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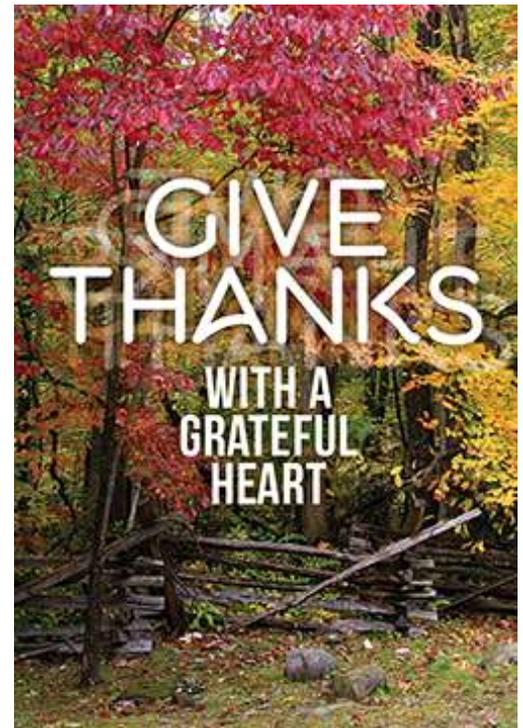
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Yadkin Valley Missional Network Charge Conferences

by Amy Johnson, Office Administrator

As our charge conference season draws to a close (only three more to go), Mike and I have enjoyed visiting with church members from all across the district. The charge conferences have included a time for churches to reflect on the many blessings they have witnessed this year. Some of the praise reports have included thanksgiving for their pastor’s leadership as well as the support of a loving church family.

More importantly were the reports of the wonderful ways in which our churches are reaching the least and the lost in their communities. Children are being fed through backpack programs. Food pantries and clothes closets are serving the community. Young lives are being shaped through Scouting. Churches are branching out and working with other churches to promote Truth Cafes. Several churches held community Vacation Bible Schools. Ramps are being built for those needing assistance to access their homes due to physical disabilities. Persons in assisted living facilities are being entertained by music and Bingo parties. Others are active in prison ministry. Blessing boxes are popping up in communities. In each charge conference, we have taken time to thank God for the many ways in which our churches have truly been “The Church” in their communities.



As we celebrate Thanksgiving next week, may we not only take time to give thanks for the personal blessings we have received, but also for the many ways in which we have been a blessing through the ministries of our congregations. The churches of the Yadkin Valley District are truly living out Matthew 25:35-36:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you come to visit me.”



The **S**piritual **A**cademy for **L**eading **T**ransformation (**SALT**) is an eight-month program designed to identify, inspire, train, and support a new cohort of spiritually-mature lay people able to partner with clergy to lead effective change in congregations and communities.

As mentioned previously, SALT is one of the main foci of my work with the District. I am excited about working with the program and hope that many of you will find encouragement to join in. I thought it best to hear from those who have benefitted from the course, in their own words. If you are interested in the course, please feel free to contact me: 336-354-3589.

The following contribution is from Amanda Pardue of Baltimore UMC.

SALT was a wonderful learning experience, encouraging and exciting! I learned how to lead and collaborate with others in order to accomplish great things. Our small groups were meaningful and full of the Holy Spirit. The leaders care and they so lovingly invested in us with their time and knowledge, and were also considerate of my time.

I recommend SALT for the person that thinks they are the least to make a difference, to the one that knows how much they can influence the church. SALT is also for the one who is discouraged and feels that their voice will not be heard. This program took me out of my comfort zone, but not too much.

SALT helped me feel that I have a voice and that I can make a difference in my church and in the community. Today we have a program called Table Talk at Baltimore United Methodist Church. This is a small group that meets once a week and talks about how God has moved in our lives, what He is teaching us, how He blesses us. It is a Spirit-based discussion, a check in of sorts, on life and faith, and love and grace. SALT made this happen! Salt provided me with the tools to have the knowledge and feel comfortable enough to co-lead this group.

