

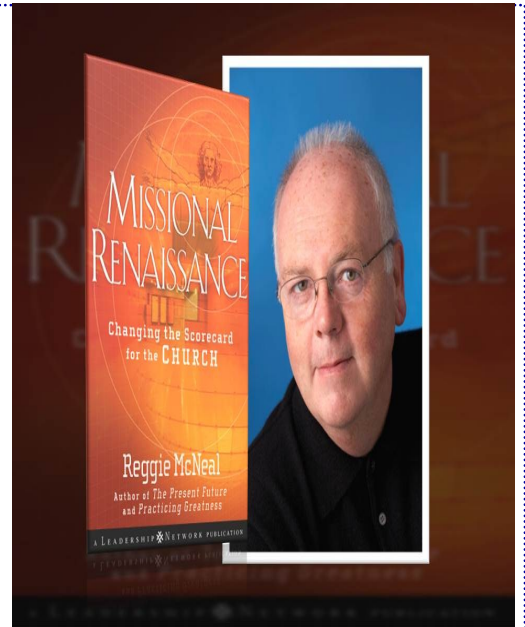
Central E-Link

News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip Church Leaders

Conference News & Updates

Reggie McNeal Speaking at Mansfield FUMC

We are already getting some decent buzz about next month's event with Reggie McNeal sponsored by the CTC and hosted by First UMC Mansfield. However, since our goal is to fill First Mansfield to capacity for this event, buzz is not enough, we need commitments – which means we need your help in spreading the word and driving interest in this unique and important event. As such, please feel free to download our promotional packet to help you share the details of this event with your church and community. The packet includes digital files for bulletin inserts, flyers, posters, paper registration forms, promotional website button graphics and slides. To register for the event, click here or go to www.firstmethodistmansfield.org and click on the “Special Events” tab on the right hand side of the home page. For more information on the event visit ctcumc.org.



<http://ctc.com/content/news/detail.asp>

Take Part In:

- **North Texas Giving Day:** United Community Centers is hosting 2011's “Get Up & Give” from 7 am to 7 pm, Sept. 15. Join them as they help support non-profits all across North Texas. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.cftexas.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=662>
- **1st Annual Golf Tournament:** On Oct. 4, Laura Edwards Christian Early Learning Center will be hosting a Golf Tournament in Waco. Registration and lunch begins at 11:30 am and Shotgun starts at 1 pm. For more information, please call Dawn Gilliland at 254-715-8961 or Corliss McBride at 254-776-4499.
- **Dinner with Charles Haley and Norm Hitzges:** Dec. 1, United Community Centers is hosting Charles Haley, five-time Superbowl Champion and National Hall of Fame Nominee, and Norm Hitzges, renowned radio host, for dinner and stories. All proceeds will benefit families and children served by United Community Centers. For more information, email dunderwood@unitedcommunitycenters.org or visit: <http://www.unitedcommunitycenters.org/events.html>

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Take Part In Cont...

- **“Finding Calcutta”:** Courts UMC in Weatherford is hosting Dr. Mary Poplink, professor and author of *“Finding Calcutta”*. Join them at their 8:30 and 11 am Worship service on Aug. 28 where she will be giving her Testimony or at their 6 pm service where she will be discussing the secular world views that dominate our schools, universities, and nation.
- **Ministry Fair:** You're invited to join our Celebration from 8-2 pm on Aug. 28! Displays will feature the different areas of ministry, mission and study available at Keller FUMC. For more information, contact Pastor Tom Faile at tomf@kellerumc.org.
- **Leadership for Effective Adult Faith Formation:** Arlington FUMC is holding a leadership training in Room 155 from 1-5 pm, Aug 28. Led by Carol Krau, with the General Board of Discipleship. If you are interested in joining us for lunch at noon, include this on your online registration for the event. Register online at www.arlingtonmethodist.org. For more information contact Kay Lancaster at 817-274-2571 or klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org.
- **Passionate Worship Conference:** Join Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio, Sept 9-10, to learn more about what passionate worship truly is. Register online at www.umcswtx.org
- **Fort Worth Crop Walk:** The Tarrant County Community of Churches in Fort Worth is raising money to support ministries to combat hunger in Tarrant County and around the world with a 5K from 1:30-4 pm, Oct. 16 at TCU's Dee J. Kelly Center. The Kick-Off Luncheon will take place at First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth at 11:30 am to 1 pm, Sept. 15. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 817-737-5554 or email melindav@tarrantareacc.org.
- **R.E.A.P. Program sponsored by Christian Educators Fellowship:** Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program takes place Sept. 16-17 at Memorial Drive UMC in Houston. Registration is now open for all pastors and laity who serve children, youth, adults, and spiritual formation ministries. For more details, visit www.ghles.org.
- **Real Life: Behind the Scenes:** FUMC Keller will host the Second Annual Women's event for women of all ages. Join us from 9- 2:30 pm on Sept. 24 for this inspirational day featuring ALY & ANDREA! Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets include lunch and are available in the church Office or at FUMC Keller - Real Life: Behind the Scenes. For more information, contact robins@kellerumc.org.

