



The Leadership Log

Newsletter of the Petersburg District
August 2008

Let's get growing: more people, more young people, more diverse people, all for Jesus!



Conference Director of Lay Speaking Selected



David Talley has been named Director of Lay Speaking by Conference Lay Leader Shirley Cauffman. Mr. Talley has been a member of The United Methodist Church for more than 60 years. He has served in the church as Chair of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Church Council, Bible Study Leader, Lay Leader, Certified Lay Speaker and in many other positions. He has served the Petersburg District as District Director of Lay Speaking and as a committee member. He has served as Teller for the Virginia Annual Conference for eight

years and was Head Lay Teller in 2007.

Dave currently serves the Heart of Virginia Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the Executive Committee and the Executive Board and as Vice President for Program and as a Council Officer. He has served as Council Commissioner, District Chairman, District Commissioner, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and in many other Scouting positions. He is the Acting State Coordinator and Chief Trainer with the AARP Driver Safety Program. He has been a Certified Instructor for more than 14 years. Dave retired from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service as General Manager in 1992. We welcome Dave to this position and look forward to his leadership. *(Reprinted from the "Laity E-News of the Virginia Conference The United Methodist Church, July 2008 edition available from www.vaumc.org.)*

PAUMCS Fall Event

The Virginia Chapter Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) will hold their Fall Event, *Experience Your Conference Connection 2008*, on Wednesday, October 22 at the Virginia United Methodist Conference Center in Glen Allen. Linda S. Rhodes, the Virginia Conference's director of



Communications, will lead sessions on Igniting Ministry and Effective Communications for church secretaries.

The event is open to all church administrative staff, full-time, part-time, paid and volunteer, including but not limited to administrative assistants, financial secretaries, office managers and newsletter editors. Participants are welcome to join the conference staff before the event begins for a 9 a.m. worship service in the chapel. Event registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the registration fee of \$20 for Virginia Chapter PAUMCS members and \$30 for non-members. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for knowledge and networking. A registration brochure is available at <www.vaumc.org> or call 521-1124 for more information.

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LAY LEADER'S CORNER

I am a list maker. Grocery lists, lists of things to do, lists of things to make for the bake sale, lists of the errands I have to do, and so on. I find that the older I get, the more I rely on those lists – either for memory or for organization – but I need those lists. Recently, I went to the grocery store – minus my list – and found myself in the middle of an aisle with a deer in the headlights look on my face. A stocker asked if I needed help and I told him I had come without my list. He shook his head and said, “You’re in trouble.” I was.

We have a more important to-do list, one that God made up for us. It consists of:

Loving the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength

Loving our neighbor

Feeding the hungry

Giving water to the thirsty

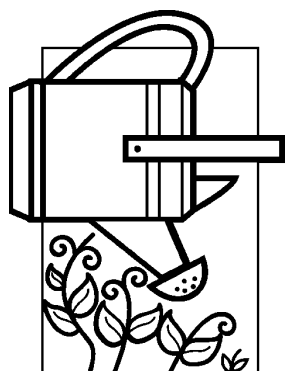
Giving shelter to the homeless

Clothing the naked

Visiting the sick and the imprisoned

Trusting in God

Obedying God



a word of
witness

This is a better list than any I have done yet.....and I'm working on it!

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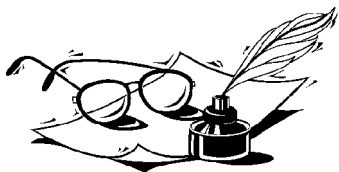
Music of the Heart and Soul - A Trip to Remember

On July 16, 2010, come travel to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany. Performed every ten years since 1634, this is a wonderful opportunity that doesn't happen every day. Cities visited are Berlin, Wittenburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbrook, Munich, and Oberammergau. Come experience Wagner, Bach, Hayden, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, and Strauss. Concerts are available almost every night. Trip includes round trip airfare, deluxe motor coach transportation, full daily breakfast and dinner, plus lunch on the day of the drama, guided sightseeing & entrance fees, overnight in Oberammergau, guaranteed Passion Play ticket, & first class accommodations. For a brochure, contact Cynthia Corley at 804 748-2439 or trinityrev@trinity-umc.com.



