



# 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 and requests should be submitted to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org).

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### **Sorry for the Inconvenience!**

*E-Link* was delayed this week due to a server problem in the conference office. This may be why many people have been unable to get a reply to their e-mailed messages for some conference staff. We are in the process of restoring full service, one office computer at a time. IF YOU CALLED OR E-MAILED SUSAN BRILES ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OR WITH INFORMATION FOR THE E-LINK BETWEEN LAST FRIDAY AND TODAY, PLEASE RESEND OR RECALL HER ([Susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:Susan@ctcumc.org) / 817-877-5222). These files have been lost with the server crash.

### **Sept. 1 Deadline for Submitting Fall Fundraiser Information**

Despite our hot August weather, it's time to think about the fall and our annual fundraising events. Once again, the conference will publish a list of church and ministry events throughout the conference so that interested persons might visit and support many of these fun events. The list will be published in the Sept. 17 issue of *Central Link* and appear on the conference website that same week. Please send your event information (date, time, place, special activities and/or features, contact person with e-mail) to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) by Sept. 1. The list will be published ONE TIME ONLY and there will be no listings in the *E-Link*.

### **Revised Central Link Schedule**

In order to stay within the conference's reduced budget, three *Central Link* newspaper issues will be deleted from the usual every-other-week schedule. The Sept. 3, Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 issues (all around holiday times) will not be published. Please keep this in mind when submitting information for publication that is time sensitive.

### **E-Link Goes on Hiatus**

The *E-Link* will be on hiatus for the Sept. 1 issue, but will resume the following Wednesday (Sept. 8). Please send early September time-sensitive information for the Aug. 22 issue so that we won't miss your special event or activity. *E-Link* deadlines are noon Tuesday prior to a publication date. Send to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org).

### **Evangelism Training Opportunity**

Hundreds attending the Annual Conference in June signed a Holy Covenant document promising to "heed Jesus' call to 'make disciples of all nations' by extending the hand of Christian witness to at least two people each week." The Conference Evangelism Task Force, mainly Rev. Joel

Robbins (chair) and Rev. Brad Brittain, have been providing training to churches that are interested in adopting what Bishop Robert Schnase refers to as “radical hospitality” in his books on *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* and *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*. The two pastors are committing their Thursday evenings to provide this training for local churches and/or clusters of churches anywhere in the conference. The training includes new ideas for leadership and an inspirational component tied to success stories in other churches and the resulting changes in the lives of individuals and the congregation. To schedule a time for your church or cluster of churches, please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org).

#### **CLERGY ONLY: E-mails on CTC Website Final Update**

After a two-week poll on whether or not clergy email addresses should be revealed on the conference website, 52% voted to keep the current hidden link system. It doesn't appear to be a major issue because only 51 clergy voted and just over half demonstrated that there are too many disadvantages to changing the system. The primary concern is third parties capturing email addresses and increased exposure to spam and viruses.

#### **Date Change for UCC's New Poly Center**

An article (New Poly Center is a blessing) in last week's Central Link newspaper reported that the dedication and blessing of the new Polytechnic Center in east Fort Worth would be scheduled on Friday, Sept. 17. Unfortunately, United Community Centers has had to postpone the open house/dedication due to a construction setback. A new date and time will be forthcoming in late September. Should you have any questions regarding the dedication, please feel free to contact Susie Reyes, UCC Director of Fund Development, at 817-927-5556, x115. For more details about UCC's capital campaign and how you/your church might want to volunteer, contact UCC President Celia Esparza at [cesparza@unitedcommunitycenters.org](mailto:cesparza@unitedcommunitycenters.org).

#### **Grants for Caregiving Ministry: Congratulations to Arlington Heights UMC**

Arlington Heights UMC has been selected for a \$2500 Intergenerational Ministry with Older Adults grant for Fall 2010. Grants provided by the UM Committee on Older Adult Ministries are part of the Comprehensive Plan for Older Adult Ministries adopted by General Conference 2008. For this fall, the committee received 63 grant proposals requesting a total of \$180,000. With \$75,000 allocated for grant funding in 2010, the committee was able to select 38 projects this year — Arlington Heights being one of them.

#### **Emmaus Walks**

If you are interested in being a Spiritual Director for any Emmaus Walks in 2011, please contact John Beckling at [cumc1501@verizon.net](mailto:cumc1501@verizon.net) or 325-646-9621. For information about the CTC Emmaus organization and dates for all events go to <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/ctcwte/>.

#### **Texas Health Resources Faith Community Nursing Program Recognized**

The State of Texas has officially recognized this faith community nursing program. The document, signed by Gov. Rick Perry, states: *As nurses in this program, you offer your time and expertise to spiritual communities through North Texas, ensuring individuals have the information necessary to make wise choices about health services, wellness and disease prevention. With respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs of these faithful Texans, you provide personalized care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit. First Lady Anita Perry joins me in thanking you for all you do to improve the health of your fellow Texans.*

#### **Are You a Potential Centennial Church?**

Tapping into this year's centennial theme — the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CTC — a “Centennial Church” will be a designation given to congregations reaching certain achievements and will be celebrated at the 2011 Annual Conference June 5-8 in Waco. Check out the revised Point System list and other details at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Between Sept. 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011, a church may select challenges from the list and will receive the designation of Centennial Church with a score of 100.

