

# Central E-Link

*Weekly Newsletter of the Central Texas Conference*

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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 announcements, in church newsletters and/or bulletins. The E-Link and the Central Link newspaper are posted on the conference website at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Read them online or download and copy to share with others. 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

### **ATTN: Youth Directors & Pastors**

*You will be contacted later this week for a count for two upcoming events!* The front page of this week's *Central Link* newspaper features two events that hold promise for young people as they discern and pursue their future paths. The first is the College Preview Day for high school juniors and seniors Sept. 12 on the Methodist Children's Home campus in Waco. We will be contacting you to determine how many students from your church (and hopefully their parents) will be attending. You will receive a schedule for the day and map of the campus showing the location of school/seminary/campus ministry exhibitors and focus sessions for students and their parents. Please continue to promote this heavily among your students and respond with an estimated number of those attending.

The second event is Exploration 2009 Nov. 13-15 in Dallas. This event is for high school seniors through age 24 who feel that God may be calling them for ministry. Scholarships are available through GBHEM, the Student Leadership Team and now through the Texas Methodist Foundation. Registration is online at [www.gbhem.org/exploration](http://www.gbhem.org/exploration), but we will be asking for an accounting of those who will be participating from our CTC congregations.

### **Appointment Changes Announced**

Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet announce the following changes in clergy appointments as of Sept. 2:  
**Cathy Bourgoin** — elder in full connection, from pastor at Valley Mills/Cayote charge (Waco Dist) to Central, Mineral Wells/Graford charge (Weatherford Dist), effective Oct. 1.

**Bryan Patrick** — elder in full connection, from pastor at Eastland UMC to Eastland/Ranger charge (both Brownwood Dist), effective Sept. 1.

**Jerry Chism** — elder in full connection, from senior pastor at Arlington Heights UMC to include Arlington Heights/Grace charge (Fort Worth Dist), effective June 1.

**Andrew Decker** — elder in full connection, from senior pastor at University UMC to voluntary leave of absence (Fort Worth Dist), effective Aug. 31.

**Robert Flowers** — elder in full connection, from pastor at Polytechnic UMC to addition of chaplain at Texas Wesleyan University (both in Fort Worth Dist), effective Aug. 15.

**Nancy Froman** — deacon in full connection, from associate at First Burseson to associate at St.

John the Apostle in Arlington (both in Fort Worth Dist), effective June 15.

**Charles Holland, Jr.** — retired member, from interim to pastor at Wesley UMC (Fort Worth Dist), effective Aug. 31.

**Richard Klemm** — full-time local pastor, from Central, Minerals Wells/Graford (Weatherford Dist) to Everman UMC (Fort Worth Dist), effective Oct. 1.

**Jonathan Mellette** — probationary elder, from St. Andrew, Corsicana/UCF Navarro College (Waxahachie Dist) to Florence/Jarrell charge (Temple Dist), effective Sept. 1.

**Joseph Nader** — probationary elder, from associate at Action UMC (Weatherford Dist) to director at the University of Texas-Arlington Wesley Foundation (Mid-Cities Dist), effective Sept. 1.

**Jamie L. Peterson** — probationary elder, from Florence/Jarrell charge (Temple Dist) to voluntary leave of absence, effective Aug. 31.

**Sandralyn Pierce** — from supply pastor to part-time local pastor at Blooming Grove/Dresden charge (Waxahachie Dist), effective Aug. 13.

**Tiffany Danna** — elder in full connection, from pastor at Bartlett UMC (Temple Dist) to associate at Action UMC (Weatherford Dist), effective Sept. 15.

**Kent Seuser** — elder in full connection, from director at University of Texas-Arlington Wesley Foundation (Mid-Cities Dist) to retired status, effective Aug. 31.

### **Join the CTC Immigration Reform Team**

If you believe we need a more humane immigration system for those who come to the U.S. seeking a better life, you have the opportunity to help build a rapid-response team of United Methodists who will advance the cause of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Bishop Minerva Caracaño of the Desert Southwest Conference is leading this nation-wide effort, and asking each conference to create a network of caring individuals who want to help bring about positive change in the U.S. immigration system. Contact Conference Coordinator Dean Reed at [rdr17@me.com](mailto:rdr17@me.com) to join the team or to learn more.

### **Missionary Carol Partiridge Itinerating in the CTC**

UM Missionary Carol Partiridge, currently serving in Macedonia, will be itinerating in the Central Texas Conference from Oct. 9 – 14. If you would like to have Carol speak in your local congregation, please contact Dawne McAlpin, CTC Secretary of Global Ministries, at [dawne@actonumc.org](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org).

### **Thanksgiving Offering 2009**

The Conference Task Force on Hunger has designated the General Board of Global Ministries Advance #982029 Hunger & Development to be the recipient of 90% of the annual Thanksgiving Offering and to continue the CTC Hunger Ministries grants with 10% of the Thanksgiving Offering. CF&A recommends all churches take this offering in November.

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

### **Deadline Is PAST for Annual Listing of Church/Ministry Fall Fundraisers**

The listing of local church/ministry fall fundraising events will appear in the Sept. 18 issue the *Central Link* newspaper and on the conference Web site beginning that same day. Thank you to those who got their information in timely, and best wishes in your fundraising efforts. Folks are urged to attend/support as many of these wonderful events as you can.

