



# 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](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. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. 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

### **No E-LINK on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30**

There will be no E-LINK on the two Wednesdays preceding holidays — Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. If there is an upcoming event or activity you need to share for late December or early January, please send your information for the Dec. 16 issue. Send information to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org). Thank you for your cooperation and for allowing the E-LINK staff to have some holiday time off.

### **Two Important Dates**

**Dec. 18, 2009** – Last day to mail apportionments. (Please remember to mail your remittances to the Conference Office at 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107.)

**Jan. 5, 2010** – Last day to hand deliver apportionments to Conference Office. (When you bring your apportionments in on Jan. 4 or 5, be prepared to stay a while to allow our staff to say “thank you” and enjoy coffee, cold drinks and cookies.) Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations ... join the blog!**

The Five Practices Forum on the conference website has run its course. For those interested in continuing to learn new ideas and to share their own “best practices,” consider the lively blog “discussion” initiated by Bishop Robert Schnase at <http://5pnet.brickriver.com/page.asp?pkvalue=14>. Consider joining the e-mail subscription. There are many topics and even more bloggers contributing to this “fruitful” site every day.

### **Soderquist / Renewal for Clergy Couples — Feb. 8-10**

The Soderquist Center gives UM clergy RENEW, a leadership couples retreat for clergy and their spouses. Renew gives couples two rare and precious gifts: Time and Space. Couples have “time” to rest, to talk together and to reflect. They have “space” to be away from the pace of the daily routine. Each RENEW retreat is a donated gift of \$3,000 per couple. The donor's gift includes all meals, lodging, books, materials and session facilitation. The next opportunity is Feb. 8-10 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. If you and your spouse would like to attend, please contact Janet Wood – [jan@ctcumc.org](mailto:jan@ctcumc.org). There are spots for two more couples. Space is limited.

### **Ethnic Young Adult Internship Deadline Dec. 15**

The deadline to apply for a 2010 Ethnic Young Adult (EYA) Summer Internship in Washington, D.C., is **Dec. 15**. The EYA program is for young adults, ages 18-22, who have an interest in exploring issues of public policy, social justice advocacy and social change. Sponsored by the UM Inter-Ethnic Strategy Development Group (IESDG) and administered by the General Board of Church & Society (GBCS), interns will work in social justice placements in the U.S. capital from May 30 to July 31, 2010. If interested, please visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=5657681&ct=7601345&tr=y&auid=5677104>.

### **Approaching Deadline for Standing Rules/Resolutions**

The deadline to submit recommendations to the Committee on Rules, Policies, and Guidelines regarding changes to the Standing Rules is **Feb. 2**. The deadline to submit resolutions to the Conference secretary is **Feb. 2**. Please remember that, per a motion approved at the 2008 Annual Conference, a statement of rationale must be included with the resolution clarifying the author's intent.

### **Applicants Sought for Youth/Young Adult Mission Trip to China**

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and the North Central Jurisdiction Mission Discovery Program invite youth and young adults to apply for 14 openings for a UMVIM mission trip to China. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 15. Applicants should be currently serving or preparing to serve youth/young adult ministries in a UM local church, district or annual conference. There will be a preference for applicants between ages 18 to 30. Applicants are ready to discover, evaluate or affirm aptitudes or skills to lead youth/young adult team mission experiences in domestic or international settings. The estimated cost of \$3,750 covers air and ground transportation from Chicago to China, within China, and back to Chicago, plus meals and accommodations, tour fees, tips, insurance, team supplies and host gifts. Limited scholarships are available from the Mission Discovery Program to expand racial/ethnic diversity among team participants. To request an application, write Lorna Jost (<mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net>).

### **Consider a Year-End Gift to Glen Lake Camp**

While Thanksgiving and Advent mean an upswing in activities and giving in the local church, November and December are slow revenue months for Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. This creates a financial squeeze for the conference's camping and retreat facility. Fixed expenses like debt service and utilities cannot be ignored. "Neither can they be met in a timely fashion unless caring Methodists respond with some generous financial help," according to Diane Griffin, GLC&RC Board chair. She asks the thousands of beneficiaries (past and present) of Glen Lake to consider doing three things:

- Pray for this vital ministry of the CTC.
- Promote year-round utilization of both campuses (Glen Lake and Still Water Lodge) among the decision makers in your church as well as other organizations to which you belong.
- Make a generous contribution to Glen Lake before the end of the year.

