

Greenville District News

FEBRUARY 2011

From the District Superintendent

I am sure that many of us enjoyed the unexpected days off due to the snow which we endured last month. If you are similar to me, after a couple of days we were ready for it to disappear in order that we might resume our normal schedule. However, we simply had to endure and make the most of this gift of time.

The month of January is always quite busy. As we reflect upon what was accomplished during the past year, we are at the same time moving forward with activities for the new year. I trust that by now all of you have turned in your Tables I, II and III. The deadline for these was extended until January 21. Please be reminded to read all emails that you might receive from Renita Owens as she reviews these reports. As you completed the reports, were you satisfied with the numbers of persons who committed themselves to Jesus Christ through the ministry of your church? Have you established goals for making new disciples of Christ during 2011?

The final report of apportionments paid for 2010 is now available. As a Conference, we paid 83.2% as compared to 83.7% in 2009; the Greenville District is listed number six out of twelve Districts. We paid 81.2%.

Thanks for what you contributed and for what you will do this year. It would be great if all Districts were able to follow the example of one District who paid 98.9%. The following forty churches within the District paid 100%:

Advent	Grace, Greer	Mountain View
Antioch	Grace, Woodruff	Owings
Augusta Road	Gray Court	Piedmont Park
Berea Friendship	Green Pond	Salem
Bethel, Simpsonville	Jackson Grove	Sharon
Bethel, West Greenville	John Wesley	Shiloh
Brandon	Laurel Creek	Simpsonville
Buncombe Street	Laurens Road	Slater
Christ	Liberty Hill	St. John, Greenville
Covenant	Mauldin	St. Matthew, Greenville
Dacusville	McBee Chapel	St. Paul, Greenville
Ebenezer	Minus Chapel	Trinity, Gray Court
Faith	Monaghan	Wesley Chapel
Few's Chapel		

Again this year I encourage churches to provide the expense for the spouse of your clergy to attend the Spouse's Retreat which is scheduled for March 4-6 at Palm Key.

Please know that you are in my prayers.

Charles L. Johnson

February

- 5 VBS Workshop, Mauldin UMC, 9am-12 noon
- 8-10 Conf Bd Ordained Ministry, The Oaks, Orangeburg
- 11-13 Revolution—Youth Event, Metro Convention Center, Columbia
- 14 Dist Comm on Ordained Ministry, District Office, 9am
- 15-16 Cabinet Meeting, UM Center
- 18 Dist. Clergy-Spouse Fellowship, Mountain View UMC, 6525 Mountain View Rd, Taylors, 6:30pm
- 21-26 African American DS & BMCR, New Orleans, LA
- 25 Deadline for articles for March Greenville District Newsletter
- 26-27 Lay Speaking Course, "Understanding Men's Ministry," Aldersgate UMC, 7 Shannon Dr., Greenville, Sat. 8:30am-4pm & Sun. 1:30-4pm

Mileage Rate Reminder

The IRS has announced that as of January 1, 2011 the reimbursement rate will be 51 cents per mile.

"Understanding Men's Ministry:" A New Lay Speaking Ministry Course

February 26-27, 2011

The Greenville District United Methodist Men are proud to host a new Lay Speaking Course focused on men's ministry. Lay Speakers will receive credit for an advanced course upon completion, but you do not have to be a Lay Speaker to attend. The course will be conducted by GD's Bill Smith, past president SCC UMMen and vice president of SEJ UMM Conference Presidents.



Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 7 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615

Schedule: (Space is limited to 30 attendees so sign up early)

- Saturday 8:30am–4pm (lunch provided)
- Sunday 1:30–4pm

Cost: \$40 per person, includes materials, refreshments, lunch on Saturday.

RSVP: Greenville District UMC Office at 864-233-3611, 213 College St., Greenville, SC 29601

District Lay Leader Corner

My sincere thanks to those who attended or led sessions for the District Leadership Workshops held recently. We had one of our largest turnouts!

As I reflected on the great discussion

that took place at the Workshops, I was reminded of the questions John Wesley would ask his followers:

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

These are three of Wesley's historic questions for leaders that really put us all on the spot. It's one thing to be asked, "Are you going on to perfection?" It's quite another thing to say you "expect to be made perfect in love in this life."

Really? Is that really possible? John Wesley certainly thought so. He recorded many times in his journal meeting people in Methodist societies across Britain whom he believed were "perfected in love." How did he determine if someone was "perfect," or a "grown up, mature" disciple of Jesus Christ? Simply put, Wesley looked for a sincere faith in Christ, habitual practice of the means of grace (works of piety and works of mercy), the presence of "holy tempers" in our life.

Such "fruit of the Spirit" as Paul called them are a reflection of the character of Christ himself. Wesley believed it was fair and appropriate to ask those seeking leadership roles in the Methodist movement if they expected to be made perfect in love in this life. After all, if you are going to help people in the process that increases faith, confirms hope, and perfects them in love, then you need to have walked that path yourself. I trust we all continue to strive to be "perfect in love in this life" and grow daily closer to God.

