



Staying In Touch

March—April 2011

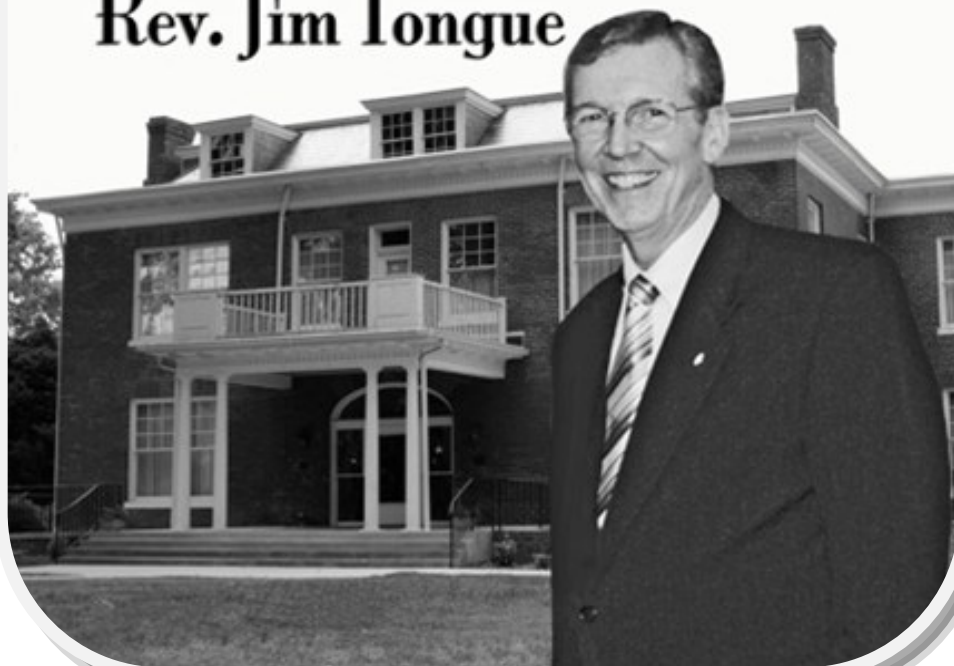
Farewell Event

When: June 12 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Where: The Gables at VUMAC

Who: The Laity, and Clergy of the Farmville District

Rev. Jim ^{for}Tongue



THANK YOU!

Farmville District is the best! The Farmville District apportionments were paid 100% for 2010 and the Conference apportionments were paid at 99.54% with only two churches unable to fully pay out due to unexpected events. We sincerely thank each of you for your commitment in ministry to others.

“When we give, great things happen,” said Mary Lynn Holly of United Methodist Communications. “We can do together what otherwise we cannot do separately.”

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Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center

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Growing Faith for over 115 Years

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**VUMAC says THANK YOU
Farmville District!**

As the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center strives to raise necessary funds to handle growth debt, it is especially thankful for Reverend Jim Tongue’s leadership and the Farmville District’s commitment to the Emergency Appeal. To date the Farmville District has led all other districts in the Virginia Conference with donations to date of \$21,576.53. Total cash raised to date is \$75,921.53.

“We are deeply grateful for all contributions at this critical time, but it is especially meaningful that our friends in the Farmville District have been so generous with their support and donations,” said Executive Director Cammie Armstrong.

Development efforts continue in order to close the debt gap and begin to handle much needed renovations to the historic property even though the Emergency Appeal has ended. For additional information about gifts and fund raising, please contact our development director Jennifer Wall at 434-392-7799 / detailsco@kinex.net.

Farmville District Lay Speaker/Servant School in March



The Farmville District will offer Lay Speaker/Servant School at Keysville UMC over three Sundays, from 2:30 to 6:00 pm on each of the dates of the 13th, 20th and 27th. Three courses will be offered. Cost for each class covers the book which will be individually mailed to each registered person.

