



# Central E-Link

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

**March 16, 2011**

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles and 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). Editor: Carolyn Stephens [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org)

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### Scam Alert

It appears that UMW President Cynthia Rives' e-mail account has been hacked. If you receive a message from her, please do not respond to this e-mail address as this is a common scam. The conference has confirmed that, although Cynthia is traveling at this time, this e-mail did not originate from Cynthia and it should be ignored and deleted without opening it.

### UMCOR Assessing Relief Needs in Japan

The UMC reports that relief needs in Japan and elsewhere related to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami also will be the focus of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is in contact with partners in the region, said Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR executive for international disaster response. Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey, UMCOR's top executive, urged prayers for those affected by the disaster. "Once again, in the wake of disaster and in the face of widespread need, we rely on the ever-expansive generosity of United Methodists and all people of goodwill to help us respond to those whose lives have suddenly been turned upside down," she said. Emergency response staff members at Church World Service are in contact with the agency's office in Bangkok, which is monitoring the situation in Japan and across the region. Tsunami warnings are in effect for North Sulawesi, Indonesia, and two local partners for CWS there have been contacted. Donations can be made to **Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317** (<http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=3021317>). Other specific ways to help will be reported as they are determined by those onsite in Japan. For other stories on this tragedy please read the links below.

***Bishop Mike Lowry Responds to Disaster in Japan*** — Read his blog comments at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) / The Focused Center banner / Prayer and Relief) or <http://www.bishopmikelowry.com/2011/03/prayer-and-relief/>

***Missionaries in Japan Cope with Quake's Toll***  
<http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=IwL4KnN1Lth&b=5259669&ct=9180097>

***UMs Respond to Japan Quake***  
<http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=IwL4KnN1Lth&b=5259669&ct=9172069>

***Resources for Children*** — The UMC's resource list for helping children cope with images and feelings in the aftermath of disasters has been updated.  
<http://www.gbod.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=nhLRJ2PMKsG&b=661303>

***Downloadable Worship Resources*** —  
[http://www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.6613029/k.BC72/Japan\\_Earthquake\\_and\\_Tsunami.htm?tr=y&aid=7946080](http://www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.6613029/k.BC72/Japan_Earthquake_and_Tsunami.htm?tr=y&aid=7946080)

A **Pacific Emergency UMCOR Advance slide** is included as an attachment to this E-Link.

### **Central Texas UMCs Shine in Advance Giving**

The conference office has just been notified that we have had the highest number of participating churches in the denomination's South Central Jurisdiction (88%) in contributing to The Advance. Those contributions total \$973,477 in what is often called "second mile giving." Central Texas Conference churches are helping to make a difference around the world!

### **REMEMBER One Great Hour of Sharing — April 3**

In light of all the emergencies occurring around the world, we are reminded that our participation in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **April 3** ensures the success of projects in areas devastated by floods, earthquakes and human forces and offers hope and healing to the world's most vulnerable people. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's cost of doing business so that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent entirely on that project and not on home-office costs. Order your free One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes, posters, and other worship materials by calling 888-346-3862 or get them online [here](#). Gifts to this fund can be made all year long.

### **Preparing for the 2011 Annual Conference**

**Check Website:** Information concerning the 2011 Annual Conference is posted as information becomes available on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the Annual Conference banner on the left side. Annual Conference will be held June 5-8 with business sessions at the Waco Convention Center and all worship services at First UMC Waco. Some construction is still underway at the Convention Center, but all meeting rooms will be complete.

**Parking:** There will be fewer parking spaces adjacent to the Convention Center, so lay and clergy members may want to consider carpooling.

**District Conferences:** These will be posted as they become available.

Fort Worth – 7 p.m. May 23 - Arlington Heights UMC  
Temple – 7 p.m. May 19 – location TBA  
Brownwood – 7 p.m. May 23 – Comanche UMC  
Mid-Cities – 7 p.m. May 19 – St. Paul UMC, Hurst  
Waxahachie – 3 p.m. May 22 – First Waxahachie UMC  
Waco – TBA  
Weatherford – 7 p.m. May 5 – First Weatherford UMC

**Awards, scholarship, honors and recognitions:** Information about these awards, honor and recognitions is posted under the Annual Conference 2011 banner at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Also included are the nomination details and who should receive them.

**Denman Evangelism Award — Deadline April 25** This award recognizes a clergy, laity and youth whose life and ministry exemplify the teaching of Christ and the Great Commission. <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/929>

**Morris Walker Award Nominations — Deadline April 27** 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.

**Scholarships Available Through BOM — Deadline March 31** The conference Board of Ministry is accepting applications for the several scholarships it administers. Applicants must be certified candidates 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.

