

Central E-Link

News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip Church Leaders

Conference News & Updates

Events to Look into:

- **Passionate Worship Conference:** Join Alamo Heights UM Church in San Antonio, Sept 9-10, to learn more about what passionate worship truly is. Register online at www.umcswtx.org
- **2011 Leadership Institute:** Sept 28-30, UMC of the Resurrection is offering you ways to energize and enhance your ministry. For more information, visit www.li.cor.org. Early bird deadline is Sept. 2. Young adults under 25 receive a special discount of \$49.
- **Wesleyan Leadership Conference:** GBOD presents an opportunity to learn more about a new vision for the Wesleyan Community Oct. 13-15 in Nashville, TN. For more information and registration, check out www.gbod.org/wesleyanleadership
- **Exploration 2011:** If you are 18-26 years old and are considering ordained ministry, look to join the Board of Higher Education & Ministry, Nov. 11-13 in St. Louis, Missouri. To see more, visit www.gbhem.org/exploration Early registration is now until Sept. 5

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Mission Messages

- **UMVIM Leadership Training:** Two UMVIM Leadership Training events in the north and south part of our conference will be held this year, one in the fall and one in the spring. However, if anyone is needing more immediate training, Judy Hutcherson will hold a training event at Cedar Park FUMC on Thursday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m. If interested, contact Johnny Miller 254-773-3021 or Johnny@oakparkmethodist.org
- **Joplin Now Open to UMVIM Teams:** For more information in regard to sending a team, please contact Johnny Miller at Johnny@oakparkmethodist.org or 254.773.3021, or Kyland Dobbins, the Mission Experience Coordinator, in the conference office at Kyland@ctcumc.org.
- **Haiti Earthquake Relief Mission:** On Jan. 12, Haiti experienced a massive earthquake that claimed over 250,000 lives. UMC has been working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to rebuild lives & property. You can help by joining:

-Laraine Waughtal (Morgan Mill/Bluff Dale) in a 10 person UMVIM earthquake mission team Oct. 5-13. The team now has one more opening. If interested, contact Laraine: 254-595-1503 or revlaraine@yahoo.com

-George Murphy (Salado UMC) in a 10-member relief mission team for one week on Oct. 20-28. 2 slots remain. If interested, contact George at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com



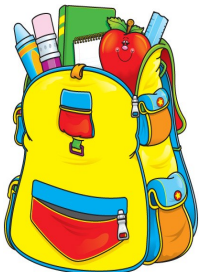


Attend:

FREE Philmont Concert: Foundation United Methodist Church in Temple invites you to enjoy a free concert at 7 pm, Friday, Aug. 12. Please bring a canned food donation help the Temple/Belton food pantry. For more information, Contact Clinton Sharp clinton@foundationumc.org. Check out Philmont here <http://www.youtube.com/user/philmont>. Solace Through Flames: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Solace-Through-Flames/163019577077453>.

Get Involved!

- **Videos for GC 2012 Young People’s Address:** Two young people (age 11-30) to present address at General Conference that will include several short video stories from ministries across the globe. To apply as presenter, send 3-5 min video (by Aug. 1) that includes:
 - you introducing a ministry story from your context
 - one minute story (video or slideshow) of ministry you’re introducing
 - closing remarks
 - explanation of why it’s important for you to represent young adults in the UMC to the General Conference



Happening in the Church

Annual “Tools for School” Collection Begins: Harker Heights UMC will be kicking off their annual collection of educational supplies for the less financially blessed students of Killeen ISD on Sunday, Aug. 7. In 2010, they started embroidering the names of each child on a backpack as part of the “Blessing of the Back Packs” program. Please keep this important outreach program in your thoughts and prayers.

<http://www.zionunitedmethodist.org/wp/>

General Conference, 2012

- **Choirs Needed:** Choirs and ensembles interested in performing are asked to submit letter of application to gc2012worship@gmail.com. Include brief bio and a Youtube video link of group performing. Deadline is July 31, 2011.
- **Volunteer Marshalls & Pages:** 150 volunteers needed to serve and assist in Tampa, Fla. April 24-May 4, 2012. Application at www.umcevents.org/gc2012marshalpage. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2012. Applicants will be notified of status by Nov. 30
- **Petition Submissions Welcome for 2012 GC:** Now until Sept. 27, any UM individual, group, church, conference can submit petitions for consideration by 2012 General Conference. For details, check out conference website at www.ctcumc.org.

