

***Asheville District Newsletter – January, 2010***  
***The Reverend Dr. John S. Boggs, District Superintendent***

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***Asheville District Leadership Conference***  
***Rescheduled***  
***Saturday, January 23, 2010***



**Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College**

Directions: 340 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801  
[www.abtech.edu/maps/asheville.asp#directions](http://www.abtech.edu/maps/asheville.asp#directions)

***“Equipping the Church for Ministry”***

*“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets,  
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,  
to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ...”*  
*Ephesians 4:11-12*

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 a.m. Worship Ferguson Auditorium - Ferguson Building  
9:30 Visit Displays/Refreshments  
10:00-12:00 Noon Classes

**COST IS \$7/ADULT**

Pay in the classroom. Correct change appreciated  
Children attend free.

**CASTING THE VISION: AN EQUIPPING MINISTRY LAUNCH FOR A GIFT-BASED LAY MINISTRY** Do 20% of the people do 80% of the work in your church? If so, consider casting a vision for a gift-based lay ministry. We will focus on casting the vision for becoming an equipping church and how to set up an equipping ministry team. Learn about developing a ministry launch consisting of a twelve-week study of spiritual gifts using a preaching series, Sunday school lessons and small group studies. Help your congregation gain knowledge and understanding of spiritual gifts and of their use in ministry. Pastors and one to two key leaders are encouraged to attend. [Rev. Dr. Matthew Burton, Central UMC, Monroe.](#)  
**Ferguson 117**

**HOW TO TURN DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS AROUND IN THE CHURCH FAMILY:** Every church family has its relationships that seem to keep the church from moving forward in mission. The problem is that none of us in the church ever think that we are part of the problem. In family systems we all play our roles. This course will help leaders to look at their churches as family systems, defining the roles and the ways that these difficult relationships can change. Participants are invited to bring one or more church situations that are stalling their church's mission or taking the wind out of the church's or pastor's sails. Discover how conflict can be a catalyst for moving a church forward in mission. *Rev. David Bradley, LMFT, Potter's Touch provider and ordained Presbyterian minister.* **Ferguson 121**

**THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR/STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Explore the role, duties, and responsibilities of the committee in regard to the pastor/staffs leadership and service in the church, charge and community. Look at ways to encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor(s) and staff and their family(s). Participants will have opportunity to raise and discuss concerns of a local nature. *Rev. Dr. Frank Grice, retired pastor and district superintendent.* **Sycamore 201**

**THE POWER OF PURPOSE AS A LAY PERSON IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY:** One of the most important developments in our churches over the past 40 years has been the rise of the ministry of the laity. How can we help foster and expand this energy in our churches? Learn practical strategies and resources you can use for ministry in your community. Learn how to bring together community connections with your church to jointly address identified needs of children and families in the Asheville District. You can connect with others at this session and build your network of contacts. Together we can share successful models of service being used currently by churches and nonprofits. *Cameron Kempson, Director of LightShare and Karen Ballard, Asheville District Lay Leader.* Program focus: Lay leaders, lay speakers and lay members of the UMC. **Elm 214**

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION SESSION WITH TREASURY STAFF:**

1. Accountable Professional Expense Policy for Clergy
2. Conference Website Overview
3. Pension and Health Benefit Invoices
4. Apportionment Remittances Online Statements
5. Open Question and Answer on Conference Finance

*Rev. Bill Wyman, Conference Treasurer.* **Elm 220**

**SOUND AND SPACE: ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP AND LITURGICAL DESIGN -** A conversation between music and the architecture of the worship environment: As I walk through the door, what do I encounter? What engages or disengages me? What do I see, hear, sense, and experience? How does the music draw me in (or push me away)? Where is Christ in all of this? Demonstration and dialogue in worship: designs that invite us and sound that inspires us. *Brewster Ward, Architect, Dr. Melodie Galloway, worship leader, Assistant Professor Choral Conductor/Director of Vocal Studies at UNC-A.* **Ferguson Auditorium**

