



# Central E-Link

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

## February 17, 2010

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. 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

### Carol Woods Named Brownwood DS

Bishop Mike Lowry announced Sunday, Feb. 14, the appointment of Carol Woods as superintendent of the Brownwood District, replacing Rev. James Olney who has taken incapacity leave while he undergoes treatment for cancer. This is Woods' second appointment to a Cabinet position, having served as superintendent of the Northeast District of the North Texas Conference from 1997 to 2002. It was in 2002 that she transferred to the Central Texas Conference and was named senior pastor at Overton Park (now Arborlawn) United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Two years later, she was named senior pastor at the 520-member First United Methodist Church of Mineral Wells, the position she currently holds. See more details at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org).

### Annual Conference Goes Green

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce printing costs, Annual Conference information will be made available on the CTC website rather than by mailings this year. All details concerning hotels, luncheons, childcare, as well as other aspects of Annual Conference, including the 2010 Preliminary Report, will be posted as they become available. You may view and download the information by clicking on the 2010 Annual Conference icon at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) after this week. We appreciate your support as the Central Texas Conference “goes green”!

### Centennial Celebration Needs Your Logo Ideas

1910 is an important date in the history of the Central Texas Conference — and so is 2010. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference, which previously was part of the Texas Conference (1840-1866) and then the Northwest Texas Conference (1866-1910). “Recognizing the growth of Methodism in the region, the General Conference of 1910 agreed to divide the Northwest Texas Conference into two annual conferences,” states Conference Archivist Carol Roszell.

A special centennial celebration is planned for Oct. 23 in Fort Worth, so please save that date. Another way to participate in this historic event is to submit a logo design to be used in the Centennial Celebration. The 100th Anniversary Committee will judge entries, and the selected artist will be recognized at the event.

Logo guidelines:

- Logo may be color or black/white

- Incorporated in the logo should be some representation of the following: Central Texas Conference, The United Methodist Church Ministry, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or Centennial Celebration or 1910 - 2010
  - Artwork should be suitable for promotional materials, program cover, medallion and/or lapel pin
- Logo designs should be submitted in digital format (TIFF, EPS, JPEG) by April 1 to Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) or on flash drive or disk to: Central Texas Conference, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Please include a print out of the design along with the digital format and contact information for the artist and church affiliation.

### **ATTN: Event Web Postings Need Address**

Any events or activities posted to the conference website calendar **MUST** have a physical address included in order to activate the Google map. That means, just using Conference Center or Glen Lake Camp is not sufficient; you must include 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107 for the Conference Center, 1102 NE Barnard St., Glen Rose, TX 76043 for Glen Lake Camp and specific street addresses for churches and other event settings. Thanks for taking the few extra minutes for doing this.

### **Kazakhstan Missionary Itinerates to CTC**

Dr. Chris Hena, UM GBGM Missionary to Kazakhstan, will be itinerating in the CTC from April 19 to May 15. A native of Liberia, Hena works with community health ministries in remote regions of Kazakhstan, a country that still suffers from its positioning as a nuclear/atomic waste disposal site during the Soviet era. If you are interested in hosting Hena in your church or attending a speaking engagement in another church, please contact Dawne McAlpin, CTC secretary of Global Ministries, at 817-326-4242 or [dawne@actonumc.org](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org).

### **From CTC Marriage/Family Coordinator Allen Grant — Respond by March 1**

Last year we had a successful Pre-marriage Education curriculum training event for pastors. We hope to offer this again in 2011. For this fall, we would like to offer a full day of training for congregations who want to offer parenting skills classes in their church. This would include pastors, Christian educators and lay persons who lead parents groups in your church or who would want to do so. But we need your help to plan this event. I would like to know the answers to the following questions:

1. If you offer Parenting Skills classes in your church, what curriculum do you use?
2. Do you have a favorite Curriculum, even if not offering classes right now?
3. Do you have any suggestions for possible leadership of an event like this?
4. Other suggestions for us to use in planning.

Please respond by March 1 to Allen Grant, [pastor@chinaspringumc.com](mailto:pastor@chinaspringumc.com) or call 254-836-1107.

