



Central E-Link

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

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Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles and requests should be submitted to Vance Morton vance@ctcumc.org or vance.morton@gmail.com 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 name and email address to susan@ctcumc.org.
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News Briefs — The Conference

NEW CTCYM Registration Deadline for Jr. High trip - Thursday, June 23!

Please go to www.ctcym.org to register online. Group Leaders: please check the participant reports sent to you weekly. If you have a student who says they registered, but they are not on that roster, their registration is not complete. June 23 is also the deadline for refund requests. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact MaDora Ratliff 817-877-5222 #23 or madora@ctcumc.org.

Videos Sought for GC 2012 Young People's Address

Young People's Ministries is organizing the Young People's Address for the 2012 General Conference. The goal is for two young people (age 11-30) to present the address at General Conference, which will consist of several short video stories from ministries all over the world. To apply as a presenter, send by Aug. 1 a 3-5 minute video that includes:

- you introducing a ministry story from your context
- a one-minute story (a video or a slide show with narrative) of the ministry you're introducing
- some closing remarks
- an explanation of why it is important to you to represent young people in the UMC to the General Conference

For more details check Facebook at SCJ Young People or contact Abby Parker, South Central Jurisdictional representative for Young People's Ministries, at aparker@gbod.org or 210-885-6901.

Petition Submissions Are Welcome for 2012 GC

Between now and Sept. 27, any UM individual, group, church, conference can submit petitions for consideration by the 2012 General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body. For details on how to submit a petition, please check the conference website at www.ctcumc.org.

2011 Spring Storms (Flooding & Tornadoes)

A message from Rev. Laraine Waughtal, CTC Disaster Response Coordinator:

We know many want to help with the Spring Tornadoes that have affected a number of states. Currently, trained ERT's (Emergency Response Teams) are responding to the area to help make it safer for others to arrive and help. This will be a long clean-up and rebuild process so there will be plenty of opportunities for all people to help. Please keep in touch with E-Link and the conference website to see when these states will be inviting mission teams to come and start the rebuilding process.

In the meantime, UMCOR is responding to the needs of all those affected by these storms. Donations can be made to the **2011 Spring Storms UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326**. One hundred percent of your gift will go to the victims. Send your donations to your local church, who in turn will remit this money to the conference service center. On your remittance form, please use fund #529.

UMCOR Responding to Needs in Japan

Continue to check the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) for the latest stories being posted about the UMC and UMCOR's assistance and relief efforts for the people of Japan. The photo may not change, but stories are unfolding almost daily. Many of the photos used by UMNS have been purchased or used by permission from the U.S. military and news wires services. They are not available to our conference, but the articles area. You can help. Donations can be made to **Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317**. Other specific ways to help will be reported as they are determined by those onsite in Japan. For related stories and resources for local churches, please check the links on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org and Bishop Lowry's blog (The Focused Center banner).

Haiti Earthquake Relief Mission

On Jan. 12, 2010, the nation of Haiti experienced a massive earthquake that eventually claimed over 250,000 lives. The UMC has been working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to rebuild lives and property. By OAS estimates, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The nation has had poor and corrupt leadership. Illiteracy is rampant throughout the country. The earthquake only added to the problems of the Haitian people. People of the CTC have 3 opportunities for hands-on participation:

Lara Whitley (senior pastor at Joshua UMC) will be leading a 10-person UMVIM earthquake relief mission team Aug. 3-11. (This team is currently full.)

Laraine Waughtal (pastor at Morgan Mill/Bluff Dale) will lead a 10-person UMVIM earthquake relief mission team Oct. 5-13. This team is currently full and she is signing volunteers for a wait list in case there are cancellations. If you are interested, contact Waughtal at 254-595-1503 or revlaraine@yahoo.com.

George Murphy (member at Salado UMC) will lead a UMVIM earthquake relief mission Oct. 20-28 and has two remaining slots for the 10-member team to serve for one week in Haiti. If interested, contact Murphy at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com.