### **Centennial Celebration — Willie Is No Show for Oct. 23**

The CTC Centennial Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23 in Fort Worth, will be packed with entertainment and activities from early morning to mid-afternoon. Unfortunately, Willie Nelson and his sister Bobbie will not be one of them. The conference had a commitment from Nelson, who's only request was that half of the offering to be designated to benefit his scholarship foundation, but his manager notified the Centennial Committee that he is over committed for that time period. The event will go on despite this setback, but there will be no loss of fun opportunities. Watch for an update on what sensational keynote entertainment will fill that slot.

### **Update on Church/Ministry Display Tables**

Churches and ministries continue to sign up for display tables at the CTC Centennial Celebration Oct. 23 at Will Rogers Memorial Complex in Fort Worth. **The deadline for table registration is Sept. 1.** For more details and a registration form, visit [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) and click on the Centennial logo. The 110 display tables already reserved are for:

Acton	Alliance First	Alvarado	Arlington First
Asbury, Ft Worth	Ballinger First	Bethel, Ft Worth	Bethesda
Bracks/Springhill	Breckenridge First	Brock	Cahill
CT Meth. Foundation	Christ, Ft Worth	Cisco First	Cogdell Memorial
Coleman First	Colleyville First	Comanche First	Corsicana First
Couts Memorial	Cransfills Gap	Crawford First	Cross Plains
Crowley	Davis Memorial	DeLeon First	Dido
Edge Park, Ft Worth	El Buen Samaritano	Emhouse/Richland	Emanuel Chapel
Epworth, Arlington	Euless First	Eureka	Faith
Ferris	Ferris Heights	Fisherman's Chapel	Fort Worth First
Frost	Gatesville First	Georgetown First	Genesis
Glen Rose First	Grace, Arlington	Grace, Ft Worth	Graham First
Grapevine First	Granger	Groesbeck First	Hamilton First
Handley	Hico First	Hillsboro First	Hurst First
Iredell	Jean	Keller First	Kennedale First
Kerens	King Memorial	Kirvin	Kopperl
McMillan	Meadowbrook	Mexia First	Morningshade
Mt. Zion/Perry Chapel	Newcastle First	New World	Novice
Oakdale	Olney	Perry	Pleasant Grove
Polytechnic, Ft Worth	Pooleville	Richland Hills	Ridglea, Ft Worth
River Oaks	St. Andrews, Ft Worth	St. James, Waco	St. John the Apostle
St. Luke, Ft Worth	St. Luke, Mexia	St. Mark, Cleburne	St. Paul, Georgetown
St. Paul, Hurst	Saginaw	Salado	Santa Anna
Silver Creek	Smithfield	Springtown First	Tehuacena
Temple First	Thompson Chapel	Tolar	Waco First
Watauga	Weatherford First	Wellspring	Wesley, Waco
Wesley Mem, Cleburne	Woodway, Waco	Wortham	United Com. Centers

### **Self-Care for Clergy Program Coming in Sept & Nov**

The Self-Care for Clergy Workshop is designed to provide a break from day-to-day responsibilities and allow for reflections, reviving and renewing the spirit and potential that effective ministry requires. There are two programs from which to choose:

#### ***Servant Leadership: Personal and Professional Self-Care***

Sept. 20-21-- Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose

Register by Sept. 1 • 254-897-2247

[www.glenlake.org/stillwater](http://www.glenlake.org/stillwater)

Nov. 8-9 – Summers Mill Retreat Center, Belton

Register by Oct. 15 • 254-939-6194

[www.summersmill.comm](http://www.summersmill.comm)

Schedule for each: 5:30-9 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. – noon on Tuesday. The cost of the course is \$85/person. Participants in the Virgin Health Miles program will be given a 1,000-mile award for participating in Self-Care for Clergy. Sign up for one of the sessions by the indicated deadline. Register at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) under "Ministries" and choose Health and Welfare.

### **Central Texas Methodist Foundation Workshop — 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 28**

The Central Texas Methodist Foundation workshop on “Engaging, Equipping and Growing Disciples” for church leaders, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 28 at Arlington Heights UMC in Fort Worth, will include three discipleship segments:

- New Consecration Sunday program for stewardship development,
- EQUIP – the Methodist version of the Financial Peace University program, and
- Alpha USA – the evangelism program that engages people to explore faith in Christ.

Presentations will be followed by round table discussions. No charge, but reservations are required to assure adequate materials. Call 817-332-1394, 800-333-4096 or e-mail [pat@ctmf.org](mailto:pat@ctmf.org).

### **Created by God: Train the Trainer — Sept. 10-11**

Andy Stoker from the North Texas Conference and Kay Lancaster from the CTC are amassing a group of persons within our conferences to attend a regional *Created By God: Train the Trainer* event for the human sexuality course for tweens. If you would like more information about the process of being trained to lead this course in local churches, contact Karen Granderson at [karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:karen@ctcumc.org), 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. If you have been previously trained, it may be time for a refresher course on the revised materials. The event will be held Sept. 10-11 at FUMC-Arlington. If you feel called to be a trainer, register soon. All are welcome! See [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/CBG\\_Trainer\\_Poster\\_RDGF4U7Y.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/CBG_Trainer_Poster_RDGF4U7Y.pdf).

