



Central E-Link

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

December 2, 2009

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to Carolyn@ctcumc.org by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to susan@ctcumc.org.

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News Briefs — The Conference

Paul Stephen Succumbs to Cancer Nov. 27

Rev. Paul Stephen, pastor of the Santa Anna, Trickham and Valera charge in the Brownwood District, passed away late Friday evening after a long battle with cancer. Services were held Monday at the Santa Anna UMC with a friend of Paul's officiating and Tuesday at Strawn UMC. His wife, Judy, will continue to live at the Santa Anna parsonage until she can locate other housing. The parsonage address is 1103 Avenue A, Santa Anna, TX, 76878, and the telephone number is 325-348-3776. Please keep Judy and the rest of Paul's family in your prayers.

Note of Appreciation Following the Passing of Bishop Chamness' Mother

Bishop and Mrs. Ben R. Chamness express deep appreciation to the Central Texas Conference for the many expressions of comfort and hope in the last several days through phone calls, cards, e-mails and memorials. Bishop Chamness' mother was buried in Carthage, Texas, following 89 years of a fruitful life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

No E-LINK on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30

There will be no E-LINK on the two Wednesdays preceding holidays — Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. If there is an upcoming event or activity you need to share for late December or early January, please send your information for the Dec. 9 or 16 issues. Send information to Carolyn@ctcumc.org. Thank you for your cooperation and for allowing the E-LINK staff to have some holiday time off.

December Financial Outlook

From Conference Treasurer Harvey Ozmer: In the last few years, the Conference entered December needing about \$3,000,000 to meet the needs of our mission and ministry budget. We have been so fortunate that our churches have responded generously. 2009 has seen it's unique challenges. We begin December 2009 needing over \$4,000,000. First, we thank the 137 churches that have already fulfilled their Conference mission and ministry obligations 100%. Second, we anticipate that you 173 other churches will ensure that you do your very best to join the other 137 churches in saying "We are partners in the Conferencewide effort to transform lives in the name of Christ."

Two Important Dates

Dec. 18, 2009 – Last day to mail apportionments. (Please remember to mail your remittances to the Conference Office at 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107.)

Jan. 5, 2010 – Last day to hand deliver apportionments to Conference Office. (When you bring your apportionments in on Jan. 4 or 5, be prepared to stay a while to allow our staff to say “thank you” and enjoy coffee, cold drinks and cookies.) Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clergy Appointment Changes

Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet announce the following clergy appointment changes:

Raul Gutierrez — elder in full connection moving from associate pastor at Arlington Heights UMC to pastor at Western Hills UMC, both in the Fort Worth District, effective Feb. 1, 2010.

Ronald C. Oden — from full-time local pastor to supply pastor serving Lakeview UMC, Waco District, effective Nov. 11.

Bill L. Reed — retired member moving from pastor at St. Paul UMC, Breckenridge, to St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian UMCs, both in the Brownwood District, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Bruce “B.J.” J. Williams — from part-time local pastor to supply pastor serving the Meier Settlement UMC in the Waco District, effective Nov. 11.

Applicants Sought for Youth/Young Adult Mission Trip to China

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and the North Central Jurisdiction Mission Discovery Program invite youth and young adults to apply for 14 openings for a UMVIM mission trip to China. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 15. Applicants should be currently serving or preparing to serve youth/young adult ministries in a UM local church, district or annual conference. There will be a preference for applicants between ages 18 to 30. Applicants are ready to discover, evaluate or affirm aptitudes or skills to lead youth/young adult team mission experiences in domestic or international settings. The estimated cost of \$3,750 covers air and ground transportation from Chicago to China, within China, and back to Chicago, plus meals and accommodations, tour fees, tips, insurance, team supplies and host gifts. Limited scholarships are available from the Mission Discovery Program to expand racial/ethnic diversity among team participants. To request an application, write Lorna Jost (<mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net>).