Youth 2011 — July 13-17 or July 27-31

This is a nationwide UM Youth Conference held every four years. "MORE THAN: You think you are ordinary? THINK AGAIN." It will be held July 13-17 at Purdue University OR July 27-31 in Sacramento (<http://www.youth2011.org/>).

Cooperative School of Christian Mission 2011 "All Things Made New"

For those who like to plan ahead, you will want to mark your calendars for the 2011 CTC Cooperative School of Christian Mission. The weekday classes will be Aug. 1-4 at Fort Worth First UMC, the weekday night classes Aug. 1, 2 and 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Fort Worth First UMC, and the weekend classes Aug. 5-7 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. Watch for more details on the conference website and in the *Central Link* newspaper. For more information, go to our conference website, www.ctcumc.org and then click on the "Christian Learning & Development Opportunities" banner.

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – February 12-17, 2012

A Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation will be held on February 12-17, 2012 at the Prothro Center in Pottsboro, TX. This is the first Academy to be held in North Texas in over two years. The purpose of The Academy includes providing an experience in spiritual formation and encouraging participants to live out their call through the disciplines of daily prayer. The theme for this Academy is "Holy Time and Holy Rhythm: The Path to Untamed Hospitality" and the presenters are Kathryn Damiano and Loyd Allen. Please visit [North Texas 5 Day Academy](#) for

more information. To register online, go to our conference website, www.ctcumc.org and then click on the “Christian Learning & Development Opportunities” banner.

News Briefs — The Denomination

UPDATE School of Congregational Development — July 27-31

The School of Congregational Development will be conveniently close this year — Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas — and especially good opportunity for new church pastors. Check out this year’s SCD, scheduled for Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-31, at [School of Congregational Development](#). There will be 15 intensives, 23 ministry tracks and 25 workshops, plus 8 exciting teaching churches. Add it to your calendar now!

Sponsored by The General Board of Global Ministries, GBOD, and Path 1, the 2011 School of Congregational Development promises to be an exciting experience for all who attend. The SCD is the one place where laity, pastors, church staff, conference staff, district superintendents, and Bishops gather together to learn how to grow and develop local churches.

On Sunday, participants will worship at one of the 12 TEACHING CHURCHES in the area, have lunch and participate in a teaching session led by leaders of that local church. The School will end with Worship on Sunday evening. CEU's for This Event: 4.0

Licensing School (in Spanish) at Perkins School of Theology—July 24-August 5

Perkins School of Theology—SMU (5901 Bishop Blvd, Dallas, TX 75205) will hold a Licensing School (in Spanish) sponsored by the Mexican American Program and in collaboration with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry July 24-August 5, 2011. This provides in the Spanish language the required studies for the licensed local pastor and is for persons who are certified candidates and have written permission from their district superintendent. For more details, contact Jeannie Treviño-Teddle at 214-768-2768 or jtrevted@smu.edu. Information and the registration form can also be downloaded from pages 69-73 of the 2011 Course of Study Catalogue available at: [Perkins Licensing School/Spanish](#). Deadline for registration and payment is June 15, 2011.

Director of Student Faith and Leadership Formation Job Position

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is seeking candidates to fill the position of director of Student Faith and Leadership Formation in the Campus Ministry area of the division of Higher Education. The search team is actively seeking a pool of qualified candidates who would be representative of the church. We are requesting your nominations and your assistance in bringing this position to the attention of persons who might be interested in applying for the position. For more information e-mail hr@gbhem.org or visit [GBHEM United Methodist Student Movement](#).

Events & Activities at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

iGo Green Famcation - June 29 – July 2: An affordable all hands-on environmental family camp that captures a memorable family experience. Educational Excursion Botanical Gardens, Mad Scientist Party, Nature Hike guided by Arkansas Audubon, Marshall Mitchell & Illinois Watershed Project. iGo Green Curriculum and workshops led by certified teachers and instructors. First 20 families to register get a free night’s stay added on to the famcation. Commuter rates available. CEUs available. For flyer: [Mount Sequoyah/iGo Green](#).