### **Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct (PCSM) — Sept. 30**

Course to be offered in the Brownwood District: Karen Granderson and Mary Gean Cope will lead this course from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Early First UMC (1073 Early Blvd., Early). The course is designed for clergy who wish or need to do the training in person instead of online. Clergy from other districts are welcome to attend as well as church assistants and children and youth workers. A light lunch will be provided for the cost of \$5. Please RSVP to the Brownwood District Office ([brownwood@ctcumc.org](mailto:brownwood@ctcumc.org); 325/646-8223 or 800/646-8223) by Monday, Sept. 27.

### **UMVIM Team Leader Training — Sept. 18 / Registration Deadline Sept. 1**

If you will be leading a mission team or would like to consider becoming a mission team leader for your church, please join us for a conference-wide UMVIM team leader training! Training will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at FUMC Round Rock. For more information and to download a flyer and registration form, please visit the UMVIM page on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the “Ministries” tab. **Additionally, we will be blessed with the presence of Richard Bosart, UM missionary and recent director of Southern Africa Methodist Volunteers in Mission (SAMVIM).** If you would like to stay after the training for a working lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn about opportunities to serve with SAMVIM, please RSVP to Jennifer Bellamy at 817-877-5222 or [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org). The registration deadline for this event is Sept. 1.

### **Glen Lake Adventure Race — Oct. 9**

Join the first annual Glen Lake Adventure Race on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose. Teams of 2 will run/bike/paddle/climb their way around Glen Lake with a few fun surprises along the way! Team categories: Men, Women, Co-Ed, and Youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Prizes 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!

### **Strengthening Families in the Local Church — Oct. 16**

The Conference Nurture Council will present a seminar on “Parenting Skills Curriculum” starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 16 at Burleson First UMC. Registration is \$12 before Oct. 1, \$15 from Oct. 1-15, and \$20 at the door. The goal is to provide opportunities for teachers, pastors and other church

leaders to review and understand that teaching parenting skills is possible in their local setting. Keynote speaker Dr. Katie Long will address the theological rationale for the church to teach parents how to raise their children. Following that presentation, participants may choose up to three workshops on curriculum for the local church. Each of the workshops will provide information and resources that local church leaders can use to provide excellent training for parents and leaders who want to raise healthy, happy, responsible children. This conference is intended to increase spiritual growth, transform existing churches and help develop a whole new generation of principled Christian leaders. Check the Conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) for more details. The registration brochure and more information about these workshops and leaders can be found from the calendar or on the Nurture Council, Marriage and Family page.

#### **Lay Health Promoter Training — Sept. 24-26/Salado**

For the past 5 years, several CTC churches have taken the GoodNEWS training from Dr. Mark DeHaven (Genetics, Nutrition, Exercise, Wellness, and Spirituality) for the purpose of training Lay Health Promoters in local congregations. Dr. DeHaven and Dr. Jenny L. Lee will lead the conference Sept. 24-26 at Salado First UMC beginning Friday at 6 p.m. and ending Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A registration form is on the Health & Wellness page of [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) with information on motel reservations and a detailed itinerary. The deadline for registration is Sept. 1. Motels involved with the Salado event have a deadline of Aug. 24. This workshop is asking for 2 people per church, and even churches that have taken it before can sign up again. There will be a maximum of 20 churches allowed – 2 individuals per church – with a registration cost of \$75/person, \$150/church. Those attending this training will form the CTC focus group for the next 3 years. Dr. DeHaven will follow progress of the local churches and meet with the LHP's every 6 months for 3 years.

#### **Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training — Nov. 13**

The CTC Health & Wellness Task Force is sponsoring Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 13 at Keller First UMC (1025 Johnson Road, Keller 76248). Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF) is a non-profit, cooperative community health program created by MeritCare Hospital Parish Nursing and Cardiac Rehab staff. It attempts to eliminate the barriers that keep people from participating in exercise and health enhancing behaviors. To date, over 150 places of worship in 8 states have implemented FFF programs. The \$75 cost includes 16 weeks of programming to get you started, a training manual, educational materials/references, devotional resources and exercise leadership video. More details on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under Ministries/Health and Wellness.

#### **The Sower's Bag Sermon Writing Retreat — Oct. 25-27**

The Conference Order of Elders is sponsoring The Sower's Bag Sermon Writing Retreat Oct. 25-27 at Still Water Lodge in Glen Rose. This sermon writing retreat seeks to help inspire, facilitate and lead interested clergy in planning sermons for the Advent and Christmas season. Dr. David Mosser, senior pastor at Arlington First UMC, will lead exegetical and study sessions in a lecture/worship format with lectionary and thematic tracks. Time will be set aside for small group fellowship and discussion as well as time to write and plan sermons. Mosser has been the contributing editor for Abingdon's Preaching Annual since 2003, and is a regular contributor to Preaching Magazine, The International Lesson Series Annual, Adult Bible Studies and Lectionary homiletics. For a flyer and registration form, visit <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1459>.