- **Basic Course:** Teacher: Maxine Crenshaw, Pastor at Union UMC. The cost for the Basic course will be \$24.
- **Two advanced classes:**
Lay Speakers are Accountable Disciples”, commonly referred to as “Accountable Discipleship”: Teacher: Bonnie Pizeck, Pastor at Hurt UMC. Cost for the class will be \$28.
Effective Preaching: From Your Heart to Theirs”: Teacher: Don Pizeck, Pastor at Mt. Laurel UMC. Cost for this class will be \$19. Registration will be required before or on March 1. This will allow time for books to be mailed and any assignments prior to first class to be completed.

The Lay Speaker/Servant List for Year 2011 has been compiled from the Lay Speaker Reports submitted to Charge Conferences from 2010. It can be found on our District Web Page. Letters will be going out to those who need renewal during 2011, and also to those who included outdated Lay Speaker Reports. Anyone on the list can take a class even if credentialing is current. **Please Pastors, encourage your Youth to take the Basic Class, even if they did not submit a form to Charge Conference. I will work out the details of credentialing for them afterward.** It is an excellent opportunity for all to update and/or become current again, and at prices that are very reasonable. And we also hope the centralizing location will prove more convenient for everyone. Be diligent in your response to this opportunity. We are limiting class sizes, so first responders are at advantage. Thanks Everyone. Be blessed. Don Pizeck 434-454-7884

2011 College Scholarships and Awards

MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP— Students who are eligible for this scholarship must be seniors planning to attend a United Methodist college or university in the fall of 2011. The deadline is March 1, 2011. These awards are made possible by the General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry and range from \$500 - \$1,000 per award.

Each nominee must be nominated by their local church youth council, the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries or Administrative Council, or they may be nominated by their District Youth Council or District Council on Ministries.

There are three areas of participation. (1) Local Church and Community; (2) Local Church and District; (3) Local Church and Conference. **NOTE** - There are cases where a nominee has not participated in all three of these areas. On your application, use the ones you have been active in. No matter how many areas your application will be given consideration.

THE HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD for Clergy, Lay, and Youth—Applications are being accepted and the deadline is May 15. This award recognizes a person whose life and ministry exemplifies the teaching of Christ and the Great Commission. To learn more about The Harry Denman Evangelism Awards, visit The Foundation for Evangelism website at: www.FoundationForEvangelism.org.

Nominations packets can be downloaded from the Virginia Conference website at: <http://www.vaumc.org/Page.aspx?pid=530> You may receive a packet in the mail by contacting the Office of Leadership and Inclusivity at marthastokes@vaumc.org or by phone at 804-521-1154.

2011 College Scholarships

Membership at the VA UM CREDIT UNION gives you access to the following 2011 scholarships:

- VUMCU (1) \$1500 Scholarship
- Richmond Chapter of Credit Unions (2) \$1500 Scholarships
- Accel Exchange College Grant Program (4) \$5000 Grants and (30) \$1000 Grants

Any member of a VA Conference United Methodist Church is eligible for membership at VUMCU and just \$5 opens an account. Scholarships are for entering freshmen and applications are due mid March. Contact Janie Hightower at: jhightower@vumcu.org

BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is available to any high school senior in your church who might be considering the ministry and is considering Randolph-Macon College as a Bailey Scholar. As a Bailey Scholar, a student will receive more than \$100,000 in scholarship aid, plus the support of a group of like-minded students and the guidance of a director.

For details, see the “Scholarships” section of the Randolph-Macon website at www.rmc.edu or contact Rev. Margie Turbyfill at 804-368-7276 or mturby576@aol.com.

RICKARD SCHOLARSHIP:

This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors or current college or seminary students between the ages of 17-30 who are preparing for full-time church related vocations.

The endowment fund was established in 2007 through a bequest in the estate of Mrs. Reba Rickard of Strasburg, widow of Rev. Harry Rickard. Applications must be received by April 1, 2011.

Applications are available on the Foundation web site at www.vaumc.org/RelatedOrganizations/VirginiaOrganizations/Foundation/RickardScholarship or by calling 804-521-1122.