*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 29* 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 May 1* The Committee on Disability Concerns gives grants for local churches projects that lead to greater accessibility in their facility.

*Merit 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). 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.

### **Campus Ministry Messages**

The Wesley Foundation at Texas Christian University extends an invitation to “Launch Yourself into College Life” from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9, on the Fort Worth campus. This is planned as a day of fun with college-bound students and gives participants a taste of life in active campus ministry. More details in an attachment as well as another attachment at buying a \$10 T-shirt to beat malaria.

### **Ongoing Efforts to Stop Malaria**

The general church has recognized Bishop Lowry and several others for their recent “great blog posts.” Check them out at Bishop Lowry's blogs at <http://www.bishopmikelowry.com/2011/02/imagine-no-malaria/>. Get your own copy of Mosquito Bytes, the official e-newsletter of Imagine No Malaria at [http://www.kintera.org/cms.asp?id=1454510&campaign\\_id=156586&tr=y&enString=mmRQQSXTNqLWLkP3LhLVlgM3IqJOIWSKRXRUIVVKIK0IqNWI5H&aud=7849543](http://www.kintera.org/cms.asp?id=1454510&campaign_id=156586&tr=y&enString=mmRQQSXTNqLWLkP3LhLVlgM3IqJOIWSKRXRUIVVKIK0IqNWI5H&aud=7849543) and read the others and much, much more information on how the UMC is helping stop malaria.

### **Lay Delegate Information Forms Will be Available Online Only**

Lay Delegate Information Forms are available online ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the Annual Conference 2011 banner. The deadline for submitting a completed form is March 31. Completed forms will then be compiled and posted on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) for lay members of the Annual Conference to view/download before the voting process. If you, or someone you know, feel God's call to serve as a delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional Conference(s) a completed Lay Delegate Information Form needs to be submitted by each person to be included on the ballot at Annual Conference this year. The form may be submitted online or downloaded and printed to send a hard copy to Central Texas Conference, %Susan Briles, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107. Please follow the instructions on the form.

### **Passing of the Saints — J.W. Hodges**

The Brownwood District sent notice that Rev. Jones W. (J.W.) Hodges, retired clergy residing in Dublin, died last week. Funeral services were held Monday at Dublin First UMC with Kenneth Lunsford officiating. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife and family.

### **A Reminder of Great Opportunities This Month:**

***Encounter Faith: Online Bible Study — March 14 Start Up*** Encounter Faith is the UMC's Rethink Church first online Bible study. Beginning March 14, participants will find this a place to engage others about relevant topics and how they relate to the Christian faith. Jacob

Armstrong will facilitate this 6-week series through a webinar, podcast and by engaging comment. Learn more about Armstrong at [www.rethinkchurch.org/jacobarmstrong](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/jacobarmstrong). There will be free resources for download (10-minute weekly webinars and podcasts) to use in a local setting. If you are following this series in a local church setting, you will want to purchase the full FaithLink curriculum at [www.cokesbury.com/faithlink](http://www.cokesbury.com/faithlink). Prepare now by setting up your free user profile at [Rethinkchurch.org](http://Rethinkchurch.org) and by sharing this site with others.

**Clergy Pre-Retirement Seminar — March 31** — The CTC Board of Pensions will conduct a Clergy Pre-Retirement Seminar on Thursday, March 31, at St. Luke UMC (3200 Denton Hwy, Haltom City 76117) beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Invitations have been sent to all CTC clergy members born prior to 1954. Those clergy members and their spouses should plan to attend. We are pleased to say that Paula Whitbeck, CTC liaison with the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, will provide leadership for this event, including a retirement projection for each participant so it is important to communicate timely your intention to attend. Please respond via email to Harvey Ozmer, CBO ([harvey@ctcumc.org](mailto:harvey@ctcumc.org)), or Shawn-Marie Riley, benefits administrator ([shawn-marie@ctcumc.org](mailto:shawn-marie@ctcumc.org)), or by calling the Conference Office at 817-877-5222, no later than Friday, March 11.

**Free Online Webinars Available to Help Congregations** — The General Board of Discipleship's series of free online training sessions for local church leaders continues this month and next with webinars about issues that face church council members. | "Trustees: Stewards of Church Property" on March 24—The role of trustees is practical, legal and Biblical. Every trustee will benefit from this review of the responsibilities and reminder of effective ministry through this job. | "Easter Living for Church Leaders: Prayer and Faith" on April 28—Church leaders care deeply about their faith community so that sometimes the "doing" church work overwhelms "being" the church. Several church leaders will tell about their own experiences to inspire Easter renewal in leaders. | These training sessions provided by GBOD is made possible by support given to the World Service Fund. For more information about the webinars and free registration go online at [www.gbod.org/committee\\_resources](http://www.gbod.org/committee_resources) In addition, previous webinars for the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and for finance leaders are available for view at the website.

