



Staying In Touch

November–December 2010

Our Hospitality Central

Blackstone: *The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center* is all about hospitality, which means it is all about people. People matter. Some years ago the Center adopted as its motto Charles Wesley's words: "Let every soul be Jesus' guest!" The VUMAC staff strives for a Christ-centered hospitality for each person coming through its door. As the conference and retreat center for Virginia United Methodists, VUMAC hosts a broad spectrum of events, training and renewing of our leaders for today and tomorrow. It is a place that continues to give so many so much as they grow in Christ's love and service. And it has done so for a long time.

The *Virginia Conference Annual of 1956* records the proceedings of a November 1955 Called Annual Conference which voted to receive the Blackstone College property from the Farmville District. Prior to that time conference events were held at various locations such as Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg. Reading through the reports to subsequent conferences, one learns how many different conference activities and events were drawn together in this one place. When another Called Annual Conference met in December 1974, the purpose was to launch a full renovation of the facility. According to the minutes, the voluntary campaign for \$2,000,000 moved forward as ..."Bishop Goodson echoed the challenge of 'go do it!' and 'Let's have fun doing it.'" The renovation did proceed and was completed in the fall of 1976. I well remember entering the Assembly Center that winter and being delighted with all the improvements,

especially the bathrooms in each room with excellent water pressure and lots of hot water.

For more than fifty years the Assembly Center has served as our annual conference's "Hospitality Central" A few years back the conference conducted a two year study of its needs for a conferencing facility, and in doing so, considered abandonment of Blackstone for another location. At the time I recalled an observation I had heard Lyle Schaller make about locations. He noted: "The most overlooked principle in church planning was the importance of place." I thought about how significant Blackstone had become as a center for the conference through the deep and rich experiences of so many of our people. In those fifty years our conference office moved from Grace Street to Broad Street to Glen Allen, while Blackstone remained a constant place for our connection. If we consider all that has taken place there in this half century, we can begin to understand its place in the heart of the conference.

The setting of Blackstone in Southside Virginia not only provides a beautiful, rural environment, but also puts it near the center of our denomination's beginning. Ten miles east of Blackstone on Route 40 stands Butterwood United Methodist Church, the very spot where Devereaux Jarratt preached his first sermon and laid the foundation for Frances Asbury and others in the Old Brunswick Circuit, that "Cradle of American Methodism." It was here that Methodism bore

such fruit that spread the gospel across the Commonwealth and the new nation.

In Southside the first Virginia Annual Conference was held at Mason's Chapel near Valentines in 1785. Before that, the first Methodist school in North America was established at Ebenezer Academy at Warfield. In 1830 at Boydton the conference began the oldest continuous Methodist college in the country, Randolph Macon College. And Blackstone Female Institute (VUMAC), an early institution for the education of women, is featured on the Civil Rights in Education Trail.

But there is much more than history at Blackstone. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, our Assembly center and the pastors of our adjoining districts took extraordinary steps for Blackstone to receive the folks leaving the destruction and desolation of New Orleans. Both Governor Warner and Senator Warner toured the facility and were amazed at what it had to offer. They commented that there was nothing else like it in Virginia to meet that need. We agree! In spite of all its needed improvements, Blackstone is an amazing treasure.

In November we are re-launching the "Growing Faith Campaign" to begin Blackstone's long-delayed renovation and expansion. Too long we have used it without fully investing in its maintenance. Too long we have permitted it to become outdated and outmoded by modern standards. Too long we have waited for someone else to do something. It is time for us to renew the facility, so its building, like the staff, may worthily and fully express the hospitality of Christ whom we love and serve.

-Jim Tongue



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 Domnisse, 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 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 UMW 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 with 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 in a different light. Bring your digital camera to this hands-on workshop while we 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 re-member 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.
- ▶ **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 Johnny Morris
- ▶ **Missions for Older and Smaller Congregations**, led by Rev. Bob Blinn (one hour class)

**CONFERENCE INVITED
TO
FAST AND PRAY**

At its 228th Session, the VA Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted a motion calling us to fasting and prayer. The motion declared: *"The 2010 Annual Conference calls upon the Cabinet, Common Table, all Conference boards, agencies and affiliated groups, the districts and **each church** to devote time during the 2010-2011 conference year as designated by each body to fast, wait before the Lord, confess our sins related to sharing our faith with those not connected with any faith community, repent of all that has kept our faith communities from being as fruitful as God desires, and seek God's purposes and provisions for reaching those who do not have a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and/or who are not connected with a vibrant faith community."*



Bishop Charlene Kammerer is inviting Virginia Conference United Methodists to join her in a weekly time of fasting and prayer, from now through Dec. 31, to ask God to work within us for the future of the church.

