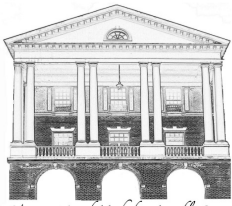


Staying In Touch

January—February 2011



Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center

BLACKSTONE
Growing Faith for over 115 Years

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December 15, 2010

Dear Friends,

In this season of our blessed Savior's birth, Blackstone: The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center sends you heartfelt wishes for a faith filled Christmas and New Year. As many of you have experienced, Blackstone has been GROWING FAITH for the past 115 years through its hospitality and God centered devotion. We now need your financial help for it to continue to serve you, your children, and your grandchildren through another century.

At the November 10, 2010 called meeting of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) and District Superintendents, Blackstone requested to be allowed to make an emergency conference fundraising appeal to handle construction plans and capital development debt totaling \$413,000. This debt was created by direction of the 2007 Annual Conference to update Blackstone from a 450-bed facility to accommodate 750 overnight guests. CFA and District Superintendents voted to allow Blackstone to make the requested emergency conference-wide appeal with the understanding that the fundraising appeal would run from December 15 to January 31.

Blackstone is *OUR* Assembly Center, it is a place where we worship, teach, learn, laugh, and cry; we share, support, and uplift each other and in doing so together we grow and experience God's abundant grace. *Our* Blackstone Assembly Center provides a significant place where faith is strengthened and enhanced; personal relationships are built; and conference connectionalism is experienced, therefore, giving us the opportunity to grow in Christ with each other.

How can you help *Our* Assembly Center retire its debt and continue to do what it does best, grow faith? First, we invite your prayers that God will provide Blackstone all needed to effectively serve in the 21st Century. Second, as God leads you, we request your church's financial support to eliminate our growth debt. If 413 individuals, groups and / or churches were to contribute \$1,000 each, our conference and retreat center will continue to grow and serve the needs of our UMW, UMM, UMYF, and other groups.

Thirdly, we ask that you share with your congregations our need for emergency funds and, if possible, download our appeal bulletin flyer from our website at www.vumac.org for enclosure in your church bulletin in either black and white or color. With the help of our Conference community this remarkable historic property will continue to handle tomorrow's spiritual needs, but with yesterday's grace.

As you go through this beautiful Christmas season, we at Blackstone wish for you a holiday filled with the love that gave Christmas birth, God's love that reaches around the earth,

Our Blackstone Board of Directors



2011 LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS FARMVILLE & PETERSBURG DISTRICTS

January 16, 2011 at VUMAC—2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

*All sessions begin promptly at 2:30 in the classrooms –
there will be no “welcome” in the auditorium this year*

******You have the opportunity to attend one of these sessions, which begin at 2:30****

- ▶ **Staff Parish Relations Committee**, led by the Rev. Jim Tongue and the Rev. Dr. John Martin.
- ▶ **Local Church Treasurers**, led by Mr. David Dommissie, Conference Treasurer.
- ▶ **Rethink Church**, led by Mrs. Linda Rhodes, Conference Director of Communications. What if we Rethink church? Not in terms of what it is but what it could be. What if church were not just a place we go, but also something we do? What if our churches were vibrant, active places where people wanted to be ~ not just on Sundays, but also all week long?
- ▶ **UMW Training**, led by Mrs. Sue Mayo, Farmville District UMW President, and Mrs. Carol Elmore, Petersburg District UMW President. Are you interested in becoming a member, creating a unit, or are already a member of the United Methodist Women and would like to know more about the organization. Are you interested in possibly taking a leadership role in your unit but are not sure what it entails? Does your unit need program ideas? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions join us in our UMW session as your district mission teams help you find the answers
- ▶ **UMM Training**, led by Bill Schall, Farmville District UMM President

Idea Expo

You have the opportunity to attend any two of the following sessions at our ‘Idea Expo’. The first session will run from 2:30 – 3:45, followed by a 30-minute break, and then the sessions will be repeated from 4:15 – 5:30, allowing you to attend a second session after the break.