So many wonderful things are happening at Glen Lake and Still Water that fulfill our purpose for them "to promote the three-fold spiritual, mental and physical development of young persons and adults as Christians." Every contribution, large or small, will help. You can send your contribution to Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose, TX 76043.

### **Reminder: You Can Contribute to the Alignment Task Force**

The Alignment Task Force wants your input on their work through a blog that Pat Stroman (member) and Mike Ramsdell (chair) will be posting after each meeting on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)). This is your opportunity to participate in making a difference in the future of the Conference and the ministries of our local churches. Your thoughts, ideas, suggestions are welcome!

### **Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission – Group Registration**

CTCYM 2010 information brochures were mailed recently to youth directors and/or pastors of all CTC churches. Please be on the lookout for them! Group registration forms are in the back of the brochure. They are **due in the conference office with \$100 registration fee by Dec. 10** (or by Jan. 7 with an additional \$50 late fee). For more information, visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org).

### **See the World Through New Eyes (Texas Wesleyan Studies)**

Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth offers majors, minors and individual courses in Comparative Religious & Christian Studies program. Begin your journey today by calling 817-531-4914 or visiting [www.txwes.edu/religion](http://www.txwes.edu/religion).

### **Suicide Survivors — Open Enrollment**

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. A new group will begin in January 2010. Groups of eight to 10 meet for two hours weekly for eight weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail [suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **BEEF UP AGAIN Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010**

Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or [cgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:cgraff@myfumc.org) and watch for additional details soon.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **See and Share Soul Changing Prayer**

UM News Service has released a package on soul changing prayer. The five stories make a reader-friendly series helping enrich the prayer lives of individuals, families and congregations. Open gifts of the Spirit this Advent with [http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.5610353/k.6EAE/Soul\\_Changing\\_Prayer.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.5610353/k.6EAE/Soul_Changing_Prayer.htm).

### **Perkins School of Theology Launches New Website**

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University has launch a new website at [www.smu.edu/perkins](http://www.smu.edu/perkins). Opening to a compelling visual narrative inviting the viewer to embark on a journey of faith, the new website offers a rich array of streaming video testimonials from students, faculty, and administrators relating their own experience of the faith journey within the Perkins setting. It also features expanded access to the school's information resources, from admissions and financial aid to advanced studies and public programs.

### **2010 Funding Conference Scheduled for March 20**

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership will offer its annual *Funding Your Congregation's Vision* conference on Saturday, March 20. It will be held at Glen Mar UMC in Ellicott City, Maryland. Building on the Lewis Center's past work in funding ministry, this year's event will explore a number of new subject areas. Further details and registration information for the half-day workshop (9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) will be available in January at [www.churchleadership.com](http://www.churchleadership.com).

### **Bishops Launch Churchwide Appeal to Rebuild Lives/Churches in the Philippines**

The Council of Bishops launched an appeal to help the people of the Philippines who were hard hit in September and October by four typhoons leaving more than a thousand dead and an estimated 1.2 million people displaced. The storms had a disastrous impact on farmlands, houses and infrastructure, causing drownings, landslides and electrocutions. Their homes are gone. Crops and livestock have disappeared. They have no livelihood. Currently the country is facing a public health emergency and is struggling to fight outbreaks of infection. Givers can donate online at <http://umcappeal.org> with assurance that 100% of every donation will go to the Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters No. 818-002-PHP. For more details on this appeal, visit <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=lwL4KnN1LtH&b=5398307&ct=7677861>.

### **Perkins School of Volunteer Youth Ministry**

#### **Jan. 9 at Arapaho UMC, Richardson, TX**

A dynamic workshop led by youth workers with more than a century of combined experience will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (includes lunch). Additional workshop and registration details are

available at

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaikU6yC06hdx0ZD0fy54lBy8fChoxypLrERfhDxPpHett6j4x9onEZEEd5AUL8Ntl0DsgQx78mnjFOCx9JZ8eX5tob0FOGUSHxN1jEf1DaH7BkHS Cz9wAjSoddTwm>.

### **Perkins GBHEM Certification in Youth Ministry**

**Jan. 9-15 at FUMC Richardson, TX**

Get certified in youth ministry in a week of learning. Special this year only: Spend an afternoon with Mark DeVries, author of *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. Certification course offerings. (Register at [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciUI4xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443\\_6al83YLgAHJpp1S6S3oLMzYP0hvP\\_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa\\_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciUI4xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443_6al83YLgAHJpp1S6S3oLMzYP0hvP_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E)).

