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Hearts and Hands

Is your heart right, as my heart is toward your heart?....
if it is, give me your hand." *II Kings 10:15 NKJV*

Hearts and Hands – May 27, 2010

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Important Dates/Events

May 31	Memorial Day observation – District Office Closed
June 6 - 3:00pm	Dedication of New Methodist Building in Garner
June 10-12	Annual Conference in Greenville
June 21 – 26	Summer Breakaway for Youth @ Louisburg College
June 22	MOVING DAY FOR PASTORS
June 24	New Pastors’ Orientation at Garner UMC
June 30 5 to 8pm	DISTRICT CLERGY COOKOUT @ Windborne UMC (see article below)
July 12 – 16	MUSIC/ARTS CAMP @ Highland UMC

July 19-24 Annual Conference Session for Youth @ Methodist University
 July 20 – 24 UMW School of Christian Mission @ Methodist University
 August 26 District Clergy Meeting (TBA)
 September 12 LEGACY SUNDAY
 September 16 "Planning Worship that Works" – Academy for Leadership Excellence @ Edenton Street UMC
 September 17-19 Mother/Child Retreat @ Camp Don Lee
 September 28 District Clergy Day-Apart @ Chestnut Ridge (tentative)
 February 11, 2011 Save the Date: "A Winter's Tale" for Methodist Home for Children @
 Raleigh Convention Center

Annual Conference Preparation Information

This year Annual Conference will be held in Greenville, NC at the Greenville Convention Center, June 10 – 12, 2010. The theme for this year will be "*A Future with Hope: Living For Jesus.*" All clergy and lay members to Annual Conference are asked to review the specific Annual Conference materials available now on the internet at <http://nccumc.org/secretary/annual-conference-2010/>. **NOTE: Printed materials will not be provided before or during conference. Members are invited to use their personal computers at conference, and/or to print all pertinent information (reports, resolutions, etc.) prior to arriving in Greenville.**

Clergy and lay members who have not already done so, please view the briefing session at <http://vimeo.com/album/230845> in preparation for this year's gathering.

Please note the service projects which are scheduled during Annual Conference. Clergy and lay members are encouraged to participate. <http://nccumc.org/secretary/annual-conference-2010/service-projects/>

A reminder to all clergy that lay members will be asked to present their congregation's response to the **Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI) at the opening worship service at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 10**, of Annual Conference. Clergy members have already submitted their pledges this spring. Churches are being asked to join hands in realizing this much needed goal with pledges being received beginning January 1, 2011. <http://nccumc.org/treasurer/downloads/>

Summer Book Group

The Spirit Of The Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives, by Dallas Willard. Those interested in unpacking the significant insights raised by Willard will only need to purchase the book and come to the host site(s) ready to discuss the pre-assigned chapters. We will gather four (4) times this summer (approximately 90 minutes each gathering) to consider Willard's thoughts on what our churches will need to embody and embrace in order to become centers of God's transformative power. Mark **July 8, 15, 22, and 29 (10 until 11:30 a.m.)** on your calendars and details will follow. As Willard

notes: "This book is a plea for the Christian community to place the disciplines for the spiritual life at the heart of the gospel. When we call men and women to life in Christ Jesus, we are offering them the greatest opportunity of their lives – the opportunity of a vivid companionship with him, in which they will learn to be like him and live as he lived....the disciplines are part of the good news of new life. We should practice them and then invite others to join us there." If interested in joining this summer reading group please contact Jon Strother at jstrother@nccumc.org.

Employment Opportunities in Local UM Churches

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: Holland's United Methodist Church, 9433 Ten Ten Road, Raleigh, NC—a caring community of believers that invites and equips people to follow Jesus—is seeking a director for middle and high school youth. The position is part-time (20 hours a week), under the supervision of the Lead Pastor. Salary is commensurate with experience. Responsibilities for the Youth Director include, but are not limited to: maintaining a vital relationship with Jesus Christ, having final responsibility for all UMYF activities, recruiting and supervising adult youth leaders, overseeing youth budget expenditures, maintaining the youth website, and leading youth retreats and mission activities. More information on Holland's can be found at <http://www.hollandsumc.com>. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Michael Jarvis at jarvismd@bellsouth.net. Applications must be received by June 15, 2010.

MEDIA COORDINATOR @ Apex UMC. For more information, please contact Rick Beech, executive director, at rick.beech@apexumc.org or 919-362-7807. This 25 hours/week position is described at http://www.apexumc.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=455&Itemid=53

Community Stop Hunger Now Event – June 5, 2010

Join with your neighbors, friends and fellow Christians to package meals for the hungry on June 5th. Hayes Barton UMC is hosting a **Stop Hunger Now** packaging event at the Center Court of **Triangle Town Center Mall**. This will be a fun day for people of all ages, with games, bands, and of course, the chance to package meals for hungry individuals across the world. Could your church help us to meet our goal of packaging **100,000 meals**? If you'd like to join in the fun, please contact Laura Fine Ledford (lfinedford@hbumc.org) or Paula Buckhalt (pbuckhalt@hbumc.org); 919-832-6435. Please visit our website to learn more: www.hbumc.org.