Amanda Pardue



An Exciting New Resource from the Methodist Church In Great Britain

Talking of God Together encourages and equips Christians to speak comfortably about their experience of God and the Christian life. It helps people to take part in conversations with others, both inside and outside church, about what really matters to them. It ties in nicely with Bishop Leeland's belief that each church can be both missional and invitational, by enabling us to speak more freely about our faith.

This accessible resource includes people's stories, Bible passages, questions and activities to increase users' confidence and conviction in speaking more openly about their faith and experiences of God. It can be used by small groups and in other settings. For more information or to order, go to:

<https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/books/tog0118/talking-of-god-together>

If ordering 10 or more copies, they are about \$2.20 each, plus shipping, which is very reasonable. I have a half-dozen copies for examination, if you would like to stop by the office.



What is ROOTS?

ROOTS is an ecumenical, on-line resource which is based on the Lectionary, and is aimed towards:

- Inspiring preaching
- Encouraging discipleship throughout the week
- Nurturing children and young people in their faith

I have been a contributor to ROOTS for years now and can vouch for the high-quality of materials it provides: Biblical exegesis, prayers & liturgies, ideas for children and young people, adult discussion suggestions and more. ROOTS is an excellent aid for ministers, lay pastors, Sunday school teachers, worship leaders and children's worship leaders. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/about-roots/what-is-roots>

With you in common ministry,

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APPORTIONMENT - A portion meant for the service of God.

(The above is the definition of what the word “apportionment” really means as stated by a former Conference Treasurer, Bob Meyers.)

We will continue to add to our Apportionment Honor Roll as churches pay 100% of their apportionments. The churches added this month (as of November 8) are in bold lettering.

Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District AND Conference apportionments for 2018 :

Bethel (Mocksville)	Bethel (W-S)	Center (Mocksville)	Cherry Street
Cooleemee	Crews	Delta	East Bend
Epworth	Forest Chapel	Franklin Heights	Harmony Grove
Longtown	Mallalieu-Jones	Maple Grove	Mountain Grove
Mount Herman	Mount Olivet	Mount Zion (Pinnacle)	Mt. Pleasant (W-S)
New Union	Oak Grove (Mocksvile)	Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)	Pilot View
Pleasant Hill	Salem (Mocksville)	St. Paul (Hamptonville)	Stony Knoll (East Bend)
Whitaker’s Chapel	Wither’s Chapel	Yadkin College	

Congratulations to the following churches who paid 100% of their District apportionments for 2018:

Brooks Temple	Burkhead	Centenary (W-S)	Fairview (Pinnacle)
First (Mocksville)	First (Thomasville)	Good Hope	Hardison
Hickory Ridge	Mt. Pleasant (Tobacoville)	New Mt. Vernon	Pine Woods
Shiloh (Germanton)	St. Andrew’s	Stony Knoll (Dobson)	Trinity (Thomasville)
Union Ridge	Yadkinville		



The Foundry House is a new intentional Christian community for young adults on the campus of Crossnore School & Children’s Home, and we want to share our vision and progress with your church! Our Prioress, Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller, is available to speak in worship services, small groups, Sunday School classes, and more about The Foundry House, the work of the Missional Wisdom Foundation, and intentional community more broadly. Whether you have young adult members who may be future residents, or your congregation might be interested in supporting us financial, or if your church is simply curious and wants to learn more, we would love to connect. To learn more, visit

www.foundryhousews.com, or email Sarah at showellmiller@missionalwisdom.com.



We want to share the good things that are happening in our churches. If you have something you would like to share with others, please let us know.

This month we have several events to celebrate, beginning with the annual **UMAR Luncheon** held on November 8 at Maple Springs UMC.

The goal was to raise \$50,000 for UMAR, and we are within a few hundred dollars of reaching that goal!