Senior Adult Retreats - Leaves of Gold (Oct 17-20) & Autumn Time (Oct 24-27): Save the dates for a retreat filled with worship, fellowship, preaching, Bible Study, excursions, educational workshops and crafts.

Eremos Retreat: Ongoing personal retreat for **all** clergy, **all** the time. Clergy recognize the value of getting away for rest, renewal and life planning. Enter the front gates of Mount

Sequoyah and leave your worries on the other side. For a private room and bath a rate of \$30 a day for the first three days, \$50 a day thereafter. For a 2BR cottage with kitchen, washer/dryer and cable, a rate of \$80 a day. For flyer: [Mount Sequoyah/Eremos](#)

For all events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701), contact Brenda Thorne at registration@mountsequoyah.org or 479-443-4531 or 800-760-8126.

Mission Experiences Available for UM Youth in 2011

Youth from UMCs around the nation can learn what it means to serve others next summer by participating in weeklong mission work experiences in Nashville that help children, the elderly, the homeless and people with special needs. For the second year, the youth mission trips will be sponsored jointly by Young People's Ministries, a division of The General Board of Discipleship (GBOD), and YouthWorks!, a multi-denominational youth mission organization, and will be hosted at McKendree UMC in downtown Nashville. The mission experience is open to youth who will enter the 7th grade in the fall of 2011 through current high school seniors. Eight weeklong sessions will be available in 2011, beginning the week of June 12 and ending the week of July 31. Cost is \$248 per person. For more information, visit www.youthworks.com and click on the link for UMCs in the left column.

A United Methodist Studies School – Sept. 6-12

The United Methodist Studies School will be held at Mount Sequoyah Sept. 6-12. The purpose of this course of study is to educate and spiritually form persons entering the United Methodist Ministry in a retreat setting. In 2011, the course of study offerings will be *United Methodist Doctrine & Polity* and *United Methodist History* which will meet the requirements of the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the *Book of Discipline*. Participants will choose to enroll in either one of these courses. For more information concerning this course of study and tuition cost contact Susan Steuber at ssteuber@kswestumc.org or call 800-745-2350 or 316-686-0600. Contact Mount Sequoyah for room and board costs at 800-760-8126 or www.mountsequoyah.com. Deadline to register is August 1.

R.E.A.P. Program Hosted by Texas Conference CEF Group — Sept. 16-17

The Texas Conference's Christian Education Fellowship extends an invitation to attend their Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program Sept. 16-17 in Houston. Guest speakers include John Holbert (Perkins School of Theology), Mary Jane Pierce Norton (General Board of Discipleship), and Gladys Childs (Texas Wesleyan University). For more details, visit www.ghles.org.

Discounts Available for Wesleyan Pilgrimage — Nov. 7-17

UM clergy and lay leaders who want to follow the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley can take advantage of early-registration discounts for a 10-day Wesleyan Pilgrimage to England in November. Additionally, scholarships are available for provisional members. The Nov. 7-17 pilgrimage is being sponsored by the UM Board of Discipleship and Board of Higher Education & Ministry. An early registration discount of \$400 is available through April 29, and a discount of \$200 will be available from April 30 through July 31. After Aug. 1, the cost will be \$2,395. For more details and a 14-min. video clip. Visit [Wesleyan Pilgrimage in England](#).

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

NEW Grapevine First UMC & City of Grapevine declares Evelyn Urbanosky Day

In recognition of her 40 years of service as Director of the Creative Learning Center, the City of Grapevine declares May 16, 2011, to be Evelyn Urbanosky Day. The Creative Learning Center is a Mother's Day Out, Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten which was established by First United Methodist Church of Grapevine in 1966. Evelyn has retired after serving the CLC for 40 years, first as a teacher and then as the director. First UMC Grapevine and the CLC are honored

to have served alongside Evelyn for many years “growing little hearts and minds for Christ” through spiritual enrichment, developmentally-appropriate curriculum and low student/teacher ratios. The school is state licensed and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young People.