**ORDERING OF MINISTRY
EVENT TO BE HELD FOR
CLERGY MAY 15-16**

At the 2012 General Conference, changes to the *Book of Discipline* might be proposed that could significantly impact everyone who serves in appointed ministry in The United Methodist Church. Virginia Conference clergy have an opportunity to learn about proposed changes at an "Ordering of Ministry" event **May 15-16** at VUMAC in Blackstone. Guest speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Ken Carter Jr., chair of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Division of Ordained Ministry and member of the Study Commission on Ministry, and Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, dean, Boston University School of Theology. A .5 CEU is available. **Registration deadline is May 6.** You can find out more details and register online at www.vaumc.org, click the Events menu at the bottom of the page. .5 CEU is available.

**VIRGINIA PAUMCS SPRING
RETREAT TO BE MARCH 20-21**
Virginia chapter of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries will hold its Spring Retreat **March 20, through March 21**, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown. The Rev. Marc Brown, conference director of Connectional Ministries, will lead training on *All Things New for Church Secretaries*. **Registration deadline is March 5.** To register go to www.vaumc.org, ministries, PAUMCS or call 804-521-1124.

**UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL
PRINCIPLES RESOURCE
MATERIALS**
The General Board of Church & Society has bulletin inserts featuring UM Social Principles. The inserts highlight positions approved by the General Conference. They can be downloaded by the agency's website: Gbcs.org/site/c/frLJK2PKLqF/b.6493651/k.5685/Social_Principles_Bulletin_Inserts.htm

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

Ignore maintenance on your marriage and the 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 pastor, or worship leader, we invite you and your spouse to come to this retreat!

Give a Gift to 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)

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

**MULTI-CHURCH TRIP TO
THE HOLY LAND—Nov-5-16**
for pastors and laity. This multi-church tour will allow everyone to get to know one another and share the experience of walking where Christ walked. The same tour guide will be used from the last trip. The approximate cost is \$3400 for airfare, two meals per day and access to sites. This is using four and five star hotels. Contact Rev. Kevin Havens, Associate Pastor, Mt. Olivet UMC, Arlington, VA for information. khavens@mtolivet-umc.org

CHURCH EVENTS

FARMVILLE UMC

Senior Adults join us every 3rd Thursday at 10:30 for a program & potluck lunch in the Social Hall! All seniors are welcome!

The Friendship Club meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month in our Fellowship Room at 3:30. If you or someone you know is a special needs adult please join us!

Are you looking for an exercise group? Join the Methodizers every M/W/F at 9AM in our Social Hall!

Mission Trip to Cuba is being planned for the last 2 weeks in May! If you are interested in this let us know ASAP.

If you are interested in any of the programs or events please call the church office 392.4686 or email us at fumc@farmvilleumc.org!

ASBURY UMC (McKendree-Asbury Charge) will host Brent Vernon in concert on May 15. He is a wonderful witness and provides a great family friendly music program, including his sidekick "Sam" (ventriloquist dummy), who "sings" as well.



**UNITED METHODIST
family fun day!**

Saturday May 7, 2011

Special Discount Tickets are good for April 16-24, 30, Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, and Memorial Day Weekend May 28, 29, 30, 2011. For more information call 1-804-876-5561 or purchase tickets online at www.KingsDominion.com. Company ID is UMC4. There is an All-You-Can-Eat picnic that can be purchased also, but must be purchased in advance of the date.

Farmville District United Methodist Women

**DISTRICT
PRAYER BREAKFAST
March 19, 2010 @ VUMAC
Registration 9AM**

**Speaker: Mary Jane Rawley,
Conference UMW Spiritual
Growth Coordinator
Theme: PEACE—
Let It Begin With Me**
Breakfast cost \$8.00

Send paid registrations to Betsy Hanmer by Mar 12.

MISSION FOCUS:

Madeline's House: Items to bring: Tylenol, Isoprene-adult & child), Lysol, Pine-sol (liquid cleaner), liquid laundry detergent, flashlights & batteries, \$5 & \$10 gift cards (Food Lion & Wal-Mart). Domestic Abuse is a Social Action priority for UMW for 2011-2012.

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The offering for this event will go to "Friends of Edisto" to buy building supplies for their May mission trip.

