



Central E-Link

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

July 7, 2010

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. 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

Are You a Potential Centennial Church?

Tapping into this year's centennial theme — the 100th anniversary of the CTC — a "Centennial Church" will be a designation given to congregations reaching certain achievements and will be celebrated at the 2011 Annual Conference June 5-8 in Waco.

How does a local congregation become a Centennial Church? A Centennial Church will have a score of 100 based on the completion of challenges listed below. Each challenge has a numerical value. Between Sept. 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011, a church may select challenges from the list and will receive the designation of Centennial Church with a score of 100.

- 20 pts. Pay 100% of 2010 apportionments
- 20 pts. 25% Increase in the number of Church Growth & Development SHARES
(see SHARES listed in the *2010 Conference Journal*)
- 15 pts. Participate in the Cabinet "Weigh Down Challenge" for No More Malaria
- 10 pts. 10% increase the number of professions of faith
- 10 pts. 5% increase in average worship attendance
- 10 pts. 5% increase in Sunday school attendance
- 10 pts. Start a new hands-on community mission
- 10 pts. Start one new small group (Sunday School Class, Bible Study Group, etc.)
- 10 pts. Offer a class on the meaning and practice of tithing
- 10 pts. Conduct welcoming training using Igniting Ministries resources (such as Beyond 30 Seconds/Welcoming and Media Planner/Trainers' Toolbox/etc.)
- 10 pts. Develop a plan for "making disciples" of members and new members (youth and adults)
- 10 pts. Develop an "evangelism plan" that outlines how your church will offer Christ to your community and grow your congregation.

How will Centennial Churches be recognized? Centennial Churches will receive a certificate suitable for framing, be listed in the news outlets (Website, Central Link, E-Link) and recognized during the 2011 Annual Conference.

"Wesley" Film Gets One Day Showing at Dallas Theater —

The new award-winning feature film "Wesley," based on the private journals of John Wesley, will be at the Lakewood Theater in Dallas for a special, one-day-only engagement! Seating is limited so the advance purchase of tickets is encouraged. Planned personal appearances after each screening (including Dallas) include stars Burgess Jenkins (John Wesley) and Keith Harris (Charles Wesley) as well as director John Jackman. There will be an audience Q&A after each screening!

Saturday, July 17 – 2 screenings, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Lakewood Theater (1825 Abrams Pkwy., Dallas 75214)
Box Office Info: 214-821-7469

TICKETS: Matinee \$10, Evening \$13 (includes \$1 theater facility fee).

"On a dramatic level Wesley ranks several notches above recent faith-based productions like Fireproof..." - Bill Fentum, *UM Reporter*

"This movie may just stir you to deepen your spiritual roots. How many films do that?" - *Dove Foundation Review*

"This movie made me proud to be a Methodist." - Jessica Miller Kelley, Editor, Abingdon Press

"This compelling movie is a must-see, not just for Methodists, or even Christians, but for those that may have turned away from religion." - Jeri Nolan Givens

"Wesley" gives fantastic insight into the man who would shape the face of Protestant Christianity for centuries to come. - *Circuit Rider* (full review from *Circuit Rider* magazine at <http://www.umph.org/resources/publications/Wesley.html>)

"The movie envelopes you...it portrays Mr. Wesley in a way that most have never envisioned him." - IMDB Comment

Self-Care for Clergy Program Coming in Sept & Nov

Clergy are often exhausted by the demands of being in ministry. They fail to say "no" once in a while to the many demands of the congregation and community. They fail to take time to recharge their "batteries." Continual giving takes its toll over time. The Self-Care for Clergy Workshop is designed to provide a break from day-to-day responsibilities and allow for reflections, reviving and renewing the spirit and potential that effective ministry requires. There are two programs from which to choose:

Servant Leadership: Personal and Professional Self-Care

Sept. 20-21-- Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose

Register by Sept. 1 • 254-897-2247

www.glenlake.org/stillwater

Teaching: Rev. Beverly Gilliam (Morningside) & Mona Dunkin (Bosqueville UMC)

Nov. 8-9 – Summers Mill Retreat Center, Belton

Register by Oct. 15 • 254-939-6194

www.summersmill.com

Teaching: Rev. Bobby Cullen (Lighthouse) & Jackie Elliott (First Burleson UMC)

Schedule for each: 5:30-9 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. – noon on Tuesday. The cost of the course is \$85/person. Participants in the Virgin Health Miles program will be given a 1,000-mile award for participating in Self-Care for Clergy. Sign up for one of the sessions by the indicated deadline. Register at www.ctcumc.org under "Ministries" and choose Health and Welfare.