**THE UMC ASKS US TO RETHINK CHURCH:** Three aspects of RETHINK CHURCH will be discussed: Welcome – In welcome we help participants learn how to see their church. Connect – How we are known in a community depends on how we connect with that community. Identify – Every church in a community has a name. It just might not be the one on the sign. What is your church known for? Identity helps you figure that out, and begin to rethink that identity. Return home with ideas for immediate action and for future development and action. *Rev. Gregg Plott, Warrensville Charge, RETHINK CHURCH Trainer Chair of Commission on Communications for the WNC-Conference.* **Elm 208A**

**CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRIES: REACHING WITHIN TO REACH OUT:** Churches are realizing the need and opportunity for healing and wholeness within their congregations and communities through health ministries. Congregations are in a pivotal position in an emerging faith and health movement to share the love of Christ with those who are hurting, lost, ill, and struggling with life difficulties through congregational health ministries and outreach. Explore the principles and learn how to start a congregational health ministry or outreach in your church. Examples of health ministry's outreach such as

hosting a health screening event, blood pressure checks and other ideas and resources will be shared, along with a brief discussion on models for Parish Nursing. *Cheryl Wallen, BSN, Parish Nurse and Director of LifeMinistries.* **Elm 208-B**

**NO YOUNG PEOPLE? FRUSTRATED? YOU'RE NOT ALONE:** Resources and stories of beginning and sustaining high school youth and young adult ministry in our context. Personal encounters, stories, ideas on how to teach them, keep them, and equip them for new steps in their lives. *Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Groce UMC and Stephen Brown, Director of Youth Ministry, Central UMC.* **Elm 211-A**

**CONNECTING TO OTHER CONGREGATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION AND OTHER MINISTRIES WITH MIDDLE SCHOOLERS & YOUNGER YOUTH WHEN YOUR NUMBERS ARE FEW:** In ministry when we collaborate with others we ultimately strengthen the body of Christ through the effort of reaching out and acknowledging that we are all part of the family of God. This class is an opportunity to engage in discussion with other churches to talk about confirmation and other opportunities for ministry with middle schoolers and younger youth. Round table discussion provides an opportunity for building stronger individual church ministries while planning times to come together for strengthening one another with numbers. Please send a team of 3 or more from your church. *Allison Spruill, Canton Central UMC and Rev. Sallyanne McVay.* **Elm 211-B**

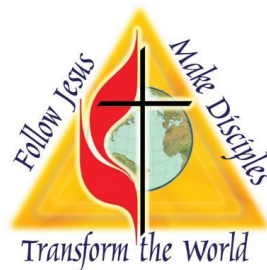
**SPACE – Stay Passionate About Christ Everyday**

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be led through a variety of participatory activities (songs, skits, drama exercises, crafts) that demonstrate that we are to act as aliens (1 Peter 2:11) to this world. Activities led by *Kier Klepzig, Covenant Community.* **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 20, 2010.** CALL KATIE WARREN 254-8564. **Elm 234**

**COME ALONG LITTLE ONES:** Birth-Preschool will experience God's love through Bible stories, music and playful activities led by *Pierce Bingham, Higgins Memorial UMC.* **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 20, 2010.** CALL KATIE WARREN 254-8564. **Parents please provide items for your child's needs.** **Elm 232**

Your District Leadership Conference classes will offer basic methods and ideas for accomplishing your job responsibilities, inspiration for improving or offering new ministries and opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment. THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR **EVERYONE** IN YOUR CHURCH!

For more information, contact Katie Warren, Program Education Consultant  
[kwarren@wnccumc.org](mailto:kwarren@wnccumc.org) - (828) 254-8564 extension 303



**Cokesbury Bookstore Onsite**  
**Visit ministry displays in the lobby of Ferguson Building**

"Free copies of Dr. Robert Tuttle's books. He was a former Asheville District Superintendent. They will be available on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and you may have as many copies as you want. "

# YOUTH LAY SPEAKING CLASSES

## Basic and Advanced



*Faith ...  
Is It  
Worth  
It?*

**Friday, January 29, 2010**

6:30 pm

Biltmore UMC - 376 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803

**Saturday, January 30, 2010**

Depart for Home 4:00 pm

Cost: \$45 - Includes: class, 2 meals, refreshments, books.