Bishop Kammerer will fast and pray each Thursday evening through Friday. Others are invited to join her at that time or another time of their choosing. This will be a time to refrain from meals (skip Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and Friday lunch — break the fast at dinner on Friday evening) and ask God's Holy Spirit to work within us and provide direction.

EVENING AT BLACKSTONE



**Sunday, Dec 5th
at VUMAC
"Mercy's Well"
in Concert**

Come hear "Mercy's Well", a Christian vocal trio group based in Greensboro, NC.
Evening Schedule:
Open House: 4:30PM
Banquet Meal:
Concert: 7:00PM
Hymn singing following
Cost per person:
\$45 (open house, banquet, concert)
\$80 or \$150 per couple (one night lodging+breakfast.)
\$20 (concert only)
Call 434-292-5308 for more information or to make your reservations.

**2011 Ministers' Convocation
January 18-20, 2011
at VUMAC**

There are ten reasons for clergy to attend the 2011 Ministers' Convocation:
Once a week we receive by email a reason to attend. So far we have received two reasons which we forward on to the clergy. They are:
1- Continuing Education Units
2- A Session with Bishop Kammerer and the District Superintendents
Every convocation includes a time with Bishop Kammerer and the District Superintendents. During that time they offer the clergy a time to ask questions.
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 at vaumc.org under events for January.

New Hope UMC

Singer John Sines, Jr. will be in concert at New Hope UMC on Sunday evening, Nov. 7, at 7:00 p.m. John is known for his billboard hit single "The Black #3" a tribute to the late NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt. Today, John can be found singing songs of faith, family and country at festivals, fairs, corporations, theatres, churches and other family friendly events! His live show consists of positive country music that sounds much like that of Merle Haggard, Alan Jackson and Randy Travis while rooted in the principles of gospel music. (www.johnsinesjr.com). Before the concert (5:00 p.m.) there will be a dinner. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person will get a baked potato and a salad, both with toppings, a dessert, and a drink. For more information or to RSVP contact Rev. Bill Greer 434-470-9007 or wagreer@wildblue.net and indicate how many will be coming and for what event(s).

Crenshaw UMC, Blackstone, UMW Cookie Walk—December 11, 9AM-2PM, \$4.00 lb for cookies & fudge

Farmville UMC

"Fun For The Whole Family Hour" December 10th at 6:30!! Pizza dinner with a program about the new Narnia Movie - "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader". We will then go see the movie premier at Sunchase!! To RSVP call 434-392-4686 ext. 21—Jennifer Kinne or email to jkinne@farmvilleumc.org.

**FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW
CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2010**

Nov 14: Advent Day Apart-
Farmville UMC, 3PM
Nov 18: Unit Officer Report Due

**ADVENT DAY APART
Sunday, November 14th @
Farmville UMC, 3PM**

Rev. Maxine Crenshaw, Pastor,
Union UMC will be helping us
"Find The Quiet Center-Christ
our Peace is Born".
The offering received will be
sent to Kingsway Prison
Ministry, as well as, items for
their Christmas ministry (5"x8"
white or yellow notepads, Chap
Stick and regular size plastic
tubes of toothpaste).

Local UMW units need to send their
slate of 2011 officers including
circle leaders, with addresses,
telephone numbers and emails by
November 18 to Sue Mayo, 521
Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930 or
email: bns mayo@yahoo.com.
The reporting form is available on
the www.umcfarmville.org under
Community—United Methodist
Women. This is required by the VA
Conference and the District in
preparing the handbooks and
mailing lists for 2011. We would
like to get at least 1 email address
for each unit so information can be
distributed to units quicker and in a
less expensive way.

