



Waynesville District News

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Goings and Comings in the Waynesville District

The following pastoral changes are anticipated for the Waynesville District:

Perry Brown is going to Franklinville/Rehobeth in the High Point District and **Nathan Finsel** is coming to Ranger/Tomotla.

Dick and Diean Campbell are going to re-retire and **Dot Thomas** is coming to Spring Creek/Pine Grove .

Patricia Chaput is going to the Belwood Circuit in the Gastonia District and **David Ortigoza** is coming to Canton:First and will also be the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry for WNCC.

Brian Combs is going to UNCA Campus Ministry/Asheville Mission and **Susan Giles** is coming to Faith/Francis Cove.

Mark Handy is not taking an appointment in WNCC this year and **Amy Spivey** is coming to Reid's Chapel .

Kelley Jones is going to re-retire and **Mike Macdonald** is coming to Andrews.

Tim Moore is going to be Campus Minister at Young Harris College in Georgia.

Dick Richards is going to retire.

Terry Rowland is going to Trinity in Lexington.

Lyn Sorrells is going to the Gastonia District and **Sandy Giles** is coming to Waynesville First.

The Cabinet is recommending that "moving day" be set for Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

We wish these pastors and their families all the best in their new appointments!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paul Davenport
- 8 Don Stanton
- 14 Jacob Kyker
- 27 Steve Miller
- Dick Campbell

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Jim and Heli Armstrong
- John and Opal Miller
- 17 Fred and Jean Macon
- Kelley and Julie Jones
- Sarah and Rick Osmer
- 23 John and Liz Fowler
- Mark and Robin Handy
- 25 Don and Barbara Stanton
- Cecil and Ellen Myrick
- 28 Patt and Austella Miller

Flood Recovery in Wilkes County

Anyone who would like to make a donation to assist flood victims, especially in Wilkes Co., may do so by sending a check made payable to WNCC Treasurer, memo line: Wilkes County Flood and mail to Office of Disaster Response, attn: Rev. Mike Collins, PO Box 18005, Charlotte, NC 28218. You might also check with Mike Collins before sending disaster response teams to the area.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Marti Stiles
- Erma Bond
- Carrol Lindsey
- Moving pastors, families and congregations
- Carolyn Russell
- Tru Starbuck
- Harold and Carolyn Strader

Golf Tournament to Benefit The Children's Home

The Children's Home Golf Tournament will be held on June 9 at Lake Junaluska Golf Course. Now is the time to register at www.wnccumc.org/hhs/pdf/TCH-GolfTournament.pdf.

The field is limited to the first 80 paid participants.

Golfers, please help support The Children's Home.



UMAR SUNDAY

Please remember that June 21 is UMAR SUNDAY in WNCC. Please give the members of your congregation the opportunity to know about and support this important ministry. If you wanted ordered your material, please contact RubyM@UMARinfo.com.

We Extend Our Sympathy To - David and Carolyn Russell on the May 21st death of her sister Kathy.

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY E NEWS-WNCC! The district office will not necessarily repeat what it includes.

From the desk of the Waynesville District Christian Education Coordinator.....June, 2009

SAFE SANCTUARIES..... THINK TWICE before you decide not to read this page!

Jessica's Law – Jessica Lundsford Act for North Carolina – has placed some new restrictions on registered sex offenders and churches which directly affect the Safe Sanctuary Policies that each of our congregations are required to have and our operation as congregations. [History of Jessica's Law: A set of restrictions that took effect in December, 2008 in memory of a 9-year-old who was kidnapped, raped and buried alive in 2005 by a registered sex offender who moved to Florida from Gaston County.]

Although the General Assembly began giving the Law a second look during the week of May 12, 2009, there is no indication that the rules affecting churches will be changed. In an effort to keep churches in the Waynesville District in compliance with Jessica's Law and keep Safe Sanctuary policies current, included with this newsletter are two documents developed in the Winston Salem District. These two documents can be included as is with your present Safe Sanctuary policy; or reviewed with your insurance company or church attorney and then used at their direction.

