



# The Harmony Grit



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## District Conference & Leadership Training Event

November is another busy month at Harmony. This statement is definitely true for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The events get underway at First UMC in Martinsville, VA at 8:30 AM as Methodists from all over the district gather for light refreshments and fellowship. The district conference begins at 9 AM. Bishop Charlene Kammerer will be the guest preacher. The training sessions will be held from 10:30 to 12:30. The 12 classes include : “Keeping Clergy and Congregations Connected”, “Training Your Leaders”, “Orientation for New Council Chairs”, “Tech 101”, “Dynamic Youth Ministries”, “Mission Ministries”, “Stewardship: It’s More Than Money!”, and “Worship & Mission in Smaller Membership Churches”. These sessions will be very useful in preparing Harmony’s leadership for the upcoming year of service. It will also provide insight into the workings of the Methodist Church.

Following the training sessions, there will be a reception with Virginia’s Bishop Kammerer. Be sure to contact Robert so he can schedule you in a training session. See you there!

## Harmony Homecoming Held!

The first Sunday in October is Homecoming Sunday at Harmony. It is always a special day for our members and former members who come to worship. The activities got underway at 9:45 AM with an hour of music and remembrance. Approximately 100 people showed up for worship and lunch. Our former pastor, Fletcher Hardy, was scheduled to speak but was unable be with us. In typical Fletcher fashion, he had made arrangements for a backup in case he couldn’t make it. Enter Leon Griffith to save the day! Leon did a great job of reminding the congregation of God’s Love for each of us and of our need to share this information with others.

After listening to some beautiful music and a beneficial message, everyone adjourned to the “fellowship” hall for lots of food and fellowship. Thanks to all the many people who had a part in making this year’s homecoming such a memorable event!

## Front Page Bits

Just a quick review of some of the activities at Harmony in October. The Stronghold Band played at Swansonville Pentacostal Holiness Church on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. They also performed at Tunstall High School on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Then they provided the music for the Brosville UMC Revival on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The children and youth of Harmony have begun practice on the Christmas Play to be given in December. Stay tuned for more details. Members of the young adult couples group of Harmony held their first outing on October 16<sup>th</sup>. They left their children at Harmony with the Pastor and several volunteers while they ate out and then went bowling (no word on who won). More activities are planned as soon as the busy holiday season is over.

Thursday Contemporary Speakers for November are: Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Stronghold Music Program, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Ronnie Gibson, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Sue Ann Morris (Pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> UMC in Eden, NC). Harmony will host a Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. No Contemporary Service on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Back Page Bits

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM  
Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11 AM  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Missions Committee Meeting  
First Friday Movie Night  
Danville District Conference (9 AM)  
Training Session & Reception for Bishop(10:30 – 12:30)  
Missions Sunday  
Potato and Onion Peeling Party  
Men's Brunswick Stew  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Community Song Service

The above events are in addition to the Thursday Night Contemporary Worship Service and the Sunday night Adult Bible Study (both begin at 7 PM). Also, the children and youth groups meet at 7 PM on Sunday nights to practice for the Christmas Play.

November Birthdays: 9<sup>th</sup> Jordan Taylor Gibson      13<sup>th</sup> Corenna Keatts      15<sup>th</sup> Megan Crite-Irby  
18<sup>th</sup> Joan Finney, Ashley Griffith & Joyce Hilbert      25<sup>th</sup> Sara Hayward      29<sup>th</sup> Marie Farris &  
Kloe Wellington      30<sup>th</sup> Levi Phillips

November Anniversaries: 16<sup>th</sup> Ashley & Kyle Griffith      21<sup>st</sup> Wendy & Denny Snow  
29<sup>th</sup> Mavis & Pete Finney



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