



Central E-Link

*News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip
Church Leaders of the Central Texas Conference*

June 23, 2010

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to Carolyn@ctcumc.org by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to susan@ctcumc.org.

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News Briefs — The Conference

Cooperative School of Christian Mission — Aug. 2-4, 3-5, 6-8

It's time to register for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission, which this year offers three opportunities to participate and learn and grow in your knowledge of mission and faith in God. Plan now to attend:

- Evening School, Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 2-4, at First UMC Hurst
- Weekday School, Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 3-5, at First UMC Hurst
- Weekend School, Friday evening-Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6-8, at Glen Lake Camp

A registration form with school information is attached to this *E-Link*. During the weekday and weekend schools there are classes for youth and children. There are scholarships available through the conference and district UMW units. Make this the year you make time for this important opportunity sponsored by the United Methodist Woman and Global Ministries — open to all men, women, youth and children.

Tim Brown named 10th president of Methodist Children's Home

Tim Brown, a veteran child care administrator, was elected president and chief executive officer of Methodist Children's Home last Friday during a meeting of the Home's Board of Directors. Dr. Clayton Oliphint, chairperson of the Board of Directors, made the announcement. Brown has held various leadership roles during 26 years of service at MCH, most recently as vice president for community services. He was named interim president at MCH April 1 following the retirement of Bobby Gilliam, who served seven years as president. Brown becomes the 10th president in the Home's 120-year history. See www.ctcumc.org for more details.

Media Library Includes Annual Conference Worship

Video clips of the three Annual Conference worship services and Dr. Gil Rendle's video from Start Up Seminar are available at www.ctcumc.org under the "Media Library." When you check out the worship services, consider also any video clips, still shots and/or audio from your own church or ministry events that you would like to share with others. It would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

Clergy Appointment Change

Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet announce the following changes:

Hyeongdong Baek, an elder in full connection, retains his membership in the Nebraska

Conference (§ 346.1) while serving as pastor at Little River UMC in the Temple District, effective June. 1.

Hugworks Benefit Concert by Noel Paul Stookey — July 17

This concert by Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary fame, will be held Saturday, July 17, in Poor David's Pub (1313 S. Lamar St., Dallas) to benefit the good works of Hugworks. Tickets go on sale June 25 at frontgatetickets.com. Hugworks, founded in 1981, is a nonprofit organization, which specializes in bringing therapeutic entertainment and music therapy to hospitalized children.

Children & Youth Worker Training — July 30-31 & Oct. 1-2

Two locations, two times are available for those interested in Children & Youth Worker Training, especially geared to smaller church and volunteer leaders. The basics and more will be covered:

- July 30-31 at First UMC Waxahachie
- Oct. 1-2 at First UMC Weatherford

Christian Ed Basics is a weekend training experience for leaders, paid or volunteer, in children and youth ministries. Like the name implies, participants will get an introduction to information and tools to succeed in this ministry area. For more details, check the conference website at http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXL CZ/Children_4EPBX25Z.YouthWorker.Training.TheBasics.pdf.

Subscribe to the Bishop's new blog

Bishop Lowry has started a new blog site you can find at www.bishopmikelowry.com. You can subscribe via email to receive the latest writings from the bishop by visiting this new site, clicking on "subscribe" at the top of the page, and then following the instructions to supply your email address. You may also see the latest updates on Facebook by "friending" the bishop at www.facebook.com/bishopmikelowry.

Tap Into the Conference Centennial Celebration — Oct. 23

Mark Winter has set up a Facebook page to follow the growing features for the 100th anniversary Centennial Celebration Saturday, Oct. 23, in Fort Worth. To see more details and confirm this invitation, follow the link at http://www.facebook.com/n/?pages%2FCTC-Centennial-Celebration%2F128618053831428&mid=27b080fG602f37e2G1646330G4c&n_m=carolyn%40ctc umc.org. And later today, look for details and tickets and memorabilia forms on the website at www.ctcumc.org.