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

#### **UM Seminaries Offer Online Continuing Education**

UM theological schools are offering 11 online continuing education classes for clergy and laity beginning fall semester of 2010. The Online Continuing Education Consortium aims to provide theologically sound, financially affordable, and easily accessible continuing education programs. All 13 of the UM theological schools are expected to participate. Five seminaries are offering classes this fall. A survey of UM continuing educators – *The Landscape of Continuing Education in*

*The United Methodist Church* (Nashville, General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, 2007) – identified these concerns:

- Limited funding and increased competition among seminaries and other continuing education institutions
- Lack of accountability and high cost of continuing education through one-time events
- Limited access to continuing education opportunities for clergy in remote areas

Eighty-one percent of the respondents wanted GBHEM to provide more continuing education resources and guidelines. To address these concerns, GBHEM proposed an online consortium idea with the 13 United Methodist theological schools to ensure the quality of classes offered, increase collaboration among the UM institutions, and generate conversation about continuing education for clergy and laity. View an online catalogue and Web links to each theological school offering the classes through [www.gbhem.org/continuingeducation](http://www.gbhem.org/continuingeducation). Tuition and fees will be set by the seminary hosting the class and will be paid directly to that seminary. — Information provided by Vicki Brown (GBHEM)

### **Pakistan: Monsoons, Flood Relief Update**

Rain and severe flooding pushed into a third week in Pakistan. Already the casualties and damages were great: as many as 1,600 deaths, 2 million driven from their homes, and roads, bridges and crops destroyed. Concern for the spread of waterborne illnesses and starvation is high as the crisis continues. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to the emergency in collaboration with its partners on the ground in Pakistan, including the Church of Pakistan, Church World Service, GlobalMedic and Muslim Aid. Rain and flash floods continue in Pakistan, and some areas where floodwaters had receded have been inundated again. More than 14 million Pakistanis have been affected by the disaster. UMCOR grants are providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people affected by the crisis. Download church resources, including a church bulletin insert, a PowerPoint slide, and a prayer of petition to share with your church community. Our gift to **International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450** will help UMCOR address the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the flooding. Please indicate Pakistan Emergency on the memo line of your check.

### **Check Out These Resources**

UM Communications suggests the following links to World Communion Sunday scholarship recipient stories:

World Communion Scholar shares her story

<http://www.umcgiving.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=qwL6KkNWLrH&b=5905457&ct=4966061>

WCS: Teaching theology in Vietnam

<http://www.umcgiving.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=qwL6KkNWLrH&b=5905457&ct=6009687>

Channeling love of sports into a career

<http://www.umcgiving.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=qwL6KkNWLrH&b=5905457&ct=6013933>

### **Arizona Area Clergy Plan Labor Day Sermons on Immigration**

Clergy in the UM Desert Southwest Annual Conference are being encouraged to preach on issues of immigration on Sept. 5, the day before the Labor Day holiday. The national holiday is an appropriate time to remember and honor all laborers, said Dave Summers, chair of the conference covenant council. “We recognize that many of our churches have already been having conversations about immigration and engaging in study and action,” Summers said. “Our deepest hope is that time in worship will encourage further study, holy conferencing and ways of taking action to strengthen our faithful response as God’s people of love, justice and grace.”

### **Perkins Youth School of Theology — Sept. 20**

High school juniors and seniors are invited to learn more about the Perkins YOUTH School of Theology from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, on the SMU campus’s Prothro Hall/Great Hall Room 121. The school, held each summer, is a theological program for high school youth to explore faith formation practices of service, mentoring and theological study and mature them as leaders for the church and community. To learn more about PYST, visit

<http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/PYST.aspx> or call 214-768-1333.

### **Preparing for a Future With Hope — Oct. 7-8**

The best years of the church are ahead of us, and in anticipation, this year's Leadership Institute will focus on "**Preparing for a Future with Hope.**" Join Adam Hamilton, the staff of the Church of the Resurrection, and thousands of UMs in our goal to "Prepare for a Future with Hope" at Leadership Institute 2010 October 7-8, Leawood, KS. For a video clip message from Adam Hamilton and more details on the Leadership Institute, visit <http://www.cor.org/catalyst/leadership-institute-2010/>.

### **Foundation on Evangelism Highlights Vital Churches**

There are hundreds of churches that have experienced 20% or more attendance growth in five years. We have interviewed many pastors of such churches about their ministry of evangelism to learn to what they can attribute such growth. This goes to the heart of the mission of the Foundation, to provide resources for evangelism that enable the Church to bring persons into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Perhaps this resource will help you find an idea to start increasing worship attendance at your church. This month is Owasso UMC in Owasso, OK, and in the following link (<http://foundationforevangelism.org/2010/07/owasso-umc-owasso-okla/>) pastor Chris Tiger lists five of their "secrets to success."

### **Changing the Church, Changing the World: Real-Life Stories of Transformation — Sept. 9**

Perkins School of Theology at SMU will host a presentation, "Changing the Church, Changing the World: Real-Life Stories of Transformation," on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. The presentation, sponsored by the Wendland-Cook Professorship of Constructive Theology, will consist of a panel discussion by Gil and Inez Dawes and Friedrich Gehring, moderated by Professor Joerg Rieger, the first scholar to hold the Wendland-Cook Professorship. Free parking in the Meadows Museum garage can be accessed via Schlegel Street off of Bishop Blvd., just north of Mockingbird Lane. For more information about the presentation, contact Professor Rieger at [jrieger@smu.edu](mailto:jrieger@smu.edu) or 214-768-2356.

