



# Central E-Link

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

**June 2, 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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**See quick links under "Resources" for more news and resources**

## News Briefs — The Conference

### E-Link Schedule

E-Link will be published this week (June 2), but will skip the following week (June 9) when Annual Conference is in session. The regular weekly schedule will resume June 16.

### Kick Off Annual Conference with a Friendship Dinner

The annual Hispanic Ministries *Cena de Amistad* (Friendship Dinner) will be Sunday, June 6, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Justin Youth Building at First UMC Fort Worth. Come have a wonderful catered meal, live entertainment, and celebrate. Then just walk across the parking lot to opening worship. Click here for the flyer and registration

[http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/cena\\_flyer\\_2010\\_W2JTCXME.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/cena_flyer_2010_W2JTCXME.pdf). *There is still time to register.* Please contact Vicki Eldridge at the Conference Office at 817-877-5222.

### Technology Points for Annual Conference

- **WIRELESS AVAILABILITY:** Will Rogers Memorial Center has wireless capability in the meeting room, but there is a cost of \$10 per day. To access, open your Internet connection and follow the log in instructions. Be prepared to give your credit card information.
- **TWEETS:** If you will be Tweeting during Annual Conference this year, please use the Hash Tag #ctac2010. And if you are new to Twitter, here are just a few members of the Central Texas Conference that you might like to follow... @ethan\_7, @steveheyduck, @joyful28, @amandajsargent, and @CarlyAPayne.

### More Annual Conference Items

- **REGISTRATION:** Members of Annual Conference who did not pre-register online will need to register on Monday, June 7, in the Silver Spur Room at Will Rogers Memorial Center. You may still participate in the Sunday and Monday morning worship and business at First UMC, Fort Worth, but will need to register during the lunch break on Monday prior to the business session at 2 p.m.
- **PRELIMINARY REPORT:** The 2010 Annual Conference Preliminary Report is accessible on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the "2010 Annual Conference" banner picture in the lower right quadrant.
- **WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED:** Annual Conference worship services at First UMC Fort Worth will be available via live online streaming. The agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and

Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming will be found at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) beginning Sunday, June 6.

### **Cleaning Buckets Needed for UMCOR**

UMCOR has announced the need for cleaning buckets after May's devastating floods and tornadoes. UMCOR has already delivered thousands of buckets to affected communities in Tennessee, but the need for relief supplies remains. The CTC Disaster Response Task Force will sponsor the delivery of cleaning buckets to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot for much-needed distribution. You may bring your completed buckets to **FUMC Fort Worth between 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 pm on Sunday, June 6**. Please drop off your buckets near the west entrance of the Justin Building, entering through the main parking lot on West 7th Street. Volunteers will direct you to the truck. Visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for instructions regarding bucket contents and assembly. Thanks to volunteers from FUMC Mansfield for collecting and delivering the cleaning buckets to Sager Brown. Questions? Contact Jennifer Bellamy, CTC Director of Humanitarian Services, at [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

### **UMVIM Update**

UM Volunteers in Mission, the General Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR are working to identify nurses with prior Haiti mission experience who are interested in traveling to Haiti for earthquake relief. Of special interest are nurses interested in serving as individual volunteers for an extended period of time (between 2 months and 2 years). Interested personnel should contact Nancy Eubanks, individual volunteer consultant for GBGM at [nteubanks@gmail.com](mailto:nteubanks@gmail.com).

### **E.O. Complimentary Lunch Monday at Annual Conference**

Join Scott Youngblood and Paula Cole for a complimentary lunch Monday, June 7 at Blue Mesa Grill (1600 S. University, Fort Worth), less than 10 minutes from Will Rogers, to learn about Educational Opportunities, a travel ministry founded by UM clergyman Bill Ridgeway. Since 1974, over 350,000 passengers have traveled with E.O. on Christian cruises, tours and Holy Land tours. R.S.V.P. to [yngbl0223@Yahoo.com](mailto:yngbl0223@Yahoo.com).