**Mount Sequoyah Hosts Small Church Leadership Institute — March 20-24** — The Small Church Leadership Institute equips laity and clergy with the knowledge and skills for leading their smaller attendance churches into the future. The event will be held March 20-24 at Mount Sequoyah Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

([http://www.mountsequoyah.org/Mount\\_Sequoyah/HOME.html](http://www.mountsequoyah.org/Mount_Sequoyah/HOME.html))

**"Wade in the Water" Jurisdictional Clergywomen's Consultation — March 22-25** — "Wade in the Water" is the quadrennial gathering for UM clergywomen held March 22-25 in New Orleans. Events will focus on sharing experiences and learning from one another about effective leadership and justice issues. The plenary speakers include Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson, author of *God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith are Changing the World*, and Lorenza Andrade Smith, an advocate for The DREAM Act; and a rare opportunity to dialogue with three women bishops: Bishop Ann Sherer-Simpson, Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, and Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher. Workshop presenters will include talented South Central Jurisdiction (SCJ) clergywomen as well as prominent women in leadership at various United Methodist agencies including GBOD, UMCOR, *Alive Now*, GCSRW, and GBHEM. Optional activities include tours highlighting the city post-Katrina, a tour of St. Mark's UMC/North Rampart Community Center, which Methodist women establish an innovative urban ministry, and opportunities for other outings and relaxation organized by the Louisiana host clergywomen. For more information or to explore scholarship information or register for the event, visit [www.wadeinthewater.org](http://www.wadeinthewater.org) and/or join the Facebook group "Wade in the Water with SCJ Clergywomen."

**Intergenerational Ministry Summit — March 24-26** — This Intergenerational Ministry Summit, scheduled for March 24-26 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., deals with real life, real people, real circumstances in blending generations to become fruitful congregations. Keynote speakers Tex Sample will discuss characteristics of each generation and how they influence our views of authority, leadership, work and religious faith. Summit leader Jeanne March will use her Age-ing to Sage-ing process to approach aging as a positive journey filled with wisdom, learning and possibilities. For more details, visit [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

**Annual Funding Conference by Lewis Center — March 26** — Lewis Center will host a half-day “Funding Your Ministry in Changing Times” conference from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, on the campus of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. They will also provide the “*Funding Your Ministry in Changing Times* DVD/CD Resource Guide” which will be released in April. For more details, visit <http://www.churchleadership.com>.

### **CCIA Offers Clergy Support**

Dr. Gary Kindley continues to offer counseling sessions without cost to clergy and their families. CCIA (Counseling, Consulting & Inspiration Associates, LLC) is now in its 4th year and continues its mission to “Strengthen Relationships, Increase Effectiveness, Develop Leadership” with the clergy and laity, non-profits, businesses and congregations that it serves. CCIA offices are located in Dallas (Lemmon Ave., 1 block N of Oak Lawn) with day, evening and weekend appointments available. Call 817-312-9919 or visit [www.drkgk.org](http://www.drkgk.org) or [www.cciadallas.org](http://www.cciadallas.org).

### **Single Adult Ministry Spring Retreat: "We are God's Beloved" — April 1-3**

Join singles in the Central Texas Conference and surrounding areas for this retreat April 1-3 at Prothro Center on Lake Texhoma. The retreat will be led by Phyllis McDougal, associate pastor at First UMC Fort Worth, and explore the following questions: How do you see the world? Are you busy and always on the run? Do you slow down enough to explore your own spirituality? Who are you really? Who is God? Do you know that you are a child of God? Laurie Simmons from the 11:11 band at First Fort Worth will provide the music throughout the weekend. Cost is \$130 and that includes lodging for 2 nights and 4 meals (3 on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) and the retreat expenses. Registration due by March 21. For additional information, contact Cindy Young at 817-924-9443 or check out the Tarrant Area Singles calendar with the flyer and registration at <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/970>.

### **Sing a Rainbow Rescheduled — April 2**

UMW President Cynthia Rives reports that the Charter for Racial Justice Event "Sing a Rainbow" was rescheduled because of the ice/snow storm. It will be held Saturday, April 2, at Burleson First UMC with registration beginning at 9 a.m., gathering at 9:45 a.m. and concluding by 3 p.m. The theme of the day is "A Faith Conversation on Immigration." A flyer and registration form are attached and posted on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)).