Citizen Lobby Group Seeks to End Hunger and Poverty

An informational meeting is planned for 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11, to explain and explore the volunteer opportunities with RESULTS, a non-partisan grassroots citizens lobby group creating the political will to end hunger and poverty. The meeting is at Fort Worth First UMC (800 W. 5th St., Fort Worth). The meeting is free and open to the public. "RESULTS is about empowering citizens with the knowledge and tools to make a difference," says Eloise Sutherland a volunteer of RESULTS in Austin. "Many of us feel disenfranchised by our government and that our voices don't matter. RESULTS is about transforming that resignation into resolve." For more information about RESULTS visit <http://www.results.org/website/article.asp?id=240> or watch a promotional video for webcast at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6643097997069281250&pr=goog-si&hl=en>.

UMVIM Update

UM Volunteers in Mission, the General Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR are working to identify nurses with prior Haiti mission experience who are interested in traveling to Haiti for earthquake relief. Of special interest are nurses interested in serving as individual volunteers for an extended period of time (between 2 months and 2 years). Interested personnel should contact Nancy Eubanks, individual volunteer consultant for GBGM at nteubanks@gmail.com.

Glen Lake Adventure Race — Oct. 9

Join the first annual Glen Lake Adventure Race on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Teams of 2 will run/bike/paddle/climb their way around Glen Lake and may encounter a few fun surprises along the way! Team categories will be: Men, Women, Co-Ed, and Youth (5th-12th grade). Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in each category. This is a course that anyone can do. Never done an adventure race before? But up for the challenge? Not a problem. This race will be a fun day of getting to enjoy the outdoors and a little friendly competition along the way. All proceeds from the race go to support the ministry of Glen Lake Camp. Please visit <http://www.glenlake.org/recreation> for further details and to register!

Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out www.facebook.com, then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or Karen@ctcumc.org.

News Briefs — The Denomination

Worth Reading: End of life or new creation?

Ken Carter, pastor at Providence UMC in North Carolina, senses a heightened degree of stress throughout the UMC in the U.S. The economic downturn and membership declines are increasing demands on national and regional church staffs at the same time resources flowing toward them are diminishing. "The connection is a legacy passed to us from an earlier generation, but it is now in a fragile state," he writes in a commentary. "The stress that is felt in our system is the breaking apart of a structure that is no longer sustainable, missional or even functional." The analysis is adapted from Carter's blog at <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=IwL4KnN1Lth&b=5259669&ct=8449187&tr=y&auid=6527711>.

Swartz Creek UMC Named 2010 Culture of the Call Church

(Note to CTC: What is your congregation doing to encourage and nurture young people for ministry?)

The Foundation for Evangelism recognizes the first-ever recipient of the Culture of the Call Church Award, naming Swartz Creek UMC (Swartz Creek, Mich.) as a congregation with a history of helping young people 35 or younger experience God's call to full time Christian service as a result of affiliation with that church. Swartz Creek UMC has a history of sending people into the ministry. The pastor and church leaders help to identify young people with gifts for ministry and empower them by placing them in positions of learning and leadership in order to experience what ministry in the church is like. The pastor, Rev. Dr. John Landis, and church leaders follow candidates for ministry through their candidacy process and ordination or consecration. Service to sister churches, district, and conference ministries are encouraged. In addition, over 25 persons from the church have gone through lay speaking training and seven persons have gone into the ministry. District Superintendent Eugene Blair's nomination praises the church's culture where, "young people continually see ministry as a positive and viable option for their lives because of what they see and experience in evangelism and discipleship ministries." Want more information? Visit the Foundation for Evangelism (www.foundationforevangelism.org) and Swartz Creek UMC (<http://umc-sc.org/>.)

