



Central E-Link

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

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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

Congratulations, First Grapevine!

First UMC of Grapevine has been recognized by UM Communications (UMCom) as an official “Welcoming Congregation.” Welcoming Congregations are a select group of UM congregations nationwide that meet criteria that includes embracing newcomers and providing opportunities in discipleship. First Grapevine, located at 422 Church St., welcomes visitors and newcomers with radical hospitality. The church is the 10th largest congregation in the CTC with 2,705 members and about 1200 in dynamic Sunday worship. The congregation grew by nearly 100 over the last year with 61 by profession of faith. In addition to a plaque, the church will be recognized as a Welcoming Congregation on the denomination's Find-A-Church.org website. To learn how to become a Welcoming Congregation, visit www.rethinkchurch.org or call toll free 877-281-6535.

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.

Cleaning Buckets Needed for UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has announced the need for cleaning buckets after May's devastating floods and tornadoes. UMCOR has already delivered thousands of buckets to affected communities in Tennessee, but the need for relief supplies remains. The CTC Disaster Response Task Force will sponsor the delivery of cleaning buckets to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot for much-needed distribution. You may bring your completed buckets to **FUMC Fort Worth between 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 pm on Sunday, June 6**. Please drop off your buckets near the west entrance of the Justin Building, entering through the main parking lot on West 7th Street. Volunteers will direct you to the truck. Visit www.umcor.org for instructions regarding bucket contents and assembly. Thanks to volunteers from FUMC Mansfield for collecting and delivering the cleaning buckets to Sager Brown. Questions? Contact Jennifer Bellamy, CTC Director of Humanitarian Services, at Jennifer@ctcumc.org or 817-877-5222.

From the Office of Church Growth & Development

Thank you to the churches who have so graciously welcomed us (Gary Lindley and Vicki Eldredge) to speak to your congregations. You have 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!

Can you give us a few minutes? Gary Lindley, Director of Church Growth & Development – Vicki Eldredge, Administrative Assistant, are dedicated to church growth, willingness to drive to your church, have a strong desire to talk about church growth. **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: Contact Vicki at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622 or 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.

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 need more information.

Media Library Feature at www.ctcumc.org

The Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to our conference website, but we ran into problems with the registration process for local churches and ministries to post their videos and photos. It is now operational, and we urge churches and ministries to share their stories/images. Click on the “Media Library” menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. 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.

AC Registration Deadline Was May 16!!!!

- Members attending Annual Conference who did not register online by the deadline date will need to register on Monday, June 7, in the Silver Spur Room at Will Rogers Memorial Center. You may still participate in the Sunday and Monday morning worship and business at First UMC, Fort Worth, but will need to register during the lunch break on Monday prior to the business session on at 2 p.m.
- The 2010 Annual Conference Preliminary Report is accessible on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under the “2010 Annual Conference” banner picture in the lower right quadrant. Please note that the 5:30 p.m. Monday adjournment for the day is true! The evening is open for whatever you choose to do — dining and fellowship with friends, seeing some of the area attractions or enjoying an evening of rest. Check the “Fort Worth Visitors Guide ...” or click <http://www.fortworth.com/listings/index.cfm?action=display&listingID=3638> for restaurants, things to do, wonderful area maps and much more.
- Annual Conference worship services at First UMC Fort Worth will be available via live online streaming. The agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming will be found at www.ctcumc.org beginning Sunday, June 6.

Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning Service – June 6

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and a Commissioning Service during the opening worship of the 2010 Annual Conference. For more details and to register your group, check the flyer at http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Commissioning_Flyer_52ZZQDQQ.pdf

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference Business Sessions

Lighthouse Fellowship is coordinating hospitality volunteers for the Annual Conference business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center June 7-9. Volunteers are needed for the important role of greeting and providing information for the 1,100 members from 314 churches who will be attending the conference. The timeframes are listed below for assisting before and during the business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center. If interested, please contact Jody Williamson at jwilliamson@fwired.org will the time(s) you can serve. Volunteers can participate for any amount of time from the schedule below. Thank YOU in advance for serving on the Annual Conference Hospitality Team!

Monday June 7:

__ Pre-Business Session #1 (1-2pm) __ Business Session #1 (2-5pm)
__ After Business Session #1 (5-6pm)

Tuesday June 8:

__ Pre-Business Session #2 (7:30-8:30am) __ Business Session #2 (8:30-12 noon)
__ Between Business Session 2 & 3 (12 noon -2pm) __ Business Session #3 (2-5pm)
__ After Business Session #3 (5-6pm or as needed)

Wednesday June 9:

__ Before Business Session #4 (7:30-8:30am) __ Business Session #4 (8:30am to Noon)
__ Between Business Session 4 & 5 (Noon to 2pm) __ Business Session #5 (2-3:30pm)
__ After Business Session #5 (3:30-4:30pm or as needed)

Join Our Youth in 40 Days of Prayer

Please join with our conference through June 6 to pray for youth each day for 40 days.

