

The Woodlawn News



Woodlawn United Methodist Church
2922 Corbieshaw Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24015



"Sharing the love of Jesus Christ on Brambleton and Beyond"

January 2016



Charge Conference Update

We are pleased to share with you some notes taken by our Roanoke District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Overby Webster, during Charge Conference. There was a great amount of energy and good ideas shared at the conference and a faith that Woodlawn United Methodist Church is moving in the right direction. Let us allow these words to speak to us of renewal and to help us form church goals for 2016 and beyond.

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"Next to God, other people are all in this world that matter."

Mary Lou Macy

- How does your church help people grow in discipleship? What processes are in place?

Small groups, including new ones, Discipleship starts young, teaching kids and youth to reach out, mentors to continue mentoring, Bible Study on Wednesdays, Taking one Sunday School class out to the community, Kairos: cookies & placemats, partner with elementary school- backpacks, UMW Bethany Hall, UMM Sunday, 50 years, merit badge counselors, COP group to Trinity, Walk to Emmaus, 5-Talent Academy, How to Reach New People, Youth Group Ministry, Project Crossroads

- What are the new opportunities for your church to help members of the congregation grow into deeper discipleship? What are the obstacles? What are you doing to address these?

Challenge: cultural shift, getting younger people interested in church period, lots of things vying for time, kids lead parents where they want to go

- How does your congregation grow leaders? What processes are in place?

Children's ministry, actively mentoring, youth participate in leadership at VBS centers

- In what opportunities for growth have members of your congregation participated during the last year? (E.g. Disciple Bible Study, 5-Talent Academy, Lay Servant Training . . .)

Safe Sanctuary Training, How to Reach New People, 5-Talent Academy, Lay Leaders

Additional Notes:

Hope the move into the new church office on Brambleton Avenue has gone well

Need to develop written financial policies

Need to complete all the information on the Trustees Report regarding where the deeds are recorded and where important papers are kept

Glad for the 8 professions of faith and 2 baptisms



January Birthdays

3—Nash Wright
 7—Norma Moore
 9—Grace Critzer
 11—Jack Dingler
 13—Sara Semones
 15—Michael Hollandsworth
 16—Linda Quesenberry
 19—Ashlen Veatch
 20— Kelly Glowczynski

23—Fara Teeter
 24—Sophia Glowczynski



If your name is not listed above please notify the church office.

The Communion Offering for January will go to support the Hermitage, The United Methodist Home here in Roanoke.

Upcoming Meetings in January

Council on Ministries	January 4	7 p.m.
Strategic Planning	January 11	7 p.m.
Finance Committee	January 18	7 p.m.
Administrative Board	January 25	7 p.m.



There are many people who need to be thanked for their work on getting the new church office completed.

John Bingham put in many hours working with the bank to secure our loan. John Ferguson worked closely with our contractor. Carol Potts and Tom Wilson selected new furniture and helped with paint colors. Each of these people graciously responded to phone calls, texts and questions from Pastor John.

“Did You Know”

One of the many duties of our Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S-PPRC) is to enlist, interview, evaluate, review and recommend lay preachers, candidates for ordained ministry and those interested in missionary service.

If you are feeling a call from God towards a career in ministry we are available to encourage and work with you. It may be helpful for you to speak with Pastor John or Dennis Helms, Chair of S-PPRC, as you discern God’s call.

Youth News

The Youth will have a lock-in at the church on Friday, Jan 22 starting at 7 pm and ending on Sat morning at 9 am. We will play games, watch movies, do midnight bowling at Lee Hi Lanes and then go to Waffle House. The cost is \$5 for youth, not including money for bowling & Waffle House. Please see Jill for permission forms.

The youth will have fellowship gatherings after church on Sundays beginning Jan 10. We will meet from 1—2:30. These gatherings will include games, movies, bible study, outings, crafting, service work, and more.

