



## Farmville District United Methodist Church

# Staying In Touch

May—June 2011

### United Methodists and Moving Pastors

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21*

United Methodists have always been well known for their "moving" pastors. We have a "sent" clergy. While in some denominations congregations "call" their pastors, in ours Bishop's appoint pastors to their churches. You can still find the term "traveling preacher" in *The Book of Discipline*.

The concept of "itinerary" or "traveling" pastors rises from the mobile model of Jesus' own ministry. Jesus and his disciples moved from village to village, spreading the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus then sent the twelve to extend his mission to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 10:6). His instructions included the promise, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me" (Matthew 10:40). Later Jesus sent seventy disciples to declare his coming and gave a similar promise (Luke 10:16). Beyond his death and resurrection Jesus gave his great commission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," with his promise, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Ever since the great missionary journeys of Acts, believers have responded again and again to our Lord's command to "Go!" In the mid-1700s John Wesley appointed his preachers to circuits across the British Isles to offer Christ to persons in every place and condition. In America the Methodist movement grew dramatically under the leadership of Francis Asbury, who sent pioneering preachers to the farthest reaches of the frontier. Along the way, he, himself, traveled more miles on horseback than anyone in recorded history. Through its "itinerant system" for pastoral deployment the United Methodist Church became the most widely distributed institution in America. Today United Methodist churches are found in every county in the country. And United Methodist pastors continue to be sent to serve churches and communities, proclaiming Christ and his kingdom.

At the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke this June, Charlene P. Kammerer, Presiding Bishop, will fix the appointments of the pastors for the coming year. Judy and I will be among those who will be sent to serve a new appointment in the local church. At the same time Bob and Susan Parks will be sent to serve on the Bishop's Cabinet as the superintendent of the Farmville District.

We know that you will welcome your new superintendent and his family as warmly and graciously as you received us. As you have prayed for us, please pray for Bob and Susan as they are sent to join with you in offering Christ to the congregations and communities of this marvelous Farmville District. As all of you continue the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, the promise of the risen Christ is sure: "I am with you always!"

Judy and I are deeply grateful for the great privilege of serving Christ together with all of you. We can truly say that in these past eight years the pastors and people of this district have been our life. And you have blessed our lives in more ways than we can count. While I will no longer be your superintendent, you will always have a place in our hearts and our prayers. We will thank God every time we remember you! May God bless and keep you always!

Jim Tongue

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Governor Robert F. McDonnell to deliver Keynote Address entitled *Faith of Our Founding Fathers* at VUMAC.**



Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center  
BLACKSTONE  
Growing Faith for over 115 Years

The Board of Directors for Blackstone: The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center announces an extraordinary opportunity. On Saturday, June 11, 2011 special guest and keynote speakers Governor Robert F. McDonnell will deliver an inaugural Founders Day address entitled *Faith of Our Founding Fathers*. Governor McDonnell's address will be preceded by a colonial style dinner in Blackstone's dining room and followed by a lively debate between renowned PBS interpreters for President George Washington and Governor Patrick Henry. In addition, area youth will salute the Faith of Our Founding Fathers in song.

For guests wishing to spend the night, following a hearty Southern breakfast, Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes will deliver the Sunday morning message on June 12.

For event information or concerns, please telephone 434-292-5308 or email [jenniferwall@vaumc.org](mailto:jenniferwall@vaumc.org).

**FAREWELL EVENT FOR OUR D.S. JIM TONGUE AND HIS WIFE JUDY ON JUNE 12, 2-5PM AT THE GABLES AT VUMAC. ALL CLERGY AND LAITY ARE INVITED.**

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## **NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT \_**

The Farmville District will receive our new District Superintendent on moving day, June 29, 2011.

**Reverend Robert J. Parks Jr.** has served Main Street UMC in Suffolk since 2001. Prior to that, he served at Courtland UMC, the South Sussex Charge, LaCrosse UMC and Mount Pleasant UMC in Amherst. He currently serves on the conference Board of Laity and Board of Ordained Ministry, is chair of the Portsmouth District Committee on Ministry, and is president of the Wesley Community Service Center Board. Parks was ordained in 1995.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT DAY**

S/PPRC members and pastors should be aware that May 22, 2011 will be Appointment Announcement Day. The PPRC will have been contacted by this date if there is to be a pastoral change. Whether there is a move or not an announcement needs to be made in all churches on this date. Where there is a charge a spokesperson (appointed by the PPRC) at each church should make this report. The name of the pastor, their family and a brief bio can be shared at this time. No formal announcement should be made before this date.

