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New Laity Leadership Engagement Offerings

Beginning this fall, the Yadkin Valley District is pleased to offer two exciting opportunities for our Laity to discover, expand, improve their leadership gifts and spiritual path and mission. Yadkin Valley has long recognized the strength and wisdom of its Laity and, now more than ever, it is crucial for our Laity to walk alongside our Clergy to strengthen our local churches and lead them forward in mission and discipleship.

The Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation (SALT)



Many of you may be familiar with the Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation (SALT). This year marks the third cohort of this 8-month program. SALT is designed to identify, inspire, train, and support spiritually-mature lay people as they partner with clergy to lead effective change in their congregations and communities. This hands-on

program combines pastor and laity-led large group instruction with in-depth small group practice. Participants gain practical tools, spiritual formation and the opportunity to identify, create and implement leadership projects in their churches and communities. Pastors are encouraged to recommend members of their congregations that they believe would benefit from this program. Pastors will also be included by walking alongside their parishioner with their support and guidance.

Duke Neighborhood Seminary



Brand new to our District this year is Duke Divinity School's Neighborhood Seminary. This two-year journey leads participants through coursework,

spiritual formation and extensive community engagement. The learning and formation that takes place in the Neighborhood Seminary is built upon the premise that God comes among us and dwells in our neighborhoods. Those who feel called to mission and disciple in their communities, will be truly immersed theologically, spiritually and missionally in God's presence and power in the community. Neighborhood Seminary is led by Dr. Heidi Miller, Director of the Neighborhood Seminary, as well as a teaching team of pastors, professors and local practitioners.

If you would like to explore either of these wonderful opportunities, please join us at a "Come and See" event at Mount Tabor UMC, 3543 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem on Thursday, June 7th from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Pastors are encouraged to bring/send laity from their churches they feel would benefit from these programs. You will hear about both programs in depth and be able to ask any questions you may have. If you're not sure which program is right for you, we can take you through each one and help you discern your path.



The **Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation (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.

The program consists of five pieces: retreats, evening sessions, a leadership project, collaboration with clergy, and small groups.

Sponsored by: Yadkin Valley District

Cost per participant: \$200
(scholarships are available)

Website and Online Application:

<http://wnccumc.org/spiritual-academy-for-leading-transformation/>

APPLICATIONS DUE August 1, 2018.

Questions? Email:

yvsaltinfo@gmail.com

RETREATS

The cohort will gather four times for a retreat experience: two overnight retreats at Caraway Conference Center and two full-day Saturday retreats at a local church. The purpose of these gatherings will be to inspire excitement and commitment while exposing participants to excellent training around leadership principles and practices. The retreats will explore topics like Leading in the Kingdom of God, leading self, leading others, leading change, etc. Retreat dates: Sept. 15, Nov. 16-17, Feb. 1-2, April 6.

EVENING SESSIONS

Participants will gather for 10 evening sessions for the purpose of processing content presented at retreats and to build relationships while interacting around new learning, as well as establishing a community of peers who can help each other translate leadership principles into their particular contexts. Dates: Sept. 27, Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 8, Jan. 3 & 17, Feb. 21, March 7 & 21.

LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Participants will covenant to identify a leadership challenge around which they are being called to make a difference. This could be the launching of a brand new ministry or the development of something already in place. Throughout the SALT process, projects are presented as Case studies for group input and shared learning.



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)
Oak Grove (Mt. Airy)

Brooks Temple
Shiloh (Germanton)

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

Good Hope

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

Mountain Grove

Oak Grove (Mount Airy)



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 work of our Yadkin Valley Disaster Response team under the leadership of Odell Miller of Shiloh UMC (Lexington). They are in the business of building ramps! We appreciate the many hours of work that goes into building the ramps for those in need.





Happenings Around the District and Conference



The Mission Connection Leadership Team of the Western NC Conference of The United Methodist Church will be hosting a **Mission Connection Team Meeting** on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm at Williamson's Chapel UMC in Mooresville. Lunch will be provided.

Mission Connection Teams are being formed for collaboration and resource sharing. The missional call in the hearts and churches of the Western North Carolina Conference is strong. Many individuals and churches serve in a myriad of ways around the world.

Mission Connection Teams will gather as many individuals and church teams as possible to share what has been learned while being involved in a country or state. Through collaboration, we can increase impact and discerning of how God would have us make a

transformational impact to move our mission involvement with ministries and churches to a place of sustainable partnership.

Who should attend? Domestic and international mission trip leaders and members, missional pastors and directors, local church mission and outreach leaders and committee members. Someone should represent your church within each individual country/state mission connection groups.

Agenda

- 9:30 am Registration Check-in
- 10:00 am Casting the Vision for Mission Engagement and Mission Connection Teams
Caroline Wood, Director of Missional Engagement & Connection Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference UMC
- 11:30 am Break
- 11:45 am Lunch: Get acquainted with others in your country/state Mission Connection
- 12:30 pm Focused Discussion with country/state Mission Connections
- 1:30 pm Summary and Next Steps
- 2:00 pm Adjourn

Registration is \$10 per person. **Registration deadline is May 28, 2018.** Click [here](#) to register. Please contact Carol Bateman at (704) 714-2339 or cbateman@wnccumc.org if you have any questions.