### **Lighten the Burden III AIDS Conference — Deadline: Sept. 20**

*Lighten the Burden III*, the third international AIDS conference sponsored by the UM Global AIDS Fund committee, will be Oct. 14-16 at the Radisson Central Hotel in Dallas. Join along with AIDS activists and advocates on this educational and spiritual journey to work toward an AIDS-free world. Registration: \$100 (includes meals and resources). Deadline: Sept. 20. The conference will feature national and international speakers, each bringing their unique perspective to the AIDS pandemic. Featured speakers include:

Dr. Musa W. Dube, theologian and biblical scholar, the University of Botswana;  
Dr. Pauline Muchina, senior partnership adviser, UNAIDS;  
Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, episcopal leader of the Desert Southwest Conference;  
Jeffrey Crowley, director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (**invited**); and  
Rev. Tyrone Gordon, St. Luke UMC, Dallas.

To register for *Lighten the Burden III*, go to [www.umglobalaidsfund.org](http://www.umglobalaidsfund.org). Questions? Contact Donna Brandyberry at [dbrandyberry@umc-gbcs.org](mailto:dbrandyberry@umc-gbcs.org) or 202-488-5641.

### **Annual Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection — Oct. 7-8**

The best years of the church are ahead of us, and in anticipation, this year's Leadership Institute will focus on "Preparing for a Future with Hope." Join Adam Hamilton, the staff of the Church of the Resurrection, and thousands of UMs from around the country in seeking to "Prepare for a Future with Hope" at Leadership Institute 2010 Oct. 7-8 at Leawood, Kan. <http://www.cor.org/institute10>. Special Discounts available for young adults and leaders of new churches.

### **Church Grapples with Sexual Ethics**

Church members dealing with sexual misconduct often contact the UM Commission on the Status and Role of Women in search of help. So church leaders can better prevent and address the

problem, the commission has scheduled a church-wide training opportunity on sexual ethics next year. The event is titled "Do No Harm." Read the full story at <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=IwL4KnN1Lth&b=5259669&ct=8575241&tr=y&auid=6798836>.

## Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

### **Community Computer Club Needs Your VOTE!**

First UMC in Grapevine, in cooperation with Cannon Elementary, has applied to the Pepsi Refresh Project to receive a \$25,000 grant to start a Community Computer Club. The number of disadvantaged and limited English-speaking children in Grapevine has almost doubled in the last six years. The idea is to leverage technology to liberate these families from the cycle of poverty. The grant would help create a computer lab with computers and educational software in space made available by the school. The Computer Club will benefit parents and children who need to learn English and other life and professional skills. Volunteers from the church and school will manage the computer lab and offer classes to assist those using the computers. The Pepsi Refresh Project takes ideas from people, businesses, and non-profit organizations that will have a positive impact in the world. All of the projects are listed at [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com). The only way to receive a grant is by getting votes from people in the community. The top 10 ideas (by number of votes) each month receive funding. You can help by voting (daily) for the Community Computer Club at [www.refresheverything.com/communitycomputercluband](http://www.refresheverything.com/communitycomputercluband) through Aug. 31. Votes may also be submitted by texting 100291 to Pepsi (73774). More details about the project are also available on the church website at [www.firstmethodistgrapevine.org](http://www.firstmethodistgrapevine.org).

### **Robin Is on the Roof at First Kennedale and Won't Come Down!**

She won't come down until the congregation (and friends) gathers 10,000 pounds of food for food banks in the area. Anyone interested in helping Robin \_\_\_\_\_ achieve the goal may bring non-perishable canned food (or monetary donations) to First Kennedale (229 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Kennedale 76060-2212) starting at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27. For more details, visit <http://robinsonroof.stappoo.com/>.

### **Depression Connection: Understanding, Help and Hope**

When suffering from depression, bipolar or a related disorder, learn what helps and what hurts. Research confirms that people who participate in regular support groups often experience a better quality of life and a greater likelihood of recovery from the symptoms of depression, anxiety disorder and bipolar disorder. Depression Connection support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 4 of the Heritage Campus of First UMC Grapevine (4344 Heritage Ave.). The group is structured to include approximately 10 individuals and a licensed, trained facilitator. In addition to an opportunity to communicate about one's individual concerns, an educational component is included in each meeting. Questions about Depression Connection? Contact Katherine Hunter at 817-481-2559 x130 or [katherineh@fumcg.org](mailto:katherineh@fumcg.org).

### **Career Transition Support Group at First Hurst**

NETworkers is a career transition support group at First UMC Hurst for those who are unemployed and actively looking for jobs. NETworkers meets in the church parlor every Monday for about 1 ½ hours beginning at 9 a.m. Knowing that unemployment is such a difficult situation, the church wants to do something to offer emotional support as well as practical tips for social networking, resume writing, etc. They often have guest speakers. Contact: Sandra Hill at 817-282-7384 ext. 17.

### **Pictorial History of Church Artwork**

First UMC of Arlington has published a pictorial history of the church artwork with 221 color images of textiles, stained glass and carvings, along with detailed meanings of the images. The title of the book is "First United Methodist Church of Arlington Religious Art and Symbolism." It

can be ordered at the church office through Sept. 15 or ordered online at [www.blurb.com](http://www.blurb.com), just search for the name of the book, or follow <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1469225>.

#### **Tenth Street UMC, Taylor to Celebrate 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary — Sept. 4**

Tenth Street UMC of Taylor will observe and celebrate its 110th anniversary as a congregation in the CTC on Labor Day weekend 2010. The celebration will begin with a 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 4 with Bishop Michael Lowry preaching. A covered dish luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall. A historical display will be available for viewing and cake and coffee with visiting will follow in the afternoon. Several former pastors and members as well as guests from other Taylor churches are expected to be present. Tenth St. UMC began as a Swedish congregation in 1900 and vestiges of that heritage are still evident in the church today.

