



Staying In Touch

September–October 2010

A YEAR OF TRANSITION IN THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENCY

On June 30, 2011 I will have completed eight years as your District Superintendent. God truly has been good to us across those years by giving Judy and me the special privilege of serving Christ with you. God has also been good to our family. Since coming here we have been blessed with six grandchildren! In addition, a year and a half ago Judy's mother came to live with us, and we became a multigenerational household again. And since she came, we have had more family visit us than in all the previous years we have been here.

We have loved being with you in all of your congregations and communities and seeing how you are working with God. Truly you are one church serving Christ in many places! Some of your congregations do not have a great potential for growth, but all of them have amazing staying power. You are offering Christ to others, baptizing new believers and welcoming new members into the fellowship. You are giving to others in need and fully supporting the conference and district apportionments. Many of your churches participate in the district's mission efforts, and all 92 churches are up to date on the district apportionments. At the end of June, the district churches have also paid 49.4% of their conference apportionments. In so many ways across our district pastors and people are working together for the cause of Christ!

On July 1, 2011 my term of service will be complete, and you will receive a new superintendent.

This year is truly a threshold year for all of us. Your District Superintendency Committee, chaired by Geraldine Sanderson, is working with me for the best possible transition. Far from being a lame-duck year, I intend for this to be our best year together.

Anyone familiar with Judy and me knows that we have lived and worked where we were appointed. Our ministry has sought no career path. We have trusted God and the Church to place us where needed. Our last two moves came as total surprises to us and to our churches. So it seems strange now, some 44 years after I was licensed to preach, that a date for a change is marked on the calendar so far in advance. People ask me, "What are you going to do?" The best answer I have right now is I will let you know as soon as God tells me. All we want to do is what God wants us to do. If you have an extra moment after you have prayed for your churches and pastors and the needs of the greater world, you may remember Judy and me.

Right now I am more interested in what God wants from us here on this marvelous district. What is it you want for this year? And what is it God wants from you? None of us can do everything. Always there are choices. For Judy and me there have been some constants in ministry: Bible Study and prayer in the local church, the Society of St. Andrew in community, and new church development for the wider world.

Many of you work with Mike and Martha in the Gleaning Network. Our 31 year support and work with the Society of Saint Andrew causes Judy and me to rejoice in your efforts in feeding America's Hungry. As agriculture has changed, more and more of the produce shared through the Society of Saint Andrew comes from gleaners like you. Keep it up, and may your numbers grow.

New Church Development has been something I have strongly supported since the early 1980s. It was then that I learned that the Church reaches new people primarily by starting new faith communities. Methodist reached the most new people when for a period of a hundred years we started two new churches every single day! The reason we are no longer growing is that we are not starting enough new faith communities.

All Things New" is about starting new faith communities, and that is why Judy and I have made what for us is a huge financial commitment to it.

"That is why we are excited that our district is co-sponsoring a new faith community with the Petersburg District to serve the exploding population around Fort Lee. My prayer is that the new congregations joining our district from the Petersburg District will help all of us pray more fully, think more deeply, and strive more earnestly in offering radical hospitality to all those people beyond each of our fellowships

One more thing. "All Things New" is also about training leaders, both lay and clergy, for new faith communities. Our Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone is our conference and district training center for leaders today. 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. As we stand on the threshold, I do have a wish. Do I dare make it prayer? Our "Growing Faith Campaign" for Blackstone has been stalled almost before it got started. Yes, there has been a lot of work, and there have been gifts. Judy and I have personally completed one of our largest single financial commitments to it. But more is needed to get this effort really going. What would happen if our many district churches would **rise up as one** and do what the Spirit leads them to do to launch this campaign? Could we lead the rest of the conference in this way? Could we inspire others to take a part? I don't know. But I wish we could.

***We stand at a threshold.
What is next? I am eager to
see what God is about to do,
and I hope to join God in it.
How about you?***

FARMVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH MISSION CAMP

In realizing that we are beginning a new school year (2010-11) I must admit I wonder where this summer has gone. As we move forward into the year we are looking toward the redistricting that will take place in July of 2011. The youth are excited about meeting new youth through this process and the possibility of having more youth involved in our events. We have already started contacting the new churches. The youth met in June for what was going to be a Worship Team retreat. However, upon learning that VUMDYLA had been cancelled for this year, we worked to combine the activities of the two events and it very nicely turned into as one student said "worship/dyla". It was a fantastic weekend event. We want to take this opportunity to say a thanks to several people that helped to make this special for us. Rev. Sylvia Meadows and Rev. Linda "Ma" Lowe, two of our Farmville District pastors and Laura Bachrach for helping with the worship team retreat. Usually at VUMDYLA each year the district youth plan our events for the upcoming school year. So our Winter Retreat will be January 7-9, 2011. The theme will be **"EPIC TRUTH" based on the scripture from John 14:6 "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

