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Our Vision: A growing body of Christ glorifying God and serving others.

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2010 Annual Conference Held at Lake Junaluska

Our Western North Carolina Annual Conference met for two days, June 10-11, at beautiful Lake Junaluska near Waynesville, N.C. It was a wonderful gathering of more than 2,000 delegates, clergy, District and Conference leaders. There were two busy days of Church business, worship and great Christian fellowship. This year's meeting included the Saturday evening ordination of PUMC's own Robb Webb as a Deacon. There were four business sessions (two each day) when Conference financial matters and a host of other important items were presented for delegates information and votes. Delegates had opportunities for questions and comments before important votes occurred. Much was accomplished during these meetings which will guide our Conference for the next twelve months.

There were inspiring worship services which included wonderful messages from Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, other clergy and a lay speaker. The Book of Acts was a theme for the service where newly licensed local pastors were commissioned; these messages from Acts was particularly relevant since our PUMC congregation has just begun its own summer study of Acts. Among several things celebrated during this Annual Conference was the Saturday morning announcement that our Conference's United Methodist Women---for nine straight years---led the entire Methodist Church in mission giving of \$1,071,726.24 ! (WOW!)

Next year's Annual Conference will again meet at Lake Junaluska in early June 2011. It should be, like this year's meeting, another gathering of delegates, clergy and guests for a blessing of Christian fellowship and decisions for our Conference challenge to "Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World."

Annette and I are very proud of our son Robb being ordained as a Deacon. It was great to be in attendance and witness the Order of Worship for the Ordination of Deacons and Elders in such a historic venue, Stuart Hall at Lake Junaluska. The laying of the hands is truly a sacred and beautiful service that everyone needs to experience even if they don't have an ordination. Robb's journey to ordination has required a lot of persistence and determination on his part. He has received tremendous support from Providence along the way through your prayers, resources and presence. Annette and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Providence for that support.

Rives and Annette Webb

Providence UMC Member Joins UMCOR Staff

Lauren James will be working with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Haiti for the next year to assist in disaster relief following the earthquake in January. She will be serving as the Haiti Church Liaison to connect local Haitian church communities with assistance from the Haiti UMCOR office and the New York headquarters. Based in Port-au-Prince, she will also be working with volunteer teams from the US that come to Haiti to help in the rebuilding effort. Lauren is a member of Providence UMC and is active in the Kairos Class (the newest young adult class). She has been a leader in the Haiti Mission, serving on a number of teams. We wish her God's blessings in this significant ministry. (Lauren James is featured right with Pam Carter teaching at the School of Mercy, Haiti)

"Jamie and Holle Wollin Commissioned as Missionaries"

On May 11th, Susan and I experienced an inspiring and affirming worship service at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church in Norcross, Georgia. At that service, Jamie and Holle (along with Thomas and Eli) were commissioned as missionaries to Cambodia with The Mission Society. The inspiration came from experiencing God's presence and his influence in the hearts and minds of 150 persons which included twenty-two missionaries being commissioned, Mission Society Board Members and Staff and numerous family and friends.

The affirming part came as Susan and I witnessed and interacted with Mission Society supporters from Dick McLain (MS President) to the newest MS employee. This interaction caused us to affirm that Jamie and Holle are part of one of the most Christ centered, creative and supportive mission organizations in the world. It affirmed to us that God had led them to the "right place" in which to do missions.

The Mission Society was started out of the United Methodist Church in 1984 and now has 250 missionaries around the world. And although the Mission Society is not totally United Methodist anymore, it is totally Wesleyan in concept and commitment and many United Methodists serve God through The Mission Society.

Jim Wollin

A Way of Life

Lately I have been reflecting on the next generation coming along, and their passion to serve God in the world. I thought about this as **Robb Webb** was ordained as a Deacon at Lake Junaluska last weekend. Robb leads the Duke Endowment's work with rural churches across the state of North Carolina. I thought of **Lauren James**, who departs this week to serve as Haiti Church Liaison with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR); her knowledge of French and Creole and her experience in helping to form our microcredit initiative will benefit the people there. I thought of **Lauren Flowe**, who is a nursing student at UNCC and is serving in a medical mission in Cochabamba, Bolivia. I thought of **Lindsey Parr**, who returned this week from a year of serving in the Dominican Republic with the Dream Project, where she was a teacher. I thought of **Jacques Lamour**, a native of Cap Haitien, who will finish his undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Huntingdon College in December, and his dream to serve the people of Haiti in the area of medicine. And I am thinking of **Jamie and Holle Wollin**, preparing now to serve in the coming year in Cambodia.



