



Staying In Touch

Nov—Dec 2011

Sisters and Brothers of Farmville District,

I have just completed my 21st charge conference! I have 38 more to go, but who is counting? We are thoroughly enjoying traveling this great district seeing our churches and meeting you. We are truly blessed! Susan and I have learned so much of the great ministry that is happening in the Farmville District. Most of our churches are small but we do not serve a small God. We serve a God who has no limits. The snapshots of the Kingdom we have witnessed so far during this charge conference season is a reminder that our churches are offering people whose future is survival with a future of hope! If we have not made it to your church yet, expect us soon.

The United Methodist Church's mission is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The mission answers the question "what is our purpose" and the vision answers the question "how". Though the mission of every United Methodist Church is the same, the vision is different for every local United Methodist Church. From now until March 1, 2012 every United Methodist Church in the Virginia Conference is asked to set goals for the coming four years (2012 – 2014). The goals to be set are in the following areas:

Disciples in worship (increasing average worship attendance); **Disciples making new disciples** (bringing people to profession of faith); **Disciples growing their faith** (small groups meeting together in order to support, encourage and hold one another accountable in their relationship to Jesus); **Disciples engaged in mission** (how will you involve people in mission); and **Disciples sharing their resources for mission** (financial generosity to the work and mission of the church). If we are going to make disciples of Jesus Christ we must be vital congregations. "A vital congregation has inviting and inspiring worship; engaged disciples in mission and outreach; gifted, equipped and empowered lay leadership; effective, equipped and inspired clergy leadership; and small groups and strong children's programs and youth ministry." So I challenge both pastor and laity to begin your planning to set your goals for the next four years.

Since our last district newsletter I have completed 21 charge conferences, met with two church councils, attended a local UMM Breakfast, Va. Conference Licensing School Committee, Cabinet meeting, Stakeholders Meeting for Journey UMC, UMW District Day, Old Brunswick Foundation meeting, two homecomings, two hospital visits, and two PPR Committee meetings. I have travelled 2338.9 miles.

Blessings,

Bob

THANK YOU

CRENSHAW UM CHURCH

A special thanks to all of the people that helped to make our District Conference and District Steward's Service a great combination of business and celebration on October 2, 2011. We celebrated Communion took care of our business and heard messages on "Snapshots of the Kingdom". Laity and clergy took part in the service.

From Crenshaw UMC we especially want to thank Scott Hopkins, pastor, Laura Bragg, Administrative Assistant, the ushers and Judy Amos, the organist. We thank the presenters: Ralph "Red" Moore (Plantersville UMC), Ken Thrasher (Prospect/Ebony), and Gus Paulette (Evergreen/Pamplin). We also heard reports from Sue Mayo (UMW), William "Bill" Schall (UMM), Melissa Johnson (Children's Coordinator), Marilyn Davis (Youth Coordinator), Ed Rigg (Chair, District Committee of Ordained Ministry), and Randy Williams (Inclusivity). We are so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers serving the Lord in these area of ministry. We recognized Susie Wolf (Lay Leader) and Marilyn Davis (Youth Coordinator) for their service as they leave their positions after many years of service. We welcomed Johnnie Morris as the new Lay Leader. Johnnie Morris and Bob Parks, Scott Hopkins and Martha Reed served Communion. Johnnie had the Benediction. I apologize if I have missed anyone. It would not have been as special without every one that helped to make it so. We want to sincerely thank everyone that contributed to the Horn of Africa—Somalia Offering that was received at this Conference. We collected \$734.10.



2012 LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS
FARMVILLE & JAMES RIVER DISTRICTS

January 22, 2012 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—led by Rev. Dr. John Vest, James River DS and Rev. Bob Parks, Farmville DS

CHURCH FINANCES: TREASURERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES AND STATISTICS, led by Mr. David Dommissiee, Conference Treasurer. Note: This class will cover COLTS year-end statistical reporting (both membership and financial figures) required by each church. These figures are very important and this class will help you make the right interpretation of what figures are used.