Board of Ordained Ministry News

“As part of The Exodus Project, the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) administrative office has been relocated to the Conference Center at 464 Bailey Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76107.



Joining the BOM staff is Kathy Ezell, who can be reached at 682-235-1037 or at KathyEzell@ctcumc.org Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ms. Ezell comes to the BOM from her position as administrative assistant at First United Methodist Church, Keller.

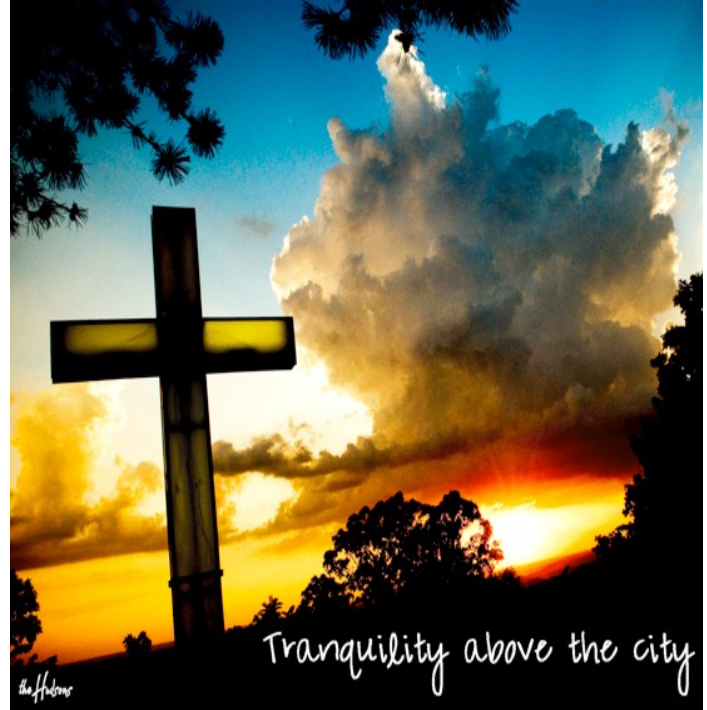
Gala Trimble, BOM staff person since August 2004, will be retiring at the end of July and expressed her appreciation for the love, respect and support she has received from candidates, clergy and laity over the last seven years. Ms. Trimble is excited about her plans for retirement and feels she leaves the Board in good hands.”



<http://ctcumc.org/news/detail/181>

Take Part In:

- **School of Congregational Development:** Excellent opportunity for new church pastors. Scheduled for Wed-Sun, July 27-31 in Dallas, TX. Sponsored by The General Board of Global Ministries and Path 1. CEU's for event: 4.0. For more details, check out their webpage <http://www.scdumc.org/>.
- **United Methodist Studies School:** Held at Mount Sequoyah Sept. 6-12. Will meet requirements of the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the *Book of Discipline*. For more information contact Susan Steuber at ssteuber@kswestumc.org or call 800-745-2350 or 316-686-0600. Contact Mount Sequoyah for room and board costs at 800-760-8126 or www.mountsequoyah.org. Deadline to register is Aug. 1.
- **R.E.A.P. Program hosted by Texas Conference CEF Group:** Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program takes place Sept. 16-17 in Houston. For more details, visit www.ghles.org.



http://www.mountsequoyah.org/Mount_SequoyahHOME.html

Stay Informed

- **Saturday One-Day Pass at SCD 2011:** A special Saturday One-Day Pass is now available for the School of Congregational Development, July 30. Choose two exciting 90 minute workshops provided by leaders from around the country. Plan to bring a team from your church to take advantage of this great offering for churches in our area. Cost is \$99.00 per person (first 100 who register from Texas are free). Register at www.scdumc.org
- **Annual Conference History Books:** Mailed on receipt of payment. The cost is \$25 + \$3.50 for postage. Make checks payable to **CTC**. Indicate that it is **for one** (or appropriate number) **history book**. Mail payments to: Rev. Nancy Bennett, 1501 W. Lavender La., Arlington, TX 76013. Questions or concerns, contact Nancy Bennett: npbennett1@yahoo.com.
- **UM Missionaries to Itinerate in Central Texas:** UM Missionaries to Honduras, David and Cindy Ceballos will be in our conference September. David serves as the country director for United Methodist ministries in Honduras and Cindy serves with a network of community-based health ministries in Honduras that provide medical and dental care. If you would like to have them speak to your local congregation, district or cluster group, please contact Rev. Dawne Phillips, Director of Missions, at dawnephillips@ctcumc.org.