Lighten the Burden AIDS Conference in Dallas — Oct. 14-16 in Dallas

The third international UM "Lighten the Burden" AIDS conference will be Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 14-16, at the Radisson Central Hotel, Dallas. Theme of the event is "Working Toward an AIDS-free World." The UM Global AIDS Fund Committee, with the support of several UM general

agencies, sponsors the conference. Dr. Musa Dube, internationally known theologian from the University of Botswana, will lead the Bible study. Featured speakers include Bishop Minerva Carcaño, episcopal leader of the Desert Southwest Conference, and Dr. Pauline Muchina, senior partnership adviser with UNAIDS. Dr. Jeffrey Crowley, director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, has been invited to participate. To register (by Sept. 20) for the conference, pre-conference site visits and reserve hotel room go to [Light The Burden III](#). For more information, contact [Linda Bales Todd](#) at 202-488-5649.

Know Youth HIV Status

Sharon, 30, from Kansas was afraid she might be HIV-positive. She visited a doctor at E.C. Tyree Health and Dental Clinic, a ministry supported by the Kansas West Annual Conference and the UM Global AIDS Fund. At the clinic Sharon received information about HIV transmission, treatment, and testing. She agreed to be tested for HIV rather than continue to live in fear. She was relieved when the test came back negative. Fear and anxiety hinder many people from learning the truth about their status. June 27 is HIV-testing Day. Support programs like that at E.C. Tyree Clinic that help people understand their health options in a positive way. Give to **UM Global AIDS Fund, UMCOR Advance #982345**.

Haiti: Envisioning a New Development Program

An UMCOR delegation headed by Director Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey meets this week in Port-au-Prince with Methodist Church of Haiti (EMH) representatives to envision a new, post-earthquake development program led by the Haitian church. The meeting will create working groups to assist EMH's long-range planning in services related to agriculture, micro-credit and micro-enterprise, health, and literacy and adult education. Your gifts for **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325** help the people of Haiti rebuild homes, places of worship, and their lives after the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

Creative Worship & Design Matters Seminars

Midnight Oil Productions hopes to re-energize your passion for worship, show how to infuse creativity into everything you do and have fun at the same time. For the first time ever, Midnight Oil is taking their two-day [Creative Worship](#) and [Design Matters](#) seminar to Honolulu, but if that's a little rich for your budget they will be in 11 different cities including San Antonio in October. For details, visit <http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/seminar/creative-worship/>.

2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center

150 NW Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 • 479-443-4531/800-760-8126

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.

CEF Conference — Oct. 22-25

Come to Kentucky to experience the Divine in a new way at the Christian Educators Fellowship Conference Oct. 22-25. Bringing the messages will be Bishop Lindsey Davis and pastors Rudy Rasmus (St. John's UMC, Houston and founder of Bread of Life, Inc.) and Sherry Daniels (Norfolk UMC and former Denman Evangelism Award recipient). Check the CEF website at www.cefumc.org to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Cesis, Latvia UMC and Smithfield UMC In Mission Together

Smithfield UMC has entered into a 3-year Partner Church Covenant with the UMC in Cesis, Latvia, as part of the GBGM *In Mission Together* program. This covenant allows the Smithfield congregation to support the small, but growing, congregation in Cesis with monthly financial support and a minimum of two work teams traveling to Latvia during the covenant period. Many UMs in the DFW area have been blessed to serve on behalf of the reemerging UMC in Latvia since 1998 after the collapse of the soviet system. Work has included renovation of churches and outreach facilities, planning and conducting VBS in Latvia, classes in Christianity, Methodism, and small group leadership. Pray for your fellow Methodists and the people of Latvia as they weather the serious economic difficulties during the reemergence of the Christian church.

AUM's "Christmas in July"

Arlington Urban Ministries is planning ahead and checking their list twice for the AUM Children's Christmas Party! During July, look for the decorated AUM collection box at our churches. Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for children ages 12 and under. Wal-Mart and Target gift cards are also appreciated. Your contributions will help provide a special Christmas for some deserving kids.

Suicide Survivors Groups Forming

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. New groups are forming this summer. Groups of 8 to 10 meet for two hours weekly for 8 weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org.