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 something we do? Learn to see your church from the inside and from the outside; discover how your church can connect with the community, with other churches and resources, with God the Creator and with change; and discern what your church is known for. What if our churches were vibrant, active places where people wanted to be ~~ not just on Sundays, but all week long?*

TRANSFORMATIONAL APPROACHES TO MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, led by the new Conference Director of Children’s, Youth, Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries (having this class depends on when the Conference hires a person for this position and whether that person will be able to cover this class.) This workshop will explore the fundamental and foundational changes that need to take place in the church in order to ensure fruitfulness and transform our ministries with young people. This class will also include a component of youth leader training.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, led by the Rev. Donna Mott. This class will focus on spiritual formation practices with emphasis on contemplative prayer. Come and review Christian practices, which will bring you closer to Christ. Enjoy a time of solitude in prayer as you have an opportunity to walk the labyrinth.

UMW Officer Training, led by Mrs. Sue Mayo, President of the Farmville District UMW and the Farmville District Mission Team. This is training for local unit UMW officers and program ideas to help every unit.

***** OR *****

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, then the sessions will be repeated from 4:15 – 5:30, allowing you to attend a second session after the break.

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 doesn't seem to be your gift or you're burned out on trying to share the gospel, try Servant Evangelism. It works!!

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.” Jesus called 12, and Wesley brought people together in small class meetings. You now have the rationale for a Bible study in your church. Come to this class for ideas on how to lead a small group Bible study, even if the thought terrifies you.

FABRIC ARTS AS MISSION AND MINISTRY, led by Mrs. Joyce Skeens. If you love needlework and want to see how your talents can translate into mission and ministry, come to this workshop. We will share patterns and ideas and show some examples of how knitted, crocheted, quilted or sewn projects can share the love of God with others. If you are currently working on a project, bring it with you!

ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKING AND BLOGGING FOR TODAY’S CHURCH, led by The Rev. Stan Hargraves. How does the church express the gospel in the 21st century? For the church, new modes of communication represent new ways of sharing the gospel. This seminar will explore the possibilities and tensions of online social networking and blogging as a means of deepening Christian community and ministry in the digital world.

VIM 101, led by Mr. Glenn Rowley. This is a class for individuals and churches considering service as Volunteers in Mission. We will look at how to promote and organize a volunteer in mission trip as well as consider “why we go on VIM trips?” (This is for general information and not a comprehensive training for those who want to lead a VIM team.)

A **FUTURE WITH HOPE**, led by the Rev. and Mrs. Mike Davis. Join a conversation about revitalization of our churches. God can do all things and it’s up to us to have the dream. Our dreams must be large enough to require God’s involvement.



FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW OFFICER TRAINING:

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

ADVENT DAY APART

Farmville District's Advent Day Apart will be held on Saturday, November 19th at South Hill UMC. It will begin at 9AM and conclude with a bag lunch and fellowship. We will have Mission Leaders (Kingsway, Gleaning, Edisto) who will inform everyone on their needs. Offering for this event will go to Mission Giving. The Mission Project will be Kingsway Prison Ministry (note pads, pencils, chap stick, toothpaste).

TOTAL OFFERING FOR UMW DISTRICT DAY WAS \$1,000.00. This will go to VUMAC (Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center).

UMW UNIT OFFICERS REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT OFFICER INFORMATION IS DUE.

~The *Book of Discipline* requires that there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women in every local church.

~Every pastor is automatically a member of the local unit of the United Methodist Women and is also a member of its executive committee.

~It is important to note that membership in a United Methodist congregation does not automatically make a woman a member of the organization. She must express a desire to be a member and must wish to follow the Purpose as stated in the Handbook and other publications.

~The United Methodist Women unit is organized for mission and serves the local church, the community, and the world through its mission education, advocacy, and direct service through the Board of Global Ministries.