- ▶ **Joy for the Funeral Ministry**, led by Mrs. Nancy Haga and Mrs. Joyce Ward. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4.) Come and explore ways to begin and expand this ministry to grieving families in your congregation, as well as to God. In your church ~ funeral ministry is more than a dish of deviled eggs for the funeral lunch. Resources such as “Good Grief” and others will be presented.
- ▶ **Conspiracy of Kindness: A Refreshing New Approach to Sharing the Love of Jesus**, led by the Rev. Robb Almy. Your kindness can change the world! The “conspiracy of kindness” operates on a simple premise: loving deeds done by unassuming Christians convince more people of the love of God than all the words in the world. If evangelism does not seem to be your gift or you’re burned out on trying to share the gospel, try Servant Evangelism. It works!!
- ▶ **Health and Wholeness – Body, Mind and Spirit**, led by the Rev. Donna Mott. In today’s society, we hear many reports of how Americans have failed to take care of their health. This seems to be a constant problem even in the church with laity and pastors alike. The church can play a vital part in helping their members to remain healthy by providing resources for healing of the physical body, the mind, and the spirit. In this study we will look at physical wholeness, how one can take care of their total health and resources that are available to the local church, as well as how to hold a healing service.
- ▶ **How to Start a Praise Band for Passionate Worship**, led by the Rev. Mike Davis. Love to sing or play an instrument? Bring your instrument and learn how to gather the musicians in your church for passionate worship.
- ▶ **Spirituality and Photography**, led by Mrs. Betsey Davis. Photography can lead us on a journey to see the world differently. Bring your digital camera to this workshop and we will explore spirituality through photography.
- ▶ **What’s Your Story**, led by the Rev. Deb Fair. The best way to share your faith with others is through your own story. This workshop will guide participants through a number of exercises designed to help remember their stories and explore ways in which their stories may be shared with others.
- ▶ **Bible Study 101 For Small Groups**, led by Mrs. Carol Sanger. “The goal of small groups is to connect people to Christ and connect people to each other.” Small groups serve as doorways for newcomers into the church. You now have the rationale for a Bible study in your church. Come to this class for helpful ideas and suggestions on how to lead a small group Bible study, even if the thought terrifies you. This class can help you be ready for the challenges and benefits.
- ▶ **Hospitality: Do I Need To Be Trained?**, led by Mrs. Cammie Armstrong. In this class we will answer the questions about whose job it is to practice hospitality in your church, VBS, and other activities of your church.
- ▶ **Small Church Opportunities**, led by John Morris
- ▶ **Missions for Older and Smaller Congregations**, led by Rev. Bob Blinn

LAY SERVANTS ACADEMY:

February 25-27, 2011

All laity are invited to the 1st Lay Servants Academy - and the 33rd Annual Lay Speakers Training - to be held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone on February 25-27, 2011. You do not need to be on track to become a Local Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Speaker to attend, although these programs are developed to challenge the Lay Speaker to become skilled to their level of certification and offer continuing training for re-certification. Every chairperson, committee member, teacher, or congregational leader is encouraged to take the introductory course and overview of United Methodism. The information and skills you will be introduced to will serve you well within your local congregations. Eighteen varied courses will be offered. The Rev. Marc Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries for the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be the keynote speaker. The message at the commitment ceremony will be delivered by the Rev. Mark Ogren, Ashland District Superintendent. Back again by popular demand is Dust and Ashes Ministry to provide music leadership. Brochure can be found at the Conference Website www.vaumc.org under events.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SERVICES

The American Cancer Society offers lots of free items, as well as services, to anyone with cancer! When checking the web site you will find that they offer a free home cleaning service.

www.cleaningforareason.org.

Anyone facing cancer needs ALL the support they can get!!! Each day you are living cancer free is a reason to be thankful!!!!

2011 MINISTERS' CONVOCATION

January 18-20,
2011@VUMAC

Top 10 Reasons to attend the 2011 Ministers' Convocation:

Reason #10: Continuing Education Units

Reason #9: A Session with Bishop Kammerer and the District Superintendents

Reason #8: Make New Friends

Reason #7: See Old Friends

Reason #6: Helpful Workshops

Reason #5: Outstanding Speakers

Reason #4: Great Music

The 2011 Ministers' Convocation will be held January 18th through 20th, 2011, at VUMAC. The theme is "Shaping God's People: A Study of Exodus."

Great speakers, music and workshops—you don't want to miss! Registration information can be found on the conference website vaumc.org under events for January. You can register online.

DISTRICT LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL

The Farmville District will be offering a Lay Speaking School during March 2011. We will meet three Sundays, the 13th, 20th, and 27th at Keysville UMC. We are trying to offer our Lay Speakers an opportunity to renew **before** the charge conferences in their respective churches. We will be holding the School at a location more centralized this time. I will be sending out letters to the Lay Speakers needing renewal in 2011 as soon as I get the Charge Conference forms from 2010 Charge Conferences. We hope this will help our many Lay Speakers. We will offer 2 advance and 1 basic course, yet to be determined. For more information contact Don Pizzeck, 434-454-7884.