Another celebration was the Ribbon-Cutting at **Bethlehem Community Center** of their new 7000 square foot addition on November 13. Bethlehem Community Center has been in existence for over 90 years, and is owned by United Methodist Women. The addition will have four new classrooms and two large storage rooms. And the best news is that the \$1.5 million new addition is completely paid for.



Pictured below are (left) Mike Fenley, President of the Bethlehem Community Center Board of Directors, and (right) Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines.





Bethel UMC in Winston-Salem is responding to a real need in their community. They are serving the homeless and under-resourced by building and stocking “Blessing Boxes” filled with food and many necessary health items, all free for the taking. Their first box was “planted” at 700 Green Street on October 6. The second box was planted on October 14 on Griffith Road. Bethel’s congregation has graciously been donating things such as food, toiletries, and first-aid items. And they can always use more.

They are also seeking those with carpentry talents to help build more boxes, and of course, they can use cash donations. If you or your church can help, please contact Rev. Lisa Tanico at 336-253-8672 or the Bethel UMC church office at 336-765-8016. You can also email Lisa (ltanico@wnccumc.net) for a printed list of suggested items that go in a box. And if your community is in need of a blessing box, don’t hesitate to contact them.

Homelessness and poverty isn’t just a “big city” problem. A 2015 poverty study ranked Winston-Salem’s poverty rate at 23%, significantly higher than that of the United States in general. Although the welfare of homeless and poverty-stricken individuals seems like an overwhelming task, it all starts with small steps.

Reverend Beverly Gaska would like to thank the **Fay Kiger Circle at Mt. Carmel UMC** and to **Union Chapel UMC** for their recent gifts of supplies and purses to the Purse Project. This project brings joy to the many homeless women who have received a purse filled with hygiene items. If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Rev. Gaska at begaska@aol.com.



First UMC, Mocksville, is seeking a nursery worker for Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pay is \$10 per hour. A complete job description and application is located on the church website, www.firstumcmocksville.org.

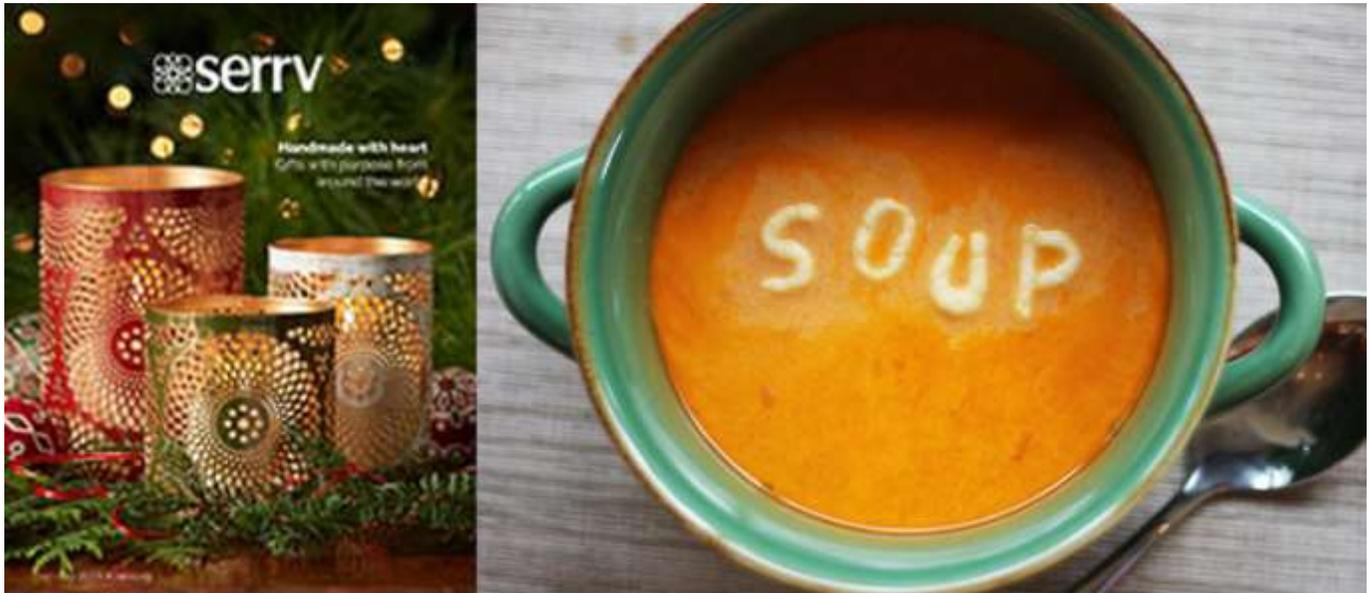
In 2017, millions of people from 150 countries raised over \$300,000,000 on **Giving Tuesday**. This year, United Methodists will once again come together as a part of that movement to advance vital ministries around the world. Check out the ways you can help: <https://www.umcmmission.org/giving-Tuesday>.