### **Summer Collegium Supports Small Congregations — June 23-July 1**

Summer Collegium is an all-expenses-paid nine-day project in support of small congregations. It includes small church clergy and their spouses/partners. **The deadline for postmarking applications is Dec. 15;** so interested clergy will want to check it out right away. The Summer Collegium is an ecumenical project fully funded through the Lilly Endowment and seeks to offer encouragement, education, refreshment and renewal to 25 small-church pastors each year. The dates of the Summer Collegium are June 23-July 1, 2010. Single clergy and locally ordained persons are welcome to apply. Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Alice Mann with music led by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. For more details, visit [www.vts.edu/education/collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium) or contact Dr. Marilyn Johns at 703-461-1760.

### **Human Relations Day Grants — Deadline Jan. 10**

Jan. 10 is the deadline to apply for a Human Relations Day Grant from the UM General Board of Church & Society. The grants are to support ministries that respond to non-violent young offenders through education, advocacy or leadership training and development. Grant funds are raised through the UMC's Human Relations Day Special Sunday each year. For more grant applications, contact Marvlyn Scott at [msscott@umc-gbcs.org](mailto:msscott@umc-gbcs.org) or 202-488-5643.

### **Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8**

The 2010 Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for Jan. 5 – 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, can be stimulating and informative for pastors and local church evangelism chairs. The agenda and registration are available at <http://www.CongressonEvangelism.org>. Scholarships are available for clergy under 40 (first time participants who have a recommendation from their DS or bishop). Also, the registration fee is waived for full-time seminary students as well as local pastors enrolled in Course of Study.

### **Clergywoman's Gathering, "Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity"**

April 7-9, 2010, at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). The gathering will focus on recapturing our creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. CEUs will be available. Contact: Kim Ross at [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org) or 800-760-8126. Cost varies from \$325-\$285.

### **Lenten Sermon Writing Retreat**

Jan. 11-15, Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). Clergy and lay ministers are invited to come undertake their in-depth preparation and sermon writing for this season. Cost \$395, Commuter \$155. For more information, contact Kim Ross at 800-760-8126, [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org), or go to [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21**

<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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## News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

### **73rd Annual Candlelighting Service at First Grapevine — Dec. 12 and 13**

First UMC of Grapevine (422 Church St., Grapevine) will celebrate the 73rd Annual Christmas Candlelighting Service with two performances on Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Worship Arts Ministries will present "The Ornament," a musical drama. Woven into this thought-provoking, spiritually insightful drama are special moments that bring much warmth and humor - from a trip to the soup kitchen to welcoming Christmas carolers at the door. Children, students and adults will enjoy this beautiful service that portrays the timeless truth of the Christmas message and its reality to families everywhere. The worship service will feature choir, drama and orchestra. The service will end with the traditional candlelighting moment. Admission is free, so bring the whole family to start your holiday season off right! For more details, visit [www.firstmethodistgrapevine.org](http://www.firstmethodistgrapevine.org) or call the church office at 817-481-2559.

### **First Hurst Presents Festival of Carols — Dec. 13 and 14**

A Christmas tradition! The Music Ministry presents *Festival of Carols* on Dec. 13 at 5 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the glory of favorite Christmas music with full professional orchestra and 100-member chorus. The performance will include hand bells, brass, organ, strings and wonderful voices! 2009 marks the seventh year that the Music Ministry of First UMC of Hurst has presented *Festival of Carols* as a Christmas gift to the community. Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve tickets, call 817-282-7384 or order online at [www.festivalofcarols.org](http://www.festivalofcarols.org). Childcare will be provided, but children are welcome at the concert. The church is located at 521 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053. For information, call 817-282-7384, or go to [www.fumchurst.org](http://www.fumchurst.org).

### **UMC Singles Holiday Dinners — Through Dec. 18**

The UMC Singles will host Friday Night Holiday Dinners continuing through Dec. 18. Dinners/activities are planned for:

Dec. 4 — meet at Fuddrucker's on Airport Freeway at 7 p.m.