### **DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

- It is time to make corrections to the Directory for pastors and key district officers. Please review your directory to see that your information is correct including worship service times, email, cell phone numbers and 911 addresses, especially in the area of directions. We rely on you to provide accurate information. Our new superintendent will be traveling to these churches for the first time so the directions will be invaluable to him. Thank you for your help.

### **AUDITS and PARSONAGE REVIEWS**

Completed audits for January 1-December 31, 2010 and Parsonage Reviews for 2011 are due to the District Office by June 1, of this year. Please make sure that the forms are signed. Audit Forms may be found on the Conference website at [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) under Resources, Conference Forms, Charge Conference Forms, Forms 10 and 11. Instructions are shown above Form 10. Parsonage and Inventory Forms can be found on the Conference website at [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org), Ministries, Ministerial Services, Parsonages, Annual Review and Inventory. Please contact Phyllis at 434-392-4687 if you have any concerns or questions.

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIENTATION - June 5**

The VA Annual Conference Orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5, at 3PM at the Keysville UMC. All Conference members, including clergy and laity, are required to attend this meeting. The information you receive will help you prepare for conference. Before the meeting all members should receive their "Book of Reports", name badge and registration card. If you do not, please contact the district office after the meeting by email or phone—434-392-4687.

**If you are an elected member to Annual Conference from your church/charge and find that you are unable to attend please notify your pastor and the district office right away. If you are a district member please notify the district office as soon as possible.**

### **June 13-14 HOLY ROLLERS TO STOP AT THREE CHURCHES IN FARMVILLE DISTRICT**

It is with gratitude that I announce that the 2011 Holy Rollers will be traveling through the Farmville District on June 13 and 14, 2011. We are glad to help promote the 2011 Annual Conference Mission Offering with this ride. The Offering will help bring God's abundant blessings to the children and families served at Roanoke's Grace Ministries, Horntown (VA)'s Agape Christian Community Center, and in Mozambique and Brazil. Our church members and friends are pledging donations for each mile we ride--over 200! About 25 riders and support drivers will travel (in three days) from Ashland to Roanoke. On June 13, after leaving Ashland, and stopping for prayer at the Conference Office in Glen Allen, we will be hosted for lunch at Powhatan UMC, the Rev. John G. Briggs, Jr., pastor. We will stop for rest and water at Centenary UMC, Cumberland Charge, the Rev. Won Gyu Lee, pastor. The Wesley Foundation, the Rev. Rich Meiser, Director, will host us for dinner and overnight on Monday, and breakfast on Tuesday. Thanks, Rich! On Tuesday, an early start will get us by mid-morning to another Centenary UMC, this time on the Pamplin Charge, the Rev. Robert E. Green, pastor. From there we head west, with stops at UM Churches in the Lynchburg and Roanoke Districts. Riders are welcome! It's not too late to sign up ( [www.holyrollers.org](http://www.holyrollers.org) ) or just show up and ride with us for a few miles. Thanks, Farmville, for your support of the Conference Offering, and for helping the Holy Rollers on their way! Plan to visit one of these sites and show your support for these riders. Maybe you will want to offer help where it might be needed.

## FARMVILLE DISTRICT TELLERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Head Teller** – Johnnie Morris

**Laity** - Gary Lied, Charles Dinger,  
Betty Morris, Rosa Thomas

**Clergy** – Ruth Collins-Dinger, Mike  
Davis, John Flood, Billy Swan

## FARMVILLE DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBER'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER - On

Thursday, June 16, we will meet at the New Yorker Deli for dinner immediately following the closing afternoon session. We have reserved a place there. Their prices are reasonable and there should be something on the menu that suits us all. **THEY DO NOT TAKE CREDIT CARDS OR CHECKS – only CASH**, so come prepared. If you have any questions please contact Susie Wolf at [rexandsusie@embarqmail.com](mailto:rexandsusie@embarqmail.com).