At the same time I am reading, teaching and preaching from the Book of Acts this summer. It reminds me that the good news of the gospel (which has dimensions of preaching, teaching and healing) begins wherever we are, and flows literally to the ends of the earth (Acts 1. 8). This is the movement of God's spirit. There has always been an outward movement, from the experience of blessing (as with Abraham in Genesis 12) to the command that we bless all the families of the earth.

I have also been conscious that I am beginning an eighth year of ministry with you, following the assignments made by Bishop Goodpaster at Annual Conference. I sense more than ever the riches and abundance of life, resources and vitality among us, particularly residing in the talents and dreams of our people. At the same time, the world is in need of inspiration, guidance and wholeness; to put it another way, we live in an "apostolic moment". I hope each of us nurtures a passion to serve God in the world, wherever we are.

That is why, each Sunday, we process toward the altar, to experience the Holy Presence. And that is why, each Sunday, we leave the sanctuary, sent forth with God's blessing, our eyes and hearts opened to a calling.

Blessings and Peace,

Ken

WORSHIP at PROVIDENCE

Sunday, June 27

Preacher Dr. Ken Carter
Sermon "How I've Changed My Mind About the Ministry"
Text Acts 6.1-7; Micah 6.6-8
Hymns No. 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
 No. 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"
 No. 581 "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service"
Anthems "You Shall Have a Song" by Harriett Ziegenhals
 Duet, Susan Bilon and Sarah Stichter
 "How Lovely Are the Messengers"
 from *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn
 Chancel Choir, 11:00

Sunday, July 4

Preacher Dr. Ken Carter
Sermon "What History Teaches Us About God "
Text Acts 7 (selected verses)
Hymns No. 698 "God of the Ages"
 No. 133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
 No. 584 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Anthems "The Call" by Ralph Vaughan Williams
 "Humbly I Adore Thee" by Benedictine Plainsong
 Soloist, Larry Valenti
 "Go Not Far from Me, O God" by Nicola Zingarelli
 Chancel Choir, 11:00

July 11

Preacher Dr. Bill Jeffries
Sermon "Peter Goes to Home of Cornelius-Breaking News at 8:30 and 11"
Text Acts 10.17-22, 34-36, 44-48
Hymns "We Sing to You, O God" from *The Faith We Sing*
 No. 388 "O Come and Dwell with Me"
 No. 384 "Loves, Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Anthem "Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound"
 Chancel Choir, 11:00
 Soloist, Dan Bishop

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June 23	Psalm 16	July 6	Luke 6.36-38
June 24	2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14	July 7	James 3.13-18
June 25	Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20	July 8	Amos 7.7-17
June 26	Galatians 5.1,13-25	July 9	Psalm 82
June 27	Luke 9.51-62	July 10	Colossians 1.1-14
June 28	Proverbs 16.1-3	July 11	Luke 10.25-37
June 29	Jeremiah 6.10-14	July 12	James 14-18
June 30	Psalm 66.1-9	July 13	Genesis 18.1-10a
July 1	2 Kings 5.1-14	July 14	Psalm 15
July 2	Psalm 30	July 15	Amos 8.1-12
July 3	Galatians 6.(1-6) 7-16	July 16	Psalm 52
July 4	Luke 10.1-11, 16-20	July 17	Colossians 1.15-28
July 5	Psalm 24	July 18	Luke 10.38-42

Submit articles Friday, July 9,2010 for July 14 VOICE to cgrinham@providenceumc.org. Please NOTE: VOICE published July 14 & July 25. Articles due July 9 & July 20.

Local Missions McCreesh Place www.stpetershomeinc.org
 McCreesh Place is Charlotte's first supportive housing apartment community, designed with sixty-four (64) single room occupancy (SRO) units that are rented to formerly homeless, disabled men. In July we will support these men with **FRESH PRODUCE**. Donate your home grown vegetables and fruits or buy some extra at the Farmers Market! This month only, please drop off your donations in the workroom, B132, located behind the Welcome Desk. This room has multiple copiers and staff mailboxes. Donations will be delivered every Sunday afternoon in July. Contact Carol Shinn with questions at cshinn@providenceumc.org.

