to serve and for making a difference in the lives of our children.

Local Contact Volunteer, Rev. Al Green, 434-634-4872, email [appygreen@hughes.net](mailto:appygreen@hughes.net) or South Central Regional Ctr 434-447-8630

**The IRS MILEAGE RATE**—the ARP mileage rate changed as of July 1 from .51 per mile to .555.

**Visit the Farmville District Website**

**[www.umcfarmville.org](http://www.umcfarmville.org).**

**Post your church events on the "local church forum".**

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Farmville UMC:

**Oct 20-Nov 17. Grief Support Class** 2-4 P.M. with curriculum that focuses on healing and comfort.



This class is open to all. Please contact Mandy Newman, Dir. Congregational Care at 434-392-4686 x26 or [anewman@farmvilleumc.org](mailto:anewman@farmvilleumc.org).

**Sept. 7, 5:30PM:** Midweek Meal & Mission! The 1st Wednesday of each month—fellowship around a catered dinner & work together in a different mission chosen each month.

**Sept. 7, 9:30AM-MOPS** (mothers of preschoolers) 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, nursery is available for children.

**Sept. 12, 10AM & 5:30PM** Intercessory prayer time in the prayer chapel each Monday.

**Oct. 1, UMW** Yard & Bake Sale

**Oct. 4, 8AM** -Lifeline Screening. Register at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

**Oct. 7, 5PM**-Virginia Operation Christmas Child Team Catfish Dinner

**Each Thursday, 3:30PM** -"Knit Wits"

**1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:30PM**-Friendship Club meets. Special needs friends are invited to this time of worship and study.

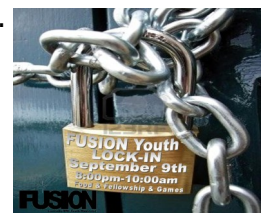
### FUSION YOUTH GATHERING

6PM each Sunday.

Grades 5-12.

Contact:

Lyndsie Blakely  
434-392-4686.



### LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY THEATRE

**presents: GODSPELL** by Jean-Michael Tebelak. November 10-13 and 17-20. Call the Box Office at 434-395-2474 for tickets or for info. The admission prices are from \$6 to \$10.

## **Fall Edisto Trip**

The Friends of the Edisto will be making their fall trip the week of October 9-15. The cost of the trip is \$125.00 which covers registration with UMVIM, insurance, meals and lodging. Completed registration forms with fees must be received by September 18 at the pre-trip meeting at Keysville UMC. If you have any questions regarding this mission project, or want to receive a registration form, please contact Gary Lied at 434-223-2672 or [tritongreen@hughes.net](mailto:tritongreen@hughes.net).

## **Disciple Bible Study Facilitator's Training**

There has been quite some time since our conference had a DISCIPLE Bible Study Facilitator's Training event. Only Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry offers these. On Sunday, September 18, 2011 DISCIPLE Bible Study Facilitator's training will be offered at the United Methodist Conference Center in Glen Allen from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm to anyone who would like to take it. This is the same event that use to cost \$100. Now we are offering the Facilitator's Training for the cost of the materials only which is \$25.00. Part of our challenge for prison ministry is to put some energy back into DISCIPLE in the local church since it is the local church DISCIPLE program that will provide the prison ministry with the volunteers. If you would like to sign up or need more information, please contact: Gene Mims [gene.mims@comcast.net](mailto:gene.mims@comcast.net) (804) 733-8632

## **Help With Our Newest Church**

Launch team members from our newest church on the district recently visited the next to the newest church. Journey UMC was invited by Pastor Scott Beck to visit all three churches on the Prince Edward Charge. One of the churches, Mount Harmony UMC, founded in 1934 was previously the most recent church plant in our district. Needless to say, few if any members in the Farmville District remember the last time we planted a new church so we all might need a nudge on how to do it successfully. Pastor Mike Davis of Journey spoke at all three services inviting participation in this new church effort. "I would love to speak at any churches in the district and explain to them the value in being a 'third class' church," says Davis.

There are three different ways you can choose to help Journey UMC.

**We need prayer partners.** It takes God's will to grow a church. Consider adding Journey to your regular prayer petitions and be in conversation with God about the future of the church.

**We need missionaries.** It takes people to grow a church. Consider coming with Journey for one year and supporting it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. At the end of the year, you may choose to return to your home church or to join Journey.

**We need financial support.** It takes gifts to grow a church. Consider gifts you or your church might have that Journey could use in the form of furniture, equipment or funds. Contact Pastor Mike Davis 804-304-0256 or visit website <http://journeyumcva.org>.