UPDATE Worship Arts Week at Grace UMC, Arlington — June 27-July 1

Grace UMC, Arlington will sponsor the Worship Arts Week June 27 to July 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each evening with a light meal available. St. Albans Episcopal Church (911 S. Davis Drive, Arlington 76013) will host the event. “Swing to the Beat of Praise!” is the theme for this event, which will feature SpeechMakers (Speech Choir), children’s music, music, poetry, drama, art, liturgical dance, Hebrew and Greek for worship, and Shake It Up Café (for ages 2-5). There is no charge, but call 817-294-5784 for reservations.

College/Young Adult Mission Trip to Mt Sequoyah, July 3-9

Trinity United Methodist Church in Arlington will be taking a group of college-aged young adults to Mt Sequoyah, our South Central Jurisdictional encampment in Fayetteville, Arkansas, in July for a mission work experience. The cost for non-Trinity members is \$100. The group will be working primarily on the grounds of Mt Sequoyah performing basic construction tasks. The last day of the time spent in Arkansas will be given to a float trip down the upper Buffalo River. The group leaves from Arlington on Sunday, July 3, and returns on Saturday, July 9. Please contact Rev. Brenda Beaver at brenda@trinityumcarlington.org, or 817-274-1345, for more information.

NEW Back to School with God – “Bible, Burger & Blessing – August 13

Mt. Zion UMC United Methodist Women in Belton is hosting this event to prepare those children who will be returning back to school that they are not alone. The event will provide fun, comfort, support, but most of all encouragement to those that will be returning to school to fill the minds with education, and as we share with them that our God is full of wisdom and love. The event takes place at Yetti Polk Park, 101 S. Davis Street, Belton 76513 for 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. For further information, contact Marie Timmons at 254-338-0472 or Tahji Roamartinez-Jackson at 254-394-6423.

NEW International Trip to Uruguay – October 2-10

White’s Chapel UMC is opening their Uruguay Mission trip to all churches in the Central Texas Conference. This will be our 3rd trip to Montevideo, Uruguay to work at a Methodist church doing painting and minor repairs to the facility. The trip will be October 2-10; the last two days will be spent in Buenos Aires for sightseeing and shopping. The trip includes accommodations at a nice hotel, all transportation, and most meals. We will be working at a youth/special needs school which is part of the church complex. The last two trips in 2008 and 2010 were very successful and personal testimonies will be provided if you wish. The trip is limited to 20 people and offered on a first come first serve basis. For more information please contact Wayne Foster at [817 310-0097](tel:8173100097) waynefoster@verizon.net or Jeff Miller at [817 637-8996](tel:8176378996) jmiller@whiteschapelumc.com

Depression Connection: Understanding, Help and Hope

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

Career Transition Support Group at First Hurst

NETworkers is a career transition support group at First UMC Hurst for those who are

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

Resources

Helpful Links for Church Leaders

- [Central Texas Conference](#)
- [Infoserve](#)
- [UM Reporter Interactive](#)
- [United Methodist News Service](#)
- [UMNS on Facebook](#)
- [UMNS on Twitter](#)
- [Interpreter Magazine](#)
- [10thousanddoors.org](#)
- [Rethink Church](#)
- [UM TechShop](#)
- [UM Global Health Initiative](#)

Discipleship Resources

The General Board of Discipleship's mission is to support church leaders for their task of equipping world-changing disciples. An agency of the UMC, visit www.gbod.org and www.godfilms.com for more information or call the Communications Office at 877-899-2780, Ext. 1726.

How to Use UMC's TechShop

You may wonder, "What is TechShop?" Well, my friend, TechShop is a gem for UM organizations and their budgets. TechShop will quickly become your finance committee's best friend as it keeps your church outfitted with the latest technology available with deeply discounted software from major suppliers like Microsoft and Adobe. Settle in with a cup of Joe and take a tour of [Tech Shop!](#)

Depression Seminar in Your Church — FREE

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: The World Health Organization has reported that four of the 10 leading causes of disability in the U.S. and other developed countries are mental disorders. By 2020, major depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability in the world for women and children. Most people diagnosed with a serious mental illness can experience relief from their symptoms by actively participating in an individual treatment plan. With no cost to your church, the CTC Committee on Mental Health Concerns and Depression Connection Team will provide a seminar for your church. To inquire, contact Tony Campbell at 817-810-9599 or tony@depressionconnection.org.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

The new Crime Victims Council website offers many resources. If you are a survivor who would like to share your story or pass along a word of encouragement to one of our survivors or post a picture and other information about a victim, please email encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org.

Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

NEW Choral Director

Polytechnic UMC is seeking a Choral Director. Responsibilities include leading weekly choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, leading music in Sunday worship, planning weekly hymns with the Pastor, and coordinating with the Worship Committee. They will be responsible for leading seasonal bell choir rehearsals and performances during Advent and Lent. Also, the Choral Director will assist in planning and leading two annual events, Texas Wesleyan Sunday in the fall and Lessons & Carols during Advent, in cooperation with Texas Wesleyan School of Music. Please send resumes to Rev. Robert K. Flowers at robkenjium@gmail.com.

NEW Part-Time Youth Director

First United Methodist Church of Hillsboro seeks a part-time youth director. Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to Christ, a passion for youth ministry, and a theology compatible with the United Methodist Church. Experience in youth ministry is a plus. Resumes or inquiries may be submitted to pastor@hillsborofumc.com or by calling Donna Ware at 254-582-2342. If anyone in the church knows of anyone who might be interested in this position, please ask him/her to apply and be interviewed by the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

NEW Director of Children's Ministry

Creekwood UMC in Dallas is looking a Director of Children's Ministry for their 740 member congregation in the ninth year on their 28-acre campus. The church's purpose is to reach the unchurched and grow disciples of Jesus Christ. This candidate needs to be a committed Christian with a passion for ministry and love for children; 4 or more years experience with children's ministry; excellent communication and relational skills; experience in recruiting, training, and organizing volunteers, works in a team setting; Bachelor's degree; and a commitment to the mission and vision of Creeekwood UMC. This is a full time position and if interested, please email your resume to shogan@creedwoodumc.org. To learn more about Creeekwood UMC, visit www.creekwoodumc.org.

Minister of Christian Education

Full-time plus benefits. Deacon preferred, but not required. Person shall be responsible for total Christian Education Ministry, but with a strong emphasis in Children's Ministry. Growing church with a current average worship attendance of between 600-700 in three Sunday services. One-track Sunday School. Wednesday after school activities during the academic year. Special summer activities for all ages. Downtown church with a rich heritage and a bright future. For more information, e-mail jane.woodward@fumctemple.org or call Rev. Jane Woodward at 254-773-5269. First United Methodist Church, Temple.

2 positions at Edge Park UMC

Director of Music:

Edge Park UMC is searching for the right person to join our team in the area of music ministry. This part-time position offers the opportunity for leadership in helping to plan worship, plus rehearsing and directing our sanctuary choir and a three-octave handbell choir. An interest in developing blended worship is preferred as we reach out into the community. Salary will be commensurate with training and experience. If interested, please send resume and letter of interest to epumc@edgeparkumc.org.

Visitation Coordinator:

Edge Park UMC is searching for a part-time visitation team/staff member who could coordinate our Seniors program as well. Coordination of lay team members as well as hospital visitation will be a part of the ministry opportunities. If interested, please send resume to epumc@edgeparkumc.org.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Morningside UMC, at 2860 Evans Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104 is accepting resumes for the part-time position of Administrative Assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office, have strong organizational skills, be flexible, have excellent command of English composition and

punctuation, and the ability to relate well with people. Please send resumes or inquiries to both peggy Nuttroy@att.net and experiencemorningside@gmail.com

Part-time Director of Children's and Family Ministries

Wellspring UMC seeks an energetic, enthusiastic person with a passion and gift for ministering to children. This position is responsible for facilitating the coordination, development, and administration of the ministry of Christian education for children (infant through sixth grade) and their parents. This position staffs the Children/Family Ministries Council and will develop other volunteers and committees as necessary to implement an effective educational program for the spiritual life of children according to their age level. Experience required. 15-hour/wk. Send resume to admin@wellumc.org or contact: Debra Crumpton at 512-930-5959.

