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Quadrennial Clergy Ethics Training

In the midst of a growing cultural revelation of sexual harassment and misconduct in our society, this seminar is an opportunity to consider the way trauma affects each of us - cognitively, emotionally, and theologically. In learning a bit more about trauma and our responses to it, we will also be able to better respond and care for others. As a result of time spent together, you will discover understanding, language and tools in order to be present with those who have experienced trauma in ways that are life giving for you and the people you serve.

Each quadrennium, clergy are required to participate in clergy ethics training designed by the Annual Conference. The Board of Ordained Ministry clergy ethics team has developed this day to provide clergy an opportunity to become more self-aware, encourage relationships with colleagues and parishioners, and equip clergy for ministry in our current cultural context.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Morning Session: "Changing the Question: Trauma-Informed Christian Ethics"

Afternoon Session: "Sexual Harassment and the Church"

Participation in both sessions is mandatory for all clergy actively serving under appointment or eligible to serve under appointment in WNCC.

Cost is \$10 per participant. **Pre-registration and payment required by Thursday, May 3rd.** Pay online or by check. Participants may register and participate at any location regardless of their current appointment location.

Dates and Locations:

Thursday, May 10th, Christ UMC, Salisbury

Friday, May 11th, High Point University, Congdon School of Health and Sciences

Saturday, May 12th, St. Luke's UMC, Hickory

Wednesday, May 16th, Covenant Community Church, Asheville

Register at this link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/2018clergyethicstraining>



Resource Center Update

Resources Available from the District Resource Center

Several new resources have been purchased for the District Resource Center and are available to be checked out for local church use.

“Twelve More Women of the Bible” by varied authors. This is a 12-session DVD Bible study that looks at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve women in the Bible and what they mean for us today. You will look at their successes and failures, see how they drew near to God in the midst of trials, and learn how they overcame rejection and disappointment. Stories you will explore include:

Proverbs 31 Woman	Deborah	Shulamite Woman
Ruth	Puah and Shiphrah	Esther
Priscilla	Mary and Martha	Bent Woman
Woman with the issue of blood	Elizabeth	Anna

Do you ever fear that you are losing the battle? The six-session Bible Study by Bar Roose, **“Joshua, Winning the Worry Battle,”** digs into the story of how Joshua and the Israelites faced hostile enemies in the Promised Land and ultimately claimed God’s promised victory. Winning the worry battle requires more than having faith; it requires fighting in faith! Sessions include:

1. On the Edge of Uncertainty: Facing Our Fears
2. God, Knock Down My Worry Walls: Letting God Fight for Us
3. Fighting Friends to Help Us: Getting Into Position
4. Defeating the Kings of Worry: Attacking the Roots of Our Worries
5. Claiming Our Inheritance: Receiving Our Victory
6. Amen!: Living in Victory

Feel free to come by the District Office and check out what’s available for your study group, Sunday School class, etc.



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 celebrate the **Purse Project**. This is a project of Rev. Beverly Gaska. Many thanks to **Bunker Hill UMC and UMW** and to the **Mt. Carmel Faye Kiger Circle** for their donation of purses. When these purses are filled and distributed, approximately 350 purses will have been given to homeless women.

Bev is available to speak to your group about this project and of the poverty in our area. You may reach her at begaska@aol.com.



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 2018:

Center (Mocksville)
Maple Grove
Wither's Chapel

Cherry Street
New Union
Yadkin College

Delta
Salem (Mocksville) **Epworth**
Stony Knoll (East Bend)

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

Bethel (Winston-Salem)
Shiloh (Germanton)

Centenary (W-S)
St. Paul (Hamptonville)

Good Hope **Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)**

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

Mountain Grove

Oak Grove (Mount Airy)



The **District Adult Ministries Committee** is sponsoring an outing to the Carolina Field of Honor on **Friday, May 11**. Afterwards, there will be lunch at Mae's Kitchen which offers delicious food as well as great atmosphere (not included in cost). Following lunch will be a tour of the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens, a 7-acres themed garden showcasing 1300 different kinds of plants and featuring a Kitchen Garden, an award-winning Perennial Border, and more. The cost is \$18.00/person.

