



# Central E-Link

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

**October 21, 2009**

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. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org).

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### **Congratulations, First Keller UMC!**

*The Keller Citizen's* newspaper announced that the citizens of Keller voted First UMC Keller as the "2009 Best Place to Worship."

### **Former CTC Pastor Penna Died at 63**

Dr. Richard G. Penna, 63, a retired UM minister who was founding pastor of Genesis UMC, Fort Worth, and also served First UMC, Waco, before moving to Northwest Hills UMC, Austin and Addicks UMC, Houston, the latter two in other conferences, died Oct. 16 in Houston. Jim Connor, current pastor at Genesis, and Jerry Chism of Arlington Heights UMC, Fort Worth, officiated at the service yesterday (Tuesday). A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Drive UMC, Houston. The family has requested memorial donations to Genesis UMC in lieu of flowers. View and sign the guestbook at [www.star-telegram.com/obituaries](http://www.star-telegram.com/obituaries).

### **Elliott Scholarship Goes to Regina Basye**

The Rev. John W. Elliott Sr. Scholarship is a local program that awards scholarships to minority UM students in the area who are pursuing a theological degree. This year's recipient is Regina Franklin Basye who received the \$1,000 scholarship Sept. 27 to be used to tuition, books and supplies. She is a member of St. Luke UMC, Dallas. Rev. Barbara Elliott established the scholarship program in honor of her husband, the late Rev. John W. Elliott, Sr. The program also awards a \$250 scholarship through the CTC.

### **Civil Rights Road Trip — Jan. 15-18**

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a time of uncertainty and change. Young people brought much of the change about. The Civil Right Road Trip is a weekend designed to help today's young people connect to the radical possibilities their lives hold for the Kingdom of God. See more details and registration, visit at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) or contact Steve Heyduck at 254-715-4956, 254-750-1310, [sheyduck@MCHWaco.org](mailto:sheyduck@MCHWaco.org). On this trip, our conference youth and their adult leaders will visit several historic locations and museums including:

- Little Rock Central High School
- National Civil Rights Museum

- Birmingham Civil Rights Museum
- National Voting Rights Museum
- Edmund Pettus Bridge
- 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church Ministry

### **Tarrant Area Organization Get Stimulus Grant for Homelessness Prevention**

Barbara Board of Community Storehouse (Tarrant County) reports that Storehouse is being awarded a \$999,950 stimulus grant to help with the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. The grant is stringently designated with the majority to go to families needing this specific assistance. What this means is that anyone who is on the verge of being evicted from property may qualify for assistance with rental property in our to avoid homelessness. It also covers those who are homeless by providing a program of rapid-rehousing. She is alerting the community aware of the assistance and how to qualify if they need help. Community Storehouse is one of the partner ministries of the UMC's Metropolitan Board of Missions. For more information, visit [www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)

### **Insurance Reminder from Conference Trustees**

The Conference Board of Trustees reminds participants of the **conference policy requiring each church in a charge to carry Workers' Compensation Insurance on pastors and other employees**. If a pastor or other worker receives a work-related injury, health insurance will not pay on what should be a worker's compensation claim. In addition, regular liability insurance will not pay or protect a church against such a gap in coverage. For those who may be unaware, there are conference-wide insurance programs available for the purchase of Workers' Compensation and Directors and Officers Liability insurance. Both programs are available to all CTC churches. Churches currently participating in this program have experienced reduced costs in their church insurance budgets. The programs are administered by Roach Howard Smith & Barton Insurance Agency. For more information, or a quote, contact Bart Tucker or Debbie Rowland at 817-332-1313 or 800-295-6607.

### **Advent Opportunity to Learn About and Serve in Women's Health Initiative**

This Advent you are invited to participate in a unique quilting and study ministry opportunity to promote women's health worldwide. The CTC is a target conference for this campaign, especially for the new **"Advent Visions of Healing and Hope"** quilt project/study. The Advent study can also be done without the quilting project. If you are interested in this project for your group, please visit [www.operationhealinghope.com](http://www.operationhealinghope.com) for more detailed information and click on the link for "Top 10" or contact Jennifer Bellamy, CTC director of humanitarian services, at [jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:jennifer@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

### **New Bible Study for Singles to Begin in October**

"Returning to the Garden and Our True Sacred Identity" study on the spiritual writings of J. Philip Newell, Henri Nouwen and others is offered to **singles of all ages** at First UMC Fort Worth 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 3. Contacts: Chuck Graff (817-339-5065 or [cgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:cgraff@myfumc.org))

### **Safe Sanctuaries & Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training — Oct. 24**

Training for those who work with children and youth Oct. 24 at First UMC Hillsboro. It is especially geared to teachers, sponsors, interns, van drivers, mission trip workers and anyone who has ever asked, "Why do we have to follow Safe Sanctuaries?" Contact: MaDora at 817-877-5222 or [madora@ctcumc.org](mailto:madora@ctcumc.org). Download the flyer at <http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?pkvalue=1137>.