Director of the Learning Tree Preschool

First United Methodist Church, Georgetown is accepting resumes for the position of Director of the Learning Tree Preschool until June 1, 2011. The Learning Tree Preschool is an outreach of First United Methodist Church and is in operation 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 Dotty Hooker, Director of Christian Education, First United Methodist Church, 410 E. University Avenue, Georgetown, Texas 78626 or dotty@fumcgt.org.

Worship Leader/Director of Music

Lighthouse Fellowship, a United Methodist Community of Faith, seeks a full-time Worship Leader/Director of Music. This individual will be asked to help provide the highest quality music, worship and arts program possible with sensitivity both to the non-believer, and the believer through a variety of worship styles and experiences. The position will include oversight and direction for areas related to music, drama and other arts forms appropriate for worship. Experience in planning & leading contemporary worship is preferred. Primary responsibilities include working with pastors and worship design team to plan worship; selecting and leading music including choirs and bands; coordinating and/or preparing multi-media for worship; and equipment oversight. Interested persons please send résumés to Bobby Cullen, bcullen@LFwired.org.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Epworth UMC, 1400 S. Cooper, Arlington 76013, is accepting resumes for the part-time position of Administrative Assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office, have strong organizational skills, and the ability to relate well with people. Please send resumes or inquiries to epworthpastor@sbcglobal.net

Pianist Needed

Wesley UMC, located in White Settlement (west side of Fort Worth), is in need of a pianist for its 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship service and 7 p.m. Wednesday night choir practices. Compensation is negotiable. Please contact Donna McKee at 817-246-1242 to discuss this opportunity.

Part-Time Youth Director

Silver Creek UMC is looking for an energetic person to work with Junior and Senior High aged youth. The position is part-time with full-time excitement! Contact Vaughn Baker at 817-444-1382. The position is open effective June 1.

Pianist/Organist Needed

Lakeview UMC needs a pianist and/or organist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and on the 5th Sunday of 5 Sunday months. Contact Ron Oden at 254-799-1672 or 254-640-0799 for further information.

Part-time Children's Coordinator Needed

Ovilla UMC seeks an enthusiastic person to develop and administer a children's ministry (pre-K - 5th grade) in a growing suburban church. This person will coordinate and expand a variety of children's ministries in outreach and spiritual formation. The ideal candidate loves children, respects them as potential Christ followers, is committed to healthy evangelism and spiritual formation for that age group, and has strong relational and organizational skills, with a ministry philosophy of training others and getting work done through teams. This is a newly created position for a part-time staff member. This person will be accountable to and report to the pastor. Contact OUMC at 972-617-8840 or email your resume to ovillaumc@sbcglobal.net.

Pianist/Organist

Hubbard First UMC is in need of a part-time pianist for Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service. Compensation is negotiable. Contact Dean Coultas at 254-433-0133.

Part-Time Youth Director

First UMC, Corsicana seeks a part-time youth director. Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to Christ, a passion for youth ministry, and a theology compatible with the UMC. Experience in youth ministry is a plus. Salary is negotiable. Resumes or inquiries may be submitted to mikea@fumccorsicana.org or by calling Mike Alexander at 903-874-5656.

Director of Student Ministries

First UMC, Cleburne, a growing, vibrant church seeks a full-time director of student ministries. The church has a long history of youth ministry with both Wednesday and Sunday night weekly worship and activities. Over 75 youth currently participate at Wednesday "Fusion" worship and growth potential is unlimited. Participation in CTCYM summer mission trips, Glen Lake camps, and other conference youth activities is at the heart of our ministry. This position has a part-time youth assistant. A complete job summary with all information is available on request. Candidates are asked to send a cover letter and resume to Robert Herzig at robert@fumccleburne.com. With your cover letter, please write a paragraph describing what you're passionate about, and how that passion would impact your work in this position. If email is not an option, please send the same requirements to First UMC, Cleburne, c/o Dr. Robert Herzig, Box 114, Cleburne 76033. Deadline for applications is May 15.