Children's Retreat. January 21 & 22 at the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center (formerly VUMAC). The theme will be "Listen to the Wind – The Fruits of the Spirit." Deadline for registration is December 16 (a late fee will apply after that date). The information and registration form will be on the district web site at www.umcfarmville.org by November 1. If you need further information please call Ruth Horn, District Youth Coordinator at 434-292-8790 and leave a message.

The United Methodist Women "Mission Seekers" of Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox, VA recently held a luncheon and silent auction to benefit the Appomattox Literacy Intervention Program which supports the Spot and Dot book buses. These buses travel the county bringing the gift of reading to children. Shown are UMW members Peggy Guill and Becky Henderson presenting a check for \$1,025 to Laura Pederson, co-chair of the Literacy Program.



YOUTH RETREAT
January 6-8, 2012
Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center
(formerly VUMAC)

It's that time of year again! Time to register your youth group for the FARMVILLE DISTRICT WINTER RETREAT 2012!!!!!! For youth grades 7-12, the Winter Retreat will be like no other, featuring music from the Christian punk rock band "True Liberty". The theme "Who Done It?" will help keep us Christ centered throughout the event.

There will be general sessions with skits, music and dynamic speakers; exhilarating workshops; small group discussions; a dance; and lots of other fun activities. Don't forget the concert, which will feature the Christian punk rock band "True Liberty" LIVE! Following the concert, there will be a time of fellowship including a casual dance and games! And of course there is always great food.

It will be a weekend your youth will not want to miss; so mark your calendar, JAN. 6-8! Early bird registration rates end November 30. Copies of the registration form are posted on our website. Visit WWW.FARMVILLEDCYM.ORG for registration and to contact the District Youth Office with any questions.

George Davis is the interim youth coordinator. If you have any questions or concerns please contact him at fdumy@yahoo.com.

MINISTERS' CONVOCATION
Tuesday-Thursday, January, 17-19, 2012. The 2012 theme is "Bread for the Journey: A time for personal renewal and fellowship to regain joy and vitality in our lives and our vocation." Brochures are available on the Conference website. Online registrations are confirmed by immediate e-mail so email BrendaCapen@vaumc.org if you do not receive a confirmation. For more information contact BethDowns@vaumc.org or call (804) 521-1127 or 1-800-768-6040, ext. 127.

CHURCH ARCHIVES—HISTORICAL RECORDS

Church
Archives



The District Office and the Conference Archives requests from each church and/or charge the latest histories that you have available. They ask that you consider writing one if one does not already exist. One should be updated at least every five years. The district would like to receive your latest pictorial directories also. If you think that we might already have one on hand just let us know and we will research to see. Our office would also like to have pictures of the parsonages and churches as they change over the years. So, if you have recent pictures please send those also. Mark the subjects, dates and name of church/charge on all materials. I was told that we should not write on the pictures so an identifying paper will suffice.

We were also reminded that every local church/charge is responsible for keeping their charge conference records on file for perpetuity. A church must keep in a secure place their membership, baptism and wedding records. An important note is that the District Office is only required to keep charge conference records for a few years. www.gcch.org is a website on the General Commission on Archives and History where you can find a retention schedule for all files. I was told that there is a wealth of information there on preservation, retention schedules, Heritage Sunday resources, etc. To get the retention schedule click on: Ministry Resources, Church Historian, Retention Schedules for Local Church. If you have questions you can contact Dale Patterson at dpatterson@gcch.org. If you have any old pictures of pastors please get those to the conference archives office with identification of the subject. Contact Stephanie Davis at stephaniedavis@vaumc.org on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 1:00. Her phone number is 804-521-1132.

Vital records are those records necessary for basic church operation. They are the records which cannot, or should not, be lost. While it is true that all records created by a church or conference are important it is also true that some records are more important and significant to the operation and well-being of the institution. The best way to understand the importance of vital records is to ask the question, if the building was destroyed which records would be most important for getting the church or conference back into operation? Some of those vital records are identified in the Discipline while others are identified by state or local laws. A few records which need to be included in any list would be membership records, baptism records, and marriage records. These need to be more than just current or recent records; requests for transfer of membership can happen for years as well as questions about baptism and marriages. In addition to these basic church records, there are also financial records, such as records of membership tithing, and records relating to the financial management of the church, its staff and programs. Deeds and contracts are other important records.

