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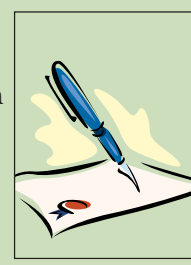
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Drayton Celebration of Ministry

By Rev. Jack Shitama,
Director of Camping
& Retreat Ministries

A celebration of the ministry of Drayton Retreat Center was held on Saturday, March 5, 2005. The day-long event included an Open House, during which guests spent time in reflection and remembrance of Drayton's significance in their own lives and the life of the annual conference. There were hourly calls to prayer using the theme of the day, "Holding On and Letting Go."

The atmosphere was that of a funeral or a wake of someone who had lived a long and faithful life and

was now being honored. There was sadness and laughter, as well as the sharing of many memories. Drayton volunteer, Howard Grise, produced a video of footage taken over the last decade showing Drayton volunteers hard at work and at play. John and Renie Poole of Welch Point Associates set up their digital imaging equipment and captured photos brought by guests for the Drayton archives. Guests for the day commented that the Celebration was "meaningful, appreciated and appropriate."

The closing service, held in the East Room, focused on both holding

on and letting go. The Rev. Pam Lardear, former Director, reminded those present of the importance of holding on to what Drayton means for each person who has been touched by God through the ministry of Drayton. She also emphasized the importance of letting go so that God could continue the ministry in a new place.

Many thanks to the planning committee of Ann Ashe (current Site Director), Kate Breeding (former Board member), Tom Carter (former Director), Pam Lardear (former Director), Carol Shaw (former Administrator) and Jonathan Whitney (current Board member).



Photo Courtesy of Welch Point Associates

Rev. Pam Lardear, former director, greets Ron Zink while Carol Shaw, Bud McKee and Sam Harris look on.

Drayton Will Live On Through Memories

By Tamara Ward, Conference
Communications Coordinator

The Conference may not have Drayton Manor, anymore, but as long as there are photos and photographic memories, "Drayton" will always be in our hearts.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the event held in honor of Drayton and the many conference members and guests that went there over the years. Through talking to a few that did attend, I got the sense that they really felt that there was a "peace" that settled around them as they prayed, worshipped, and reminisced about



"that time when . . ."

To help me write this article, I asked several people to jot down special things or times that they remem-

ber having at Drayton as well as what brought them to Drayton. Almost everyone that I heard from referred to their time at 12651 Coopers Lane

in Worton as time spent on "Holy Ground." Some experiences only went back a few years while others go back to the late 1960's. From day aparts to retreats and seminars, to volunteer work days, to special dinners (i.e. Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day) there are many stories to tell and memories to keep close to ones heart.

Our Conference Lay Leader, Darlene Webster, remembers the time when their workshop leader didn't show up and Rev. Howard Gordy "jumped in and did a fantastic job," and another time when Rev. Jonathan Baker was leading a workshop on "Spiritual Disciplines" and feeling "so humbled" when he

served communion to her at the end of the day. Kate Breeding, a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and a past member of the Board of Stewards, will always remember the Mother's Day dinner where she, her husband, Ray, and 20 of their family attended. She also remembers how warmly they were always treated by then host, Carol Shaw. I personally will always remember the Halloween that the volunteers were there for a work session and they all dressed up for dinner that night. "Miss" Kate and Mr. Ray will always be Mr. & Mrs. Clown to me.

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2005 Clergy/Laity Banquet Set

The Conference Board of Lay Ministries is very pleased to announce the date for the Clergy/Laity Banquet this year as Friday, May 6, 2005. This year's banquet will be held at the Modern Maturity Cen-

ter in Dover, Delaware.

This year the conference is proud to announce their guest speaker, Rev. Vance Ross. Rev. Ross is currently the Associate General Secretary for Discipleship Ministries at our General Board of Discipleship

(GBOD) in Nashville but before he moved to Nashville, Ross worked in both the West Virginia and Baltimore-Washington Conferences.

A dynamic speaker and preacher, the Board of Lay Ministries is confident that this is an event you

do not want to miss. Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, Rev. Ross earned a B.A. in Government/Youth Services and entered the Gammon Theological Seminary in June of 1985 where he graduated with honors.