Youth Ministry Worship Leader

There has been a change in contact persons for the First UMC of Fort Worth part-time worship leader for its Youth Ministry. Responsibilities include leading youth worship on Sunday mornings with the youth band, holding weekly practices, and managing the stage and equipment. Additional responsibilities may include special events, going on trips, etc. If you are interested, please send your resume to straz71@yahoo.com or to Adam Straznicky, First UMC Fort Worth, 800 W. 5th St. Fort Worth 76102.

3 Positions at Alliance UMC

Organist / Accompanist — Alliance UMC offers an opportunity for a part-time organist/accompanist. This person will provide organ and/or piano music for Sunday morning worship services to complement the AUMC Chancel Choir and guide congregational singing. Additional responsibilities include accompanying Children's and Youth Choirs and occasional offertory or special soloists (vocal and instrumental). Submit resumes or inquiries to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Competitive salary includes continuing education benefits. Contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Director of Children's Ministries — Alliance UMC seeks an energetic, organized person with a passion for children's ministry to organize and facilitate all facets of ministry with and for children. This ministry touches the life of the entire congregation including fellowship, worship, discipleship, mission, and evangelism. The director of children's ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in organizing and administering children's Sunday school classes, volunteers for various children's ministries, special children's social/ministry functions, and special events/holidays. Also, partner with the Children's Council and other key staff members. 15-hour/week. Send resume, including experience with children's ministry, to alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Contact: Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Parent's Day Out / Creative College for Kids Director — Alliance UMC seeks an energetic, organized person to provide necessary planning, organization, direction, and coordination of AUMC's Parent's Day Out and Creative College for Kids programs. PDO is a twice-weekly program that runs during the school year and provides a creative, nurturing environment for children not yet enrolled in a formal school program. CCK is a series of four weekly summer camps that provide instruction in multiple disciplines (art, science, music, fitness, etc.) in a fun, nurturing Christian environment. The PDO/CCK director will have a position on and work with the AUMC PDO/CCK board of directors to ensure that both programs are organized and run in a manner compatible with the goals and objectives of AUMC. The PDO/CCK director is 12-hour/week during the school year, 25-hour/week during four summer camps. Send resume, including experience with children's programs, alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Contact: Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Part-time Youth Minister

First UMC Coleman seek a part-time youth minister to focus on leading a group of junior high and high school kids to Christ through Bible study, fun activities and some outreach-type work. The group meets on Wednesday evening after a church-wide fellowship meal. A monthly program on Sunday afternoon will also be encouraged as well as Sunday morning worship. Great opportunity for a college student who has an interest in ministry. Pay: \$650/month. Apply with resume by mail to: First UMC Coleman, P.O. Box 852, Coleman 76834. Pastor: Mike Kerzee.

Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC of Stephenville seeks a part-time youth director. Responsibilities include building strong relationships with youth of our church, planning and leading weekly Bible studies and two summer mission trips. The candidate should have a personal faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to guide and direct youth through that faith. Send resume to: FUMC Stephenville, P.O. Box 173, Stephenville 76401.

Part-time Organist/Accompanist

St. John's UMC in Georgetown seeks a part-time organist to share organ and piano duties for Sunday morning worship services, weekly rehearsals, and special events with current organist. Salary is negotiable depending on education and experience and is based on 7.5 hours per week. Contact Justin Langford at justin@stjohnsumc.cc, 512-863-5886, or 311 E. University Dr, Georgetown 78626.

P-T Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Mineral Wells seeks a spiritually mature, dedicated Christian with a heart to make young disciples of Jesus Christ. Experience with youth ministry is preferred along with good communication and relationship building skills. A good understanding of Methodist doctrine is helpful. Will be responsible to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth fellowship, fundraisers, and annual mission trips. Salary \$1250 per month. Send resume to: FUMC, PO Box 1466, Mineral Wells, TX 76068 or contact church office at 940-325-4707 for more details.

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