A vote needs to be taken by your congregation's Council/Board to make the changes suggested in these documents to your Safe Sanctuary Policy. Don't forget to recruit and train persons who will agree to be in covenant with a registered sex offender who requests a covenant partner.

In either case, the Trustees, Administrative Council/Board, church staff and groups working with children and youth need to be trained in the changes that Jessica's Law brings to our congregations. This can be included in regular training on your Safe Sanctuary Policy or at a special training.

One of the challenges of Jessica's Law has been the interpretation by sheriffs throughout the state of North Carolina. A member of your Trustees or other persons in the congregation may want to speak with the sheriff in your county about the interpretation being used in your county.

Please know the District Christian Education Team is available to assist you or your congregation in working with your Safe Sanctuaries Policy and these new changes. By the way, do you know where your Safe Sanctuaries Policy is? And what is included in it? When was the last time your congregation had training on Safe Sanctuaries and your policy?

More information is available by contacting the **District Christian Education Team**
Kitty Crain at KITTYCRAIN@aol.com or 828-926-0264.

Please share with Trustees, Administrative Council/Board, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Nurture, Age-level Ministries, and Christian Education.

**Addendum to the Safe Sanctuary Policy for Children and Youth in Response to the
Jessica Lundsford Act for North Carolina, Effective 12/01/08
For _____ United Methodist Church
_____, NC**

1. We, as the church, invite all people to be a part of the worshipping community of faith. However, we must weigh the duty to protect the children and youth of the church with the right of all people to experience God's redeeming love through worship. In furtherance of our Safe Sanctuary policy and in compliance with North Carolina law, a registered sex offender who wishes to be part of a church community should expect to have conditions placed on his/her participation.
2. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (including sexual abuse, physical abuse or emotional abuse) shall be permitted to work/volunteer with minors in any church sponsored activity. N.C. Gen Stat. § 14-208. 17(a) (2008)
3. A registered sex offender shall not be in attendance at any church event where children or youth are the primary audience. These events include, but are not limited to, United Methodist Youth Fellowship activities, Vacation Bible School, and scouting activities.
 - If a registered sex offender does attend such an event, he/she will be told to leave and a report will be made to the sheriff's office.
4. A registered sex offender shall not be within 300 feet of any location on the church property intended primarily for the use, care or supervision of minors. N.C. Gen Stat. § 14-208.18(a) (2) (2008)
5. A registered sex offender shall not be in any area of the property intended primarily for the use, care or supervision of minors, including but not limited to, the nursery, preschool classrooms, children's Sunday School classrooms and playground. N.C. Gen Stat. § 14-208.18(a) (1) (2008)
6. While on church property, a registered sex offender must be accompanied by an unrelated, same gender adult covenant partner provided by the church.
7. A registered sex offender should identify himself/herself as a registered sex offender to the pastor or the Director of Christian Education. A registered sex offender who wishes to be part of our church community shall read and sign a Church Participation Covenant Statement. This document will also be signed by the pastor(s) and the Chairperson of the Church Council and be kept on file at the church.

Registered Sex Offender Church Participation Covenant Statement

The congregation of _____ United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children and youth. In furtherance of our Safe Sanctuary policy and in compliance with N. C. Gen. Stat. §§ 14-208.17, 14-208.18, all registered sex offenders who wish to be part of our worshipping community must abide by the following procedures:

1. As a registered sex offender, I will have and abide by conditions placed on my participation in the church community.
2. While on church property, I will be accompanied by an unrelated, same-gender adult covenant partner. Providing a covenant partner will be the responsibility of the church.
3. I will not be permitted to work/volunteer with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-208.17 (2008)
4. I will not be in attendance at any event where children or youth are the primary audience. This includes, but is not limited to, United Methodist Youth Fellowship activities, Vacation Bible School and scouting activities. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-208.18 (a) (3) (2008) If I attend such an event, I will be told to leave and a report will be made to the sheriff's office.
5. I will not be within 300 feet of any location intended primarily for the use, care or supervision of minors. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-208.18(a) (2) (2008)
6. I will not be in any area of the property designated for the use, care or supervision of children or youth. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-208.18 (a)(1) (2008). These areas include, but are not limited to, the nursery, preschool classrooms, children's Sunday School classrooms and playground.