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Dear Friends,



During the past twenty-four hours the Rev. Donna Mott, our Petersburg District Mission Coordinator,

and I participated in the Virginia Conference training event for mission outreach at VUMAC. I am privileged to serve as the Cabinet representative to this terrific working group of mission leaders, whose purpose is to be available to our local churches to help each church be fully functioning and faithful in “risk-taking mission and service” (one of the five practices of fruitful congregations, according to Bishop Robert Schnaze).

One of the important things we learned is that the General Board of Global Ministries has set four goals of mission, which are as follows:

- 1) **MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST:** We will witness by word and deed among those who haven’t heard or heeded the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will initiate, facilitate, and support the creation and development of communities of faith that see, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ and challenge them to Christian discipleship. Where direct proclamation is not permitted, a caring presence becomes the means of Christian witness.
- 2) **STRENGTHEN, DEVELOP, AND RENEW CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES:** We will work with mission partners in common growth and development of spiritual life, worship, witness, and service.
- 3) **ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING:** We will help initiate, strengthen, and support ministries to the spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs of people.
- 4) **SEEK JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND PEACE:** We will participate with people oppressed by unjust economic, political, and social systems in programs that seek to build just, free, and peaceful societies.

There is a lot packed into these goals, the implications of which may not be fully recognized at first. Our goal is to be working throughout the year to develop the ministries within our churches

that will clearly address these GBGM goals. Your District Mission Coordinator and your District United Methodist Women’s Mission Education Interpreter (Ms. Kay Clary) have tremendous resources at their fingertips to help our churches accomplish these goals. Call on them for ways of engaging these resources, many of which are on the Virginia Conference website:

www.vaumc.org/Mission. Another invaluable resource is the 2008-9 *Mission Opportunities for Local Churches in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church* booklet prepared for our churches by the Mission Office. It has information on every mission outreach of the Virginia Conference and is available in the Conference Mission Office or the Petersburg District Office.

Remember that our primary emphasis is the local church, but our vision is never limited just to own neighborhood, nor do we work independently. We are a connectional church and we must ever be cognizant that we are globally connected. When people suffer from violence, hunger, homelessness, lack of job or educational opportunity close to home or as far away as Sudan, (or a host of other troubled nations), we feel it. When racism and gender injustice get in the way of human beings reaching their full potential, we are all diminished. When fear and misunderstanding harden attitudes, we all are victimized.

Friends, in the powerful and loving name of Jesus we are to stand against all that hurts humanity and the created order of which we are a part, and we are to stand for those things that bring wholeness. We know these things in our hearts. The challenge always is to put them into action.

We will be engaging in **RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE** when we faithfully live into these four goals. Let’s do it together as a district and be on watch for God’s faithfulness in bringing forth fruitfulness that lasts.

Grace and peace,
Jack Martin
Petersburg DS

Our work is to develop the desire and the skills to cross the boundaries that keep us apart from our neighbors. We want to learn the songs of faith and teach them to our children, songs that speak of love,

inclusiveness, a world without fear, and the ways of peace.

Petersburg District Goes Back to Mississippi

Did you know that many of the denominations have pulled out of Mississippi? Did you know that in May of this year Samaritan's Purse pulled out and in the fall the Red Cross and Salvation Army will be gone? It looks like the United Methodists will be the "last man standing" to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina complete their reconstruction. The Petersburg District made a commitment to be there for these people and we still are going. This October there will be another team from the District, lead by Larry Cortright, who will go to Camp Hope in Van Cleave, MS and do what we can to put lives back together. We need YOU to be a part of this team. The dates are October 12-18 and the cost is \$115 for room, board, insurance and T-shirt. We need people of all skill levels to help in many ways. Please pray about this and support our District in their mission work.