VBS: St. John's UMC August 16-19

Providence UMC will partner with the members of St. John's UMC to offer Vacation Bible School to the children of the impoverished Oakhurst community. We will offer a meal at 6pm and then stories and crafts from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Ken Carter will lead an adult Bible study, and child care will be offered for preschool aged children. We already have a corps of volunteers from Providence UMC who are willing to lead this VBS, but more are needed! If you'd like to help, please contact Carol Shinn.

Shannon Park Renovations

On Tuesday, June 15th, several members of Providence provided lunch for 100 youth from across the southeast. These youth came to Charlotte to refurbish six or more homes in the Shannon Park neighborhood, across from Aldersgate. Our lunch team consisted of Carol Brown, Julie Peach, Jenny Bolen, Elizabeth Beaver, Robin Ellis, Cannon Herran, Barbara Falls, Crowder Falls, Mary Freeman, and Sherry Herion. Together they provided 100 sandwiches, bottles of water, cans of soda, cookies, and chips for these volunteers. Thanks for your extravagant generosity!

The Wonderful World of *Disciple* Bible Study

We are all on our own spiritual journey. Often, we stall down on this journey for various reasons, such as we are too busy with our everyday lives to devote sufficient time to it or in some cases; we get frustrated when we don't find the answers we want.

Several years ago, a friend suggested that I take the *Disciple I* class. I was at first hesitant to do this due to the time required, but it is one of the best decisions I have made in a long, long time. The facilitator for the class was Mike Maloney. He was excellent, and the friendships I found in the class will stay with me for a long, long time. The material was outstanding.

My passion for this Bible study was awakened so much that I asked last year if I could facilitate a *Disciple I* class. It was simply an awesome experience! The class bonded almost immediately, and I will never forget watching them grow in their faith and spirituality. They were fascinated about the Old Testament and more fully understand what it means that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior. They are well on their way on their journeys and just as importantly, enjoying their journeys.
Bill Michel, Disciple I Facilitator

Gideons International

by Cecil Madden

The warm and gracious reception of Providence was genuinely felt and appreciated. Our congregation's love for the Word is obvious. The offering that was given, \$610, is evidence of what we consider to be a partnership between the church and The Gideons International in providing God's Word to a lost world. Please know that these funds will be used in their entirety to provide Scriptures in the traffic lanes of life.

Children's Ministry

Assisting parents June 27

8:30 Katie & David Deterding
 9:45
Infants Kimberly & Britt Crane
 1 yr olds Betsy & Carr Boyd
 2 yr olds Glynn & Jason Brown
 3 yr olds Jeanette & Ben Proffitt
 4 yr olds Laura & Jeff Fricano
 K/TK A & B Stacie & Brian Mobley

Assisting parents July 4

8:30 J.J. & Robert Wolfe
 9:45
Infants Emily & Tom Scofield
 1 yr olds Cindy & Chuck Lockwood
 2 yr olds (combine w/ 3's today)
 3 yr olds Mary & Stephen Ashley
 4 yr olds Wendy & Christian Bohmfalk
 K/TK A & B Mitzi & Craig Lynch

Assisting parents July 11

8:30 Alicia & Alexander Thrasher
 9:45
Infants Pam & Jason Bennett
 1 yr olds Andrea & Sam McMahon

Assisting parents July 11

2 yr olds Kristen & Brad Crossley
 3 yr olds Shelley & Walt Coleman
 4 yr olds Randi & Erik Koistinen
 K/TK A & B Susan & Eric Poole

Visitation Ministry

<p>June 27 First Time Visitor Peggy Adams Michelle Seagraves Bread Bakers Marilyn Youngmans</p>	<p>July 4 Holiday July 11 First Time Visitor Kathy & Denny Hammack Linda & Dennis Hammack Bread Bakers Wendy Bohmfalk</p>
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VBS Galactic Blast

The Children's Ministry is busy preparing for Vacation Bible School and is excited to announce that so far we have 175 children registered to attend VBS (which is more than we have ever had in the past).