CHURCH EVENTS

FARMVILLE UMC

Friday, January 21- 6PM. Join the Women of FUMC for friendship, faith and fun!! Chick Flick Night - Dinner & Movie. Childcare will be provided. Call Jennifer Kinne for more information on this multi-generational event!! 392-4686

Midweek Ministries is all new for a 3 week series in January. Join us on the 5th, 12th & 19th. Come out and see what Worship 5:12 is all about and enjoy dinner after! Call Martha Taylor @ 392-4686, ext. 22 for more info.

Fusion Gathering (AKA Youth Group) meets every Sunday at 7PM. All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome. Contact Lyndsie Blakely @ 392-4686 ext. 23 for more info.

December 24: Spontaneous Christmas Pageant 5:30 on Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary. Bring the family and be ready to perform and sing - no talent or rehearsal necessary!!

We encourage all churches to send information about their upcoming events for our newsletter. Send articles as you want them printed to bns mayo@yahoo.com.

The newsletter articles are due on the 10 of every other month (see page 7, last article, of this newsletter for dates). Please note that the information submitted should be for activities that will take place at least three months from submission date. The earlier we get notice the better for us.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UM DAY at General Assembly -



February 3, 2011

Sponsored by the Board of Church & Society and the United Methodist Women of the Virginia Conference.

United Methodist Day, and other avenues of faithful advocacy, help United Methodists look beyond mercy ministry to ask, "What *caused* this problem? What causes hunger? Unemployment? Poverty? Inadequate health care? Global warming?" We empower members of congregations who wonder, "How can I make a difference? How can I be a good Samaritan in our world to the fullest sense?" United Methodist Day gives congregations a vehicle for reaching beyond themselves and introduces them to the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Registrations may be made online at the VA Conference website. The \$20 early bird price is available until Friday, January 21, 2011; the registration price increases to \$25 on January 22. Bon Air UMC will again be the host church. Registration includes packet, hot breakfast, snack, lunch, parking, transportation to the Capitol grounds, and afternoon speakers. You may also complete the registration form and mail it.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOE BOXES

A total of 5,966 shoe boxes were collected from all over Southside Virginia and loaded on the truck at Farmville UMC. Teams from Farmville District went to Charlotte, NC to help with the processing of the boxes for distribution to children all over the world.

Virginia Conference United Methodist
Women's Spiritual Life Retreat



"Blessed to be a Blessing"

May 13-15, 2011

VUMAC, Blackstone, VA

Rev. Tammy Estep, retreat leader

Virginia Conference UMW Supported Mission Projects

Appendix 3 in the Mission Opportunities calendar for 2010-11 lists all of the UMW supported projects in the Virginia Conference.

VA UMW will also continue to support Ferrum College and the Wesley Community Service Center which is the only national UMW supported mission project in Virginia. If you want to know more about a particular project and/or how you or your unit can help, either call the number listed in the Mission Opportunities calendar for the project or go on the Conference website www.vaumc.org/specialprogramgrants or contact the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries at 804-521-1100, ext 134 or email BevMyers@vaumc.org.

"ADVENT DAY APART"

Offering: A total of \$330.47 was collected for Kingsway Prison Ministry at the Advent Day Apart in addition to the supplies for inmate gifts. Thank you United Methodist Women for your support for these sisters in Christ who also need our prayers.

**DISTRICT
PRAYER BREAKFAST**
March 19, 2010 @ VUMAC
(please note date and place
change)

**Speaker: Mary Jane Rawley,
Conference UMW Spiritual
Growth Coordinator**

Breakfast cost \$8.00
Registration form will be in the Linkette coming out in January 2011 or check the farmvilleumc.org website under Community for registration info.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TRAINING

There will be two blocks of training on January 16 at VUMAC at Farmville District's annual Training Event. Classes will begin at 2:30. You do not have to be a United Methodist Woman to attend these workshops. There will be two-75 minute blocks which will include information about what United Methodist Women are all about, as well as, specific officer training.

RECYCLING FOR MISSIONS

* **Canceled postage stamps and postcards:** Trim stamps no closer than 1/4" around the outside edge.

* **Campbell's Labels:** Labels are sent to Henry Fork Service Center to help secure a van. Anyone can participate. A complete list of eligible products was given to each unit at District Day with how to clip the labels.