## 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING GOAL IS \$200,000

Bishop Charlene Kammerer has announced that the 2011 Annual Conference Offering goal is \$200,000 and will benefit four mission projects: **Mozambique: \$50,000** — leadership development training and funding for the Living Well Society; **Brazil: \$50,000** — the Brazil Methodist Church's Shade and Fresh Water program and John Wesley Medical Boat;

**Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Eastern Shore: \$50,000** — help with the center's ministry in this small rural ethnic minority community as it strives to provide a healthy nurturing environment for at-risk children; and

**Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries, Roanoke: \$50,000** — minister to the disenfranchised of downtown Roanoke with an emphasis on the recovering community, immigrant community and marginalized.

## 4 CANS 4 CONFERENCE -

Friends, it's time to begin gathering canned and staple goods to benefit the SW-VA Food Bank in the Roanoke-Salem area. Each Clergy and Lay Member of Conference is asked to bring a minimum of 4 cans of food to this year's conference.

*The offering should be: 1 can of meat; 1 can of vegetables and/or fruit; 1 can of soup and/or stew; 1 can that may be opened with a Pop-Top.*

This can be a church-wide collection, a Youth Group project, an initiative of the UMW or UMMen, your Mission emphasis group, or an opportunity for individuals to make a meaningful and personal act of charity and grace.

*Your gifts are also not limited to 4 Cans!* You are welcome to..... Bring 4 boxes of cans! Bring 4 dozen cans! Bring 4 cases of canned food! Bring 4 cans of each type of food! Bring 4 grocery bags of cans! In addition, there is a need for cereal (*hot, cold, or instant*), peanut butter and jelly, cooking oils, dry preparation aids (*like Hamburger Helper, pasta, etc.*), flour, sauces, etc.

Also, as you are able, please bring your 4 Cans in **recyclable grocery bags**. The SW-VA Food Bank will gladly pass the 99¢ re-useable ones along to the recipients with the food.

**Please do not bring** home-canned items, out of date cans, glass jars, damaged cans, fresh fruits/veggies, or already-opened or partially used supplies. As you prepare these gifts remember those who will receive them.

As you might already know, the need for the ministry and supplies of the SW-VA Food Bank continues to grow. More requests come every day for food supplies. For more info, please have a look at their web-site: [www.faswva.org](http://www.faswva.org)  
<http://www.faswva.org/>.

In the last two years, VA United Methodists have given more than 15 tons of canned and staple goods (plus more than \$500 in cash donations) to the SE-VA Food Bank in Norfolk, as we gathered there for Conference. Now, as we prepare to convene in Roanoke, let's continue this tradition by bringing 4 Cans 4 Conference!

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me, Jim Earley, via e-mail ([revsrus@comcast.net](mailto:revsrus@comcast.net)) or at Walker Chapel UMC in Arlington, VA or 703-538-5200 - 703-538-5200.

## FARMVILLE DISTRICT CHURCHES—HERE IS A CHANCE TO TELL YOUR MISSION STORIES -

Bishop Charlene Kammerer declared "Virginia Conference's culture of mission is something special." In celebration of that special mission culture there will be a mission worship/celebration on Thursday evening, June 16, at Annual Conference. The design team for that event is aware that there are many acts of compassion and care that create our "mission culture" here in Virginia that are not recognized. **THE TEAM IS ASKING THE DELEGATION FROM EVERY CHURCH TO BRING TWO 8X10 PHOTOS TO THE CELEBRATION THAT REPRESENT WHAT THEIR CHURCH IS DOING IN MISSION.** Those photos will be a part of the worship experience and then will be displayed in the exhibit hall for the duration of the conference.

The photos need not be professional and can even be printed on printer paper. The name of the church and what mission activity is represented in the photo should be indicated somewhere on the photo. If you have any questions about the photos please contact the Mission and Global Justice office at the conference center at [Mission@vaumc.org](mailto:Mission@vaumc.org) or call 1-800-768-6040, 1-800-768-6040 , ext. 144.

**MOVING DAY** - June 29. All outgoing pastors are requested to vacate the parsonage by noon on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The incoming pastor should not plan to be there any earlier than noon. Any other arrangements must be approved by both pastors and the SPPRC in advance of the move. It is important that the district office be aware of any changes.

