

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

LAITY MEMORIAL BOOK INFORMATION...**DEADLINE APRIL 8TH!**

In checking some of your dashboards I found a large number have not yet entered the information referenced below. If you do not have any deaths, please enter "No deaths reported" in the field. Please read instructions below in order to enter your names correctly.

Please record the names of laity who have passed away April 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2010 in your local church dashboard. 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 the block alphabetically by last name (first name first).**

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.

Please list the names in the following manner:

Alphabetical order by last name (*but FIRST name FIRST*)

Nick Names should be in parenthesis

Do not use Mr., Mrs., etc.

Do not include death dates

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Annual District Conference will be held on Thursday May 20th at Waxahachie FUMC beginning at 7:00pm.

Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. All clergy are expected to attend. In addition, all lay members to Annual Conference are strongly encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the district office ASAP. Don't forget...the Central Texas Conference is "going green" so conference materials will not be mailed but will now be available online at **ctcumc.org**. Visit the conference website to find all 2010 conference information including preliminary reports. You may want to print this information to share with lay members who do not have access to the internet.

OPPORTUNITIES

Native American Ministries Sunday (April 18, 2010)

Without help from Native American Ministries Sunday, Ray deZafra never would have found his way to the Third Sunday Native American Fellowship. For the first time in his life, the Potawatomi Indian feels that he belongs, not just to a tribe, but also to a community of Christians. The offering on this Special Sunday educates Native American seminarians, plants Native American churches and cultivates Native American outreach to seekers like Ray. Call (888) 346-3862 today to order envelopes and other resources so your congregation can participate in this churchwide offering. They will be sent at no cost to your church! Find more at umcgiving.org/specialsundays.

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.

[Click here](#) for a letter from Henry Radde, chairperson of the Board of Directors for the **Depression Connection Team** explaining their program that they would like to share in your local church concerning mental health issues. For more information see [this announcement](#) and the Community News for [mental health flyer](#) here.

EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING

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. Every pastor and associate pastor in our district is expected 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. A schedule will be posted on the district website soon.

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 THE FIRST OF JUNE 2010. AFTER THAT DATE, THE COST WILL BE \$50

**IMPORTANT
NEWS
&
NOTES
FROM YOUR
D. S.**



**RECOMMENDED
READING**

“IMAGINE NO MORE MALARIA”

Imagine no more malaria by 2015! No more grieving parents at the grave of their child. No more orphans standing alone by the deathbed of their parents. No more disability robbing parents of the strength to provide for their family. Imagine!



As UM’s we have claimed the vision of eradicating this and other killer diseases. We can see the transformation this would bring among the vast and most suffering among us. Sunday April 25th World wide UM’s will begin this pilgrimage journey to a new world.

I am asking every pastor, every congregation to set aside this day as a beginning to health & wholeness. Resources have been prepared for our use to lead us into this incredible vision. You will find links to them at the end of this article. Gather your leadership team and plan your strategy for the battle! Imagine, no more malaria!

To learn more and register your event visit: rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld. You may also visit youtube.com and enter **“Change the World”** to view a short 2 minute video.

“What’s Theology Got to Do With It?”

by Anthony B. Robinson

This is one in a series of books about healthy, vital church. In it we discover that theology is critical for a healthy, vital church. The author speaks in plain and understandable language to a crucial issue. I would recommend that you read this with a group of lay leaders or staff. I would be delighted to join with others to read thru this or the other two. Please let me know if you are interested!

“Best Read”

“Healthy Congregations”

By Peter L Steinke

This is a best read for any pastor wanting to transform the congregation from dysfunction to health. It is easily accessible to congregational leaders. Using this, a common resource for the central leaders of a congregation could lead to an amazing transformation.

I highly recommend this book!



Annual Conference Goes Green

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce printing costs, Annual Conference information will be made available at www.ctcumc.org under the heading "2010 Annual Conference" rather than by mailings this year.

This is your one stop place for hotel information, online registration, fellowship meals, award/scholarship/honors nomination information and the full agenda. 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 . We appreciate your support as the Central Texas Conference "goes green"!

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.

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

United Methodist Night at the Ballpark! – May 8

Get discounted tickets for UMC churches for the Saturday, May 8, Ranger game against the Royals. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and tickets start at \$7.50 for upper reserved and \$8 for bleachers. Get order information at <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1391>.

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, medalion 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:

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.

A United Methodist Studies School September 7-14, 2010. Sponsored by The College of Bishops of The South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. To educate and spiritually form persons entering United Methodist Ministry in a retreat setting. **Click here** for more information and the registration form.

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-leah@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

RETREATS & SEMINARS

OPENINGS



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Waxahachie District:

Jim Summers, Nancy Summers husband
 Marvin & Juanita Mott
 Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife
 Rev. Jan Baldwin
 Jackie Gause (chronic illness)

Brownwood District:

Frances Copeland, mother of Vickie Chamness (wife of Joe Chamness, Ballinger FUMC/Winters FUMC)
 Lloyd Hageimer (retired & living in Midland)
 J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)
 Lisa Jones (Brownwood FUMC Assistant)
 Jim & Terri Olney
 Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center, Public Relations Director)
 Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)
 Aldersgate Enrichment Center

Fort Worth District:

Jeannie Trevino-Teddle - Breast cancer surgery
 Demetria and Sam Rodriguez (Demetria's surgery for lung cancer)
 David Griffin recovering from heart surgery
 Mike Love's Son
 Leonard Radde

Mid Cities:

John McKellar's (White's Chapel) grandmother in Louisiana
 Marilyn Schiffman's (St. Paul - Hurst) mother in South Dakota
 Dale Brown (Certified lay speaker - Smithfield)

Waco:

Dawn Gilliland's father, Red Williams, retired UM Minister - South Carolina Conference - in the hospital with heart trouble and excessive white blood count.
 Denise Rogers mother and doctors treating her

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
 Suzanne Cate and family in loss her mother-in-law, Nan
 Mother of Rudy Rudewick, who had surgery on Friday
 Demetria Rodriguez (wife of Sam Rodriguez, former Director of Hispanic Ministries) surgery last week

Conference Office:

Demetria Rodriguez
Jeannie Trevino Teddle
Jerry Williams
The Alignment Task Force

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