* **Box Tops for Education** on hundreds of participating products are sent to Wesley Community Center or Red Bird Mission.

Note: The above items can be brought to the district office for further distribution for those not associated with a unit or find it otherwise more convenient. For more info on the above contact Sue Mayo at bns mayo@yahoo.com or call 434-292-5486.



FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM
"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Many thanks to Tommy Inge, Prayer Advocate for Farmville District UMM and a member of Crenshaw UMM in Blackstone, for composing the following article for this issue of "Staying In Touch".

Two hundred forty-five UMMEN descended on VUMAC the weekend of Nov 5th for its 33rd Annual Spiritual Retreat. Additionally, approximately 700 Boy and Girl Scouts were camping in the fields and woods nearby. UMMEN are sponsors of numerous Scouting units nationwide.

The speaker from Kansas led us on the theme: "Can We Talk: It's Time to Man Up". Men, take responsibility for your family, your wife, sons and daughters. We are to have a role in expressing love toward our children and encouraging them to live the Jesus way. During the closing session on Sunday morning over 25 Scouts marched down the auditorium aisles carrying USA and troop flags. A Scout leader made a strong presentation encouraging us to take a stand supporting these leaders of the future. After singing and an extended applause a number of the Scouts were observed having tears running down their cheeks as they departed. A touching moment.

UMM are strong supporters of Heart Havens Group Homes. The District Rex Wolf Golf Tournament last June raised \$5,329.00 for the homes. Additional funds were raised at the Retreat.

The Camp Rainbow Connection week each July and August are also supported by the men with over \$2,800 raised on a 10K walk on Saturday afternoon of the retreat. Camp Rainbow is over 20 years old and caters to campers 16 years to adulthood. A major objective of the camp staff is to demonstrate Christian love with compassion and acceptance. Campers are identified as having intellectual disabilities, although other disabilities may exist. The ration is one staff to one camper. Having served 10 years on staff, I can answer possible questions you may have. Staff is always needed as there are 60 campers and 60 staff for each session. Staff can serve one or both camps.

UMM are the major financial supporters of the 24 hour Upper Room Prayer Line. (1-800-251-2468). A call to the line will have a person listen to the prayer needs and pray with the caller. In addition each called in prayer need is distributed among over 250 covenant prayer groups in our churches and prayed for daily for 30 days.

The Virginia Conference has asked each District UMM to have a Prayer Advocate (encourager) on the Men's Board. I have accepted that challenge for the Farmville District. A brief paragraph from the Upper Room tells us: We learn about God by reading the Bible-His word; we experience God through prayer. It is our lifeline, our communication with Him. Most of us can pray when we are in a crisis, when we are desperate. But, unfortunately, we often find it hard, awkward, and even impossible to pray when times are good. As a result, many believers do not have a regular prayer time. The Upper Room also tells us that the average Christian prays only two minutes a day. Jeremiah 33:3 tells us: "Call unto Me and I will answer you, and tell you great and wonderful things you do not know." How can we not pray? Prayers are answered directly, differently, delayed or denied. A directly answered prayer will turn you on to prayer.

Bill Schall, our District President is quite ill. In your prayer time please remember him.

**COMING—MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Annual UMM Dinner, April 19, 6PM
Sheldon's Restaurant, Keysville. Reservations will be required.**

MISSIONARY SUPPORT COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

There are now three ways to enter into a covenant relationship with a missionary.

- **Local Church** - \$2,500 per Missionary per congregation or \$5 per Missionary per member

- **Individual Participation** - \$500 per Missionary per individual

- **Youth/Campus Ministry** - \$5 per youth member per US2 or Mission Intern

It is never too late to enter a Covenant Relationship. Go to vaumc.org, ministries, missions/global ministries to download the form required. Ask each member of your congregation to donate \$.25 for every window in their house or every light bulb. There are many in our world who have neither in their homes. The following churches on our District provide support through a Covenant Relationship. Each church is listed as many times as the number of missionaries they support.

Bethel UMC—Dillwyn Chg

Bethel UMC—Burkeville Chg

Boydton UMC

Centenary UMC—Cumberland Chg

Crenshaw UMC (Blackstone)

Crenshaw UMC (Blackstone)

Crenshaw UMC (Blackstone)

Evergreen UMC

Evergreen UMC

Evergreen UMC

Memorial UMC (Appomattox)

New Hope UMC

Oakwood UMC

Pamplin UMC

Payne Memorial UMC

Powhatan UMC

Saint John's UMC

Salem UMC (Amelia)

Shady Grove UMC

Tabernacle UMC

Trinity UMC—Amelia Chg

Wards Chapel UMC

Please let us know if you have an active Covenant Relationship that is not listed above.