United Methodist Women
from Petersburg & Farmville
Districts will have officer
training at the January 16th
District Training Event at
VUMAC. Please mark your
calendars for this important
training.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT DAY 2010

**28 UMW units qualified as
6 Star Units this year**—this was
an increase of 9 from 2009!
Antioch-Cumberland
Antioch-Lunenburg
Bethel
Boydton
Butterwood
Cedar Grove
Centenary-Cumberland
Charlotte Court House
Crenshaw
Crewe
Evergreen
Farmville
Fields
Grace
Jamieson Memorial
Kenbridge
Main Street
Meherrin
Memorial-Appomattox
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Laurel
Payne Memorial
Salem-Dillwyn
Salem-North Amelia
Shady Grove
Shiloh
Trinity
Victoria

**5 Units qualified as 5 Star
Units for 2010**

Cherry Hill
Clover
Keysville
Mt. Harmony
New Hope
Rocky Mount

READING PROGRAM

25 units participated in the
Reading Program for 2010.

Many thanks to the 14 pastors and
our DS who showed support to
their UMW units by attending
District Day 2010.

1,228 stamps were collected for
PATMOS Prison Ministries

**2 Units earned Gold Mission
Today**

Farmville
Main Street, South Boston

**17 Units earned Silver Mission
Today**

Antioch-Cumberland
Bethel
Boydton
Centenary-Cumberland
Charlotte Court House
Crenshaw
Crewe
Grace
Jamieson Memorial
Kenbridge
Memorial-Appomattox
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Laurel
New Hope
Payne Memorial
Salem-Dillwyn
Shiloh

12 Units earned Mission Today

Browns Chapel
Butterwood
Cherry Hill
Clover
Evergreen
Fields
Keysville
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Pleasant
Rocky Mount
Shady Grove
Trinity-Amelia

NEW -Gold Social Action Award

Farmville

**NEW-Silver Social Action
Award**

New Hope

NEW—Social Action Award

Charlotte Court House
Clover
Main Street



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

Greetings again to all the men and readers of STAYING IN TOUCH in the Farmville District.....Have you all noticed how the time has been flying?? It seems as if I had just written about the beautiful fall weather and here it is a year later. Praise God for the rains we have had. The earth and all God's people have been in much need of it.

Also, a year ago, I had written about the VA Conference's Men's Spiritual Retreat. Last year's retreat was great and we hope and pray this year's will be equal or even better. Men, this is the second year that the Farmville District UMM have offered four scholarships for *FIRST TIMERS*. None, yes, that is right, none of them was used last year! I know it is hard to believe BUT I believe we are "breaking the ice" this year; as of this writing, two scholarships have been awarded. The FALL SPIRITUAL RETREAT is November 5-7 at VUMAC. The Farmville District should set the attendance record for this as it is in our backyard, so to speak. Please talk it up in your church or charge! If you can not attend this year, put it on your calendar for 2011.

I hope the UMM in your church have been sharing each issue of the UMM Magazine. It certainly has a lot of information to help keep us abreast of happenings around the nation, as well as spiritual and motivational stories and reports. I hope you will pay special attention to "**A letter from the General Secretary, Gil Hanke. Gil is a graduate of Lynchburg College and will be the keynote speaker for the Farmville District Annual UMM's Dinner on April 19, 2011.**" Get this on your calendar!! Let's make this the biggest and best Farmville District Annual UMM's Dinner ever! We need the help of ALL men in ALL the UM churches in the Farmville District to make this happen. Make a reservation early and be sure to bring a carload of men along with you.

I wish to close this issue with a quote I just read, again, in a Bible study booklet entitled FOLLOWING CHRIST, by The G. Ross Freeman Foundation, Inc.* I quote from page 38: "Now is the time for you to assess where you are, set goals and decide what he will have us do to complete our journey. We can no longer stand gazing at the sky....We are to lead men in becoming more than heaven-gazers. Men have a hard time growing by themselves. We need one another."

The author goes on to follow this statement with ***the seven point plan of John Wesley and the Holy Club: (1) Practice the holy habits, including regular communion (2) Demonstrate what we believe by what we do (3) Spend time praying together (4) Set aside time for studying the Bible together (5) Engage in Christian conversation (6) Visiting and ministering to the poor and imprisoned, especially orphans and widows (7) Fulfill the special ministry for which God has gifted us.***

Would you be willing to follow Christ like that??