2012 LAY SERVANTS ACADEMY: All laity are invited to the Lay Servants Academy to be held at Blackstone: The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center on February 24-26, 2012. The Academy will include the 35th Annual Conference Lay Speakers Training; however, you do not need to be on track to become a Local Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Speaker to attend. Every chairperson, committee member, teacher, or congregational leader is encouraged to take the introductory Lay Speaking course and overview of United Methodism. The information and skills you will be introduced to will serve you well within your local congregations. A variety of 10-hour courses will be offered for Advanced Lay Speaking. New in 2012 will be the offering of introductory 2-hour classes. The brochure for the Academy will soon be available on the Conference website www.vaumc.org.

SOUTHSIDE GLEANING NETWORK: If you or your church would like to be notified of gleaning opportunities in the Farmville District contact Martha Reed at 434-294-3002 or Mike Teixeira at 434-542-9191. There are lots of opportunities to glean to feed the hungry.

CHURCH EVENTS

MAIN ST. UMC, SOUTH BOSTON

NOV 12: 9AM-12noon -Auction to help raise funds for Ben Onserio's tuition at Ferrum College. Items of all types will be up for bid including gently used furniture, jewelry, appliances, and much more! Gift certificates and donations from local businesses available for auction. Refreshments will be sold during the auction. Located at 701 N. Main Street in South Boston. You can call us at 434-572-3290.

DEC 3: 8AM-12noon— Holiday Bake Sale & Extravaganza! The United Methodist Women's 1st annual Holiday Bake Sale & Extravaganza. Many wonderful gift items, crafts of all kinds and delicious baked goods.

CRENSHAW UMC, BLACKSTONE
NOV. 27: 3PM **COMMONWEALTH CORALE** -EVERYONE INVITED

DEC 10: 9AM-1PM—UMW Annual Cookie Walk -(walk around the tables and buy your holiday treats by the pound). Cookies & Fudge.

PAMPLIN CHARGE, PAMPLIN
Nov 1: 7PM -**Evergreen UMC**, All Saint's Day Program

Dec 7: 7PM -**Evergreen UMC**, Love Feast Service

Dec 24: 4PM- **Centenary UMC** Christmas Svc

Dec 24: 6:30PM -**Evergreen UMC**, Christmas Svc

For the Pamplin Charge events call Adam Hall 434-426-4129 or email to

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS:

Bishop Charlene Kammerer and her Cabinet have announced the change of appointments for the Farmville District. As of September 1, 2011, Rev. Larry Lehman who is serving as the associate pastor of Antioch UMC was appointed to also serve Payne Memorial UMC both on the Cumberland Charge. As of November 1, 2011, Rev. Mike Shirley will serve as the senior pastor of the Tabernacle and Trinity churches of the Amelia Charge. On November 15, 2011 Rev. Bonnie Pizeck will serve the Cedar Grove and Harmony churches of the South Halifax Charge.

STATISTICAL REPORTS TRAINING:

Pastors and other church administrators: Year end statistical reporting can be confusing as you discern which figures go into each block. Statistical Reporting will be part of a class at the District Training Event on January 22 taught by Mr. David Domnisse, Conference Treasurer. Pastors and Treasurers will want to mark your calendars and take advantage of this helpful class.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT LOGO



Many thanks to Betsey Davis for her design for the logo depicting the Farmville District.

Rev. Mike Davis, Pastor of our new faith community, Journey, would like to come to your church and tell their story.

Contact Pastor Mike Davis 804-304-0256 or visit website <http://>

EARLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: January-February issues of Staying In Touch will be November 20th in order to adhere to holiday printing deadlines.



Ponderings... by Bob Parks

As this building reflects another, we reflect God! "Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity."