Registration will be handled by Arlene Dunkum and you can e-mail her at adunkum@comcast.net or call 804-379-2444 or cell (804)396-0199. Her address is 14922 Watermill Lake Trail, Midlothian, VA 23112. She would be glad to e-mail you the registration forms or send them by mail. Please include your T-shirt size with your registration information.

The people of Mississippi are so grateful for all that Virginia and other states have done for them. Don't let them down now. Register!

2009 Haiti Volunteers in Mission Work Team Now Scheduled

Plans are in place for the 2009 outreach to Haiti, January 30 - February 8. The team will travel to Torbeck, Haiti, where the team will work in partnership with Haitian builders to complete construction of the Torbeck Methodist School. Over the past three years we have been involved in the building of classrooms in this small rural

village. Now we will construct a kitchen and office.

The kitchen will make it possible for the children to be fed a nutritious meal each day. The office will provide an administrative and storage space for the teachers.

The school presently serves about 100 children and is staffed by two teachers. It is located in a remote area about an hour's drive from the city of Jeremie, a beautiful seaside community. The village of Torbeck lies in an unspoiled sub-tropical region, rich in vegetation including mangoes, coconuts, and vegetables. The team will see life in the village up close and will experience extraordinary hospitality from people who are deeply grateful to have a school for their children close at hand.

The team will stay in a comfortable Methodist guesthouse in Jeremie and ride on a very rough road to the worksite each day. While we need some persons on the team with carpentry and masonry skills, there is plenty of work for non-skilled workers. We also plan to offer a Bible school for the children during our visit, so persons with teaching or musical skills are welcome. Good physical health is essential, plus the willingness to serve as Christ's ambassador of Christian love throughout the mission experience.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,350. This includes: roundtrip airfare to Haiti from Richmond and one RT in-country flight (Port-au-Prince/Jeremie); room and board; UMVIM, SEJ coordination fee and \$25,000 insurance with Medivac provision. The Petersburg District will be working in partnership with Morehead UMC in Greensboro, NC and Annandale UMC to raise approximately \$16,000 in construction funds. A portion of these funds will be shared with the Duplan Methodist School near Port-au-Prince, where our team worked last year. We are also working at Torbeck in a cooperative venture with the Rotary Club to install a 30,000 cistern and a pipeline to bring potable water to the school and community.

Application forms are available from the Petersburg District Office and will be sent on



request. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2009. For further information, please call Dr. Jack Martin: 804/732-2538.



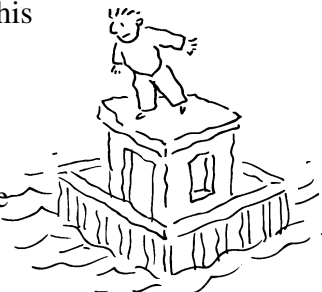
MISSIONS CORNER

Great Mission Website

To help youth become active in God's mission the Mission Office of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church encourages you to visit the updated youth mission opportunities website at <http://vaumc.org/repository/2008MissionWeb/FinalSite/Home.htm>. We hope this site will be useful to both adults and youth to help connect youth to mission opportunities, searching by location (by district or state), age, price, and length of service. For more information, contact at the conference office, Ryan Schaeffer, Mission Intern, Virginia Conference of the UMC, www.vaumc.org/mission.

Emergency Need The Mid-West Needs Money for Flood Buckets

Due to the flooding in the Mid-West ~ Flood Buckets are in Great Demand!! However, due to the immediate need the most useful way of helping is by sending money to enable UMCOR to purchase the needed supplies to provide flood buckets for the area. Collection and shipping will take so long, it will not be as beneficial to this crisis. So please send your monetary gifts to the Virginia Conference Treasurer's Office earmarked: "UMCOR Material Resources ~ Advance # 901440". If you have any



questions, please contact the District Office at 804-732-2538.