### **TRANSITIONING PASTORS -**

**COMPENSATION** - Pastors that will be transitioning must not receive any more than 1/2 of their salary and funds from the Account Reimbursement amount set aside for 2011. If there is a problem it will need to be worked out before moving.

**MILEAGE FOR 2011:** The IRS issued the following: standard mileage rates effective January 1: 51 cents per mile for business rates; 19 cents per mile for medical or moving purposes; 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

### **NEW TAX LAW IMPACTS**

**CLERGY:** On December 17, 2010, President Obama signed into law H.R. 4853, the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, which will affect every U.S. employer, including churches, and several areas of payroll, tax and benefits administration. What does this mean for churches? The change in the law does not save any money for the church, but it does save

dollars for employees. This 6.2% to 4.2% social security rate change only applies to non-ministerial employees. The change does not apply to the employer (church) FICA tax rate of 6.2%. A church will withhold 4.2% SS tax and 1.45% Medicare tax (total 5.65%) from non-ministerial employees; the church will pay 6.2% SS tax and 1.45% Medicare tax. Clergy are self-employed for SS and will pay less self-employment tax this coming year. The SS portion of self-employment taxes has been reduced for 2011, from 12.4% to 10.4%. If you pay estimated taxes, this amount may reduce your 2011 tax liability. For details: <http://www.ecfa.org/Content/New-Tax-Bill-Will-Impact-Nearly-Every-Church-in-the-U-S>

### **UMVIM HAITI TRIP**

**RESCHEDULED** -Farmville UMC has rescheduled the UVMIM Haiti trip to October 8-15th 2011. If you are interested in travelling with the team or would like to help support this important mission of the UM Church, contact Colleen Meiser [cmeisnp08@gmail.com](mailto:cmeisnp08@gmail.com) or 434-736-2772.

### **TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR!**

Are you confused about how modern technology and ministry work together? Are you curious how young people multi-task and how that fits with sharing the Word of God? The Farmville District invites you to a seminar that answers the questions of technology and ministry. Stanley Hargraves is Registrar for Union Presbyterian Seminary. Clergy and Laity are invited to attend on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 3 PM at the Wesley Foundation. Please let your folks know about this event. The District is interested in spreading the word about technology and ministry in an effort to help our churches. The event is free! Please RSVP with number of attendees to Don Jamison: [donaquila@gmail.com](mailto:donaquila@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

### **FARMVILLE UMC**

1. Young Adult Bible Study: All 20 to 30-somethings are invited to join our Young Adult Bible Study Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning May 5th, we will study "When Christians Get it Wrong" by Adam Hamilton in the youth room (Room 1). Contact Lyndsie Blakely at [LBlakely@farmvilleumc.org](mailto:LBlakely@farmvilleumc.org) for questions or further information.
2. FUSION Gathering: 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm for discipleship and fellowship.
3. FUMC VBS 2011! "Shake It Up Cafe" Registration is now open at [www.farmvilleumc.org](http://www.farmvilleumc.org). VBS is June 27-July 1, 9am-12pm. We can't wait to help your children carry out God's recipe! Children ages 4yrs - 5th grade! Look for the FUMC VBS Team tent at the Heart of Virginia Festival on May 7!! Registration forms will be available!
4. Friendship Club meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 3:30PM in our Fellowship Room. All Special Needs Friends are invited for this Bible Study and Fellowship time!
5. Join us for the 11AM Worship on Mother's Day for a Musical performed by our children's choir. "Amazing Grace" is the title of the Musical and it is sure to be enjoyed by all.
6. The 2nd Saturday of each month FUMC hosts "Sunday School on Saturday" at Brookview at 9:30 in the activities room. All Brookview & Apartment residents are welcome!
7. Do you Knit? Join our group of knitters every Thursday at 3PM in the Holton classroom for "Knit Wits"!
8. Calling all seniors!! Our Senior Adult group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30AM for a program and potluck lunch!!
9. Haiti Mission Trip BBQ dinner fundraiser. May 21, 5-7PM in our social hall. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased here at the FUMC office. "Whom shall I send?"..."Send me Lord". Is he calling you to join the mission team to Haiti this year? We'll be traveling to Haiti October 8-15, 2011. If you are interested in serving on this team, contact Colleen Meiser at [cmeisnp08@gmail.com](mailto:cmeisnp08@gmail.com) or 736.2772.
10. Youth Kings Dominion trip! May 28. \$28.50/ticket. Contact Lyndsie Blakely for more information at [lblakely@farmvilleumc.org](mailto:lblakely@farmvilleumc.org) or 392.4686