Further Your Education

- **Faith UMC's Financial Peace University:** Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) begins soon at Faith UMC. Schedule begins Aug. 31 with a meal at 6 pm followed by the free class preview. Come again Sept 7 for more food and FPU! Bring the family; activities for youth and children are also provided. For more details, call 817-838-6953 or faithumcftw@sbcglobal.net.
- **Fall Classes Available at St. Philip's UMC:**
 Financial Peace University begins Sept. 18, 6-8 pm. FPU consists of a 13 week video curriculum--taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey--that incorporates small group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship.
 Disciple I Bible study meets Sept. 20 at 7 pm. In 34 weeks, we will move through the entire Bible from Genesis to the Revelation of John. \$35 cost for study manual. Leaders: Dr. Dale Schultz, Don Gregory, and Dave Coughenour.
 Disciple II Bible study meets at 7pm, beginning Sept. 19. This 32 week study concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul. \$35 cost for study manual. Leader: Lee Graves.
 Register online for these courses at www.stphils.us, or call the church office as 512-244-2175.
- **Coaching Tools for Leaders:** Oct. 10-11, St. Philip's will host Coaching Tools for Leaders. This 2-day training is designed to equip pastors, ministry leaders, and church leaders with basic coaching skills that can be integrated and incorporated into their local ministry setting. www.stphils.us

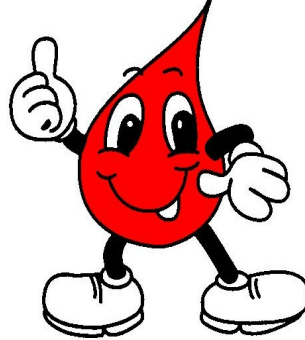
Events to Look into:

- **“The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small” by Marian Wright Edelman:** Join Acton UMC from 9:30-3 pm on Sept. 10 in a workshop focusing on issues affecting our community’s children. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch. Please read Edelman’s book prior to the workshop, available in the church office for \$12. For more information, please email paula@actonumc.org or call 817-326-4242.
- **Weekend with Celia:** Join Acton UMC as they present Celia Whitler for the Woman 2 Woman Retreat from 8:30-3 pm on Sept. 17 for \$25. At 3 pm on Sept. 18, come worship with Celia in the Acton UMC Sanctuary. For more information, email tiffany@actonumc.org or call 817-326-4242



Save A Life!

- **GREAT AMERICAN GIVE Blood Drive:** Faith Community Nursing and Carter BloodCare will host a blood drive from 8-2 pm on Aug. 28 in the Hallelujah Center at FUMC Keller. Schedule an appointment by contacting Kristi Wilkins at klbwilkins@yahoo.com. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments will be taken first. Remember to drink plenty of fluids and eat before donating!
- **CODE BLUE Bystander CPR:** Keller FUMC is hosting CPR classes from 8-2 pm on Aug. 28. Keller Fire & Rescue will be conducting 20-minute compression only CPR classes in room 110 of Family Life Center. No advance registration necessary.