Consider a Year-End Gift to Glen Lake Camp

While Thanksgiving and Advent mean an upswing in activities and giving in the local church, November and December are slow revenue months for Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. This creates a financial squeeze for the conference’s camping and retreat facility. Fixed expenses like debt service and utilities cannot be ignored. “Neither can they be met in a timely fashion unless caring Methodists respond with some generous financial help,” according to Diane Griffin, GLC&RC Board chair. She asks the thousands of beneficiaries (past and present) of Glen Lake to consider doing three things:

- Pray for this vital ministry of the CTC.
- Promote year-round utilization of both campuses (Glen Lake and Still Water Lodge) among the decision makers in your church as well as other organizations to which you belong.
- Make a generous contribution to Glen Lake before the end of the year.

So many wonderful things are happening at Glen Lake and Still Water that fulfill our purpose for them “to promote the three-fold spiritual, mental and physical development of young persons and adults as Christians.” Every contribution, large or small, will help. You can send your contribution to Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose, TX 76043.

Reminder: You Can Contribute to the Alignment Task Force & The 5 Practices Forums

There are two (or more) opportunities for you to participate in helping making a difference in the future of the Conference and the ministries of our local churches. The Alignment Task Force wants your input on their work through a blog that Pat Stroman (member) and Mike Ramsdell (chair) will be posting after each meeting on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org). Also on the www.ctcumc.org website are the “Five Practices Forums” for the posting of topics and sharing of ideas and best practices. Your thoughts are welcome!

Civil Rights Road Trip (Jan. 15-18) — Dec. 4 Deadline Extended to Dec. 8!!

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a time of uncertainty and change. Young people brought about much of the change. The Civil Rights Road Trip is a weekend designed to help today's young people connect to the radical possibilities their lives hold for the Kingdom of God. **This deadline came up fast for many youth directors/ministers so it has been extended to Dec. 8, giving one more Wednesday and Sunday to gather forms from youth who want to go. You can e-mail, fax or mail them to the conference office.** See more details and registration at http://www.ctcumc.org/event_detail.asp?PKValue=1579, or contact Steve Heyduck at 254-715-4956, 254-750-1310, sheyduck@MCHWaco.org.

Join Bishop Lowry for An Evening of Compassion — Dec. 3

Bishop Mike Lowry will share the keynote message at An Evening of Compassion at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Aldersgate UMC (2201 E. Park Row, Arlington). In addition to Bishop Lowry's message, the event will feature a prayer vigil, a video screening, and the distribution of resources for taking action. The program is sponsored by WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network. The event will help participants understand the struggles faced by those affected by the immigration system, and advocate for comprehensive immigration reform by the U.S. Congress.

Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission – Group Registration

CTCYM 2010 information brochures were mailed recently to youth directors and/or pastors of all CTC churches. Please be on the lookout for them! Group registration forms are in the back of the brochure. They are **due in the conference office with \$100 registration fee by Dec. 10** (or by Jan. 7 with an additional \$50 late fee). For more information, visit www.ctcym.org.

New Opportunities to Support ZOE Ministry

ZOE Ministry, a UM ministry serving vulnerable children in several African nations, recently announced two new opportunities for congregations to empower groups of orphans. One project is ZOE's Hope For Christmas Animal Project, which allows individuals or groups to provide animals to be raised by young people in ZOE's program. Animals are often a first step in transforming the lives of orphans and by giving through ZOE; you can directly impact a child's ability to become self-sufficient. See details at http://www.zoeministry.org/?page_id=2766. A second exciting opportunity is ZOE's Hope Companion Program, which allows your congregation to provide financial support to empower orphans and child-led families throughout their Giving Hope Empowerment Project journey. Giving Hope equips orphans and child-led families with essential life skills such as mentoring, vocational training, income-generating activities, training in animal husbandry and farming, and HIV/AIDS education. Through the Hope Companion Program, you can choose various levels of support for a specific working group or community, during which you will have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships in that particular area. Details at <http://www.zoeministry.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Hope-Companions-Overview.pdf>.

See the World Through New Eyes (Texas Wesleyan Studies)

Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth offers majors, minors and individual courses in Comparative Religious & Christian Studies program. Begin your journey today by calling 817-531-4914 or visiting www.txwes.edu/religion.

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

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

Suicide Survivors — Open Enrollment

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. A new group will begin in January 2010. Groups of eight to 10 meet for two hours weekly for eight weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org.