#### **Join the Chivaree at Moody-Leon — Aug. 21**

On Saturday, Aug. 21, the Moody-Leon UMC will host a "Chivaree." Chivaree is an old French term for a 'pretend' wedding party and serenade — probably not seen in this area for more than 50 years. In later use, a Chivaree became a community celebration. Everyone is invited out to Moody-Leon UMC to sit in the shade and listen to local musicians as well as professionals coming for this event. Moody-Leon has a large outdoor pavilion and recently installed 'misterters' around it to provide a cool respite even on the hottest days. The youth are planning an all night gathering on the 20th and then will complete some local outreach mission projects. If you feel up to the challenge, make a freezer of your best homemade ice cream and enter it in the contest. Invited are local Christian motorcycle groups, classic car groups, and just about everyone else. This is the last Saturday before the local schools start up so the church is incorporating a youth gathering, and this will replace the Lord's Acre/Harvest event as well, so an arts and crafts sale is part of this 'Chivaree.' The youth will turn out Friday night, but the **Chivaree will be Saturday Aug. 21, from 3 to 8 p.m.** Alvarado Roadshow (contemporary country artists from Nashville and formerly of 'The Potter's House' Dallas music committee) will close out the evening with a free concert. Prior to them local artists and '4Given' from Georgetown will perform.

#### **UM Bishop Featured at Baptist Preaching Convocation & Workshop — Sept. 20-21**

Bishop William Willimon, former dean of Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University, is the featured leader for the 2010 Fall Preaching Convocation & Workshop Sept. 21-21 in Waco. The event is sponsored by The Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching at Truett Seminary, Baylor University. Registration and contact information at **2010**<http://www.baylor.edu/truett/convocation> and <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/117707.pdf>.

#### **Building Consecration at Clifton — Sept. 26**

First UMC of Clifton will be consecrating a new foyer, office complex, nursery, choral practice hall, sanctuary platform, handicap bathrooms, and the renovation of other parts of the worship facility and grounds at 4 p.m. Sept. 26. This has been about a 3 ½-year planning and construction journey for this congregation. It really has been a work of love, commitment, beauty and quality. All are invited to the consecration service.

#### **Lay Speaker Course / Temple District**

Lay speaker courses being offered to all in the Temple District:

**Saturday, Sept. 11 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Wellspring, Georgetown** (lunch provided)

**Youth Basic** — taught by Pam Dieckert 254 939-5413 [pam@dieckert.com](mailto:pam@dieckert.com) & Cindy Weigand

**Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Temple Oak Park**

**Basic** — planning underway by Pam Dieckert, Temple District Lay Speaker chair

#### **Just Say Know Biblically Based Sexuality Education — Oct. 1 & 2**

On Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2, the Methodist Children's Home will host a training event for the "Just Say Know" Biblically Based Sexuality Education. Rev. Linda Goddard, the author of the

curriculum, and her husband Richard, will lead the training. Training begins Friday from 7 to 10 p.m., and continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MCH has had great responses from students and staff when they have used this curriculum previously. Cost of the training is \$20 per person, which includes lunch Saturday and your own copy of Student Resource Manual. Contact: Chaplain Steve Heyduck at <http://methodistchildrenshome.org/> or 254-750-1310.

### **Women of Faith — Round Rock First Women Have Tickets to Share**

The women of Round Rock First UMC are going to San Antonio for Women of Faith - Imagine, Oct. 22-23 in the Alamodome. We have a few tickets left and invite others from the conference to join us. The ticket price is \$89. Contact group leader Karah Ricketts at [krosyrup@yahoo.com](mailto:krosyrup@yahoo.com) or 512-917-9874. *Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine.*

### **Financial Peace Workshop — Aug. 24 Start Up at Sparks Memorial**

Sparks Memorial UMC (900 Maxfield, Waco 76705) will be leading a 13-week session on Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*. The goal of FPU is transformation. FPU teaches how to eliminate debt, save for the future and how to give like never before. On average, class members pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in a 90-day period. If you would like to register for the class, go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), click on "classes," then click on "find a class." Type in "76705" in the zip code field. Click "Register" under Sparks Memorial UMC. Cost is \$99.51 for materials and is payable at the preview. For questions, contact Jimmy Sansom at 254-799-5124 (church) or 254-716-9550 (cell).

### **Financial Peace Workshop — Starts Aug. 24 at First Hurst**

For the second year in a row, FUMC Hurst will offer Financial Peace University. It begins Tuesday, Aug. 24, and continues every Tuesday evening through Nov. 16. Cost: \$100. Class time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register online by Aug. 8 at [www.fumchurst.org](http://www.fumchurst.org).

### **Robbie Seay Band in Concert — Aug. 29**

First UMC, Cleburne presents “**The Robbie Seay Band**” in concert 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug 29, at the Cleburne Conference Center. For ticket info contact FUMC, Cleburne at 817-645-6392 or [clint@fumccleburne.com](mailto:clint@fumccleburne.com).

### **Carry the Light Concert at the Bass — Sept. 26**

Sept. 26, Bass Hall, Fort Worth, 3 & 7 p.m.