### **Training for dCOMs / Candidacy Mentors — Sept. 9 & Sept. 10**

The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) will be presenting quadrennial training for the District Committees on Ordained Ministry (dCOMs) in the southern part of the conference at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Central UMC, Waco. The same training will be presented for dCOMs in the northern part of the conference at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Arborlawn UMC, Fort Worth. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to their respective district offices. Sharon Robertson, candidacy registrar for the BOM, assisted by Nancy Schusler of the Mid-Cities District office, will be presenting training for the new quadrennium for all who are or wish to be candidacy mentors. Candidacy mentors work with prospective clergy candidates from the “exploring” stage until they are recommended to the BOM for commissioning as probationary (provisional) members. This training will take place immediately following dCOM training, beginning around 11 a.m. Sept. 9, at Waco Central and around 11 a.m., Sept. 10, at Arborlawn.

Again, lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to their respective district offices. Clergy who wish to mentor candidates during this important, formative time of candidacy must take this training each new quadrennium before they may be listed by GBHEM as approved candidacy mentors.

### **Keeping the Flame Alive — Sept. 26**

Keeping the Flame Alive gives training to Stephens Ministers and those in Nurture/Care Ministries. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at First UMC, Fort Worth's Wesley Hall. Sponsors for the event are Crime Victims Council and CTC Mental Health Concerns. Among the topics are: Lighting a Candle Without Burning Yourself Out!, How We can Be Better Care Givers Than Job's Friends, and What Victims Want the Church and Its Care Givers to Know. For more information and to register, contact Sandra Lydick at 817-675-6367 or [sandrallydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org](mailto:sandrallydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org).

### **An Evening of Compassion — Sept. 27**

*Getting to Know the Migrants Among Us*

This will be a 2-hour event beginning at 7 p.m. at Polytechnic UMC (1310 S. Collard St., Fort Worth 76105) and will include a prayer vigil, screening of the acclaimed film "Made in L.A.," and an opportunity to gather resources about immigration issues. The UMC's General Board of Church & Society has promoted this film as a poignant vehicle to better understand issues facing today's immigrants. Organizers are part of the Welcoming Immigrants Network (WIN), a faith-based network of Texans who reach out in love to immigrants. For more information about WIN or to find out how to join this effort, please contact Dean Reed at [rdr17@me.com](mailto:rdr17@me.com).

### **SAVE DATES: Youth Focus on "Engaging in Ministry with the Poor"**

CTC youth have three ministry outreach with the poor events scheduled for this fall:

- **CTCYM Beyond Our Borders** invites CTC youth groups to join in the first international CTCYM project by raising funds for Water for Life, an Advance project bringing clean drinking water to communities in Liberia. On the weekend of Sept. 19-20, youth groups around the Conference will do their own fundraisers to help raise enough money to build 10 wells in Liberia. Information and FAQs at [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org).
- **Mission Waco Poverty Simulation Weekend** will be held Oct. 9-11 in Waco. This weekend, open to the first 75 CTC youth grades 9-12 and their sponsors, allows youth to experience poverty in a safe environment, which will enable them to live out the call to engage in ministry with the poor. Information and FAQs at [www.missionwaco.org/povsimhtml.html](http://www.missionwaco.org/povsimhtml.html).
- **30 Hour Famine**, scheduled for Nov. 6-7 at Glen Lake Camp, is a joint effort between the Student Leadership Team and Glen Lake Camp to raise awareness about hunger and poverty. Youth are invited to spend 30 hours not eating and learning about poverty in the U.S. and around the world, using the time in service, prayer and worship. Register at [www.glenlake.org/30hrfamine](http://www.glenlake.org/30hrfamine).

### **Pre-marital Education Curriculum for Pastors — Oct. 8**

Do you do pre-marital education? Would you like to find good curriculum? Do you know about the help you will get from the State of Texas? There is a pastor's education event to introduce curriculum, resources and the State of Texas Twogether in Texas program from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Central UMC, Waco. This is a free event sponsored by the Conference Nurture Council to encourage and educate pastors and anyone who does pre-marital education. There is no charge for this event, but please place this date on your calendar and plan to be there to learn ways to improve your ministry to couples wanting to get married. Contact: Allen Grant at [pastor@chinaspringumc.com](mailto:pastor@chinaspringumc.com).

### **Upcoming CROP Hunger Walks in the Central Texas Conference Area**

Each year many communities sponsor the CROP Hunger Walk, a Church World Service event to raise community awareness about global hunger as well as raise funds for both international and local hunger relief efforts. This fall you have the opportunity to participate in a CROP Walk in several of our CTC communities:

- Mid-Cities CROP Walk (Bedford)—Oct. 11
- Fort Worth CROP Walk—Oct. 18
- Georgetown CROP Walk—Oct. 18

- Waco CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Information about these events can be found at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org). Additionally, information about the Fort Worth CROP Walk is available at [www.fortworthcrop.org](http://www.fortworthcrop.org) or [www.tarrantareacc.org](http://www.tarrantareacc.org).

### **New Faces, New Places: Hispanic Ministries Summit — Oct. 10**

This Hispanic Ministries Summit is sponsored by Bridges of the Spirit: A Training Institute for Hispanic-Latino/a Ministries. First UMC Hillsboro (315 E. Elm St., Hillsboro 76645) will host the event that features Rev. Ruben Saenz, pastor of El Buen UMC in Edinburg, TX, in the opening plenary session and Bishop Mike Lowry for the closing plenary. Workshops will be on Hispanic Leadership, Building Intercultural Proficiency, Hispanic-Latino/a Theology, Children’s Ministry and Elements of Hispanic Worship. For more details or to register, visit the conference Web site at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) under “Hispanic Ministries.”