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

Week Night classes Aug. 1-3 from 6:30-9 PM; Week Day classes Aug 2-4 at Fort Worth FUMC; Weekend classes Aug. 5-7 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center.

Studies are *Spiritual Growth: The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice & Reconciliation*; *Geographic: Haiti & Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*.

Register online or contact Christi Roberts at ctc-registcscm@sbcglobal.net

For more information, check out CTC website www.ctcumc.org and click on "Christian Learning & Development Opportunities" (blue/green) banner or go to <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/919>

Local Congregations

Take Part In:



• **Summer Fun Night At FUMC, Keller:** Join us July 27 in the Family Life Center for food, fun and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and ice cream sundaes will be served from 5:30-7:00 pm. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. The church is located at 1025 Johnson Road, Keller. For more information please call the church office at 817-431-1332.

• **Back to School with God- "Bible, Burger & Blessing":** Mt. Zion UMC UM Women in Belton are hosting this event Aug. 13 to prepare your children for "back to school." The event will take place at Yetti Polk Park, 101 S. Davis Street, Belton 76513 from 8 am-4 pm. For more info, contact Marie Timmons at 254-338-0472 or Tahji Roamartinez-Jackson at 254-394-6423.

• **Fort Worth Dish Out:** For \$20, share a meal 5:30-7 pm on July 24 and take part in making a philanthropic project become a reality. For more information, contact Jason Valendy at jasonvalendy@gmail.com or www.FortWorthDishOut.org

• **Save the Date!** Laura Edwards Christian Early Learning Center is holding their 1st Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 4, 2011. Will start at 9 am at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco. Watch for more details!

• **International Trip to Uruguay:** White's Chapel UMC is having their 3rd trip on Oct. 2-10 to Montevideo, Uruguay to do painting and repairs to the local Methodist Church and working at a youth/special needs school. Trip limited to 20 people, first come-first serve. For more information, contact Wayne Foster at 817-310-0097 waynefoster@verizon.net or Jeff Miller at 817-637-8996, jmiller@whiteschapelumc.com.

Resources For You

Get Connected:

• **Alzheimer's Support Group:** Keller FUMC's Alzheimer's Support Group offers emotional support, information, and resources to caregivers, relatives, and friends whose loved ones have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. We will meet Sunday, July 10 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Hallelujah Center. The church is located at 1025 Johnson Road, Keller. For more information please call the church office at 817-431-1332.



• **Depression Connection: Understanding, Help & Hope** This support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 4 of the Heritage Campus of Grapevine FUMC (4344 Heritage Ave.). The group is structured to include approximately 10 individuals and a licensed, trained facilitator. An educational component is included in each meeting as well. Further questions, contact Katherine Hunter at 817-481-2559 x130 or katherineh@fumcg.org.

• **FREE Depression Seminar at Your Church:** 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. 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

Helpful Links:

- [Central Texas Conference](#)
- [Infoserve](#)
- [UM Reporter Interactive](#)
- [United Methodist News Service](#)
- [UMNS on Facebook](#)
- [UMNS on Twitter](#)
- [Interpreter Magazine](#)
- [10thousanddoors.org](#)
- [Rethink Church](#)
- [UM TechShop](#)
- [UM Global Health Initiative](#)
- [God Films](#)
- [Crime Victims Council](#)
- [Grief & Divorce Support](#)
- [United Methodist Women](#)

Needs & Opportunities

Attention Listers: Please contact Amy Banta at amybanta@ctcumc.org to remove your listing when your opening has been filled

Available

PandaMania VBS Decorations Available: FUMC-Irving has PandaMania decorations available. If your church is hosting an upcoming PandaMania VBS program and you would like to have our decorations, please contact Kelly Drury, Children's Pastor, at 972-253-3531 or kelly@fumcirving.org.

Folding Walls: St. Luke UMC of Corsicana has two folding walls available for any church or individual that needs them. Each folding wall is approximately 92 1/2-inches tall, and opens to 20 feet in length. Call 903-654-0784 for more information.