### **Dancing with the Stars at Metro Board Annual Dinner — Feb. 25**

The Metropolitan Board of Missions Annual Dinner meeting, where outreach ministries and the churches that help to support them are honored, will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Round Up Inn, Fort Worth. The dinner cost is \$15/person with reservations by Feb. 22. For reservations and more details, contact the Metro Board office at 817-569-1454 or [metroboard-umc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metroboard-umc@sbcglobal.net).

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of CTC Lay Speakers — Feb. 26, 27, 28**

This annual event will be held Feb. 26-28 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose with the classes offered being those that receive the most interest during the registration processes. The list of courses and registration form are on the conference website under <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/933> / click on "7th Annual Lay Speaking Ministry Weekend." Contact: Melissa Osborne at [oz2@txol.net](mailto:oz2@txol.net).

### **Marriage Course Offered at Texas Wesleyan — March 6**

*Growing Love in Christian Marriage* will be offered at Texas Wesleyan University from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6. This course is certified by the State of Texas so that couples that participate will receive a certificate for a \$60 discount off their Texas marriage license. Amy Tate-Almy, AFC, a facilitator for the *Depression Connection Team* of Fort Worth and financial educator/counselor for the two Fort Worth Chapter 13 Trustee's Offices, will lead the premarital counseling workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$7.50 per couple to learn skills to support a lasting, healthy marriage. RSVP to Amy Tate-

Almy at [aatalmy@hotmail.com](mailto:aatalmy@hotmail.com). To make registration official, send the couple's names with a \$7.50 fee (made payable to Texas Wesleyan University) to Attn: Chaplain's Office, GLCM, Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth 76105.

### **Outdoor Christian Rock Music Festival at Texas Motor Speedway — March 20**

Popular Christian Rock artists Hawk Nelson, Decyfer Down, Pillar, Emery, Brian "Head" Welch, Project 86, The Letter Black, Wavorly and FlatFoot56 will be performing at Forty Fest – Resonate! 2010, a daylong music festival on Saturday, March 20, at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit [www.fortyfest.org](http://www.fortyfest.org) or call the festival office at 800-773-7440 x203.

### **Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation — March 7-12**

The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation will be held at The Prothro Center at Lake Texoma March 7-12. Dr. Elaine Robinson, dean of Saint Paul School of Theology-Oklahoma City, and Dr. Doug Skinner, senior minister of Northway Christian Church-Dallas, are the faculty presenters. For more information, a brochure is located at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) under Spiritual Growth Ministries, or contact Lindsay D. Churchman at [ldchurchman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldchurchman@sbcglobal.net).

### **Annual Volunteer Work Week at Mount Sequoyah — April 5-9**

Each year Mount Sequoyah hosts a volunteer workweek for volunteers from all of the 15 conferences that make up the South Central Jurisdiction. The retreat center is in the heart of Fayetteville, Ark., at the top of a large hill overlooking the city. Mount Sequoyah is host to a number of workshops, meetings, retreats, and training opportunities for our jurisdiction. With the large numbers of guests attending events, the center is in constant need of maintenance and upkeep. The annual volunteer workweek is a time to make sure that big projects get done. Details at [http://www.mountsequoyah.org/www.mountsequoyah.org/Programs\\_Training\\_files/FINALWW%20Brochure%202010-reg.pdf](http://www.mountsequoyah.org/www.mountsequoyah.org/Programs_Training_files/FINALWW%20Brochure%202010-reg.pdf).

### **April 15 Deadline for 5 Star/Global Mission Partner Applications**

The **Global Mission Partner Program** and the **Five-Star Program** recognize churches that accomplish a series of support and outreach goals. The requirements are on the conference website at <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/905>. Contact: Tom Beaty at [fumcgatesville1@embarqmail.com](mailto:fumcgatesville1@embarqmail.com).

### **UMVIM Team Leader Training — April 24**

*Training Event: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Alliance UMC, Fort Worth*

UM Volunteers in Mission can be a vital tool in helping you and your church be more effective as partners in God's mission to a hurting and broken world, whether you take a team down the street, to your own community, to Haiti or elsewhere across the globe. Many local churches are planning mission projects for 2010. UMVIM team leader training is for beginners and seasoned leaders alike. Learn tips for all aspects of project planning, group theological reflection, team building, insuring your team, and fostering a transformational mission experience. For more details, contact Jennifer Bellamy at 817-877-5222 or [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org).