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

The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation offers a daily rhythm designed for rest and renewal and includes worship, study, silence and solitude, prayer, spiritual friends — all within the context of Christian community. Sponsors for the event, scheduled for Nov. 1-6 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, are the Center for Congregational Excellence, Center for Clergy Excellence, churches and individuals of the Texas Annual Conference. For more details, contact Denice Foose at 713-203-0783 or [dsfoose@comcast.net](mailto:dsfoose@comcast.net).

### **Academy of Christian Education — Nov. 9-13**

The 2009 Academy of Christian Education will be held Nov. 9-13 at Still Water Lodge, Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Last year 23 Central Texas educators attended this event and were inspired, energized and equipped to do great things in Christian Education in their local churches. This event is for all persons who lead education and spiritual formation ministries in our CTC churches, for all age-levels. A brochure and registration information is on the conference website, [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org), or you can contact Karen Granderson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, [karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:karen@ctcumc.org). Some scholarship assistance is available for early registrations (Sept. 1), especially for small and ethnic minority churches.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Mission Agency Executive Resigns**

Rev. Edward W. Paup has resigned as general secretary of the UMC’s mission agency in order to attend to a serious health issue. He has been on leave for medical reasons since Aug. 10. Bishop Bruce Ough of West Ohio, president of the General Board of Global Ministries, announced the resignation, effectively immediately. “The results of examinations indicate the presence of a brain tumor that will require close and constant monitoring in the days ahead,” Bishop Ough said. “Treatment and prognosis are unclear at this time.” An interim general secretary will be named in the near future to provide leadership until a successor can be selected. Your prayers for Rev. Paup would be appreciated.

### **40 Days of Prayer for Campus Ministry**

[http://foundationforevangelism.org/news\\_and\\_press/news/article/40\\_Days\\_of\\_Prayer\\_for\\_Campus\\_Ministry/?tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=76&cHash=85d65cec67](http://foundationforevangelism.org/news_and_press/news/article/40_Days_of_Prayer_for_Campus_Ministry/?tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=76&cHash=85d65cec67)

An exciting conversation is taking place across the UMC about a vision of ministry and mission for the 21st Century, centering on four focus areas:

- [Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world](#)
- Creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations
- Engaging in ministry with the poor
- Stamping out the killer diseases of poverty by improving health globally

For many in our connection, recruiting young clergy has become the primary objective and tipping point toward renewal. Yet in all the talk about raising up the next generation of Christian leaders, campus ministry is rarely mentioned as a strategy toward this goal. The Foundation for Evangelism is lifting up this

area with 40 Days of Prayer already in progress. You can join the efforts at the Web address listed above.

### **Thomas B. Locke Joins the Foundation on Evangelism**

Thomas B. Locke, son of Texas Methodist Foundation President Tom Locke, has joined the Foundation for Evangelism as development officer. He has strong fund raising experience, most recently as assistant director of annual giving at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Tex. A third generation UM, he has a love for and thorough knowledge of the UMC, and he shares the passion, vision and mission of The Foundation for Evangelism.

### **Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21, 2010**

The General Board of Higher Education & Ministry (GBHEM) and the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) are sponsoring a continuing education event that will immerse participants in the Wesleyan tradition in the places the Wesley brothers lived, preached and prayed. The Wesley Pilgrimage in England is designed for provisional members (deacons and elders) of all conferences. The two general agencies are offering, through special scholarship funds, a \$500 scholarship to the first 24 provisional members who register. For more details, visit <http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>.

### **Educational Opportunities Beyond Central Texas**

#### ***UM Course of Study — Sept. 8-15***

The South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops is offering a UM Course of Study for clergy Sept. 8-15 at SCJ Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (Fayetteville, Ark). This event is planned for persons who need to fulfill their UM Doctrine, Polity or History requirement in the Course of Study. Each is a 30-hour course with required reading prior to Sept. 8. For more information and registration, call Susan Steuber at 316-686-0600 or email [ssteuber@kswestumc.org](mailto:ssteuber@kswestumc.org).

#### ***Intentional Interim Ministry Training — Sept. 15-18***

The South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops, in conjunction with The Intentional Growth Center, offers an Interim Ministry Training Seminar. It is a three-phase training program and will be held at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center in Fayetteville, Ark. Phase I will be Sept. 15-18, 2009, Phase III will be scheduled in 2010 and Phase II is a five-month period of work in one's home parish under a mentor's guidance. Dr. Jan Hill from the IGC will conduct the training. For program information contact Hill at [janhill@IntentionalGrowthCenter.org](mailto:janhill@IntentionalGrowthCenter.org), 800-482-1442 or 910-382-2535. For meals and lodging contact Mount Sequoyah [registration@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:registration@mountsequoyah.org) or call 800-760-8126.

#### ***Clergywomen's Gathering — Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity — Oct. 5-7***

Mount Sequoyah Conference Center in Fayetteville, Ark., will host this first of three planned clergywomen's gatherings. It will focus on recapturing creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. All women in vocational ministry in the UMC as well as our clergy sisters from other denominations are invited to attend. Registration is \$285-\$325 and includes program, meals and lodging. Contact: Kim Ross at [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org) or 800-760-8126. To register online click [http://www.mountsequoyah.org/www.mountsequoyah.org/Programs\\_Training.html](http://www.mountsequoyah.org/www.mountsequoyah.org/Programs_Training.html) or go to [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

#### ***Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders — Oct. 5-9***

While conflict is normal and inevitable, leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through their conflicts. Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders will be held at three times and locations, but most strategically located for CTC leaders is the Oct. 5-9 program in Arlington. Others are Aug. 3-7 in the Chicago area and Nov. 16-20 in North Carolina. The program is presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Although focused primarily on the church setting, the skills learned are directly transferable to other settings. For more details and to register, visit [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

#### ***Worship Planning Retreat with Marcia McFee — Oct. 11-14 at Lake Tahoe***

What if you had the whole liturgical year mapped out with general directions, themes, symbols and ideas? And what if you had three concentrated days in a beautiful retreat setting with someone to guide you

through the process and in the company of others with which to share energy and ideas? Famed worship leader Marcia McFee will lead her second annual "Worship Design Studio Tahoe" Planning Retreat at Zephyr Point on the shores of Lake Tahoe. Pastors, music directors, worship team leaders, visual and media artists can get a jump-start on their planning for the year. For details, visit <http://www.marciamcfee.com>.

