

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

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 13, 2010

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...



Our District Conference is this Thursday May 20th at Waxahachie FUMC beginning at 7:00pm.

Many important topics are included on the agenda. All clergy are expected to attend. In addition, all lay members to Annual Conference are strongly encouraged to join us. If you are unable to attend, please contact the district office ASAP.

REMINDER:
The District office will be closed on Monday, May 31st for the Memorial Day holiday.

Hope for the Church

**May 26, 9am-2pm
King of Glory
Lutheran Church Dallas,
TX**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke will lead this workshop to “help leaders ground change in Mission and Hope.” This day long event is \$30 and includes lunch. I highly recommend this workshop for clergy and lay leaders! Click here for the flyer with much more information and registration instructions.

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PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE... The deadline to register is this Sunday, May 16. Click on the “Annual Conference” banner at 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

2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BLESSED ARE YOU
speaks of no
problem without
offering a solution,
for the tongue of
the complainer is
not as worthy as
the lips of a
problem solver.**

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. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

CTC Ministers Spouses Organization invites you to: **2010 Annual Conference Spouses Luncheon on June 7, 2010 12:15pm** Luncheon will be held at First UMC, Fort Worth at Wesley Hall. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Reservation Deadline: May 25

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

SMALL CHURCH TURNAROUND STORY!

Check out what one of my coaching clients, Pastor Sharon Karamoko, has done at Wesley Chapel UMC in Jackson, TN. From 18 to 100 (Relationships) in a Year

Less than 15 months Wesley Chapel has gone from 18 older, well educated African-American's in attendance to nearly 100 weekly congregants of all ages. Additionally, they have purchased a building and land adjacent to the church, and bought a new van to pick up college students at nearby Lane College. The church had over 200 in attendance this past Easter, and hosted an outdoor block party last summer that drew over 300 guests. In fact, their strategy, called Events-Based Growth, is to have one "big" event (Easter, New Years Eve, Family and Friends Day, their outdoor "Lovefest", etc.) every 90 days that draws a crowd of guests by word-of-mouth. The energy of and hospitality of these gatherings is intense, loving, and very infectious. In the aftermath of the events they are very intentional about follow-up to build relationships with their guests.

A Love Revolution

18 months ago Rev. Karamoko's leadership team came up with a slogan for the church that they seek to live into every day: "The Church Who Loves You To Life!" The value of "love" is further expressed in each of their Sunday services when those in attendance greet each other with the phrase "How's your love life?" as they pass the peace. One older member was so inspired by the new direction of the church she offered to bake her amazingly delicious chocolate chip cookies each week for guests and members to enjoy. The cookies are packaged with a logo tag that says "Show Me Some Love Cookies," because Rev. Sharon never misses an opportunity to reinforce her core message.

A Story Worth Sharing

Pastor Karamoko's email address is revsllk@bellsouth.net. I think she would be an excellent "best practice" or case study for future small church institutes.

I really appreciate all the work you do to build up churches and leaders Bob. May God continue to bless your vital ministry.

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CTC Accepting Online Payments

Churches are able to make secure, electronic payments for apportionments, insurance, pension, and cafeteria plan. From the conference webpage (www.ctcumc.org) click on "Administration," then "Apportionments," then "Online Payments." Paying online is an easy 1-2-3-step process. Contact David Stinson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, or david@ctcumc.org if you have questions or need more information.

Remaining 2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah

June 27-29: *Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference. Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Oct. 18-22: *Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Oct. 25-28: *Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at www.mountsequoyah.org

Opportunities

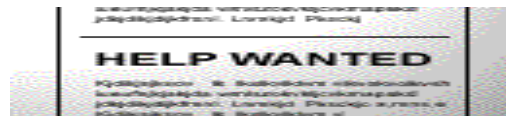
Oct 25-27, 2010 at Stillwater Retreat Center in Glen Rose. The Sower's Bag...A Sermon Writing Retreat based on the Readings for the Advent Season, Christmas Eve/Day. Fill your sermon writing bag with useful seeds as you prepare yourself and your sermons for the Advent Season. **Contact the District office for scholarship information.** Click [here](#) for more information and registration forms.

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.



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 or **972-322-1383**.

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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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

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:

Sharon Bell (Gorman FUMC/Dublin, Laurel St.) – foot surgery on May 21
Irad Cochran, father of Cathy Mordecai (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek) – doing very well after knee replacement
DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CTC Church Growth & Development)
John Morrow is undergoing chemo treatments for his cancer. John is the brother of Clint Morrow, husband of Carol Woods (DS).
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)
Jim & Terri Olney –chemo treatments continue for Jim
Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)
Sara Reed, mother of Dean Reed (Stephenville FUMC)
Nancy Suggs, wife Norman Suggs (TSU Wesley Foundation) - broken her arm
Klel Quesenberry (Retired Minister residing in DeLeon)

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

CTC CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT:

LifePoint/Crossroads merger—So far so good --pray Gods grace & mercy on all involved.
All New Church Starts
Share program
Flood Victims in Nashville
Our Country & its Leaders
Conference Staff & Leadership