The group will leave the Hanes Mall parking lot (close to McDonald's) at 9:00 a.m. with return expected between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

To register for the trip, please make your check payable to Yadkin Valley District and return to Amy Johnson, 1031 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. **Registration deadline is Monday, May 7. Checks must be received by that day.**





Thanks to the Yadkin Valley District for sponsoring Making A Difference for Christ (MAD4X) at the Crossnore Campus on Sunday, April 22. It was a fun afternoon of inflatables, games, missions, and of course snacks with third, fourth, and fifth graders from across the District. There were nine churches in attendance this year with around 75 children and volunteers. The kids put together 400 meal bags for New Story Church and 100 produce bags for the Maple Springs Food Pantry. Thanks to Bunker Hill, Centenary, Fairview, Lewisville, Maple Springs, Memorial, Mount Tabor, New Story, and Sedge Garden for coming out and joining us!

Our group will host a Retreat in September at Camp Merriwood in Clemmons for 4th and 5th graders. If you're interested in learning more the September retreat, you can contact Mary Taylor Setliff (marytaylor@maplesprings.org) or Jessica Dalton (jessica@newstorychurch.org).



MAD4X





Happenings Around the District and Conference

Pine Grove UMC, located at 1130 Jonestown Road in Winston-Salem, is having a yard sale on Saturday, **April 28**, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All proceeds go for church ministries. Some of the merchandise includes 114 dolls in excellent or new condition that belong to a collector that is now in a nursing home. They are beautiful and all will go for a very reasonable price for that special little girl. There are also a lot of other items for sale.

BOOK DISCUSSION - Join **Burkhead United Methodist Church** and Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Jr. as he leads a discussion of *"America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America"* written by Jim Wallis. The group will meet from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Burkhead UMC, 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem beginning **Tuesday, May 1**, and continuing May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Please call Darlene in the church office at 336-765-6590, ext. 3, to let us know you would like to join the group discussion.

Centenary Music and the Arts Ministry is excited to invite you to a weekend celebrating Music and the Arts! They are pleased to announce two distinguished guests for the festival:

Dr. Anton Armstrong

Guest clinician & conductor

Director of Choral Activities at St. Olaf College
Northfield, MN
and

Dr. Don Saliers

Guest preacher & liturgist

Theologian-in-Residence at Candler School of
Theology,
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Plenary Session with Dr. Saliers

"Stretching Us Between Doxology and Lament"

Saturday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Auditorium
Centenary UMC
646 W. Fifth Street
Winston-Salem

Festival Worship conducted by Dr. Armstrong

Sunday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.

Centenary UMC Sanctuary

Both events are free and open to the public

**MUSIC & THE ARTS
FESTIVAL WEEKEND**
May 4-6

Guest Liturgist
Dr. Don Saliers

Guest Conductor
Dr. Anton Armstrong

Plenary Session
with Dr. Don Saliers
May 5 at 2:00pm

Festival Worship
May 6 at 5:00pm

THE MUSIC & THE ARTS MINISTRY WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT ALL FOUR WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 6.

Centenary

Parents of Teenagers Join Us for an Evening with

Duffy Robbins



May 10

6:30-9:30pm

Centenary United Methodist Church
Memorial Auditorium
646 West 5th Street
Winston-Salem, NC

Parents Seminar Topics Include We Were Never Their Age & Short Tour of Big Ideas

Dr. Duffy Robbins, Professor of Youth Ministry at Eastern University, St. Davids, PA, is a respected youth ministry veteran with over forty years of experience in the field. He speaks around the world to teenagers and people who care about teenagers. Duffy also serves as a Teaching Pastor at Faithbridge Church, Spring, Texas.

This event is free and open to all parents of teenagers.
For More Information Contact
Tammy Pollock (336-397-1337).

Your invitation to learn the basics and witness the rewards of

Equipping Ministry

An Introduction and a Local Church Success Story

A Yadkin Valley District Event

Clemmons UMC

May 11-12, 2018

“A minister is not a unique kind of Christian.
Every Christian is a unique kind of minister.”

Clemmons UMC in the Yadkin Valley District has implemented this transformative approach to broadening and deepening the ministry of the laity. Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr., senior pastor, affirms, “Equipping Ministry training at Clemmons UMC has transformed the culture of our congregation. It has moved us from a membership culture that asks, ‘What can the church do for me?’ to a discipleship culture that asks, ‘What can I do for Jesus in the community and world?’”

Learn the basics of Equipping Ministry from a real-church equipping team. Learn how to move a congregation from a “membership culture” to a “discipleship culture.”

