

# Greenville District News

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## From the District Superintendent

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### January

- 3 Dist Clergy Meeting, St. Mark UMC, 911 St. Mark Rd., Taylors, 9:30am
- 4 Youth Leaders Meeting, Buncombe St. UMC, 6pm
- 10 Cabinet Meeting, Secretaries' Training, UM Center 10am (Dist. Office CLOSED)
- 11 Dist. Comm. on Superintendency, District Office, 7pm
- 14 DEADLINE for Tables I, II, & III & for 2010 Apportionments
- 17 M. L. King Day, Holiday (Dist. Office CLOSED)
- 20 Dist. Connectional Ministries Table, Buncombe St. UMC, 6:30pm
- 23 Meeting of Lay Members to Annual Conference, Buncombe St. UMC, 2pm
- Church Leadership Orientation, Buncombe St. UMC, 3-5pm
- 24 Dist. Comm. Ordained Ministry Dist. Office, 1pm

I trust that you and your family had an enjoyable holiday season. We were pleased to have our children, my sister and other family members join us for Christmas. We truly enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy quality time together.

God has allowed us to enter into another year. We are not aware of what we will encounter. However, we have the assurance that God will be present with us regardless of what is before us. I encourage each person to live with this assurance. I pray that you will have a blessed year.

A clergy meeting is scheduled for January 3 at St. Mark UMC, 911 St. Mark Road, Taylors, at 9:30am. Doug Neal and Michael Plyler will share with us concerning clergy taxes and forms that local churches should be using to report salaries for church employees.

Pastors are reminded that Tables I, II and III are to be

completed online this year. They are to be submitted and finalized by January 14. The Conference Treasurer sent information and guidance to each pastor in a letter which was dated December 1, 2010. Please read this information carefully before starting to work on the report.

Also, please be reminded that the deadline for sending 2010 apportionments to the Conference Treasurer is January 14. As of December 31, the District has paid 73.49% of our apportionments. Thirty-one churches have paid 100% and five churches have not paid anything. Please give this matter your attention. Thanks are expressed to all who faithfully support the work of the church.

Advisory Response forms were mailed to clergy and PPRC chairpersons on December 30. These are due in the District Office by February 1.

Please remind your lay members to Annual Conference of the meeting which is scheduled at Buncombe Street UMC on January 23 at 2pm. At this time we will nominate persons from the District for possible election as delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, which will be held during 2012. Also, at 3pm we will have the Church Leaders Orientation for 2011 local church officers. Please encourage your officers to attend.

The District Clergy and spouses are most appreciative to Advent UMC for hosting our Christmas Fellowship. We enjoyed the delicious meal, the music and the opportunity to sing carols. Thanks!

May God continue to bless us as we serve.

Charles L. Johnson

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### **New District Council on Connectional Ministries—It's a New Day!**

The first District Council on Connectional Ministries meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at

6:30pm at Buncombe Street UMC. Please make plans to attend if you are a member.

We look forward to our work in ministry together for the New Year. We value your prayers, input and participation.

Peace,  
Cathy Joens  
Congregational Specialist

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## Reminder:

**January 14, 2011 is the deadline to pay apportionments  
and receive credit for the year 2010.**

### Mileage Rate

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

### Save the Date

Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 9am-12 noon, VBS Workshop at Mauldin UMC.

### District Lay Leader Corner

Happy 2011!

I always like the beginning of a New Year. It allows me to look back on the past year and see what was good in my life, to see where I found joy, and also...to see where I failed to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I believe we would all agree that the first day of each New Year carries with it a myriad of emotions that often lead to

promises and resolutions we don't always keep!

Many years ago a good friend challenged me to look at the New Year as a time of New Year's Renewal instead of making Resolutions. I like that concept and try each year to see how I can renew my commitment to Jesus Christ, my church, my family and my friends. There is a good book by Howard Baker entitled, *The One True Thing*. Baker says deep within each of us is the great desire to be in communion with God. We want God to be the center of our lives.

Unfortunately, we allow everyday life to get in the way of that pursuit. Many "other things" begin to compete with our time and energy. At times we find it hard to even pencil in a time to attend church or be in a Bible study.