Dec. 11 — meet at 7 p.m. at Mi Pueblo in North Richland Hills

Dec. 18 — meet at 7 p.m. for dinner at Mercado Juarez in North Arlington

More details are available on the UMC Singles - Tarrant Area calendar at [www.ctcumc.org/singles](http://www.ctcumc.org/singles). Come join us for fun and fellowship during the holidays. For more information on the dinners, contact Martha Hollis at [mghollis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mghollis@sbcglobal.net).

### **Christmas Organ Concert by Organist Roger Burnell, Organist — 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20**

Dr. Roger Burnell, organist at First UMC of Keller, will present a recital of seasonal music by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Max Reger, Gerald Near, and Mieczyslaw Surzynski. Burnell earned a DMA in organ performance from Texas Tech University and was the recipient of a 2008 dissertation grant to study Polish organ repertoire in Poland. He has recently accepted an invitation to present his recital on Dec. 28 in Langsdorf, Germany. The public is invited to this free event. For more information call 817-431-1332 or visit [www.kellerumc.org](http://www.kellerumc.org).

### **Help Insure Our Children in Texas — SCHIP program Jan. 9**

SCHIP Enrollment Training is at St. Stephen UMC (Arlington) on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 10-11:30 a.m. Churches are invited to send 1-4 people to learn how your church can help enroll children in Medicaid and SCHIP. Over 750,000 children in the State of Texas are eligible, but not covered by these programs. For more details, visit [https://www.ctcoffice.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.texaskidswin.org/page.php?page\\_id=2%26page\\_title=About%2520CHIP%2520and%2520Children%27s%2520Medicaid](https://www.ctcoffice.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.texaskidswin.org/page.php?page_id=2%26page_title=About%2520CHIP%2520and%2520Children%27s%2520Medicaid) or contact Mary Spradlin at [mary.spradlin@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.spradlin@yahoo.com) or Terri Bennett at 817-460-8655.

### **Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing**

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own

denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays.  
<http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

### **2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16**

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: [SharonBass@texashealth.org](mailto:SharonBass@texashealth.org)

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## **Resources**

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Dean McIntyre, director of music resource with the General Board of Discipleship, offers to churches a special Christmas Eve Service: A Service of Candles, Carols, Communion at  
[http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item\\_id=48285](http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=48285).

### **Looking for Christmas Resources?**

Midnight Oil, an organization that provides resources for local churches, says in their latest e-news: “For those of us in ministry, the shininess of Christmas obscures the light of Christmas. How do we get past the trappings of tinsel tradition and tell the story of the Jesus, the light of the world? One way is through [Rediscover Christmas](http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/) (<http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/>), one of our most popular resources. In this layered photographic animation, the camera zooms past Santa and the gang and lands on a nativity scene in a powerful reminder of why we celebrate.

### **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.

*Faith Lessons Vol. 9: Fire on the Mountain.* Ray Vander Laan. Six DVD sessions. When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. But with that freedom comes the challenge of learning how to live the way God intends. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today. Filmed on location in the Middle East. Includes Discovery Guide. 170 minutes total running time.

### **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).

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## **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**

Please pass along this message to church members: Tarrant County United Way needs volunteers at tax preparation centers from January through mid-April, including the United Community Center's Wesley Center in North Fort Worth. Helping low-income families obtain tax credits is an important way volunteers can join United Way in making Tarrant County residents more financially stable and self-sufficient. Last year, volunteers helped Tarrant County families receive more than \$2.4 million in earned income tax credits and more than \$2 million in child tax credits. The IRS estimates that Tarrant County citizens are actually eligible for about \$100 million in tax credits. Most credits are not claimed. For details or to volunteer, contact Pablo Calderon at 817-258-8056 or visit [www.unitedwaytarrant.org](http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org).

### **2010 Census Workers**

Please pass along this message to members: Could you use some extra cash? Apply now to be a census taker. Work up to 40 per week in a temporary, part-time job with the 2010 Census and enjoy good pay, flexible hours, mileage reimbursement, and the chance to serve your community. Call (toll-free) 866-861-2010 for more details.

### **Wesley-Style Clergy Robe**

Central UMC of Corsicana would like to present to a deserving student pastor or ordained clergy a John Wesley clergy robe (black, black panels) that is in good condition and freshly dry cleaned, 56 tag length. This robe would best fit a person 6' to 6'2" / 160-180 lbs. Contact: Pastor Carpenter at 903-654-0784.