*Partial scholarships available if needed.*

*Talk with your pastor or contact*

*Katie Warren at [kwarren@wnccumc.org](mailto:kwarren@wnccumc.org) or 828-254-8564.*

**ADVANCED YOUTH LAY SPEAKING:** Sharing Faith: We will explore who God is in our lives and how God desires us to speak to others about God. We'll build on our personal testimonies & the examples of experienced Christians. We will explore ways to develop a sermon and lead worship to witness to our personal faith using music, film, story-telling, etc. Prerequisite: Basic Lay Speaking. Leader: Amanda Thomas, Midway UMC.

**BASIC YOUTH LAY SPEAKING:** Encourages and provides training for you to claim the minis-tries to which God is calling you and to claim your unique style of ministry. This training event will help you recognize your gifts and talents, and equip you to be a leader for to-day's generation. Leaders: Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Groce UMC, Rev. Michael Flack, Mills River UMC.

### **ADULT LAY SPEAKER'S TRAINING AND REVIEW**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010**

**2:00-4:00 PM AT BILTMORE UMC**

**Adult Lay Speaker's Training** - Rev. Tony Sayer will address lay speakers on the topic "Encountering the Text with Passion" using the Parable of the Hidden Treasure in Matthew 13:44.

**Review** - The Rev. Dr. John Boggs will facilitate a discussion on the assessment of the lay speaking ministry.

**Worship** - led by Youth Lay Speakers

## **2009 YEAR-END STATISTICAL REPORTS**

- The information and instructions for completing the 2009 YEAR END STATISTICAL REPORTS were mailed to all Senior Pastors the last week of December.
- Online reporting will be available after January 15, 2010.
- The deadline for completing these reports online is January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please become familiar with the “Stats Talking Points” provided in the mailing along with the “Worksheet for Table I, Table II and Table III of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.”
- You can now access the 2009 stats database page that has the supplement form on it and a link to the GCFA website.
- The District Office now has wireless, so if you have any problems, bring your laptop and we will be available for training/instruction on Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am–12:00 noon.

## **RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK**

We wanted to let you know of an amazing opportunity we have to move the United Methodist Church one step toward our goal of ensuring persons of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcomed in our churches. On Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm we will have Audrey Krumbach, a representative from the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) here in Asheville to train us on how to share our stories, Believe Out Loud (BOL), and encourage others to action. Afterward, we are going to be hosting a number of house parties around our region to talk about the work we are doing and engage new volunteers in our work for full equality. It will be a time when we can learn new skills, come together to celebrate our work and plan for equality in our region and worldwide for the United Methodist Church. A love offering will be taken at the event to cover expenses. You are invited to join other reconciling Methodist in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Central UMC's Haywood campus, 297 Haywood Street (at the corner of Patton Avenue and Haywood Street) in downtown Asheville. Our snow date is Feb. 13, 2010. Please share this information with others you think might like to participate as this is the only BOL event being offered in Western North Carolina.

Reconciling Ministry Group of Central UMC

## **POVERTY INITIATIVE PHASE 3- GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The deadline for grant applications has been extended to Sunday, January 31 for the Poverty Initiative Phase 3 Celebration. Come join Bishop Goodpaster and members of the Poverty Initiative design team in a celebration for what Western NC Conference churches are doing in ministry to and with the poor. The Celebration will take place on Saturday, February 27 at First UMC, Conover. This is the third in a series of events held as we grapple with our response to the poverty among us.

The main focus of the celebration will be to hear stories of what local churches are doing in ministry to and with the poor. UM Churches across the WNC Conference are invited to apply for \$4000 in grants that will be awarded at the February 27 event. Because of monetary restrictions, only UM churches that are considered rural churches according to The Duke Endowment and/or are in partnership with rural churches according to The Duke Endowment will be eligible to apply for and receive grants. Deadline for grant applications to be submitted has been extended to January 31. Grant applications should be sent to the office of Rev. Dr. James Graves in the Conference office. The deadline for persons to register for this day of celebration is February 15. Registration fee for the event is \$10 (which includes the cost of lunch.)