### **Glen Lake Reaches Out**

The cabins at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center are in need of new curtains. If you or your local church would like to adopt a cabin, provide the curtains, or wish more specific information, please contact Ellen Bauman at [ellen@glenlake.org](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org).

### **Singles - Mini-Mission Trip: Work Day at Glen Lake – June 12**

All single adults in the CTC are invited to participate in a Mini-Mission Trip at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center Saturday, June 12. There is a variety of work to be done: interior/exterior painting; minor repairs; landscaping; deep cleaning. Bigger projects are available if you have construction skills and want to take on a bigger task. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. If you can't make it that early, come when you can. Lunch will be provided, so we need to know you're coming. To sign up, please e-mail Ellen Bauman at [ellen@glenlake.org](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org). Overnight accommodations available.

### **Media Library Feature at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)**

The Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to the conference website. Local churches and other ministry organizations are invited to share their stories/images. Click on the "Media Library" menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. It would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

### **Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning Service – June 6**

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and a Commissioning Service during the opening worship of the 2010 Annual Conference. For more details and to register your group, check the flyer at [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Commissioning\\_Flyer\\_52ZZQDQQ.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Commissioning_Flyer_52ZZQDQQ.pdf)

### **Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship**

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:Karen@ctcumc.org).

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **GLOBAL: World Refugee Day Is June 20**

Dawn Evans and her husband Chris wanted to get involved in hospitality ministry when they moved to their new home in Hanover, Pa. They became interested in refugee resettlement and, with their pastor's support, they invited the Lohr's Memorial UMC congregation to help. Before long, Lohr's UMC welcomed not one family from Bhutan but three. Evans and other congregants scrambled to locate apartments and furnish them for a total of 17 refugees. "It has been such a blessing," Evans said. Read the full story in the Refugee Ministry Newsletter (<http://new.gbmgm-umc.org/umcor/work/immigration/newcomers/refugeeministry/archives2010/?C=6550&i=34341>). **World Refugee Day is June 20.** Share UMCOR resources with your congregation. Download a World Refugee Day poster, web banner, children's sermon, and PowerPoint slide now. And please, support refugee resettlement with your gift to **New Hope for Newcomers, UMCOR Advance #901779.**

### **Preparing to Receive a New Pastor**

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together." The following suggestions from 50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor ([http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428\\_article2.html](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html)) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality.

### **2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center**

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#### *June 27-29: Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference. Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

#### *Oct. 18-22: Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

#### *Oct. 25-28: Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **CEF Conference — Oct. 22-25**

Come to Kentucky to experience the Divine in a new way at the Christian Educators Fellowship Conference Oct. 22-25. Bringing the messages will be Bishop Lindsey Davis and pastors Rudy Rasmus (St. John's UMC, Houston and founder of Bread of Life, Inc.) and Sherry Daniels

(Norfolk UMC and former Denman Evangelism Award recipient). Check the CEF website at [www.cefumc.org](http://www.cefumc.org) to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

## Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

### **Olney First Supports Malaria Effort with Music & Poetry — June 2**

The Olney First UMC congregation (110 W. Elm, Olney) takes its support for eradicating malaria to the community at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, with a program of African American spirituals and poetry. The program will celebrate our nation's musical and literary heritage as a way of highlighting the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. The evening's music will consist of spirituals sung by the adult choir, children and soloists. Various readers will also perform poetry selections by Mary McCleod Bethune, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson. Many will remember how the world stopped polio many years ago. The Olney congregation invites others to join them in this special worship service and to help make a difference in the world today. One hundred percent of the offering will be to Imagine No Malaria.

### **First Waxahachie Hosts Wichita Falls Youth "Creation Tour"— June 2**

The music ministry of First UMC, Waxahachie presents the youth choir/drama group from Floral Heights UMC of Wichita Falls in "Creation Tour" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the Family Life Center. Prior to the concert, there will be a potluck dinner for the guests at 5:30 p.m. To contribute a dish or assist, contact Betty Jonte at 972-937-8135 or the church office at 972-937-4400.