MINISTER AND SPOUSE RETREAT, APRIL 26-29, 2011, GOODLETTSVILLE, TN

Ignore maintenance on your marriage and there will be consequences could be worse.

Listen to these heartbreaking ministry stats from Focus on the Family and Barna Research:

*Fifty percent of pastors' marriages end in divorce.

*Eighty percent of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years.

*Fifteen hundred pastors leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches.

If you are a married senior pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor or worship leader, we invite you and your spouse to come to the Minister and Spouse Retreat!

Gift for your Minister and Spouse that Keeps on Giving! "Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness" Hebrews 13:7 (MSG)

As Pastor Appreciation Month comes to a close, if you haven't already, please take time out to acknowledge, honor and celebrate your pastor. Surprise them by sending them to the 2011 Minister and Spouse Retreat next April.

For only \$199, your minister and spouse receive three nights hotel lodging, catered meals and surprises all along the way! (Travel is not included.)

JUBILEE ASSISTANCE FUND

The Jubilee Assistance Fund (JAF) is a loan program where a local church establishes an account at the Virginia United Methodist Credit Union to provide collateralized small, short term loans for individuals who would not qualify for loans otherwise. To qualify for JAF, the borrower agrees to receive financial counseling, loan monitoring and payroll deduction. The program is a way to provide your church members short term help during a financial crisis and financial management tools to assist them with long term financial stability.

For information on partnering with VUMCU to establish a fund at your church call 866-657-0004 or email: creditunion@vumcu.org

2011 CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR

South Central Virginia's first overnight Summer Camp for deaf/hard of hearing children & youth!

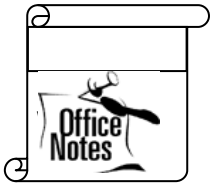
The camp will be held at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox County—July 15-17, 2011. ~ Children ages 8—13 can attend the camp. This camp will offer Deaf/Hard of hearing children an environment with staff and programming to augment healthy, satisfying socialization experiences.

Safety equipment provided by VA Dept of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Cost is \$110/camper; \$80/volunteer. Scholarships may be available.

Sponsors are needed.

If you know of children that might benefit from this camp please Contact Jennifer Kingsley: 434-391-3679 or jkingsley@hotmail.com



DISTRICT OFFICE NEWS

WE WILL BE CLOSED:

Christmas: Noon, December 18 until 8AM January 4.

Preference Forms have been mailed to the 2011 PSPRC chairperson. If you have not received this mailing and you are a PSPRC chair for 2011 please let the office know right away. The deadline for their return to the District Office is January 12, 2011.

PROFILES -

Pastor, Church and Community Profiles are open for data entry and the deadline date for all profile entries is January 15. Pastors are responsible for updating their own reports while the PSPRC Committee is responsible for updating the Church and Community Profiles. These reports are very important to the Bishop and Cabinet during the annual appointment process.

Statistical Tables will be open for data entry on January 1, 2011. The deadline dates for input are:

Table I—due no later than January 15.
Tables II & III are due no later than January 31.

These statistics should cover the whole year of 2010 and therefore should not be entered until 2011. Once completed some of these statistics are transferred from the Colt's system into a workbook to be sent to our office for further compiling of data and then sent back to the VA Conference office. There are deadlines that everyone needs to follow throughout the process. Your help with getting this done in the designated time frame is a blessing to us all.

All missing charge conference forms are due NOW!!! Please see that they are completed and returned to the office immediately so that we can be ready for 2011.

Treasurers: Late date to remit apportioned funds for 2010:
Conference-January 15, 2011
District: December 23, 2010

FARMVILLE DISTRICT CHILDREN'S RETREAT 2011

It's time once again to be thinking about the Farmville District Children's Retreat. The retreat will be held at VUMAC in Blackstone on January 22-23, 2011. The retreat is open to children 3rd-6th grade who would like to learn the "Epic Truth". During the weekend the children will spend time in Bible 101/102, missions, art, music, t-shirt design, swimming, and recreation. There will also be a talent show on Saturday night. Normal registration cost: Children: \$55 before 12/15, \$95 after 12/15, Adults: \$76 before 12/15, \$110 after 12/15. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 434-480-2795, 434-480-2795. Love and Blessings, Melissa Johnson Farmville District Children's Coordinator.