See the possibilities of expanding and deepening the ministry of the laity in your local church.

Hear inspiring stories of lay people called to start new missions and ministries in response to their passions for people and their needs.

Receive resources and practical handles for implementing Equipping Ministry in your congregation.

Decide whether or not your congregation is ready to move in this direction and what kind of training you may need, from the national Equipping Institute advertised in eLEAD, or locally available consultation.

Who should attend and what is the cost?

IDEALLY - Bring a team of 5: four congregational leaders and a pastor

\$40/team of up to 5 people: you are going to need a team to move equipping ministry forward in your local church

\$10/individual participant

INCLUDES:

Supper Friday evening

Breakfast snacks and beverages

Lunch on Saturday

Samples of print resources

Registration Page: Go to Clemmons UMC website, Events/Calendar, Equipping Ministry Institute

www.clemmonsumc.org/events/2018/5/11/equipping-ministry-institute

Where is the event?

Clemmons United Methodist Church

3700 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons NC

Schedule

FRIDAY, May 11

6:00 PM Supper

7:00 PM Opening Worship and Plenary – Matthew? Risks and Rewards/His Experience as a pastor – Central Monroe and CUMC

1st presentation of CUMC story and “work in progress” - Gloria

SATURDAY, May 12

8:30 AM Gathering/Refreshments

9:00 AM Morning Worship – preaching from Ephesians 4 – Chris

10:00 AM 2nd Presentation of CUMC “work in progress” - Gloria

11:00 AM Breakout groups – [groups and times are subject to change]

Preparing the Soil – Steps and Stages of Congregational Learning and Embracing the Concept and the Building the Infrastructure – “behind the walls”

The “Launch”

The Team

Role of Connectors

CUMC’s Covenant Partner process – moving from a membership culture to a discipleship culture

Contract Consultation in the Local Church – Pneumanaut Partners

12:15 PM Lunch – Pitch for Pneumanut Ministries consulting

1:15 PM Breakout groups – [groups and times are subject to change]

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2:30 PM Afternoon Plenary and Worship

CUMC Multiplication of Ministry – “Ministry Moments”

Leadership – all are graduates of the Equipping Ministry Institute

Rev. Dr. Matthew Burton: senior pastor, Clemmons

Rev. Gloria Hughes: Equipping Ministry, Adult Discipleship & Missions, Clemmons

Rev. Dr. Chris Hughes: pastor, Yadkinville UMC; founder, Pneumanaut Partnerships

Mocks UMC, located at the corner of Mocks and Beauchamp Road in Advance, will have a breakfast on **Saturday, May 12**, 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Menu includes country ham, pork tenderloin, eggs, gravy, grits, biscuits, and juice/coffee. Cost is \$7.00/plate; take-outs available. Proceeds help support the United Methodist Men’s mission projects.

April 2018



Dear United Methodist Clergy:

We hope you will celebrate teachers in your congregations **during the week of May 7 to 12, 2018 as we join the National Parent Teacher Association for Teacher Appreciation Week.** The theme this year is “V. I. T. for Very Important Teacher.” Notice this contrast to our ‘VIP’ culture that focuses on celebrity and power.

You likely have teachers and retired teachers in your congregation plus others who actively support all children in their education. Remember our administrators, assistants, bus drivers and child nutrition workers, custodians, counselors, crossing guards and volunteers who support our children in special ways. Schools need our support as they close out their school years just as we support them on ‘Back to School’ Sundays.

Here are five ideas for HOW you may want to celebrate teachers:

- Promote Teacher Appreciation Week in your newsletter, bulletin or outgoing emails.
- Ask everyone who works with children to stand to be recognized during a worship service
- Include a prayer or responsive reading for teachers to your worship service
- Focus a children's sermon on the importance of teachers
- Interview a teacher in your congregation and write an article for your church newsletter.

The Annual Conferences of both the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences in 2016 approved committees to work jointly to develop ways that the value of public education can be promoted and communicated through our churches, districts, and Conferences to the leaders of North Carolina’s government. **UMAPS (United Methodist Advocates for Public Schools) Committee** is working on ways to support students and honor teachers for the crucial work they do.