Children's Mission Camp Opportunity



At Westview on the James, September 19-21, 3rd-5th graders will jump into action in the Goochland community; play some great games; learn more about each other and more about how faith calls us into action. Beanie Kelly & Ann Mahurin, Children's Ministries Directors of Shady Grove and River Road UMC will join us for Bible Study and Worship. This is our third year of this growing ministry. Children will enjoy meeting other children who are ready to reach out into the world! Contact Cat Holbert Rudys, Assistant Director, in the camp office at 804-457-4210 or via email at wvretreats@hughes.net for more questions. Register now to ensure you & your children can be a part of this great weekend. Find a brochure on our website at www.westviewonthejames.org.

All in the Family

Our Congratulations are expressed to the **Rev. & Mrs. Henry Riley**, serving Centenary UMC in Chesterfield, who celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on July 5th!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Rev. Tom Brown**, pastor of Ivey Memorial; the **Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud**, pastor of Sycamore UMC; and **Mr. Jim Mott**, husband of the Rev. Donna Mott (recently retired), all three of whom are recovering from surgery. May God's healing touch



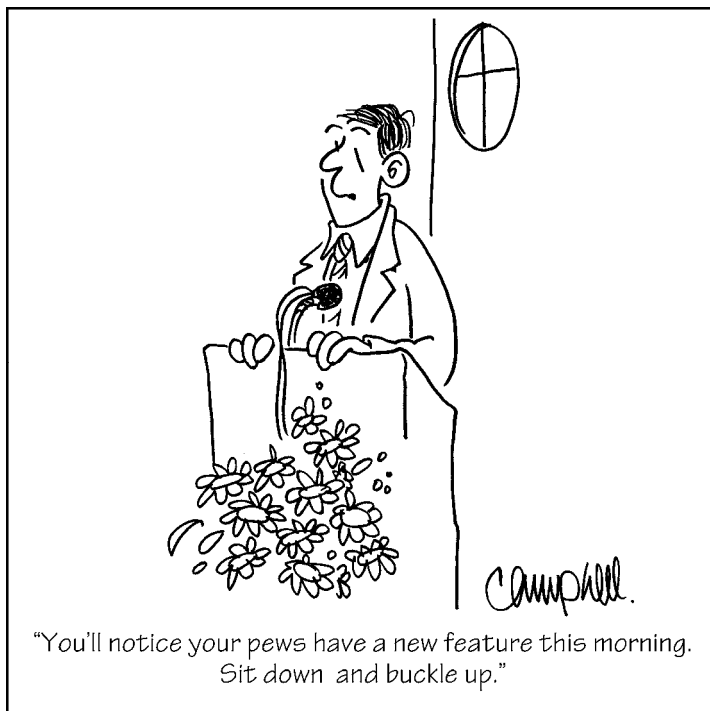
be upon them!



Learn more about the plan to accomplish the goal of starting 250 new faith communities in the next 30 years at this fall's District Conference. Marc Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries and the 250 Task Force Chair, will be the keynote speaker.

The Brethren, a sixteen voice men's professional chorus, will sing several selections throughout the worship experience of the afternoon.

Plan now to attend September 21, at 3:00 p.m. at Chester UMC.



Dr. James "Mickey" Efird Will Speak About the Book of Revelation

Dr. Mickey Efird, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Duke Divinity School, will speak about the Book of Revelation in Richmond, October 26 – 27. Dr. Efird is an ordained Presbyterian minister, author of over 14 books and 60 articles, as well as a popular Bible teacher through his Carolina Broadcasting Company video series. The lectures are free and open to the public. One half CEU credit may be earned for attendance.