### **Perspectives of Grief & Loss Symposium — Oct. 23**

Christian Care Centers and the Coalition for Quality End of Life Care are hosting the Perspective of Grief & Loss Symposium from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth. Contact: [www.christiancarecenters.org](http://www.christiancarecenters.org) or call 817-496-4730.

### **Insurance Enrollment Period — Nov. 4-19**

Nov. 4 – 19, 2009 is the 2010 HealthFlex and AFLAC Cafeteria Plan open enrollment period. **NO LATE ENROLLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** 2010 enrollment information available at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Questions? Contact Shawn-Marie Riley, conference benefits administrator, at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622

or [shawn-marie@ctcumc.org](mailto:shawn-marie@ctcumc.org).

### **Immigration and Faith Symposium — Nov. 7**

Justice For Our Neighbors, an UMCOR ministry in the CTC, will offer a free “Immigration and Faith” symposium from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, at Acton UMC, Granbury. The symposium will examine the issue of immigration from a faith perspective and provide an opportunity to dialogue about the church’s response. Contact: JFON staff member Amy Spaur at 817-534-3293 or [amyspaur@hotmail.com](mailto:amyspaur@hotmail.com).

### **Adult UMVIM Mission/Work Tour to Eastern Mexico Conference — Jan. 16-23**

Conference UM Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)-hosted mission work tour to Mexico’s Eastern Conference Jan. 16-23. Registration deadline: Dec. 21. Contacts: Susan Luttrell (817-473-6650 ext. 204, 817-781-5875, [susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or Jennifer Bellamy (817-877-5222, [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org)).

### **October Donation-of-the-Month Request**

Refugee Services of Texas invites you to contribute during October in meaningful ways: coats and jackets in all sizes, blankets and bed linens. RST office (5009 Brentwood Stair, Fort Worth 76112), call the RST at 817-457-8110.

### **Thanksgiving Offering 2009**

[http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving\\_2009\\_KZB8K4MR.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf).

### **SAVE DATE: Youth Focus on “Engaging in Ministry with the Poor”**

• **30 Hour Famine** — Nov. 6-7 at Glen Lake Camp to raise awareness about hunger and poverty. Register at [www.glenlake.org/30-hour-famine](http://www.glenlake.org/30-hour-famine).

### **Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation — Nov. 1-6**

Held at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine. Contact: Denice Foose at 713-203-0783 or [dsfoose@comcast.net](mailto:dsfoose@comcast.net).

### **CHIP Coalition Community Meeting — Nov. 6**

Tarrant County CHIP Coalition community meeting, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at First UMC Fort Worth, will focus on "CHIP Outreach and Enrollment Assistance." Churches interested in helping children receive health coverage are encouraged to send representatives. Registration information can be found at <http://tarrantcountychip.wordpress.com/> or contact Mary Spradlin at [mary.spradlin@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.spradlin@yahoo.com) or 817-460-8655.

### **Gift of Love Auction — Nov. 7**

The Metropolitan Board of Mission annual Gift of Love Auction, which benefits a multitude of outreach ministries in the Metroplex, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Meadowbrook UMC (3900 Meadowbrook Drive, Fort Worth 76103). Silent auction begins at 5 p.m. and live auction at 6 p.m. The Metro Board is accepting donations for the auction items. [www.metroboard-umc.org](http://www.metroboard-umc.org).

### **ALERT: Deadline Oct. 26 for Early Response Team Training — Nov. 7**

Presented by the CTC Disaster Response Task Force 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at First UMC Round Rock. <http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=890>

### **Academy of Christian Education — Nov. 9-13 at Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose**

[www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) Contact: Karen Granderson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, [karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:karen@ctcumc.org)

### **Fall Leadership Summit — Nov. 14**

#### ***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations***

Presented by Bishop Robert Schnase

Nov. 14 • 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • First UMC, Mansfield

Churches are urged to bring a team of people (at least one to represent each of the five practice areas) to this important summit. As of this morning, 265 have registered. Don't wait until the last minute to take advantage of this opportunity. Click here for the brochure [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Fall\\_Summit\\_2009\\_7NQBFIGI.PDF](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Fall_Summit_2009_7NQBFIGI.PDF).

