

November 2011



## Hand-in-Hand in the Rock Hill District

### *Warming Center Opening*

Bethel UMC's Men's Warming Center will open its doors for the season on Monday, November 28. As always, there is much work to be done and many ways for your churches to be involved in this ministry for the homeless.

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First, we have another work-day coming up. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, we will be applying some finishing touches to make the space comfortable for the guests. We will also be moving one last piano, so if there are some strong backs out there, we could use the help.

Second, and most important, is the food calendar. **Now** is the time to sign up. Every night that the shelter is open, different individuals and groups volunteer to provide dinner. On a typical evening the security guard will open the gym kitchen at 5:30 p.m. when volunteers, who have already purchased/prepared the meal, arrive. At 6:00 p.m. our guests are invited in. The volunteers then serve the meal. All who help are encouraged to interact with the guests to the extent that they feel comfortable. Many of our volunteers have found great blessings from this interaction. So see if this is something you can do. Many groups serve meals on multiple nights. Just remember - volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

To sign up, go to [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com). If prompted for a login and password, enter "Mens Shelter" and "bethel," and choose whatever date(s) suits you. Or, you may contact the food coordinator, Liza Holmes, [803.367.3949](tel:803.367.3949), or [Lizawizey+BethelShelter@gmail.com](mailto:Lizawizey+BethelShelter@gmail.com).

The District is getting the first heads-up on this, so let's jump on it, United Methodists!

### *Veteran and Military Service Personnel Recognition Event*



**NOVEMBER**

First, Clover will host its annual Veteran and Military Personnel Appreciation Program on Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the church's Missions & Fellowship Center. As a special treat, the US Army 108<sup>th</sup> Division Band will perform. The event is open to the public, and all are welcome. The event committee asks that all who plan to attend call the church office, 803-222-3496, and have their names added to the list to ensure adequate seating and refreshments. Admission is free. The church is located at 124 Bethel Street, Clover.

## *Thoughts from Our District Superintendent*

Around the Rock Hill District, in listening clusters, the desire was clear: "We miss the newsletter. We need connection with the district and with one another." With many thanks to Teresa Glass, the district newsletter is restarted. And with many thanks to the prayer tree and communication coordinators, we hope that lots of folks will have the news of the local congregations, district and conference ministries.

We've asked. We've received. We're half way to our stated desire. Now for connection; we've asked for connection and that's more than news. An editor or a web master can provide news. Connection is personal, participatory and intentional. Where will we really be connected? It's a mystery except to the One who is connected completely to us. The One saying; "It is not good for man to be alone." So God has provided us one another. And now, we say that we want connection. It's a beginning.

Casting Crowns in their new work "Come to the Well," sing of the need of each one of us for the other in the song, "City on the Hill." They say "it is the story of each one of them that needs to be told." Once again, thanks to all the coordinators who make it possible to send these words. Thanks to Teresa Glass who makes it possible to produce the newsletter. And thanks to the One who created each story, claimed each story teller and redeemed each ending for connecting us to each other.

Blessings. ~ Sara

## *District Meetings*

**District Clergy Meeting**, Tuesday, November 8. Lynne Alley Grant will speak on "How to Talk to the Non-church Community Around You." Location: St. John's-Rock Hill.

Gathering - 9:30 A.M. Gathering  
Meeting - 10:00 Meeting

**Christmas Gathering for District Families**, Thursday, December 1. Location: Mt. Harmony UMC, Lake Wylie.

6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

## *Upcoming Events*

### ST. PAUL UMC

**Pancake Supper & Fixin's**, Saturday, November 5, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

**UMM Oyster Stew**, Saturday, November 12, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. Other soups and goodies will be available too!



**Joint Thanksgiving service** with Kings Mountain Chapel, Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 P.M. at Kings Mountain Chapel UMC. Refreshments will be served.

**Christmas Eve Drop-in Communion**, December 24, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL UMC

**Joint Thanksgiving service** with St. Paul UMC, Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 P.M. at Kings Mountain Chapel UMC. Refreshments will be served

**Christmas Eve Drop-in Communion**, Saturday, December 24, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

**There is no greater joy than celebrating the birth of Jesus. We invite you to join us as we celebrate his birth through the sharing of the Lord's Supper. You may come to the sanctuary for a time of meditation and communion served by the pastor.**

### TRINITY UMC

**Fall Mission Bazaar**, Saturday, November 19, 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

**Featuring**  
**Baby Boutique Wood Crafts**  
**Christmas Gifts Seasonal Decorations**  
**Handmade Jewelry Baked Items**  
**Frozen Casseroles Clemson/Carolina Hats**  
**Assorted Bird Houses Summer Sale Items**  
**Children's Toys Felted Purses Scarves**  
**Children's Picnic Table (will take orders)**  
**MUCH MORE**

**Special Preview and Purchase**  
**\$5 admission**  
**Friday - November 18**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

All funds raised from this event will go to support girls' secondary education in the newest country of South Sudan. We work with Africa Education and Leadership Initiative which is headquartered in Knoxville, TN.

### GOOD SAMARITAN UMC

**Christmas Craft Fair**, Saturday, November 19, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Come for a day of early Christmas shopping with over 35 vendors, food, baked goods and Christmas entertainment. The church is located at the corner of SC Highways 49, 557 and 274 in Lake Wylie.

