

# ATLANTA EMORY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY, 2012**

## Notes from the District Superintendent



### *A Word from Dana*

#### **Have a Heart**

Where is your heart? Have you given it to that special someone who fills your life and makes you complete? Have you given it to a cause that you gladly pour out your soul and time to make sure it comes to fruition? Have you kept it safely locked in your own soul so that no one can harm it or break it? Have you thrown it away not caring what happens to it?

As people created in the image of God, I hope we can give our heart back to the One who gave it to us in the first place. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all that accompanied them. Still, with all that God wanted more; God wanted to be loved in a way that no creation could love. God created humanity to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Such love fills the heart of God. The great thing was at the same moment as receiving such love God wants to give such love to the created.

Our heart is not our own but it belongs to the One who created it and gave it life and love. Almighty God is and always will be our first love and God's heart; yes it belongs to us, God's first love. In all that sharing of the heart we are able to place the full heart in the lives of others and in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Our United Methodist Church needs the hearts of all the people to be given freely and fully after the heart has been given to God. This is the hope of our Church, our faith family that the heart of all will be given in love and service for all humanity.

Wow, who thought Valentine's Day could get more complicated? It isn't complicated at all if we give our heart to God because then we will have a heart to give to others. Celebrate the greatest love this month and share it!

Blessings and love,

Dana

**Western North Carolina Conference Building Teams Requesting Team Members:**

Traveling to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the summer of 2012. They are hoping to fill multiple teams. Estimated cost is \$3,300. The teams will be building a parsonage for the Nazareth UMC in Kasungami. For more information, email [Ed Wentz](mailto:EdWentz)

**North Alabama:**

The North Alabama Conference is requesting teams to work for one or more days within the next few weeks for rebuilds in the Pleasant Grove and Cullman areas. If you are interested, please contact Lori Feist at 205.910.2140 or [alumcvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:alumcvolunteer@gmail.com).

**Opportunities at Alabama Rural Ministry:**

Teams are currently signing up so the summer weeks are going fast at both the Livingston and Tuskegee sites. Mission teams are able to minister with families through home repair and day camp ministry. For more information on bringing a team, check out their website: [www.arm-al.org](http://www.arm-al.org). ARM is also recruiting college students to run the summer camps. For more information, check their website here, [www.arm-al.org/summerstaff](http://www.arm-al.org/summerstaff).

**Haiti Team Members Needed:**

A Team traveling from Lake Travis UMC in Austin, Texas March 10-17, 2012 is requesting team members. High school students (sophomores, juniors and seniors) must be accompanied by one parent. For more information, contact Tom Rioux at [rioux@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:rioux@mail.utexas.edu) or call 512.422.8682.

**SEJ Disaster Academy: February 20-23, 2012, Norcross, GA:**

The event will be held at Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross, GA.

Registration is now open! Register by December 15, to take advantage of the early bird rate--Single \$325, Double \$200. Rate includes lodging, meals, shirt and all training materials. Register after December 15, Single \$360, double \$250. Registration closes January 16. For a complete listing of class offerings or to register, please [click here](#).

**Team Members Needed to Cuba:**

A team traveling to Cuba March 18-30, 2012 is requesting team members. They will be working on construction projects assigned by the Methodist Church of Cuba. Total cost of the trip from Atlanta is around \$1700. For more information, please contact Neil Vander Linden at [ngvl@aol.com](mailto:ngvl@aol.com).

**Holston Conference:**

Three tornado recovery sites are welcoming teams to assist with cleanup and rebuilding: In Trenton, GA, work teams can be scheduled by contacting Mike King at [mikeking75@aol.com](mailto:mikeking75@aol.com). In Cleveland and Bradley County, TN, work teams can be scheduled by contacting Connie Wright at [chwright52@yahoo.com](mailto:chwright52@yahoo.com) or by calling 423.650.5181. In Greene County, TN, work teams can be scheduled by contacting Steve Burkhart at [preachee54@yahoo.com](mailto:preachee54@yahoo.com) or by calling 423.895.1296.

**Belfast Peace Project Trip Team Members Needed:**

May 1-10, 2012. Cost is \$2300. Team will be doing construction, painting, landscaping and general maintenance work. Team leaders are Mike and Pat Thomas. For more information, contact the team leaders by emailing: [mthomas6@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mthomas6@nycap.rr.com).

**Costa Rica Mission Opportunity:**

United Methodists from across South Carolina will be returning to work in Costa Rica this summer. Dates of the trip are June 9-16. Lee McDonald will be leading the team and the team will be working with Wil Bailey of Costa Rica Missions Project building either a Sunday School room or parsonage in San Isidro, Costa Rica. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Lee McDonald- [lmcdonald3@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcdonald3@sc.rr.com).

