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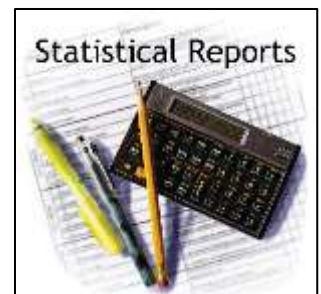
Yadkin Valley District Statistician Report - 2018

As District Statistician, it is my job to look over and verify the statistical reports for ALL 166 churches in the Yadkin Valley District. You may be interested in some of the statistics gleaned from the reports.

Membership at the beginning of 2018 was 44,646 as reported on the 2017 statistical reports. Membership as of December 31, 2018 was 43,941, a 1% decrease. There were 190 persons received on Profession of Faith through confirmation classes, a 36% decrease from 2017. There were 177 persons received on Profession of Faith other than confirmation, a 2% increase. The largest majority of our membership losses came through removal by Charge Conference action. Deaths and transfers to other churches were lower than in 2017. The total number of persons baptized in 2018 (all ages) was 332.

Although we have 43,941 members, the average **weekly attendance** in worship was only 14,819, a 4% decrease from 2017. An additional 3,420 persons reported worshipping through on-line services. Average attendance of Sunday School was 6,471, a 4% decrease. Attendees at Vacation Bible School totaled 6,718, a 1% decrease. *(Looks as if we have some work to do in this area!)*

In the area of **missions**, there were 368 persons that served on 56 UMVIM teams. Persons serving in mission and community ministries totaled 10,785, a 1% increase over 2017. A total of 494,111 persons were reached through our ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy, a 5% decrease over 2017. However, the total number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by our churches totaled 1,147, a 13% increase. Of these ministries, 225 focused on global and regional health, a 17% increase.



The reports reflect that **United Methodist Men** have a membership of 1,590 (less than a 1% decrease) with \$244,088 given to mission projects (a 5% increase). **United Methodist Women** membership totaled 3,849 (a 4% decrease) with \$355,708 given to local mission projects (a 3% decrease).

In the area of **benevolences**, there were 14,888 households supporting our local churches with their **tithes and offerings**. Total income received for annual church budgets totaled \$32,217,719. An additional \$5,749,114 was given for capital campaigns and other special projects.

Conference and District **apportionments** totaled \$3,094,177. However, the amount of apportionments **paid** was \$2,801,481 or 90.5% of total askings. In addition, a total of \$367,823 was sent directly to United Methodist causes (Arbor Acres, Open Arms, etc.) while \$1,373,884 was given to non-United Methodist charitable causes.

Market value of church-owned land, buildings and equipment, including parsonages, totaled \$405,226,382, a 2% increase. Market value of other church-owned assets (investment accounts, checking account balance, etc.) totaled \$47,797,523, a 2% decrease. Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building, improvements and major equipment purchases was \$3,655,150, a 7% decrease.

Total amount paid for local church operating expenses was \$7,704,649, a 4% increase. Total amount spent for local church programming was \$2,526,574, a 2% decrease.

Remember that keeping good reports through the year will make the reporting process easier when beginning to collect data for the 2017 reports!

Amy Johnson
District Statistician



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 are in bold lettering.

Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District AND Conference apportionments for 2019:

**Center (Mocksville)
Salem (Mocksville)**

**Cherry Street
Yadkin College**

Piney Grove (Advance)

Congratulations to the following churches who have paid 100% of their District apportionments for 2019:

**Bethel (W-S)
Unity**

First (Mocksville)

First (Thomasville)

Good Hope

District Missional Engagement Grant Applications Due March 29

Applications are now being accepted for Missional Engagement Grants. Missional Engagement funds are intended for mission initiatives which engage local church members in opportunities to serve and work within the local community or beyond. Priority will be given to churches and organizations that seek to build relationships between local church members and the people being served, are multi-racial and multi-ethnic, and which are most closely aligned with the mission, vision, and strategies of the WNCC.

A fully completed application must be received in the Yadkin Valley District Office by **March 29, 2019** and grants will be disbursed by April 30, 2019. Grants will only be given up to \$5,000 dollars.

Click this link <https://www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org/post/missional-engagement-grant-process-12759316> to access a copy of the application.



Happenings Around the District and Conference

The Craft Brothers Gospel Quartet will be performing on **Saturday, March 23**, at 7:00pm at **Harmony Grove United Methodist Church**, 5041 Styers Ferry Road in Lewisville. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fellowship. For additional information, please call 336-712-0057.

The Older Adult Day Apart scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at Sedge Garden UMC has been cancelled.

Lenten Self-Guided Prayer

Mitchell's Chapel United Methodist Church
2410 Center Rd. - Boonville

**Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent-
March 6- April 11
From 7am-9am in Sanctuary.**

Drop In- Self-Guided Prayer

The sanctuary will be open to provide you with
time of conversation and prayer with God.

Guided prayers will be available and based on the
Protestant Stations of the Cross or you may have
your own prayer or scripture reading.



March 13, 20, & 27
April 3 & 10

Repent!

At Yadkinville UMC
12pm – 1pm

Sponsored by the Mission Network Churches

Free Soup & Sandwich lunch will be provided
after worship.