### ST. JOHN'S UMC - ROCK HILL

**UMW Fall Festival**, Saturday, November 19, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. With over fifty vendors selling items, including jewelry, cosmetics, pottery, artwork, handmade crafts, corn hole boards, sports prints, and woodworking, the Fall Festival will be the perfect place to start (and finish!) your Christmas shopping. So, place the date on your calendar and tell your friends!



Sunday, November 6

## *District Scrapbook*

### **ALDRSGATE UMC CELEBRATED . . .**



*Children's Sabbath  
October 16*



*Vendor Paradise  
October 8*



**Free Lunch and day with Duffy Robbins for Pastors, Youth Pastors & Workers**

**Thursday Nov 10, from 12 noon to 1:30pm lunch will be ready right at 12 noon**

**Buncombe Street UMC, 200 Buncombe Street, Greenville, SC. 29601**

**Please RSVP by Monday Nov 7 [john.fahrney@bsumc.com](mailto:john.fahrney@bsumc.com) / Bring your Questions**



**DUFFY ROBBINS**

**Chairman of the Department of Youth Ministry at Eastern College in PA, is a 22 year veteran in youth ministry**

**Dr. Duffy Robbins, Professor of Youth Ministry at Eastern University, St Davids, PA is a 35 year veteran of youth ministry who is widely respected as one of the leading voices in youth and family ministry. But, his ministry goes well beyond that. He's in constant demand as a speaker for teenagers and people who love teenagers (parents, youth workers, etc). But, his warm conversational style, coupled with a quick sense of humor and a unique ability to make Scripture come alive have made him a popular speaker as well for Bible Conferences, Parenting Seminars, Faculty Workshops, College chapels, Mens' Retreats and Family Camps and Conferences.**

**His ministry has given him platforms as diverse as Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association (NJ), the ChautauquauInstitute (NY), Forest Home Family Camp (CA), The Creation Festival (PA and WA), Covenant Harbor Conference Center (WI), Camp Berea "Man Camp" (NH), the Presidential Prayer Breakfast (DC), the Christian Camps and Conferences National Convention and literally hundreds of pulpits and college campuses around the world. His international ministry has ranged from youth conventions, Men's' retreats and training conferences in Australia, New Zealand, throughout Europe, parts of Asia and all over North America and the Caribbean. His long association with Youth Specialties has allowed him to touch the lives and ministries of thousands of youth workers and teenagers around the world.**

# Building U Conference

## April 14, 2012

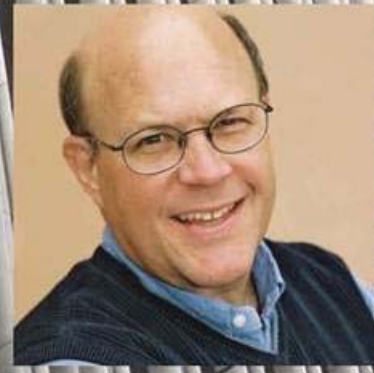
A one day training event for paid staff, volunteers, and **THIS YEAR student leaders** who work in youth ministry



Chad Norris



Shane & Shane



Duffy Robbins

Hosted by: Buncombe Street UMC in Greenville, SC

Only \$15 (includes lunch)  
Only \$10 for alumni and  
groups of 5+












For more info visit: [www.buildinguministries.com](http://www.buildinguministries.com)

Want more information or would like to help? Contact [john.fahrney@bsumc.com](mailto:john.fahrney@bsumc.com)

Each Sunday, join us for:  
**Pre-Worship Prayer 8:45am**  
**Sunday School 9:30am**  
**Worship 10:30 am**



## GOOD SAMARITAN UMC NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6  Youth 6:00 pm Children 6:00 pm	 7 UMW 7:00 pm	1 Girl Scouts 6-8pm	2 Men's Small Gr 6am  Journey Bible Study 6:30pm AA 7pm	3 Prayer Time 6:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	4  MYSTERY DINNER THEATER 7:00 pm	5
13 Youth 6:00 pm Children 6:00 pm	14 ESPN 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm	15 Girl Scouts 6-8pm Trustees 7:30 pm	16 Men's Small Gr 6am  Journey Bible Study 6:30pm AA 7pm	17 Prayer Time 6:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	18  VETERANS Day	19  CRAFT FAIR 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
20 Youth 6:00 pm Children 6:00 pm	21 ESPN 7:00 pm	22 Girl Scouts 6-8pm	23 Men's Small Gr 6am  Journey Bible Study 6:30pm AA 7pm	24  Thanksgiving	25 	26
27  First Sunday in Advent Youth 6:00 pm Children 6:00 pm	28 ESPN 7:00 pm	29 Girl Scouts 6-8pm	30 Men's Small Gr 6am AA 7pm	<b>Church Office Hours</b> <b>Monday - Wednesday</b> <b>9:00 am - 3:30 pm</b>		

*Newsletter information: We want to know all there is to know about your church's activities, news and upcoming events. So send your articles, announcements, pictures, etc. to Teresa Glass, [tkg278@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tkg278@carolina.rr.com) by the 25th of each month.*



# Happy Thanksgiving!