**Volunteer in Mission Trip to the Holy Land: September 8-22, 2012**

Cost: \$3199. Make your Volunteer in Mission trip a unique experience by combining your service project with visits to holy sites and meeting the indigenous Christian community in the land of Jesus. Learn about the history, people, and experience Middle Eastern hospitality. For more information, contact Linda Haswell at [lahaswell@comcast.net](mailto:lahaswell@comcast.net). \$100 deposit per person due by May 1, 2012.

## AMRY District News & Events

### AMRY DISTRICT LAY SPEAKING SPRING CLASSES

How do you keep your faith vital? Dictionary.com defines vital as “having remarkable energy,” or “pertaining to life.” As United Methodist worldwide consider how to be more vital in their communities, we as laity also must consider making sure our faith has *sustained, remarkable energy*. One way for our laity to remain alive and vital is to continue to look for opportunities to grow and develop our leadership and faith sharing skills. Lay Speaking classes offer one way for you as laity to do this. This spring our Lay Speaking classes will be at Epworth UMC on McClendon Ave. in the Candler Park area of Atlanta. In addition to the Basic Lay Speaking class for those wanting to start as local lay speakers we will be offering two advanced classes, Teach Adults and Transforming Evangelism. If you are a Lay Leader in your church, I especially encourage you to consider these classes. The classes will start on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Marjorie Thomaston, AMRY District Lay Speaking Coordinator at [mgthomaston@yahoo.com](mailto:mgthomaston@yahoo.com) for details on the classes and how to register.

One of the children of our clergy from our district is in need of a kidney.

Daniel Fullerton, son of Lee Fullerton (Embrly Hills UMC) and Karen Fullerton (N. GA. Conference Benefits Office.)

His information can be located at: [www.danielneedsakidney.org](http://www.danielneedsakidney.org)

#### Vital Congregations!

For more information about Vital Congregations visit the web site at [umvitalcongregations.org](http://umvitalcongregations.org)

To publish your church event, please contact the AMRY District Office with your details via email at [amry@ngumc.net](mailto:amry@ngumc.net) by the 15th day of the previous month you would like your event published in our newsletter.

Thank you, Martha Graves/Office Administrator



### SAVE THE DATE!



- ◆ AMRY District Clergy Meeting - February 22 @ Tucker First UMC from 10am-2pm. All Clergy must attend—lunch will be provided.
- ◆ AMRY UMW - March 10 - 20-30-40 Something Event @ The Korean Church - Atlanta Roswell District
- ◆ UMM - March 17 - Faith is Action Mission Conference @ Snellville UMC. For more information please contact Ken Sawyer @ [rksawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:rksawyer@hotmail.com)
- ◆ UMM - Annual Golf Tournament - April 24 @ Rivermont Golf & Country Club. For more information please contact Ken Sawyer @ [rksawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:rksawyer@hotmail.com)
- ◆ AMRY UMW - May 19 - Executive Board Meeting @ Tucker First @ 9:30am

To become a friend on Facebook for the Atlanta Emory District; please go to the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atlanta-Emory-District-of-The-United-Methodist-Church/102704686491193>

### **General Conference Listening Sessions**

The North Georgia delegation will hold two sessions to listen to the voices of North Georgia United Methodists concerning the General Conference in April.

- ◆ **The first session will be held at Gainesville First UMC Saturday March 3, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**
- ◆ **The second session will be held at Griffin First UMC Saturday March 24, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Persons wishing to speak are allotted a maximum of five minutes and are requested to submit a copy of their presentation to the moderator on the day of the session.

**Please register your intent to speak with Lyn Powell** at [lynpowell@comcast.net](mailto:lynpowell@comcast.net), including your contact info (name, email, phone, church, district), topic and preferred session date.

Speakers will be notified of their assigned time.

### **Congratulations to the AMRY District Churches that paid 100% of their Apportionments in 2011!**

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| ~ Briarcliff          | ~ Mount Calvary      |
| ~ Brookhaven          | ~ New Hope           |
| ~ Clarkston           | ~ Norcross First     |
| ~ Dacula              | ~ Oak Grove          |
| ~ Duluth First        | ~ Prospect           |
| ~ Embry Hills         | ~ Saint Mark         |
| ~ Glenn Memorial      | ~ Still Waters       |
| ~ Grayson             | ~ Suwanee First      |
| ~ Hamilton Mill       | ~ Trinity            |
| ~ Harmony Grove       | ~ Tucker First       |
| ~ Haygood Memorial    | ~ University Heights |
| ~ Lawrenceville First |                      |
| ~ Lawrenceville Road  |                      |
| ~ Level Creek         |                      |

# First Love

## Relationship Seminar

Still Waters United Methodist Church- 2650 North Druid Hills Rd, Atlanta Georgia 30329

Invites you to;

