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DISCIPLES
ACCORDING TO
THE GREAT
COMMANDMENT
AND THE GREAT
COMMISSION”

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 20, 2010

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...



REMINDER:
The District office will
be closed on Monday,
May 31st for the Me-
morial 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.

Preparing to Receive a New Pastor

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, “Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together.” The following suggestions from [50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor](#) (http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality

Last Chance for Free Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training

Many pastors will be needing to take the prevention training again this year. At the beginning of June, this online training will cost \$50 to take. **It is free until the end of May.** We suggest that you take advantage now in order to avoid the charges. CTC clergy can now go to www.careermarriage.org/pcsm, click on “Login” and set up their personal PCSM access. 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@careermarriage.org.

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.

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2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BLESSED ARE YOU
who dwell in the
abode of humble
service with your
brothers and sisters
rather than wait
alone outside the
gates of haughty
superiority, for
there the heart of
the servant is found.**

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!

Annual Conference to Collect Cleaning Buckets

UMCOR sent relief aid to the Mississippi Annual Conference responding to needs there after multiple tornadoes swept through 17 counties on April 23. Severe weather again struck the southeast last weekend when thunderstorms, flooding and high winds believed to be tornadoes raged through Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky on Saturday and Sunday, causing widespread destruction. You can help! Please collect Cleaning Buckets and bring them with you to drop off at Annual Conference's Opening Worship. Click [here](#) to learn how you can help provide these material resources.

Printing of Preliminary Reports

Clergy, please make sure that your lay members to Annual Conference have the ability to print out the Preliminary Report from the Conference website. If they do not, please print it for them. The district office will make a few copies available at District conference!

E.O. Complimentary Lunch Monday at Annual Conference

Join Dr. Scott Youngblood and Paula Cole for a complimentary lunch Monday, June 7 at Blue Mesa Grill, 1600 S. University, less than 10 minutes from Will Rogers to learn about Educational Opportunities, a travel ministry founded by UM Clergy Dr. Bill Ridgeway. Since 1974, over 350,000 passengers have traveled with EO on Christian Cruises, Tours and Holy Land tours. R.S.V.P. to yngbld0223@Yahoo.com

Church Growth & Development

From the Office of Church Growth & Development-

Thank you to the churches who have so graciously let Gary & I come and speak to your congregations. We appreciate it so very much!! You have truly been a blessing to us and we pray you will be examples to others of how to support Church Growth. Please continue to talk about Church Growth and encourage your members to be shareholders as part of their Faithwalk. Thank you to those we have visited and those we will visit soon!

Together we can make a difference!

Gary & Vicki

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. We are filling in our fall calendars and would love to come sometime to offer your congregations the opportunity.

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.

Church Growth & Development Accepting Online Payments

Churches and individuals are able to make secure, electronic payments for Shares. From the conference webpage (www.ctcumc.org) click on "Administration," then "Apportionments," then "Online Payments." Go down to "Other" payments (you can type in Church Growth). 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 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

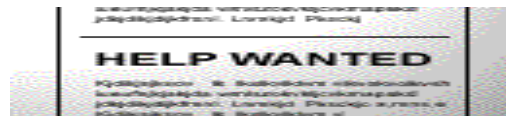
Oct 25-27, 2010 at Stillwater Retreat Center in Glen Rose. The Sower's Bag...A Sermon Writing Retreat based on the Readings for the Advent Season, Christmas Eve/Day. Fill your sermon writing bag with useful seeds as you prepare yourself and your sermons for the Advent Season. **Contact the District office 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@yadoo.com](mailto:leah@yadoo.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.

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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:

Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife
Rev. Jan Baldwin
Jackie Gause

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:

Sharon Bell (Gorman FUMC/Dublin, Laurel St.) – foot surgery cancelled due to diabetic complications. Please keep Sharon in your prayers for the diabetes.
Irad Cochran, father of Cathy Mordecai (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek) – home & doing very well
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)- Nancy's broken arm is healing nicely
Klel Quesenberry (Retired Minister residing in DeLeon)
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

FORT WORTH DISTRICT:

Rev Mary Fortner celebrates the graduation of her daughter Katie Fortner from Oklahoma City University on May 8. She earned a BS in Business.
Osvaldo Benitez—gall bladder surgery.
Susan & Tim Bruster's granddaughter, Alice Caroline Pepper, born May 13 to their daughter Sarah and husband Stephen Pepper.
Kristen Beth Boy—(daughter of Bill Boyd of Kennedale and Gail Boyd of Waco) will marry Dominic Christopher Soria of Los Angeles, CA on May 29th.
Russ Middleton—Buddy Stegman's brother in law, triple bypass surgery
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
D J Cowdrey—Vicki Eldredge's sister
Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie—breast cancer surgery
Leonard Radde

MID-CITIES DISTRICT:

Scott Youngblood (Trinity) – problems with his knee
Mike Dawson (New World)
Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie (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

CTC OFFICES:

Marion Murray
Jim Olney
Jerry Williams
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