<http://theangryiki.files.wordpress.com/2008/06/>

Attend:

- **9/11 FREE Benefit Concert:** Central UMC and Central Presbyterian Churches are combining their choirs for a concert to honor the ten year anniversary of 9/11. The concert will be at 4 pm, September 11 in the sanctuary of Central UMC at 5740 Bagby Ave. in Waco. Donations will be accepted and distributed between the Waco Fire Department and the Woodway Public Safety Department.

Board of Ordained Ministry Update

If you are a candidate for provisional membership, a resident, a post-resident or transitional candidate you should have received an invitation last Friday to join www.pathwaystoministry.com. If you did not receive your invitation email, please contact Kathy Ezell at kathyezell@ctcumc.org. Also, all candidates seeking to interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry in the Spring of 2012 must complete and submit the “Request for Candidacy Interview” form by September 15, 2011. The form, which is available on the BOM link on the Leadership page of the www.ctcumc.org website (under Spring Interview Materials), is required of the following categories:

- You are a certified candidate and believe your dCOM will be recommending you for provisional membership
- You are a local pastor who has completed all Basic Course of Study and believe your dCOM will be recommending you for associate membership
- You are an ordained member of another denomination, have served two years in the CTC under ¶346.2, and wish to apply for provisional membership in the Central Texas Conference
- You are currently a provisional member and need to interview for continuance
- You are currently a provisional member and need to interview for ordination
- You are in the process of changing orders
- You have completed preparation for and wish to seek certification as a para-professional or professional in specialized ministry

The completed form may be mailed to the Board of Ordained Ministry, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107, or emailed to kathyezell@ctcumc.org.

Mission Messages

- **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. 1 slot remains. If interested, contact George at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com

Happening in the Church

- **Southern & Cowboy Gospel Music Program:** At 11 am on Sept. 10, Handley UMC is hosting The Master's Wagoneers at 11 am on Sept. 10. Refreshments will be served at noon. A "Donation" basket will be available to help support the mission work of Handle's United Methodist Women.
- **"Dayspring" is Coming to Lorena:** Join us as we prepare for the Aug. 28 arrival of Rev. Wesley Putnam for Sunday service (8:30 & 10:45 am) and 7 pm. Covered dish dinner following the 10:45 am service and reception following the service Wednesday evening. Children will be introduced to "Bible Quest" in Sunday school with the challenging fun continuing each evening at 6.
- **Wednesday Night Life:** Keller FUMC presents your Mid-Week Oasis beginning Sept. 7. Dinner is 5:30-6:30 PM in the Family Life Center Gym and classes for all ages are 6:30-7:30 pm. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Detailed class information can be found on our website at <http://kellerumc.com/wnl.html>.

Eat and Shop

Join Faith UMC on Sept. 10 at their Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 am and their Garage and Bake Sale from 8-2 pm. For more information, call 817-731-1984 or email graceumc-fwt@att.net

Back to School Coffee for Parents

Drop your child off for their first day of school and join us for coffee and refreshments as we pray for our children and their teachers. We will gather in the coffee area outside the Keller FUMC sanctuary from 8:45-10 am Aug. 29-30. Be sure to bring your neighbors and friends as well. For more information, contact Pastor Robin Stevens at robins@kellerumc.com.



- **Safe Sanctuary Abuse Prevention Policy:** The Central Texas Conference voted in 2005 that each local church in the Central Texas Conference must have in place a **SAFE SANCTUARY ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY**. The policy must be maintained in an easily-accessible location within the local church and available for review by district or conference personnel if requested. In addition, local churches should be intentional to **train all persons** who have contact and leadership with children and youth about their policy and safe sanctuary guidelines and procedures. It is recommended that this training be offered every year to insure that new persons receive the training and to remind experienced teachers about all the issues and reporting protocol. Visit the Safe Sanctuaries link of the [Center for Mission Support page](#) on ctcumc.org for more
- **Student Leadership Teams Dissolved:** As of August 1, 2011, all Conference Student Leadership teams have been dissolved due to the redistricting and reorganization of the Central Texas Conference. Plans are being made to rebuild student leadership opportunities. For more information, please visit <http://ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1175> or contact Leanne Johnston at Leanne@ctcumc.org.