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Books will be for sale for the Mission Study in April.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—  
DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR  
PASTORS AND PAY FOR THEIR  
BREAKFAST!**

**DISTRICT MISSION STUDY**

April 30, 2011 9:30-12Noon  
Crenshaw UMC, Blackstone

Darlene Amon will be leading the study "Joy To The World". Purchase copies of this book at the Prayer Breakfast.

Crenshaw will host a soup/sandwich lunch. What a deal—your body and soul will be filled at NO EXPENSE!

Please call Sue Mayo with the number that will be attending so food will be prepared accordingly.

**MISSION FOCUS:** Layette Kits—bring any item. Offering for this event will go to the Wesley Community Service Center (a National UMW Project) in Portsmouth, VA.

**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**

Registration deadline: May 6, 2011. Scholarships are available for 1st time attendees or ethnic minority women. Contact Sue Mayo, 434-292-5486 for more information.

Registration forms will be posted on vaumw.org website under news/events.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
FARMVILLE DISTRICT  
UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN—OUR 2010**

**PLEDGE TO MISSION OF  
\$27,000 WAS EXCEEDED.  
A TOTAL OF \$28,846.80  
WAS GIVEN PLUS  
\$6,996.20 TO VIRGINIA  
PROJECTS.**

**UMW DATES:**

**Mar 19**—District Prayer Breakfast

**Apr 30**—District Mission Study

**May 13-15**—Spiritual Life Retreat

**Jun 4**—UMW Day @ Ferrum

**Jun 18**—UMW Breakfast-Annual Conference

**FRIENDS OF THE EDISTO**

The District mission to the Edisto Indians will make its next trip May 15 -21. The cost of the trip is \$125.00, which includes registration and

insurance from UMVIM, and food and lodging for the week. The team assembles in Ridgeville, South Carolina, however, if you need transportation every effort will be made to provide it. Registrations must be received by the pre-trip team meeting on April 30 at Keysville United Methodist Church at 3:00 PM. Registration forms will be sent to each church. For more information please contact Gary Lied at [tritongreen@hughes.net](mailto:tritongreen@hughes.net), 434-223-2672, or Ollie Wright at [olwright3@meckcom.net](mailto:olwright3@meckcom.net), 434-696-3140.

If you would like to participate but cannot make the trip, please prayerfully consider making a financial donation to the team. Costs of building materials are skyrocketing, just like everything else. All donations to the team are used exclusively for construction costs. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Edisto and mailed to Gary Lied, 291 Chappell Rd., Keysville, VA 23947.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE** The All Annual Conference Members should have received housing information by now. If not, please contact our office. Our VA Annual Conference orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 2PM at the Keysville UMC. Every Annual Conference member should plan to attend this meeting. We will share information that might be of help to you. You should have received a package with your "Book of Reports", name badge and registration card by this date. If not, please contact Phyllis that day.

Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of SC



State Recognized Tribe

Greetings to all the men and readers of STAYING IN TOUCH in the Farmville District. . . And, let me say to everyone HAPPY NEW YEAR! I was unable to write the January-February issue UMM’s article because of illness and recent surgery. Thanks to Tommy Inge for so ably pinch-hitting for me.

In a recent issue of UMM Magazine,\* Gilbert Hanke, General Secretary of the General commission on UMM, used the following paragraph for closing his letter:

*Your homework assignment is to list five exciting ministries happening in your local church, district and/or conference. The next time someone talks about “decline” or “the economy,” agree with them and then say, “ but let me give you some good news. ”*

This seems like quite a good assignment to me. How long has it been since we have focused on the positive? We have a lot of blessings and successes to count in the Farmville District and the VA Conference. . . You can surely think of five or more. Go ahead, make a list. . . .Talk to your friends about our successes, our interesting activities, how God has spoken to you and others in your men’s group lately, how you are looking forward to our next men’s or church or district event, etc.

TALK IT UP!!