### **Interfaith Worship Service for Victims of Crime, Their Families, Friends, Community**

Crime Victims Council, an outreach ministry of First UMC Fort Worth, invites victims of crime, their families, friends, and the community to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Worship Service of Help, Hope, and Healing at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, in the Great Hall at First UMC Arlington (313 N. Center Street, Arlington 76011 / park and enter on North Street). The service is designed to be a time of healing for all victims of any crime and will include prayers, scripture, liturgy, and music from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths. Victim speakers will share their stories and provide hope for continued healing. There will be an opportunity for victim names to be read or spoken. Children are invited to attend with their families. Sign language and Spanish language interpreters will be present. Following the service, information tables will provide resources for victims. Contact: Sandra Lydick, victim chaplain, for more information 817-675-6367, [sandrallydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org](mailto:sandrallydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org). Web address [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://www.crimevictimsCouncil.org)

### **Scholarships Available Through BOM**

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. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be post-marked by midnight Thursday, March 31, or delivered to the BOM office on the Texas Wesleyan Campus by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 31, to be eligible for consideration. The application form is located at [www.ctcbom.org](http://www.ctcbom.org) on the Board Policies and Forms page. The form can be completed electronically, printed, signed and mailed. Scholarships will be awarded at Annual Conference in June 2011. Contact Gala Trimble in the BOM office if you have problems or questions concerning the form.

### **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, CA. Contact Joy Roberson at [joy@ctcumc.org](mailto:joy@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222 for information on a conference bus headed to Purdue University. <http://www.youth2011.org/>

### **Task Force on Hunger Seeks 2011 Applicants**

Each year the CTC Task Force on Hunger designates recipients for the *Thanksgiving* offering. The offering is split 90/10 with recipients rotating annually between local and global ministries. This year the offering will go to:

- 90% Central Texas Conference Hunger Ministries
- 10% Haitian Creole Pig Project, Advance # 418002

To download a flyer with details about the grant, for a two-week Bible study to accompany the *Thanksgiving* offering (*Hunger: The Enemy at the Table, A Bible Study on Hunger*), and an application for the 2011 Hunger Ministry Grants, please visit the conference website at <http://ctcumc.org/pages/detail/902>. **The application deadline is March 31.**

### **Texas Youth Academy — June 26-July 9**

Texas Youth Academy is for high school sophomores and juniors with a desire to explore their faith and future. The two-week academy contains worship, service, arts, theology and exploring your call to ministry. The 2011 event will be held June 26 – July 9 at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Applications are available online and the deadline is March 7. Visit [www.texasyouthacademy.org](http://www.texasyouthacademy.org) for more details and to register.

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Perkins Sponsors “God Loves Diversity” Conference**

Perkins School of Theology will host a conference on “God Loves Diversity & Justice: Progressive Scholars Speak About Faith, Politics, & the World” April 12 from 1:30-5 p.m. in Perkins Chapel at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. The conference addresses ways that theologically progressive scholars speak about their faith, politics and the world in a culture they often view as dominated by theological conservatism and in a world torn apart by poverty, violence, war, greed, and various forms of exploitation. The conference will invite the audience to what is being described as “an engaged and respectful discussion” during the latter part of the program. This event is free and open to the public. More information about the event is available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=195845550438434>. For a map of the SMU campus, including options for public parking, visit <http://smu.edu/maps/>. Please contact Susanne Scholz (<http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/DirectoryList/Scholz.aspx>) at [sscholz@smu.edu](mailto:sscholz@smu.edu) or 214-768-2460 for more details.

### **Culture of the Call Church Award — April 1 Deadline for Applications**

The Foundation for Evangelism is now accepting nominations for the *2011 Culture of the Call Church Award*. The purpose of this award is to recognize one local congregation of the UMC each year that has a history of having young people 35 or younger respond to God's call to full-time Christian service as a result of their being active in the life of that church. The Foundation wants to recognize and highlight churches that are helping to raise up generations of leaders with a passion for evangelism. The first *Culture of the Call Church Award* was presented in 2010. For more information or to submit a nomination visit [www.foundationforevangelism.org](http://www.foundationforevangelism.org). The deadline for applications is April 1. The selected church will be notified in early May and recognized at their 2011 annual conference.

### **Hispanic Ministries Institute at Brite Divinity School — June 5-10**

Brite Divinity School (TCU campus - 2855 S. University Drive, Fort Worth 76129) will host the

Summer Latino/a Church studies and the Hispanic Ministries Institute June 5-10. The program has priority for Latino/a ministers and lay leadership. For more details, contact Reina Rodriguez at 817-257-7575. The deadline for registration and payment is May 20.