Thank you for joining us in this effort during Teacher Appreciation Week 2018.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jay Bissett, Western Carolina Conference, Maylo UMC, Gastonia
Brian Heymans, Chair, Board of Church and Society, NCC
UMAPS Committee Co-chairs

Registration is now open for 2018 Spiritus for youth and staff. Spiritus will be held August 4-6 and August 10-12. Go to <https://www.spirit-us.com> to register.

**The Western North Carolina Conference
Fellowship of Local Pastors and
Associate Members**

Annual Conference Meeting

Please join us as we gather together after the clergy session on
Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 pm
for our Annual Meeting at
The Foundation of Evangelism, 125 N. Lakeshore Drive
on the grounds of Lake Junaluska

There will be a time of Worship, Holy Communion, fellowship and business.
Rev. Brad Thie, Director of Thriving Rural Communities will deliver our message and Rev. Kaye Frye will be
our celebrant for Holy Communion.
We will also have a delicious dinner buffet.
The meeting will end no later than 7:30 pm.

To make your reservation

Please contact Rev. Tony Owens
by mail: 710 Fifth Street, Spencer, NC 28159
by e-mail: towens@wnccumc.net
by cell phone: 704-798-4188

Donations will be accepted to defray cost of dinner.

Deadline for Reservation is June 1, 2018

Like us on Facebook
FLPAM of Western North Carolina

Or visit our web site:
www.wnccfellowship.org



Director of Youth Ministries – Fair Grove UMC, Thomasville, NC
Fair Grove United Methodist Church, Thomasville, N.C., the oldest Methodist congregation in Davidson County, is currently seeking a creative and energetic director for our Youth Ministry (6th – 12th grade). He or she will work with the Youth Leadership Team to vision, plan, develop, and implement all aspects of a balanced youth ministry in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach. Our mission at FGUMC is to make disciples of Christ who worship God, grow in their faith, and serve in the church and world. This is a part-time position. Please

forward a cover letter and resume to: Marvine Myers, Staff Parish Relations Committee at smjm58@gmail.com.

Part Time Director of Children & Senior Adult Ministries - Central UMC Mount Airy, NC

Central UMC is seeking a part time Director of Children & Senior Adult Ministries (DCS). The ideal candidate should first and foremost have a great love for Jesus Christ our Savior. The DCS shall have appropriate training, skills, and experience to support related ministry teams in planning, organizing, and implementing children's and senior adult ministries here at Central UMC. The employee shall be able to articulate a call to Christian ministry and commitment to encourage lay leadership to embrace their own call to Christ's Church in ways that inform and strengthen Central UMC as an intergenerational community of faith. The DCS will report directly to the Senior Pastor. Please see our church website for a full job description at <http://centralumcma.org>. If interested in applying, please submit a cover letter and resume to sprc@mtairycentralumc.us.

Part Time Director of Youth Ministries - Central UMC, Mount Airy, NC

Central UMC is seeking a part time Director of Youth Ministries (DYM). The ideal candidate should first and foremost have a great love for Jesus Christ our Savior. The DYM shall have appropriate training, skills, and experience to support related ministry teams in planning, organizing, and implementing youth ministries here at Central UMC. The employee shall be able to articulate a call to Christian ministry and commitment to encourage lay leadership to embrace their own call to Christ's Church in ways that inform and strengthen Central UMC as an intergenerational community of faith. The DYM will report directly to the Senior Pastor. Please see our church website for a full job description at <http://centralumcma.org>. If interested in applying, please submit a cover letter and resume to sprc@mtairycentralumc.us.

Part-time children and Youth Director - Love's UMC, Walkertown, NC

Love's United Methodist Church in Walkertown, NC is looking for a part-time Children's and Youth Director. We are seeking someone who has a relationship with the Lord, and who desires to share that relationship with children and youth. It would help if the candidate has experience and training in the ministry of children and youth. The Children and Youth Director report directly to the Pastor. For those who are interested in this position, please contact Mr. Mardy Murray, SPRC Chair at 336-650-6972 or email mmtravels2004@yahoo.com.

District Joys and Concerns

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Rev. Dr. Ray Branton** (retired) on the death of his wife, **Carolyn**, on April 16.

We extend get well wishes to **Dr. James Ferree** (retired) recuperating from a fall.



Upcoming Dates

April 29 – Pastoral appointments to be announced

May 11 – Older Adult Trip to Carolina Field of Honor

May 28 - District Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday

June 21-24 – Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska



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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Friday