Citizen Lobby Group Seeks to End Hunger and Poverty — July 11

An informational meeting is planned for 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11, to explain and explore the volunteer opportunities with RESULTS, a non-partisan grassroots citizens lobby group creating the political will to end hunger and poverty. The meeting is at Fort Worth First UMC (800 W. 5th St., Fort Worth). The meeting is free and open to the public.

"RESULTS is about empowering citizens with the knowledge and tools to make a difference," says Eloise Sutherland a volunteer of RESULTS in Austin. "Many of us feel disenfranchised by our government and that our voices don't matter. RESULTS is about transforming that resignation into resolve." For more information about RESULTS visit

<http://www.results.org/website/article.asp?id=240> or watch a promotional video for webcast at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6643097997069281250&pr=goog-sl&hl=en>.

Hugworks Benefit Concert by Noel Paul Stookey — July 17

This concert by Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary fame, will be held Saturday, July 17, in Poor David's Pub (1313 S. Lamar St., Dallas) to benefit the good works of Hugworks. Tickets go on sale June 25 at frontgatetickets.com. Hugworks, founded in 1981, is a nonprofit organization, which specializes in bringing therapeutic entertainment and music therapy to hospitalized children.

Central Texas Methodist Foundation Workshop — 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 28

The Central Texas Methodist Foundation workshop on “Engaging, Equipping and Growing Disciples” for church leaders, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 28 at Arlington Heights UMC in Fort Worth, will include three discipleship segments:

- New Consecration Sunday program for stewardship development,
- EQUIP – the Methodist version of the Financial Peace University program, and
- Alpha USA – the evangelism program that engages people to explore faith in Christ.

Presentations will be followed by round table discussions. No charge, but reservations are required to assure adequate materials. Call 817-332-1394, 800-333-4096 or e-mail pat@ctmf.org.

Children & Youth Worker Training — July 30-31 & Oct. 1-2

Two locations, two times are available for those interested in Children & Youth Worker Training, especially geared to smaller church and volunteer leaders. The basics and more will be covered:

- July 30-31 at First UMC Waxahachie
- Oct. 1-2 at First UMC Weatherford

Christian Ed Basics is a weekend training experience for leaders, paid or volunteer, in children and youth ministries. Like the name implies, participants will get an introduction to information and tools to succeed in this ministry area. For more details, check the conference website at www.ctcumc.org and choose “Student Leadership Team” under “Ministries” on the top menu.

Cooperative School of Christian Mission — Aug. 2-4, 3-5, 6-8

It's time to register for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission, which this year offers three opportunities to participate and learn and grow in your knowledge of mission and faith in God. Plan now to attend:

- Evening School, Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 2-4, at First UMC Hurst
- Weekday School, Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 3-5, at First UMC Hurst
- Weekend School, Friday evening-Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6-8, at Glen Lake Camp

A registration form with school information is attached to this *E-Link*. During the weekday and weekend schools there are classes for youth and children. There are scholarships available through the conference and district UMW units. Make this the year you make time for this important opportunity sponsored by the United Methodist Woman and Global Ministries — open to all men, women, youth and children.

