

Winter Newsletter

Capital District – United Methodist Men



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Hello Men of the Capital District,

I wish I could say that all had a safe and problem free experience through our first snow blast for 2014, but I know some of you had difficulties and stressful situations. Those affected in such a way are in our prayers. Hopefully, this second round won't be as messy.

Report on the Oyster Roast

Last year's January snow/ice blast came in with the Men's Oyster Roast. This year's event had cold weather, but no inclement conditions to deal with getting to 3MC. There were **over 100 people** attending the 2nd Annual Oyster Roast on January 18, which included **25 different churches**. The Capital District UMC was represented by **18 churches**. These churches were scattered throughout our district from one end to the other. I personally enjoyed meeting new people, which leads to establishing new relationships. I hope these new acquaintances will come out to the upcoming meetings, programs and events that will be scheduled for this year. It takes numerous engagements to establish a relationship. There was much fellowship and interaction at the tables while eating and during tours of the 3MC facility. This was a Men's sponsored event for family and friends.

Upcoming Meetings

March & April

I had planned to have a general information meeting for the district (hosted in the Clayton area) on February 17, but now I plan to have it in March or April. I also attended a seminar at Apex UMC entitled "Stepping Up." It was well-attended and addressed men stepping up to be Christian leaders in their families and communities. This was a video presentation with different sections and table discussions. I especially enjoyed Tony Dungy and Pastor Mark Driskel from Seattle, Washington. I have the opportunity to borrow the material and order workbooks and present this seminar in the Capital District. This will be in March or April.

3MC

SEE ATTACHED POWERPOINT

I have attached the new PowerPoint presentation prepared by Kellan Duffy about 3MC. She will continue to make updates to it and expand the content. There have been many different groups using the facility for meetings such as Cape Fear Emmaus, Air Force, Girl Scouts and different community groups. Kellan hopes to be offering workshops and hold events at 3MC very soon. If you have any ideas or concerns, send an email to Kellan at kellan_duffy@mac.com.

Disaster Readiness

Disaster Readiness (formerly the Disaster Response Committee) is now being led by Pastor Sam Loy and Pastor Cliff Harvell. Cliff is in the process of closing out the Relief Efforts in Eastern NC addressing the damage created from Hurricane Irene. This smaller warehouse now houses the Disaster Readiness of the NCCUMC. They have also taken charge of the UMCOR Depot, which handles the Flood Buckets and various health and school kits. We will work together providing outreach and training opportunities for all people while serving to build His Kingdom .

Blessings,
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