***Advent Sermon Writing Retreat — Nov. 2-6***

Mount Sequoyah Conference Center, 150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark., will host clergy and lay ministers to undertake their in-depth preparation and sermon writing for this season. Cost \$395, commuter \$155. For more information, contact Kim Ross at 800-760-8126 or [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org) or visit [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

***Leading the Small Church Seminar — Nov. 15-19***

The Small Church Leadership Institute is offering a seminar to equip laity and pastors with the knowledge and skills for leading their small attendance church into the future. The seminar will be Nov. 15-19 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. For more information, visit

<http://www.ctxumc.org/weatherford/Forms%20and%20Resources/09%20Final%20Small%20Church%20Initiative.pdf> and registration

<http://www.ctxumc.org/weatherford/Forms%20and%20Resources/Small%20Church%20Registration%20Nov%202009.pdf>.

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## News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

**Parenting with Love and Logic® — Starts Sept. 8**

*Easy to Use. Raises Responsible Kids. Changes Lives.*

First UMC Crowley (509 Peach St.) will host this event from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays for 8 weeks beginning Sept. 8. \$12 for materials. Limited enrollment. Call 817-297-4530 for information or to enroll.

[www.crowleyumc.com](http://www.crowleyumc.com).

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University — Starts Sept. 16**

*FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals, and experience true financial peace.*

First UMC Crowley (509 Peach St.) will host this event Wednesdays from 7-9 pm for 13 weeks beginning Sept. 16. \$93 (regularly \$199) for materials, lifetime membership in FPU, discounts with Dave's Approved Local Providers. Call 817-297-4530 for information or to enroll.

**Church Celebrates 150 Years in Ministry — Sept. 13**

On Sunday, Sept. 13, First UMC of Comanche will celebrate 150 years of continual ministry based in the town of Comanche. The day of celebration begins with coffee and snacks at 9:45 a.m. in the foyer of the sanctuary. The worship service, beginning at 10:30 a.m., includes reflection on some of the major milestones accomplished by the church, special music by the Chancel Choir, and a message from our guest speaker, Bliss Dodd, representing the laity of the Central Texas Conference. At the conclusion of the worship service, a catered luncheon will be served in the Family Life Center and many photos from the past will be on display. The celebration will culminate with the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker located in front of the church on Grand Ave., followed by a reception for all in attendance to visit with one another. Everyone is invited to be a part of this grand day of celebration. If you plan to be present for lunch, please contact the church office at 325-356-2120 by Tuesday, Sept. 7, so we can plan for seating and food.

**UCC: Commemorating 100 Years of Service — Sept. 13**

The Board of Directors of United Community Centers, Inc. extend an open invitation to an Open House at

the Wesley Center (3600 N. Crump St., Fort Worth 76106) from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. United Community Centers, Inc. is commemorating 100 years of service to the Tarrant County community and celebrating all the possibilities of the next 100 years. Please RSVP to Susie Reyes, 817-927-5556, x115 or [sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org](mailto:sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org).

### **“Big Day at New Day” Sunday — Sept. 13, 6 p.m.**

All are invited to the “official” launch of New Day UMC at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Meet Bishop Mike Lowry and hear pastor Sheila Fiorella share God’s dreams for the future. Then stick around to shoot some hoops with old friends and new. Experience a new day and a brand new church! New Day UMC currently meets every Sunday night at 6 p.m. at the Mansfield Activities Center (MAC), 106 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063. Join the city of Mansfield and the Central Texas Conference as we celebrate God’s forgiving love together! For more information, go to [www.newdayumc.com](http://www.newdayumc.com).

### **Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University Class — Sept. 13**

First UMC of McGregor offers Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University 13-week program this fall beginning Sept. 13. The cost of the full program is \$93/family. Financial Peace is designed to help people learn how to pay off their debt, start saving for the future and make wiser, more purposeful decisions regarding money. FPU teaches stewardship — how to manage 100% of what God has given.

### **The Baby Turns One! — Sept. 13**

Rockbridge Church in Round Rock/Cedar Park celebrates one year of weekly worship on Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. “God has done amazing things during this time and we would love for you to share in our celebration by sending a representative from your church to worship with us that day,” suggests Wade Killough, pastor. Many in the conference have been praying for and supporting Rockbridge in many different ways. Now they can see what they have been praying for and supporting! Check out [www.rockbridgelife.com](http://www.rockbridgelife.com) for more info.

### **An Evening with Enrique’s Journey Author Sonia Nazario — Sept. 21**

Aledo UMC (corner of Oak & Pecan in Aledo) will present “An Evening with Sonia Nazario,” author of the United Methodist Women’s reading program book *Enrique’s Journey*, at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21. Based on the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper series that won two Pulitzer Prizes, *Enrique’s Journey* is the timeless story of families torn apart, the yearning to be together again, and a boy who would risk his life to find the mother he loves. Sonia met Enrique, a young boy from Honduras, at a shelter when he was attempting to come to the U.S. to reunite with his mother. In her quest to document his story, she rode on the top of trains, slept in cemeteries and spent time in INS detention facilities. She will share this dramatic story on Sept. 21.