The good news is that Jesus Christ is still calling out to us every day even

through our discontentment and our excuses. Jesus Christ calls us to walk a daily path that allows us to reclaim our lives and our time in order to glorify God. The One True Thing is living our lives with Jesus Christ as our role model. We must seek, choose and ultimately value our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is the only real true thing worthy of our time.

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

## 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

**Lay Leadership Orientation**  
**Buncombe Street United Methodist Church**  
**January 23, 2011, 3-5pm**

If you are a new officer, if you are a lay member or pastor that wants to be refreshed, if there are areas that you have questions about or if you want to become a stronger leader, then you will want to register for this event: **Lay Leadership Orientation**.

We are offering 18 classes this year, five of which are new in scope.

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Leaders</b>
Staff-Parish	Dr. Charles Johnson
Finance	Steve Deurk, Lay member
Lay Leader	Barbara Ware, Dist/Conf. Assoc. Lay Leader
Church Council	Dr. Michael Wolfe, Pastor
Trustees	Rev. George Scott, Pastor
Stewardship	Dr. Robin Dease, Pastor
Outreach/Mission	Dr. Lloyd White, Pastor
Worship	Rev. Peggy Garland, Pastor
Christian Education/Small Church	Rev. Deana Gentry, Minister of Children
Christian Education/Med-Lg. Church	Rev. Pat Gannaway, Minister of Spiritual Formation
Youth	John Fahrney, Minister of Youth
Nurture	Rev. Alice MacKeil, Minister of Christian Ed.
<i>(new)</i> N.O.W. Model	Rev. Cathy Joens, Congregational Specialist
Prayer	Clayton Easter, Lay Member, Prayer Coord.
<i>(new)</i> Hispanic Ministry	Rev. Jerry Hill, Minister of Outreach
<i>(new)</i> Effective Leadership	Toni Norris, Lay Member, Life/Leadership Coach
<i>(new)</i> Best Practices in Small Membership Church	Dr. Bob Stillwell, Retired DS and Pastor
<i>(new)</i> Advocacy	Rev. Susan Culler, Pastor

**Pastors:** Brochures were sent out electronically November 28 and will go out again January 4. Look for it in your email.

**Lay Members:** Please ask your pastors for the brochure.

## Our Caring Fellowship

### 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:

- Tarnishia Jenkins-Jackson
- Marsha Lee (spouse of Dennis Lee)
- Carolyn Gilliam (spouse of James "Jim" O. Gilliam, Jr. and Rhonda's mother-in-law)
- Peggy Garland

### The following persons were in the hospital during the past month:

- Barbara Callahan (spouse of John Callahan)
- Lt Josh Nabors (son-in-law of Sam & Anne Marcengill)
- Bob Waddell
- Courtney Griffis-Woodberry (daughter of Debra & Joe Griffis-Woodberry)
- Ronald Wydman (spouse of Markylena Tolbert-Wydman, District Lay Speaking Director)

### Sympathy to:

- Barry & Becky Brown at the death of his mother, Mary Brown on December 19 in Spartanburg.
- Cassandra Pasley-Jackson & her husband Robert & family at the death of his father, Rev. James Stowe of Salisbury, NC on December 26.
- Andy & Kelly Watson & family at the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Arlene Watson of Spartanburg on January 2.
- Jerry & Tisha James & family at the death of his brother, Doane Epps James, Jr. on January 2 in Florence.
- Mike Bruce & his wife Angela & family at the death of Angela's mother, Mrs. Alice McDuffie on January 4 in Columbia.



### How to Submit Articles

You may post articles for the Greenville District UMC Newsletter using our online form: Go to [www.greenvilleumc.org](http://www.greenvilleumc.org), click on Resources, then Forms, then Communication Request.

Or email your article to [gvdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gvdist@umcsc.org). Please type articles in an MS Word document. No special formatting necessary.

**Deadline for February issue: January 25, 2011**



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anywhere... Just ask!**

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## "Understanding Men's Ministry"—A New Lay Speaking Ministry Course

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*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 1:30pm – 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.

