



# Central E-Link

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

**February 24, 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

### **Retired Pastor Ronny Barnett**

Ronny Barnett passed away last Friday morning. He retired as a full time local pastor after having served many years in the Waco District. Funeral services were held Feb. 22 at First UMC, Clifton. He is survived by his wife, Maureen.

### **March 1 Registration Deadline for Great Day of Service**

March 1 is the registration deadline for Great Day of Service, an opportunity for CTC youth to join together for a one-day mission event on Saturday, April 10. Find your church registration form online at [www.ctcumc.org/greatday](http://www.ctcumc.org/greatday). The Great Day of Service will be in three locations this year — the Metroplex, Waco and Temple. Find out which one is best for you and bring your group for a day of service throughout our conference!

### **Immigration Reform Prayer Vigil — March 7**

An ecumenical and bi-lingual prayer vigil advocating immigration reform will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the White Sanctuary of Acton UMC. Participants will pray for Congress to pass legislation that reflects God's wisdom and love. Organizer Rebecca Lucas says, "Prayer is powerful, and the people of God can make a difference!" Join voices across the nation, including WIN (the Welcoming Immigrants Network), Sojourners, Interfaith Immigration Coalition and the UM General Board of Church & Society. For more information, call Rebecca at 817-578-4156. People of faith, raise your voices!

### **Haiti Update — CTC**

As of Feb. 19, the people of the Central Texas Conference have given \$160,650 and donated over 28,000 health kits to help the earthquake victims in Haiti.

### **Haiti Update — GBGM**

The General Board of Global Ministries sends their appreciation for the outpouring of support for UMCOR's Haiti relief efforts. As we work with the people in Haiti to address the long-term recovery and development needs, we are thankful to move forward with the confidence that the people of the UMC will continue to partner with UMCOR in the years to come. Especially as Haiti

prepares for the rainy season, and then hurricane season, please be in prayer with the people of Haiti and know that your support is critical.

As of February 18, \$12 million has been received for UMCOR Haiti Relief and hundreds of thousands of kits have been received at UMCOR Sager Brown and are being verified for shipment to Haiti. Since the Jan. 12 earthquake, UMCOR has carried out an initial assessment of damages and needs, developed a five-year work plan, and shored up strategic partnerships with the United Nations, NGOs and the Methodist Church in Haiti. The UMCOR work plan anticipates three phases of recovery: emergency, recovery and rehabilitation. Currently operating in the emergency phase — from the time of the earthquake through April and including the start of the rainy season in March — UMCOR is addressing the most immediate needs of access to food, clean water and sanitation, temporary shelter and emotional and spiritual support.

With recent reports indicating that 75% of the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, will need to be rebuilt; volunteers soon will be needed to go to Haiti. Volunteer teams are beginning to mobilize by filling out the registration form. Through Justice for our Neighbors clinics across the country, UMCOR is helping Haitian immigrants register for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) the US government has offered. A workshop was held in New York City on Wednesday to educate people about how to apply. In addition to health kits, this week, volunteers began assembling and shipping layette kits and birthing kits to address the basic needs of babies born in displaced persons camps in Haiti.

#### **Centennial Celebration Needs Your Logo Ideas**

A special CTC 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.

#### **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@acton umc.org](mailto:dawne@acton umc.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.

#### **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.

#### **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).

#### **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 day-long 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.

#### **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).

#### **In The Large Church — April 12-15**

Making disciples and decision making are at the heart of an educational opportunity April 12-15 at University UMC in San Antonio for the "Large Church Initiative 2010." The goal for this 2010 national training event is to introduce you to leading thinkers, major speakers, cutting-edge systems for making disciples and making decisions that make disciples. Participants will leave San Antonio with new tools for coaching individual disciples and coordinating institutional decisions. These tools have the potential to grow your congregation in size and significance. Your team will also establish new contacts, friendships and peer networks that can assist you for years to come. LCI 2010 will help any congregation, especially those with a weekly worship attendance of 350 and more. A sampling of LCI2010 speakers and consultants includes Will Mancini, Dr. Joy Moore, Nancy Ortberg, Will Willimon, Randy Frazee, Lovett Weems, Reggie McNeal, Dick Wills, Bob Whitesel, and Jim Sheppard. For a complete list of speakers and consultants, click the links below. For more information:

Keynote Speakers <http://lci2010.com/conference/keynotes/>  
Bishop's Dinner <http://lci2010.com/experiences/bishops-dinner/>  
Breakout Speakers <http://lci2010.com/conference/speakers/>  
The Host <http://lci2010.com/conference/about/>

Overview <http://www.lci2010.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.

#### **Annual Conference Business, Award Nominations & Other Information — June 6-9**

Due to the potential lengthiness of Annual Conference information, it will be covered starting on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the heading "2010 Annual Conference" in the lower right quadrant of the main page. This is your one-stop place for hotel information, online registration, fellowship meals, award/scholarship/honors nomination information and the full agenda. ***Please check the deadlines for scholarship applications and award nominations (received to date) at the end of this E-Link.***

#### **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.

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

#### **Participate in Investment Survey**

UMs are invited to participate in an online survey for a task force that is helping the denomination develop a common standard on socially responsible investing. Established by the 2008 General Conference, the task force wants to consider "the opinions of as many UMC investors as possible," said Byrd Bonner of the UMC Foundation, who convened the group. The deadline to fill out the brief survey is March 10. It is being handled through a secure server at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com).