Youth & Children

- **Ministries With Youth:** Decatur FUMC is seeking person to lead ministries to and with youth. Currently part-time (30 hrs/wk) suited for a seminary student, but church is open to offering full-time position to right candidate. Includes salary and a parsonage. Send resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Shelly Brooks, pastor@decaturnethodist.org
- **Part-time Youth Director:** Hillsboro FUMC seeks part-time youth director. Demonstrate commitment to Christ, passion for youth ministry, and theology compatible with UMC. Experience in youth ministry a plus. Resumes or inquiries may be sent to pastor@hillsborofumc.com or by calling Donna Ware at 254-582-2342.
- **Director of Children's Ministry:** Creekwood UMC looking for full-time, Director of Children's Ministry. Four or more yrs. experience with children's ministry. Bachelor's degree; commitment to UMC mission and vision. Email resume to shogan@creedwoodumc.org.
- **Part-time Director Of Children & Family Ministries:** Wellspring UMC seeks person with passion and gift for ministering to children. Responsible for children (infant-6th grade) and parents. Experience required. 15-hour/wk. Send resume to admin@wellumc.org or contact: Debra Crumpton at 512-930-5959.
- **Part-time Youth Director:** Silver Creek UMC is looking for an energetic person to work with Junior and Senior High aged youth. The position is part-time with full-time excitement! Contact Vaughn Baker at 817-444-1382.
- **Part-time Children's Coordinator:** Ovilla UMC seeks person to develop and administer children's ministry (pre-K-5th grade). Will coordinate and expand variety of children's ministries in outreach and spiritual formation. Contact OUMC at 972-617-8840 or email resume to ovillaumc@sbcglobal.net.



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Job Opportunities Cont...

- **Part-time Youth Director:** Corsicana FUMC seeks applicants who demonstrate commitment to Christ, passion for youth ministry, and theology compatible with UMC. Experience in youth ministry is a plus. Negotiable salary. Resumes or inquiries may be submitted to mikea@fumccorsicana.org or by calling Mike Alexander at 903-874-5656.
- **Director Of Youth Ministries:** Stephenville FUMC seeks applicant who will build strong relationships with our youth, plan and lead weekly Bible studies and two summer mission trips. The candidate should have a personal faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to guide and direct youth through that faith. Send resume to: FUMC Stephenville, P.O. Box 173, Stephenville 76401.
- **Part-time Youth Minister:** Coleman FUMC, seek applicant to focus on leading group of Jr. High and HS kids. Monthly program on Sunday also encouraged as well as Sunday morning worship. Pay: \$650/month. Apply with resume by mail to: First UMC Coleman, P.O. Box 852, Coleman 76834. Pastor: Mike Kerzee.

Administration

- **Minister of Christian Education:** Temple FUMC looking for full-time plus benefits applicant. Deacon preferred, but not required. For more information, e-mail jane.woodward@fumctemple.org or call Rev. Jane Woodward at 254-773-5269.
- **Part-time Administrative Assistant:** Epworth UMC is accepting resumes for applicants proficient in Microsoft Office, have strong organizational skills, and excellent people skills. Resumes to epworthpastor@sbcglobal.net



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Music

- **Choral Director:** First United Methodist Church of Brownwood is seeking to find a Choral Director for our 10:45 traditional service. Please apply to the church office at 2500 11th Street Brownwood TX 76801 or at don.umc11@verizon.net

· **Pianist:** Covenant United Methodist Church in Arlington at 3608 Matlock Road 76015 is looking for a pianist for choir rehearsal and Worship services. If you are interested please contact Reverend Mike Redd at 817-465-1291

· **Bass Player:** Christ UMC, Fort Worth is seeking a volunteer bass player to join our praise and worship team. If interested, please contact Anita McNew, Music Director, 817-456-2837 ahmcnew@att.net.

· **Pianist/Organist:** Hubbard FUMC in need of part-time pianist for Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service. Compensation is negotiable. Contact Dean Coultas at 254-433-0133.

· **Part-time Choral Director:** Polytechnic UMC seeking Choral Director to lead weekly choir rehearsals Wed. evenings and lead music in Sunday worship. Please send resumes to Rev. Robert K. Flowers at robkenjium@gmail.com.

Director of Student Faith & Leadership Formation

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is seeking candidates to fill the position of director of Student Faith and Leadership Formation in the Campus Ministry area of the division of Higher Education.

The search team is actively seeking a pool of qualified candidates who would be representative of the church. Submit your nominations and/or bring this position to the attention of persons who might be interested in applying. For more information e-mail hr@gbhem.org or visit GBHEM United Methodist Student Movement.

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