Tongan First UMC Fundraising

As a fundraising effort, Tongan First UMC Trustee's Choir and the Youth and Children Choirs are willing to sing at any church worship services within the CTC. A love offering or donation will help the church in their building renovations. Both choirs sing in Tongan language and the Youth and Children Choir can sing both English and Tongan. Their choirs sang last year at First Hurst, Grapevine and Trinity, Arlington. Contact Ofa Tuuholoaki at (817) 305-1770 or tuuholoakio@yahoo.com.

Christmas in July at Tarrant County Union Gospel Mission

Because of the tremendous need of residents and guests from the streets at Christmas, this project seeks the participation of children (and parents) to help get started on Christmas — in July. Cash donations can be received and earmarked "Christmas in July," or donations in kind. The items donated must be new and unwrapped. This could be a creative, fun project for local churches, Sunday school classes, youth, etc. Needs are: Men and women's underwear, twin sheets/pillow cases, men and women's socks, women's bath robes, men's long underwear, baby and toddler items like crib sheets/pads/toys/clothes/baby bottles. For further information, contact Chaplain Stanley Maneikis at 817-334-0894 or Lanni Boyd at 817-338-8402.

Waco Prayer Conference 2010 — Aug. 7

"I don't want to talk about prayer; I want to ACTually PRAY"

First UMC, Waco will host this event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the church's Family Life Center. Rev. Jim Leggett, senior pastor at Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy, Tex., will lead the conference. Registration - \$20 before July 31; \$25 after July 31. Information available at fumcwaco.org or contact Linda Hammond at 254-772-5630.

Women of Faith Tickets Available

The First UMC of Joshua has tickets available for the "Imagine" Women of Faith conference Aug 20-21 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The ticket price for the two-day event is \$89.

For information on speakers and musical guests you can see the Women of Faith website at www.womenoffaith.com/dallas. This is our tenth year to take a group of women, and we always have a wonderful time. If you or a group from your church would like to join us, please contact Tonya Frantz at tonya@joshuaumc.net.

Church Choirs, Orchestra and Praise Bands Needed for Bass Hall Benefit Concert

A benefit concert will be held at Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth on Sunday Sept. 26 at 3-7 p.m. "Carry the Light," a contemporary Gospel concert, will feature over 300 adult, youth and children from all denominations, as well as instrumentalists and praise teams uniting to form one voice for one great cause—caring for orphaned children in Africa. All proceeds will benefit ZOE Ministry (www.zoeministry.org), with an emphasis on the new Giving Hope program that provides the tools, resources and support to transform the lives of thousands of orphans from hopelessness to self-sufficiency. If interested in participating in the concert, contact Scott Ferrell at FUMC Mansfield (scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org) or call 817-477-2287.

Resources

Helpful Links for Church Leaders

- **Central Texas Conference:** (www.ctcumc.org) features and other content changes daily
- **InfoServ:** (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)
- **UM Reporter Interactive:** (www.umportal.org)
- **United Methodist News Service:**

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

UMNS on Facebook:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWnrGalKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

UMNS on Twitter:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

El' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative:

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm)

Depression Seminar in Your Church, Free

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. With no cost to your church, the Conference Committee on Mental Health Concerns and Depression Connection Team will provide a seminar for your church. To inquire, contact Tony Campbell at 817/810-9599 or tony@depressionconnection.org.

Conference Resource Center

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

Surprised By Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church. N.T. Wright. Christians normally think of the future in terms of "heaven," but the promised reality is far greater: a new heaven and a new earth, a whole new creation. In six faith-inspiring sessions, biblical scholar Wright opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what

God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. DVD, leader's guide and participant's guide. 2010

Church Demographics

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or Vicki@ctcumc.org.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

The new Crime Victims Council website offers many resources. If you are a survivor who would like to share your story or pass along a word of encouragement to one of our survivors or post a picture and other information about a victim, please email encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org.

Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

Glen Lake Reaches Out

The cabins at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center are in need of new curtains. If you or your local church would like to adopt a cabin, provide the curtains, or wish more specific information, please contact Ellen Bauman at ellen@glenlake.org.