Download/print the Prayer Guide here

(http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5d7evrdab.0.0.8vuxradab.0&ts=S0476&p=http%3A%2F%2Fct.brickriver.com%2Ffiles%2FoFiles_Library_XZXLCZ%2FPrayers_Z742AMGG.pdf&id=preview). The Student Leadership Team created this initiative that can be followed on the Conference website (www.ctcumc.org). Also, look for it on Facebook at 40 Days of Prayer and Twitter at CTC40days.

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

Bishop Owen, Mission Leader, Dies at 78

Retired UM Bishop Raymond Harold Owen, remembered as a "passionate witness" for Jesus Christ, died May 15 in Oklahoma City. He was 78. Owen led building projects every place where he ministered, ranging from educational wings for local churches to a new conference center in San Antonio. The denomination's South Central Jurisdiction elected Owen to the episcopacy in 1992. He served the San Antonio Area until his retirement in 2000. Bishop Mike Lowry, served under Owen in the Southwest Texas Conference, attended the funeral on Tuesday. Read more:

<http://newsok.com/classifieds/funeral-services/Funeral-Services#ixzz0oCqblHzr>.

Mai Gray, First African American Women's Division President, Dies at 88

Conference UMW President Cynthia Rives reports that Mai Gray, 88, the first African American president of the Women's Division of the UM General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Women's national administrative body, died May 6 in St. Louis University Hospital after falling ill at the organization's quadrennial Assembly in that city April 30-May 2. Gray, who served as a Women's Division director from 1972 to 1976 and president from 1976 to 1980, was preparing to help lead Assembly participants in a march for immigrant rights and just immigration policies similar to the protest for racial justice she led at the organization's 1978 Assembly in Louisville, Ky., when members of the organization filed out of a convention center into the street in a solemn vigil after a public reading of UM Women's historic Charter for Racial Justice. Women's Division CEO Harriett Jane Olson said Gray's determination to participate in the Assembly action on immigration was another example of her lifelong commitment to racial justice.

2011 Apportionments Distributed

The 2011 apportionments have been distributed to the annual conferences. The 2011 figure is 2.68% lower than originally approved in the budget by the 2008 General Conference. "The apportionment formula is designed to adapt to changing economic conditions," Brewer said. "We expected spending in the local churches to be below expectations for 2008 and it was. By apportioning less than was originally budgeted, we hope we can aid more conferences and churches in fully paying their part of the apportionment covenant."

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.

2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center

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

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.

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

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.

Sparks Memorial Hosts Quilts for Kids

Sparks Memorial UMC will host the Waco chapter of Quilts for Kids on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to come and make quilts, quilts tops, swap patterns, pick up fabric, drop off quilts, or to just come and meet other people that are helping children in need. Quilts for kids makes quilts and throws for children from ages birth to 22 months who are experiencing illness, are in abuse shelters, newborns taken from parents, and more. Quilts will be given to local hospitals, abuse shelters, fire and police departments, foster care or any organization we find requiring help with young children. For questions, contact the church office at 254-716-9550 or email wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com.

New World Embraces Narnia

Through classes, worship services, children’s Sunday school and a dramatic production, New World UmC in Arlington is weaving *The Chronicles of Narnia* author C.S. Lewis into their church ministries. The opportunities begin with a special nine-week class led by Pastor Mike Dawson based on the PBS program – *The Question of God: Sigmund Freud & C.S. Lewis*. Classes started May 5 and will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the church. They are free and open to the public. In June worship services will include a sermon series entitled, “Sermons in Conversation with C.S. Lewis.” Beginning May 23 through June, Children’s Ministry Director Kim George will conduct a Sunday school series encompassing *The Chronicles of Narnia* that will include a giant “magical” wardrobe for the children to touch and feel for themselves. The exploration of C.S. Lewis will culminate with the New World Drama Ministry production of *Shadowlands*, an award-winning play written by William Nicholson. *Shadowlands* tells the witty and reverent story of C.S. Lewis meeting his wife Joy and how their budding relationship affects his religious views, family and friends. The production, directed by ElizaBeth Bontley, will include actors from the DFW community as well as church members. Performances will be held June 11-13 and 17-19. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors and go on sale May 17 at www.newworldtickets.org. Check it out on Facebook by searching “New World United Methodist Church,” visit www.nwumc.org, or call 817-460-4212.

Basic Lay Speaker’s Class — Thru June 13

Genesis UMC (7605 S. Hulen, Fort Worth 76133 - 817-292-4551) will host Basic Lay Speaker’s classes at the cost of \$20 to be paid at the first class. For more information, contact Judy Clarke at 817-292-9555 or judyclarke@sbcglobal.net.

Sundays, May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13
2 – 4:30 p.m.

Spring Revival at Morningside UMC — May 23-25

All are invited to Morningside UMC's (2860 Evans Ave., Fort Worth) annual Spring Revival with "Christians Becoming Disciples" as the theme. The revival begins at 7 p.m. with the following preachers:

Sunday, May 23, Bishop Mike Lowry
Monday, May 24, Jim Chandler
Tuesday, May 25, Rev. Odom

Mission Trip for College Students/Young Adults — May 23-28

Trinity UMC of Arlington is sponsoring a mission trip for college students/young adults to the Oklahoma City area May 23-28. Participants will work in inner city Norman and OKC with a variety of Christian-based social service projects including construction work, food pantries and life shelters. Cost of the trip is \$225 but fund-raising efforts hope to offset the cost. If interested, please contact Brenda Beaver at 274-1345 or Susan McConnell at susanmc30@gmail.com.