Make a Difference With Family Pathfinders

Become a mentor with Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County. Family Pathfinders will train volunteers to be effective mentors and support them as they help families learn life skills, financial literacy, and career planning. There are opportunities for individual and team mentoring.

We serve low income families leaving welfare, women reentering society following incarceration, and individuals training to advance in their careers.

For more information, call 817-731-1173 or email info@familypathfinders.org.

Meadowbrook UMC Pre-School Enrichment Program Now Open!

Come check us out at our Open House on Saturday, August 27. With a small teacher/student ratio, your child will be taught in a Christian environment with an exceptional curriculum.

Our program will be 3-5 days a week from 9-2 pm. Before care starts at 7:30 am and after care lasts from 2-5:30 pm.

For more information, contact Director Christy Urbaniak at 817-413-0231

Meals needed for the TCU Wesley Foundation

Remember free meals in college? Help us continue this hospitality for TCU students.

Any church groups are welcome to supply this meal. This semester, meals will be served at 7 pm every Wednesday.

We welcome anything from appetizers to desserts. If you can, come serve, eat and worship with us as well! Financial contributions to cover the meal are appreciated too. Please contact Kelly Carpenter kelly@tcuwesley.org today to reserve a date.

Resources, Needs & Opportunities For You

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](#)

Get Connected

- **Alzheimer's Support Group:** This Keller FUMC group meets on the second Sunday of each month to offer emotional support, information and resources to caregivers, relatives and friends whose loved ones have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Our next meeting will begin 2-2:30 pm on Sept. 11 in the Hallelujah Center. Group is open to the community. For questions, call 817-431-1332
- **Depression Connection: Understanding, Help & Hope:** This support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 pm 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:** 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

Available

- **Preschool Curriculum Give Away:** Meadowbrook UMC has some of Cokesbury's Spring 2011 Rock Solid Preschool Curriculum to give away. If you can save it from the dumpster, call Marilyn at 817-682-7955 or e-mail at mjones@mbrookumc.org.
- **Alpha Resources:** The Wesley Foundation at UTA has Alpha resources available to any church who is interested. Please call The Wesley at 817-274-6282.
- **Mini Grand Piano on Sale:** John and Christi Barnes will be leaving the U.S. in January to be missionaries in Haiti. In an effort to pay their travel expenses and simplify, they are offering for sale a Baldwin Mini-Grand Piano with warranty papers (appraisal value of \$4,600) for \$3,000. If you are interested, please contact Christi at cell number 970-396-2648 or email weekextreme@hotmail.com.

Job Opportunities

A complete list of open job opportunities can be found on the "Employment Opportunities" link under the "Helpful Links" page on the www.ctcumc.org website (under "Quick Links").

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

Experienced Applicant Seeking Music Position

Mark Stamper has been serving the church through music for the past 30 years as a Director of Music and Worship in Burleson and as an Interim Director of Music and Worship at FUMC Fort Worth. He is now in Dallas/Fort Worth and is seeking to serve your Church through music. Please contact him at 817-723-9397 or at t3maestro@yahoo.com.

RD Seeks Half/Quarter-time Position

I am an experienced choral and handbell director, pianist (B. Mus. – Piano), Christian educator and minister of visitation. In addition, I have the God-given spiritual gift of administration and volunteer coordination. dianesmiley@sbcglobal.net; 817-375-9428

Youth & Children

- **Full-time Director of Youth Ministries:** FUMC Decatur is seeking an applicant for a full-time position with benefits and a parsonage. Please send resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Shelly Brooks at sbrooks@decaturmethodist.org

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Articles and requests should be submitted to Amy Banta amybanta@ctcumc.org or Vance Morton vance@ctcumc.org by **noon, Monday** in order to be e-mailed on Tuesday. Articles should be **brief** and include **active links** to websites or contact persons for details.

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