Put February 27 on your calendar, and plan to join in this great event. Send in your grant application and let us hear the story of your church, and send in your registration and fee to hear the stories of others. To get the grant application, please go to the following link:

<http://www.wnccumc.org/chs/chs-events.htm>.



Cokesbury 2010 Vacation Bible School Preview

Asheville District UMC

**Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010**  
(Snow date Feb. 20 - Saturday)

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Biltmore UMC**

(376 Hendersonville Rd. Asheville, NC 28803)

- Cokesbury bookstore will have VBS materials at [20% discount](#) on materials purchased or ordered that day.
- Props, crafts, music, etc. by Biltmore UMC
- Preview materials. Bring your VBS team.
- Go to [cokesburyvbs.com](http://cokesburyvbs.com) to learn more about **Cokesbury's Galactic Blast ... A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!**
- Call Katie Warren at the District Office, 254-8564, Ext. 303 or email [kwarren@wnccumc.org](mailto:kwarren@wnccumc.org) to register the number from your church.

**“Let  
everything  
that  
breathes  
praise the  
LORD!”**

**Psalm  
150:6**

**Directions:**

Biltmore UMC is at the intersection of I-40 and Hendersonville Road. The church is on the hill. Turn by Huddle House. See complete address above to MapQuest directions from your location.

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
PREACHER'S KID WEEKEND**

**February 19-21, 2010**

All preacher's kids ages 10-18 are invited to come to Camp Carolwood in Lenoir for WNCC's first weekend just for preacher's kids.

This will be a time for you to ...

- ✓ Meet other preacher's kids
- ✓ Ask all your unanswered questions
- ✓ Meet the Bishop
- ✓ Have fun and be yourself
- ✓ Learn things about the church you've never known

Registration Deadline: Feb. 1, 2010.  
Contact the District Office (254-8564) for a registration form that is to be completed and mailed to the Statesville District Office, 941 Thomas Street, Statesville, NC 28677.

Registration confirmation packet will be sent to you with further information. For additional questions: 704.873.6162; [sdumc@wnccumc.org](mailto:sdumc@wnccumc.org)

**CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB**

The new Ministries with Young People catalog is on the Web. This year's edition includes information for and about youth, young adults and adult youth workers, as well as events, registration forms, and more. The catalog may be downloaded as one document or as individual sections. The hardcopy is in production and will be mailed to pastors and youth coordinators. For more information: <http://www.wnccumc.org/yth/catalog.htm>

**"A SONG OF HOPE"  
Worship Festival**

For adult singers, ringers, and organists  
Sponsored by:  
The WNC Chapter of the Fellowship of Music and Worship Arts (FUMMWA)

**February 20, 2010**

St. Luke's UMC, Hickory NC  
9:30 am Registration and  
ends with Worship at 3:30 pm

Clinicians:

Joby Bell: Organ  
Ed Tompkins: Handbells  
David Pegg: Choral

Brochure and more information:

[www.wncfummwa.org](http://www.wncfummwa.org)

**CANDIDACY MENTOR TRAINING**

A Candidacy Mentor training has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-3:00 at the Conference Center**. Persons must be in full connection or local pastors who have completed COS (this would include associate members). RSVP to Jennifer Davis ([Jennifer@jpdavisonline.com](mailto:Jennifer@jpdavisonline.com)) to let her know if you will be attending. The cost of \$10 will be to help cover materials and lunch.

**2009 JOURNAL**

The 2009 Journal is now online at [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org) and published copies have been mailed.

**WNCC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Work on the WNCC Pictorial Directory has been completed by the conference and is now on the way to Olan Mills for production. The completion date has not been announced at this time.

## Two Women from Western North Carolina Conference Commissioned for Mission Service

Two women from the Western North Carolina Conference were commissioned for mission service during a powerful worship service on October 13 in Stamford, Connecticut.