All youth are invited to attend a study on *Five Practices of a Fruitful Youth Ministry* by Robert Schnase and Terry B Carty. We are very blessed to have Rev. Don Jamison commit to teach this study beginning on Sept. 12, 2010 from 2PM to 3PM. The DCYM will convene at 3PM. I hope many of you will join us for this discussion on the five practices.

More thanks go to Matt Knonenborg who has been visiting/working this summer as a "Calling 21" intern from Shenandoah University. Thanks to the Farmville UMC for allowing District Council to borrow him this summer. He was a true blessing!

A huge "thank you" to all these outstanding churches and congregations that helped us have a productive and safe Mission Camp.

VUMAC for providing our Meager Meal on Sunday Night (Beans and rice)

Churches: Keysville UMC -----Monday Meal (Pork Loin and vegetables)

Nottoway Charge -----Tuesday Meal (Lasagna and casseroles)

North Amelia Chg-----Wednesday Meal (Hamburgers and hotdogs)

Mt. Pleasant UMC-----Thursday Meal (Chicken and covered dishes)

During Camp this year the district youth group with only 15 students and 5 adults gleaned 12,556 lbs of corn, 27 lbs of cucumbers, 50 lbs of eggplant, 15 lbs of yellow squash, 15 lbs of zucchini, and 40 lbs of tomatoes. The youth helped at Faces in Farmville on Thursday. We cleaned a gentleman's yard in Lunenburg and a lady's yard in Blackstone. We built 6 benches for VUMAC. A house in Crewe needed some interior painting and we had a chance to help with this. We worked four days at Amelia Thrift Store. Next year our Mission Camp will be JULY 10-15. If you know some one that could use a little help let me know this fall so that I can start getting things ready for next year. Also, we could use churches to provide meals for us while we work to help others in the district. If you are interested please call Marilyn Davis, Youth Coordinator 434-390-0402.



WORK AT THE AMELIA THRIFT STORE: [Allison Vaughan](#), [Andrew Williams](#), [Joe Kingsley](#), [Kate McBride](#) (photos), [Bryan Lewis](#), [Dante Bowles](#) and [Laura Bachrach](#), On the left side is a partial picture of Matt Knonenborg.

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FARMVILLE DISTRICT CHILDREN'S RETREAT 2011

Believe it or not but it is time in 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**

Farmville District United Methodist Women

Farmville District Day September 22, 2010

Theme: "Let's Get Together In Love" with our D.S. Jim Tongue speaking.

Mark your calendars now for a great program of coming together and sharing what we as UMW have done for others this year. The Memorial Service for deceased members during this year will be observed at District Day. Mission Focus: PATMOS—A stamp ministry which collects new stamps to be issued to prison inmates throughout the U.S. Mission Offering will be split between Mission Giving and the Southside Gleaning Network.

A registration form is on the Farmville District website umcfarmville.org or in the July UMW Linkette.

PATMOS MINISTRIES

"Help Stamp Out
Loneliness"



Mission : The goal of Patmos Ministries is to bring resources to programs that improve and enhance the lives of those who are or who have been incarcerated. These resources include postage stamps for the more than 130,000 women who are incarcerated in federal and state facilities. For more information contact Deaconess Patricia N. Marks, Patmos Ministries, 8201 Blairton Road, Springfield, VA 22152

SPECIAL APPEAL TO PASTORS OF THE FARMVILLE DISTRICT

Support your UMW Unit by attending our Annual District Day on September 22, 2010. This is a day of worship, sharing and awarding units for their individual unit activities in support of mission projects all over the world. Be there with them and show your appreciation for all your units do for women, children and youth all over the world, as well as all the local mission needs. Rev. Jim Tongue will be speaking at our worship which begins at 10:00AM. A great chicken salad cold plate will be served at 12 noon.

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

Rev. Maxine Crenshaw, Pastor, Union UMC will be preparing our hearts for Christmas. The offering received will be sent to Kingsway Prison Ministry, as well as, items for their Christmas ministry (5"x8" white or yellow notepads, ChapStick and regular size plastic tubes of toothpaste).