Best Practices/Cutting Edge Strategies for Adult Ministries/Discipleship — Aug. 9

If you have responsibilities for **adult ministries/adult discipleship** in your local church, you are welcome to be a part of a group that is forming to share best practices and cutting edge strategies for planning and growing your ministries. The group will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, August 9, at the Conference Office (464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107). Boxed lunches will be ordered, Dutch treat, and will be available for ONLY those who RSVP (communicate any special dietary needs). Please indicate whether you will be attending by contacting Karen Granderson at karen@ctcumc.org or 817-877-5222 **before Aug. 4**. Amy Vanpool of FUMC Mansfield and Ramon Smith of Lighthouse Fellowship will lead the discussion. They will share work on their respective discipleship systems for their churches. If you have been working on a system for inviting persons deeper into discipleship, please bring your ideas to share as well as handouts or other information.

Glen Lake Adventure Race — Oct. 9

Join the first annual Glen Lake Adventure Race on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Glen Lake Camp &

Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Teams of 2 will run/bike/paddle/climb their way around Glen Lake and may encounter a few fun surprises along the way! Team categories will be: Men, Women, Co-Ed, and Youth (5th-12th grade). Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in each category. This is a course that anyone can do. Never done an adventure race before? But up for the challenge? Not a problem. This race will be a fun day of getting to enjoy the outdoors and a little friendly competition along the way. All proceeds from the race go to support the ministry of Glen Lake Camp. Please visit <http://www.glenlake.org/recreation> for further details and to register!

Follow the Conference Centennial Celebration on Facebook — Oct. 23

Mark Winter has set up a Facebook page to follow the growing features for the 100th anniversary Centennial Celebration Saturday, Oct. 23, in Fort Worth. To see more details and confirm this invitation, follow the link at http://www.facebook.com/n/?pages%2FCTC-Centennial-Celebration%2F128618053831428&mid=27b080fG602f37e2G1646330G4c&n_m=carolyn%40ctc.umd.org. And look for details and tickets and memorabilia forms on the website at www.ctcumc.org.

News Briefs — The Denomination

Aug. 10 Is Deadline to Apply for Ethnic Grant

Aug. 10 is the deadline to apply for an Ethnic Local Church Grant from the UM Board of Church and Society. Grant recipients must be programs initiated by or developed in partnership with one or more UM ethnic minority local churches to address chronic social problems or concerns. Two funding periods are available for consideration: Aug. 10 is the deadline for the October cycle and Jan. 10 is the deadline for the March cycle. More information is available at www.umd-gbcs.org.

UM Church Hosts Byrd Memorial — July 9

St. Luke's UMC in Martinsburg, WV, was selected to host the ecumenical memorial service to honor the life of U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd who died June 28 at age 92. The service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, July 9.

Register for September Ministry Retreat by Aug. 5

The 48-hour Discernment & Formation Retreat, sponsored jointly by the General Boards of Higher Education & Ministry and Global Ministries, is for anyone who is seriously discerning a call to UM set-apart ministry, those in candidacy prior to commissioning for ordained ministry (deacon, elder, chaplain or pastoral counselor) or the lay office of deaconess or home missionary. The event begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 9, ending at 4 p.m. Sept. 11. To register or invite someone else to register, click on <https://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=af1bcd71-d18a-4a1c-8247-53f38c622e60>. The site includes the schedule, housing and travel information, workshop descriptions, sign-up and plenary speakers. It also contains directions to send the invitation to others whom you think might be interested.

Gathering Promote Disciple-Making Churches — July 29-Aug. 2

The School of Congregational Development will bring together speakers and workshop leaders to help UM leaders develop disciple-making churches. The 2010 gathering, sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship, Path 1 and the General Board of Global Ministries, will be held July 29 to Aug. 2 at the Renaissance Hotel, Nashville Convention Center and area churches.

Annual Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection — Oct. 7-8

The best years of the church are ahead of us, and in anticipation, this year's Leadership Institute will focus on "Preparing for a Future with Hope." Join Adam Hamilton, the staff of the Church of the Resurrection, and thousands of UMs from around the country in seeking to "Prepare for a Future with Hope" at Leadership Institute 2010 Oct. 7-8 at Leawood, Kan.

<http://www.cor.org/institute10>. Special Discounts available for young adults and leaders of new churches.