### **Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training — April 24**

The CTC Health & Wellness Task Force is sponsoring Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at Christ UMC (3301 Sycamore School Road, Fort Worth 76123). 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 health and wellness.

### **Adult Mission Trip to Sager Brown Depot — May 2-7**

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot has shipped over \$4.7 million in relief supplies in 2008. Sager Brown receives, prepares, holds, and ships material resources used in response to human suffering throughout the nation and the world. Located in Baldwin, LA (about 115 miles southwest of New Orleans), the depot hosts

more than 2,700 UM volunteers each year and provides those volunteers with a unique cultural experience. You can join the adult mission trip to Sager Brown May 2-7 by registering with Conference Director of Humanitarian Services Director Jennifer Bellamy. See details and registration form under UMVIM pages on the conference website [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org).

### **Red Bird Mission Trip — Oct. 3-9**

The deadline is May 15 for this first-time mission trip to the Red Bird Mission Conference in Kentucky. Join the CTC adult team this fall to assist with construction needs and possibly education and community outreach. Not only will the projects provide a rewarding volunteer opportunity, participants will also enjoy a unique cultural experience and may begin developing a relationship between the congregation and this wonderful Missionary Conference. Participants will be asked to attend one planning meeting/team orientation from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Acton UMC (3433 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury 76049). Contact: Dawne McAlpin, mission team leader, at [dawne@actonumc.org](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org) or 817-326-4252, 578-1701.

### **Annual Conference Awards & Scholarships**

**Newgate Award Nominations - Deadline April 9** The Conference Restorative Justice Committee recognizes outstanding service for individuals serving within any area of restorative justice ministry of the CTC. The committee is accepting nominations for the 2010 Newgate Awards, which will be announced at Annual Conference in June. The Newgate Award acknowledges exemplary service of individuals, teams or congregations who go "above and beyond" in service to the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, victims, justice workers or victim/offender families. Nominations should be submitted by April 9 to Rev. Penny Yaites, Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center, P.O. Box 163674, Fort Worth 76161-3674 or emailed to [gimlmak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gimlmak@sbcglobal.net).

**D.E.A.L. Grant** — The CTC Committee on Disability Concerns will present the Disability Education and Awareness Leadership (D.E.A.L.) grants to be awarded in May and presented at the Annual Conference in June. A goal of the committee is education and awareness of handicapping conditions and issues facing an individual having a handicapping condition, i.e., attitudinal, environmental, or communicative. Because of this goal, CDC is awarding two grants to an upper classman or returning UM college student — one grant to a student that has a handicapping condition and another to a student that has a declared major in assisting individuals with handicapping conditions (i.e., special education, speech pathology, hearing and visual impairment, social work, counseling, physical and/or occupational therapies). The application and grant details are available at <http://ctsite.brickriver.com/pagail/894>.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **GBHEM Seeks Candidates for Associate General Secretary**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry seeks candidates to fill the position of associate general secretary in the Division of Ordained Ministry. The associate general secretary (DOM) represents the GBHEM in a variety of relationships with entities within and beyond the UMC. These include (but are not limited to) the Association of UM Theological Schools (AUMTS), the Ministry Study Commission, the University Senate, the Commission on Theological Education and the UM Theological Schools in Europe.

The Associate General Secretary provides leadership in the area of ordained, licensed, endorsed and certified ministry through work with annual conferences both within and beyond the United States. This includes coordinating the development and provision of resources for boards of ordained ministry and the Course of Study. This work also includes the distribution and management of the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF). **Requirements:** MDiv.; ordained elder in full connection; 4 years as a member of a conference board of ordained ministry; strong knowledge of the structure and polity of the UMC; previous management experience in either large church or non-profit agency; strong leadership skills and ability to work well in a team environment; strong analytical skills and ability to think strategically (visionary);

strong organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously; excellent written and oral communication skills; sensitivity to a diverse population: culturally, racially, and theologically; ability to communicate and work with colleagues in a team approach; consultative and cooperative leadership and superior management skills. Candidates must be willing and able to travel extensively. Relocation to Nashville, TN, required. The position will be available July 1. To apply, send a cover letter clearly stating your knowledge, experience, skills, and gifts enabling you to be a viable candidate for the position. Include a resume and the names of three professional references to: [hr@gbhem.org](mailto:hr@gbhem.org) | fax 615-340-7048 | Human Resources, c/o Recruitment, AGS DOM, GBHEM, P.O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007.