FARMVILLE DISTRICT LINKETTE BY EMAIL

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

FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2010

Sept 6-Year end reports due:
Reading Program
Mission Today/5-6 Star Units
Deceased Members

Sep 22: District Day-VUMAC

Sep 24-25: Young Women's Retreat (18-35) at VUMAC

Oct 23-24: Conference UMW Meeting

Nov 14: Advent Day Apart-Farmville UMC, 3PM

YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 24-25 @VUMAC

Retreat begins with dinner Friday night and ends Saturday at 3PM.
Led by: Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

THEME:

"CAN I HEAR YOU GOD?"

Registration forms are available on the conference website AND vaumw.org or contact Sue Mayo. Scholarships are also available.

Unit Officer information for 2011 needs to be sent to Sue Mayo as soon as elections are confirmed. Email bns mayo@yahoo.com or mail 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930.

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.

CARPE DIEM! How is your Latin? You may remember this rather famous Latin phrase that urges us to seize the day! Isn't that a great thought for us as we approach the beautiful fall season and all the opportunities it brings us as United Methodist Men?

Yes, it is unfortunate but true, as we UMM sometimes put off until tomorrow or the day after---to begin our daily prayer and our Christian study. I know this is not really intentional.....We desire to be growing closer to God but we often procrastinate just the same. We really do want to seize the day (and be seized by) our relationship with God-----but sometimes these intentions do end up on our "tomorrow" list.*

United Methodist Men, as we move into the fall season and a more active time in our UMM's activities and meetings, let us seize the day to spend more time with our God. . . Read the scriptures, reflect on your faith and pray throughout the year ahead. **SEIZE THE DAY!**

I wish to share and highlight some items for our UMM's calendar for this year, and I pray you will "seize the day" and seize these opportunities as we share and worship together in our activities and programs:

SEPTEMBER, 2010.....Late September or early October is when we send the forms to renew your United Methodist Men's charter. We believe it is important to charter your UMM's chapter. We are a connectional church and our charter binds us to UMM around the world. Our "re-chartering fee," although a relatively small amount, is multiplied thousands of times over to benefit and support programs around the world.

OCTOBER 16, 2010.....Our first ever **BREAKFAST PRAYER SESSION**. This session will be for the presidents and other designated leaders in our chartered UMM's units in the District. It will be held at Shoney's Restaurant in Farmville at 8:30 a.m. Tommy Inge, our UMM prayer advocate, will be doing a special prayer session for our chapter leaders. **SEIZE THE DAY. GET THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Invitations will be mailed soon.

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2010.....**2010 UMM'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT at VUMAC**. The Rev. Dr. Kevass J. Harding will be the preacher, using the topic, "Can We Talk: It's Time to Man Up!" Dr. Harding is the senior minister at Dellrose UMC in Wichita, KS and has been deeply involved with the Wesleyan Building Brothers process. He was one of the featured speakers at the 10th National Gathering of UMM in Nashville in July 2009. Bring the young men of your church to this Spiritual Retreat. **SEIZE THE DAY! SEIZE THIS WEEKEND AT VUMAC!!** The registration form is on the UMM's page on the District website.



APRIL 19, 2011.....This is the date for our **DISTRICT ANNUAL UMM'S DINNER AT SHELDON'S RESTAURANT** at Keysville. We work hard to bring you some of the best speakers and top UM leaders in the country to our annual dinners. This year is no exception as Gilbert C. Hanke, General Secretary of the Commission for UMM, will be with us from his office in Nashville. This will be a great evening with good UM friends, a great meal and a great speaker. **BE SURE TO SHARE THIS WITH ALL THE MEN IN YOUR CHURCH! SEIZE THE DAY!**

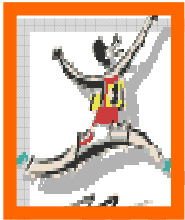
JUNE, 2011.....Although the date has not been set as yet for the **ANNUAL REX WOLF GOLF TOURNAMENT**, it will be soon. Now is the time to start your fund raising for our project, a Heart Havens home, and to get sponsors signed-up and teams ready to play. This should be our biggest fund raiser ever if all the men in all the churches in the Farmville District **SEIZE UPON THIS EVENT!**

As always, I extend my prayers and best wishes to all of you as you serve as God's witness in your church and community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information, have questions or wish to make comments/suggestions.

God bless, Bill Schall, President, Farmville district UMM; phone: 434-392-1752; email: bschall@embarqmail.com

* Helen R. Neinast, "FOREWORD," THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES: A BOOK OF DAILY DEVOTIONS, 2010, Upper Room Books, pp. 11-12.