Let me help out with a couple events:

(1) ***The Farmville District UMM Annual Dinner, April 19, 2011, 6:00 P.M. at VUMAC.\*\****

The key note speaker will be Gilbert Hanke, General Secretary UMM; music will be by The North Amelia Charge. The cost will be \$16.00. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING DOW MONGOLD (434-352-7023) OR BILL SCHALL (434-392-1752) by OR before April 13. WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF SEATING ROOM THIS YEAR; LET’S HAVE A RECORD ATTENDANCE. - CAN WE BREAK 100??

(1) ***Plans for the Annual Rex Wolf Golf Tournament are already underway.***

Dow Mongold and his Golf Tournament Committee will be releasing plans and arrangements soon. You have time to get your friends and neighbors, youth and women ready for a golf foursome for our BIG FUND RAISER of the year. Dow and his committee can not do this without your help. . . .YES, YOU! Every UMM, every church and every chartered group need to start getting your teams ready now. TALK IT UP!!

As always, I urge you to join us as we go about the Lord’s work in this District and beyond. Please contact me if you have questions or wish to share your ideas with the District UMM.

God bless, Bill Schall, President (Phone: 434-392-1752; email: [bschall@embarqmail.com](mailto:bschall@embarqmail.com))

\*UMM Magazine, Fall 2010 \*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

**District Training Event -**



**Nancy Haga and Joyce Ward instructed “Joy For the Funeral Ministry” one of many informative classes offered at our training event in January at VUMAC.**

**When You Give to One Great Hour of Sharing** -You help “Keep the Lights On” UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help to “keep the lights on” and cover UMCOR’s costs of doing business. That means 100 percent of every dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs helps some of the world’s most vulnerable people. We do not take anything from designated gifts to cover home-office administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through this annual offering.

**GBOD offers free online training for church leaders:** The General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) series of free online training sessions for local church leaders continues with upcoming web-seminars, both at 7:30 p.m. EST. They are “Trustees: Stewards of Church Property” on March 24 and “Easter Living for Church Leaders: Prayer and Faith” on April 28. For more information for these web-seminars and free registration go online at [www.gbod.org/committee\\_resources](http://www.gbod.org/committee_resources). In addition, previous web-seminars for the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and for finance leaders are available for view.

**VA Education Fellowship Professional Development Training Event** -Dr. Rhonda VanDyke Colby to be keynote speaker at the VA CEF Professional Development Training Event. The theme of the training is Living Abundantly in the Age of Scarcity. The event is March 28-30 at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. Registration is \$165. Deadline is March 14. Send registration and payment to Molly Gee, VA CEF Treasurer, c/o Wright’s Chapel UMC, P.O. Box 193, Ladysmith, VA 22501. All persons serving the local church in education, formation, and age-level ministries are welcome. Information is also available on the Conference Calendar at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org). For more information about the training event and/or CEF, contact MaryKaye Cochran, VA CEF President at [mcochran@woodlakeumc.org](mailto:mcochran@woodlakeumc.org) or 804-739-4535, ext 33.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

This year's Farmville District Children's Retreat was a great success. Our theme this year was "Epic Truth" based on John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through me." We had 90 children and 30 adults plus 6 DCYM in attendance for the weekend. We collected 678 canned goods for local needy families. Yea!! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys delivered 26 bags of food to Peele Manor (located directly behind VUMAC). We also collected 225 winter items for the homeless shelter in Lynchburg. Way to go!! Those items include 90 winter hats, 18 scarves, 109 pairs of winter gloves, and 9 pairs of socks. We also made cards of love to send with those winter items so that we could warm their hearts as we warm their bodies.

From the 8am registrations on Saturday to the good-byes at 1pm on Sunday, we had a blast. I would also like to say that from beginning to end I could feel God's presence among us. The kids like to joke and say that VUMAC has "haunted rooms" but every year I tell the kids that the only spirit with us at VUMAC is the Holy Spirit and I mean it. It amazes me that no matter what function I am attending at VUMAC I can feel His presence. "Even at a children's retreat?" you may ask. "Especially at our Children's Retreat." I will emphatically tell you. To hear the kids praising God during music with Ruth Ann. To hear their questions AND answers in Bible 101 & 102 with Carol. To see them express themselves creatively in arts & crafts with Michelle. To see them having fun together in recreation and swimming. To see them so passionate about missions with Martha. To see the kids proudly wearing their t-shirts throughout the community after the retreat. To see the kids performing their God given talents at our Saturday night talent show. To see the DCYM and Marsha Davis passionately giving themselves to God's service for the Sunday morning worship service. I will answer again emphatically "Yes".