### **Suicide Survivors Groups Forming**

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. New groups are forming this summer. Groups of 8 to 10 meet for two hours weekly for 8 weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail [suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **Worship Arts Week at Grace UMC — June 14-18**

Grace UMC, Arlington extends an open invitation to all for their Worship Arts Week June 14-18. The theme is "Experience It Live: A Gaze into Praise!" Monday-Thursday evenings will be spent in a session of choice (poetry, children's music, praise and worship, jazz as a worship art, speech choir and worship in the Bible/a worship study). The week will culminate in a Friday evening worship service where participants share what they've learned. Sessions are designed for ages 4 to adult and will be held across from Grace at St. Alban's Episcopal Church (911 S. Davis, Arlington 76013). There is no charge for the sessions, but reservations are requested by calling 817-294-5784. Contact: Alphonetta Wines, pastor, at [abwines1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abwines1@sbcglobal.net).

### **Tongan First UMC Fundraising**

As a fundraising effort, Tongan First UMC Trustee's Choir and the Youth and Children Choirs are willing to sing at any church worship services within the CTC. A love offering or donation will help the church in their building renovations. Both choirs sing in Tongan language and the Youth and Children Choir can sing both English and Tongan. Their choirs sang last year at First Hurst, Grapevine and Trinity, Arlington. Contact Ofa Tuuholoaki at (817) 305-1770 or [tuuholoakio@yahoo.com](mailto:tuuholoakio@yahoo.com).

### **Christmas in July at Tarrant County Union Gospel Mission**

Because of the tremendous need of residents and guests from the streets at Christmas, this project seeks the participation of children (and parents) to help get started on Christmas — in July. Cash donations can be received and earmarked "Christmas in July," or donations in kind. The items donated must be new and unwrapped. This could be a creative, fun project for local churches, Sunday school classes, youth, etc. Needs are: Men and women's underwear, twin

sheets/pillow cases, men and women's socks, women's bath robes, men's long underwear, baby and toddler items like crib sheets/pads/toys/clothes/baby bottles. For further information, contact Chaplain Stanley Maneikis at 817-334-0894 or Lanni Boyd at 817-338-8402.

### **Sparks Memorial Hosts Quilts for Kids**

Sparks Memorial UMC will host the Waco chapter of Quilts for Kids on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to come and make quilts, quilts tops, swap patterns, pick up fabric, drop off quilts, or to just come and meet other people that are helping children in need. Quilts for kids makes quilts and throws for children from ages birth to 22 months who are experiencing illness, are in abuse shelters, newborns taken from parents, and more. Quilts will be given to local hospitals, abuse shelters, fire and police departments, foster care or any organization we find requiring help with young children. For questions, contact the church office at 254-716-9550 or email [wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com](mailto:wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com).

### **Basic Lay Speaker's Class — Thru June 13**

Genesis UMC (7605 S. Hulen, Fort Worth 76133 - 817-292-4551) will host Basic Lay Speaker's classes at the cost of \$20 to be paid at the first class. For more information, contact Judy Clarke at 817-292-9555 or [judyclarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyclarke@sbcglobal.net).

Sundays, May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13  
2 – 4:30 p.m.

### **Retirement Reception for Kent Marrs — May 30**

Friends of Kent D. Marrs are invited to a retirement reception celebrating the ministry of Kent, Diane and Darin Marrs from 2 to 4 p.m. May 30 at St. John's UMC (311 E. University Ave., Georgetown). RSVP by May 14 to 512-864-9222.

### **Retirement Reception for Jim Porter — June 13**

You are invited to join with the folks of First UMC, Georgetown in celebrating Senior Pastor Jim Porter's 38 years of ministry as he retires to discover the next chapter of life that God has in store for him. Join the celebration at 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park.