### **Early bird Discount Extended to Feb. 22**

Due to the recent inclement weather the early bird discount for the Small Church Leadership Institute at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center, March 8-12, has been extended until February 22. Register today! Learn to lead your small attendance church to a higher level of health and vitality. For details contact Marilyn at [programs@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:programs@mountsequoyah.org) call 800-760-8126, or go to [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **One Great Hour of Sharing - March 14**

She's only 26 years old and came to me in tears. In a whisper the girl said to me, "I'm afraid. I think I have AIDS, but please do not tell my family." Angie Willicore tells this woman's story to illustrate the terrible stigma of AIDS in Liberia. Angie is a registered nurse for Ganta UM Hospital in Liberia and head of the community-based HIV/AIDS counseling team. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Please give generously at [www.umcgiving.org/OGHS](http://www.umcgiving.org/OGHS). For the rest of Angie's story, visit <http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=gnKPIPMnHdLLL2I&s=crIUK5OBLbLOK5NKJsH&m=hqLOJ4OzFgJ2G>.

### **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).

### **Clergywoman's Gathering, "Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity" — April 7-9**

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.

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## **News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **J. Philip Newell presents "A New Harmony: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul"**

First UMC of Fort Worth will host J. Philip Newell on Sunday-Monday, Feb. 21-22.

[Breakfast for Clergy and Church Leaders](#): 9 a.m. Monday in Wesley Hall.

Reservations required by Thursday, Feb. 18.

Cost for breakfast lecture: \$12 payable at the door with reservations.

Please contact Virginia at [vcovaleski@myfumc.org](mailto:vcovaleski@myfumc.org) or 817-336-7277.

[Lecture schedule](#): (public invited)

Sunday morning worship: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday evening lecture: 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary; book sales, signing and reception in Wesley Hall  
Monday evening lecture: 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary; book sales, signing, reception in Wesley Hall

### **Racism from a White Person's Perspective — Feb 21**

The UMC recognizes racism as a sin and affirms the value of all human beings. We recognize the gifts that racial and cultural differences add to our collective living. However, those of us who understand ourselves as White often are unaware of the benefits others do not experience that are available to us simply because of the color of our skin. Dr. Nancy Ramsay will explore the issue of white privilege, our unwitting complicity in racism and strategies in resisting racism for people of faith. Join Trinity UMC (3321 W. Park Row, Arlington) for this enlightening social justice discussion from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in Room 201-203. Parking on the east and south sides of the main building. Contact: Miriam Georg at [miriam@trinityumcarlington.org](mailto:miriam@trinityumcarlington.org).

### **Community Invited: Depression Connection – Feb. 21 & 28**

St. John the Apostle UMC in Arlington will host a *Depression Connection* seminar on Sunday afternoons, Feb. 21 and 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tony Campbell, executive director of Depression Connection Team, will lead this free, educational seminar covering depression and mood disorders. The church is located at 5450 Mansfield Rd, Arlington 76017, behind Kohl's Department Store, near the corner of S. Cooper St. and Green Oaks Blvd. Questions: call 817-468-8484.

### **Pay Less for College - No Matter Where You Go! — Feb. 23**

Whether your student is a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, start planning now! Learn the answers to the questions that keep you awake at night! The White's Chapel Student Ministries Department is sponsoring a workshop to help you prepare for the complicated college admissions, planning and funding processes. Parents and high school students, please join White's Chapel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Rawlins Lecture Hall. Seats are limited, so please call ahead to reserve your place at 800-270-3220.