1 Corinthians 13: 1 (NLT)

BLACKSTONE:

The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center

Growing Faith for Over 115 Years

The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center is grateful and committed to its roots in the United Methodist Conference. These roots have provided a strong foundation of support and strength for over 115 years and it is our sincere hope that this foundation will only strengthen in years ahead.

Though we are not seeing a reduction in groups that attend Conferences and Retreats, we are seeing fewer attendees within groups due mainly to the economic slowdown. Most of our sister facilities are experiencing the same decline, if not more so.

How do we increase attendance?

While we will always be governed by the legal name The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, we will now do business as Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center.

Excerpt from Letter signed October 13, 2011 by Sam McCracken, Exec Dir.

FARMVILLE UMC: FARMVILLE

1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly 9:20AM **MOPS** continues to meet with childcare provided. All mothers of infants through Kindergarten age as well as expectant mothers are welcome.

NOW TO NOV 17, THURSDAYS 2PM—ONGOING GRIEF SUPPORT CLASSES. If you have lost a loved one and could benefit from our Grief Support Class please join us.

MONDAYS-10AM AND THURSDAY 5:30PM – INTERCESSORY PRAYER

GROUPS are meeting. Join one of these groups in a time of prayer for others.

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS –3:30PM SPECIAL NEEDS FRIENDS:

Please join the Friendship Club for Food, Fellowship & Bible Study!

THURSDAYS -7PM, YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets. If you are in your 20's or 30's this is the group for you! Join us for Mission work, Fellowship & Bible Study!

SUNDAYS - 6PM FUSION GATHERING (AKA Youth Group) meets! Dinner is always served. All Youth are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

Farmville UMC will once again

serve as an **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Collection

Center! Churches may bring their OCC boxes to us **Nov 14-21!**

Dec 8-7PM Bereavement Service for those who have lost a loved one.

COMMONWEALTH CHORALE

Dec 11 -3PM EVERYONE INVITED

Dec 24-5:30PM, Christmas Worship-Spontaneous Christmas Pageant! A wonderful service for families! 8PM-Candlelight Service.

Dec 25-11AM Christmas Morning worship.

Dec 11—BLACKSTONE CONF & RETREAT CTR -4PM Open House 5:30 Banquet, 7PM Children's Choir-Crenshaw UMC followed by Dean Shostak's Chrystal Concert.



FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM

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

Greetings to all the readers of *STAYING IN TOUCH*. It is good to share with you again as we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas . . . and I should stick New Year's in here as well. I don't know about all of you, but I am somewhat overwhelmed that we are talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas already. I lost a couple months somewhere!

I was touched when I read the UPPER ROOM on September 27, 2011. The scripture printed underneath the title for the day was Matthew 28: 19-20, one which I had read many times. Let me share these two verses with you:

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

If you read this devotion, you will remember it was about a group of Christians in China and how they approached evangelism. They finally realized they couldn't afford any big programs or fancy gospel presentations . . . They finally said, "All we have to give people is Jesus." This is also exactly what we have to give to others, to be willing to teach about Jesus, the Son of God, and the salvation he brings. Immediately I began thinking about the theme I shared with you the last couple months:

THINK HIGHER FEEL DEEPER BE THE CHANGE

And I began to realize this is the story and the history of the Methodist church. The Wesleyan revival was known for its evangelical fervor and preaching. Wesley and his preachers hit the streets, prisons, jails and the rural areas of England and then North America. We are told that many, many people experienced dramatic conversions and emotional responses to the Word of God.* Gil Hanke, the General Secretary of UMM, shared the reasons he has stayed and embraced the UMC in the Fall 2011 issue of the UM MEN Magazine and I list them in an abbreviated form:

- (1) WESLEYAN DISCIPLESHIP-the balance between personal holiness and social holiness.
- (2) OUR VIEW OF GRACE-venient, justifying and sanctifying. Those who have been on an Emmaus Walk are quite familiar with these terms.
- (3) OUR COMMITMENT TO THE POOR, TO THOSE IN PRISON, TO THE LOST, THE LEAST AND THE LAST
- (4) OUR CONNECTIONAL SYSTEM-we can do more together than through a single congregation
- (5) OUR WORLD-WIDE OUTREACH-churches and missions all over the world
- (6) SMALL GROUP MINISTRY- a vital ingredient in the early Wesleyan movement.