### **School of Congregational Development — July 27-31**

The School of Congregational Development will be conveniently close this year — Dallas — and especially good opportunity for new church pastors. Check out this year's SCD, scheduled for Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-31, at <http://www.scdumc.org>. There will be 15 intensives, 23 ministry tracks and 25 workshops, plus 8 exciting teaching churches. Add it to your calendar now!

### **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 week-long 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](http://www.youthworks.com) and click on the link for UMCs in the left column.

### **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, except for provisional members. The GBHEM is making \$1,000 scholarships available for provisional elders and deacons. For more details and a 14-min. video clip. Visit [http://www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.5717529/k.26AD/Wesleyan\\_Pilgrimage\\_in\\_England.htm?aid=7776351](http://www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.5717529/k.26AD/Wesleyan_Pilgrimage_in_England.htm?aid=7776351).

## **Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **Blooming Grove Celebrates Heritage Sunday with Special Honoree — March 20**

When Blooming Grove UMC celebrates Heritage Sunday March 20, Alyne McCormick will be honored for her longevity and commitment to the church. She is 107 years old. Waxahachie District Superintendent Don Scott will be preaching at the 11 a.m. worship service, and at 2 p.m. there will be a brief program in the sanctuary.

### **Bass Singer Needed at Cogdell**

Cogdell UMC is looking for a musician with a bass voice to sing with an ensemble group in the greater Waco area. If interested, please contact C. A. Milam at 254 716-4807 or Cogdell UMC at 254 772-9549.

### **Auditions For Godspell — March 25 & 26**

Auditions for the St. Philip's Community Theater Project's production of Godspell will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, and 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at St. Philip's UMC in Round Rock. All roles are currently available. Please come prepared to sing a number from the show for the part for which you wish to audition. Rehearsals will run March 31-May 31. Performances will be June 2-5. For more information, please email [stphilipsdrama@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipsdrama@gmail.com).

### **Golf Tournament Benefits United Community Centers — March 28**

It is not too late to sign up to play in the 7th Annual Louise & Frank Carvey Golf Tournament benefitting United Community Centers, a mission institution of the UMC. The annual tournament will be held at Mira Vista Country Club on Monday, March 28, beginning at 12 noon. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. and the round of golf is followed by a reception and auction. Can't play but you want to help, then come and volunteer? Volunteers are needed for registration, green sitting, and the reception/auction. For more information about playing or volunteering call Susie Reyes, UCC director of development, at 817-927-5556, x115 or [sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org](mailto:sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org). Learn more about UCC at [www.unitedcommunitycenters.org](http://www.unitedcommunitycenters.org) or on Facebook.

### **Church Safety Seminar Hosted by the Cleburne Police Dept. — March 29**

The Cleburne Police Department will conduct a Church Safety Seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the Cleburne Conference Center (1501 W. Henderson St., Cleburne 76033). There is no charge, and TCLEOSE credit will be given to all current law enforcement officers. The seminar is designed for church leaders and staff as well as law enforcement officials. Topics will include a case study of violence on church property, safety awareness, Eyes and Ears Teams, protection against sexual predators, youth safety and disruptive individuals. Presenters: Det. Mike Carroll with the Fort Worth Police Dept., Jimmy Meeks with Cop & Cross Ministry ([www.copandcross.com](http://www.copandcross.com)), Greg Love with Ministry Safe ([www.MinistrySafe.com](http://www.MinistrySafe.com)). Contact: W. Mackey at [Wesley.mackey@cleburne.net](mailto:Wesley.mackey@cleburne.net) or 817-774-6280.

### **Bullying: An Elephant in the Room Series Forum — March 29**

The Tarrant Area Community of Churches, Brite Divinity School and the host church will present "An Elephant in the Room Series Forum" March 29 focusing on "Beyond Bullying: Empowering Children, Youth & Adults to Win with Each Other. The program will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ (4201 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth). The speakers are Kathryn Everest, director of guidance and counseling for the Student Support Division of the Fort Worth ISD and co-designer of the "It's Not Okay" district-wide anti-bullying initiative, and Rev. Cody Sanders, an ordained Baptist minister and certified counselor. The cost is \$15/person. Register at [www.tarrantareacc.org/Events.aspx](http://www.tarrantareacc.org/Events.aspx) or contact TACC at 817-737-5554.