2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center

150 NW Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 • 479-443-4531/800-760-8126

Oct. 18-22: *Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Oct. 25-28: *Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at www.mountsequoyah.org.

CEF Conference — Oct. 22-25

Come to Kentucky to experience the Divine in a new way at the Christian Educators Fellowship Conference Oct. 22-25. Bringing the messages will be Bishop Lindsey Davis and pastors Rudy Rasmus (St. John's UMC, Houston and founder of Bread of Life, Inc.) and Sherry Daniels (Norfolk UMC and former Denman Evangelism Award recipient). Check the CEF website at www.cefumc.org to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

First Grandview Collecting for "No More Malaria"

First UMC Grandview held the first of several planned events last weekend. From their booth at the local Fourth in the Park event, they handed out pipe cleaner mosquitoes and brochures, sold approximately 150 snow cones and collected \$187.50. They received \$82.65 in donations, for a total of \$210.15 for the "No More Malaria" campaign.

Summer Revival @ Grace UMC, Arlington — July 17-23

Grace UMC (811 S. Davis, Arlington 76013 • 817-294-7500) invites all to experience "Mission Possible: A Week of Revival." This mission, should you choose to accept it, will revive your spirit, renew your soul, and recharge your body! There is no cost, but love offerings will be accepted. Rev. Gwenn Pierreof Houston is the evangelist and facilitator for the following programs:

Saturday, July 17, 9:30 - Noon – Workshop: Reaching In
Sunday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. – Worship: Reaching Up
Monday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. – Worship: Reaching Up
Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. – Worship: Reaching Up
Wednesday, July 21 – Friday, July 23 -- In the community
Reaching Out: Putting Your Faith into Action

Faith & Film at First Waxahachie — July

Waxahachie First UMC is hosting Saturday night movies and Sunday morning messages, which they're calling "Faith & Film." All are welcome for show times each Saturday at 6:30 p.m. with the message given during Awakening Service each Sunday at 11 a.m. Shows and corresponding messages are:

July 10 & 11 — *Field of Dreams*
July 17 & 18 — *Wizard of Oz*
July 24 & 25 — *Avatar*

Smiles & Styles Fashion Show — July 27

Join members at Arborlawn UMC Tuesday, July 27, for the annual "Smiles & Styles Fashion Show" benefiting the Bethlehem Center, a part of United Community Centers. The fashion show

starts at 2 p.m. and stars the children and youth of the Bethlehem Center. Following Smiles and Styles, will be a cookie and punch reception in the church's foyer. For more details, contact Susie Reyes, UCC director of development, at 918-927-5556, or email at sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org.

AUM's "Christmas in July"

Arlington Urban Ministries is planning ahead and checking their list twice for the AUM Children's Christmas Party! During July, look for the decorated AUM collection box at our churches. Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for children ages 12 and under. Wal-Mart and Target gift cards are also appreciated. Your contributions will help provide a special Christmas for some deserving kids.

Suicide Survivors Groups Forming

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. New groups are forming this summer. Groups of 8 to 10 meet for two hours weekly for 8 weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org.

Christmas in July at Tarrant County Union Gospel Mission

Because of the tremendous need of residents and guests from the streets at Christmas, this project seeks the participation of children (and parents) to help get started on Christmas — in July. Cash donations can be received and earmarked "Christmas in July," or donations in kind. The items donated must be new and unwrapped. This could be a creative, fun project for local churches, Sunday school classes, youth, etc. Needs are: Men and women's underwear, twin sheets/pillow cases, men and women's socks, women's bath robes, men's long underwear, baby and toddler items like crib sheets/pads/toys/clothes/baby bottles. For further information, contact Chaplain Stanley Maneikis at 817-334-0894 or Lanni Boyd at 817-338-8402.

Waco Prayer Conference 2010 — Aug. 7

"I don't want to talk about prayer; I want to ACTually PRAY"

First UMC, Waco will host this event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Jim Leggett, senior pastor at Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy, TX, will lead the conference. Registration - **\$20** before July 31; \$25 after July Jul 31. Information available at fumcwaco.org or contact Linda Hammond at 254-772-5630.