From 1985-94 Pastor Ross served in West Virginia and served on both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1992. He returned as a first alternate to General Conference and a Jurisdictional Conference del-

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Sacred Space

Greetings,

Welcome to "Sacred Space."

How good and pleasant it is when folks can communicate with one another. I greet you in the name of Jesus, as the new director for "Strengthening the Black Church. It does my heart good to know that I have the opportunity to reach and resource some of you through visitations, excellent resources, the "Communicator," email, or soon-to-be website.

We're called during this time of Lent to reflect on the gracious mercy of God, for while we often miss the mark God's steadfast love continues to heal, redeem, and set us free to be remolded and reshaped into the image of God. Therefore, let us continue to celebrate all that God has done, what God is doing and what God will do for us. In each article I hope to offer a WORD of comfort, hope, and encouragement. Indeed, I pray that God will bless this "Sacred Space." May this Lenten Season strengthen us for our journey, and let us con-



Rev. Elaine B. Ayres

tinue to pray for one another. Look for me in our "SACRED SPACE."

For I know the thoughts and plans I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

(Jeremiah 29:11)

AMPLIFIED BIBLE

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Name Change for Conference Staff Person

Elaine Wilkerson, Director of Conference Benefits, and Charles Moreland, a computer consultant from Missouri, were married on January 1, 2005 in St. Michaels, Maryland. Charles moved to Delaware to allow Elaine to continue working for the Conference. Elaine's email address will stay the same (ewilkerson@pen-del.org) for right now and she can still be reached at 302.674.2626, extension 16.



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From Your Wesley College's Chaplain

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Construction Progressing on Malmberg Hall

Construction is progressing according to schedule on Malmberg Hall. Progress pictures are being posted weekly on the Wesley website (click on the link at the bottom of the homepage). When completed, the 60,000 square foot facility will house 180 students and have nine classrooms, a fitness center, and underground parking.

Zimmel Properties to Develop Additional Properties

Zimmel Properties has acquired land on Governors Avenue and Division Street, across from Wesley College, as part of a downtown urban renewal plan. According to Constantine Malmberg, III, Zimmel Properties plans to construct shops and apartments that will appeal to the college and adjacent communities.

Wesley President Represents UMC on Irish Scholars Panel.

President Miller represented the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church on selection committees of the Business Education Initiatives and Irish-American Scholars Program. The three-member panel (representatives of the Catholic, Presbyterian, and UM churches) met last Monday and Tuesday in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to place approximately 130 Irish students at partner colleges in the United States. The meeting was held at the Department of Employment and Learning. They then met Thursday at Queens University to place approximately 40 American students at five higher educational institutions in Northern Ireland.

Identity Theft Presentation Sponsored by the WC SIFE Team

On March 2nd the WC SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) Team sponsored a presentation titled "You

Have Been Stolen!" It was presented by Deputy Attorney General Olaff Ribocoff from the Delaware Attorney General's Office. The 37 participants received an "Identity Theft Kit" that provides a guide for how individuals need to report when their identity has been stolen. It lists steps to take to protect from further criminal identity theft activity.

This is the largest and fastest growing crime in America. The WC SIFE Team is planning a follow-up session during the spring for those who missed the presentation. Ms. Ribocoff made it perfectly clear that everyone of us is a target for identify theft!

Alumni Association seeks Board Member Candidates

The Alumni Association is seeking new candidates for the Alumni Board of Directors. Alumni candidates should strongly support and be committed to the mission of Wesley College and possess a desire to become actively involved in serving and representing the Alumni Association. Terms of service for Board membership are three years and candidates will be officially elected during a General Session meeting on Homecoming Weekend. Board meetings are generally held at least two times per year on Wesley's campus or within an hour's drive of campus. Individuals are invited to nominate a fellow alumnus or nominate themselves for a position on the Board. For more information or a nomination form, please contact Amanda Downes at 302.736.2318 or downesam@wesley.edu.

Nursing Department Awarded Grant

Dr. Lucille Gambardella, Professor of Nursing, announced that the Palmer Foundation has awarded a grant to the Department of Nursing for \$3,500. This money will continue to fund the work of the department's students at Luther Towers, a residential facility in Dover for the elderly. The upcoming project, coordinated by the graduate students and faculty, will be to certify a number of residents

from each of the four buildings in CPR. This is the 4th consecutive year that the Department of Nursing's proposal has been funded.