Happenings Around the District and Conference

Burkhead UMC, located at 5250 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem, will have its first Christmas Treasures and Holiday Sale **Saturday, November 17**, starting at 8:00 am through noon in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 5250 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem.



Pine Grove UMC, located at 1130 Jonestown Road in Winston-Salem, will host an **UMCOR_SERRV Sale Saturday, November 17**, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The items for sale are all Fair Trade handcrafted items and food stuffs from around the world. Come find unique presents to share at Christmas and know that you will be making **TWO** gifts because all of the money goes back to the artisans and farmers who prepared them. Your support breaks the cycle of poverty improving individual lives and communities. **LUNCH will be served 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM** with a menu of soups, desserts, and drinks prepared by Chef Baxter Cromer (retired from The Village Tavern). Lunch donations will also go to missions.

Join **Burkhead UMC** on **Tuesday, November 20m** at 7:00 pm to celebrate this Thanksgiving Season and rejoice in the blessings we have been given. They are hosting this community service in conjunction with Epiphany Lutheran Church, Parkway Presbyterian Church and Ardmore Baptist Church. The Reverend Russell Peek will deliver the Thanksgiving message. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food items that will be given to local food pantries. There will be boxes at the Sanctuary entrances to collect your donations.

Life Line Screening will be returning to **Burkhead UMC** on **Tuesday, December 4**. A provider of preventive health screenings, they offer 5 different screenings that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening (for men and women) used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. The cost of a Wellness Package which includes the 5 tests discussed above is \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). Individual tests are priced separately. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS FOR YOUR
NEIGHBORS – THE ONES YOU DON'T YET KNOW!!**

AND HOW WOULD THAT HAPPEN?

ATTEND THE FAITHHEALTH NC VOLUNTEER TRAINING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2018

6:00 P.M.

MOUNT PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8710 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE

TOBACCOVILLE, NC 27050

Soup and Sandwich, Materials and Training – All Free

FaithHealthNC is a non-profit division of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Faith volunteers engage community members around them by helping with needed services which they cannot provide for themselves, either because they have no family in the local area and/or are not aware of how to access those services. This could include prayer support, transportation, a listening ear, food or keeping a simple calendar for follow up appointments with medical professionals. You may receive a referral from the medical center through a connector or you may identify those in your circle of friends or in your congregations who have been overlooked.

The four basic topics are:

Right Door, Right Time, Ready to Be Treated and Not Alone

Register with Rev. Sam Lewis before Thursday, November 29th.

slewis@wnccumc.net



Wesley Memorial UMC, located at 1210 Bolton Street in Winston-Salem, will have Lunch with Santa on **Saturday, December 8**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Bingham Hall. There will be a complimentary hot dog lunch. Hear the Christmas story, free crafts for the children as well as a free picture with Santa. Lots of fellowship for all!