### **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 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).

### **HeartPaths DFW Program — June 10**

Spiritual Ministries Institute invites you to learn more about HeartPaths DFW and to meet faculty who bring this proven program to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This informational meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, at 7 p.m. in the Re-Source Center. HeartPaths has been training Spiritual Directors in Oklahoma and North Texas. Participants include laity and ministry professionals who wish to learn in an ecumenical environment through the Christian story and its symbols. The program is designed with 3 phases: first year deepens personal spiritual formation and group facilitating skills and leads to a *Certificate in Spiritual Leadership*; second year involves the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius. If you are interested in attending this informational meeting please respond by email to [www.SpiritualMinistriesInstitute.org](http://www.SpiritualMinistriesInstitute.org) or [www.heartpathstraining.com](http://www.heartpathstraining.com). Meetings are held for a minimum of 4 attendees.

### **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.

### **Women of Faith Tickets Available**

The First UMC of Joshua has tickets available for the "Imagine" Women of Faith conference Aug 20-21 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The ticket price for the two-day event is \$89.

For information on speakers and musical guests you can see the Women of Faith website at [www.womenoffaith.com/dallas](http://www.womenoffaith.com/dallas). This is our tenth year to take a group of women, and we always have a wonderful time. If you or a group from your church would like to join us, please contact Tonya Frantz at [tonya@joshuaumc.net](mailto:tonya@joshuaumc.net).

### **Church Choirs, Orchestra and Praise Bands Needed for Bass Hall Benefit Concert**

A benefit concert will be held at Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth on Sunday Sept. 26 at 3-7 p.m. "Carry the Light," a contemporary Gospel concert, will feature over 300 adult, youth and children from all denominations, as well as instrumentalists and praise teams uniting to form one voice for one great cause—caring for orphaned children in Africa. All proceeds will benefit ZOE Ministry ([www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org)), with an emphasis on the new Giving Hope program that provides the tools, resources and support to transform the lives of thousands of orphans from hopelessness to self-sufficiency. If interested in participating in the concert, contact Scott Ferrell at FUMC Mansfield ([scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or call 817-477-2287.

## **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=edKIWP rHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWP 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**

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. 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, contact Tony Campbell at 817/810-9599 or [tony@depressionconnection.org](mailto:tony@depressionconnection.org).

### **Conference Resource Center**

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

***Do Something: Make Your Life Count.*** A 6 session DVD study on how you can make a difference. The time to act is now. The world needs you. It's broken. Your neighbors are in desperate need of a helping hand. If you're not content to cruise through life, it's up to you to DO Something! Transparent and insightful, Miles McPherson tells it like it is as he shares from his own experience as an ambitious professional football player turned pastor who had to learn things the hard way. With powerful true stories of everyday people making a difference and illustrations from the life of Christ, Miles takes you through the 5 P's of making your life count: preparation, purpose, pain, power, and passion. Then he offers practical suggestions for living out your faith in a way that impacts the lives of others.

***Rude: Where are our Manners?*** This documentary explores our ideas of modern civility, or lack thereof. People's perception of our world is that we've become increasingly uncivil-kids that are out of control, people talk on their cell phones everywhere and bad words are a standard greeting. But hasn't every generation since time began worried that their world was becoming less tolerant and less civil? 5 DVD sessions featuring:

Judith Martin "Miss Manners," Dr. P.M. Forni-Jons Hopkins Civility Project, Lynne Truss-Author of "Talk to the Hand" and "Eats, shoots and leaves," Dr. Benet Davetian- Sociology Professor, University of PEI, Marion Bell and Marja Chevalier-Etiquette instructors. Dr. Jean Twenge- Professor/author of "Why today's young Americans are more confident, assertive, entitled and more miserable than ever before."