### **Divorce Recovery Workshop — Sept. 25 & 26**

Trinity UMC (3321 W. Park Row, Arlington 76013) is the location for a Divorce Recovery Workshop aimed at relational life healing, presented by Licensed Professional Counselor Marty Jeane, PhD. This weekend program is for anyone who feels unfinished with the divorce experience, whether just separated, recently divorced or divorced for years. The workshop will begin on Friday evening, Sept. 25, and continue during the day on Saturday, Sept. 26. The \$20 fee includes workshop materials and Saturday lunch. Registration deadline is Sept. 18. The Single Adult Ministry groups at three area churches jointly sponsor the workshop: Trinity UMC Arlington, First UMC Arlington and St. John The Apostle UMC Arlington. For more information or a flyer by email, contact Cheryl Seese: 817-253-2911, [cherylseese@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cherylseese@sbcglobal.net) or Michael Anderson: 817-313-9931, [mpacpatx@yahoo.com](mailto:mpacpatx@yahoo.com).

### **“Girls United! In Christ” for 3rd-6th Grade Girls — Next Session: Sept. 25-26**

Church of the Good Shepherd in Arlington invites all girls in 3rd-6th grades to be part of the excitement of **Girls United! In Christ**. During this free program, girls will learn about building character and healthy relationships with friends and family. Each session will be Friday evening through Saturday morning. The girls will extend their learning through every activity and make their own special memories with crafts and learning about the building blocks of character. In previous sessions they explored honesty, trustworthiness and patience, and will dive into the qualities of **kindness, humility and generosity** in this second session

(Sept. 25-26). Each session stands alone; you do not have to have attended previous sessions to be eligible for or to enjoy subsequent sessions. To register, or for more details, contact the church at 817-275-1033 or [goodshepherdumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goodshepherdumc@sbcglobal.net). Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.churchofgoodshepherd.org](http://www.churchofgoodshepherd.org). Look for more sessions in the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010.

### **Ken Medema Is Coming to Acton — Sept. 6**

Bring your friends, family, youth group, your whole congregation to Acton UMC, Granbury at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, to hear the incomparable Ken Medema sing, play, make up songs on the spot, tickle your funny bone and warm your heart. This totally unique singer/songwriter/ pianist, blind from birth, has a minister's heart and an evangelistic fervor in his performance. Stay after the free concert for water slide fun for the kids and teens and a delicious hot dog and watermelon dinner. Please bring a love offering to help us defray expenses and please also bring a can of food for People Helping People of Hood County. Contact Suzanne Cate for more information at 817-326-4242 or [Suzanne@actonumc.org](mailto:Suzanne@actonumc.org).

### **Josh McDowell Is Willson Lecturer at Texas Wesleyan — Sept 14**

Josh McDowell will be the speaker for the Willson Lecture Series at Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth) Monday, Sept. 14. During his 47 years of ministry, McDowell (<http://www.josh.org/site/c.ddKDIMNtEqG/b.4023555/k.BE5B/Home.htm>) has authored or co-authored 108 books, including *More Than a Carpenter*, which has been translated into more than 85 languages, and *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, which has been recognized by *World Magazine* as one of the century's most influential books. Two events will be occurring on that day — a noon luncheon with the author/lecturer for area pastors at \$10 per person (Sept. 9 deadline to sign up) and the formal lecture at 7 p.m. at Polytechnic UMC, which is free and open to all. If interested in either of the events, contact Gladys Childs at 817-531-4461 or [gchilds@txwes.edu](mailto:gchilds@txwes.edu).

### **Temple District**

Class: Local (Basic) Lay Speaking Class

Dates: Sept. 26 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 27 2-5 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's UMC Georgetown

Faculty: Johnel Louie

Interested persons should email Rev Arcynthia Louie at [cynthlouie@aol.com](mailto:cynthlouie@aol.com)

Lay Speaking Basic (Local) Course

When: Oct 17 (9-5) Oct 18 (2-5)

Where: Florence UMC

Faculty: Sandra Oliver

Bring: Study Bible, Discipline, UM Hymnal

Lay Speaking Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Lead Music in Worship

When Nov 14 (begins at 9 a.m.)

Where: Florence UMC

Faculty: Jane Woodward

### **Mediation Skills Training — Oct. 5-9**

Conflict is normal and inevitable — whether in the home, school, community, church or workplace. Leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through conflicts. The Mediation Skills Training Institute, presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, will be held Oct. 5-9 at St. John the Apostle UMC in Arlington. The program is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational intervention and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. Details and registration available at [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

### **Bluff Dale & Morgan Mill Sponsor Dave Ramsey Class - Financial Peace University**

Financial Peace University teaches us how to begin to live debt free! One of our UMC vows is to live without financial embarrassment, and this class is a step in that direction. The 2008 FPU classes at Morgan

Mill, Bluff Dale and First Stephenville paid off \$189,000 in debt as a result of FPU. **The class will begin the first week in September and ends in December.** This is an outreach ministry with the only cost being \$100 per family for the Ramsey FPU kit. There are a very few scholarships available. Everyone who lives with you is considered your family. We have had singles, grandparents, parents, and children take this course as a family together. A ballpark estimate of participants is needed to order the FPU kits this month. Please contact Paul Porter [pastorpeporter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorpeporter@sbcglobal.net) or 817-579-0385 if you or anyone in your congregation is interested in participating.

