

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

PASTORS: PLEASE mark Thursday, March 4th on your calendar. We will be getting together at 1st Waxahachie for our District Clergy Meeting beginning at 4:00 pm. If you have not already done so, kindly RSVP to the district office!

ALL CHURCHES: Please log onto the dashboard and input the names of your members who have passed away since April 1, 2009. The dashboard has been reset with the correct dates that the information needs to fall under. The names should appear in alphabetical order by last name. This information must be completed by March 1st to be included in this year's Worship Guide.

Can you give us a few minutes?

Who we are: Gary Lindley, Director of Church Growth & Development – Vicki Eldredge, Administrative Assistant

About us: Dedicated to church growth. Willingness to drive. A strong desire to talk (to others).

Our commitment: Gain 2,010 more shareholders to help us offer Christ to the many in need.

Our desire: We would love to come to your church on the Sunday of your choice to talk about the SHARES Program and Church Growth and Development. Our calendars are open beginning the first part of May (we're happy to say that we have churches booked up to that point!).

Our hope: To give every member of our conference the chance to have a SHARE in starting a new church!

How: Call Vicki at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622 or email at vicki@ctcumc.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

Ovilla UMC has a Kimball Rhythm Band organ for someone to come and take home. It is a Swinger 700 electric organ that was donated to the church. It is in working condition and has a split upper and lower keyboard with numerous stops. For more information or to arrange a pick up, contact Ovilla UMC at 972-617-8840. Email:ovillaumc@sbcglobal.net

GCFA OPPORTUNITIES:

The GCFA and FedEx are announcing a national discount that could benefit your congregation. Simply take your discount card with you to your local FedEx office when you place your printing order. Click here [Fed Ex](#) or go to www.gcfa.org to learn more.

The GFCFA promotes United Methodist Electronic Funds Transfer (UMEFT) as a way for congregations to bring much needed consistency to weekly offerings and to streamline church office operations. For more information on Vanco Services click here [Vanco Services](#) or go to the General Council on Finance and Administration website at www.gcfa.org.

UMVIM Team Leader Training – April 24

Training Event: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Alliance UMC, Fort Worth

UM Volunteers in Mission can be a vital tool in helping you and your church be more effective as partners in God’s mission to a hurting and broken world, whether you take a team down the street, to your own community, to Haiti or elsewhere across the globe. Many local churches are planning mission projects for 2010. UMVIM team leader training is for beginners and seasoned leaders alike. Learn tips for all aspects of project planning, group theological reflection, team building, insuring your team, and fostering a transformational mission experience. For more details, contact Jennifer Bellamy at 817-877-5222 or Jennifer@ctcumc.org.

Save the CTC’s 100th Anniversary Celebration Date – Oct. 23

Please reserve Saturday, Oct. 23, for the Central Texas Conference’s 100th Anniversary Celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Will Rogers’s Texas Room. Event co-chairs Henry Radde and Gary Turner will have more details later.

Clergy Sexual Misconduct Prevention Course Now Online:

An Internet course on *Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct* (PCSM) is available to all clergy and to all supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. All pastors, associates, supply pastors appointed to a charge, and other CTC clergy can now go to www.career-marriage.org/pcsm, click on “Login” and set up their personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirement for training in preventing clergy sexual misconduct. There is no cost to clergy for this Internet course. To access the PCSM each eligible clergy needs to enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty contact Richard Hunt at pcsm@career-marriage.org. To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org, 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At the www.career-marriage.org/pcsm, all the buttons at the left side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the top tool buttons is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.



IF YOU TOOK THE COURSE IN 2006, YOU ARE DUE IN 2010. THIS COURSE IS FREE THRU JUNE 2010. AFTER THAT DATE, THE COST WILL BE \$50

OPENSINGS

Pianist

Frost United Methodist Church is seeking a pianist for their Sunday morning worship service. Please contact Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory for more information at pastor_leah@yahoo.com or 972-322-1383.