### **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.

### **Seeking Full time Youth Director**

Lighthouse Fellowship, a United Methodist Community of Faith, is seeking a full time director of youth ministries. The director will have responsibility for all aspects of youth ministry, i.e. evangelistic training, discipleship training, adult leadership training and development, weekend and midweek meetings, camps, retreats, mission trips, over all spiritual growth and carrying out the Great Commission among adolescents in grades 6-12 for the purpose of developing spiritually mature young people. Interested persons please send résumés to Bobby Cullen, [bcullen@LFwired.org](mailto:bcullen@LFwired.org).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC of Euless seeks an enthusiastic person with excellent organizational and communication skills to work with our junior and senior high youth. This is a full-time position that requires commitment to the faith development of the youth and to building relationships with the youth and their families. Responsibilities include planning, coordinating and providing leadership in: Sunday school, youth fellowship, summer mission trips, service activities, retreats, fun and

fundraisers. Please send resume to [gary@fumceuleless.org](mailto:gary@fumceuleless.org).

### **Organs Available**

St. Luke UMC, Fort Worth has been renting space to another congregation that left several organs behind when they departed. All are working vintage instruments. If interested, contact Lee Biggs-Scribner at [lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com](mailto:lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com).

1. Hammon series 55 model B all tubes. Asking \$400 OBO
2. Lowery Holiday with Magic Chords. Asking \$200 OBO
3. Name unknown, but large with impressive looking pipes. Asking \$100 OBO

### **Equipment for Hearing Impaired**

Godley UMC has three hearing-impaired members who could benefit from amplification devices in worship. Churches that have updated their equipment recently are asked if they would donate their old equipment to Godley. If you can help, please contact Pastor Rudy Rudewick at Godley UMC ([samnrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samn Rudy@sbcglobal.net).) This is a church that celebrated Easter Sunday with 14 Baptisms and 14 confirmations — 1 baptism and 2 confirmations of older adults.

### **P-T Youth Director**

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time youth director. Responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the youth program for 6th thru 12th graders. This includes Sunday school, Sunday night youth, Wednesday night youth, and other special activities throughout the year. In addition to the salary, housing will be available for the position. Contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or [pastor@fumceastland.org](mailto:pastor@fumceastland.org).

### **P-T Administrative Assistant**

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time (25 hours per week) administrative assistant. The applicant needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Responsibilities include preparing online media, weekly bulletins, maintaining membership records, and handling church finances. Please contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or [pastor@fumceastland.org](mailto:pastor@fumceastland.org).

### **Methodist Children's Home President**

Methodist Children's Home of Waco is accepting applications for president. This executive position requires experience working in a child/youth care environment with an understanding of the at-risk population. The acceptable candidate should have a working knowledge of child care licensing standards and possess the ability to work with a Board of Directors to establish policy and procedures. A Child Care Administrators License and a master's degree are required. For a job description, please send your request by e-mail to [resume@mchwaco.org](mailto:resume@mchwaco.org). Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 25. MCH does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or political beliefs. Physical or mental challenges will not disqualify an applicant who meets bona fide job requirements.

### **Organist**

Woodway First UMC seeks an organist beginning June 1. Principal duties include performing on Sunday morning and practicing with the choir Wednesday evening. The pipe organ is one of the finest in central Texas. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. For further information, please contact Joe Achor, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at 254-772-9751 or [L\\_Joseph\\_Achor@baylor.edu](mailto:L_Joseph_Achor@baylor.edu).

### **Music Director**

(20 hours) – If you like the sound of “that’s the way we’ve always done it,” this position isn’t for you. Brock UMC (<http://www.brockumc.com/>), a growing church 30 minutes west of Fort Worth, seeks to hire their first music director; position can include leading music for both contemporary and traditional services, launching an adult choir, overseeing two new kid choirs and even using our two octaves of handbells that are ready to ring once again. Resumes or questions may be sent to [Alan@brockumc.com](mailto:Alan@brockumc.com).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

Alliance UMC, a young, active congregation in far north Fort Worth is seeking an energetic, organized person with a passion for youth ministry to direct our growing youth ministry program. This is a 20-hour/week position during the school year, which grows to become a full-time position (est. 30-35 hours/week) during the summer. The director of youth ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in the following: summer mission trips, special youth activities (field trips, service days, youth week), Sunday night youth, Wednesday night worship, prayer and fellowship, retreats, and oversight of youth Sunday school. The position would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to grow into an internship and associate pastor role. Please send resume, including youth experience, to: [alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net). For more information, please contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

### **Used Folding Machine Needed!**

Stephenville Oakdale UMC needs a good used folding machine. If you have one that is no longer needed, please contact Steve Holston at 254-968-8870 or [pastor@oakdaleum.org](mailto:pastor@oakdaleum.org).