### **HeartPaths DFW**

Spiritual Ministries Institute sponsors HeartPaths DFW for persons who sense a gift and calling to spiritual leadership and/or spiritual direction ministry, who desire a personal spiritual discipline and who want to learn to deepen their skills and sensitivities. 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 to have 3 phases. Ongoing discernment is part of the experience each year. The first year deepens personal spiritual formation and group facilitating skills and leads to a *Certificate in Spiritual Leadership*. Those who discern a calling to continue will complete the second year – Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius and the third year Practicum in Spiritual Direction. Completion of all three years leads to a *Certificate in Spiritual Direction*.

White's Chapel UMC in Southlake is excited to bring HeartPaths to their campus in the fall. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:30-11 a.m. If you would like more information please phone 214-934-3217 or 214-908-0229 or email: [spirmininst@yahoo.com](mailto:spirmininst@yahoo.com).

### **Save the Date: Karen Armstrong Scheduled for First Fort Worth Goostree Lecture Series**

Plans are underway for First UMC, Fort Worth to host Karen Armstrong as guest speaker for the church's annual 2009 Goostree lecture series. She will be speaking at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, on "Religion as Light in Our Broken World: Toward a Spirit of Compassion." Texas Christian University will host her Tuesday evening for a lecture on "Religion in an Age of Terror: Perils and Possibilities." More details later.

### **Marriage Retreat at Joshua — Oct. 3-4**

First UMC of Joshua will host a marriage retreat Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4, at Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose. Adam Hamilton's Making Love Last a Lifetime is the study guide to lead participating couples for the two-day retreat (one night, two-day biblically based encounter). Expect an encounter filled with laughter while delving into the subject of marriage from a Christian perspective. The cost of \$175 per couple includes meals. Please contact Tonya Frantz, adult and family ministry director, for more details at 817-558-9801 or [tonya@joshuaumc.net](mailto:tonya@joshuaumc.net).

### **The Second Hundred Years: Fall Revival Series — Oct. 23-25**

Join La Trinidad UMC in Fort Worth on the weekend of Oct. 23 - 25 to mark 100 years of ministry to the historic Northside barrio in North Fort Worth. There will be an ice cream social and photo swap Friday and a youth & young adult service Saturday night. Special Sunday morning speaker: Gilberto Velez, president of The Hispanic Megachurch Association and senior pastor of El Templo Misericordia, a congregation founded on evangelical social outreach in Laredo. Contact: Daniel F. Flores at [trinidad\\_umc@yahoo.com](mailto:trinidad_umc@yahoo.com) or on Facebook.

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

As many people are facing the challenge of unemployment or job transition First UMC of Fort Worth (800 W. Fifth St.) has chosen to offer two new groups for support and resources. Job search coaching and job loss support are both available. For more information 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**

East Fort Worth Montessori Academy (501 Oakland Blvd., Fort Worth) is hosting Gifts of the Labyrinth with Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress Friday-Tuesday, Oct. 23-27. Activities begin with a public lecture on Friday evening and continues with a full day workshop on Saturday, which includes a sunset labyrinth walk with

music. Sunday begins and ends with a sunrise/sunset labyrinth walks and Monday and Tuesday focus on Veriditas facilitator training. [www.veriditas.org](http://www.veriditas.org).

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

Trinity UMC in Arlington will be taking a group of older adults to Mt. Sequoyah’s “Leaves of Gold” Conference Oct. 19-22, and would like to share transportation costs with other church groups also planning to go. James Moore, popular author and speaker and retired from a successful 22-year tenure as senior minister of St. Luke’s UMC in Houston, is the keynote speaker for this conference. If interested, please call Brenda Beaver at 817-274-1345.

### **Adult Mission Trip to Nicaragua — Oct. 3-11**

Aledo UMC, in conjunction with M.E.D.I.C.O., is planning its annual health care mission trip. They invite others to join them for an adventure to Nicaragua Oct. 3-11. Help them minister to people who have little or no health care available to them. This life-changing experience enables participants to share God’s love and reach out to others in need. Be part of a team representing our churches, our communities, and our faith. Who may apply: all health care professionals - physicians, dentists, nurses, dental assistants, pharmacists, optometrists, chiropractors and Spanish speakers. Cost: \$700 plus airfare. For more information contact Peggy Badlato at 817-443-0284 or [pbadlato@att.net](mailto:pbadlato@att.net).

### **Take the Journey — Oct. 16-18**

Take the Journey is a spiritual growth opportunity offered by Smithfield UMC Oct. 16-18 at Bridgeport Methodist Camp (3280 FM 2952, Bridgeport 76426). For more details or to register, visit [www.smithfieldumc.org](http://www.smithfieldumc.org), click on “Upcoming” and select “Retreat” from the dropdown menu. Contact: Susie Butcher at 817-501-9167 or [retreat@smithfieldumc.org](mailto:retreat@smithfieldumc.org).

### **The Worship Workshop Live! — Oct. 17**

First UMC of Burleson will host a Worship Workshop with Marcia McFee from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. This event, co-sponsored by the CTC Nurture Council, is for lay and clergy throughout the conference. McFee designs and leads worship for local, regional and national gatherings — including the 2008 General Conference in Fort Worth — and clients consistently report they have been moved by the weaving together of all worship components into a spirit filled encounter with God. More details later.

### **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).

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

This group is facilitated by Charles Gaby from 8-10:30 a.m. Thursdays through Nov. 19 at First UMC Fort Worth (750 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Worth 76102). The cost for this group is a donation to the Roots of Change program - minimum donation \$100. Limited to 10 participants. Meets in the Larry Grubb Group Room of the Center for Creative Transformation at First UMC. Registration ends when full or by Aug. 20 Contact: Marianne at 817-339-5071.