Soderquist — Feb. 8-10

The next Soderquist Retreat, free for clergy and their spouses, is scheduled for Feb. 8-10 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. The only cost is the transportation to and from the retreat, which will not be reimbursed. Many CTC clergy couples have been given the opportunity to attend; unfortunately, repeat couples cannot be accepted. For more information, contact Janet Wood at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or jan@ctcumc.org.

BEEF UP AGAIN Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010

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

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News Briefs — The Denomination

Mentor Book Available in Spanish, English

Mentors as Instruments of God's Call is a guide for those in the process of discerning a call to ministry or seeking to clarify their call. New editions of this book, first published in 1992, are now available in Spanish and English from GBHEM. The new editions were updated by author Justo L. González, a retired member of the Rio Grande Annual Conference and former professor at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico and Candler School of Theology.

“All the great leaders of the church have had mentors who helped form and train them. Unfortunately, there was a time when the importance of mentoring was forgotten, or simply left to the chance encounter between people who would then establish a mentoring relationship,” González said. “The current emphasis on mentoring, and its inclusion in the official programs and parameters for the development of new leadership, hold great promise for the future of the UMC, as well as for others who are following similar paths.” The book is an excellent concise introduction for anyone interested in learning more about the biblical meaning of mentoring, also a helpful guide for indentifying and training candidacy mentors. Published by GBHEM, *Mentors as Instruments of God's Call: Biblical Reflections*, ISBN 978-0-938162-80-3, is available for \$5.95 through Cokesbury at 800-672-1789 or online at www.cokesbury.com. The Spanish edition, *Mentores como Instrumentos del llamado de Dios*, ISBN 978-0-938162-79-7, is also available from Cokesbury for the same price.

Bishops Launch Churchwide Appeal to Rebuild Lives/Churches in the Philippines

The bishops of the UMC launched an appeal to help the people of the Philippines who were hard hit in September and October by four typhoons leaving more than a thousand dead and an estimated 1.2 million people displaced. The storms had a disastrous impact on farmlands, houses and infrastructure, causing drownings, landslides and electrocutions. Their homes are gone. Crops and livestock have disappeared. They have no livelihood. Currently the country is facing a public health emergency and is struggling to fight outbreaks of infection. Givers can donate online at <http://umcappeal.org> with assurance that 100% of every donation will go to the Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters No. 818-002-PHP. For more details on this appeal, visit <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=1wL4KnN1LtH&b=5398307&ct=7677861>.

Perkins School of Volunteer Youth Ministry

Jan. 9 at Arapaho UMC, Richardson, TX

A dynamic workshop led by youth workers with more than a century of combined experience will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (includes lunch). Additional workshop and registration details are available at

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaikU6yC06hdx0ZD0fy541By8fChoxypLrERfhDxPpHett6j4x9onEZEEd5AUL8Ntl0DsgOx78mnjFOCx9JZ8eX5tob0FOGUSHxN1jEf1DaH7BkHS Cz9wAjSoddTwm>.

Perkins GBHEM Certification in Youth Ministry

Jan. 9-15 at FUMC Richardson, TX

Get certified in youth ministry in a week of learning. Special this year only: Spend an afternoon with Mark DeVries, author of *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. Certification course offerings. (Register at http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciUI4xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443_6a183YLgAHlpplS6S3oLMzYP0hvP_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E=).

Summer Collegium Supports Small Congregations — June 23-July 1

Summer Collegium is an all-expenses-paid nine-day project in support of small congregations. It includes small church clergy and their spouses/partners. **The deadline for postmarking applications is Dec. 15;** so interested clergy will want to check it out right away. The Summer Collegium is an ecumenical project fully funded through the Lilly Endowment and seeks to offer encouragement, education, refreshment and renewal to 25 small-church pastors each year. The dates of the Summer Collegium are June 23-July 1, 2010. Single clergy and locally ordained persons are welcome to apply. Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Alice Mann with music led by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. For more details, visit www.vts.edu/education/collegium or contact Dr. Marilyn Johns at 703-461-1760.