### **Director of Children's Ministry/Assistant Youth Director**

First UMC of Azle has an opening for a director of children's ministry/assistant youth director. This person will work with the full-time youth director. The responsibilities of this full-time position will be to oversee all the elements of the children's ministry as well as be an assistant to the youth director in the areas of administration and programming. There will also be some teaching responsibilities involved. For further information or for a job description, please contact Dean Posey at [dposey@fumcazle.org](mailto:dposey@fumcazle.org).

### **Organist/Pianist**

Organist/pianist position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Duties include two services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night rehearsal and special holiday services. To apply, send a resume to Lisa Neslony at 6701 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills 76182 or [pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org](mailto:pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org).

### **Pianist**

Lakeside UMC at Richland Chambers Lake seeks a pianist for weekly Sunday service from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This paid position is available beginning June 1. If interested, please contact: Bill Brunson, chairman Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 903-599-4035 or Pastor Sandy Hippman at 903-599-3080.

### **P-T Preschool Director**

Richland Hills UMC seeks a highly motivated part-time director position for a newly formed preschool scheduled to open in September. Successful candidates will possess or be in the process of obtaining a Director's Certificate from TDFPS. For more information, please contact Terre McGill at 817-284-9371 or [tmcgill@rhumc.net](mailto:tmcgill@rhumc.net).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC, Red Oak seeks an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at 972-617-9100 for an application. Start date is mid May.

### **Office Equipment**

A member of Cogdell UMC in Waco offers two items:

For sale — RICOH-2051 copier, w/finisher, internet capabilities and maintenance available till 2014. \$1,500 or best offer.

Free to good home — Epson Powerlite Multimedia Projector w/screen

Contact Pat at 254-855-0796 for more info.

### **P-T Choir Director**

University UMC in Fort Worth seeks a part-time (10-12 hr/wk) choir director. A talented Chancel Choir would be the main emphasis with a bell choir as well. Other opportunities also exist. If interested, please contact the church office (817-926-4626) or email Stephen Decker at [2theo2@gmail.com](mailto:2theo2@gmail.com).

### **P-T Director of Children's Ministries**

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. Candidates should have a background in children's education and possess a deep passion for sharing the Gospel with children age 4 through 6th grade. Expectations include coordinating children's Sunday school, helping with the Children's Choir, and planning VBS along with other camps, retreats, and special days throughout the year. Position opens June 1. Applicants can send resumes to Kristie Coleman at [kristiecoleman@gmail.com](mailto:kristiecoleman@gmail.com).

### **Church Pianist**

West FUMC seeks a church pianist. This individual should be talented in playing the piano/organ and also possess a strong love of Christ and the hymns that glorify Him. The position requires playing at weekly Sunday church services, one choir practice session the first Wednesday evening of each month, plus any special services scheduled. Interested individuals should contact Pastor Linda Wimberly at 254-826-5448 or [westfumc@att.net](mailto:westfumc@att.net).

### **2 Music Positions**

**Associate Director of Music** — First UMC, Killeen seeks associate director of music (PT) to assist in leading and managing all aspects of music ministry. Contemporary music experience and formal music training preferred. Experience leading and directing choirs and instrumental groups in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

**Lead Accompanist** — First UMC, Killeen seeks lead accompanist for contemporary worship (PT). Must be proficient at sight reading, playing from lead sheet, improvising. Accompaniment experience and formal music training preferred. Experience playing piano and keyboard in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

### **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.

*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).*