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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.

*The John Wayne Movie Bible Study*. Primetime Parable Ministries. 2009. Based on "Angel and the Badman," the most Christian film the Duke ever made. It is the redemption story of a wounded gunfighter

and the Quaker family that helps him to heal-not only physically, but also spiritually. DVD, leader book and participant's workbook. Four sessions:

- Quirt Evans: A Dirty Duke-theme: Vice
- The Worth of Penny Worth-theme: Virtue
- A Life or Death Decision-theme: Decision
- Ride to Redemption-theme: Redemption

### **Online Access to Clergy Sexual Misconduct Prevention Course**

An Internet course on *Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct* (PCSM) is available to all clergy and to all supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. All pastors, associates, supply pastors appointed to a charge, and other CTC clergy can now go to [www.careermarriage.org/pcsm](http://www.careermarriage.org/pcsm), click on "Login" and set up their personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirement for training in preventing clergy sexual misconduct. There is no cost to clergy for this Internet course. To access the PCSM each eligible clergy needs to enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty contact Richard Hunt at [pcsm@careermarriage.org](mailto:pcsm@careermarriage.org). To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org), 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At the [www.careermarriage.org/pcsm](http://www.careermarriage.org/pcsm), all the buttons at the left side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the top tool buttons is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.

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

The new Crime Victims Council website ([www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://www.crimevictimsCouncil.org)), sponsored with a generous grant from Downtown Fort Worth Rotary, 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 your submission to [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.**

### **Youth Director**

First UMC of Joshua (5 miles SW of Burleson on Hwy. 174) is looking for a highly-motivated, self-starter to be the director of youth ministries. FUMC Joshua is a growing church in a growing community. Twenty hours per week. Contact: Lara Whitley at [larawhitley@gmail.com](mailto:larawhitley@gmail.com) or 817-558-9801.

### **Music Director and Pianist**

Harker Heights UMC seeks qualified applicants for two positions:

- part-time music director, responsible for providing spiritual musical oversight.
- part-time pianist, responsible for providing accompaniment to the Praise Band, Choir and membership hymns. Contact HHUMC at 254-699-6271.

### **Children and Youth Workers**

Edge Park UMC seeks two part-time persons to work in the respective areas of children and youth. College age or seminary students are preferable for both of these active roles in designing and carrying out ministry opportunities for elementary children and also for youth. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience and training. Send resume to Lynn D. Moore at [ldmoore74@att.net](mailto:ldmoore74@att.net) or to 5616 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134.

### **Christian Education Position Sought by DRC Immigrant**

Joseph Kazaki, ordained Presbyterian minister from the Democratic Republic of Congo, seeks political

asylum in the U.S. and has just received his Green Card allowing him to be employed. He has been related to First UMC of Hurst and volunteering in mission work. He is well educated in the DRC and U.S. and seeks a position in Christian education, if possible, but is open to any ministry-related job. He speaks English and French and is available to speak with groups and classes about the church in the Congo or the political situation there. He hopes to bring his family to the U.S. in the next year or so. For more details on Joseph, contact Henry Radde at 817-291-8965 or Hurst member Bob Nethers at 918-282-1326, or contact Joseph directly at 817-282-1055.

### **Publishing/Administrative Assistant**

First UMC of Keller seeks an energetic professional to fill the role of publishing/administrative assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign and familiarity in other Adobe products. Ideal applicant would have experience, be able to multi-task and meet deadlines. Please e-mail resumes to [lisag@kellerumc.org](mailto:lisag@kellerumc.org) or call 817-431-1332 for more information.

### **Youth Ministries Director**

First UMC of Crawford seeks a committed and dynamic person of faith for a part time position of director of youth ministries. The successful candidate will be a seminary student who has experience working with youth. The position is for 10 hours per week. Contact Rebecca Hull at [crawfordumc@netzero.net](mailto:crawfordumc@netzero.net).

### **Youth Director/Minister**

Wanted: Part-time youth director/minister for First UMC of Grandview (located on I-35 about 30 miles south of Fort Worth). Please send resume to Harrell Braddock, Jr. at [harrell@gvmethodist.org](mailto:harrell@gvmethodist.org) or call 903-641-9805.

### **Music Ministry**

Local Christian artist Laura Metze-Roberts of Round Rock seeks places to minister through song and word. Laura has been in music ministry since 1995, written over 400 songs, using instruments of keyboard and guitar in various styles. Graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary and presently in the ordination track heading towards candidacy in the UMC. Her ministry is called "In His Calling." She is available to work with churches and other groups and functions. Contact: 870-416-1005 or [ljeanmtz@aol.com](mailto:ljeanmtz@aol.com).

### **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.

### **Associate Director of Music Ministries**

First UMC of Burleson seeks candidates for associate director of music ministries to: assist and support the director in leading vocal and bell choirs, provides leadership for the Sunday Morning Blend, direct the youth, drama and Glory Ringers (bell) choirs, serves as a backup for the accompanist and participate in staff development and meetings as needed. For more details, contact Mark Stamper at 817-723-9397 (cell) or [maest1020@yahoo.com](mailto:maest1020@yahoo.com).

### **P-T Worship Leader**

First UMC of Fort Worth ([www.fumcftw.org](http://www.fumcftw.org)) seeks a part-time worship leader to create an engaging, welcoming environment in which youth in grades 7-12 will experience real Christian community through worship, teaching, music, media and other creative venues. Responsibilities for the position include coordinating the youth worship service with the youth ministry staff and leading the student band for Sunday worship and fellowship opportunities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Our candidate should have multiple musical abilities and experience in leading worship. Please send resume to Brandon Frenzel at FUMC Fort Worth, Director of Youth Ministries, 800 W. 5th Street, Fort Worth 76102 or [bfrenzel@myfumc.org](mailto:bfrenzel@myfumc.org).

