

“TO MAKE  
DISCIPLES  
ACCORDING TO  
THE GREAT  
COMMANDMENT  
AND THE GREAT  
COMMISSION”

# WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 29 2010

## RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...

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



*You know you  
work for the  
United Methodist  
Church if...*

*You know the  
Cabinet isn't in  
the kitchen, but  
meets around a  
table!*

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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.

### **Annual Conference Teller Needed**

The Waxahachie District **NEEDS 1 more lay person** to serve as a teller at annual Conference. The deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please email [waxahachie@ctcumc.org](mailto:waxahachie@ctcumc.org) or call 972-937-8891 if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

### **United Methodist Night at the Ballpark!**

On May 8th 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>.

## 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BLESSED ARE YOU  
who looks upon all  
persons with the  
eyes of Christ,  
for compassion and  
understanding  
are more esteemed  
than  
judgmentalism  
and  
self righteousness.**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Click on the "Annual Conference" banner at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) for registration and other links. The form has been streamlined this year and is divided into separate clergy and lay categories for clarity. Registering online means that upon arrival at Will Rogers Memorial Center on Monday, June 7, you may proceed directly to your seat within your district's section. Your nametag and materials will be at your table. If you do not register online, you will need to stop at the Treasurer's Office in the Silver Spur Room and fill out a registration card in order to receive your nametag and materials. You are strongly urged to register online to avoid standing in line at Annual Conference. **The deadline to register is May 16. Remember, the deadline to reserve a hotel room at the special rate is May 17.**

June 8th, 2010—**CTC United Methodist Women's Annual Conference Luncheon**. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more details!

### **Kick Off Annual Conference with a Friendship Dinner**

The annual Hispanic Ministries *Cena de Amistad* (Friendship Dinner) will be Sunday, June 6 from 5:30-7 pm in the Justin Youth Building at First UMC Fort Worth. Come have a wonderful catered meal, live entertainment, and celebrate. Then just walk across the parking lot to opening worship. [Click here for the flyer and registration](#). Registration is due by June 1, 2010.

### **Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning**

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and Commissioning Service during the opening worship of Annual Conference 2010. When: June 6; Where: Picnic @ Trinity Park, University Exit, Fort Worth, Commissioning @ FUMC Fort Worth; What time: Picnic @ 4:30pm Service @ 7pm; How much: FREE (Includes Dinner & Music!). Please use [this form](#) to register your group by May 24. Bring blankets, frisbees, other things to make a picnic fun. Wear a t-shirt from a past mission trip or that represents your church. Yes, t-shirts will be ok to wear to the service!! Remember - ALL youth groups are invited that will be participating in some form of mission/service this summer. It is NOT limited to those participating in CTCYM.

Also, don't forget...the Central Texas Conference is "going green" so **annual conference materials** will now be available online at [ctcumc.org](http://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!](#)

## PCSM Online Course @ No Charge

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

[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](#) .

### **Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer June 24-27**

FUMC Palmer announces PUMP 2010! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend (June 24-27) for youth groups from across Texas. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area and experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. This is an appropriate mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. The cost is \$75/per person. For more details and a pre-registration brochure, contact Debbi Mitchell at 214-683-1501 or [palmerpump@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Registration deadline: May 31.

### **"Unleashing the Power of Rubber Bands, Lessons in non-linear Leadership" By Nancy Ortberg**

Nancy begins by encouraging readers to turn to the last chapter first. I think she did that for several reasons: encouraging readers to get past linear thinking and to make her premise more strongly. That premise is simple: leadership is hard. We seem to be surprised by that fact. It shouldn't surprise us! We are encouraged to move past the surprise and get to work! Even if we are good at it, it (leadership) isn't easy.

Another significant point is this "people want to be a part of something together, not just following a leader." This means we must be a different kind of leader. We must be "team" leaders not omnipotent, singular leaders. This makes the task even more difficult but in the end more rewarding.

Read this book! You will be glad you did!

RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM  
DON

GREAT READ!

# Opportunities

**May 14 – 16, 2010:**The Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women's 2010 Spiritual Growth Retreat: "**Faith, Fitness, Food and You**" at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center 5128 FM 66 - Waxahachie, Texas 75167972-937-5291 - <http://www.lakeviewcamp.net> For more information click [here](#).

**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.

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 seminaries 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.

The Music Ministry of FUMC Waxahachie presents...**JOYFUL, JOYFUL**—Handbell Concert on Sunday May 2, 2010 beginning at 6:00pm. FUMC Waxahachie is located at 505 W. Marvin St. Waxahachie TX. 972-937-4400



### **Pianist**

Lakeside UMC, a beautiful church on the north side of the Richland-Chambers Reservoir in the quiet little town of Saint Elmo seeks a piano player for Sunday morning worship and choir rehearsal. Hours are about 8:00 until noon. The pianist will work with the choir director to present congregational and choir music to the congregation. The pianist must be able to sight-read new material and follow the instructions of the director. If interested, please call Rev. Sandra Hippman at 903-599-3080 or Bill Brunson at 903-599-4035.

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UM Church, Red Oak, TX is seeking an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist Doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at **972-617-9100** for an application. Start date is mid May, 2010.

### **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](mailto:leah@yahoo.com) or **972-322-1383**.

### **Worship Leader**

New Day UMC ([www.ndumc.com](http://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](mailto:Sheila@newdayumc.com) or to P.O. Box 2125, Mansfield 76063.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

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to include your  
prayer requests or  
to share your joys in  
our weekly  
newsletter, please  
contact the District  
Office.**

### **WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT:**

Tim Thomas—recovering from surgery  
Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife  
Rev. Jan Baldwin  
Jackie Gause (chronic illness)

### **BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:**

John Morrow is undergoing chemo treatments for his cancer - brother of Clint Morrow (husband of Carol Woods, DS)  
Nancy Suggs, wife Norman Suggs (TSU Wesley Foundation), fell on Tuesday evening and broke her arm in 3 places. Surgery is pending.  
Irad Cochran (92), father of Cathy Mordecai (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek) is doing very well after knee replacement surgery and is now in rehab.  
DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CTC Church Growth & Development)  
Sally Fleming (Comanche FUMC/Gustine) – knee injury  
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)  
Jim & Terri Olney – Last CT scan indicates that all three of the lung tumors are shrinking. The next chemo treatment is May 6.  
Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian) – released from the hospital and recuperating at home  
Sara Reed, mother of Dean Reed (Stephenville FUMC)  
Klel Quesenberry (Retired Minister residing in DeLeon)  
Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center Public Relations Director) – pregnancy complications  
Newborn triplet granddaughters of Iilita Adams (Aldersgate Enrichment Center staff member) - born prematurely  
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

### **FORT WORTH DISTRICT:**

George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedures and had a fall.  
Frank Briggs Mother Joan Briggs, deteriorating health issues  
Lori Conner, recovering from hip replacement surgery  
DJ Cowdrey – Vicki Eldredge's sister  
Jeannie Trevino-Teddle – Breast cancer surgery  
Leonard Radde

### **MID-CITIES DISTRICT:**

Scott Youngblood (Trinity) – problems with his knee  
Mike Dawson (New World)  
Jeannie Trevino-Teddle (Perkins School of Theology) – Breast cancer surgery  
Sidney Roberts – recuperating from surgery

### **WACO DISTRICT:**

Marion Rice (mother of Denise Rogers)  
Jennifer Brockmeier's Uncle, Bill Bennett  
Dawn Gillilands Dad Rev. C.D. "Red" Williams  
Robert Moran– facing Back Surgery

### **CONFERENCE OFFICES:**

DJ Cowdrey  
Shawn-Marie Riley  
Joan Tankersley  
Jerry Williams  
Crossroads/LifePoint Merger  
UMC Singles Ministry