***Cameron Kempson*** (Asheville, NC) was commissioned a Deaconess. Cameron is the Executive Director of LightShare, a nonprofit organization in Asheville that connects generations through educational programming to build community.



***Amanda Thrasher*** (Winston-Salem, NC) was commissioned a US-2. Amanda will be serving at Hagar's House Women's Shelter, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hagar's House is a sanctuary for women in a state of crisis in New Orleans that provides an open and empowering residential community, resource coordination, and a safe space to transition into independent living.



**Read more about the commissioning service below.**

And, if you missed watching the live streaming video broadcast of the service, you can watch the full video at <http://gbgm-umc.org/missionaries/>

**Hold Cameron and Amanda in your prayers** as they begin new stages in their lives of mission service!

### Commissioning for Global Mission Vocations Reaches a Global Methodist Community

*By Elliott Wright, Information Officer for the General Board of Global Ministries  
Stamford, Connecticut, October 13, 2009*

The United Methodist Church formally commissioned 40 persons to mission vocations in a powerful service of celebration and commitment on the night of October 13 in Stamford, Connecticut.

Thirty-one missionaries were blessed and sent, along with seven new deaconesses and two home missioners, who form a special office of mission commitment. They were commissioned in the presence of an on-site congregation of 300 and a worldwide community taking part via a live internet broadcast--the first such occasion for the commissioning of United Methodist missionaries.

[Read the rest of the article](#) on the General Board of Global Ministries website.

## “OFFICIAL WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS RECOGNIZED”



“Welcoming Congregations” is a select group of United Methodist congregations nationwide that meets criteria including embracing newcomers and providing opportunities in discipleship. The recognition program is part of a larger effort launched in late 2000 by UMCCom, the denomination’s communications agency, to use modern technology and the common language of television to spread the Good News of Christ to a world in need.



For the past 8 years, “Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors” has been the theme of the denomination supported with a series of national cable TV advertising, supplemented by regional and local church participation. The overall aim of the effort was to invite people, to enter into connection with the Christian community as they seek meaning and purpose in their lives. The new campaign, Rethink Church, seeks to capitalize on the previous campaign, targeting 18-34 year olds and inviting churches to think of the motto as a verb, not just an adjective as in: “Together we can ... Open hearts, Open minds and Open doors.”

There are 18 churches in the Western North Carolina Conference who have been recognized by United Methodist Communications (UMCom) as official “Welcoming Congregations” Two of those churches are in the Asheville District: **Weaverville UMC and Piney Mountain UMC.**

***On May 23, 2008, the Igniting Ministry Team at United Methodist Communications recognized WEAVERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND REV. LINDA KELLY as an official “Welcoming Congregation” for 2008!***

***On Sept. 23, 2009, the Igniting Ministry Team at United Methodist Communications recognized PINEY MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND REV. ADAM VERNON as an official “Welcoming Congregation” for 2009!***

### **BECOME A WELCOMING CONGREGATION!**

United Methodist Communications offers a variety of resources to help local congregations welcome and show hospitality to all. You can become a certified welcoming congregation by fulfilling certain criteria. Not only does it recognize your efforts in hospitality, it will enable your church to more effectively reach seekers.

For more information, go to the Conference website:  
<http://www.wnccumc.org/com/RethinkChurch.htm>.

Rev. Larry Hollon is the agency’s top staff executive. More information is available from the agency’s Web site at [www.rethinkchurch.org](http://www.rethinkchurch.org) or by calling toll free **(877) 281-6535**.

**2010 SEJANAM  
ANNUAL MINISTERS' RETREAT**  
February 18-20, 2010 at Lake Junaluska

Come and join SEJANAM on its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ministers' and Laity Retreat. Theme is "A World in Need of Prayer." The Native American Ministers' Retreat will provide a unique opportunity and environment for education and guidance on deepening one's understanding of what is the purpose of prayer, to further heighten awareness and understand the impact and belief in the power of prayer from a holistic perspective, offer ways to better build up and strengthen one's prayer life for healing, understand how to pray in a manner which will accomplish God's will and build up and expand the leadership skills and abilities of our women, men and young adults as Christian leaders.