HAITI NEWS and INVITATION

In January 2010 I became concerned about the stories pouring from Haiti after the devastating earthquake. Not one to watch the news, I listened to the gripping stories on NPR during my daily commute to Farmville and quickly sensed a call to go. In April, I attended an UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteer in Mission) leadership training and disaster preparedness workshop. The presenters had recently travelled to Haiti and shared more of the suffering of the people. I learned of the history of the United Methodist Church's involvement in Haiti (over the last few decades) and plans for the future. I was intrigued by the concept of a holistic recovery which included pastoral care, construction, and medical care. I also learned that you must have travelled to Haiti to lead a team.

In May, Rich was attending a conference event and saw an old friend and fellow pastor, Bob Weeks, whom had served the Farmville District. Bob had travelled to Haiti nearly 30 years before and was planning an UMVIM trip in October. He still needed someone with construction experience and a medical team member. Rich came home and asked if I wanted to go and of course I was thrilled to find a team to travel with.

Rich was not initially an enthusiastic team member and admits he agreed to go to Haiti in part because he was worried about me. Meeting the Haitian people and spending a week serving with them was much more than either of us expected. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives. The Haitian people are hardworking, resilient, content and gracious people. We're planning another trip and hope to continue to do ministry with the Haitian people for many years to come. The trip is scheduled for May 12-19, 2011. Our team has initiated a fundraising campaign for the community we served and we are currently raising funds for our spring trip. If you would like to make a donation, contact Rich at the Wesley Foundation (434-392-8177) or farmvillewesley@embarqmail.com. If you are interested in travelling with us to Haiti in the spring or in the future, e-mail Colleen at meisnp08@gmail.com

by Colleen Meiser

FARMVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH WINTER RETREAT January 7-9, 2011 @VUMAC

The theme for this Winter Retreat will be "EPIC TRUTH" based on scripture passage from John 14:6." *I am the Way the TRUTH and the Life no one comes to the father except through me.*

The guest speaker will be The Rev. Robert Woodfin from the Keysville United Methodist Church. We are privileged to have Rob come and share the worship time with us. Back by popular demand will be the band True Liberty and The Amelia Community Church Praise and Worship Group. Come and sing with us. This year Megan Thomas will be our new artist and will bring a new and dynamic venue to our Worship Sessions.

Late Registration Cost (postmarked after December 15th): Youth: \$130.00, Adults: \$150.00 Registration Forms are due no later than *December 15th*. *NO REFUNDS after 12/15/10*

Please visit our district website at umcfarmville.org for more info and to obtain registration forms.

Send your registrations to Cyndi Schnell at VUMAC to beat the deadlines. Peace be with you always! Marilyn

Our **COMMON TABLE** will meet on December 14 and again on February 8 at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville at 6PM. If you serve on this committee you are encouraged to attend. If you would like to join us and hear about our district ministries please feel free to come.

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

Our schedule for submissions to the 2011 newsletter:

Feb 10 for March 2011
Apr 10 for May-June 2011
June 10 for July-Aug 2011
Aug 10 for Sep-Oct 2011
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. Please send to Sue Mayo, editor, by email: bns mayo@yahoo.com, mail: 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930 or telephone 434-292-5486.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE-
www.umcfarmville.org.

The Farmville District Office hopes that you and your family feels the Spirit sent by God's Son in your hearts this Christmas.

Jim & Judy
Phyllis Goin
Susie Wolf
Sue Mayo
Bill Schall
Betsey Davis
Marilyn Davis
Melissa Johnson
Don Pizzeck



DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

January

7-9-Youth Retreat, VUMAC
12-Preference Forms due to office
13-District Nominations Committee, 7PM, DO
15 -Tables I Due
15 -Profiles Due
16-Leadership Event-VUMAC
18-20-Minister's Convocation, VUMAC
19-FDPA-VUMAC, 4PM
22-23-Children's Retreat, VUMAC
31-Tables II & III Due

February

3-UM Day at General Assembly
8-Common Table, Sheldon's, 6PM
25-27-Conference Lay Speaking Ministries, VUMAC

March

1-FDPA, Main St UMC, 9:30AM
13, 20, 27, District Lay Speaking Class
19-UMW Prayer Breakfast, VUMAC

April

19-UMM Annual Dinner
26-Ministers and Spouses Ret—TN



STAYING IN TOUCH

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