Mark Pruett-Barnett

Independent Films Return to Schwartz Center

Independent films are back at the Schwartz Center for the Arts with the announcement of an exciting and diverse lineup for March, and more films planned for the months ahead. "We're thrilled to be able to offer independent films at the Schwartz once again," said Programming Director of the Schwartz Center for the Arts, Donald Parks. "We're kicking off with a great selection of films for March and promise to follow-up with even more eclectic and thought-provoking films in the months to come." Anyone interested in receiving e-mail updates on upcoming films is encouraged to submit their e-mail address to filmfans@schwartzcenter.com. All films are \$7 per person and \$5 for seniors, military, and students (with ID). The March film lineup is as follows: **Hotel Rwanda – March 26, 8 p.m. and March 30, 7 p.m.:** Nominated for Oscars, this film stars Don Cheadle in a true-life story of a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsis refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia. Also starring Nick Nolte and Joaquin Phoenix. Rated PG-13.

CAMPUS NEWS
Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for a ministry between Wesley College and Hope United Methodist Church. This will be a shop where people referred from social service agencies can get personal items they would not get through government programs. The shop will be in the small room at the Chapel's ramp-street entrance. For information, contact Tricia Sourber at 302.736.5981

Mother's Day Offering – May 8, 2005

Your Gifts Make a Difference!

As United Methodist church members, you make a difference in the lives of residents at Methodist Country House, Methodist Manor House, Cokesbury Village and Heron Point. You have volunteered your time, talents and treasure from the earliest days of the founding of Peninsula United Methodist Homes. Each Mother's Day, in honor of all Mothers, our Conference has graciously offered the Peninsula United Methodist Homes, Inc. the opportunity to conduct a special Mother's Day Offering for Benevolence. The Benevolence Fund provides support to residents who have outlived their life savings and assures that they will

never have to leave their homes. For over forty years, churches and congregations throughout the Peninsula-Delaware Conference have been benefactors to residents of PUMH communities by contributing to the Mother's Day Offering for Benevolent Care. The churches in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference remain the primary source of contributions to this Offering.

PUMH communities are very grateful for your loyalty and support over the past years. The provision of benevolence within the PUMH retirement communities has become increasingly unique, since retirement communities operated by public corporations do not provide a charitable benevolence program.

In 2004, Peninsula-Delaware Conference Churches raised almost \$50,000 toward the benevolent need at PUMH communities. The Benevolence Fund is also supported by gifts from many other sources including special events, auxiliary activities, friends, residents, and the Conference annual allocation of \$25,550. Now, more than ever, due to economic realities, we are depending on contributions from a variety of sources to sustain commitments to our residents, to enhance their quality of life, and to achieve our charitable mission. As partners in this ministry, we appreciate the Conference's willingness to help us meet the challenges that we face and are addressing every year.

Interfaith Resource Center

More and more, I hear of people who use their time on the road wisely by listening to books when they don't have the time to read. And so it is appropriate that we keep a collection of books on tape or CD. The number of these resources is not currently large, but two new audio CD's are sure to hit the mark. Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life* is the unabridged 8-CD version of the runaway bestseller that has changed many people's lives. Rick Warren also co-authored *Lead Like Jesus* with Ken Blanchard and Bill Hybels. The unabridged 4-CD version examines Jesus as a servant leader. Turn your next road trip into a rich educational experience.

Lead Like Jesus is also an adult study program in 8/9-sessions on 2 DVDs with accompanying leaders' and participants' guides. Much of the material is similar to that of

the audio book I mentioned above, but this program is designed for group study.

Leadership By the Book is a 2 DVD program with host **Paula Hartzell**. Ken Blanchard interviews with 12 successful business leaders. Each interview focuses on how the concepts of servant leadership and faith in life, including the business world, change everything that they do. The program includes a 68-page discussion guide.

Experiencing God: Six Sessions in Faith Basics for the Contemporary Church, another basic Christianity program joins Alpha and Beginnings in our shelves. Produced by Luther Productions, it is a 3 DVD and 1 CD program in 6 sessions that



explores the very basics of our faith: the natures of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The extensive leadership and participants guides are in PDF format. We will keep hard copies of these guides in our file.