Children's Coordinator/Mother's Day Out - Director

First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie is currently accepting applications for our Children's Ministry Coordinator position and a Director of our two-day a week Mother's Day out Program.

FUMC Waxahachie has many dynamic children's ministry programs that are already in place and we are looking to expand that even more.

If you have: an active relationship with Christ; experience working with children and families; and love to work with and recruit volunteers from church and community, please send your resume to fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net.

The part/time Children's Coordinator position can be combined with the part/time Mother's Day Out Director position for the right applicant.

Worship Leader

New Day UMC (www.ndumc.com), a new church start in Mansfield, seeks a part-time worship leader for its non-traditional worship gatherings. Applicants must be able to provide voice and instrumental leadership as well as work to gather and develop a praise team. Salary is negotiable. Send your resume to Sheila Fiorella at Sheila@newdayumc.com or to P.O. Box 2125, Mansfield 76063.

Adult Retreat Center Coordinator

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center seeks a ministry-minded individual interested in serving as retreat center coordinator for Still Water Lodge. Responsibilities include hospitality, marketing and reservations management. Experience in Christian camping, Christian education or adult ministry preferred, but not required. This full-time position requires on-site residence, included as part of the compensation. To apply, please mail resume with references to P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM YOUR

D. S.



Fair Trade Palms Available for Palm Sunday

The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (NACEC) and the University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management (CINRAM) are working together with the Rainforest Alliance TREES program, Smartwood, and TransFair to certify palms harvested from the forests of Mexico and Guatemala for sale to Christian congregations in the United States and Europe. If you are interested in purchasing Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday 2010, send your name, congregation, e-mail, and phone number to ecopalms@umn.edu.

"Building the Bridge As You Walk On It" by Robert Quinn.

This is a follow up to "Deep Change" and a guide for anyone attempting to lead change. It is very readable, yet very profound with implications for everyone. I highly recommend this for every pastor, staff person and key leaders. Reading this book and incorporating it into your life will make a difference for you and all around you.



Annual Conference Goes Green

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce printing costs, Annual Conference information will be made available on the CTC website rather than by mailings this year.

All details concerning hotels, luncheons, childcare, as well as other aspects of Annual Conference, including the 2010 Preliminary Report, will be posted as they become available. You may view and download the information by clicking on the 2010 Annual Conference icon at www.ctcumc.org after this week. We appreciate your support as the Central Texas Conference "goes green"!

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER Leadership Training

Start this exciting program at your church. Be a leader. Faithfully Fit Forever is a faith based exercise, devotion and health education program. FFF focuses on the body, mind and spirit connection. The cost is \$75 which includes 16 weeks of programming to get you started as a leader; training manual, educational materials/references, devotional resources and an exercise leadership video.

Help your church to experience this wonderful program, mixing faith and fitness. A leadership trainer, Susan Harvey, will be available on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. More details on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under health and wellness.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The EQ-HR Center is pleased to announce a workshop on Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Skills will be held in Texas at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April 26-30, 2010.

We want to extend the opportunity for ministers and pastors in your area to attend this EQ workshop because it is the closest to your area. We are attaching registration information about this workshop and other workshops that will be offered in 2010 and ask that you share this with others you feel may be interested in attending.

This workshop is designed to help ministers and pastors develop their interpersonal communication skills and improve their emotional awareness in the practice of ministry. We find ministers often need more help in their inter-personal skills than any other skill set. The workshop is designed to strengthen ministry skills of competent clergy and to help improve the inter-personal skills of ministers who have experienced relational difficulties. We hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Roy

Roy M. Oswald
Executive Director: EQ-HR Center
Alban Senior Consultant for 31 years

DEAL (Disability Education and Awareness Leadership)

A goal of the Conference Disability Concerns is education and awareness of handicapping conditions and issues facing an individual having a handicapping condition, i.e., attitudinal, environmental, or communicative. Because of this goal, CDC is awarding two grants to an upper classman or returning United Methodist college student. One grant is to be awarded to a student that has a handicapping condition and a second grant to a student that has a declared major in assisting individuals with handicapping conditions, i.e., special education, speech pathology, hearing and visual impairment, social work, counseling, physical and/or occupational therapies. Both grants will be awarded in May 2010 and be presented at the Central Texas Annual Conference in June, 2010. See attached for eligibility requirements and application. **ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS** see attached for grant criteria and application.