Human Relations Day Grants — Deadline Jan. 10

Jan. 10 is the deadline to apply for a Human Relations Day Grant from the UM General Board of Church & Society. The grants are to support ministries that respond to non-violent young offenders through education, advocacy or leadership training and development. Grant funds are raised through the UMC's Human Relations Day Special Sunday each year. For more grant applications, contact Marvlyn Scott at msscott@umc-gbcs.org or 202-488-5643.

Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8

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

Clergywoman's Gathering, "Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity"

April 7-9, 2010, at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). The gathering will focus on recapturing our creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. CEUs will be available. Contact: Kim Ross at spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org or 800-760-8126. Cost varies from \$325-\$285.

Lenten Sermon Writing Retreat

Jan. 11-15, Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). Clergy and lay ministers are invited to come 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, spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org, or go to www.mountsequoyah.org.

Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21

<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

First Hurst Presents Advent Organ Concert by Dong-ill Shin — Dec. 6

First UMC, Hurst organist/artist-in-residence Dong-ill Shin presents a recital of music from composers

Bolcom, Franck, Widor and Near, plus other seasonal selections on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Shin is the 2006 Grand Prix de Chartres International Organ Competition winner, and returns from recent concert tours of Germany, France, England and Australia. Admission to the concert is free. Childcare will be provided, but children are welcome at the concert. First Hurst is located at 521 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053. For more information, call 817-282-7384, or go to www.fumchurst.org.

First Grapevine to Hold 73rd Annual Candlelighting Service — Dec. 12 and 13

First UMC of Grapevine (422 Church St., Grapevine) will celebrate the 73rd Annual Christmas Candlelighting Service with two performances on Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Worship Arts Ministries will present "The Ornament," a musical drama. Woven into this thought-provoking, spiritually insightful drama are special moments that bring much warmth and humor - from a trip to the soup kitchen to welcoming Christmas carolers at the door. Children, students and adults will enjoy this beautiful service that portrays the timeless truth of the Christmas message and its reality to families everywhere. The worship service will feature choir, drama and orchestra. The service will end with the traditional candlelighting moment. Admission is free, so bring the whole family to start your holiday season off right! For more details, visit www.firstmethodistgrapevine.org or call the church office at 817-481-2559.

First Hurst Presents Festival of Carols — Dec. 13 and 14

A Christmas tradition! The Music Ministry presents *Festival of Carols* on Dec. 13 at 5 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the glory of favorite Christmas music with full professional orchestra and 100-member chorus. The performance will include hand bells, brass, organ, strings and wonderful voices! 2009 marks the seventh year that the Music Ministry of First UMC of Hurst has presented *Festival of Carols* as a Christmas gift to the community. Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve tickets, call 817-282-7384 or order online at www.festivalofcarols.org. Childcare will be provided, but children are welcome at the concert. The church is located at 521 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053. For information, call 817-282-7384, or go to www.fumchurst.org.

UMC Singles Holiday Dinners — Through Dec. 18

The UMC Singles will host Friday Night Holiday Dinners continuing through Dec. 18. Dinners/activities are planned for:

- Dec. 4 — meet at Fuddrucker's on Airport Freeway at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11 — meet at 7 p.m. at Mi Pueblo in North Richland Hills
- Dec. 18 — meet at 7 p.m. for dinner at Mercado Juarez in North Arlington

More details are available on the UMC Singles - Tarrant Area calendar at www.ctcumc.org/singles. Come join us for fun and fellowship during the holidays. For more information on the dinners, contact Martha Hollis at mghollis@sbcglobal.net.

Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays.

<http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: SharonBass@texashealth.org

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Resources

Looking for Christmas Resources?

Midnight Oil, an organization that provides resources for local churches, says in their latest e-news: "For

those of us in ministry, the shininess of Christmas obscures the light of Christmas. How do we get past the trappings of tinsel tradition and tell the story of the Jesus, the light of the world? One way is through [Rediscover Christmas](http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/) (<http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/>), one of our most popular resources. In this layered photographic animation, the camera zooms past Santa and the gang and lands on a nativity scene in a powerful reminder of why we celebrate.

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.