**Yadkin Valley District
2019 Lay Servant Training Registration**

Location: First UMC, 210 Marion Street, Pilot Mountain, NC
Two Saturdays (**February 2 and February 16**), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please check one: Basic Course _____
Advanced Courses: "Leading Bible Study" _____
"From Your Heart to Theirs:
Delivering an Effective Sermon" _____

Location: Midway UMC, 9795 Old Hwy. 52, Lexington, NC 27295
Two Saturdays (**February 2 and February 16**), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please check one: Basic Course _____
Advanced Courses: "Justice in Everyday Life" _____
"Leading in Lay Pastoral Care" _____

Location: First UMC, 310 N. Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028
Five Weeks: February 5, 12, 19, 25, March 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Please check one:
Advanced Courses: "Lay Servants Lead in Conflict
Resolution" _____
"Leading Missional Small Groups" _____

Cost is \$30/course.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Church _____

E-mail _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Approved: _____
Signature of Pastor

Make checks payable to *Yadkin Valley District Office*
1031 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Registration due by **January 7, 2019. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

District Lay Servant Ministries Committee of the Yadkin Valley District:
Amy Johnson, District Director of Lay Servant Ministries
Tom Bridges, District Lay Leader
Louise Jones
Carol Roberts
Sara Williams

2019 Lay Servant Course Descriptions

The Basic Course acquaints you with your gifts, calling, and responsibilities as a follower of Christ. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. This course is the foundational course for lay servant training and is a pre-requisite for any Advanced Course. This course will be led by Rev. Bart Milleson at First UMC (Pilot Mountain) and Rev. Sandra Ireson at Midway UMC.

The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **First UMC in Pilot Mountain:**

“Leading Bible Study” will be led by Sandy Smith. This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation. It reminds us as United Methodists that Bible study and biblical interpretation are a core part of our spiritual journey.

“From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon” will be led by Rev. David Rorie. Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons – from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons – as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **Midway UMC:**

“Justice in Everyday Life” will be led by Rev. Chuck Ireson. This course will take an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church – the church’s attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as the Natural World, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, Biblical Foundations of the Social Principles, and Teaching the Social Principles.

“Leading in Lay Pastoral Care” will be led by Tom Bridges. This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God’s love and care to others. Tom is a certified Stephens Minister and serves as a volunteer chaplain at Kernersville Medical Center.

The **Advanced Courses** being offered at **First UMC Family Life Center in Mocksville** are:

“Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution” will be led by Rev. Darren Crotts. Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through times of conflict as a time of transformation.

“Leading Missional Small Groups” will be led by Rev. Glenn Myers. The text for this study is “Transforming Community.” This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God’s mission in the world.

District Joys and Concerns

We lift up prayers of healing for **Rev. Wes McLeod** (Hanes-Hickory Ridge) and **Dr. James Ferree** (retired). Both have had recent hospitalizations.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

Rev. Patty Choplin (retired) on the death of her husband, **Denny**, on September 20
Rev. Jack Lutz (retired) on the death of his wife, **Jane**, on October 17,
Rev. Mark Reavill (Asbury UMC) on the death of his father, **John Reavill**, on October 22
The family of **Rev. Jack Wallace** (Honorable Location) upon his death, November 12.



Upcoming District Dates

- November 18 – West Forsyth Missional Network Charge Conference, 3:00 p.m.,
Concord UMC, Lewisville,
Western Winston-Salem Missional Network Charge Conference, 6:00 p.m.,
Trinity UMC, Winston-Salem
- November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Holidays – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- November 29 - Eastern Winston-Salem Missional Network Charge Conference, 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul UMC, Winston-Salem
- November 30 – **Deadline to submit Clergy Assessments/PPRC Assessments/and Discussion Guides**
- December 6 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED – Staff will be at the Conference Office.
- December 18 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, 8:30 a.m.
- December 21-January 1 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas Holidays

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