

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

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

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

If you did not have any deaths enter "No deaths reported".

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 may 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 need to print this information to share with lay members who do not have access to the internet.) PLEASE make sure all contact information (including mailing addresses) is entered into dashboard for your lay members to Annual Conference. This will allow the conference office to contact lay members directly and save you time!

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](#).

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 will 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 \$7 for lunch on Saturday the 10th. There will be an additional registration fee for out of District participants of \$20 per person or a flat fee of \$100 for churches with 5 or more attending. Every pastor and associate pastor in our district is expected to participate. **RSVP to the district office to reserve your place and to be included for lunch on Saturday no later than Tuesday April 6th.** Checks for boxed lunch should be made payable to the "Waxahachie District UMC". We will be issuing CEU credits also. The complete schedule for this event can be found [here](#).

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”



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. **THIS SUNDAY**, April 25th World wide UM’s will begin this pilgrimage journey to a new world. To learn more and register your event visit: rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld. Check out what others are doing on INM’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/umclImagineNoMalaria>.

Click [here](#) for the brochure and registration form for “A United Methodist Studies School” on Sept 7-14, 2010.

This is quality!

If you are in need of these courses or would like a greater understanding of our Doctrine, Polity or History, I strongly recommend this opportunity. For CLM’s, local pastors or candidates, these are required. Some seminars will also accept these for credit. If you are new to Methodism or the recognition of orders track, these are essential. Please plan to attend. This is a quality event.

“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!

TO BLOSSOM
IN MINISTRY,
A PASTOR
MUST SAVE
EARLY
AND
OFTEN.

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." Our own Bishop Lowry will be attending and participating in on of the select groups, the Bishops' Team.

" The goal for this national training event is to introduce you to leading thinkers, major speakers, cutting-edge systems for making disciples and making decisions that make disciples."

[Click here](#) for more information.

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 <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1391>.



The next Soderquist Center - Renew Retreat for clergy and their spouses are scheduled for July 13-15 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. The retreat is completely free. The only cost is the transportation to and from the retreat, which *will not* be reimbursed. Many Central Texas clergy couples have been given the opportunity to attend. All have had a great experience. We cannot accept any repeat couples. This is the first time we have been given a summer date. We hope this time we will be able to accommodate the clergy couples whose spouses are teachers

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 precursors 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.

Register Now! Early Discount until April 2

The third annual **Caring for Creation** conference April 16-18 at Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas will bring members of the faith community together to learn how they can become better caretakers of the earth.

For information about workshops, schedules, leadership and fees, contact Mount Sequoyah at 800-760-8126, 479-443-4531, programs@mountsequoyah.org or www.mountsequoyah.org.

To register on line go to <https://registration.campbrain.com/Portal/Login.aspx?H=MSCC&G=215>.

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 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@sbccglobal.net.

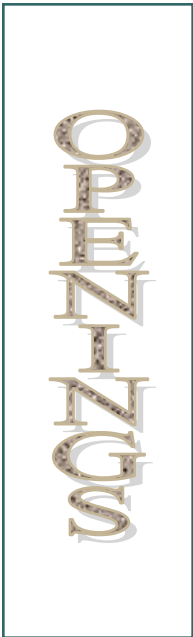
The part/time Children's Coordinator position can be combined with the part/time Mother's Day Out Director position for the right applicant.

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.



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Waxahachie District:

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

Brownwood District:

Jim & Terri Olney – Please continue prayers for Jim & Terri as he battles cancer & continues treatments
 Frances Copeland, mother of Vickie Chamness (wife of Joe Chamness, Ballinger FUMC/Winters FUMC)
 Lloyd Hagemeyer (retired & living in Midland)
 J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)
 Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center, Public Relations Director)
 Lisa Meek (Brownwood FUMC Assistant)
 Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)
 Aldersgate Enrichment Center
 Gary & Alice Torian (Central/Lake Brownwood): Alice has been released from the hospital after pneumonia. Her parents Bud & Dorothy Davis remain in Brownwood Regional Medical Center. The prognosis is not good for Alice's father. Please continue your prayers for the Torian and Davis families.

Fort Worth District:

Lori Conner, recovering from hip replacement surgery
 Jessica Gutierrez, recovering from gall bladder surgery
 Memorial Service for Steve McIver's Nephew – Austin Morris – was held Saturday, March 20 at Spring Creek Community Church in Garland.
 Cynthia Benton, wife of Rev. Dan Benton. She was injured in a one car accident on Saturday March 20.
 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)

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:

Steve McIver - loss of his nephew, Austin.
Cynthia Benton
Lori Connor
Jessica Gutierrez
Steve McIver
Shawn-Marie Riley
Carol Roszell
Jerry Williams
New Day Church
Crossroads and Life Point Churches