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if I can be helpful in some way. May the coming holidays be filled with good cheer, happy times and the Spirit of the Risen Lord!

God bless,

Bill Schall, President, Farmville District UMM
434-392-1752; bschall@embarqmail.com

*These Bible studies are free from the G. Ross Freeman Foundation, Inc.

Visioning a New Faith Community in Our District

Exciting new things are developing in our district. Our Superintendent has appointed a committee to coordinate the discernment of a possible new church plant in our district. The district committee, led by Rev. Mike Davis, is working toward submission of a proposal to our Annual Conference in November. Over 70 years have passed since we have seen a new church birthed in our district. This first effort will be focused on the area in Amelia County along Route 360 near the eastern county line. Leaders from several churches in Amelia, as well as others from our district, have dedicated themselves to working toward this goal. There is excitement about renewal and growth potential as we bring more people into relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact Mike (804-304-0256).

FAMILY SERVICES (UMFS) This year UMFS was blessed by an organization offering to buy all the children in their care Christmas presents and two churches have offered to purchase the foster parents gift bags. However, some other needs for UMFS include an ongoing need for school supplies and every May there is a request for financial help for a picnic for the families.

At this time there is a need for potential people who may be interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent. If that person is YOU please call 434-757-1065 and make a difference in the life of one of our children.

Remember that each church is to take an offering for UMFS sometime during December. These funds are sent to the Conference Treasurer with the regular remittance but earmarked for UMFS.

There is an ongoing wish list for the agency and if you have a desire to help please contact Al Green at 434-634-4872.

The Nominations Facilitations Committee

for the Farmville District and the Conference will meet in January to nominate officers for the coming year. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on either slate please have them go online to www.vaumc.org and find the form for nominations. We will lose our Lay Leader this year as Susie Wolf will be stepping down as of June 30, 2011 and we will need to name a new Lay Leader. Please be in prayer about this position and the others and if interested please find the form mentioned before, fill it in and send it to us. POSSIBLE 2011 Conference Vacancies

Tentative List—Subject to change.

Common Table:

Administration, Ministries with Adults: Church and Society-1 lay, 1 clergy, Bd of Discipleship- 1 clergy,

Children's Council - 1 vacancy

Young Adult Council - 1 vacancy

Board of Higher Education Ministries
3 clergy, 5 lay

Board of Laity— 1 clergy, 1 lay

VA UM Communications

1 clergy, 2 lay

Commission on Disabilities—1 lay

Equitable Compensation- 1 clergy

Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy

1 vacancy (clergy or lay)

Council on Finance and Admin.

2 clergy

United Methodist Foundation— 1 lay

UMHousing Devel. Corp— 1 lay

FIND A- CHURCH

More and more congregations have added ministries to their online profiles depicting the lifestyle of their churches. Churches have been reminded a few times to go online and update their profile. The Farmville District has only had 20% to do this so far.

We are encouraging churches once more to go online to complete your page at www.Find-A-Church.org. For assistance call 800-251-8140.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN'S PURSE



1. Use an empty shoe box

(standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL? Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. See Martha Reed for the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. Coordinate this donation with your church organizer—each church may handle this differently.

5. DROP OFF

Farmville and Crenshaw UMC are drop-off points for the boxes. Collection week is November 15-22. Gift ideas: **TOYS**—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS—toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

A PERSONAL NOTE—In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)



DISTRICT OFFICE NOTES

Office closed:
Thanksgiving:

Noon, November 24th-
November 29. **Christmas:** Noon,
December 23- January 3.

The last **charge conference**
for our district is scheduled for
November 14.

Our **pastor interviews** will
start in December and continue
into January. A schedule has not
been set but will be emailed to
the pastors in the near future.

PPR Appointment Review
for Clergy—the PPR Committee
needs to set a meeting in mid to
late November to define the
questions that will be sent to you
for this office. The incoming
members are included in this
meeting.

Another meeting should be set
for early January, Between
January 1 and the 12, to
complete the Preference Forms.
These forms will be mailed to the
2011 PPR chairperson around
November 30. These forms must
be on their way to the office by
January 12. Only the 2011
members have a vote in regards
to the preference forms.