P-T Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Mineral Wells seeks a spiritually mature, dedicated Christian with a heart to make young disciples of Jesus Christ. Experience with youth ministry is preferred along with good communication and relationship building skills. A good understanding of Methodist doctrine is helpful. Will be responsible to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth fellowship, fundraisers, and annual mission trips. Send resume to: FUMC, PO Box 1466, Mineral Wells 76068 or contact church office at 940-325-4707 for more details.

Indiana Conference Seeks Associate Director of Camping Ministries

The Indiana Conference of the UMC seeks an associate director for camping ministries to lead a vital camping ministry for youth. Candidates must have expertise in growth management for camping ministry, and be knowledgeable of the mission and ministry of the UMC. A college degree and 10 years experience preferred. (Click for position description <http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/309206B63AC541FC8E25A8626D76ACE4_Position_Description_Assoc_Dir_Camping.pdf> and application <http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/EE2D59BA6C81463199D1773A29E52F83_Employment_application.doc> for employment form.) Letter of interest, application form, and resume must be sent electronically to human.resources@inumc.org. Applications received by Friday, June 25, 2010 will be given first consideration. The conference seeks diversity in culture, race, and gender.

Director of ABC Wee School

"Christ UMC of Fort Worth is looking for a director of its ABC Wee School. This is a two-day per week mother's day out program, with the position to begin in September. Inquiries should be directed to Lou Hulcy, SPRC chair, at louhulcy@sbcglobal.net or 817-293-7853.

Contemporary Worship Leader/Media Specialist

First UMC Temple. Full-time position. Successful candidate must be a team player who is committed to Christ and his Church. For further information, contact jane.woodward@fumctemple.org.

Display Unit

Custom built tall wooden Stephen Ministry display unit available. Display may be used for stocking Stephen Ministry applications and related literature, as well as having a Stephen Minister stationed beside it to answer questions. Free to a good church home (will require a pickup truck to transport). If interested, contact debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org.

Seeking Full time Youth Director

Lighthouse Fellowship, a United Methodist Community of Faith, is seeking a full time director of youth ministries. The director will have responsibility for all aspects of youth ministry, i.e. evangelistic training, discipleship training, adult leadership training and development, weekend and midweek meetings, camps, retreats, mission trips, over all spiritual growth and carrying out the Great Commission among adolescents in grades 6-12 for the purpose of developing spiritually mature young people. Interested persons please send résumés to Bobby Cullen, bcullen@LFwired.org.

Organs Available

St. Luke UMC, Fort Worth has been renting space to another congregation that left several organs behinds when they departed. All are working vintage instruments. If interested, contact Lee Biggs-Scribner at lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com.

1. Hammon series 55 model B all tubes. Asking \$400 OBO
2. Lowery Holiday with Magic Chords. Asking \$200 OBO
3. Name unknown, but large with impressive looking pipes. Asking \$100 OBO

Equipment for Hearing Impaired

Godley UMC has three hearing-impaired members who could benefit from amplification devices in worship. Churches that have updated their equipment recently are asked if they would donate their old equipment to Godley. If you can help, please contact Pastor Rudy Rudewick at Godley UMC ([samnrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samnrody@sbcglobal.net).) This is a church that celebrated Easter Sunday with 14 Baptisms and 14 confirmations — 1 baptism and 2 confirmations of older adults.

P-T Youth Director

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time youth director. Responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the youth program for 6th thru 12th graders. This includes Sunday school, Sunday night youth, Wednesday night youth, and other special activities throughout the year. In addition to the salary, housing will be available for the position. Contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or pastor@fumceastland.org.

P-T Administrative Assistant

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time (25 hours per week) administrative assistant. The applicant needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Responsibilities include preparing online media, weekly bulletins, maintaining membership records, and handling church finances. Please contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or pastor@fumceastland.org.

