



Monday Musings

January 4, 2010

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Greetings,

DEVELOPING LEADERS

Luke's account tells of the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus, saying, "This is my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased." In that moment Jesus was tapped by God for leadership.

The new year is a time to invest in leadership in our local churches. Some leaders are seasoned and well-prepared for the work. Others are just getting oriented to their roles. Two helpful resources to use in any case are the *Guidelines* booklets and one-page job descriptions for the key leadership roles in the local church. Both are produced by the General Board of Discipleship with the support of apportionment dollars. They can be purchased from Cokesbury online at www.cokesbury.com or by calling their Des Moines store toll-free at 1-877-231-1594. Samples also are available at the district office.

The Southeast District will be sponsoring a leadership training event on Sunday afternoon, January 31st to assist and inspire local church leaders. Scott Hibben, Leadership Development Minister for Evangelism and New Ministry, will be our keynote speaker. His address is entitled, "Unsticking Your Church – for the Mission of God." Please invite and encourage your committee chairs to attend. More details about workshops can be found on the Iowa conference website at [January Learning Event](#).

Scripture reminds us that Jesus invested time and energy to train the disciples. We hope these suggestions will provide you with opportunities for developing leaders in your congregation. Please let me know how I can be of support to you in your ministry.

Grace and peace,

Phil

Phil Carver
Field Outreach Minister

Upcoming Events

January 5-7, 2010 –“Hospitality: the unopened gift” is an event offered by the North Central Jurisdiction Town & Country/Urban Network. Registration deadline was December 18, 2009. For further information, contact:williamballard@iowatelecom.net.

January 18, 2010 – Southeast District Clergy and Spouses Winter Party at Iowa Wesleyan College, Social Hall, Mount Pleasant, IA. Our entertainment this year will be the Broad Street Singers from Iowa Wesleyan College. Deadline for RSVP is January 7, 2010. If you have not done so, please send in your check no later than January 7 and indicate who is coming. The Broad Street Singers are preparing to go on a tour to Europe later this year. We will be giving you an opportunity to make a good will contribution. A basket will be placed at the registration table for this purpose.

January 31, 2010 – Southeast District Church Leadership Training Workshop will be held at First UMC in Mt. Pleasant, IA. Registration will start at 2:00 PM. The workshops will be from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM. A brochure has been e-mailed to each pastor and each church in our district. To view the brochure, click here: http://www.iaumc.org/console/files/oWebsite_Page_Files/Brochure_JQFRER7C.pdf

February 5-7, 2010 – Youth Strike for Christ 2010 is just around the corner. It will be at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Des Moines and the Polk County Convention Center. We will have Kelly Croy, Inspirational Speaker, Bob Stromberg, Comedian and the band Harlend. Bishop Julius Trimble will be the guest speaker. Please visit www.youthstrike.com for more information and download registration forms. The early bird deadline is January 1, 2010.

February 26, 2010 – For the next “A Day Apart for Ministry Professionals”, our speaker will be Phil Jamieson whose topic will be about ministry and money. It will be held at Washington United Methodist Church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost of lunch is **\$7.00**. Please make your check payable to Washington UMC and send it to the church at 206 West Second Street, Washington, IA 52353-1925. Contact the district office **no later than** February 19 to let us know you are attending. For more information, contact the district office.

March 29, 2010 – The Van Buren County Cooperative Ministries will present a reenactment of the Last Supper at the Farmington United Methodist Church (part of the Two Rivers Parish) on Monday, March 29, 2010, at 7:30 PM. Contact: Pat Shaw, Coordinator, at 319-293-3899 or by e-mail at patshaw@netins.net.

Announcements

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: We have changed the format of Monday Musings effective January 1, 2010. In our discussions with the District Superintendency Committee about the frequency and content of our communications, it was determined that we will send the Monday Musings twice monthly – the first and third Mondays of the month. We will continue to share other information with you as we receive it. We appreciate your ministries and hold you in prayer as we move into the New Year.

Find-A-Church – We have been reminded by the United Methodist Communications Office that more than 60 of the churches in the Southeast District have not yet updated their website. To do so, please complete your page on their website: www.Find-A-Church.org. If you have questions, you can call them at 1-800-800-251-8140.

The **Ministry Appraisal forms** were due in the Southeast District office on May 1. The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committees from the following churches have not yet submitted their forms:

Burlington, Grace
Keokuk, Emmanuel

Prayer Concerns

Jean asks for prayers for her friend, Aggie, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. Surgery is scheduled for January 19.