### **Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010**

Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or [cgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:cgraff@myfumc.org) and watch for additional details soon.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8**

The 2010 Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for Jan. 5 – 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, can be stimulating and informative for pastors and local church evangelism chairs. The agenda and registration are available at <http://www.CongressonEvangelism.org>. Scholarships are available for clergy under 40 (first time participants who have a recommendation from their DS or bishop). Also, the registration fee is waived for full-time seminary students as well as local pastors enrolled in Course of Study.

### **Older Adult Ministry Grants**

The UM Committee on Older Adult Ministries is providing two kinds of grants related to older adult ministry during the 2009-2012 quadrennium: **Intergenerational Ministry** and **Caregiving Ministry**. The grants, part of the Comprehensive Plan for Older Adult Ministries, will be available to local UM congregations, districts, annual conferences, central conferences, and UM-related institutions on the following schedule:

#### **Intergenerational Ministry with older adults**

August 2009 – Applications available, both in print form and on our website

January 15, 2010 – Submission deadline

Fall 2010 – Grant funds are awarded

#### **Caregiving Ministry with older adults**

August 2010 – Applications available, both in print form and on our website

January 15, 2011 – Submission deadline

Fall 2011 – Grant funds are awarded

Visit [www.aging-umc.org](http://www.aging-umc.org) for more details and grant applications.

### **Small Church Leadership Institute — Nov. 15-19**

It's not too late for laity and clergy to register for the Small Church Leadership Institute at Mount Sequoyah, Nov. 15-19. Guest presenters include Gil Rendle, Bishop Max Whitfield, Jeff Patton, Asa Whitaker, Rod Hocott, Karen Swales, Russell Cephas, Andy Oden, Janice Meese, Judy Benson and Charles White. The program registration is \$199 per person, which includes program cost and 12 meals. **Register by Oct. 31 and save \$10.** Enrollment forms and lodging reservations are available at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF**

#### ***United Methodists raised \$154,000 in 2008***

Every October, UMs have the opportunity to improve the lives of children around the world through a long-standing collaboration between the General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, the United Nation's Children's Fund. This collaboration, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, has helped UNICEF save more children's lives than any other organization, according to Caryl Stern, U.S. Fund president. To read the full report and learn how your church/group can get involved, visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=5521931&ct=7569343&tr=y&aid=5449999>.

### **Student Day funds scholarships, loans**

***United Methodist Special Sunday, Nov. 29***

UM Student Day, one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of the denomination, furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities. UM Student Day is celebrated the last Sunday of November, which is Nov. 29 this year. Read about this years' scholarships and loans to CTC student recipients in the Oct. 16 *Central Link* and remember that ONLY STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING CHURCHES are eligible for the Merit Scholarships awarded each year at Annual Conference. To read more about the UM Student Day, visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=5521931&ct=7569367&tr=y&auid=5450008>.

### **Resources for World AIDS Day — Dec. 1**

UM congregations are encouraged to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world by creating awareness about this deadly disease. A new brochure and a poster supporting the UM Global AIDS Fund are now available. Use and share Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure or poster, and support global programs engaged in advocacy, education, prevention, health care and training in response to HIV/AIDS. **World AIDS Day is Dec. 1.** Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by using these resources on Sundays leading up to World AIDS Day. Order Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure (<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=817364>) for the small cost of shipping, or download the poster (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/media/wad/wadposter09.pdf>). Look out for more HIV/AIDS resources to come and give to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, UMCOR Advance #982345.

*Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders — Nov. 16-20 at Winston-Salem, NC*  
[www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

*Advent Sermon Writing Retreat — Nov. 2-6 at Mount Sequoyah*  
[www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

*Just FOCUS: Sequoyah Singles 2009 — Nov. 6-8 at Mount Sequoyah*  
Singles outing in the hills of Fayetteville, Ark., to focus on God and focus on how God works in us and through us to bring the message of the Gospel to the world. [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org)

**Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21, 2010**  
<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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

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

Suicide Survivors, is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. It is supported by several churches in the Tarrant County area. A new group will begin in January 2010. 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).

### **Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing**

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays.  
<http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

### **Temple District**

Lay Speaking Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Lead Music in Worship  
When Nov 14 (begins at 9 a.m.)  
Where: Florence UMC

### ***Hurry Less Worry Less at Christmastime — Oct. 21***

Whatever happened to comfort and joy? Judy Pace Christie will be at Fort Worth First UMC Wednesday, Oct. 21, helping people learn to celebrate more joyfully, peacefully and deeply during the holiday season — the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — and on through the Christian celebration of Epiphany. There will be two scheduled presentations — noon and 6:30 p.m. — based on the practical or the same name. Join either presentation with \$10 payable at the door (includes a light meal). Contact Pam Cox at 817-339-5062 or [pcox@myfumc.org](mailto:pcox@myfumc.org) for reservations.