Cowboy Church at Christ UMC — Aug. 14-15

Christ UMC, Fort Worth, will be holding its annual Cowboy Church event Aug. 14-15. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, there will be a free concert by Christian country music artist and evangelist Jay Johnson and his band. There is no charge for the concert; however, the church will be accepting school supplies or cash donations to be given to those in need in the local school district. At 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Aug. 15, Johnson will lead this country-inspired Country Church worship service with special music by the Emmy nominated gospel quartet Praise, Inc. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please visit www.cumcfw.org or call the church office at 817-346-2400, or email Allen Heinecke at aheinecke@sbcglobal.net.

Women of Faith Tickets Available

The First UMC of Joshua has tickets available for the "Imagine" Women of Faith conference Aug 20-21 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The ticket price for the two-day event is \$89.

For information on speakers and musical guests you can see the Women of Faith website at www.womenoffaith.com/dallas. This is our tenth year to take a group of women, and we always have a wonderful time. If you or a group from your church would like to join us, please contact Tonya Frantz at tonya@joshuaumc.net.

Resources

Helpful Links for Church Leaders

- **Central Texas Conference:** (www.ctcumc.org) features and other content changes daily
- **InfoServ:** (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)
- **UM Reporter Interactive:** (www.umportal.org)
- **United Methodist News Service:**

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

UMNS on Facebook:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWNrGalKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWP rHgIWF>)

UMNS on Twitter:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWP rHgIWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

EI' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative:

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm)

Educational Seminars at Arlington Alzheimer's Facility

Arden Courts of Arlington offers educational resources to those with memory impairment and their caregivers. If you are facing questions about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, check the free monthly educational seminars. To learn more about these resources, contact Paulina Towner at Arden Courts of Arlington (817-795-1700).

Fall Preaching Convocation — Sept. 20-21

On Sept. 20-21 George W. Truett Theological Seminary (Baylor University campus in Waco) will host its annual Fall Preaching Convocation, featuring Bishop William Willimon. Registration for the two-day event is \$20 by Sept. 1, and \$30 thereafter. Online registration will be available by late July. Contact: Myles_Werntz@baylor.edu.

Revised Book Offers Help for Mentors

Mentoring Into Vocation: Touchstones for the Journey, has been updated to reflect changes made by the 2008 General Conference and with a new introduction. It offers a comprehensive framework for guiding persons into ordained or lay vocations. The book provides a spiritual and theological focus for the work of leaders in annual conferences who are charged with oversight of candidacy and clergy mentoring programs. Written by Mark A. Fowler, the Murray E. Leiffer Associate Professor of Congregational Leadership and Director of the Institute for Transformative Leaders and Communities at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., the book is written specifically from the perspective of United Methodist polity and theology. The revised edition, available in August from GBHEM, can be pre-ordered now from Cokesbury at www.cokesbury.com or 1-800-672-1789 for \$12.95. The ISBN number is 978-0-938162-73-5.

Depression Seminar in Your Church, Free

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. With no cost to your church, the Conference 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.

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.

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David. Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and Kay Arthur. Filmed at the Deeper Still Event, three women explore their lives and the life of David. You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. A six-week bible study on the life of King David that contains 3 DVDs, facilitator's guide.

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.

Needs, Resources, Opportunities

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

General Development Officer

The Methodist Children's Home in Waco seeks a full time general development officer. Responsibilities: initiate, build and maintain relationships with benefactors, foundations and churches in the Central Texas area in an effort to secure charitable donations. Bachelor's degree and experience in fundraising or other related field required. A general understanding of the field of development, charitable giving, the UMC and childcare agencies is preferred. Must be willing to travel an average of three days a week, including some weekends. Apply at: www.methodistchildrenshome.org; recruiter@mchwaco.org; or MCH, 1111 Herring Ave. Waco, TX 76708.