Wesley Foundation 5th Annual 5K Fun Walk/Run Fundraiser.

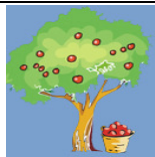


On September 25th the Farmville Wesley Foundation which supports Longwood University and Hampden Sydney College, will host the 5th Annual 5K Fun Walk/Run. This has become an annual fundraising event that is sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors and the Student Leadership Council. The profits gained from this event help to support the thriving ministry, which continues to grow through the active involvement of students. This fundraiser helps to support weekly Tuesday night meals and programs, which is the foundation of the ministry at the Wesley Foundation. Additionally it aides in supporting mission opportunities, fellowship activities and other opportunities that help students grow in their faith.

This year the 5K will begin behind the Wesley Foundation and end at the Farmville United Methodist Church. Registration will be between 7:30am -8:15am in the Wesley Foundation Parking Lot. The event will begin promptly at 8:30am for those walking and 9am for those running. After the event light refreshments will be served followed by an award ceremony that will include prizes and recognizing those that raised funds for this event.

Please come out and support this growing ministry of Wesley Foundation. It is truly a place where spiritual leaders are formed, friendships are made and the Holy Spirit flows within the campus community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 434-392-8089 or farmvillewesley@embarqmail.com.

ALL THINGS NEW COMMITTEE



The All Things New Committee has been busy. We are promoting, teaching and growing churches through the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. We are interested in hearing about your needs for revitalization in your churches. What tools or resources would help you in this process? Have you discovered any new mission fields in our District? Does your church have tools or resources that might help others? Please e-mail your information to Don Jamison-dontalon@hughes.net. Thanks and be fruitful for the Transformation of Disciples of

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The Farmville District includes 92 Churches. Of those there are 25 charges (these includes 69 churches) and 23 stations. There are 49 active pastors serving local churches, one active pastor serving the Wesley Foundation and 5 associate pastors. We received 333 members in 2009 and lost 391 of which 174 were by death. We had a total of 11,292 members as of 12/31/09. Our district covers approximately 5,000 square miles in 11 counties. We reach from Powhatan to close to the North Carolina line and from Appomattox to Blackstone. We are a vital part of United Methodism in Southside Virginia.

UMVIM EDISTO

An Edisto Mission Team will be going to Ridgeville N.C. from October 10-16, 2010 for a week of work with the Edisto Indians. Contact Gary Lied at 434-223-2672 for registration information. Cost of trip is \$125.00.

THE NEW CHURCH PLANT ON THE PETERSBURG DISTRICT, THE STAND, A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

The Stand is excited to announce the upcoming grand opening of a new Christian preschool called The STAND (Shaping, Teaching, And Nurturing Disciples) School. The STAND School is targeted to open this September at Swaders Sports Park in Prince George, Virginia near the Southpark Mall area and Fort Lee. Currently, we are seeking applications for teachers and teaching assistants as well as prospective students. The school will serve ages 3 to 5 providing quality, academic preparation in a homelike Christian environment. Inquires about registering children should be referred to pamsheeder@gmail.com. Regina Anderson-Cloud
Church Planter/Pastor
The Stand, A United Methodist Community 804-347-9563

HERMITAGE GUILD

The annual meeting of the District Hermitage Guild will be held on September 26th at 4:00 p.m. at Sheldon's Rest, Keysville. Each church should have a Hermitage Rep. appointed at Charge Conference. Pastors are especially encouraged to attend. If you have further questions, please call Thelma Crowder at 434-572-4001 or the district office. We hope to see you there.

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

An online course begins Sept. 20. BeADisciple.com hosts online courses which have been approved by the GBoD as an advanced course in Lay Speaking Ministries. The next scheduled course, "Biblical Storytelling I," will be held 9/1—10/3. For information go to <http://beadisciple.com/workshops.html#StorytellingI>.