### **African-American History Month Generosity Summit — Feb. 27**

This is a workshop for clergy, finance/stewardship committees and lay leaders from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 27 at Campus Drive UMC (4301 Campus Drive, Fort Worth 76119). The presenter is Melvin Amerson who is with the Texas Methodist Foundation and author of *Celebrating the Offering* and *Stewardship in African-American Churches*. He will cover "Developing a Culture of Generosity" and "Celebrating the Offering." To reserve your space by Feb. 20, contact LeOneita Jefferson at 817-921-5673 or [pastor@campusdrive.org](mailto:pastor@campusdrive.org).

### **"24 Hours That Changed the World" at New Day UMC — Begins Feb. 28**

Join the members of New Day UMC for a six-week series beginning Feb. 28 on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life on earth. This special event will include worship, sermons, and a small-group study featuring videos, Bible study, and discussion. Come and explore this crucial time in Jesus' life. New Day UMC ([www.ndumc.com](http://www.ndumc.com)) is currently meeting Sundays a 6 p.m. at the Mansfield Activities Center (MAC) located at 106 South Wisteria, Mansfield 76063. For more information, contact Sheila Fiorella at 817-368-8252 or at [Sheila@newdayumc.com](mailto:Sheila@newdayumc.com).

### **Gospel Explosion at Wellspring UMC — Feb. 28**

Wellspring UMC in Georgetown will culminate its observance of African American Month with a Gospel Explosion at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Among those participating this year are the traveling gospel group "Inspired Sisters on a Mission," Wellspring's Chancel Choir, Deep Water Band and Praise Team and special guests Cameron Durden, Collin Campbell, and Greater Community MBC. There will be refreshments following the program. For more details, contact the church at [www.wellumc.org](http://www.wellumc.org) or 512-930-5959.

### **Prayer Retreat at Campus Drive Rescheduled to April 10**

Mark your calendar for a new date! Due to bad weather, the Grace UMC, Arlington Prayer Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is "Deeper Connections: Take Your Prayer Life Out of the Box" The retreat is designed to jump start your prayer life and explore ways of making a deeper connection with God. Campus Drive UMC will host the retreat at the Administrative

Center/Fellowship Hall (1400 Seminary Drive, Fort Worth 76119). There is no registration fee, but please call 817-922-9256 to RSVP. Everyone is welcome!

### **First Mansfield Hosts Invisible Children tour — April 11**

Invisible Children are on their Legacy Tour and will be screening their new video at FUMC Mansfield. Joining the Invisible Children group is Lillian, a Ugandan advocate, who was featured in their first video, "Go." Other churches are invited to bring their youth groups and friends to welcome Lillian and Invisible Children! There will be food, fellowship and fun! All are invited to join them in their efforts to end war and restore northern Uganda. Don't miss out on an opportunity to impact lives in northern Uganda by hearing their story and being a part of something bigger. Resources: [www.firstmansfieldstudents.org](http://www.firstmansfieldstudents.org), [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com), Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=333317816275>.

At 21, Lillian has accomplished feats beyond her years. Invisible Children first met Lillian while filming the documentary, "GO" in 2007. Lillian is smart. It's obvious. Street-smart, she lived on her own at age 20 and has no real fears about living in Uganda's urban capital, Kampala. Life-smart, dropping bits of wisdom so frequently that it's difficult to scribble them all down. Lillian has an uncanny ability to just push on through, all while exuding a palpable sense of confidence.

### **"God, Girls, and Giggles!" — March 6**

Laugh! Laugh! Laugh with Linda Evans Shepherd who has the ability to transform with hope, faith, and love. She is a bestselling author (*Heart-Stirring Stories of Love*) and international speaker who says, "I go out because between the laughter, I see God's word transform the lives of my audiences right before my eyes." First UMC of Breckenridge is hosting this event for "a ladies' night out" on March 6. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Call the church office (254-559-8208) for tickets (\$15).

### **First Azle Hosts Beth Moore Simulcast — April 24**

First Azle UMC will host a Beth Moore simulcast from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24. Doors open at 8 a.m. The cost of \$25 includes lunch with prepaid ticket or \$35 at the door. For reservations and ticket info go to [www.fumcazle.org](http://www.fumcazle.org) and click on Beth Moore.

