

## *Charlotte District E-Pistle*

October 2, 2007

The program Board of the Charlotte District School of Christian Discipleship has encouraged congregations within the district to share the rich resource of visiting lecturers who will be addressing topics that strengthen discipleship and contribute to the nurture of all our membership throughout the district. This Sunday Providence UMC has added immeasurably to our District Leadership Conference (a SCD event) by making it possible for Dr. Robert Tuttle, Jr., to conduct a class at University City UMC, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The churches of the district are encouraged to publicize this week the following additional opportunity, thanks to the generosity of Myers Park United Methodist Church:

**Author Lauren Winner will explore two of the culture's most explosive topics – money and sex – at two gatherings October 14<sup>th</sup> at Myers Park UMC. Winner, who teaches at Duke Divinity School and has written several critically acclaimed books, will speak on “The Truth about Money” at 9:45 on Sunday morning at the church, 1501 Queens Road. Among her themes will be the topic, “Tithing as a spiritual discipline.” At 7 p.m. that evening, she’ll explore “Real Sex,” based on her 2005 book, “Real Sex: The Naked Truth about Chastity” (Brazos Press, \$14.99 paperback). In her very popular and influential book, Winner writes, “Chastity is one of the many Christian practices that are at odds with the dictates of our surrounding, secular culture.”**

You will likely want to place the above announcement in your newsletter or bulletin. You will not likely encourage attendance at the morning program, due to Sunday school and worship schedules at your local church; but your church may want to send a representative to gain from the discussion insights into effective spiritual life disciplines related to tithing.

Winner's books – including “Real Sex,” “Girl Meets God” and “Mudhouse Sabbath” – will be for sale in the MPUMC gift shop, Goodness Gracious. Winner will sign copies of her books after the evening program. Winner's visit is part of the church's *Faith In the 'Real World'* series of 30-plus events and study groups exploring the role of faith in everyday life.

For further details: (704) 376-8584 or [www.mpumc.org](http://www.mpumc.org).

Grace and peace,

*George*