OCTOBER – PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

There are so very many ways that each person, church or charge can make your pastor feel appreciated. Remember every pastor is aware that October is appreciation month. Here are a few suggestions that were gleaned from the internet:

1. Cards, notes or letters are wonderful gifts. A card from every member would certainly make a pastor feel special.
 2. Food, bake something and take it to them or invite them to dinner at your house or at a restaurant.
 3. A special banquet or program just for them. Prepare a program that fits the personality of your pastor. Sing [pastor appreciation songs](#), read appropriate [Scripture passages](#), select a few individuals to share a tribute to the pastor.
 4. Give a plaque with an inscription on it.
 5. Give a special set of books or a gift certificate to their favorite book store.
 6. Have a special appreciation offering.
 7. Do they have children - do something for them, bowling, putt-putt, movie and/or pizza. Take them shopping for school supplies. Upgrade the family computer or pay for high speed internet access.
 8. Do something fun with the spouse. Ladies – the spa, shopping, movie, a play and for Men – fishing, cook-out, golf, make a date to go hunting or camping.
 9. Give your pastor and his family an extra weekend off to visit friends or family.
 10. Upgrade your pastor's office. New furniture or a fax machine, a scanner, a folding machine, a shredder, a business printer, high speed internet access, or a computer (his choice of either a laptop or desktop) that is upgraded annually with both new hardware and software.
 11. Give tickets for movies, sporting events, concerts, plays, car or hobby shows.
 12. Is there a scenic train or bus trip they might like to take?
 13. A scenic overnight stay in a special bed & breakfast might be rejuvenating.
 14. How about a trip to a place they will enjoy like Disneyworld, tour of the holy land, Israel. Give a membership to a golf or health club (don't forget the YMCA).
 15. Don't forget other pastoral positions in your church such as associate pastors and youth pastors.
- I'm sure you can think of other ideas or go online to find them.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTER UPDATE United Methodist Family Services



Work done for children in the South Central Regional Center (SCRC) this year:

- 25 children have received services through our Treatment Foster Care Program (TFC).
- 10 of the 25 children in our Treatment Foster Care Program (TFC) were adopted by their foster parents.
- Many of the children who were adopted had been placed in several homes prior to admission to the TFC program.
- Several of the adopted children had given up hope of finding a forever family.

RICHMOND CAMPUS UPDATE

The Richmond campus has over 55 children and youth, ages 8-22, in various summer programs. This includes our UTC, day treatment, therapeutic treatment services, Project LIFE, and Asperser's programs. The Asperser's program was created through a partnership with Commonwealth Autism Services. Young people are all over the campus and community. The energy and enthusiasm is awesome!

It is not unusual to see the number of children and families decrease during the summer. Instead we are seeing an increase in youth serviced by our treatment centers and therapeutic foster care. This resulted in opening an additional cottage for girls on the Richmond campus. For example, the Northern Regional Center has increased its Treatment Foster Care census by 100%.

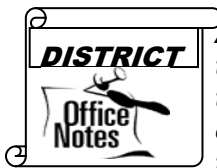
To prepare for the fall, construction nears completion on the renovated day school and career technical center. This project will allow us to expand our Charterhouse Day Treatment services for the coming school year.

Many thanks to all for your energy and passion to fulfill our mission.

15 WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1. Use guest speakers from UMFS for your groups program needs-call 434-757-1065 and define your needs.
2. Wear your UMFS pin or T-shirt when you are out & about.
3. Distribute UMFS flyers or bookmarks at your next community event.
4. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a foster parent refer them to South Central Regional Center.
5. Carry a UMFS pen and use it! If you need one contact Melinda.
6. Include an item on UMFS in your organization or church newsletter.
7. Include a mention of UMFS on your Facebook, Classmates, MySpace or LinkedIn page.
8. Include UMFS info when sending alumni news to your high school or university.
9. Post or distribute flyers in stores when allowed.
10. Talk about UMFS wherever you go: checkout counters, community meetings, etc.
11. If you belong to an organization suggest volunteering at UMFS with "Clean Up for Kids" or providing other services or items.
12. Invite UMFS if you have a "Mission Mall" or "Glorious Gifts" event.
13. Give a donation to UMFS in someone's honor.
14. Use bulletin/program inserts, contact Melinda.
15. Be an "ambassador" in your community for UMFS: positive word of mouth has a big impact in creating futures.

To obtain a speaker or promotional materials call Melinda Elliott at 434-757-1065, melliott@umfs.org



A special thanks to all that have completed these forms and

returned them to the district office.

Completed audits for January 1- December 31, 2009 are now past due. Forms may be found on the Conference website www.vaumc.org under "Administrative Services, Policies and Forms, Charge Conference Forms", then see Forms 10 & 11. **PARSONAGE REVIEWS** need to be reviewed every year. A signed copy of the review with an inventory list will need to be forwarded to the District Office as soon as they are completed. You can find these forms on the Conference website at www.vaumc.org, Administrative Services, Ministerial Services, Parsonages, Annual Review and Inventory.

OLD BRUNSWICK CIRCUIT

Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 3, 2010.

