

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

Now is the time to record the names of laity that passed away April 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2010.

Login to the dashboard and go to **My Church's Information**. There you will see a field entitled **Deaths of Honored Members** and the date range for this past year. You must enter your names in that block alphabetically by last name. Do not include dates. This is part of a very moving and meaningful service at Annual Conference. If the names are not entered into the dashboard they will not appear in the worship insert. We appreciate your time in preparing the list.

As always, if you are in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the District Office. **Please email the district office when this has been completed. I look forward to hearing from you!**

EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING

At the top of almost every church's list of skill set for a pastor is preaching. 70% of people will be connected to your church thru worship and preaching. These make excellence in preaching and worship critical. To help us step up in our effectiveness, the District is offering an excellent opportunity to grow, to achieve excellence in both.

April 10 & 11th Bob Farr, the Director of Congregations Excellence for the Missouri Annual Conference, will be at FUMC Mansfield. What Bob has to share, learned and applied, can make a dramatic difference in your preaching and leadership of worship. Your District work funds are underwriting Bob's time with us. I only ask that each participant pay for lunch on Saturday the 10th. There will be an additional registration fee for out of District participants. I expect every pastor and associate pastor to participate. Please place this on your calendar & RSVP to the district office with your reservations for lunch on Saturday. We will be issuing CEU credits also. The schedule will be posted on the district website soon. **Please, RSVP to the district office today!**



DON'T FORGET...SPRING AHEAD

Sunday March 14th

Set your clocks up one hour!

OPPORTUNITIES

One Great Hour of Sharing - THIS SUNDAY March 14

She's only 26 years old and came to me in tears. In a whisper the girl said to me, "I'm afraid. I think I have AIDS, but please do not tell my family." Angie Willicore tells this woman's story to illustrate the terrible stigma of AIDS in Liberia. Angie is a registered nurse for Ganta UM Hospital in Liberia and head of the community-based HIV/AIDS counseling team. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Please give generously at www.umcgiving.org/OGHS. For the rest of Angie's story, visit <http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=gnKPMPnHdLLL2I&s=crIUK5OBlLQK5NKJsh&m=hqLQJ4OzFgJ2G>.

Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training – April 24

The CTC Health & Wellness Task Force is sponsoring Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at Christ UMC (3301 Sycamore School Road, Fort Worth 76123). Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF) is a non-profit, cooperative community health program created by MeritCare Hospital Parish Nursing and Cardiac Rehab staff. It attempts to eliminate the barriers that keep people from participating in exercise and health enhancing behaviors. To date, over 150 places of worship in 8 states have implemented FFF programs. The \$75 cost includes 16 weeks of programming to get you started, a training manual, educational materials/references, devotional resources and exercise leadership video. More details on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under health and wellness.

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

First UMC Mansfield has 4 wooden prayer request stations to offer to another church that might be able to use them. They are made of quality wood construction and each contains a secured place for people to place prayer requests. Photos are available. Interested persons may contact Debbie Black, Care Ministries coordinator, at debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org.

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 pas-tor_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.



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.

"Churchmorph"

by Eddie Gibbs

The author combines years of experience and the wisdom of others to examine the megatrends that are reshaping Christian communities. He takes a look at 8 trends that are shaping the present & future of the church. It is a close look at the new forms that are emerging and how they are to be taken seriously.

OPPORTUNITIES

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"!

Annual Conference Business

Annual Conference information, has started appearing on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under the heading "2010 Annual Conference" in the lower right quadrant of the main page. This is your one-stop place for hotel information, online registration, fellowship meals, award/scholarship/honors nomination information and the full agenda.

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.

University United Methodist Church is hosting this year's **Large Church Initiative** conference on April 12-15 in San Antonio. This event, targeted toward UMC congregations of 350+ members theme is "Disciple-Making & Decision-Making in the Large Church."

[Click here for more information.](#)

Centennial Celebration Needs Your Logo Ideas

A special CTC centennial celebration is planned for Oct. 23 in Fort Worth, so please save that date. Another way to participate in this historic event is to submit a logo design to be used in the Centennial Celebration. The 100th Anniversary Committee will judge entries, and the selected artist will be recognized at the event. Logo guidelines:

- Logo may be color or black/white
- Incorporated in the logo should be some representation of the following: Central Texas Conference, The United Methodist Church Ministry, 100th Anniversary or Centennial Celebration or 1910 - 2010
- Artwork should be suitable for promotional materials, program cover, medallion and/or lapel pin Logo designs should be submitted in digital format (TIFF, EPS, JPEG) by April 1 to Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org or on flash drive or disk to: Central Texas Conference, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Please include a print out of the design along with the digital format and contact information for the artist and church affiliation.

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.

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@moutnsequoyah.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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Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife
 Rev. Jan Baldwin
 Jackie Gause (chronic illness)
 Marvin & Juanita Mott

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)
 Lisa Jones (Brownwood FUMC Assistant)
 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:

David Griffin surgery Wednesday, March 10
 Mike Love's Son
 Leonard Radde
 Congratulations to Andrew and Pam Nunley on the birth of their son, Abraham Peter Nunley, born March 5, 2010; 8.1 pounds, 20.5 inches. Mom and son doing well!

Mid Cities:

John McKellar's (White's Chapel) grandmother in Louisiana
 Marilyn's Schiffman's (St. Paul-Hurst) mother in South Dakota

Weatherford District:

Bill Hughes III continues to undergo treatment for Large B-cell Lymphoma
 Rev. Laraine Waughtal's father
 Rod Corder
 Helen Johnson (wife of Rev. John Johnson) with health issues
 Ken Bergeron
 Samantha Rudewick (wife of Rudy Rudewick)
 Nan Cate (Mother-in-law of Suzanne Cate)

Conference Office:

D.J. Cowdrey
 Shawn-Marie Riley
 Demetria Rodriguez
 Ginny Scarberry
 Jerry Williams

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