### **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.

### **Choir Director**

Wesley UMC in Waco seeks a spirit-filled, passionate director for the adult and children's choirs. Must read music, be able to teach and lead choir members in both traditional gospel and contemporary worship. Contact: Theora Davis at 254-752-1822.

### **Youth Director**

Wesley UMC in Waco seeks a part-time youth director committed to spiritual formation and mission. The successful candidate will be available Sundays, Wednesday evenings, and some planning and meeting time, not totaling more than 20 hours per week. Wesley UMC is committed to making disciples for the transformation of the world, beginning with our children and youth. Please contact Evelyn Vonner at 254-752-1822.

### **Small Upright Piano Needs Church Home**

Kelli Carrier (1917 Ramada Trail, Justin, Texas) would like to give his mother's small, upright piano to a church. Now in assisted living with no room for the piano, she would like to know it is being used at a United Methodist church. For pictures or to make arrangements, please contact Kelli Carrier at 940-648-1840 (home), 817-266-8733 (cell) or [kellicarrier20@gmail.com](mailto:kellicarrier20@gmail.com). If possible, he would like it picked up before the end of the year.

### **Lead Teacher**

St. Andrew's Mother's Day Out seeks a lead teacher for the toddler class. The ideal candidate will be committed to caring for children in a Christian environment, loves children, is self motivated, has a steady work ethic, is of good moral character, and loves the Lord. Experience in child care setting preferred. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The church is located in South Arlington on SE Green Oaks between New York Ave. and 360. Contact: Becky Doss at [sachildcare@bluebottle.com](mailto:sachildcare@bluebottle.com).

### **Part-time Pianist**

First UMC of Cross Plains seeks a part-time pianist. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and playing for chancel choir rehearsals, weekly worship services (including prelude, postlude and offertory), and special worship services and events, in addition to working with organist, and music director. Pianist must be available for Advent & Christmas holiday season as well as for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Candidate must work well with others, and be able to play a variety of music styles. If interested, e-mail resume to [fumccrossplains@gmail.com](mailto:fumccrossplains@gmail.com) or mail to: FUMC, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains 76443. For additional information, call the church office at 254-725-7377.

### **Director of Music & Worship**

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Dec. 31. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenberg for more details at 254-751-0411.

### **Church Furnishings**

Central UMC of Corsicana is divesting itself of many church items, furniture, etc. On Monday, Nov. 30 other UMCs will be welcome to see what is available and purchase items — by appointment, please. Contact Bruce Carpenter at [revbcarpenter@yahoo.com](mailto:revbcarpenter@yahoo.com) or 903-654-0784. There will be a sale of items open to the public on Friday, Dec. 11.

### **Part-time Post Contemporary Music Worship Leader**

William C. Martin UMC (2621 Bedford Rd., Bedford, TX 76021) is accepting applications for a music worship leader in Martin's post contemporary worship service. Candidates should be able to provide voice and instrumental (acoustic guitar) leadership in our worship environment. Candidate will work with an established band with a post contemporary flair. Experience in Worship planning and execution with the band and minister are essential to the job. The position is part-time and salary is dependent on experience. Submit applications to Adam Pratt at [adamp@martin-methodist.org](mailto:adamp@martin-methodist.org).

### **Youth/Young Adult Ministries Director**

Christ UMC seeks applicants for the position of director of youth and young adult ministries. Job entails developing and leading all programming and outreach involving youth and young adult. The position is part-time, with a minimum of 25 hours/week. Inquiries should be directed to Vaughn Baker at [vaughn\\_baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vaughn_baker@sbcglobal.net) or 817-613-7659.

### **Choir Robes**

First UMC Mansfield has 100 teal-colored, adult-sized choir robes to donate. The gently used robes are in great shape with double-sided stoles — one side white with embroidered UM cross and the other side purple. If interested, please contact Beth LaMee at 817-477-2287, ext. 229.

### **Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position**

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or [dcsmitty242@hotmail.com](mailto:dcsmitty242@hotmail.com).

### **Youth Minister**

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development,

worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at [pastorpaxton@aol.com](mailto:pastorpaxton@aol.com).

### **Full-time Director of Youth Ministries**

St. John's UMC, Georgetown, is expanding a vital youth program and needs a person who is committed to Christ; knows, loves and relates to youth; and is capable of planning and directing programs for youth and their families. Salary commensurate with education and experience \$30,000 plus. Send resume and questions to SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

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