In photo, some team members of Journey UMC (circa 2011) visit Mount Harmony UMC (circa 1934). Pastor Beck far left, Pastor Davis far right.



## FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM

**"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."**

As I write today, Annual Conference is over for another year. . . It is hard to believe that another year has slipped by and we are now faced with the challenges, changes and opportunities the 2011 Annual Conference has laid-out for us. As I began thinking about the challenges, changes and opportunities ahead of us, my mind jumped back to a vacation we had last summer with some close friends of ours. We decided a week in Western Pennsylvania and Western New York would be a beautiful vacation for all of us. On the way to Niagara Falls, we stopped overnight at Indiana, PA, where I had gone to undergraduate school (Indiana University of PA) and to attend my cousin's golden wedding anniversary. The next evening brought us to Jamestown, NY, where we planned to spend the next day at nearby Chautauqua Institute and Chautauqua Lake. This is the original Chautauqua Institute of the late 1800s Chautauqua movement across the USA. If you are not familiar with this movement and location, I urge you to get on the computer and search for Chautauqua Institute, or, go to the local library for more information. The Methodists had much to do with the establishment and we spent a leisurely hour or two at the beautiful Methodist House on the grounds.

But, the real reason I thought about this trip was the big banner I saw in the huge open amphitheater at the Institute. It was hanging to the right of the huge organ pipes and beneath the spectacular flag display. Its huge letters and message caught my attention immediately. I hope it will do the same for you:

**THINK HIGHER FEEL DEEPER  
BE THE CHANGE**



Wow! What a powerful theme! I would like our Farmville District UMM to consider this as a motto. . . We can THINK HIGHER.....FEEL DEEPER.....and definitely BE THE CHANGE in 2011!!

I wish to remind you of two important events that will happen as the *FALL SEASON* approaches. Every year they seem to be on top of us before we are really prepared for them. Let's "be the change" this year and really get the momentum rolling. These events are not new or unknown to us BUT this year we are planning to add some minor changes to them.

The first event is the important time of CHARTER RENEWAL OR A NEW CHARTER. We wish to get this done earlier this year and with more clarity and ease. We are encouraging our UMMs' units to put more emphasis on chartering this year and we are recommending this charter be for ALL THE MEN IN THE CHURCH OR CHARGE! THIS SHOULD BE THE CHURCH'S CHARTER! We want it to be INCLUSIVE! All the men should feel a part of this chartered unit.

The second event is THE CONFERENCE UMM SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP to be held at VUMAC on November 4-6, 2011. More information in the separate article below. This is one of the best and biggest UMM's retreats in the Southeastern UM Jurisdiction. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A FARMVILLE DISTRICT EVENING AT THIS WORKSHOP, WITH DINNER AND THEN ONE OF THE MAIN SESSIONS WITH THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER! I will place the registration form for the 2011 Conference UMM Spiritual Retreat on the District webpage soon. GET THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

As always, I extend my prayers and best wishes to all for a safe and God-filled summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information, have questions or wish to make comments and/or suggestions.

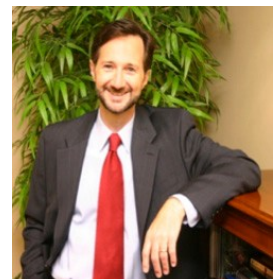
God bless, **Bill Schall, President, Farmville District UMM, phone: 434-392-1752; email: [bschall@embarqmail.com](mailto:bschall@embarqmail.com)**

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### ***34th Annual VA Conference UMMen Spiritual Retreat November 4-6, 2011***

***United Methodist Men mark your calendars NOW! Circle the dates.***

The Rev. Rob Renfro, pastor of Adult Discipleship at the Woodlands United Methodist Church, TX will be the speaker for the retreat. His theme will be **MORE!** The retreat topic will be **MORE**, because there is *more* going on in this world than *most* men know, their mission is *more* important than they can imagine...and what God desires to do through them is *more* powerful than they would ever dream. Registration forms are on the new VA Conference UMM Website [vacumm.org](http://vacumm.org) or contact Bill Schall, 434-392-1752. Registration deadline is September 30 for the cheaper rates. Late fees will be charged after September 30.