We made a few changes this year, which I think proved to be very positive for the weekend. One change was with the talent show. All participants had to pre-register and all entries had to be church appropriate. We all had a great time watching the kids perform and I heard many say this year was one of our best talent shows yet. Another change we made this year was to allow time for church families to get together with their kids just before bedtime. This was time to reflect on the day, have a devotional, quite any fears, and/or just have a little bonding time. This was another awesome way to let God work in the weekend. I know of one 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy in particular who had some major "God questions". After speaking to his chaperones for a while, the adults approached me and said he might need to speak to a pastor. A pastor who was attending the retreat with his church kids took the time to talk with this boy the next morning. When I spoke to the child later that Sunday evening he told me his favorite part of the weekend was the conversations he was able to have with his chaperones and that pastor. He also went on to tell me that his male chaperone found the exact answer to his questions in his daily devotional for that day. That boy couldn't believe it. The answers to major life questions were in the Bible! A huge thank you to those who helped that boy grow closer to God. One last change we made was having 2 adults monitor each hall after bedtime to make sure the kids were quiet in their rooms (hopefully sleeping). It did seem the adults were better rested on Sunday morning. A huge thank you to our "Vigil-Aunties" and "Vigil-Uncles".

I know I say this every year, but I must say it again. "I had an awesome time!!" I do know that we could never make it work without all the hard work of the activity leaders, adult chaperones, the DCYM, Marilyn and George Davis, and Marsha Davis. Thank you for all of your time, talents, love, and dedication to God, our children and this retreat.

In His Service,  
Melissa Johnson, director



## 2011 WINTER RETREAT - EPIC TRUTH

The Farmville District Youth of the United Methodist Church arrived at VUMAC for their Winter Retreat *Epic Truth*. Scripture for the weekend was **John 14:6, Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the Life no one comes to the father except through me."** We had ninety-seven youth and adults present for the weekend. The Praise Band from Amelia Community Church blessed us with music on Friday night and Saturday sessions. True Liberty rocked the house down with the concert Saturday evening. There was lots of fun when Crewe UMC showed youth and adults Christ love by sharing ice cream. We loved hearing stories from "PopPop" Bob Schodt. The band was really blessed by him too! The event was brought to a delightful conclusion on Sunday morning. We honored our District Superintendant Jim and his wife Judy. Then, DCYM presented Powhatan Youth with a drawing created by Patrick Martin the previous year. Finally, we were blessed with more celebration by Reverend Rob Woodfin and the final sermon on Truth and Holy Communion.

We were blessed all weekend with fellowship, ministry, music workshop leaders, the DJ and a Youth Service Fund auction. And don't forget our 11 seniors that will be going on to colleges all around the state. During the weekend, youth and leaders brought canned goods (211.9lb.), 350 school supplies and 32 - \$5.00 gift cards. Praise God!! **All items were shared with Farmville Faces or United Methodist Family Services.** Blessings to each of you! See you next year January 6-8, 2012. Theme to be announced after Aug 2011. Don't forget Mission Camp. We need information on churches and people in your churches that are in need of hands-on work. Please think about coming to serve the week of July 10-15, 2011. Registration is available on the Farmville District Website. Check it out !!! Marilyn Davis

## CONFERENCE KITS - 2011

The 2011 Virginia Conference will be collecting kits to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for all types of kits. Local churches are encouraged to collect items for any of the following most requested UMCOR kits and bring them to Annual Conference for delivery:

**NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR MONETARY DONATIONS: Send ALL monetary donations on one check, payable to "Virginia Conference UMC", earmarked for "Kits" and mail to: Treasurer, Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, PO Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058. DO NOT PLACE CHECKS INSIDE BOXES. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

### HEALTH KITS

- 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 6 adhesive sterile bandages (Band-Aids)
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

#### (NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE

**TOOTHPASTE!** UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk, which will be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Seal all items in a 1GL plastic bag. \$12 donation will allow UMCOR to purchase a health kit.