#### **Bread for the World seeks young leaders**

Bread for the World is looking for the best and brightest 20- to 30-year-old advocates to join the next class of Hunger Justice Leaders. Selected participants will attend an advocacy-training

workshop in Washington, DC June 12-15. The leaders will be equipped to co-ordinate hunger advocacy efforts in their communities for the next 12 to 18 months. Further information is available at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org). The application deadline is March 12. In a world of plenty, hunger is an outrage. You have a chance to be part of the solution—to change history for hungry people. Don't miss this opportunity to change our world, and yours. Join Bread's next class of Hunger Justice Leaders. [Video: http://www.bread.org/get-involved/hunger-justice-leaders-training/2010/video.html](http://www.bread.org/get-involved/hunger-justice-leaders-training/2010/video.html).

### **What's New on [www.UMCWorship.org](http://www.UMCWorship.org)**

Week of February 21-27, 2010

Church of the Week: First UMC, Union City, Tennessee  
[http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item\\_id=48519](http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=48519)

Racing the FCC Mic Deadline  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/yc/musicaudio/microphones/racingthefccmicdeadline.html>

The Wilderness Exam: A Sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor  
[http://day1.org/1756-the\\_wilderness\\_exam](http://day1.org/1756-the_wilderness_exam)

An Order of Worship for Palm/Passion Sunday Using Fauré's Requiem  
[http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item\\_id=48521](http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=48521)

John Bell of the Iona Community at Festival of Homiletics, May 17-21, Nashville  
<http://www.goodpreacher.com/shareit/readreviews.php?cat=29>

Preaching with Power, Dr. Barbara Holmes (video)  
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-7551674627933249453#>

21<sup>st</sup> Century Worship Resources: Feb. 28, 2010 – 2nd Sunday in Lent  
[http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item\\_id=48479&loc\\_id=733,32,48](http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=48479&loc_id=733,32,48)

### **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=gnKPIPMnHdLLL2l&s=crIUK5OBLbLQK5NKJsH&m=hqLQJ4OzFgJ2G>.

### **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 — 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.

## Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

### **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).

### **Civil Rights Retrospective — Feb. 28**

Students from Wesley UMC, Waco, the Methodist Children's Home and Baylor University who participated in the recent CTC Civil Rights Mission Trip have prepared a presentation on their trip historic experience to be presented this Sunday at the church. The program will be followed with a fellowship meal and community conversation. For more details, contact Valda Jean Combs at [wesleyumcpastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wesleyumcpastor@sbcglobal.net).

### **"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).

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

St. John the Apostle UMC (5450 Mansfield Rd., Arlington 76017) will host a *Depression Connection* seminar Sunday, Feb. 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 behind Kohl's Store, near the corner of S. Cooper St. & Green Oaks Blvd. Questions: call 817-468-8484.

### **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.

### **HIV/AIDS: Critical Questions — March 6**

The Wesley UMC (125 Turner St., Waco) will host a program on HIV/AIDS: Critical Questions, Critical Answers for the faith community at 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 that is sponsored by a number of UM churches in the area and several health organizations. The program features Youth Alive Drama Group. An interfaith candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m. March 7. To reserve your space and for additional information, contact the church at 254-752-1822.

### **"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).

### **Central UMC, Waco's BASIC Choir Performs — March 20**

Composer Carlos Colon-Quintana will present a premiere of his revised and completed Requiem, Las Lamentaciones de Rufina Amaya and other sacred choral works in a free concert at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (3811 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas) at 6:30 p.m. March 20. The first part of the concert will feature B.A.S.I.C., the chamber choir of Central UMC, Waco under the direction of Karen Hogue. The composer's work commemorates the Mozote Massacre of 1981 in El Salvador and the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero on Feb. 23, 1977. For more details, contact Tino Jalomo at 214-718-2384 or [augustmax@yahoo.com](mailto:augustmax@yahoo.com) or Eugenia Aponte at 310-654-3504 or [euaponte@aol.com](mailto:euaponte@aol.com). The Central UMC group will also be perform the requiem mass Feb. 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waco and will leave March 4 to perform in El Salvador.

### **6th Annual Carvey Golf Tournament — March 29**

The Annual Louise & Frank Carvey golf tournament benefiting United Community Centers, Inc. will be held Monday, March 29, at Mira Vista Golf Club, Fort Worth. \$300 per player / \$1,200 per team includes player gifts, golf cart, food, prizes and silent auction. Dress code: collared shirt and no denim. Reservation deadline: March 19. For more details, contact Erin McDonald at 817-927-5556 ext. 118 or [emcdonald@unitedcommunitycenters.org](mailto:emcdonald@unitedcommunitycenters.org). [www.unitedcommunitycenters.org](http://www.unitedcommunitycenters.org).