Due to the large number of children who are planning to attend, we will also need more volunteers than we have ever had. If you are interested in volunteering (even for just one of the days), please contact Tara Bain at tbain@providenceumc.org

If you have not yet registered your child, you can do so at www.providenceumc.org. Registration will continue until June 30.

ATTENDANCE

June 13
 8:30 am—112 11:00 am—342 Sunday School—453
 June 20
 8:30 am—125 11:00 am—487 Sunday School—438

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 13, 2010—\$41,858
 June 20, 2010—\$12,557

ANNUAL BUDGET 2010 \$ 1,860,685
 Budgeted/Needed Through Week #25 \$ 894,560
 Contributions Received Through Week # 25 \$ 869,459
 Over/(Under) Current Budget Needs \$ (25,101)

LiveWires

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS AT PROVIDENCE

The LiveWires will not meet in the month of July. Our monthly luncheons resume August 19 with a musical program provided by John Leon Lewis.

A full line-up of fall programs will be available in our next newsletter.

NEW YOGA CLASS ADDED

Looking for a way to work out that doesn't involve spandex? No problem. We are now offer two Yoga classes per week at Providence. Come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 or Friday afternoon at 1:00 in the Children's Discovery Center. No fancy outfits needed, no shoes or socks - just a yoga mat, you and your friends!

Church Wide Attic Sale August 28

Benefits Haiti School of Mercy Feeding Program

NOW IS THE TIME to finish that de-cluttering and organize your home while helping the children who attend Providence's Haiti School of Mercy. You can bring your donations to the Elizabeth Lee Center (lower level). Please note that we are unable to sell used mattresses, bed pillows and large/console TV's.

Jamie and Holle Wollin

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And although the Mission Society is not totally United Methodist anymore, it is totally Wesleyan in concept and commitment and many United Methodists serve God through The Mission Society. As members of Providence UMC, as parents and as life long United Methodists, Susan and I are thankful for the connection that Providence now has with the Mission Society whose mission is "The Kingdom of God advancing among all peoples bringing about redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ."

Church Office Summer Hours

Church offices close July 5 in observance of Independence Day. May 31-Sept. 6 offices close at 3:00 pm on Fridays.

Sam Wyche Speaks at Providence UMM

Don't miss hearing former NFL quarterback, Super Bowl coach and broadcaster Sam Wyche speak about a long career in professional football and share his faith at the June 27 Annual Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am. The breakfast is \$7 and advance reservations are encouraged.

In support of Friendship Trays (Meals on Wheels) a special offering will be taken.

Music Ministry News

Father's day Rose Fundraiser Update-Youth Choir sold 121 Father's Day roses. They looked beautiful on and around our altar. The profits will go towards our Youth Choir Music in Mission Trip.

Needed: CROP WALK Coordinator

In October, Providence UMC will take a stand with the hungry by participating in the Mecklenburg County CROP Walk. This annual event is both an educational effort and a fundraiser. If you have energy, passion for the hungry people in our community, organization skills, and a little creativity, then you might be the person to lead our church in this mission!

Summer Bible Studies The Book of Acts

Mondays, 7:00am and 11:00am 11:00am child care available Lunch follows. Sign up at the Welcome Center June - August 23. Offices closed July 5, no Bible Studies on this Monday; resume July 12.

Prayers for Peace and Safety

We pray for all persons serving in the military, for their safety and protection, and for their families, that they would be encouraged, Dan Adair, Sean Barrow, Greg Fisher, George Gouge, Jonathan Hendrick, Tom Jewell, Bill Keever, Troy Ledford and John Wesley Montgomery, IV. If aware of PUMC members serving in the military, please call 704.714.9368.

PROGRAM STAFF
Dr. Ken Carter, Senior Pastor; Dr. Bill Jeffries, Senior Associate Pastor; Tara Ebner Bain, Minister with Children and Families; Teresa Dunn, Director of Youth and College Ministries; Pam Carter, Director of Senior Adult Ministries; Suzi Stephens, Coordinator of Welcoming Ministries; Carol Shinn, Coordinator of Servant Ministries; Anna Smith, Weekday School Director; Dr. Adam Ward, Director of Music Ministries; Charlotte Judge, Associate Director of Music Ministries; Robert Ivey, Organist/Music Associate.
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