24 Hours That Changed the World. Adam Hamilton. DVD with leader's guide. A step-by-step guide through the last day of Jesus' life that takes you on a journey to the Holy Land to visit the sites. It covers: The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Condemned by the Righteous; Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate; The Torture and Humiliation of the King; The Crucifixion; Christ the Victor; Bonus: What if Judas Had Lived. 7 sessions of 80 minutes approximate total running time.

Church Demographics

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

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

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

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Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

Small Upright Piano Needs Church Home

Kelli Carrier (1917 Ramada Trail, Justin, Texas) would like to give his mother's small, upright piano to a church. Now in assisted living with no room for the piano, she would like to know it is being used at a United Methodist church. For pictures or to make arrangements, please contact Kelli Carrier at 940-648-1840 (home), 817-266-8733 (cell) or kellicarrier20@gmail.com. If possible, he would like it picked up before the end of the year.

Lead Teacher

St. Andrew's Mother's Day Out seeks a lead teacher for the toddler class. The ideal candidate will be committed to caring for children in a Christian environment, loves children, is self motivated, has a steady work ethic, is of good moral character, and loves the Lord. Experience in child care setting preferred. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The church is located in South Arlington on SE Green Oaks between New York Ave. and 360. Contact: Becky Doss at sachildcare@bluebottle.com.

Part-time Pianist

First UMC of Cross Plains seeks a part-time pianist. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and playing for chancel choir rehearsals, weekly worship services (including prelude, postlude and offertory), and special worship services and events, in addition to working with organist, and music director. Pianist must be available for Advent & Christmas holiday season as well as for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Candidate must work well with others, and be able to play a variety of music styles. If interested, e-mail resume to fumccrossplains@gmail.com or mail to: FUMC, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains 76443. For additional information, call the church office at 254-725-7377.

Accountant/Bookkeeper

We are a growing Christian camping organization looking for an accountant/bookkeeper to join our team. We are searching for a self-starter who can effectively perform responsibilities with minimal supervision. Responsibilities include accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, analyses and reconciliations, general ledger, financial statement preparation, audit support and other special analyses as required. To apply, please send resume to GLCRC, P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose, TX 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

Director of Music & Worship

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Dec. 31. 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 Londenbergh for more details at 254-751-0411.

Church Furnishings

Central UMC of Corsicana is divesting itself of many church items, furniture, etc. On Monday, Nov. 30 other UMCs will be welcome to see what is available and purchase items — by appointment, please. Contact Bruce Carpenter at revbcarpenter@yahoo.com or 903-654-0784. There will be a sale of items open to the public on Friday, Dec. 11.

Part-time Post Contemporary Music Worship Leader

William C. Martin UMC (2621 Bedford Rd., Bedford, TX 76021) is accepting applications for a music worship leader in Martin's post contemporary worship service. Candidates should be able to provide voice and instrumental (acoustic guitar) leadership in our worship environment. Candidate will work with an established band with a post contemporary flair. Experience in Worship planning and execution with the band and minister are essential to the job. The position is part-time and salary is dependent on experience. Submit applications to Adam Pratt at adamp@martin-methodist.org.

Youth/Young Adult Ministries Director

Christ UMC seeks applicants for the position of director of youth and young adult ministries. Job entails developing and leading all programming and outreach involving youth and young adult. The position is part-time, with a minimum of 25 hours/week. Inquiries should be directed to Vaughn Baker at vaughn_baker@sbcglobal.net or 817-613-7659.

Choir Robes

First UMC Mansfield has 100 teal-colored, adult-sized choir robes to donate. The gently used robes are in great shape with double-sided stoles — one side white with embroidered UM cross and the other side purple. If interested, please contact Beth LaMee at 817-477-2287, ext. 229.

Hand Chimes

The Saginaw Ringers at Saginaw UMC need to borrow or rent three octaves of hand chimes to use with their handbells for two upcoming worship services. If your church has chimes available for our use, please call Jemma Jones, director of music and creative worship, at 817-232-0390, Ext. 305 (church) or 817-267-6459 (home).

Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He

currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or dcsmitty242@hotmail.com.

Youth Minister

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development, worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at pastorpaxton@aol.com.

Full-time Director of Youth Ministries

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

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