

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

(Snow Date Feb. 12, 2012 - 2:30-5:00 p.m.)

First United Methodist Church

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2:30-3:15pm—Worship in sanctuary 3:30-5:00pm—Workshops

- Nursery is in the preschool/nursery area
- Kidsfest for age 4-5th grade is in the Faith Addition
- Youth Rally with the band *Elishab* for 6th-12th in the Youth Arena
Adults, youth, children and toddlers attend free. This conference is for EVERYONE in your church!

The DLC classes are designed around the themes of Five Practices of Vital Congregations. Come learn, grow and be inspired for a new year of ministry. They are designed to provide inspiration for improving or offering new ministries, or spiritual growth development.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

- **“Look Out, There’s a Visitor. Now What?”** (Welcoming Visitors Training)
Leader: Rev. Oliver Helsabeck, Pastor of Yadkinville UMC
From the parking lot to the pew and beyond what do we need to do to help visitors feel comfortable and welcome?
See your church from the eyes of a visitor and help your church become a place of hospitality.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

- **Creative Music Ideas for Worship / Creative Worship Spaces**
Leaders: Dr. Amalie Hinson, Director of Music, First UMC Morganton, and Rev. Dr. Anne Conover, Minister of Education and the Arts at Yadkinville UMC.
Dr. Hinson and Dr. Conover will divide the time and present creative music ideas and creative ways to visually enhance your worship.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- **Confirmation: “Preparation for the Ministry of All Christians”**
Leaders: Rev. Dr. Chris Hughes and Rev. Gloria Hughes, co-directors of equipping ministry and discipleship at Clemmons UMC
In this workshop we'll explore a broad range of issues related to Confirmation. We'll examine its role in "making disciples for the transformation of the world" and the role of the pastor, the family, the congregation, and other adult leaders and mentors in guiding that process.
- **Youth Ministry: “Setting a Vision and Enlisting Volunteers to Lead”**
Leader: Rev. Vern Collins, Youth Minister at Boone UMC

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

- **“I was in prison: A biblical, theological, social and Wesleyan imperative to reach those in prison.”**
Leader: Rev. Mark Hicks, Executive Director of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries of NC, Inc. and President of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries-National, Inc.
In this workshop you will learn about the growing rate of incarceration in the US and its disastrous effects on families and society at large. You will also learn about the history of prison ministry in the Methodist movement and why it is important for the Church to be fully engaged in this ministry of compassion.
- **Circles: An Initiative For People to Move Out of Poverty,** *Leader: Miki Bryce, Director of Yadkin County Circles*
Circles is a supportive, intentional, reciprocal, relationship made up of one CIRCLE LEADER who is living in poverty and ALLIES who are usually from the middle class.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness** *Leader: Mildred Carter, WNCC UMW, President (2010-2011)*

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

- *Leader: Lauralee Bailey, member of Mt. Zion UMC in the Lake Norman District, will give an overview of the Extravagant Generosity curriculum and program. Her personal passion is stewardship in the local church. She is an experienced leader and previously presented this workshop for the Statesville District. Her husband Rev. Mike Bailey, pastor of Mt. Zion UMC, will also be present to answer questions about the curriculum and speak of his experiences using the Extravagant Generosity program at Mt. Zion.*

S/PPRC *Leader: Rev. Fred Jordan, NW District Superintendent, will share with S/PPRC chairpersons and committee members on committee responsibilities and effective practices.*