I welcome any suggestions or comments on ways to make our laity stronger and more effective in the Greenville district. Contact me via email: bware@greenvilleumc.org.

I am honored to serve the laity of the Greenville District!

God's peace and grace to you,

Barbara Ware
Greenville District Lay
Leader

Extreme Makeover

Would you like an Extreme Makeover for your church youth room?

To enter, you must make a one-page story or video telling us why your church needs a makeover

The work will be done on Wednesday April 20.

Deadline to have your story or video in is March 4.

Mail to:

Extreme Youth Makeover
Attn. John Fahrney
200 Buncombe St.
Greenville, SC 29601

Rules:

You must have a room that is used for Youth Ministry.

Must understand that room will have a very teenage look.

Must have bathroom nearby.

Must have a sink (for cleaning paint brushes) and trash can.



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**The Upper Room Living
Prayer Center**

Happenings in Our Churches

Order of St. Luke the Physician

A chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL), a ministry of healing and prayer, was chartered at Mauldin UMC this spring. OSL is an interdenominational order that is devoted to work within the church in the understanding of healing of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional distress. We offer Bible studies, training events, and monthly prayer and healing services. Rev. Gareth Scott leads the Prayer and

Healing Services on the third Monday of each month at Mauldin UMC. Mrs. Sue Kanipe is the convener for this ministry and you may contact her at her cell phone, 864-360-9686, if you have questions or are interested in this ministry.

Local Missionaries

The Dunlap family—Stephen, Jean, Jordan and Davis, members of Mauldin United Methodist Church—have been commissioned by The Mission Society as missionaries. They will be going to serve in the country of

Jordan. Their focus will be on making relationships with people so that they can share Christ's love and show and demonstrate what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The Dunlaps are in the process of raising the funds they need before they can depart for Jordan. If you would like to learn more about their mission, have them speak at a church group, or would like to provide support to their family, please contact Jean or Stephen at 864-458-9412, or email them at jsdunlap@hotmail.com.

"Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60"

One-Day Seminar With Book Co-Author Eddie Hammett

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, clergy and laity of South Carolina's Annual Conference will have an opportunity to dialogue with Eddie Hammett, co-author of *Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60*. Mr. Hammett will lead a one-day practical solution seminar, based on the book he co-authored, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 750 Moss Street in Bowman, South Carolina. The seminar is scheduled to begin at 8:30am.

All interested persons should contact the Reverend Leonard Huggins, Jr. at 803-829-1566. There is a \$10 registration fee for this seminar, and lunch will be included. Mail your registration fee as soon as possible to reserve a seat for this very important seminar. Along with being a great author, Mr. Hammett is an excellent facilitator and this seminar is designed to help any pastor and congregation address intergenerational ministry challenges and opportunities. You do not want to miss this seminar, so please register early!

Registration Form for

"Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60"

Names of persons attending: _____

Church's Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Registration Fee Submitting (\$10 each): \$ _____

To ensure your spot, contact the Reverend Leonard Huggins, Jr. at 803-829-1566.

Mail form and fee to: Reverend Huggins at P.O. Box 580, Bowman, SC 29018.



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Family Concerns:

Continue to remember: Edward Cantrell (father-in-law of Andria), Betty Clark (widow of Dan), James Cole (brother of Joe Cole), Clara Dease (mother of Robin), Thomasina Fisher (widow of T.H.), Mary Fortier (Bob), Dolly Garland (mother of Peggy Garland), Luke Gilliam (son of Rhonda), Norma Gordon (mother of Enrique Gordon), Courtney Griffis-Woodberry (daughter of Debra Griffis-Woodberry), Rose Hay (mother of Anne [Sam] Marcengill), Carol Kennedy (sister of Joe Cole), Judy Kleckley (mother of Rhonda), Priscilla Pearce, Ruth Schmidt (mother of Alice MacKeil), Betty (Woodrow) Smith, Carroll & Betty Taylor (parents of David Taylor), Emme Wolfe (niece of Michael Wolfe)

and Tom Wyatt (son-in-law of Linda McNatt) in prayer.

The following persons had surgery during the past month:

- John Rush
- Peggy Garland
- Jon Ward
- Susan Snow (spouse of Murray Snow)

The following persons were in the hospital in the last month:

- Ronald Wydman (spouse of Markylena Tolbert-Wydman, District Lay Speaking Director)

- Judy Kleckley (mother of Rhonda Gilliam)
- Evelyn Brown (mother of Beth [Fred] Treaster)

Sympathy to:

The family of Rev. Oliver Norwood Greer at his death on January 24.

Congratulations to:

Sam & Anne Marcengill at the birth of a grandson, Wade Thomas Keyserling on January 23 in Greenville.