



Waynesville District News

“...empowering Great Commission churches”

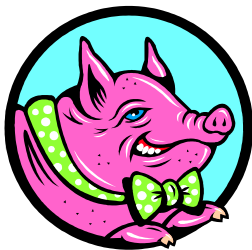
Three Fingers Point to Renewal

The un-official greeting for western North Carolina United Methodists is to hold up three fingers. Bishop Goodpaster gave us this sign at Annual Conference as a way of reminding ourselves of the WNCC ministry goals for the next 3 years. These goals include:

- 300,000 members in WNCC United Methodist Churches, up from the present 293,000
- 30,000 increase in average worship attendance
- 3,000 Volunteer in Mission teams going into all the world from WNCC congregations
- 300 remissioned churches
- 30 new faith communities

Bishop Goodpaster believes these goals can be accomplished with *every local church* faithfully living out our vision to “Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World.”

If we are to achieve these goals by December 31, 2012, *every local church* has to be on board. So, I’d like to encourage every pastor and lay leader in the 68 churches in the Waynesville District to begin prayerfully thinking about what your individual church might do to grow your membership, increase your worship attendance, boost your involvement in outreach and mission, rekindle a passion for the mission of your church, and participate in establishing new faith communities. When I visit with you at charge conference, I’ll be asking about your church’s plans to be full partners in achieving this vision and renewing the whole church.



Waynesville District Clergy Welcome Event Saturday, August 15, 2009 Nanci Weldon Gym at Lake Junaluska

You may use the Lake Junaluska facilities for swimming, boating, carpet golf, walking and tennis beginning at 3:00 PM.

Our “pig pickin’ with all the trimmings” will be served at 5:30. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children under 12. New clergy families are guests of the district. Reservations are required by August 8. Contact the District Office at 456-5172.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6th Bill Whiteside
 11th Jeff Ramsland
 16th David Beam
 21st Mel Burton
 24th Kitty Crain
 25th Greg Hershberger
 27th Dean Campbell

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Horwood and June Myers
 7th James and Lurline Fowler
 17th Paul and Judy Starnes
 21st Tom and Vicki Coss
 23rd Dick and Dean Campbell
 24th Brad and Lori Holliman
 Jeremy and Margaret Troxler
 25th George and Ellen Weekley
 30th David and Carolyn Russell

PRAYER CONCERNS

Moving pastors, families and
 congregations
 Tru Starbuck
 Harold and Carolyn Strader
 Doug and Carolyn Love
 Ann Wilkinson
 Jane Golden

A NEW BABY!

Jude Dominic Newell was born 2:26 a.m. Sunday, June 14, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Keith and Laurie Newell. Parents are their son, Matthew and his wife, Amy.

**Safe Sanctuary
Training**

Wednesday, September 2 at
 Covenant Community Church in
 Asheville, NC

If interested in attending, contact
 Katie Warren:
katiwarren@ashevilledistrict.org..

(An additional training will be
 held on Thursday,
 September 3
 at Maple Springs UMC in
 Winston-Salem.

To attend in Winston-Salem con-
 tact Kate May:
kate@maplesprings.org.)

**REGINALD MALLET AT
JUNALUSKA**

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

Trail Hikes

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

From the desk of the Waynesville District Christian Education Coordinator

When I think of Christian education I think of movement – a journey. Christian Education is not a static activity – it is a dynamic activity – a dynamic encounter with God. It is not just for children and youth but for all ages. Christian education is a “life-long” process.

Through the years I have read many definitions that have been offered for Christian education, but I recently read a definition by Daniel Aleshire that caught my attention:

“Christian education involves those tasks and expressions of ministry that enable people (1) to learn the Christian story, both ancient and present; (2) to develop the skills they need to act out their faith; (3) to reflect on that story in order to live self-aware to its truth; and (4) to nurture the sensitivities they need to live together as a covenant community. [Karen B. Tye, *Basics of Christian Education* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2000), 13-14.]

These words allow Christian education to be part of all of our lives and not just limited to specific events that occur in particular places. These words acknowledge that God encounters us and transforms us in all the experiences of our lives.

I encourage you to hear the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (NRSV) and then list some words that are important to you as you reflect on Christian education.

REMINDERS AND RESOURCES:

Christian Education Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday in September or another Sunday that is appropriate for your congregation in the Western North Carolina Conference. Who will you recognize? How will you make this a special day in acknowledging the place of Christian education in your congregation(s)? How about balloons?

2009 Christian Education Week Resources can be downloaded through the General Board of Discipleship at:

<http://www.gbod.org/education/cew09/ceweng09.pdf>

Development Through the Life Span is a chart that can be printed and used to respect the stages of development throughout life. This is a new resource reflecting the latest understandings of development in all areas of life.

http://www.gbod.org/education/articles.asp?item_id=47699

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

Please share with Nurture, Age-level Ministries, and Christian Education.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS.....

CONSECRATION SUNDAY & FREED UP FINANCIAL LIVING LEADERS TRAINING, July 31, 2009 from 9 AM—3:30 PM at Christ UMC in Statesville. Cost \$15. Deadline is July 17. Register online at www.umfoundation@wncc.org.

MONEY MATTERS, August 14-16, 2009 at Hinton Rural Life Center. A weekend training for clergy and laity focusing on understanding financial statement and building budgets. Plus dealing with conflict in the church. Register at www.hintoncenter.org. Scholarships available.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION ON STEWARDSHIP, August 24, 2009 from 9 AM—3 PM at Biltmore UMC in Asheville. Focus is on biblical perspectives of stewardship, creating annual budgets and stewardship emphasis in the local church. Cost \$10. Registration deadline is August 10. Register online at

CONGREGATIONAL STEWARDSHIP STUDY. The WNCC Stewardship Committee recommends every church study *Enough: Discovering Joy Thru Simplicity and Generosity* by Adam Hamilton. This little volume is filled with practical financial advice based on biblical principles. The WNCC will be offering commentaries for each chapter beginning September 1. They will be available via DVD and You Tube.

Clergy Benefits Academy

The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits invites all active clergy of the WNCC to the Clergy Benefits Academy, Oct. 5-7, at Lake Junaluska. Learn about the many benefit issues that affect clergy. Registration is \$99 (\$169 with spouse) and due Aug. 29 for this early registration rate. Register at www.gbophb.org.

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry Sunday

The Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry is “transforming lives in prisons and pews” throughout North Carolina. Please support this ministry by participating in Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry Sunday on August 23, 2009 and receive a special offering. Information packets for each church are available in the District Office.

Continuing Ed Opportunities

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

- § **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.

SOUTHEAST ASIA MISSION CONSULTATION

The consultation will be geared towards churches working with or wishing to work with the countries of Thailand, Laos and Vietnam.

October 1-3, 2009

Providence United Methodist Church

2810 Providence Road, Charlotte NC 28211

Contact Mike Collins (mcollins@wnccumc.org) for registration information

Gathering of the Laity

The WNCC Gathering of the Laity will be held at Lake Junaluska, August 14-16, 2009. Keynote speakers for this year's event are the Rev. Dr. Reginald Mallett, the Rev. Jan Brittain and the Rev. Andy Lambert. Angel Christ will lead the music. Glenn Draper and the Junaluska Singers will present special music throughout the weekend. Registration information at

www.wnccumc.org/lai/pdf/GathofLaity09.pdf.