### **The Second Hundred Years: Fall Revival Series at La Trinidad, Fort Worth— Oct. 23-25**

Contact: Daniel F. Flores at [trinidad\\_umc@yahoo.com](mailto:trinidad_umc@yahoo.com) or on Facebook.

### **Relax, Refuel, Restart Retreat — Oct. 24**

The Relax, Refuel, Restart Retreat with Terry Hershey is an opportunity for church leaders, both clergy and laity, to rest, re-energize and take steps to find balance in their busy lives. The event is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at First UMC, Burleson (590 NE McAlister Road). For details and registration, visit [www.fumcburleson.org](http://www.fumcburleson.org) or call 817-295-1166. Participants will leave with an understanding of how to nurture their soul and renew their sense of what it means to live with passion, purpose and grace.

### **Job Transition Support Group Continues to Meet at FUMC Fort Worth**

Contact Marianne Wilson at 817-339-5071 or email her at [MWilson@MyFUMC.org](mailto:MWilson@MyFUMC.org)

### **Gifts of the Labyrinth — Oct. 23-25**

Veriditas facilitator training. [www.veriditas.org](http://www.veriditas.org)

### **Sparks Hosts One Man Show Revival Jubilee — Oct. 25-27**

Mark Winter's One Man Show Revival Jubilee is coming to Sparks Memorial UMC (900 Maxfield, Bellmead) Oct. 25-27. Winter will bring God's message on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. with a potluck luncheon after the morning worship. He will also be bringing the message at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Bring friends and family to hear and see Mark bring us a wonderful message in drama, magic and invitation. Questions? Contact Jimmy Sansom at 254-716-9550 or visit [www.sparksmemorial.com](http://www.sparksmemorial.com).

### **Lorena UMC Revival Features Family of Preachers — Oct. 25-27**

Lorena UMC invites all to a revival featuring the Robbins family as the revival preachers. Thomas Q. Robbins will preach at the 8:30 and 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, services with music by the combined band and Chancel Choir; John C. Robbins will preach at 7 p.m. Sunday service with music by the choir fir First UMC, Temple; Tom Robbins at the 7 p.m. Monday service with music by the Lorena band featuring guest drummer Joel Robbins; and Joel Robbins at the 7 p.m. Tuesday service with music by the Marlin & Mooreville UM churches. A reception will be held at 6:30 each evening.

### **Trinity, Arlington Seeks Ride Share to “Leaves of Gold” — Oct. 19-20**

Contact: Brenda Beaver at 817-274-1345

### **Perkins Hosts Visiting Professor Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz — Oct. 29**

Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz, professor of Social Ethics & Theology at the Theological School of Drew University and visiting professor at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, will present “Reconciliation: The Face of Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins. The lecture is free and open to the public.

### **Want to Know More About the Hebrew Bible? — Oct. 30 & 31**

Trinity UMC, Arlington, will host Dr. Toni Craven for an exciting discussion of the Hebrew Bible from 7 - 9 p.m. Oct. 30 and 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 31 in Rooms 201-203. Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, will talk about the significant themes of the Hebrew Bible through the

stories of God's people, providing a global view of the Bible in ways you may not have experienced.  
Contact: [miriam@trinityumcarlington.org](mailto:miriam@trinityumcarlington.org).

**Blue Like Jazz Author Donald Miller at First Fort Worth — Nov. 8**

First UMC of Fort Worth will be hosting Donald Miller (author of *Blue Like Jazz*, and *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*) at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 to speak about his new book and the movie being made that is based on his New York Times bestseller *Blue Like Jazz*. For tickets, contact Brandon Frenzel at 817-339-5070 or [bfrenzel@myfumc.org](mailto:bfrenzel@myfumc.org).

**Discover God's Call — Nov. 6-8**

Nov 6 - 8, Heart of Texas Baptist Retreat Center, Brownwood. Do you know your spiritual gifts that God has enabled you with? Do you know what God is calling you to do? Come to Discover God's Call in November. For more info or to register contact [kathychecki@juno.com](mailto:kathychecki@juno.com) or [judykreitner@juno.com](mailto:judykreitner@juno.com).

**Silver Serenaders at FUMC Midlothian – Nov. 8**

The Silver Serenaders, a premier senior adult community choir formed in 1981 by members of many different Christian denominations, will present "Our Hymn of Praise." This is a spectacular evening of inspirational hymns, popular songs, and patriotic medleys for your enjoyment. One night only, Sunday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. No charge for admission, but a love offering will be received.