### ***Dear Pastors and Church Leaders,***

**A**s most of you are aware, a famine has been declared in five regions of Somalia. The United Nations predicts that the famine will spread across all regions within the next two months. As many as 12 million people are at risk of severe malnutrition or starvation as the region faces the worst drought conditions in 60 years. The drought has caused massive crop failure and loss of livestock that have led to extreme food shortages in a region straddling Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia – a region that has been labeled the “triangle of death”. According to the United Nations the Food Crisis in the Horn of Africa is the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today! It is estimated that more than 29,000 children younger than 5 have died in the past 90 days in southern Somalia. This is more children than die every year in the world from hunger and hunger related diseases. The United Nations reports that 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished which may cause an increase in the death toll. On Monday, Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, visited one of the refugee camps near Dadaab, Kenya. In an article published in the Tuesday edition of the Richmond Times Dispatch, Biden says “there is hope if people start to pay attention to this.”

As Christians in a very wealthy nation, we believe that all United Methodist Churches of the Virginia Conference should join together to assist our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa. People are hungry, thirsty and sick and many have already died or are starving to death and we need to respond with compassion and the love of Christ. In Jesus’ Parable of the Final Judgment, Jesus tells us when we have done it to the least of these, we have done it to Him. When we have not done it to the least of these, we have not done it to Him.

Our hearts are breaking at the devastation and loss of life in the Horn of Africa as the world just seems to go by. This is the most important crisis facing the church today. Nothing is more important than responding to this famine and trying to save as many lives as we can. Through our payers and financial assistance, much can be done to lessen the suffering and give hope to many in the name of Christ Jesus.

People talk about how horrible the famine is, but if all we do is talk about it then our talk means nothing. We need a call to action and we believe that every church can get behind this as Christians. Whatever we choose to do or not to do in the Horn of Africa, we will be doing to Jesus.

**We are asking that churches in the Virginia conference consider giving at least \$100 to International Disaster Response UMCOR Advance #982450 designated to Horn of Africa Crisis. Several churches on the Farmville district have already started collecting money for the Famine. This is an urgent situation and the funds need to be sent immediately. The funds could be sent to your District Secretaries or sent directly to the Conference Office. The United Methodist Churches of the Virginia Conference can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa.**

If you have any questions or suggestions to get help to those in need in the Horn of Africa, please feel free to contact Martha (434-294-3002) or [martha.reed@southside.edu](mailto:martha.reed@southside.edu).

Blessings,

Martha Reed, Mission Chairperson, Crenshaw UMC, Farmville District

Rev. Michael Teixeira, Mt. Carmel/Phenix Charge, Farmville District

**Note: We want to sincerely thank everyone that contributed to the Horn of Africa—Somalia Offering that was received at our service of Praise and Worship on August 14. We collected \$642.82.**

### ***Mission in Your Own Backyard***

Don't have enough funds for a trip to Haiti? Can't take a week off work to help with the Edisto Mission? If you as an individual, a Sunday School class, a youth group, UMW or any other group would like to help in mission, please remember the Amelia Thrift Store, on Route 360 in Jetersville, Virginia. The store always needs workers to sort, organize, and price the donations that come into the store. While you are there you will have opportunities to share the love of Christ with those who shop. All of the proceeds help with needs in the community. No pay, but the benefits are out of this world. Call Johnnie Morris 804-514-8181 to arrange your work schedule.

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The DEADLINE for the  
NEXT ISSUE Oct 10, 2011

## From "Staying In Touch" Editor.....

Our schedule for submissions  
to the 2011 newsletter:

Oct 10 for Nov-Dec 2011  
Nov 20 for Jan-Feb 2012

All articles need to be submitted  
as you wish them to appear.

They may be edited for length  
and correctness.

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## DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Office Closed
- 20 DC Ordained Ministry 9AM
- 24-25 UMW Young Women's Event,  
Leesburg
- 27 UMM Exec Mtg, D.O. 7PM

### OCTOBER

- 1 UMW District Day, 9:30-12, VUMAC
- 2 District Conference/District  
Steward's Mtg., Crenshaw UMC, 3PM
- 9-15 UMVIM Edisto Mission Trip
- 10 Brunswick Circuit Mtg
- 10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 11 Common Table-Sheldon's, 6PM

### NOVEMBER

- 3 District Finance Mtg, DO, 7PM
- 4-6 UMM Spiritual Life Retreat,  
VUMAC
- 19 UMW Advent Day Apart, TBA
- 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 23-25 Office closed

### DECEMBER

- 13 Common Table-Sheldon's, 6PM
- 21-Jan 2 Office Closed

### JANUARY 2012

- 6-8 Youth Retreat, VUMAC
- 17-19 Pastors' Convocation, VUMAC
- 20-22 Children's Ret. VUMAC
- 22 Leadership Training, VUMAC