Dated: _____

Pastor: _____

Church Council Chairperson: _____

Signature: _____

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**WISH LIST FOR THE
CHILDREN'S HOME—
FRANKLIN**

The following items are desperately needed for the Children's Home in Franklin:

16 ft. extension ladder
 Cart to pull behind the lawn tractor
 Chair saw
 Snow Blower
 Wheelbarrow
 Voltmeter
 Bench grinder and a vise
 18 v. DeWalt Cordless Drill with charge and extra battery
 Electric or cordless saw
 Fire proof cabinet for storing gas, oil and paint (OSHA approved)
 Two 100 ft. 12/3 extension cords
 Wrench set (combination open end/closed end)
 3/8 socket set with ratchet
 24" or 32" cross cut saw for trimming small tree limbs
 2 gal. Pump up sprayer

Please contact the Children's Home in Franklin at 828-349-0345 if you can donate any of these items.

Spiritual Formation Academy

WNCC Spiritual Formation Task Force in partnership with The Upper Room is offering The Five Day Spiritual Formation Academy, May 16-21, 2010 at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. The academy is a time for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined community of prayer, study, worship and fellowship. Information at www.wnccumc.org/ced/pdf/2010FiveDayAcademy.pdf.

Van & Truck Regulations

I have received several requests for additional information in response to the letter from the WNCC regarding DOT van and truck regulations. I am not in a position to offer technical or legal advice on what your church must do to comply with the government's regulations. My recommendation is to check with the DOT. Their national web site is: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/> or you might call the NC Dot office at 919-856-4378.

Trail Hikes

The WNCC Trail Hikes are set for Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7 in the Jefferson National Forest, Va. No prior backpacking experience is required. Trails are determined according to age and ability of the hiker. The cost is \$50 for an individual and \$85 for a married couple. Information at www.wnccumc.org/cpr/pdf/trailhikes.

REGINALD MALLETT AT JUNALUSKA

After 40 plus years of preaching for conferences at Lake Junaluska, Dr. Reginald Mallett will be conducting his "farewell preaching mission" this August. In addition to preaching at the Older Adult Gathering and the Gathering of the Laity, Dr. Mallett will preach for two special services on August 6 and August 9, 2009. Both of these services will be open to the public. Details will be forthcoming.

Continuing Ed Opportunities

The following continuing education opportunities will be offered at Lake Junaluska during the summer months:

- § **2009 Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit**, July 5-6-7, "FAITH AND EVERYDAY LEADERSHIP" (An Alban Learning and Leadership Seminar For Laity and Clergy) www.lakejunaluska.com/summit.aspx.
- § **Family Systems and Church Leadership**. July 20-22,2009, This workshop is an introduction to "Family Systems Theory" as it relates to churches and institutions in practical, applicable concepts rather than a clinical presentation of abstract ideas. www.intentionalgrowthcenter.org .
- § **Conflict Transformation**, July 22-24, 2009. Participants will study skills and processes for addressing conflict whether it is in your church, your family, or your community. www.intentionalgrowthcenter.org .
- § **Sacraments - A Seminar: Baptism and Eucharist**, July 24-26, 2009. This timely seminar on the United Methodist sacraments - Baptism and Communion - will provide Clergy and Laity alike with an exploration of two of the primary Means of Grace in the Christian tradition.
- § **Leading the Middle-Sized Church**, August 17-20, 2009. This seminar will identify and examine the unique characteristics of the middle-sized (100-350 average worship attendance) church. www.intentionalgrowthcenter.org .

Consult the Lake Junaluska website at www.lakejunaluska.com for other conferences and seminars in the summer and fall.

Two opportunities are open for CPE

- § Ron Allen, chaplain at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva, is interested in offering a CPE. If you are interested in this program contact Ron at 828-586-7145
- § Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System will be offering a CPE unit, August 17-December 18, 2009. Contact Rev. Robin Booth at rebooth@srhs.com for information and application.

Conference and District Dates to Remember!

June 10	Spiritual Day Apart for Clergy at Clyde Central
June 11-14	2009 WNCC Annual Conference at Lake J
June 30	Moving Day for WNCC clergy and families

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