Religion and Ethics Newsweek-ly is a public television program that airs in some areas of the country. Each year, they release some of the past years programming as adult studies with accompanying leaders' and viewers' guides. This year's selection includes segments on Islam & Democracy, the American Evangelical Movement, Religion & the Arts, and God & Politics. All examine these topics from a balanced, timely perspective. I highly recommend these resources made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

To request any of these resources, phone the Interfaith Resource Center at 1.800.336-6152 or email us at resource.ctr@dol.net.

Wesley Theological Seminary Offers New Program

Wesley Theological Seminary's new Doctor of Ministry track on "Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling" may help strengthen you in your ministry.

The Seminary invites you to be in this class of participants from January 2 to 13, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for applications for this 20 participant track is **October 1, 2005**. You can download and obtain a D.Min. application from their website at <http://www.wesleysem.edu/forms/appDMin.pdf>.

The D.Min. in Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling will equip ministers with the theoretical and practical tools necessary for more effective and reflective ministry in care and counseling. It will include a strong emphasis on biblical and theological foundations combined with current theory and best practices. Participants will grow in both theological and clinical competencies, in the ability to reflect as pastoral theologians and in the ability to respond to pressing

human needs as skilled caregivers.

If this program seems of interest to you, or if you have any questions, please contact the seminary at admiss@wesleysem.edu, 1.800.882.4987, ext. 1 or 202.885.8659. In addition to contacting the Office of Admissions, you can address questions about the Doctor of Ministry program directly to Dr. Lew Parks, Associate Dean and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, at 202.885.6481, or e-mail Dr. Parks at lparks@wesleysem.edu.

Health Ministries

Joan Nelson RN MSN, parish nurse

HEALTH HABITS – You have probably spent a lifetime developing your current health habits! Just as there are physical health habits that take a lifetime to develop, there are spiritual health habits as well.

If you have room for improvement (we all do) think about making changes.

- Get more exercise
- Perform acts of kindness
- Eat less junk food
- Read your Bible daily
- Be safe
- Pray every day
- Drink more water
- Forgive others
- Reduce alcohol consumption
- Get more sleep
- Don't smoke
- Respect your body/temple of God!

Remember: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Pick just one of the things listed and begin to incorporate them into your every day health habits! After you have incorporated that one thing move on to another and you will be surprised at how much better you will feel!

Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity."

Proverbs 3:12

From Health in the Faith Community-Western MD health System PN Program

I No Longer Pray for Peace
by Ann Weems, Ash Wednesday 3/5/03

(She has given permission to share this poem with others!)

On the edge of war, one foot in, I no longer pray for peace: I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn to tenderheartedness, and evil intentions will turn to mercifulness, and all the soldiers already



deployed will be snatched out of harm's way, and the whole world will be astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "god talk" will take bones, and stand up and shed

its cloak of faithlessness, and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might sit down together and share its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope, but then I've always applauded the holy fools who never seem to give up

on the scandalousness of our faith: that we are loved by God...

that we can truly love one another. I no longer pray for peace: I pray for miracles.

FREE SCREENINGS:
BLOOD SUGAR AND HEMOGLOBIN A1C, SAT., APRIL 30TH 9AM TO NOON AT HOCKESSIN UM CHURCH, 7259 LANCASTER PIKE, HOCKESSIN, DE

To register please contact Joan Nelson, RN at 302.239.2392.

Special Health Ministry Network meeting for parish nurses, clergy, health ministers-May 7th, 9-11:30am at Cornerstone UM Church, 3135 Summit Bridge Rd. (Rte 896) Bear, DE -Honoring those in health ministry during nurse's week!

Information/questions contact Joan Nelson at 302.239.2392



Camping And Retreat

Riverside Now Includes Splashdown!

Brochures are out and programs are filling up fast. We're looking forward to another great summer and we've made our core program, Riverside, even better than ever. Now Riverside campers will get to spend a session romping on the Splashdown! equipment. This makes Riverside the most versatile program at Pecometh, with experiencing just about everything the camp has to offer. And don't forget, now's the time to schedule a visit to your church by a Pecometh staff member to whip those young people (and parents) into a frenzy of excitement. For more information about this or any other program, visit www.pecometh.org or contact Richelle Darrell at 410.556.6900, x103 or richelle@pecometh.org.