*Carry the Light* is a contemporary Gospel concert that will feature over 300 singers and instrumentalists from various denominations located across the DFW area. This concert is part of a plan to sponsor an entire community, over 1000 orphaned children, through the three-year Giving Hope Program to transform their lives from hopelessness to blessing. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the children in this life-changing ministry. More information can be found at [www.carrythelight2010.org](http://www.carrythelight2010.org).

### **Children & Youth Worker Training: The Basics — Oct. 1-2**

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2, at FUMC Weatherford (301 South Main St., Weatherford 76086-4305) <http://www.ctcumc.org/churches/detail/1297> Christian Ed Basics is a weekend training experience for leaders in children and youth ministries. It is open to any children or youth ministry leader, new or experienced, volunteer or paid, full time or part time. At Christian Ed Basics, you get an introduction to information and tools you need to succeed in children or youth ministries. Brochure at

**[http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/conference\\_brochurefinal\\_2DKUXFGW.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/conference_brochurefinal_2DKUXFGW.pdf)**

### **Maximizing Emotional Connections Conference — Oct. 14-17**

Whether you are counseling, preaching or leading an organization, your effectiveness will be greatly impacted by your capacity to connect with others emotionally. Want to learn more about

the “how and why” of emotional connection? The Tomkins Institute presents Maximizing Emotional Connection Oct. 14-17 at First UMC Fort Worth. Sponsored by the Center for Creative Transformation at First UMC of Fort Worth, Wesleyan University, The Institute for Restorative Communities and the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School, this conference brings presenters from across the globe to offer presentations on topics like the neurobiology of attachment, cognition and emotion, understanding the dynamics of emotion in organizations and relationships, etc. Experts in these respective fields will explore application to church, school, business, criminal justice and psychotherapy. For more information, visit [www.tomkins.org](http://www.tomkins.org) or contact Charles Gaby, MA, LPC at 817-339-3881.

## Resources

### Helpful Links for Church Leaders

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

([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS\\_News.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm))

### UMNS on Facebook:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWNRGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWPrHgIWF>)

### UMNS on Twitter:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLp&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWPrHgIWF>)

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

### Worship Resources for Children's Sabbath

This year, the UMC will observe Children's Sabbath Oct. 8-10. Children's Sabbath is an ecumenically celebrated weekend committed to educating the congregation about the state of today's children and families in America. Children provide leadership through music, sharing of gifts, and reading of scripture. Downloadable resources for this event are available through the Children's Defense Fund <http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/2010-childrens-sabbaths-manual.html>. Use an interactive map to find ideas that worked in congregations and communities in 2009 <http://www.childrensdefense.org/programs-campaigns/faith-based-action/childrens-sabbaths/interactive-map-2009.html>.

### Fall Preaching Convocation — Sept. 20-21

On Sept. 20-21 George W. Truett Theological Seminary (Baylor University campus in Waco) will host its annual Fall Preaching Convocation, featuring Bishop William Willimon. Registration for the two-day event is \$20 by Sept. 1, and \$30 thereafter. Online registration will be available by late July. Contact: [Myles\\_Werntz@baylor.edu](mailto:Myles_Werntz@baylor.edu).

### Depression Seminar in Your Church — FREE

***Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team:*** Mental illnesses are serious illnesses. They cannot be overcome through “will power” and are not related to a person's “character” or intelligence. The National Institute of Mental Health reports that one in four adults — approximately 57 million Americans — experience a mental health disorder in a given year. The U.S. Surgeon General reports that 10% of children and adolescents in the U.S. suffer from serious emotional and mental disorders that cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives at home, in school and with peers. Most people diagnosed with a serious mental

illness can experience relief from their symptoms by actively participating in an individual treatment plan. With no cost to your church, the CTC 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](mailto: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.

*Lost in Woonsocket: A Miraculous Journey of Hope*. DVD. This is an award-winning documentary. Missing from their families, two alcoholics are discovered hiding in the woods of Woonsocket, RI, by a film crew. A series of profound coincidences lead to a miraculous reunion with their children, signifying the power of love and forgiveness. GBGM. 2007. 81 min.

### **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](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

### **Crime Victims Council Information at [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://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](mailto:encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org).

## **Needs, Resources, Opportunities**

**NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.**

### **Volunteers Needed**

Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center is in need of volunteers for occasional office support, sort and organize clothes and day-to-day operations. Also needed is clerical support for the upcoming L. Clifford Davis Program (graphic designs, prepare flyers, mail outs, draft letters for signature, etc.). If available, please contact Penny Yaites at 817-719-5978 or at 817-616-3100. Adults and youth opportunities available. Some items can be completed at your home.

### **Director of Student Ministries**

University UMC, Fort Worth, seeks a half-time director of student ministries. Responsibilities include providing for the spiritual formation of students in 6-12 grades, including mid-week and Sunday activities, an annual mission trip, and the coordination of a midweek outreach ministry to Paschal High School. Applicants should be passionate about sharing the Gospel with students and have strong organizational skills. Experience in student ministry preferred. Resumes should be submitted to: [jhamilton@universityumc.net](mailto:jhamilton@universityumc.net).