**HOW TO GET THE WORD OUT—If the picture above doesn't look familiar, then you have not visited the Farmville District UMC Webpage!**

Things are heating up! Our churches are more active than ever and we need ways to get the word out. Here are some ideas:

Add your events and church events to our Facebook Page: Farmville District.

Sign in to our [umcfarmville.org](http://umcfarmville.org) website and you will be able to post the announcement yourself. It's easy. The page is: <http://umcfarmville.org/news-and-events/local-church-forum/>

You can have folks respond to you by email and you can also subscribe to the page so that you get an email when a new post is added.

Email our web coordinator: [betseydavis@me.com](mailto:betseydavis@me.com) and she will post your church news and events on our [umcfarmville.org](http://umcfarmville.org) website.

**CABINET UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES NEW FAITH COMMUNITY IN AMELIA**

The Holy Spirit is moving in Amelia County. Two years ago in this rural community a tiny band of believers heard the call and opened a mission outreach, the Amelia Thrift Store. Blessings of the Holy Spirit brought diverse people together, over 100 different people by now, to sort and sell donated items and to return every dollar to meet needs in their community. Their faith has grown, their bonds are strong, and now they desire to worship together to celebrate the good works of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

This new faith community plans to build a congregation and begin worship within the building that houses the thrift store. Their greater vision is a new regional facility housing a congregation of 500 in the east end of Amelia on Route 360 near Route 153, Military Highway where commuter traffic is the most robust. They have no doubt that the Spirit who has brought them this far, will lead them on to this exciting future. They see the Amelia Thrift Store as only the starting line of their work in missions and are excited about finding what other missions are awaiting them.

According to District Superintendent Rev. James Tongue, the establishment of a new faith community has historically created excitement and revitalization of the churches in the vicinity of the new plant. Number one is "a strong servant theology" and number two is "a strong mission heart". The most important need of this new missional faith community is to build excitement of serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in service to others through mission outreach.

This missional faith community will be the first new faith community in the Farmville district in over 70 years and will need all of the love and support that our connectionalism as United Methodists can muster. If you desire to be a part, through prayer, gifts, or service, please contact our Farmville District Chair of the Church Development Team, Rev. Mike Davis at 804-304-0256 or [mtdpastor@me.com](mailto:mtdpastor@me.com).

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**THRIFT'S CHAPEL UMC**

Steve and Sharon Lalk will bring their musical talent to Thrift's Chapel UMC. The Lalk's perform throughout the Mid Atlantic and have recorded in Nashville. Come and see them at 7 PM on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thrift's Chapel is located at the corner of Poorhouse and Marshalltown Road in Lunenburg County. Admission is free. Love offering will be taken to offset their cost.

**LAUREL HILL UMC**

Laurel Hill UMC will be hosting True Faith on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. True Faith brings a witness and Christian music to congregations throughout central Virginia. Laurel Hill is located on Blankenship Pond Road off of Kings Road in Lunenburg County. Admission is free. A love offering to cover their costs will be taken. Please come and join us.



**YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT—  
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2011 IN  
LEESBURG, VA**

**For ages 18 (or a high school graduate) to 35.** Because so many of our young women cannot go too far away from home, we are planning a cycle of four years with events in four different places around the state. The first event was last year at VUMAC in Blackstone. The second one will be held in Leesburg (at Leesburg UMC). Women from all the conference are welcome to attend but we are hoping this will give more Northern Virginia women a chance to make the retreat on a Friday evening! Next year we plan to be in the Hampton Roads area and in 2013 we will be in the Lynchburg/Roanoke/Lexington area. Because we are now meeting around the state, registrations must be in by September 1st in order for us to secure housing at a local hotel.