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.



Music on Sunday

6:00 pm - Yadkin County Park
Ted Williams Amphitheatre
6540 Service Road, Yadkinville NC
(Behind YMCA)

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and
FREE POPCORN**



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June 3rd Enon Boys ~ Southern Gospel
July 22nd Taylor Vaden ~ Some of Elvis' favorite gospel songs
August 19th Booger Swamp Rhythm Section
Bluegrass & Gospel

Food available for purchase
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks and Snacks
No coolers - No Alcohol - Family Friendly Event



**NEEDS ICE CREAM
FOR**

THE BIG CHILL 2018

**SUNDAY, JULY
15th**

**This is our biggest event of the year.
Will you help us put on the best ice
cream festival yet?**

We have spent 10 years building up this event to the success it has become, and **we are excited to announce a new location: Bailey Park downtown!** There were record crowds last year due to great press and community interest - which resulted in big lines, crowded spaces and a quick depletion of ice cream. This year we want to be prepared and are hoping you can help! With our more central and larger location, we need many more community organizations and/or individual ice cream vendors making/bringing ice cream in order to pull this off successfully. **Would you be willing to gather a group of friends to make 6+ gallons of ice cream and serve it at the festival? Talk to the movers and shakers at your company and religious or civic organization to do the same?** It is a great way to promote your organization, bond with friends and help raise funds for the Shalom Project all at the same time! If you can help, please contact Marsha Strauss at admin@theshalomprojectnc.org or call 336-721-0606.

**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

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Or visit our web site:
www.wnccfellowship.org



Religious Liberty in the Historic Advance of Virginia Methodism
Williamsburg, Virginia
July 17-20, 2018

Join United Methodist history lovers from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction's 15 annual conferences as we meet July 17-20 at Williamsburg UMC, in Williamsburg, Virginia for the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society (SEJHS) of the United Methodist Church. The event, whose theme is *Religious Liberty in the Historic Advance of Virginia Methodism*, will be presented by the Virginia Conference Historical Society. *You do not need to be an SEJ Historical Society member to attend! Everyone is welcome!*

Our guests will enjoy an outstanding agenda of tours and lecturers telling the fascinating stories of Virginia Methodism and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Uniting Conference forming today's United Methodist Church. The keynote speaker will be David L. Holmes, Walter G. Mason Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus, College of William and Mary, who will discuss *Religious Freedom in the Colonial Era*.

We are also pleased to announce that the Rev. Alfred T. Day, III, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, will be joining us.

Attendees who participate in all lectures and tours of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the SEJ Historical Society in Williamsburg are entitled to receive one (1) Continuing Education Credit.

Please visit our website at <https://www.vaumc.org/SEJHistoricalSociety2018> to find a brochure, registration information and speaker bios.



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 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.

Part-time Youth Director – Kingswood UMC, Rural Hall, NC

This position is part of Kingswood United Methodist Church's mission to foster lifelong Christian discipleship within the church and community and is focused on the needs of Junior and Senior High Youth. See complete job description at this link: <..\Job Openings\Kingswood Youth Director.docx>.

Part-time Children Ministries Director – Clemmons UMC, Clemmons, NC

Clemmons UMC is looking for a part-time Children Ministries Director, 20-25 hours per week. Please email Suzanne Howard at cumcsearchteam@gmail.com for a job description and application package.

Part-time Clemmons One: Youth Associate – Clemmons UMC, Clemmons, NC

Do you love Jesus? Love teenagers? Love leading engaging and creative programming for 6-12 graders? Do you love pizza? (If not, that's more than ok). If so, head on over to <http://www.clemmonsumc.org/employment/> and apply to work with a growing student ministry in Clemmons, NC. Part time position, 20-25 hours a week, salary dependent on experience.

Annual Conference will be held June 21-24, 2018 at Lake Junaluska. If your church lay delegate will not be able to attend, please contact Amy Johnson as soon as possible to make a change in the delegate information. It is better to take care of it now than to try to track a pastor down at Annual Conference to verify the change!

District Joys and Concerns

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Rev. Perry Miller** (retired) on the death of his mother, **Opal Miller**, on April 12.

We extend get well wishes to **Rev. Rodney Burton** (Oak Grove UMC, Mocksville) as he recuperates from knee replacement.

Congratulations to **Mike and Lauralee Bailey** on the birth of a new granddaughter, **Landry Kate Dugas**, on May 7.



Upcoming Dates

May 28 - District Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday

June 21-24 – Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska

July 4-5 – District Office Closed – July 4th Holiday/Floating Holiday

July 26 - District Picnic, Arbor Acres

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

Closed on Friday