### **Multiple Needs at Tolar UMC**

- Tolar UMC is approaching a renovation and prayerfully searches for: a used, lightweight steeple; candle lighters and/or rack; shelving boards.
- Also, used Sunday school DVD Bible study materials for adults or teens; used copies of Max Lucado's FEARLESS or FACING YOUR GIANTS; used Bibles (NRSV); used children's Christmas musicals, gospel music for choirs, paraments. Call 254-835-4005 and leave a message for Sunday a.m. or email [shopjay3@pwhome.com](mailto:shopjay3@pwhome.com), Helen Jones, 817-594-7940.
- Youth leader for grades 7-12. Tolar UMC is located between Granbury and Cedarville on Hwy 377. No experience necessary. Will train and send to train. Must be over 18, pass background

check, enthusiastic, willing to lead and learn. Needed Sunday evening and special events. Sunday a.m. optional. For details, call 817-594-7940, Helen Jones, pastor.

- Guitar player for weekday rehearsal with choir and once a month Sunday a.m. Call 817-594-7940, Helen Jones, pastor.

### **Church Secretary**

Silver Creek, a growing UMC in Parker County, seeks a church secretary who has experience as a financial secretary. 20 hours per week, beginning Aug. 23. Contact Vaughn Baker at 817-613-7659.

### **Financial Secretary**

University UMC, Fort Worth seeks a part-time financial secretary. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong accounting skills and possess experience in the financial field. Finance or business degree is preferred, but not required. Applicants may submit resume to Dana Boles at [officemanager@universityumc.net](mailto:officemanager@universityumc.net).

### **Volunteers for Multiple Tasks**

Diamond Hill UMC in North Fort Worth needs volunteers for summer and fall activities:

- Soccer Camp – Friday, July 30, Alliance UMC. Volunteers needed to teach children soccer, help with Bible Studies and music.

- \* After school tutoring program – Beginning Mid August. Volunteers are needed to help tutor students and assist with their after school programming.

- Bilingual (Spanish speaking) individuals needed!

If you have the gift of working with children and are able to help, please call Laura or Osvaldo Benitez at 210-378-9283.

### **Financial Secretary**

Part-time financial secretary position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Job requires an average of 10 hours per week and a working knowledge of Quick Books and basic bookkeeping skills. High school diploma or equivalent is required. To apply, send resume to Lisa Neslony at [pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org](mailto:pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org) or 6701 Smithfield Road, North Richland Hills 76182.

### **Pianist/Organist**

First UMC of Midlothian seeks pianist/organist with responsibilities for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship services and special seasonal worship. Position available immediately.

For detailed information contact Billy Pritchett at [billyp@fumc-midlothian.org](mailto:billyp@fumc-midlothian.org). A resume with cover letter may be sent to: First UMC of Midlothian c/o Billy Pritchett – Director of Music 800 S. 9th St., Midlothian, 76065.

### **Portable Kneeling Benches**

Good News UMC in Cedar Park is in need of two or three portable kneeling benches for prayer and communion. Please contact Bob Rainey at [bobrainey@austin.rr.com](mailto:bobrainey@austin.rr.com) or 254-479-0241. We will pick up.

### **Mini-bus**

Lorena UMC wants to buy a good, late-model mini-bus, 14+1 passenger or larger, low mileage. The church will pay cash; the need is now (or soon). Lorena UMC, 254-857-4283, 817-773-6959, [lorenaumc@lorenaumc.org](mailto:lorenaumc@lorenaumc.org).

### **Organist**

First UMC, Belton seeks an organist. If interested, contact Carol Scherer at 254-939-5703 or [musicdir@vvm.com](mailto:musicdir@vvm.com).

### **Part-time Multi-Media Technician**

New World UMC in Arlington seeks an individual with working knowledge of all forms of media including soundboard, light table, personal computer, and CD recording technology. Incumbent

must also be familiar with basic principles and operation for the maintenance and handling of theater lights, wireless and wired microphones, and multimedia projectors. Strong interpersonal communication skills, collaborative and helpful demeanor and a willingness to perform any work for which qualified are a must. Good aural skills and musical training would be a plus. The ideal candidate must be a team player who desires to be a servant to the membership while being a leader and coordinator in the multimedia aspect of church operations. For a full description of this position, go to <http://www.nwumc.org/jobs.php>. Interested individuals may send their resume to [staff@nwumc.org](mailto:staff@nwumc.org).

### **Organist**

First UMC of Waxahachie seeks an organist with primary responsibilities for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship services, special seasonal worship, and accompanying the choir on occasional anthems. This position, which is available Oct. 3, is separate from the piano accompanist. The church's organ was built by Wicks Organ Company (opus 6428) and installed in May 2005. It includes three manuals, a pedal board, and is built to AGO specifications. For a detailed job description, please e-mail Ed Gibson, director of Music Ministries, at [edchoir@aol.com](mailto:edchoir@aol.com) or contact the church office at 972-937-4400. Résumés with a cover letter may be sent to: First UMC of Waxahachie, c/o Ed Gibson – Director of Music, 505 W. Marvin Ave., Waxahachie 75165

### **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.

### **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:samn Rudy@sbcglobal.net).) This is a church that celebrated Easter Sunday with 14 Baptisms and 14 confirmations — 1 baptism and 2 confirmations of older adults.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*If you know someone in your church, district or even outside the Central Texas Conference who might appreciate receiving this weekly electronic newsletter — or to unsubscribe your own listing — please contact Susan Briles at [Susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:Susan@ctcumc.org).*