### **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>.

### **Community Interfaith Worship of Help, Hope & Healing — April 18**

The Crime Victims Council, a non-profit organization for crime victims, their families and friends and the community, will sponsor an interfaith worship service at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Garden Community Center of Goodwill Industries (4004 Campus Drive, Fort Worth 76119). This event coincides with National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Tarrant County. For more details, contact Sandra Lydick at [sandralydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org](mailto:sandralydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org).

### **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).

### **Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 24-27**

FUMC Palmer announces PUMP 2010! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend (June 24-27) for youth groups from across Texas. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area and experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. This is an appropriate mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. The cost is \$75/per person. For more details and a pre-registration brochure, contact Debbi Mitchell at 214-683-1501 or [palmerpump@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Registration deadline: May 31.

## **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=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

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

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

**EI' 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))

### **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).

### **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).

## **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.**

### **Kneelers & Altar Items**

Resurrection UMC Cleburne is in need of kneelers for their prayer rooms (short sections under 6 foot long preferred) and general altar items (candlesticks, cross, offering plates, etc.). This new church would gladly accept anything! Contact: Pastor Victor Pena at 254-485-3140.

### **Part-Time Communications Administrative Assistant**

First UMC of Colleyville seeks an experienced, part-time communications administrative assistant and receptionist (M-F 1 p.m.-5 p.m.). This position will create bulletins, church-wide e-mails, newsletters and some web publications. Computer and organizational skills are necessary. Please send resume and/or questions to Chris J. Hayes c/o Janna Elliott at [jelliott@fumccolleyville.org](mailto:jelliott@fumccolleyville.org).

### **Assistant Minister for Youth Ministry**

First UMC, Breckenridge seeks an enthusiastic person to further develop, organize and lead a comprehensive youth ministry with a breadth of perspective and balance of ministry, which includes: leading/involving youth in the *Five Practices of Fruitful Youth Ministry* and assisting/leading in worship and other areas of pastoral ministry. This is a full-time position with salary commensurate with education/experience, contribution to UM pension program and moving allowance. Pastor Jeff Miller willing to accept inquires for a part-time position. For more details, contact Jeff Miller, FUMC, 419 W. Walker, Breckenridge 76424 or [pastor@firstumcbreckenridge.org](mailto:pastor@firstumcbreckenridge.org).

### **Director of Music Ministry**

First UMC of Graham seeks resumes for the part-time position of director of music ministry. The person for this position will be responsible for coordinating music and musicians for worship, directing adult choirs and handbell choir, leading congregational singing in worship and providing

leadership for other components of the music program including planning, recruiting and working with staff. Resumes will be accepted through March 10 by mail (First UMC, PO Box 88, Graham, Texas 76450) or email ([Richard@fumcgraham.org](mailto:Richard@fumcgraham.org)). Contact for more details: Richard Reed at 940-549-0970.

#### **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. 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 Dotty 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).

#### **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).

## 2010 Annual Conference Business / Awards / Recognitions

**Scholarships Available Through BOM — Deadline March 31** The conference Board of Ministry is accepting applications for the several scholarships it administers. Applicant must be a certified candidate for clergy, currently enrolled in a seminary approved by the University Senate.

**Five Star Recognition — Deadline April 15** This is for congregations to be recognized for their efforts in reaching out to others in need and supporting UM missionaries committed to serving some of the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers across the globe.

**Morris Walker Award Nominations — Deadline April 20** The Conference Board of Laity recognizes outstanding service and accomplishment with the Morris Walker Awards — one award to a layperson and one award to a clergy person.

**Newgate Award Nominations — Deadline April 20** The Conference Restorative Justice Committee recognizes outstanding service for individuals serving within any area of Restorative Justice ministry.

**Disability Education/Awareness Leadership Grants — Deadline April 30** The Committee on Disability Concerns gives these grants in order to educate and create an awareness of handicapping conditions and issues with two grants to upper classmen or returning UM college student. One grant is for a student with a handicapping condition and the second to a student with a declared major in assisting individuals with handicapping conditions.

**Accessibility Project Grants — Deadline April 30** The Committee on Disability Concerns gives grants for local churches projects that lead to greater accessibility in their facility.

**Merit, Stephens and Brown Scholarships — Deadline May 1** The Conference Higher Education Task Force administers scholarships to UM students in the following categories:

**Merit Scholarship** to a first-year student attending a UM-related college or university (amount to be determined by conference wide contributions to the 2009 Student Day offering)

**Stephens Scholarship** to UM student majoring in business or accounting (\$1,000)

**Stephens Scholarship** to UM student majoring in journalism or public relations (\$1,000)

**Dr. G. Alfred & Opal Brown Ministerial Scholarship** for a student planning for ministry as an elder in the CTC at seminary approved by the UM University Senate (\$5,000)

**Bishop's Award for Ecumenism — Deadline April 30** The Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns recognizes a person, clergy or laity, who exemplifies an ecumenical spirit in their local community and/or in their local church and conference relationships.

***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).***