**Registration is needed by September 1. Contact Sue Mayo for forms or visit [vaumw.org](http://vaumw.org) website for form.**

**UMW'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT, May 13-15 VUMAC**  
Registration deadline: May 6, 2011. Scholarships are available for 1st time attendees or Ethnic Minority Women. Contact Sue Mayo, 434-292-5486 for more information. Registration forms will be posted on [vaumw.org](http://vaumw.org) website under **news/events**.

**UMW DAY AT FERRUM  
COLLEGE-JUNE 4**

Registration 9AM—Worship begins at Vaughn Chapel at 9:45AM. Radio Gals will be the play presented this year. Cost for the day is \$15. Make checks out and mail to Ferrum College, UMW Day, 622 Ferrum Mountain Road, Ferrum, VA 24088 (Deadline May 26)

**UMW ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE PRAYER  
BREAKFAST-  
JUNE 18TH, 6:45am**

Sue Mayo has tickets to the annual UMW Prayer Breakfast at Annual Conference. Breakfast cost is \$14.00 and will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport. Please call if you wish a ticket. All sales must be returned to Roanoke by June 3. Scholarships are available for children and adults.

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN  
MISSION  
July 22-24 (weekend)  
July 25-28 (week)**

**ADULT STUDIES:**

- *Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness, and Reconciliation*
- *Haiti: Challenges and Hopes*
- *Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism*

**CHILDREN'S STUDY:**

**YOUTH:**  
*Forgiveness & Reconciliation*  
For registration forms go to [www.vaumw.org](http://www.vaumw.org) website or Sue Mayo, 434-292-5486.

**CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR  
RECEIVES \$3,000 GRANT**

The United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries has awarded a \$3,000 grant to Camp Loud and Clear, a new summer camp for children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing that will be held for the first time July 15-17 at Holiday Lake in Appomattox County. Camp Loud and Clear is supported by the Virginia Conference Common Table and Commission on Disabilities as well as Longwood University and the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. For more information about this camp, contact Dr. Lissa Power-deFur at [powerdefurea@longwood.edu](mailto:powerdefurea@longwood.edu) or (434) 395-2972, (434) 395-2972 or Jennifer Kingsley at [jkingsley@hotmail.com](mailto:jkingsley@hotmail.com) or (434) 391-3679, (434) 391-3679. Camper application can be found at [www.vaumc.org/loudandclear](http://www.vaumc.org/loudandclear)

**United Methodist Family  
Services**

Volunteers needed on May 13 - 10 volunteers needed to help create an event display. Specifically, volunteers will trace and cut out hands using cardstock, pencils and scissors. When: Friday, May 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Where: Walker House, UMFS, 3900 W Broad St. Richmond Why: Volunteer's work will help create an interactive display for the Virginia Annual Conference of United Methodist Churches. This conference helps UMFS raise awareness about how we serve the community to several thousand people each year. Please RSVP to Brenda Foster at (804) 254-9450 or [bfoster@umfs.org](mailto:bfoster@umfs.org).



## FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMM

*“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”*

Greetings to all the men and readers of STAYING IN TOUCH in the Farmville District. The date for this newsletter reminds me that summer is approaching rapidly. As I write this, today’s temperature is to be in the 80s. I am starting to think about my annual vacation to the beach, baseball and picnics. . . WAIT A MINUTE!! I didn’t include UNITED METHODIST MEN in my “thinking” list above.

Do you find this to be true for the United Methodist Men’s chapter in your church? You haven’t been thinking about summer activities for UMM?.....You don’t plan any meetings or communications during the summer months? I hope your answer to these three questions is a loud “NO” followed by a list of ideas/projects/get-togethers/fund raisers, etc., that can best be done during our summer months. For example, how about some of the following:

(1) Have a picnic for all the men in the church/charge. Get together in a more informal manner, get to know one another better, have some good food and good times. Invite some new men to your picnic!