### **Music Fest at Lakeside UMC — March 26**

Lakeside UMC will offer a free Music Fest on Saturday, March 26. From 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Performances will be by: TinTop Road Blue Grass Band, Calvary Worship Center Youth Band, The Corsicana Cloggers, Zanada Tally Schoppert and Against the Wind, Tex and Mary Schuts, Todd Jones and The Groove Tones, and the Lakeside UMC Ensembles. Many booths will be on the grounds sponsored by various churches and other community groups. All proceeds from booths and donations go to Navarro and Freestone Counties' Relay for Life.

### **Suicide Survivors: The Healing Journey After Loss**

Suicide Survivors: *The Healing Journey After Loss* is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. Groups form every six to eight weeks in different locations in the Central Texas area. A new group will be forming in the Spring. Groups of eight to 10 meet for two hours weekly for eight weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate 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).

### **Cross Cultural Encounters in Christian Mission — April 5-6**

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary offers the 2011 Settles Lecture that will focus this year on "Cross-Cultural Encounters in Christian Mission" April 5-6. Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, professor of global Christianities and mission studies, will lead the discussions at 7 p.m. April 5 (Overseas & Across the Street: Tensions in the Embodiment of Christian Mission Work) and 11 a.m. April 6 (The Return Effect: What Happens Within Our Christian Community). For more information, visit <http://www.austinseminary.edu/settles> or call 512-404-4800.

### **Free Dementia Education Seminar — April 13**

A free seminar for those who are dealing with dementia and needing to create moments of joy will be offered Wednesday, April 13, from 5:30-6 p.m. for registration and light dinner and 6-7 p.m. for the seminar at Arden Courts Memory Care Community (1501 NE Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington 76006). The guest speaker is Jolene Brackey, founder of Enhanced Moments and author of *Creating Moments of Joy*. Sometimes dementia caregivers get too caught up in day-to-day details, often times forgetting to appreciate the better moments with their loved ones. While it may be impossible to create a perfectly wonderful day, you can create perfectly wonderful moments. During this seminar, Brackey will pass along powerful tools that can create positive outcomes. Adult day care will be provided by qualified staff. Please ask for this service when making your reservation. To RSVP, call 817-795-1700 or email [arlington@arden-courts.com](mailto:arlington@arden-courts.com).

#### **Alpha Marriage Course Training Event — April 2**

Trinity UMC (3321 W. Park Row, Arlington 76013) will host The Marriage Course Training Event Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details and to register, visit [www.alphausa.org/dallas](http://www.alphausa.org/dallas) and click on "Marriage Training."

#### **Ladies Day Out at First Round Rock: The Sweet Life Café — April 9**

*The Sweet Life Café, Where Women Savor Time with God, Family and Friends*, will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature inspirational speakers, a variety of breakout sessions, music, lunch and lots of laughter. Cost is \$40. Registration is available online at <http://fumc-rr.org>. Topics range from Internet Safety for Families to Zumba to Prayer to the Five Love Languages...something for every woman. Visit the website for all the details and plan to join us on April 9.

#### **2nd Annual Jerusalem 33 A.D. — April 21 & 22**

First UMC Killeen presents the miracles, trials, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ during their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jerusalem 33 A.D. beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 21, and 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Methodist Park (southwest corner of the new church campus at 3501 E. Elms, Killeen). All are invited to witness this Passion play side-by-side with villagers, Romans, Judas, King Herod and Jesus himself. Admission is one can of food (given to the Killeen Food Care Center) or a donation (used to help defray the cost of the event). For more details, visit the church website at [www.fumckilleen.com](http://www.fumckilleen.com).

#### **Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 23-26**

First UMC Palmer announces PUMP 2011! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend sponsored by the church for youth groups from across Texas and surrounding areas. Dates for PUMP 2011 are June 23-26. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area. In addition to the mission projects, participants will experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. There are many planned activities designed to help everyone let loose, experience God, spread His love and have fun. This is an excellent mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. For more information, contact Debbi Mitchell by at 214-683-1501 or [palmerpump@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Space is limited so let the church know if you are interested and a reservation brochure will be sent to you! Reservation deadline: May 15.

#### **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](mailto: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:** ([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=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**United Methodist Reporter Online:** [www.umportal.org](http://www.umportal.org)

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

**El' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish):** (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

**10thousanddoors.org:** (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

**Rethink Church:** (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

**UM TechShop:** (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

#### **UM Global Health Initiative:**

([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global\\_Health.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm))

### **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](http://www.gbod.org) and [www.godfilms.com](http://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 TechShop!