Singer/Songwriter Claire Holley will perform in concert at White Plains UMC on Sunday June 6, 2010 from 7-9pm



For more info, visit <http://www.wpumc.com/>
313 SE Maynard Rd., Cary, NC 919-467-9394

Claire Holley, a Mississippi native now residing in Los Angeles, will return to North Carolina for a couple of performances in June. Her music blends the Deep South's rich variety of musical influence--from flattop pickers to honkytonk crooners and gospel choirs, from opera divas to her grandmother's jazz piano. Her music has been featured on *NPR's Weekend Edition* and two of her songs have appeared on ABC's "Men in Trees." In 2006, her cover of "Lion Song" was featured on *Songs for Sixty-Five Roses*, an album of North Carolina musicians benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She was nominated by the 2006 *LA Weekly* Theatre Awards for Best Original Music for the songs she wrote for "See Rock City," a play by Arlene Hutton which premiered in Los Angeles. Holley has released six records, and of her latest, *Hush*, one blogger wrote "...just plain, unabashed, good quality songs...delightful."

"Her sense of place is marvelous, and her turn of phrase often striking."
--*The Patriot Ledger*

"The slight catch in Holley's voice can break your heart..."
— *Time Out New York*

ARTIST WEBSITE: <http://claireholley.com>

PHOTOS may be downloaded at <http://claireholley.com/photos.shtml>

Party For District Clergy and Families – Wednesday, June 30

Clergy families from across the Raleigh District will gather on Wednesday, June 30, from 5 to 8pm at Windborne UMC (9121 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, 27615) for an evening of good old-fashioned fun! From 5 to 6:00pm there will be games outdoors (cornhole, horseshoes, face painting for the kids, and much more). From 6 to 7:00pm we'll move indoors into the comforts of air conditioning where we'll share in a delicious summer cookout compliments of the Windborne UMC family (hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings, even a veggie option for those so inclined, and delicious desserts). During our meal a special guest will move among us at the table to wow us with magic. From 7 to 8:00pm we'll be treated to a concert in the beautiful worship/fellowship room with the promise of foot-tapping and lots of laughter. Children will be treated to a special time of their own with our magical clown. There is no cost to participate. Just help us with our planning by sending your RSVP to allred@nccumc.org with the number attending from your family. If your RSVP includes children, please give us their ages. Empty-nesters: you are welcome to bring your grandchildren to enjoy this fun evening with you.

Clergy Partners Luncheon @ Annual Conference

**Friday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.
City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville
\$15 per person**

New Sexual Ethics Poster for Display in Local Churches

A new poster has been provided by the Office of Ministerial Relations and is available for download at <http://nccumc.org/ministerial-relations/files/se-poster-20091.doc>. It contains the latest information which should be displayed prominently in each local church and other ministry settings in the

NC Conference. Earlier versions of the poster should be removed. Below is a link to the conference sexual ethics website. If you have questions, please direct them to the Office of Ministerial Relations at 1-800-849-4433 or e-mail lcbourey@nccumc.org. The link to the sexual ethics website is <http://oldsite.nccumc.org/ethics/>.

"Faith Leader" – A 28 week group experience beginning September 2010

Jon Strother and Jane Cox will co-facilitate this weekly gathering which will serve to identify, develop and empower effective spiritual leaders in local Raleigh District congregations. Participants will experience: (1) Spiritual Self-Discovery (biblical models of leadership and understanding their unique spiritual gifts). (2) Learn and Embrace Spiritual Practices/Disciplines (3) Discover the Power of Discernment and (4) Develop a Personal Plan for Ministry. At a place yet-to-be determined, this group will begin meeting post-Labor Day 2010 through spring 2011. The intent of this small group is to incorporate three (3) persons from six (6) different churches in the district to share in this journey together. Participating churches will covenant to launch a group within their own congregation in the fall of 2011. If interested email Jon @ jstrother@nccumc.org.

The Academy For Leadership Excellence (Days of Learning 2010/2011)

Don't miss these opportunities to be a life-long learner!

***"Planning Worship That Works"* Thursday, September 16, 2010, Edenton Street**

U.M.C., Raleigh, featuring Jim Harnish of Hyde Park UMC, Florida.

***"Ultimately Responsible"* Tuesday, November 9, 2010, Edenton Street UMC**

featuring Sue Nilsen Kibbey

***"Reintroducing Jesus to the Church: Being a Passionate Spiritual Leader"* Tuesday, March 2, 2011, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, featuring Alan Hirsh**

***"Being an Authentic Leader: Building Leadership Credibility"* Tuesday, May 10,**

2011, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, featuring Bill George

***"Being an Effective Christian Leader in a Secular Culture"* Tuesday, September 20,**

2011, Raleigh, featuring Gabe Lyons

"Bound together in a 'web of relationships' where all work together in mutual respect and trust to fulfill God's call through the Great Commission"



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