### **P-T Praise Team Leader**

First UMC of Corsicana seeks a part-time praise team leader to lead the existing Praise Team. The ideal candidate will be a devoted and energetic person with a passion for Christ and a desire and ability to share

that passion with the congregation through music. This person must possess strong musical leadership, have a broad knowledge of contemporary Christian music, be able to utilize the latest multi-media technology, and have strong leadership and communication skills. Other desired attributes are friendly, creative, collaborative, adaptable and outgoing, and someone who wants to become a part of our church family. The church's goal is for the new contemporary worship to grow in the community as well as within the church walls. If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Steve Moss, associate pastor, at 214-803-3609 or e-mail your resume to [stevem@fumccorsicana.org](mailto:stevem@fumccorsicana.org).

### **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.

### **Hammond Organ**

First UMC of Dawson is giving away a Hammond Organ, model M-101. The upper and lower keyboards (along with the associated stops and drawbars) work just fine. The volume control pedal works, but the bass pedals do not work very well, but they may simply need a cleaning. The organ is free to anyone who can pick it up. Contact Michael Redmond at 903-229-2123 or [michaelr@valornet.com](mailto:michaelr@valornet.com) to arrange for a time. The organ needs a good home with someone who will play it.

### **Administrative Assistant**

St. Paul UMC of Hurst seeks an experienced, part-time administrative assistant. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and Word, with Web-maintenance skills is necessary. Please send resume to; St. Paul UMC of Hurst, 852 Bedford-Euleless Road, Hurst 76053, [Saintpaul06@charterinternet.com](mailto:Saintpaul06@charterinternet.com), 817-284-7181.

### **Music Director**

Stephenville First UMC seeks a full-time music director for their 1300-member church in rural central Texas. Duties include oversight of the entire music program (including part-time positions for pianist and contemporary music leader), conducting the chancel choir, recruiting and resourcing volunteer directors of children's, youth and handbell choirs, and leading or assisting with a variety of special programs or services throughout the year. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skill level. Health insurance and other benefits included. Motivated, organized servant leaders who enjoy creating excellent worship should apply. Contact Search Committee at [fumc@our-town.com](mailto:fumc@our-town.com) or 254-965-5046. The full job description is available at [www.fumcville.org](http://www.fumcville.org).

### **Church Steeple**

Alliance UMC in Fort Worth posted recently the sale of a 31-foot tall steeple. While there were a few inquiries, there has been no sale. The trustees are now prepared to drop the price to the low, low price of nothing, zero, free. If interested, please contact Ken Damon at 940-566-7420.

### **Worship Leaders/Musician/Vocalist**

Troy UMC seeks a part-time (10 hours per week) worship leader, guitarist and vocalist to lead the praise team. Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to Christ, possess knowledge of contemporary Christian music and offer strong leadership and organizational skills. Applications may be obtained through the church office 254-938-2364 or by e-mail at [troymethodist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:troymethodist@sbcglobal.net).

### **Director of Children's Ministries**

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. This is a vibrant and growing congregation just west of Fort Worth in northeast Parker County. Responsibilities include creating children's programming that disciples and attracts the children of the growing community as well as coordinating volunteers and teachers for existing classes. Salary commensurate with experience. This position will close upon receiving 3 qualifying candidates. Send resumes and questions to Jason Hamilton at [jason@silvercreekumc.org](mailto:jason@silvercreekumc.org) or Silver Creek UMC 2200 Church Rd. Azle 76020.

### **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).

### **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. Send resume and questions to Jim Fagg, SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

### **Organist/Accompanist (Part Time-20 hrs. wk)**

First UMC of Keller, a growing church 25 minutes north of Fort Worth with an average attendance of 700, seeks an accomplished organist/accompanist who is also a committed person of faith to provide musical leadership in two weekly traditional worship services and other seasonal services in the Wesleyan tradition. This position also includes accompanying weekly Chancel Choir and youth choir rehearsals and accompanying vocalists and instrumentalists as scheduled by the director of music and worship. The church owns a three rank Baldwin 636 electronic organ, a 7 ft. Boston Steinway grand, and a 6 ft. Hobart Cable grand. Salary negotiable and competitive. Send resume to David Gerig, director of music and worship at [davidg@kellerumc.org](mailto:davidg@kellerumc.org) or FUMC of Keller, 1025 Johnson Road, Keller 76248. 817-431-1332. [www.kellerumc.com](http://www.kellerumc.com).

### **Pew Cushions**

First UMC Georgetown found a new home for their previously advertised 34 choir robes at Discovery UMC in Hutto. However, they still have some pew cushions in various sizes from a recent renovation. Contact Scotty Rundell or Wanda Foster at 512-863-2370 for specifics.

### **Theatre Organ**

A member at Bethesda UMC (Weatherford) would like to donate a "Conn 645 theatre organ" with full pedal board, antique white cabinet. It needs a service call, but service manual provided. Will donate to a nonprofit organization. If interested, call Imogene Hammond at 940-445-0311.

### **Pianist/Organist**

Midlothian is seeking applicants for pianist/organist position. This is a part-time position that includes accompanying the Adult Choir at Wednesday night rehearsal and playing for two services each Sunday morning. Salary and hours are negotiable. Position opens mid-June. Please submit applications to Billy Pritchett at [billyp@fumc-midlothian.org](mailto:billyp@fumc-midlothian.org). For more information call 682-465-1371.

### **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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