Registration: \$85 (does not include meals and lodging). Contact Darlene Jacobs, Director, at 828.454.6724 or [djacobs@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:djacobs@lakejunaluska.com).

**Hinton Rural Life Center  
Presents  
The Small Membership Church:  
Keys to Effective Ministry**  
*A vital workshop for pastors and laity*



Ron & Bonnie Crandall  
& the Executive Secretary of  
Rural/Urban Networks of GBGM

February 22-24, 2010  
*All registrations due by February 8, 2010*

Scholarships are available through a Duke Endowment grant for pastors and laity within the WNC/NC Conferences. For information, contact Lyle Shipley at 828-389-8336 or [lyle@hintoncenter.org](mailto:lyle@hintoncenter.org).

**DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE  
EQUIPPING THE CHURCH FOR  
MINISTRY**

**FRIDAY PM, MARCH 5TH AND  
SATURDAY AM, MARCH 6, 2010**  
**SKYLAND UMC**  
**\$10 PER PERSON**

**LEADERS: DR. MATTHEW BURTON &  
EQUIPPING MINISTRY COLLEAGUES:  
ELIZABETH WOURMS, CONNIE WILSON  
AND ROBERT CREECH**

**JOIN US  
AT THE DOWNTOWN WELCOME TABLE!**

An exciting new ministry called the "Downtown Welcome Table" is being organized at the Haywood Street Campus. The focus of the ministry is "to share the Love of Christ with Heart of the Community". This outreach ministry to the homeless of Asheville will provide meals on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month, but all are encouraged to come. We envision the meals as a reflection of the entire downtown population. As Rev. Combs of the Asheville Mission Church has said, "And breaking bread with Creator and created has always been the starting pace for Christian intimacy" (Please note that the wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday meal will remain in place.). The meal will be followed by a 12:30 Eucharist service. Using the model of "Welcome Tables" already established in the community, we plan to start with soup and salad in February. To be successful, we need many male and female volunteers are needed. Jobs range from ordering and purchasing food supplies, to prep work and cooking, to serving and cleaning up. This is an opportunity to watch and experience a project as it grows from an idea into a realization. We welcome you to find your place! If you are interested in working on this project, contact Rev. Brian Combs: [rev.briancombs@gmail.com](mailto:rev.briancombs@gmail.com) or 246-4250; Shelly Arnold: 299-8528 or [sasa651@charter.net](mailto:sasa651@charter.net); or Amy Gaston: 253-5188 or [amy@jggaston.com](mailto:amy@jggaston.com).

**TWO NEW MISSION RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR THE LOCAL CHURCHES**

1. "Missions' Alive – WIRED" – We have an interactive Newsletter available at <http://sites.google.com/a/wnccumcmail.org/wncc-missions/>. Persons may submit their comments onto the page. As districts and local churches perform mission possibilities they may submit these to me or one of the collaborators (to be named by February). The page will be updated as new materials are sent into the missions' office or to one of our collaborators. It will also be part of my signature on emails.
2. "Go: A Passport to Southeast Asia" – This is a DVD/CD Vacation Bible School curriculum written by members of the Western North Carolina Conference studying the United Methodist Church work in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. It will be available for review at the District Leadership Conferences and available for purchase. Those interested in purchase should contact Laura Diviney ([ldiviney@wnccumc.org](mailto:ldiviney@wnccumc.org)) at the Conference Memorial Center! We will ask a volunteer to take on this activity by February. The series may be used in addition to or in place of other Vacation Bible School curriculums. It will also be available for preview at several District Leadership Conferences (DLCs) January 2010 and there will be a couple of previews available in the Spring.

The cost will be \$20.00 covering our cost of producing the material and providing funds for the next edition – Africa – to be made available for the 2012 VBS.

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**MT. SHEPHERD RETREAT CENTER  
OFFERS**

**"A WEEK OF HOPE MISSION CAMP"  
FOR AGES 11-17**

**July 4-10, 2010**

*"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only."  
James 1:22*

A week of hard work is an opportunity  
to put faith into action!!