Pecometh Challenge Course Training

Pecometh is holding a Seasonal Challenge Course Training weekend, April 8-10. This training is intended to pro-

vide an overview of adventure education, as well as equip participants to challenge course facilitators. The objective is for Pecometh to build a pool of qualified sub-contract facilitators who are available on a flexible basis to staff Pecometh's growing outdoor school and challenge course ministries. Upon completion of the training, participants will be eligible to apply to Pecometh as a Level 1 facilitator, which typically pays \$75-\$95 per day.

The cost of the training weekend is \$195, which includes meals, lodging and all course materials. The registration deadline is April 1, 2005. For more information contact Dan Ashe at 410.556.6900, x102 or danashe@pecometh.org; or visit www.pecometh.org.

Solid Christians Needed for Summer Challenge

Pecometh's summer program is looking for staff that are looking to make a difference in campers' lives. As a purpose-driven program that seeks to serve the Lord, the

summer program needs older teens and young adults who are interested in strengthening their service to the Lord, building people up, introducing campers to how Christ has worked in their lives and who are interested in practicing and teaching essential life skills. The summer program specializes in Christian leadership and personal growth while providing meaningful experiences for youth.

Those who can answer "YES" to the following three questions should definitely seek to be a part of the summer staff:

1. Are you committed to living the high Christian standards as a follower of Christ?
2. Do you believe God has blessed you with spiritual gifts to teach campers as well as fellow staff?
3. Are you interested in helping us create a purpose-driven camp?

For information go to www.pecometh.org or contact Dan Ashe at 410.556.6900, x102 or at danashe@pecometh.org.



UM Endorsing Committee Holds Meeting in Nashville

The United Methodist Endorsing Committee, co-chaired by Bishops Greg Palmer, Iowa, and Bishop Marcus Matthews, Philadelphia, met in Nashville March 7-10, 2005.

The initial part of the week was an orientation for the new endorsing committee. That orientation included a visit to the Nashville VA Chaplains' Office, the Tennessee Air Guard Chaplains' Office, and a briefing by the Federal Bureau of Prisons Chaplains' Office.

The committee was given an overview of pastoral care organizations that establish training requirements for chaplains such as the Association of Professional Chaplains and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Tom Carter and Greg Hill (both pastors from the Peninsula-Delaware Conference now working with the Endorsing



Revs. Greg Hill and Tom Carter take time out to chat with Bishop Marcus Matthews during the United Methodist Endorsing Committee meeting in Nashville earlier this month.

Agency) conducted training on how the endorsing interview committee works and how the endorsing committee functions. After the training, the endorsing committee acted on recommendations from the interview committee that met in January 2005. They approved 23 candidates

for endorsement.

During the GBHEM (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry) Division of Ministry (DOM) meeting, Bishop Matthews briefed the staff and board members on the work of the endorsing committee and the UMEA (United Methodist Endorsing Agency).

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egate in 1996 and served on the General Commission for the Status of Role and Women from 1992-94.

Pastor Ross is not new to Nashville. He first served on staff at the General Board of Discipleship from 1994-98 as Director of Evangelism in Racial Ethnic New Faith Communities and as the Director of Small Group Ministries. Under his leadership, the GBOD initiated the Convocation for Pastors of African American Churches which has become a standard event for the training of pastors and those who support them.

Before his current appointment, Ross served as Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Hyattsville, Maryland. This multicul-

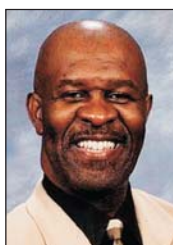
tural congregation has experienced growth in worship attendance, adult Bible study and growth in new ministries. The Christian education ministry has increased by almost 200%. The Lay Pastor ministry that began under his leadership reaches more than 50 families. The Shalom School (After School for the Arts Ministry) has grown to serve more than 300 youth and children in art classes that include: African drumming, karate, jazz band, steel drums, African dance, tap and ballet. The recently created Family to Family ministry assists families with housing, parenting and household skills as well as coordinating needs with government agencies.