**(2) REMEMBER the REX WOLF ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE MANOR ON JUNE 4!**

What a great time to get some golf teams together to play and others in the church to sponsor you. This has been our major fund raiser for HEART HAVENS and for our District UMM’s operating costs. We raised over \$5000.00 last year. Our goal this year is \$8000.00. *WE CAN NOT DO THIS WITHOUT EVERY CHURCH/CHARGE IN THE DISTRICT HELPING WITH THIS FUND RAISER!! PLEASE HELP.....THERE IS A BIG NEED IN OUR DISTRICT. EVEN IF YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE, DON’T LEAVE YOUR CHURCH OUT OF THIS LOCAL DISTRICT PROJECT; GET A GOLF TEAM TOGETHER (FRIENDS, RELATIVES, YOUTH, WOMEN) OR BE A SPONSOR!!* Call me if you need more information. Read the March-April issue of STAYING IN TOUCH that had more details, or go to our web site and download information, forms, etc. ([www.umcfarmville.org](http://www.umcfarmville.org) click on “community”).

(3) I urge you to have an officers’ meeting, and include some other key individuals in your church/charge, and make some major plans for your long range programs/projects/activities. What are your short term goals? Long term goals? What are some major needs in the church and community that the men can do? Do you have any mission plans? In my public school teaching days, we used to say “*Those who fail to plan, plan to fail!*” Please don’t place your UMM in that category!

In the last issue, I asked you to think about at least 5 positive and exciting ministries/activities/programs in your church/charge/district. I didn’t hear from anyone, so if you didn’t make a list, work on it now. We do have much to be thankful about. PRAISE GOD!

As always, I urge you to join us as we go about the Lord’s work in this District and beyond. We are a CONNECTIONAL CHURCH and together we can do much more than we can alone. Share your ideas. Give us feedback. Keep us informed about your meetings, activities and programs. And please, don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions or wish to share your ideas with the District UMM’s Board.

God bless, Bill Schall, President  
Phone: 434-392-1752; email: [bschall@embarqmail.com](mailto:bschall@embarqmail.com)

### FARMVILLE DISTRICT SCOUTING COORDINATOR

Eric Eberly from Farmville UMC has accepted the position of Scouting Coordinator for the Farmville District.

The following officers were elected at the UMM Annual Meeting on April 19th:

- President: Bill Schall
- Assistant to President: Eric Arthur
- Vice President: Bob Timberlake
- Secretary: Herb Goodman
- Treasurer: Dow Mongold
- Chaplain: Rev. Ed Rigg



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## From "Staying In Touch" Editor.....

Our schedule for submissions to the 2011 newsletter:  
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All articles need to be submitted as you wish them to appear.

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## DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

### MAY

- 1-Technology Seminar, Wesley Fndn, 3PM
- 2-8-UMVIM Edisto Trip
- 5-District Finance Com Mtg, DO, 7PM
- 7-Thrift's Chapel UMC, 7PM, Music Program
- 13-15-UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, VUMAC
- 15-16-Ordering of Ministry, VUMAC
- 19-27-Licensing School
- 21-Farmville UMC, BBQ Dinner, 5-7PM, Benefit Haiti Mission Trip \$12.50pp
- 22-FDPA, Farewell Dinner, Sheldon's, 4PM
- 22-Appointment Announcement Day
- 28- Farmville UMC, King's Dominion Trip

### JUNE

- 4-UMW Day at Ferrum College
- 4-UMM Golf Tournament, 11:30AM
- 5-Annual Conf Orientation, Keysville, 3PM
- 5-Laurel Hill UMC, 7PM, Music Program
- 10-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 11—Gov. McDonnell at VUMAC
- 12-Farewell Gathering for the Tongue', Gables VUMAC, 2-5pm
- 13-14 Holy Rollers—Farmville District

### JUNE Continued -

- 15-19-Annual Conference, Roanoke
- 16-Laity Dinner at Annual Conference
- 18-UMW Prayer Breakfast @ Conference
- 29-Moving Day

### JULY

- 5-FDPA, Welcome Picnic
- 11-8/5-Course of Study, Duke
- 15-17 Camp Loud and Clear, Appomattox
- 22-24-School of Christian Mission, WE, VUMAC
- 25-D-Ordained Ministry, 9AM, District Office
- 25-28-School of Christian Mission, Week, VUMAC

### AUGUST

- 7-UMW Exe Bd, Sheldon's, 9:30AM
- 10-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 14- Farmville UMC, 3PM

Welcome:

Rev. Robert Parks, Jr.—D.S.  
New Churches—Pastors & Laity  
District Stewards' Meeting  
District Conference