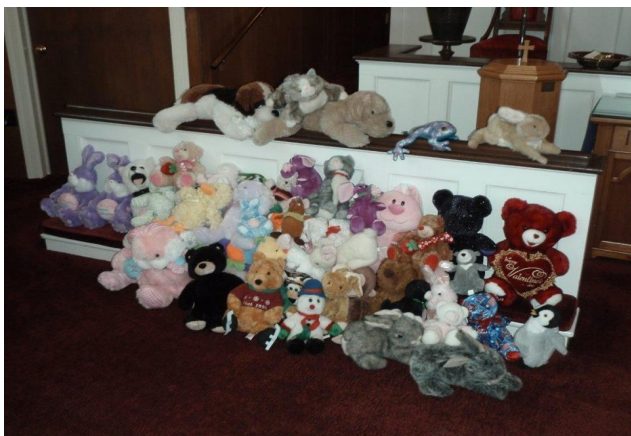
I, too, have felt the power and the grace of God as a part of the body of the Methodist/United Methodist church over most of my life time. I was active in the MYF and became an active member of the UMM in 1960. . . because some dedicated UMM INVITED me to join their meetings and their programs. I was hooked!! Thank God! How about you? When have you reviewed why you are a Christian? Why you are a United Methodist? Why you are a United Methodist Man?

Once again, I encourage all UMM, chartered and not chartered, to share your activities and meeting times with me, be sure I have the latest information about your officers (addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) and remember to check our UMM information on the Farmville District UMC web site. 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**

*UMM Magazine, Fall 2011, page 10.

Operation Teddy Bear Mission Project of Victoria UMC



Providence-Trinity Charge in South Hill - Trinity United Methodist Church celebrated their 100th Anniversary on September 25th, 2011 at 11 AM. A beautiful day of reunion and fellowship. Reverend Dan Elmore was guest minister. His message was "Examples of Grace."

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We once again ask churches to send us their special service calendar dates. The next newsletter will be for Jan & Feb and your articles are due to us by November 20th. Also go online to [www.umcfarmville.org](http://www.umcfarmville.org) and add your events to the forum. See News and Events then Local Church Forum. While you are there check the website out for newly added information. Contact Betsey Davis at [betseydavis@me.com](mailto:betseydavis@me.com) for help if needed.

**FARMVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH  
MINISTRY COORDINATOR:  
POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Farmville District Youth Ministry seeks an energetic, well-organized, and dedicated Christian servant leader to coordinate district youth events and programs, train adults who work with the district and local church youth ministries, and help youth to grow in their relationship with God. This person must be an active, professing member of the United Methodist Church.

This strong and well-defined ministry serves youth from 11 counties across Southside Virginia. A designated area in the District Office is there for the coordinator's use in completing administrative responsibilities.

Starting: 20 hours minimum a week, \$15,500/year. Send resume, including three references, with one being from your pastor, to Rev. Robert J. Parks, Jr. Farmville District Superintendent, 301 Fourth Ave., Farmville, VA 23901. We are also requesting that you submit your faith story along with your resume.

If you would like a complete job description please email us at [FarmvilleDS@vaumc.org](mailto:FarmvilleDS@vaumc.org), call 434-392-4687 or write to the above address requesting one.

**Deadline date for applications:  
November 15, 2011.**

**EARLY NEWSLETTER  
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**DISTRICT AT LARGE  
DELEGATES TO 2012  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

(alphabetical order)

Ruby Lee Anderson  
Virginia Anne Broyles  
Robert Carpenter, Jr.  
Harold Crowder  
Betsey Davis  
George Davis  
Phyllis Goin  
Mable Knotts  
Betty Morris  
Geraldine Sanderson  
Carol Sanger  
Carol Schall  
Susie Wolf  
Ollie Wright

**RESERVES:**

Chelsea Davis  
Charles Dinger  
Henry Hassell  
Joe Just  
Frances Moore  
Jean Powers  
Martha Reed  
Joan Tipton

**BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE**

William Schall—UMM  
Sue Mayo—UMW  
Johnnie Morris—Lay Leader  
Joe Varner—Young Adult  
Amy Beckwith—Young Adult  
Two Youth -nominated by  
DCYM.