Each day youth will work inside and outside homes of the poor and churches in central North Carolina. At camp youth and counselors will have fun on the "Wet Willie" waterslide!

**Goals:**

- To instill the value of Christian service
- To complete projects that will improve the lives of others
- To learn the proper use of tools
- To learn to work together toward a common purpose
- To have fun and make new friends!

**Deans:**

- Dr. Ed Trimmer, Dean of Religion, Huntingdon College, Montgomery Alabama
- Rev. Kent Shrader, CCD, Director, Mount Shepherd Retreat Center

This life-changing week of service is sponsored by:

- The Duffy Institute of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, and
- Mount Shepherd Retreat Center.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to register: \$300/person.

For registration information contact:

- Rev. Kent Shrader, CCD
- 336-629-4085
- [mtsheph@asheboro.com](mailto:mtsheph@asheboro.com), or
- [www.mtshepherd.org](http://www.mtshepherd.org)

## JANUARY 2010

- Jan. 14 (Thurs) – Congregational Development Task Force, District Office – 9am
- Jan. 15-30 – Year-End Statistics can be entered online at [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org)
- Jan. 18 (Mon) – District Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 21 (Thurs) – Training/Instruction for Year-End Statistical Information – District Office – 10 am
- Jan. 23 (Sat) – District Leadership Conference, AB Tech – 9 am–12 Noon
- Jan. 29-30 (Fri-Sat) – Youth Lay Speaking for High School Youth, Biltmore UMC
- Jan. 30 (Sat) - Adult Lay Speaker's Training & Review with Worship led by Youth Lay Speakers, Biltmore UMC – 2-4 pm
- Jan. 30 (Sat) – Reconciling Ministries, Haywood Street Campus: 9am-5pm

## FEBRUARY 2010

- Feb. 2 (Tues) – Mission to Ministers, Myers Park UMC, Charlotte
- Feb. 6 (Sat) – Vacation Bible School Preview, Biltmore UMC – 10am - Receive a 20% Cokesbury Discount on materials purchased or ordered that day.
- Feb. 9 (Tues) – Asheville District Clergy Meeting – Covenant Community UMC – 9:30-12 Noon
- Feb. 17 (Wed) – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 18 (Thurs) – District Board of Trustees – District Office – 3-5pm
- Feb. 19-21 (Fri-Sun) - WNC Preacher's Kid Weekend, Camp Carolwood
- Feb. 23 (Tues) – Candidacy Mentor Training, WNCC Memorial Center – 10am-3pm

## MARCH 2010

- March 5-6 (Fri pm and Sat am) - District Spring Conference, Equipping the Church for Ministry, Skyland UMC. Leaders: Dr. Matthew Burton and equipping ministry colleagues—Elizabeth Wourms, Connie Wilson and Robert Creech; Cost is \$10 per person.
- March 8 (Mon) – Potter's Touch Board Meeting, Asheville District Office – 2pm
- March 13 (Sat) - Bishop's Confirmation Celebration, Brevard College, Brevard
- March 13 (Sat) – United Methodist Women's District Executive Committee Meeting
- March 27 (Sat) – United Methodist Women's Prayer Breakfast (Location TBA)
- March 28 (Sun) – Palm Sunday

## APRIL 2010

- April 2 (Fri) – Asheville District Office Closed - Good Friday
- April 4 (Sun) - Easter
- April 9-11 (Fri-Sun) - Kaleidoscope Middle School Youth Retreat - Camp Tekoa, Hendersonville; (Registration Deadline, March 26)
- April 15 (Thurs) – District Board of Trustees - District Office – 3-5 pm
- April 16-18 (Fri-Sun) - Clergy Spouses Retreat, Catholic Retreat Center, Hickory
- April 24 (Sat) – Asheville District United Methodist Women District Mission Study (Location TBA)

## JUNE 2010

- June 5 (Sat) – Conference-Wide Impact Community Event
- June 11-13 (Fri-Sun) –The 2010 WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, will be held Friday-Sunday, with the clergy session being held on the night of Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