<http://www.umcom.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=mrLZJ9PFKMG&b=6084837&ct=8860103&notoc=1&tr=y&auid=7367185>

### **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).

### **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](mailto:tony@depressionconnection.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.

### **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](mailto:straz71@yahoo.com) or to Adam Straznicky, First UMC Fort Worth, 800 W. 5th St. Fort Worth 76102.

### **4 Positions at Alliance UMC**

**Minister of Music / Director of Music Ministries** — Alliance UMC, a young congregation in far north Fort Worth, offers an opportunity for a person of musical breadth to join our staff team that has considerable gifts for music - from traditional and contemporary to Africa and beyond. AUMC utilizes multi-media in all worship settings and celebrates connecting people to God through a variety of means. This position includes working with worship committee, chancel choir, praise team, bell choir, and providing general oversight for and supervision of volunteer music leaders, as well as other music staff. Submit resumes or inquiries to: [alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net). Competitive salary includes continuing education benefits; 20 hour-week. Contact: Jim McClurg (pastor) at 817-581-1688.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net). Contact: Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

## **2 Positions at Glen Lake Camp**

Glen Lake Camp has hired all its positions with the exception of two! GLC still seeks applicants for an **activity director** who should be college age with a high-energy personality capable of coordinating large groups of people. GLC also has a **female cabin counselor** spot for a college age female passionate about sharing Christ with others. Referrals are appreciated. Interested persons should contact Susan Sledge at 817-326-1114 or [susansledge@windstream.net](mailto:susansledge@windstream.net).

## **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 churchwide 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 or email to: First UMC Coleman, P.O. Box 892, Coleman 76834 | [mswening@web-access.net](mailto:mswening@web-access.net). Website: [www.firstunitedmethodistcoleman.com](http://www.firstunitedmethodistcoleman.com). Pastor: Mike Kerzee.

## **Gently Used VBS Material Available**

Gordon FUMC would like to donate "gently used" VBS material purchased from Group Publishing. This includes the Leader Guide, 4 DVDS, literature and crafts for 35 children, and some decorations. If you are interested or need more information, contact Sara Barron at [cbarrs68@att.net](mailto:cbarrs68@att.net) or 254-693-5304.

## **Youth Director/Minister/Pastor/Coordinator**

Discovery, a quick-growing and vibrant church in Hutto - just north of Austin, seeks a Youth Director/Minister/Pastor/Coordinator (you'd get to choose the title). The community has exploded in the last decade, growing from a rural community of 1200, to a suburban community of Austin. The primary purpose of this position is to lead students in a relationship with Christ and each other. This church has never had a paid youth position, and this means that you will be building a ministry from the ground up. This is a part time position, but we anticipate, with the right person, and by God's grace, this could transition to a full time position. Summer hours will probably be more than school-year hours, given mission trips, retreats, and summer camps. Please send a cover letter and resume to [paul.gravley@huttodiscovery.org](mailto:paul.gravley@huttodiscovery.org). In 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 Discovery UMC, c/o Paul Gravley, P.O. Box 426, Hutto 78634.

## **Seeking Director of Youth Ministries:**

St. John UMC in Austin is seeking a director of youth ministries. The director will give leadership to a dynamic and growing program in partnership with a vibrant, creative staff. Previous experience preferred. Please contact Georjean Blanton ([gblanton@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:gblanton@stjohnsaustin.org)) or Rev. Paul Escamilla ([Escamilla@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:Escamilla@stjohnsaustin.org)) for further information.

## **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.

### **Full-Time Director of Children and Family Ministries**

St. John UMC in Austin seeks a full-time director of children and family ministries. The director will give leadership to a dynamic and growing program in partnership with a vibrant, creative staff. Previous experience preferred. Please contact Geogjean Blanton, [gblanton@stjohnaustin.org](mailto:gblanton@stjohnaustin.org) or Paul Escamilla, [Escamilla@stjohnaustin.org](mailto:Escamilla@stjohnaustin.org) for further information.

### **Flamingos Needed**

Do you have a herd of flamingos hiding in your church attic, shed, or garage that need some attention? Ridglea UMC youth are searching for yard flamingos to borrow for spring fundraising endeavors. If you have flamingos to loan, please contact Wendy Coleman at 817-739-5967 or email at [wendy.coleman@fwisd.org](mailto:wendy.coleman@fwisd.org).

### **Communications Director**

Waxahachie First seeks someone with a friendly, personable attitude; computer experience with Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, and e-mail; and efficient typing and spelling skills, (web-site design/maintenance would be a real plus!). The position is 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Send resume to [jerry@fumcwax.com](mailto:jerry@fumcwax.com).