If you would like to be considered for an At-Large Delegate to Annual Conference or any other District or Conference position, please visit [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org), Ministries, Common Table, Leadership Discovery & Development Team. Complete the Nominations Facilitation Committee Profile Form which will need to be signed by your District Superintendent.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES.** If your church is participating in the Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan's Purse you will need to have them filled by November 12th. This will give your church one Sunday for dedication of the boxes before they are to be taken to collection sites at Crenshaw UMC in Blackstone or Farmville UMC in Farmville between November 14-21, 2011.

**LAKE JUNALUSKA  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS**



If you have never experienced the Annual Appalachian Christmas Celebration at beautiful Lake Junaluska in North Carolina, this is the year to plan for an inspirational pre-Christmas weekend of music, crafts, and worship, December 9-11, 2011.

Friday evening features the famed Junaluska Singers in concert. A Christmas craft show will be held from 9AM-5PM on Saturday, and another concert by the Junaluska Singers and special guest musicians will be available on Saturday at 2:30 (tickets extra). Saturday evening features legendary Southern Appalachian Mountains musician and storyteller, David Holt, again with the Junaluska Singers. Worship on Sunday morning will be in the Memorial Chapel at 9AM.

The Appalachian Christmas package includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and tickets to Friday and Saturday night entertainment (\$174 per person, double occupancy). Call 1-800-222-4930 for information and tickets or visit their website [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com).

*Pat Inge, Lake Junaluska Advisor*



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| Charlene Kammerer      | Area Bishop                     |
| Robert J. Parks, Jr.   | District Superintendent         |
| Phyllis Goin           | Administrative Assistant        |
| Johnny Morris          | District Lay Leader             |
| Sue Mayo               | District President, UMW         |
| Bill Schall            | District President, UMM         |
| George Davis (Interim) | District Youth Coordinator      |
| Ruth Horn              | District Children's Coordinator |
| Don Pizzeck            | Director, Lay Speaking          |
| Sue Mayo               | Newsletter Editor               |

**The DEADLINE for the  
NEXT ISSUE Nov 20, 2011**

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### **DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Our schedule for submissions  
to the newsletter:

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.

Articles for the newsletter  
need to be sent to Sue Mayo,  
editor, by email:

bns mayo@yahoo.com,  
mail: 521 Walnut Hill Rd,  
Crewe, VA 23930  
or telephone 434-292-5486.

#### **NOVEMBER**

**3** District Finance Mtg, D.O., 7PM

**5** UMW Exec Mtg, Sheldon's, 9:30AM

**4-6** UMM Spiritual Life Retreat,  
VUMAC

**14** Ordained Ministry—D.O., 1PM

**15** UMM Executive Mtg, 7PM

**15-16** Cabinet Mtg

**19** UMW Day Apart, South Hill  
UMC, 9AM

**20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**23-25 OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **DECEMBER**

**2** FDP A Christmas Get-together

**10** Cabinet Meeting

**13** Common Table-Sheldon's, 6PM

**20** Ordained Ministry, 9-12Noon

**22-31 OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **JANUARY 2012**

**2 Office Closed**

**6-8** District Youth Retreat, VUMAC

**17** UMM Exec Mtg

**18** Cabinet Meeting

**17-19** Pastors' Convocation, VUMAC

**21-22** District Children's Retreat,  
VUMAC

**22** Leadership Training-2:30PM,  
VUMAC

**23** Ordained Ministry- 9-12noon

#### **FEBRUARY 2012**

**24-26** Lay Servant Academy