Dr. Efird's topics include:

- *Apocalyptic Thought and Literature: How to Interpret Revelation and Daniel*
- *Does Revelation Talk About an Antichrist? A Look at Revelation 12-14*
- *Does Revelation Talk About an Earthly Millennial Kingdom? A Look at Revelation 20*

Contacts and Locations:

Trinity U. Methodist Church, 903 Forest Ave.,
Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 288-6056,
www.trinityumc.net (click on Dillard Forum 2008).
Please phone if you'll need childcare.

Union-PSCE, Lingle Hall, 3406 Brook Rd.,
Richmond, Va., (804) 278-4383.



Guidance from Wesley

John Wesley (1703-1791) offered the following "Rules of Conduct" for Christians:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Safe Sanctuaries Training Events Fall 2008 and Winter 2009

This is a program to help make our churches and their programs safer and more welcoming to children. The training is for anyone who works with children or youth in your church.

Where are the training events?

Participants choose one of these dates and locations:

Basic Training

September 20 Greene Memorial UMC
402 2nd Street SW, Roanoke

March 14 United Methodist Center
10330 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen

Advanced Training

November 15 Crenshaw UMC
200 Church Street, Blackstone

March 21 Williamsburg UMC
500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (registration begins at 9:30 a.m.)
\$25 per person includes lunch and resources
0.5 CEU available

How do I register?

You may register online at www.vaumc.org — click on “Events” and the date you wish to attend. Or you may register by mail.

For more information contact Ann Davis, Director of Children’s Ministries and Discipleship, at 1-800-768-6040 ext.138 or 804-521-1138 or email AnnDavis@vaumc.org.



THANKS to Our VBS Volunteers!

Calling all Lay Speakers

The next Petersburg District Lay Speaker Training is planned for September 26 & 27 at Oak Grove UMC. It will be held Friday 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Both Basic and Advanced courses available. The Advanced course is “Lay Speakers are Servant Leaders” based on *Faithful Leadership* by Thomas Hawkins. The book is included with paid registration. For more information or to register by September 15, contact either Dave Talley, District Director, at either vachieftrainer@comcast.net or talleydwt@aol.com, or the District Office.



Featuring Jim McClung

Salem Church at 19312 Templeton Road, Carson, Virginia, is having a revival on August 24th, 25th, and 26th (Sun-Tues) at 7 p.m. with Jim McClung as the speaker. They invite you to join them for this time of spiritual renewal!

Check out the newest Igniting Ministry training!

Who should attend?

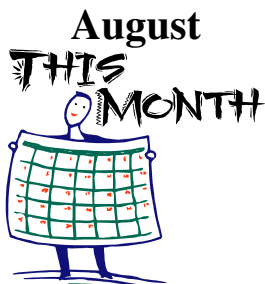
Pastors, church leaders, laypersons — Anyone who wants to develop a more welcoming lifestyle — inside and outside the church.

Whether you’re new to Igniting Ministry, or have been involved since the beginning, there is something valuable for you at this event.

Register online at www.vaumc.org OR Call 1-800-768-6040, ext. 110 and give Peggy Cribbs your credit card information.

Registration deadline is Friday, *September 12*.

District Calendar



- Tuesday, August 5 Dist. Nominations Facilitation Committee ~ Dist Office ~ 10:30 am
- Tuesday, August 5 Board of Directors for Board of Missions ~ Dist Office ~ 7:00 pm
- Monday, August 11 **DISTRICT STEWARDS / CHARGE CONFERENCE SET UP at Blandford UMC ~ 7:00 pm**
- Monday, August 18 Newsletter Deadline

September



- September 9 Board of Directors for Bd of Missions ~ Dist Office ~ 7:00 pm
- September 15-18 Cabinet Meeting ~ Glen Allen
- September 15 District Common Table ~ District Office ~ 7:30 pm
- September 15 Newsletter Deadline
- September 21 **DISTRICT CONFERENCE ~ Chester UMC ~ 3:00 pm**
- September 26-27 District Lay Speaker Training ~ Oak Grove UMC

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