### **"Father Can You Hear Me?" Benefit Performance — May 15**

"Father Can You Hear Me?" will be performed at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at St. Barnabas UMC (5011 W. Pleasant Ridge, Arlington 76016-6220) with tickets (\$20) available at the door. The drama is a new gospel stage play presented by Special K's Special T's, LLC Productions, written and co-directed by Ka'Mili Grayson, and directed by Eric Beasley. The evening benefit will include an auction, liturgical dance and more. For details, please contact Luther Henry ([luther@sbumc.org](mailto:luther@sbumc.org) or 817-483-1667) or Chauncey Nealy ([aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net) or 817-274-0116).

### **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 more details, visit <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>. Interested? Contact Steve Lallier at 817-424-5704, 214-912-1979 or email [BigBandLdr@aol.com](mailto:BigBandLdr@aol.com).

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## **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=ifITKWNrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpI&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

**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))

**Mental Health Facts**

With effective medication and a wide range of services tailored to their needs, most people who live with serious mental illness can significantly reduce the impact of their illness and find a satisfying measure of achievement and independence. In addition to medical treatment there are numerous self-help measures that can successfully enhance the result of treatment. — A message from the Depression Connection Team (817-810-9599; [tony@depressionconnection.org](mailto:tony@depressionconnection.org)).

**Depression Seminar in Your Church, Free**

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, call Tony Campbell at 817/810-9599 or email at [tony@depressionconnection.org](mailto:tony@depressionconnection.org).

**God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action**

A new 6-week Lenten study is out focusing on God's renewed creation. The Publishing House is taking orders NOW for a comprehensive, "All-in-One" resource (includes the pastoral letter, foundation document and both study guides for \$7.50 each-\$5 if you order soon) with delivery promised in time for the beginning of Lenten study groups. You can place orders for these printed documents now at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) (search "God's Renewed Creation: Call..." or by numbers: ISBN-13: 9781426710391, ISBN-13: 9781426711473, ISBN-13: 9781426711473 (paperback, e-book or pdf).

**ATTN: Pastors/Stephen Ministers Can Help Cancer Patients**

Here's a contact that might help cancer patients cope with one aspect of every-day living. Fighting cancer is difficult enough, but living with it is even tougher - and that's where the Cleaning for A Reason Foundation steps in. This newly formed nonprofit organization offers free professional housecleaning and maid services to improve the lives of women undergoing treatment for cancer - **any type of cancer**. If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass along this free cleaning service — 1 time per month for 4 months — while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. <http://cleaningforareason.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.

**Jumpstart: A Sunday school Leadership Workshop.** Five separate modules for adult, young adult, student; children, and preschool. Each module contains two 30-minute training sessions on DVD and audio CD; participant's workbook (covers all 5 modules); leader's guide. Biblically based training for your Sunday school age group leaders.

**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.**

### **Children's Coordinator/Mother's Day Out Director**

First UMC of Waxahachie is accepting applications for the positions of children's ministry coordinator and director of the church's two-day-a-week Mother's Day Out program. FUMC Waxahachie has many dynamic children's ministry programs that are already in place and the church is looking to expand that even more. If you have an active relationship with Christ, experience in working with children and families, and love to work with and recruit volunteers from church and community, please send your resume to [fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net). The part/time children's coordinator position can be combined with the part/time Mother's Day Out director position for the right applicant.

### **Office Staff**

First UMC of Hurst has an opening for a part time (20-25 hours per week) office staff person. Applicants should be able to multi-task, have good organizational and computer skills, and enjoy a very fast-paced and professional work environment. Send resumes to Philip Rhodes at [prhodes@fumchurst.org](mailto:prhodes@fumchurst.org).

### **Director of Children's Ministry**

FUMC Duncanville seeks candidates for director of children's ministry. This part-time position demands a faithful disciple of Christ who is an experienced and well-trained individual with a true passion for children's ministry. They will be responsible for leading all areas of programming for children from infants through sixth grade. FUMCD is a regional church in southwest Dallas County with a dynamic staff and congregation and a proud 150-year heritage of faith and service. For more information, contact Jim Bowden, senior pastor, at [revdrjimbowden@gmail.com](mailto:revdrjimbowden@gmail.com) or 972-298-6121.