"Since our district was once a part of the Old Brunswick Circuit, "The cradle of American Methodism," I hope many of you will set aside this date on the history of our churches and attend this celebration." Jim Tongue. Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend the Annual meeting of The Old Brunswick Foundation (OBCF) on Saturday, September 11th at Olive Branch Church in Gasburg, VA. The program includes a visit to the home of The Rev. Edward Dromgoole, which was built around 1780, where we will meet The Rev. William Waters, an early Methodist Circuit Rider (historically interpreted by The Rev. Gary A. Ziegler.) Reservations can be made by sending your \$10 check per person for lunch made out to The Petersburg District of the UMC, P. O. Box 3413, Petersburg, VA 23805 or by calling Thelma Crowder at 434-572-4001. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

WEBSITE-

www.umcfarmville.org

Check out your church page on our district website. Is the picture of your church current? Are the directions accurate? Are the worship times correct? Do you have a church website we could link? Do you have more information you would like to add? Send all updates and corrections to admin@umcfarmville.org

This is your church page. Make it fresh and new! Did you know we have a "Buy, Sell, Trade, Give" page on our website? Does your church have a need or an excess? You can post it there. Include a picture if you can. Send information to admin@umcfarmville.org Farmville is more than just a game on Facebook. We now have a district page. Become a member. Having an event? Want to share news? Post a note. Let's build community.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

We now have many on our district that receive their newsletter by email. One big advantage to this is that you will receive it much faster than the written one. I usually email this out while the hard copy is at the printers. We hope you will consider helping in our efforts to save postage and paper by letting Phyllis know if you wish to receive the District Newsletter "Staying in Touch" by email. All pastors and district officers are currently on the email list and will not receive paper copies. If you wish to receive a paper copy please email a note to farmvilledistrict@vaumc.org. If you are receiving a copy by mail and also by email please let the office know so that we can make a change.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTES

I want to thank everyone that helped with or participated in our district conference. A lot of information was shared and we left knowing that the Farmville District is certainly entering a new threshold.

Only the laity had a vote for the **2011 Annual Conference Members**. Out of 76 ballots submitted our elected members are: **Virginia Anne Broyles, Harold Crowder, George Davis, Chelsea Davis, Josh Davis, Charles Dinger, Phyllis Goin, Henry Hassell, Mable Knotts, Frances Moore, Betty Morris, John Morris, Carol Sanger, Carol Schall and Ollie Wright. Amy Beckwith and Brian Bachrach** will be the young adult members, **Sue Mayo, William Schall and Susie Wolf** are members by virtue of Office. Our youth delegates will be nominated and elected by the DCYM. At District Conference on August 1st, an offering was received in memory of Rex Wolf for the Blackstone: VUMAC **"Growing Faith Campaign."** We are pleased to report that the amount given that day totaled \$1,028.25. If you or your church would like to contribute to this special offering, you may send your gifts to the office made out to the "Farmville District UMC" noting in the memo: Rex Wolf Offering for VUMAC. Mail check to: Treasurer, 301 Fourth Ave. Farmville, VA 23901.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT

January 16, 2011

This year there will be many changes made and we think the event will be better than ever. More information will follow in the next newsletter on the classes available. Contact Susie Wolf at 434-676-8936 if you have any questions.

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

Our schedule for submissions to the 2010 newsletter:
Oct 10 for Nov-Dec 2010
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: bns mayo@yahoo.com, mail: 521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930 or telephone 434-292-5486.

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NEW WEBSITE-
www.umcfarmville.org**

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

August

August 27-September 7-Office Closed

September

- 14** UMM Exec Meeting, D.O-7PM
- 18** Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation, Olive Branch UMC, Gasburg, 10AM
- 21** District Committee on Superintendency, D.O. 7PM w/dinner at Merck's at 6PM
- 22** UMW Farmville District Day, VUMAC
- 24-25** UMW Young Women's Gathering, VUMAC
- 25** Wesley 5K Run/Walk

October-

- PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
- 5-7** Older Adult Retreat, VUMAC
- 10-16** UMVIM Edisto Mission Trip
- 10** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 12** Common Table, Sheldon's, 6PM
- 16** UMM Prayer Breakfast, Shoney's Farmville, 8:30AM
- 23-24** Conference UMW Annual Mtg, VUMAC

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- 5-7** UMM Spiritual Retreat, VUMAC
- 6** UMW Exec Meeting, Sheldon's, 9:30AM
- 14** UMW Advent Day Apart, Farmville UMC, 3PM
- 20** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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