



District Lay Leaders recognized during September board meeting

Three outgoing District Lay Leaders were recognized at the Board of Laity meeting on Saturday, Sept. 10. Susie Wolf has served as the Farmville District Lay Leader; Judy Moughon served as the Rappahannock District Lay Leader; and Tom Thompson served as the Arlington District Lay Leader. With the re-districting, Judy became the associate district lay leader for the York River District and Tom is now a member of the Alexandria District since Sudley UMC was moved from the Arlington District to the Alexandria District. Each was presented with a clinging cross in recognition of their service to the Board.

Gene Cross is the incoming Arlington District Lay Leader and Johnnie Morris is the incoming Farmville District Lay Leader. They were presented with District Lay Leader pins by Conference Lay Leader Shirley Cauffman.

Our mission project was backpacks and school supplies/food items for the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth. 🍁

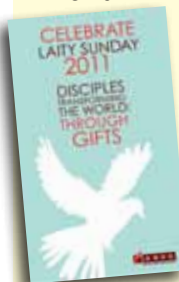
(Right) Shirley Cauffman presents a clinging cross to District Lay Leader Tom Thompson, formerly from the Arlington District, now of the Alexandria District. Tom was one of three outgoing District Lay Leaders who were recognized for their service on the Board of Laity.



(Above) Shirley Cauffman with the two new District Lay Leaders who will be elected officially later this month: (left) Johnnie Morris of the Farmville District and (right) Gene Cross of the Arlington District.

Laity Sunday is Oct.-16

Laity Sunday is Oct. 16 and the theme is "Disciples Transforming the World: Through Gifts." Be sure to talk to your pastor about celebrating the ministry of the laity on this special Sunday. To download resources for Laity Sunday, including the bulletin cover and poster image shown at left, visit the General Board of Discipleship Web site at www.gbod.org. 🍁



All are welcome at Lay Servant Academy

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the Lay Servant Academy to be held at Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC) in Blackstone, Feb. 24-26, 2012. Information soon will be on the conference Web site at www.vaumc.org under "Event Calendar." All are welcome to come and take the training without being on track to be a lay speaker. 🍁

District Lay Leaders to each pick four for Vocation CARE Event in March

The focus of the re-structured Board of Laity is leadership development and creating a culture of call for laity that will help us accept our call to ministry and use our spiritual gifts in service to the church. On March 24, 2012, we will sponsor a Vocation CARE event that will reach four persons from each district. The District Lay Leaders will select the persons from their districts to attend. 🍁



(Left) At its September meeting, members of the Board of Laity brought back backpacks, school supplies, and nonperishable food items for the Wesley Community Center. (L-R): David Bailey, Linda Young, and Kathy Lutman.