Pastor Profiles can be
updated on the COLT's system at
any time but should be
completed by January 15, 2011.

Starting January 1, 2011 we
will once again use the Eagle
system to enter the **year end**
statistics. You will be receiving
information on this in the future.

REMEMBER— the next
Newsletter Deadline is
November 20th for the Jan-Feb
issue. Thank
you for having
your articles to
Sue Mayo by
this date so we
can have this
issue printed
and distributed before we leave
for the Christmas holidays.



FARMVILLE DISTRICT CHILDREN'S RETREAT 2011

It's time to be thinking about the
Farmville District Children's
Retreat. Once again the retreat
will be held at VUMAC in
Blackstone, 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. Please visit our district
website at umcfarmville.org
for more information and to
obtain registration forms. **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

Single's Retreat
December 3-5 @Overlook
Retreat in Keezletown, VA.
Cost \$99.

A special time apart with
other single again people
searching for answers and
peace. Find brochure at
www.vaumc.org, event
calendar, December "Single
Again" at Camp Overlook.

Conference Lay Speaking
Ministries event—February
25-27.

Mark your calendars now if
you need either a "Basic" or
"Advance" Lay Speaking
course for your certification.
Information will be coming
soon at the www.vaumc.org
website on classes and
registration information.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Dear Friends,
I cannot believe it is time for our
2011 Winter Retreat. As the
Farmville District Council on Youth
Ministries met this summer and
now this fall we have made some
great decisions about the
upcoming event.

Our 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. This
year Megan Thomas will be our
new artist.

I am looking forward to seeing
you Jan 7-9, 2011. Early Bird
rates will be ending November 15,
2011. So, get your registrations to
Cyndi Schnell at Virginia United
Methodist Assembly Center
(VUMAC) to beat the deadlines.
Peace be with you always! Marilyn
District Council on Youth Ministries
(DCYM) Wish List: Individual
candles with a container to be
held in the hands (wider base than
a taper). Drink mixes (lemonade
in large or small containers, boxes
of individual water packet drink
mixes) and packs of thank you
and birthday cards.

Our **Common Table** is
scheduled to meet on December
14 and again on February 8 at
Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville.
At 6PM we gather for a Dutch
treat dinner (pay for your own).
Usually the actual meeting starts
around 6:45 PM. If you are
serving we encourage you 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 2010
newsletter:
Nov 20 for Jan-Feb 2011

All articles need to be
submitted as you wish them
to appear. They may be
edited for length and
correctness. Articles for the
newsletter may be sent as
you wish them to appear to
Sue Mayo, editor, by email:
bnsmayo@yahoo.com, mail:
521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe,
VA 23930 or telephone 434-
292-5486.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW
WEBSITE-**

**www.umcfarmville.org
for up-to-date information
about what is going on in
our district.**

**Webmaster: Betsey Davis
betseydavis@me.com**

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

2010

November

- 5-7-UMM Spiritual Retreat, VUMAC
- 6-UMW Exec Meeting, Sheldon's, 9:30AM
- 7- New Hope UMC—Dinner & Concert (pg 3)
- 9- District Superintendency Meeting 10AM D.O.
- 14-UMW Advent Day , Farmville UMC, 3PM
- 18- District Finance Meeting, 7PM D.O.
- 18-20- Cokesbury Open House Sale
- 20-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 24-28 Office Closed
- 28-FDPA, Christmas Dinner, Sheldon's, 4PM
- 30-Preference Forms to pastors & SPPR Chairs

December

- 3-5-Single Again, Overlook Ret, Keezletown, VA
- 5- Evening in Blackstone
- 10 -Farmville UMC -Fun for the Family (pg 3)
- 11- Crenshaw UMC—Cookie Walk (pg 3)
- 14-Common Table, Sheldon's Rest, 6PM
- 23-Jan 2- Office Closed

**Remember: Fast & Pray
(see page 3 for information)**

2011

January

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

February

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

Looking Ahead:

- March 1-FDPA, Main St UMC, 9:30AM
- April 19- UMM District Dinner, Sheldon's
- 7-10- PAUMCS National Event, TN
- May 22- FDPA Dinner, Sheldon's 4PM
- June 5- Annual Conference Orientation
- 15-19- Annual Conference Roanoke
- 29- Moving Day



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