UPCOMING AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH:

Small Church Leadership Institute

The Small Church Leadership Institute, **March 8-12, 2010** at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas equips pastors and laity with the knowledge and skills for leading their small attendance church into the future. Guest presenters will be Dr. Tim Reaves, Dr. Doug Anderson and Asa Whitaker. You will hear stories of small church transformations and ample time will be scheduled for Contact: Marilyn at 800-760-8126, programs@mountsequoyah.org. To register click [here](#) or go to www.mountsequoyah.org.

Save \$50 – register by March 7

Women in Ministry save \$50 by registering before March 7 for the Clergywomen's Gathering at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas April 7-9. Join us for an awesome keynote speaker and fantastic workshops. Learn to "Live in Balance and Recapture your Creativity." Invite your friends from other denominations to join us, too. Contact Rev. Kim Ross spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org or call 800-760-8126.

Interfaith Church Security & Intruder Awareness/Response Seminar, April 20 & 21 at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center. This seminar will give you the tools to start a church safety/security ministry, improve your current plan, and training for church employees (ushers, secretaries, greeters, reception, etc.) on recognizing behavioral pre-cursors or suspicious behavior. \$185 for Day 1; \$295 for both days. For details contact Marilyn at 800-760-8126, programs@mountsequoyah.org or www.mountsequoyah.org. To register online for the seminar <http://www.intruderresponse.com/registration.html> for lodging and meals contact Mount Sequoyah.



RETREATS & SEMINARS



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Arlene Turner – Retinal surgery
 Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond’s wife
 Rev. Jan Baldwin
 Jackie Gause (chronic illness)

Brownwood District:

Jim & Terri Olney
 Frances Copeland, mother of Vickie Chamness
 D.J. Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CG&D) is undergoing chemo
 Lloyd Hagemeyer (retired & living in Midland)
 J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)
 Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)
 Alice Torian, wife of Gary Torian (Central/Lake Brownwood)
 Bud Davis, father of Alice Torian’s Dad
 Aldersgate Enrichment Center

Fort Worth District:

Michael Paul Love, son of Mike Love (Burluson UMC) is recovering from disk replacement surgery.
 Leonard Radde has been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and has started Radiation & Hormone treatments at USMD Prostate Cancer Center.
 Vaughn Baker, Pastor of Christ UMC is at it again! He has been invited by Sen. John Cornyn to open the U.S. Senate in prayer on April 15. This will take place in the Senate chambers at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Weatherford District:

Bill Hughes III continues to undergo treatment for Large B-cell Lymphoma
 Rev. Laraine Waughtal’s father
 Rod Corder (Acton UMC)
 Helen Johnson (wife of Rev. John Johnson) with health issues
 Bill Meek (Katie Meek’s father) surgery Thursday, February 25
 Jeri and Richard Reed
 Ken Bergeron

Temple District:

Ray Petty, brother of David McMinn (St. Philip’s, Round Rock) is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident
 Quinton Gibson (St. James, Temple) – health issues

Waco District:

Francis Hicks, the grandmother of Rev. Jay Frazee is in the hospital & in the final stages of this life.
 Family of Rev. Ronald (Ronny) Barnett

Conference Office:

D.J. Cowdrey
 Gary Lindley
 Ginny Scarberry
 Jerry Williams
 SHARE Program

PLEASE NOTIFY THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF ANY NEW PRAYER CONCERNS, SO THAT WE MAY INCLUDE THEM IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER!!!