Part-time Multi-Media Technician

New World UMC in Arlington seeks an individual with working knowledge of all forms of media including soundboard, light table, personal computer, and CD recording technology. Incumbent must also be familiar with basic principles and operation for the maintenance and handling of theater lights, wireless and wired microphones, and multimedia projectors. Strong interpersonal communication skills, collaborative and helpful demeanor and a willingness to perform any work for which qualified are a must. Good aural skills and musical training would be a plus. The ideal candidate must be a team player who desires to be a servant to the membership while being a leader and coordinator in the multimedia aspect of church operations. For a full description of this position, go to <http://www.nwumc.org/jobs.php>. Interested individuals may send their resume to staff@nwumc.org.

Organist

First UMC of Waxahachie seeks an organist with primary responsibilities for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship services, special seasonal worship, and accompanying the choir on occasional anthems. This position, which is available Oct. 3, is separate from the piano accompanist. The church's organ was built by Wicks Organ Company (opus 6428) and installed in May 2005. It includes three manuals, a pedal board, and is built to AGO specifications. For a detailed job description, please e-mail Ed Gibson, director of Music Ministries, at edchoir@aol.com or contact

the church office at 972-937-4400. Résumés with a cover letter may be sent to: First UMC of Waxahachie, c/o Ed Gibson – Director of Music, 505 W. Marvin Ave., Waxahachie 75165

Glen Lake Reaches Out

The cabins at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center are in need of new curtains. If you or your local church would like to adopt a cabin, provide the curtains, or wish more specific information, please contact Ellen Bauman at ellen@glenlake.org.

P-T Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Mineral Wells seeks a spiritually mature, dedicated Christian with a heart to make young disciples of Jesus Christ. Experience with youth ministry is preferred along with good communication and relationship building skills. A good understanding of Methodist doctrine is helpful. Will be responsible to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth fellowship, fundraisers, and annual mission trips. Send resume to: FUMC, PO Box 1466, Mineral Wells 76068 or contact church office at 940-325-4707 for more details.

Director of ABC Wee School

"Christ UMC of Fort Worth is looking for a director of its ABC Wee School. This is a two-day per week mother's day out program, with the position to begin in September. Inquiries should be directed to Lou Hulcy, SPRC chair, at louhulcy@sbcglobal.net or 817-293-7853.

Contemporary Worship Leader/Media Specialist

First UMC Temple. Full-time position. Successful candidate must be a team player who is committed to Christ and his Church. For further information, contact jane.woodward@fumctemple.org.

Display Unit

Custom built tall wooden Stephen Ministry display unit available. Display may be used for stocking Stephen Ministry applications and related literature, as well as having a Stephen Minister stationed beside it to answer questions. Free to a good church home (will require a pickup truck to transport). If interested, contact debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org.

Organs Available

St. Luke UMC, Fort Worth has been renting space to another congregation that left several organs behinds when they departed. All are working vintage instruments. If interested, contact Lee Biggs-Scribner at biggs.scribner@gmail.com.

1. Hammon series 55 model B all tubes. Asking \$400 OBO
2. Lowery Holiday with Magic Chords. Asking \$200 OBO
3. Name unknown, but large with impressive looking pipes. Asking \$100 OBO

Equipment for Hearing Impaired

Godley UMC has three hearing-impaired members who could benefit from amplification devices in worship. Churches that have updated their equipment recently are asked if they would donate their old equipment to Godley. If you can help, please contact Pastor Rudy Rudewick at Godley UMC ([samnrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samnrody@sbcglobal.net).) This is a church that celebrated Easter Sunday with 14 Baptisms and 14 confirmations — 1 baptism and 2 confirmations of older adults.

P-T Youth Director

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time youth director. Responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the youth program for 6th thru 12th graders. This includes Sunday school, Sunday night youth, Wednesday night youth, and other special activities throughout the year. In addition to the salary, housing will be available for the position. Contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or pastor@fumceastland.org.

P-T Administrative Assistant

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time (25 hours per week) administrative assistant. The applicant needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Responsibilities include preparing online media, weekly bulletins, maintaining membership records, and handling church finances. Please contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or pastor@fumceastland.org.