Preachers include: Rev. Jon Gaylord, Rev. Bill Foust, Rev. Jenny
Stewart, Rev. Claudia Harrelson, and Rev. Rebekah Shuford Ralph

Mark Your Calendar . . .

The Songs & Stories of

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SINGER-SONGWRITER • VENTRILOQUIST
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APPEARANCE BY

Sam



A LIVE CONCERT EVENT
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Friday, April 12

11am performance for the Kingdom Kids

7:30pm performance for the community

WWW.BRENTVERNON.COM

We hope to see you there!



**BBQ
&
Bake Sale**



**Saturday, April 27th
5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Maple Springs United Methodist Church
2569 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem
336-722-7563**

**Ages 13-100
\$10.00**

**Under 12
\$8.00**

100% of the profit will go to our Food Pantry to feed local families that are need.

Bake sale items will also be available.

Dine in or carry out available.

You may buy tickets at the door or tickets will be for sale at the reception desk in Craven Hall beginning Sunday, March 31st.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**CAMPING BY LAKE JUNALUSKA 2019
April 26, 27, and 28
Sponsored by Western North Carolina
United Methodist Men**

**TO ALL BOY SCOUTS....YOU ARE
INVITED**

Meet brother Scouts and Scouters from all over Western North Carolina for fun – camping – fishing – competition. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

First Place Plaque for Winner
Second and Third Place Ribbons
Participation Ribbons for all patrols
First Place Ribbons for winners of each event

Please reply before **APRIL 15** to receive your information packet. To give your troop address, please write or call either:

Dale Willis
6 Bugg Street
Canton, NC 28716
828-648-1664

Elwood Mabe
PO Box 244
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
336-591-7591 (home) 336-817-6182 (cell)
elwoodmabe@gmail.com

Events:
Bible Quiz, Snowshoe Race,
Build and Raise a Flagpole
Live Wire Accident (First Aid)
Fishing, Ten Essentials for a Hike
Build a Fire, Burn String, Cook
Pancake

Chaplain Aide training will be offered. Also, free time activities

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE HARRY DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARD



The Western North Carolina Conference is now accepting nominations for The Harry Denman Evangelism Award for Clergy, Lay, and Youth. The Harry Denman Evangelism Awards honor United Methodists in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism – expressed in Word (what), Sign (why) and Deed (how) – brings people into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Each year Annual Conferences join The Foundation for Evangelism to recognize one youth, one clergy, and one lay person in their conference. To download the nomination form click [this link](#). Submit nominations to Candy Caron ccaron@wnccumc.org no later than April 19th to be considered for the 2019 awards.

RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARY CHURCHES

As has been the practice for some years, the WNC Conference Commission on Archives and History will recognize all churches celebrating their 100th, 150th, and 200th anniversaries in 2019 with their display at Annual Conference this year. If your congregation is celebrating one of these anniversaries this year, please contact Jim Pyatt, Archivist, at jpyatt@wnccumc.org by April 1, so that your church will be included in this year's recognitions.

CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENTS

IgniteUS, a retreat for middle school students, will be held on **May 3-5, 2019**, at Camp Hanes in King, NC. This year's theme is "Mountain Movers". Our guest speaker will be Joey Yokeley, FCA Director for Davidson and David Counties. Music will be performed by Jenn & Cory Alcon. The cost is \$130 for students and adult leaders and includes a t-shirt. Registration is now open. The deadline for registration is April 22, 2019. Click [here](#) for the registration page.

SpiritUS, the annual youth conference of WNCC-UMC, will be held on **August 9-11, 2019** at Fort Caswell, NC. Registration will open on May 1, 2019. Please note important date changes this year where SpiritUS will **ONLY** be held over one weekend rather than two consecutive weekends.

HOLY LAND TRIP

Rev. Darren Crotts, pastor of Smith Grove UMC in Mocksville, is hosting an 11-day trip to the Holy Land **January 14-24, 2020**. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, Samuel and David will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the "Fifth Gospel." If you would like a copy of a brochure, please contact Darren Crotts, dcrotts@wnccumc.net or Amy Johnson, ajohnson@wnccumc.org, at the District Office.

District Joys and Concerns

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

Rev. Glenn Myers (First UMC, Mocksville) on the death of his mother, Dolores Myers, on February 21

Rev. Clay Manning (retired) on the death of his wife, Betty, on February 24

Rev. Bill Foust (Center UMC, Yadkinville) on the death of his brother, Charles (Chuck) Foust, Jr. on February 26

Rev. Chris Smith (Konnoak Hills UMC) on the death of his mother, Marilyn Smith, on March 5

Rev. Patty Suggs (appointed to an extension ministry) on the death of her mother, Dessie Kaylor, on March 10

We extend get well wishes to Susan Sullivan, daughter of **Rev. Dorothy Sullivan** (Beulah-Zion Charge) recuperating from back surgery



Upcoming District Dates

March 29 – Missional Engagement Grant Applications due to the District Office

April 2 – District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Faith UMC, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

April 6 – District UMW Day Apart/Prayer Breakfast, New Hope UMC, 8:30 a.m.

April 22-26 – Cabinet Meeting

May 27 – Memorial Day – District Office Closed

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