### **Youth Director**

Lorena UMC seeks part-time youth director to grow and nurture youth as Christian disciples, with deep love for God and young people, experience working with adolescents, sharing your faith with others, strong church background, understanding of the UMC. Send resume to [Pastor@lorenaumc.org](mailto:Pastor@lorenaumc.org), phone: 254-857-4283.

### **Karaoke Machine/Disks**

Glen Lake Camp is planning an exciting summer for the kids. If anyone has a karaoke machine and karaoke disks to donate, the camp will use them at the pool party as kids are welcomed on the first day. Contact Susan Sledge at [susansledge@windstream.net](mailto:susansledge@windstream.net). Thanks so much!

### **Youth Minister**

St. Philip's UMC ([www.stphils.us](http://www.stphils.us)), a wonderfully diverse and dynamic faith community located west of Round Rock in the northwestern corner of the greater Austin metropolitan area, seeks a full-time youth minister to guide a growing and vibrant Youth/Student Ministry. Hire date June 1. Potential candidates need to send résumé/CV and brief biographical statement no later than March 31 to: [office@stphilipsumc.org](mailto:office@stphilipsumc.org) RE: Youth Minister Search.

### **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](mailto:justin@stjohnsumc.cc), 512-863-5886, or 311 E. University Dr, Georgetown 78626.

### **Secretary/Admin Position Sought**

Lisa Meek, formerly administrative assistant to Don Scroggs at FUMC Brownwood, has moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth area and seeks a secretary or administrative assistant position in a local church. She can be contacted at [kaseykaye59@yahoo.com](mailto:kaseykaye59@yahoo.com).

### **Riders for "Wade in Water" – South Central Jurisdiction Clergywomen's Consultation**

Sharon P. Bell is registered to attend the SCJ Wade in Water conference March 22-25 in New Orleans and will be driving. She has space for 4 others to ride along. Clergywomen interested in carpooling may contact Sharon at [Revspbell@hotmail.com](mailto:Revspbell@hotmail.com) or call the church office at Wesley Memorial Cleburne between 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday at 817-645-2373.

### **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.

### **Musician**

Experienced Methodist Musician looking for a musician position at a church in the greater DFW area. Accomplished choral conductor and worship leader in Praise Band. Member of Community of Hope UMC, Mansfield, Joe Carmichael - reference. Bachelor/Master of Music in choral conducting, voice and Jazz piano from University of North Texas. Contact: Janice Kilgore, 972-291-9130, [JKKmusik@aol.com](mailto:JKKmusik@aol.com).

### **Church Coordinator/Secretary**

Experienced church worker recently moved to the Fort Worth area and is looking for a church coordinator/secretary position. Contact: Katherine Ferdinandsen at [katterferdinandsen@yahoo.com](mailto:katterferdinandsen@yahoo.com).

### **25-Passenger Van for Sale**

Early FUMC has a 25-passenger bus for sale — '95 Ford 350 power stroke diesel with 102,000 miles on it. Contact the church office at [earlyfumc@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfumc@gmail.com) for more details. Asking \$6000.

### **2 P-T Positions at St. Luke, Killeen**

St. Luke UMC in Killeen (400 members/50 children and youth and growing) has 2 part-time positions available beginning in January, both requiring someone who is faithful and dedicated to Christian education. Bi-lingual in Korean preferred.

- As the part-time **Sunday School Leader** you will be responsible for leading and ministering to multi-ethnic children; lead and preach weekly at the children's Sunday worship service; lead the program for children on Fridays; attend the staff meetings on Saturday; plan and lead annual summer VBS program and any special church-wide Sunday school worship services.

- As a part-time **Youth Leader** you will be responsible for leading and ministering to multi-ethnic junior and senior high school students; lead and preach weekly at Sunday youth worship service; teach Bible study class on Friday; plan and lead two youth retreats each year and lead any special church-wide Youth Ministry Worship Services.

For more details and to apply, contact St. Luke UMC at 254-526-3993 or 102 E. Church Ave., Killeen 76541. Website: [www.umcstluke.org](http://www.umcstluke.org).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

St. Luke UMC (3200 Denton Hwy. Haltom City 76117) seeks applicants for part-time director of youth ministries to coordinate and lead the youth ministry program. Responsibilities include building strong relationships with youth in the church community, shared planning, coordination and leading for weekly fellowship and discipleship, retreat and trips, mission trips and outreach, co-teaching Sunday school, and fundraisers. Requirements include an authentic faith in Jesus Christ, passion for working with youth and UM background considered a plus. Salary: \$12,000/yr. Send resume to address above.

*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).*