### **Pianist/Organist**

The music ministry at FUMC Watauga is seeking a pianist/organist with devotion to Christ and a passion for music. There is one service Sunday mornings, rehearsal Wednesday evenings, and special services throughout the year. For more information contact, Seini Mila at 817-939-8835 or [seinimila@att.net](mailto:seinimila@att.net).

### **Worship Leader**

New Day UMC ([www.ndumc.com](http://www.ndumc.com)), a new church start in Mansfield, seeks a part-time worship leader for its non-traditional worship gatherings. Applicants must be able to provide voice and instrumental leadership as well as work to gather and develop a praise team. Salary is negotiable. Send your resume to Sheila Fiorella at [Sheila@newdayumc.com](mailto:Sheila@newdayumc.com) or to P.O. Box 2125, Mansfield 76063.

### **Director of Music Ministry**

First UMC Cleburne — a growing suburban church family with a traditionally based music program and occasional contemporary music offerings — seeks candidate resumes for director of music ministry. The candidate must have the flexibility to consider, assess, and implement new and innovative methods and programs to enhance the musical ministry and worship of the church. This is a part-time position with the possibility (or future consideration) of becoming a full-time ministry position. Responsibilities include:

planning, organization, recruiting, execution, and evaluation of the music ministry program under the supervision of the senior pastor; supervising the organist and pianist; areas of Adult and Hand Bell Choirs; other essential functions upon request. Bachelor's degree in music and experience required. Resumes will be accepted through March 30. Salary negotiable. Email resumes to [robert@fumccleburne.com](mailto:robert@fumccleburne.com).

### **Director of the Learning Tree Preschool**

First UMC, Georgetown is accepting resumes until Feb. 26 for director of the Learning Tree Preschool. The preschool is a FUMC outreach operated Tuesday through Thursday during the school year. Candidates should have the leadership skills and educational background to develop and implement plans that will maintain a level of program quality that meets the National Association of Educators of Young Children (NAEYC) standards for developmentally appropriate curriculum. The director is responsible for the effective and efficient operation of the school, which includes staff development, communication with parents, scheduling, budgeting, and procurement of supplies and equipment. A bachelor's degree with 12 college credit hours in child development and 6 college credit hours in business management and at least one year of experience in a licensed child-care center are preferred. Interested persons may submit a letter of interest, resume, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three professional references to Doty Hooker, director of Christian Education, FUMC, 410 E. University Avenue, Georgetown 78626 or [dotty@fumcgt.org](mailto:dotty@fumcgt.org).

### **Community Center Program Coordinator**

Acton UMC is recruiting for a ½ time (20 hrs/wk) Rancho Brazos Community Center program coordinator. The position requires a bachelor's degree with experience in community ministry and a passion for loving the world with the grace of Jesus Christ. The ability to speak Spanish is preferred. Responsibilities include working with the Rancho Brazos Leadership Team to organize and/or lead Bible studies; build relationships with the community that empower community leadership; develop and grow ministries such as ESL, GED and adult literacy classes, coordinate Vacation Bible School, after-school programming, summer lunch and activity programming, women's and youth ministry; and related outreach ministry. The position will also develop partnerships with other community and conference organizations and encourage avenues for ministry for the congregation at AUMC. Interested persons should submit a resume and letter of interest to: Dawne McAlpin, Minister of Outreach, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury 76049 or [dawne@actonumc.org](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org).

### **Assistant Pastor/Focus on Youth & Missions**

First UMC in Breckenridge seeks an enthusiastic person to further develop, organize, and lead a comprehensive youth ministry with a breadth of perspective and balance of ministry. This will include leading and involving the youth in the *Five Practices of Fruitful Youth Ministry*. There is also opportunity to assist and lead in worship and other areas of pastoral ministry as desired and time allows.  
*Hours:* 24 hours per week. Some planning and writing may be done off premises. *Compensation includes:* Salary, contribution to UM Pension program, reimbursement for reasonable expenses and cell phone to a certain amount and monies for continuing education. Sick leave, holidays and vacation according to office staff policy. For more information or to express interest contact Jeff Miller, FUMC, 419 West Walker, Breckenridge, Texas 76424. E-mail: [pastor@firstumcbreckenridge.org](mailto:pastor@firstumcbreckenridge.org).

### **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.

**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.

**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).

*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).*