Pastor Ross serves as a featured preacher/teacher across the nation

and connection.

He was a contributor to the book, *365 Meditations for Men* and the 2001 Upper Room Disciplines. Ross is the husband of the former Pamela Jayne Hicks. They have three children: Alyssa, Bryant and Krystina and two grandchildren: Christopher Bryant and Jaylie Alyssa Harris.

Tickets for this event will be available at each district office, at the conference office or from your district lay leaders. Doors will open at 6pm, with serving to start at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$25.



Vance Ross

Memories

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Beverly Lewis, current co-chair of the Board of Stewards, recalls her first memory the day she went to the pool with Chrysalis youth. Until recently she had not spent the night at Drayton but when she did, she said that she "enjoyed the isolation and beauty of the property and the manor, no phones, no TV's, just the beauty of what God has so well provided."

Prior to working at Drayton as the Administrator, Carol Shaw had not participated in any activities there. But, she made up for that and then some. When asked what she will miss most about Drayton, Carol said "the friends that (she) made through (her) association with Drayton. The sense of history associated with the Manor House and grounds. The continuing sense that Drayton was Holy Ground." Her favorite memory was the planning and executing of the Valentine's Day Dinners. For those of you that were not familiar with the Retreat Center, if the decorating wasn't done by the volunteers, for the most part, Carol arranged for them and many times set up the room. If you were to call over to Drayton and get the answering machine, it was likely because Carol was in one of the bedrooms either stripping or making the bed for the next group that was coming in. She was definitely a "hands on" administrator.

Mr. Bud McKee has been associated with Drayton since the discussion came up about selling the property in 1983. With a sizable amount of money raised, the Board of Directors was able to add a dining area and upgrade the kitchen area. With the addition and upgrades, the dining

area, kitchen, lounge, library, and two first floor bedrooms were then more handicapped accessible. This made Drayton viable enough to continue through today. One of Mr. McKee's favorite memories was that of former director, Rev. Pamela Lardear, climbing up the water tower to operate or investigate a valve located at the top. He also enjoyed the Christmas parties that had been established "to give thanks to those who supported (them) and giving thanks to God for allowing (them) the great opportunity to find Him in such a different and beautiful manner."

Rev. Tom Carter, Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries from '93-'99, has participated and taught training courses for pastors/counselors at Drayton. For those of you unfamiliar with Rev. Carter, he is a "hands on" person. As such, it is not surprising that he will miss "the beauty of the location and the house. The beauty of the location, the house, and working on the nature trail and the hedges." He always enjoyed the physical work that went into bringing out the natural beauty of the property as he removed dirt, pruned trees, etc. His favorite retreat was "one for the grand parents and grand kids around Halloween." He said that they would "tell ghost stories and carve pumpkins."

So even though we are saying goodbye to a building, we will forever have the memories and the friendships that we made there that we can take with us in whatever paths the Lord asks us to follow.

Shalom to you, my friend . . . Shalom.

Conference Calendar of Events

March 2005

- 25 Good Friday, BFEM Resource Center CLOSED
- 29 United Methodist Men Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
- 31 Merger Celebration Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.

April 2005

- 2 Dover District Lay Academy, Georgetown: Grace UMC & Wesley UMC, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 4 Volunteers in Mission Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5 Peter D. Weaver Mission Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 5 Black Methodist For Church Renewal (BUMP) Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Annual Conference Sessions Meeting, Salisbury: Christ UMC, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Conference Nominating Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Resource Development & Management Team

- Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Stewardship Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 11:00 a.m.
- Advocacy Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 9 Dover District Lay Academy, Georgetown: Grace UMC & Wesley UMC, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 11 Credit Union Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 CARE Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Communications Commission Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 12:00 p.m.
- Enabling Ministries Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Leadership Development Team Meeting, Wesley College: Carroll Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Council on Finance & Administration Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Insurance Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Investment Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Hello Congo prayer partners,

Great news. The container full of medical and other equipment and supplies has arrived in Kinshasha!!! At printing time, the box had not yet been opened due to lots of paperwork that needed to be done, but it has arrived!!

Thanks again for your prayer support.

Your Congo prayer leaders,
Revs. Rob Townsend and Carol Svecz