1/10	1—2:30 pm	Youth fellowship at the Church.
1/17	1—2:30 pm	Youth fellowship at the Church.
1/22—23	7 pm	Youth Lock-In
1/24		No Youth fellowship due to lock-in
1/31	1—3:00 pm	Youth outing at Thunder Valley

Welcome New Leaders

We welcome Carol Potts as our new Lay Leader. Norma Moore will become our mission chairperson. New members of S-PPRC are David Jenkins and Renee Cox. Rotating off the S-PPRC committee are Tom Spraker, Vickie Early, and Linda Kelly. Debbie Helms will be stepping down as chair of COM (Council on Ministries) as Gary Kelly becomes the chair, Carol Bowles will be his assistant. Mark Skelton and Debbie Helms will join the Committee on Lay Leadership as Norma Moore and Susan Simmons rotate off that committee.

We want to thank all who have served the Lord through our church committees and we welcome those who are beginning their time of service.

Florence Francis Circle

The Florence Frances Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WOW’s

The Women of Woodlawn will meet on Wednesday January 6th, at 11:45 a.m. at the Country Cookin’.



After Church Fellowship

The Council on Ministries would like to thank the Contemporary Discovery Class for providing refreshments during December.

From Our Pastor

I want to thank the people of our wonderful church for supporting the move to our new church office. I also want to thank you for being patient during this transition. This has been a lengthy process, but I am grateful that the dream is now almost a reality. Woodlawn United Methodist church will soon have a more visible presence in our community, not only from the new office location itself, but from the signage that will accompany the new office.

Moving the church office from the Asbury House to the church owned property on Brambleton Avenue, makes me think of an encounter the disciples had with Jesus.

The disciples are out fishing. They have been at it all night and have caught nothing. Jesus stands on the shore and yells out to them, “Children, you don’t have fish do you?” He knew they had none. So Jesus continues, “Cast your nets on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find fish.” Really, can that small amount of change make such a big difference? All we have to do is move thirty feet to the other side of the boat?

The disciples decide to do it. They cast their nets off the other side of the boat, they change direction, if only slightly, and they haul in a “great number of fish.”

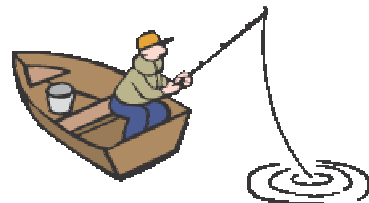
What if we cast our nets off the other side of the boat? What if we row out just a little bit further from shore? It can’t hurt to try. We just might be surprised at how successful we are at introducing people to Jesus.

You didn’t think this was about learning how to fish for trout did you? This is about learning more effective ways to share the message of salvation.

Please continue to keep Woodlawn United Methodist Church in your prayers as we cast our nets new directions so we can offer Jesus’ forgiveness and love to as many people as possible, all for the glory of God.

Serving Christ Together

Pastor John



JANUARY 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:30 Prayer Team 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 Worship					1 Happy New Year!!! Church Office Closed 	2
3	4 7:00 COM 7:30 Boy Scouts	5 6:00 Cubs	6 11:45 WOW's	7 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Choir	8 Church Office Closed	9 Undecorate the Church 10 am
10 12 Blood Pressure Check 1—2:30 Youth	11 7:30 Boy Scouts	12 10:30 Florence Francis Circle 6:00 Cubs	13	14 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Choir	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 1—2:30 Youth	18 7:00 Finance 7:30 Boy Scouts	19 6:00 Cubs	20	21 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Choir	22 Church Office Closed Youth Lock—In 7 pm	23 Youth Lock-in 9 am pick-up
24 12:15 New Office Open House No youth	25 7:00 Adm Board 7:30 Boy Scouts	26 6:00 Cubs	27	28 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Choir	29	30 
31 1—3:00 Youth						



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Alternating Fridays
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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Little New Year's Poem

*The New Year lies before you
like a spotless tract of snow
Be careful how you tread on it
for every mark will show.*

~ Author Unknown ~