**"FIRST LOVE"-A Relationship Seminar; Fun for everyone!**

February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

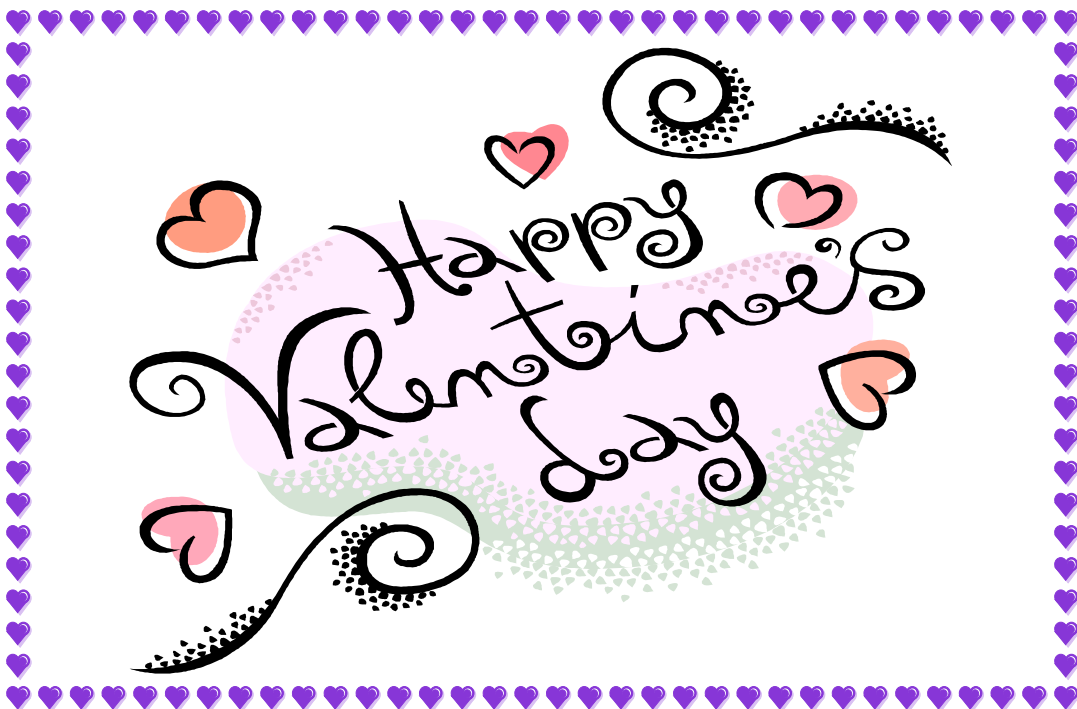
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 1:00pm -10pm

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and this includes a dinner on Saturday night the 11<sup>th</sup>

Please call Assistant Pastor Jamie at 678-481-6951

To RSVP BY Feb. 4th



## Atlanta Emory District 2012 Calendar

### **FEBRUARY, 2012**

7	Tuesday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
Feb. 12-21		Bishop’s Ordinand Trip to the Holy Land
<b>20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>President’s Day – District Office Closed</b>
22	Wednesday	AMRY District Minister’s Mtg. @ 10am-2pm/Tucker First (Lunch will be provided)
23	Thursday	AMRY District Superintendency Committee Mtg. @ 10-11:30am/District Office

### **MARCH, 2012**

1	Thursday	AMRY District Finance Committee Mtg. @ 7-8:30pm/District Office
6-8	Tues-Thurs	Appointive Cabinet Only Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
11-13	Sun.-Tues.	Full Connection & 2011 Deferred Provisional Interviews @ Simpsonwood
12	Monday	AMRY District – Bishop’s Consultation Mtg. w/Clergy & SPRC @ <u>9am-12Noon/Bishop’s Office</u>
12	Monday	AMRY District Nominations Committee Mtg. @ 2:00-4:00pm/District Office
13	Tuesday	AMRY District Church Development Committee Mtg. @ 6:30-7:30pm/ @ District Office
15	Thursday	AMRY District dCOM Mtg. (for Local Pastors, New Candidates & Renewals) @ 12:30-5:30pm/District Office
21	Wednesday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Appointive Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
26-30	Mon.-Fri.	Appointive Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
<b>31</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>EXTENSION MINISTER’S ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE</b>

### **APRIL, 2012**

<b>5</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday – District Office Closed</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday – District Office Closed</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Easter Holiday – District Office Closed</b>
10	Tuesday	AMRY District Superintendency Committee Mtg. @ 11am-12Noon/District Office
12-13	Thurs.-Fri.	Appointive Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
16	Monday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
<b>23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dana Everhart’s Birthday</b>
24	Tuesday	AMRY District Board of Trustees Mtg. @ 3-4pm/District Office ( <u>Tentative Date</u> )
<b>25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Professional Administrative Assistant’s Day</b>
April 24-May 4		General Conference – Tampa, FL.



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