Do not include personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of kit in each box, with contents clearly written on the outside along with your church name.

### SCHOOL KITS

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
  - 1 30-centimeter ruler, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
  - 1 large eraser, 2 1/2", 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
  - 3 pads (or loose leaf)- 8 1/2"x11" ruled paper (250 sheets total)
- Prepare a 14"x16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and one of these three closures (Velcro, snap or button) and place items in the bag. \$11 donation will allow UMCOR to purchase a school kit.

### BABY/LAYETTE KITS

- 6 cloth diapers; 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
  - 2 baby washcloths, 2 gowns or sleepers
  - 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater open in the front
  - 2 receiving blankets. Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.
- \$35 donation will allow UMCOR to purchase a baby/layette kit.

### BIRTHING KITS

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap(1 oz. and up)
  - 1 PR clean latex gloves
  - 1 SQ YD clear 4mil plastic sheeting
  - 3 12" pieces of clean string
  - 1 clean single edge razor blade (carefully wrap blade in paper or plastic to prevent injury and protect it)
  - 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard
- Place items inside a sealed 1GL plastic bag.  
\$8 donation will allow UMCOR to purchase a birthing kit.

**Kits may be brought to the Roanoke Civic Center and dropped off at the far end of Parking lot A, near the intersection of Williamson Road and Orange Ave. Collection hours are: Wednesday, 3PM - 7:30PM, Thursday, 7:30AM. - 7:30PM, Friday, 7:30AM – 2PM.**

## 2011 Annual Conference Offering goal is \$200,000

Bishop Charlene Kammerer has announced that the 2011 Annual Conference Offering goal is \$200,000 and will benefit four mission projects:

**Mozambique: \$50,000**— leadership development training and funding for the Living Well Society;

**Brazil: \$50,000**— the Brazil Methodist Church's Shade and Fresh Water program and John Wesley Medical Boat;

**Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Eastern Shore: \$50,000**— help with the center's ministry in this small rural ethnic minority community as it strives to provide a healthy nurturing environment for at-risk children; and

**Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries, Roanoke: \$50,000**— minister to the disenfranchised of downtown Roanoke with an emphasis on the recovering community, immigrant community and marginalized people.



**STAYING IN TOUCH**  
**The Farmville District Newsletter**

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

Our schedule for submissions to the 2011 newsletter:  
 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

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| <b>DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>March</b><br/>           1- FDPA, Main St UMC, 9:30AM<br/> <b>13, 20, 27-</b> District Lay Speaking Class<br/>           19- UMW Prayer Breakfast, VUMAC<br/>           20-21- PAUMCS Spring Retreat, Keezletown<br/>           28-30- VA Christian Education Fellowship Training Event, Keezletown, VA</p> <p><b>April</b><br/>           7-10-PAUMCS Conference, Knoxville, TN<br/>           12- Common Table, Sheldon's Rest. 6PM<br/>           19- UMM Annual Dinner, VUMAC<br/>           26-29- Ministers &amp; Spouses Retreat-TN<br/>           30- UMW Mission Study, Crenshaw UMC, 9:30AM</p> | <p><b>May</b><br/>           7- Kings Dominion UM Family Day<br/>           13-14-UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, VUMAC<br/>           15-16-Ordering of Ministry, Clergy Event, VUMAC<br/>           22-FDPA, Farewell Dinner, Sheldon's, 4PM</p> <p><b>June</b><br/>           4- UMW Day at Ferrum College<br/>           5- Annual Conference Orientation, Keysville UMC, 2PM<br/>           5- Common Table—Sheldon's Rest 3:30PM<br/>           12-Farewell Gathering for the Tongue', The Gables, VUMAC, 2-5pm<br/>           15-19- Annual Conference, Roanoke<br/>           16-Farmville Dist Dinner at Ann Conf<br/>           29- Moving Day</p> |