Music Director

(20 hours) – If you like the sound of “that’s the way we’ve always done it,” this position isn’t for you. Brock UMC (<http://www.brockumc.com/>), a growing church 30 minutes west of Fort Worth, seeks to hire their first music director; position can include leading music for both contemporary and traditional services, launching an adult choir, overseeing two new kid choirs and even using our two octaves of handbells that are ready to ring once again. Resumes or questions may be sent to Alan@brockumc.com.

Director of Youth Ministries

Alliance UMC, a young, active congregation in far north Fort Worth is seeking an energetic, organized person with a passion for youth ministry to direct our growing youth ministry program. This is a 20-hour/week position during the school year, which grows to become a full-time position (est. 30-35 hours/week) during the summer. The director of youth ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in the following: summer mission trips, special youth activities (field trips, service days, youth week), Sunday night youth, Wednesday night worship, prayer and fellowship, retreats, and oversight of youth Sunday school. The position would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to grow into an internship and associate pastor role. Please send resume, including youth experience, to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. For more information, please contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Used Folding Machine Needed!

Stephenville Oakdale UMC needs a good used folding machine. If you have one that is no longer needed, please contact Steve Holston at 254-968-8870 or pastor@oakdaleum.org.

Director of Children’s Ministry/Assistant Youth Director

First UMC of Azle has an opening for a director of children’s ministry/assistant youth director. This person will work with the full-time youth director. The responsibilities of this full-time position will be to oversee all the elements of the children’s ministry as well as be an assistant to the youth director in the areas of administration and programming. There will also be some teaching responsibilities involved. For further information or for a job description, please contact Dean Posey at dposey@fumcazle.org.

Organist/Pianist

Organist/pianist position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Duties include two services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night rehearsal and special holiday services. To apply, send a resume to Lisa Neslony at 6701 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills 76182 or pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org.

Pianist

Lakeside UMC at Richland Chambers Lake seeks a pianist for weekly Sunday service from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This paid position is available beginning June 1. If interested, please contact: Bill Brunson, chairman Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 903-599-4035 or Pastor Sandy Hippman at 903-599-3080.

Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Red Oak seeks an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry

opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at 972-617-9100 for an application. Start date is mid May.

Office Equipment

A member of Cogdell UMC in Waco offers two items:

For sale — RICOH-2051 copier, w/finisher, internet capabilities and maintenance available till 2014. \$1,500 or best offer.

Free to good home — Epson Powerlite Multimedia Projector w/screen

Contact Pat at 254-855-0796 for more info.

P-T Director of Children's Ministries

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. Candidates should have a background in children's education and possess a deep passion for sharing the Gospel with children age 4 through 6th grade. Expectations include coordinating children's Sunday school, helping with the Children's Choir, and planning VBS along with other camps, retreats, and special days throughout the year. Position opens June 1. Applicants can send resumes to Kristie Coleman at kristiecoleman@gmail.com.

Church Pianist

West FUMC seeks a church pianist. This individual should be talented in playing the piano/organ and also possess a strong love of Christ and the hymns that glorify Him. The position requires playing at weekly Sunday church services, one choir practice session the first Wednesday evening of each month, plus any special services scheduled. Interested individuals should contact Pastor Linda Wimberly at 254-826-5448 or westfumc@att.net.

2 Music Positions

Associate Director of Music — First UMC, Killeen seeks associate director of music (PT) to assist in leading and managing all aspects of music ministry. Contemporary music experience and formal music training preferred. Experience leading and directing choirs and instrumental groups in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Lead Accompanist — First UMC, Killeen seeks lead accompanist for contemporary worship (PT). Must be proficient at sight reading, playing from lead sheet, improvising. Accompaniment experience and formal music training preferred. Experience playing piano and keyboard in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Adult Retreat Center Coordinator

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center seeks a ministry-minded individual interested in serving as retreat center coordinator for Still Water Lodge. Responsibilities include hospitality, marketing and reservations management. Experience in Christian camping, Christian education or adult ministry preferred, but not required. This full-time position requires on-site residence, included as part of the compensation. To apply, please mail resume with references to P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

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