**Mediation Skills Training — Nov. 16-20 at Winston-Salem, NC**

Details and registration available at [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

**Hope for the Holidays — Nov. 19**

Arborlawn UMC (5001 Briarhaven, Fort Worth) invites all to a different kind of worship experience at 7 p.m. Nov. 19. Despite the beauty of autumn and all the excitement around the holidays, this can be a darker than ever time for those struggling with grief and loss and those who finds the holidays make them sad or blue. This worship experience offers a chance to enter this season with inspiration and comfort as Deb Sewell, singer, songwriter and grief facilitator joins with the pastoral staff and the Chancel Choir to bring beautiful music, stories of comfort, hope, inspiration and prayer. Contact Arborlawn at 817-731-0701. Transportation and child care provided.

**Roots of Change Group for Pastors/Church Staff in Fort Worth Area — Thru Nov. 19**

Contact: Marianne at 817-339-5071.

**Dealing With Stress & Anxiety — Dec. 10 (this is a date change)**

Good news! We can learn how to reduce stress and protect ourselves from anxiety. Dr. Jim Gause will lead a seminar on these issues from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at First UMC of Mansfield. For more details, contact Debbie Black, care ministries coordinator, at 817-477-2287, ext. 162 or [debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org).

**2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16**

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: [SharonBass@texashealth.org](mailto:SharonBass@texashealth.org)

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## Resources

**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.

*Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith.* Andy Stanley. 6 Session DVD. The health of your faith matters to God, because a faith that isn't growing prevents a person from living up to his or her potential in establishing his Kingdom. *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* is an exciting DVD study that establishes the biblical case for the five things God uses to grow a BIG faith. Imagine how differently you would respond to life if you knew with unshakeable confidence that God was with you.

### **Stewardship Campaigns**

Does your church have your plans completed for your Fall Stewardship Campaign? There is not much time left to be ready. If you want FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at [dnlswain@charter.net](mailto:dnlswain@charter.net). Complete step-by-step plans will be provided to help you have a successful campaign. Every church should be conducting a stewardship campaign every year.

### **Financial Assistance**

Does your church have all the financial procedures in place that provide the integrity your congregation expects? How are deposits and money counting handled? Do you have procedures in place to receive gifts, property or stock? Are you keeping the proper financial records that show your correct financial condition? If you need some FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at [dnlswain@charter.net](mailto:dnlswain@charter.net). Meetings can be held with pastors or finance committees.

### **Church Demographics**

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Vicki@ctcumc.org](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

### **Crime Victims Council Information at [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://www.crimevictimsCouncil.org)**

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

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## **Needs, Resources, Opportunities**

**NOTE TO LISTERS:** Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

### **Good news!**

**There has been a rash of filled positions — more than a dozen over the past two weeks.  
E-Link is happy to play a role in bringing good people and good churches together.**

### **Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position**

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or [dcsmitty242@hotmail.com](mailto:dcsmitty242@hotmail.com).

### **Youth Minister**

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development, worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10



miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at [pastorpaxton@aol.com](mailto:pastorpaxton@aol.com).

### **Full-time Director of Youth Ministries**

St. John's UMC, Georgetown, is expanding a vital youth program and needs a person who is committed to Christ; knows, loves and relates to youth; and is capable of planning and directing programs for youth and their families. Salary commensurate with education and experience \$30,000 plus. Send resume and questions to SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

### **Youth Director**

Youth director, part-time up to 20 hours per week. 7-12 youth with great possibilities in a growing church outside of Waco. Contact: Allen Grant at [pastor@chinaspringumc.com](mailto:pastor@chinaspringumc.com) or 254-836-1107.

### **Director of Music & Worship**

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Sept. 1 with the position to be filled by Oct. 1. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenberg for more details at 254-751-0411.

### **Part-time Choir Director**

Hico FUMC seeks a choir director for the 10:50 a.m. worship service and possibly as worship leader for a contemporary service in the planning stages. This person should have a heart for sharing the Gospel through the music ministry, must have experience directing a church choir, be confident in making decisions about weekly anthems and special music at Christmas and Easter, be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Please contact SPRC Chair Buddy Teague at [fumchico@embarqmail.com](mailto:fumchico@embarqmail.com).

### **Part-time Music Director**

First UMC of Glen Rose seeks a part-time music director. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and leading adult choir for weekly services, choosing hymns for worship services, working with pianist, organist and pastor for worship and special services. If interested, e-mail resume to [fumc@valornet.com](mailto:fumc@valornet.com) or mail to FUMC, P.O. Box 426, Glen Rose 76043. For information you may call the church office at 254-897-2572.

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