Retirement Reception for Kent Marrs — May 30

Friends of Kent D. Marrs are invited to a retirement reception celebrating the ministry of Kent, Diane and Darin Marrs from 2 to 4 p.m. May 30 at St. John's UMC (311 E. University Ave., Georgetown). RSVP by May 14 to 512-864-9222.

Retirement Reception for Jim Porter — June 13

You are invited to join with the folks of First UMC, Georgetown in celebrating Senior Pastor Jim Porter's 38 years of ministry as he retires to discover the next chapter of life that God has in store for him. Join the celebration at 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park.

Retirement Reception for Ev Schrum — May 30

Join members at First UMC, Georgetown as they celebrate the ministry of Associate Pastor Ev Schrum as he retires. The reception will be at 12 noon Sunday, May 30, in the McKinney Ministry Center on the campus of First UMC, Georgetown.

Conference UMs Heading to Holy Land — June 8

Join the "Holy Land Trip hosted by Steve Lallier." Steve, a lay leader for the Adult Singles Class at Whites Chapel UMC in Southlake, and is returning to Israel with friends across the conference. This is a guided tour via Educational Opportunities. For details, visit <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>. Interested? Contact Steve Lallier at 817-424-5704, 214-912-1979 or email BigBandLdr@aol.com.

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. Registration deadline: May 31.

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=iflTKWnrGaKl3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHglWF>)

UMNS on Twitter:

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

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.

Discovering God's Will: How to Know When You Are Heading in the Right

Direction. Andy Stanley. God has a wonderful and fulfilling plan for your life. Yet determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when you need to make a decision quickly! This study takes you through the important steps of decision making as you begin to discover the personal vision God has for you. Eight 15-20 minute DVD sessions: 1. Decisions; 2. Are you ready for this?; 3. A state of emergency; 4. Getting to the good stuff; 5. A view from the top; 6. Inside the mind of God; 7. The big picture; 8. This one thing. DVD includes study questions and study guide included.

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.

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:samnurdy@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.

Methodist Children's Home President

Methodist Children's Home of Waco is accepting applications for president. This executive position requires experience working in a child/youth care environment with an understanding of the at-risk population. The acceptable candidate should have a working knowledge of child care licensing standards and possess the ability to work with a Board of Directors to establish policy and procedures. A Child Care Administrators License and a master's degree are required. For a job description, please send your request by e-mail to resume@mchwaco.org. Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 25. MCH does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or political beliefs. Physical or mental challenges will not disqualify an applicant who meets bona fide job requirements.

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@oakdaleum.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.

P-T Preschool Director

Richland Hills UMC seeks a highly motivated part-time director position for a newly formed preschool scheduled to open in September. Successful candidates will possess or be in the process of obtaining a Director's Certificate from TDFPS. For more information, please contact Terre McGill at 817-284-9371 or tmcgill@rhumc.net.

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 Choir Director

University UMC in Fort Worth seeks a part-time (10-12 hr/wk) choir director. A talented Chancel Choir would be the main emphasis with a bell choir as well. Other opportunities also exist. If interested, please contact the church office (817-926-4626) or email Stephen Decker at 2theo2@gmail.com.

BOM Clerical/Secretarial Support

"The Board of Ordained Ministry is seeking a part-time person to provide clerical/secretarial support to the Board office, 10 to 15 hours per week. The position requires experience with Microsoft Office and Access database, or comparable databases, as well as two years of post-high school education and/or two years office experience. The Board's administrative office is located on the Texas Wesleyan University campus. Job description is attached above. Interested parties may contact Gala Trimble by e-mail at board@ctcbom.org.

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.

Enclosed Cargo Trailer

Resurrection UMC Cleburne, new church start, is in need of a used enclosed cargo trailer. If you can help, call Pastor Victor Pena 254 485 3140.. or email pastorpena@att.net.

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

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.

2010 Annual Conference Business / Awards / Recognitions

District Conferences

As of today, the following District Conferences have been scheduled:

Fort Worth – 7-8 p.m. May 18 – Edge Park UMC

Temple – 7 p.m. May 18 – FUMC Temple

Brownwood – 6:30 p.m. May 24 – Comanche UMC

Mid-Cities – 7-8 p.m. May 17 – Richland Hills UMC

Waxahachie – 7 p.m. May 20 – First Waxahachie UMC

Waco – 6 p.m. May 20 – Cogdell Memorial UMC

Weatherford – 6:30 p.m. May 25 – First UMC, Weatherford

**Preliminary Report, Agenda, registration, awards/scholarship/honors/recognitions
(with links for registration, application/nomination forms) can be found at
<http://www.ctcumc.org/news/detail/103>**

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