Organist

Woodway First UMC seeks an organist beginning June 1. Principal duties include performing on Sunday morning and practicing with the choir Wednesday evening. The pipe organ is one of the finest in central Texas. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. For further information, please contact Joe Achor, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at 254-772-9751 or L_Joseph_Achor@baylor.edu.

Music Director

(20 hours) – If you like the sound of “that’s the way we’ve always done it,” this position isn’t for you. Brock UMC (<http://www.brockumc.com/>), a growing church 30 minutes west of Fort Worth, seeks to hire their first music director; position can include leading music for both contemporary and traditional services, launching an adult choir, overseeing two new kid choirs and even using

our two octaves of handbells that are ready to ring once again. Resumes or questions may be sent to Alan@brockumc.com.

Director of Youth Ministries

Alliance UMC, a young, active congregation in far north Fort Worth is seeking an energetic, organized person with a passion for youth ministry to direct our growing youth ministry program. This is a 20-hour/week position during the school year, which grows to become a full-time position (est. 30-35 hours/week) during the summer. The director of youth ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in the following: summer mission trips, special youth activities (field trips, service days, youth week), Sunday night youth, Wednesday night worship, prayer and fellowship, retreats, and oversight of youth Sunday school. The position would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to grow into an internship and associate pastor role. Please send resume, including youth experience, to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. For more information, please contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Used Folding Machine Needed!

Stephenville Oakdale UMC needs a good used folding machine. If you have one that is no longer needed, please contact Steve Holston at 254-968-8870 or pastor@oakdaleumc.org.

Director of Children's Ministry/Assistant Youth Director

First UMC of Azle has an opening for a director of children's ministry/assistant youth director. This person will work with the full-time youth director. The responsibilities of this full-time position will be to oversee all the elements of the children's ministry as well as be an assistant to the youth director in the areas of administration and programming. There will also be some teaching responsibilities involved. For further information or for a job description, please contact Dean Posey at dposey@fumcazle.org.

Organist/Pianist

Organist/pianist position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Duties include two services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night rehearsal and special holiday services. To apply, send a resume to Lisa Neslony at 6701 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills 76182 or pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org.

Pianist

Lakeside UMC at Richland Chambers Lake seeks a pianist for weekly Sunday service from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This paid position is available beginning June 1. If interested, please contact: Bill Brunson, chairman Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 903-599-4035 or Pastor Sandy Hippman at 903-599-3080.

Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Red Oak seeks 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.

Office Equipment

A member of Cogdell UMC in Waco offers two items:

For sale — RICOH-2051 copier, w/finisher, internet capabilities and maintenance available till 2014. \$1,500 or best offer.

Free to good home — Epson Powerlite Multimedia Projector w/screen

Contact Pat at 254-855-0796 for more info.

P-T Director of Children's Ministries

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. Candidates should have a background in children's education and possess a deep passion for sharing the Gospel with children age 4 through 6th grade. Expectations include coordinating children's Sunday school, helping with the Children's Choir, and planning VBS along with other camps, retreats, and special days throughout the year. Position opens June 1. Applicants can send resumes to Kristie Coleman at kristiecoleman@gmail.com.

Church Pianist

West FUMC seeks a church pianist. This individual should be talented in playing the piano/organ and also possess a strong love of Christ and the hymns that glorify Him. The position requires playing at weekly Sunday church services, one choir practice session the first Wednesday evening of each month, plus any special services scheduled. Interested individuals should contact Pastor Linda Wimberly at 254-826-5448 or westfumc@att.net.

2 Music Positions

Associate Director of Music — First UMC, Killeen seeks associate director of music (PT) to assist in leading and managing all aspects of music ministry. Contemporary music experience and formal music training preferred. Experience leading and directing choirs and instrumental groups in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Lead Accompanist — First UMC, Killeen seeks lead accompanist for contemporary worship (PT). Must be proficient at sight reading, playing from lead sheet, improvising. Accompaniment experience and formal music training preferred. Experience playing piano and keyboard in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Adult Retreat Center Coordinator

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