



# Central E-Link

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

**May 26, 2010**

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

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### E-Link Schedule

E-Link will be published next week (June 2), but will skip the following week (June 9) when Annual Conference is in session. If there is a time-sensitive event you need to share, please be sure to make the noon Tuesday, June 1, deadline for the June 2 issue.

### You Can Help Our Youth to Stay Connected!

We are so proud of our high school seniors this year! Please encourage them to find a church home and especially a Wesley Foundation at their college/university. Send your list of seniors, what school they are attending, and a contact email or phone number to Joy Roberson ([joy@ctcumc.org](mailto:joy@ctcumc.org)) so she can contact the campus ministry. We want to make a connection so they feel welcome as they begin higher education experience.

### Congratulations, Campus Drive!

Campus Drive UMC in Fort Worth has been recognized by UM Communications (UMCom) as an official "Welcoming Congregation." Welcoming Congregations are a select group of UM congregations nationwide that meet criteria that includes embracing newcomers and providing opportunities in discipleship. Campus Drive, located at 4301 Campus Drive, Fort Worth 76119, shows radical hospitality in welcoming visitors and newcomers. The church has just under 500 in membership. In addition to a plaque, the church will be recognized as a Welcoming Congregation on the denomination's Find-A-Church.org website. To learn how to become a Welcoming Congregation, visit [www.rethinkchurch.org](http://www.rethinkchurch.org) or call toll free 877-281-6535.

### Annual Conference Items

**REGISTRATION:** Members of Annual Conference who did not pre-register online will need to register on Monday, June 7, in the Silver Spur Room at Will Rogers Memorial Center. You may still participate in the Sunday and Monday morning worship and business at First UMC, Fort Worth, but will need to register during the lunch break on Monday prior to the business session on at 2 p.m.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT:** The 2010 Annual Conference Preliminary Report is accessible on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the "2010 Annual Conference" banner picture in the lower right quadrant.

**WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED:** Annual Conference worship services at First UMC Fort Worth will

be available via live online streaming. The agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming will be found at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) beginning Sunday, June 6.

### **Good News From Church Growth Director Gary Lindley**

What great news I have to share. It is exciting to see how the Holy Spirit is working in the life of the CTC and in our churches. Last Sunday, May 23, I was worshipping with our newest church start. I announced to the Ghanaian community meeting at Aldersgate UMC in Arlington that they are officially a new church start. There was literally dancing in the aisles. There were 45 in attendance, however, you would have thought there were a 1,000 the way they sang and danced.

It was a worship experience that I will never forget. We do not have a pastor assigned. Rev. Jacob Atuahene-Nsowaah, a Ghanaian Methodist pastor and chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Mansfield, is preaching most Sundays. Please remember this congregation in your daily prayers.

### **Also From the Office of Church Growth & Development**

***Can you give us a few minutes?*** Gary Lindley, Director of Church Growth & Development – Vicki Eldredge, Administrative Assistant, are dedicated to church growth, willing to drive to your church, have a strong desire to talk about church growth. They hope to gain 2,010 more shareholders to help offer Christ to the many in need. They would love to come to your church on the Sunday of your choice to talk about the SHARES Program and Church Growth & Development and to give every member of our conference the chance to have a SHARE in starting a new church! Contact Vicki at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622 or [vicki@ctcumc.org](mailto:vicki@ctcumc.org).

***Church Growth & Development Accepting Online Payments*** — Churches and individuals are able to make secure, electronic payments for Shares. From the conference webpage ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) click on “Administration,” then “Apportionments,” then “Online Payments.” Go down to “Other” payments (you can type in Church Growth). Paying online is an easy 1-2-3-step process. Contact David Stinson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, or [david@ctcumc.org](mailto:david@ctcumc.org) if you need more information.

### **Tennessee Flood Update**

Ashland, Carthage and Centerville, Dyersburg and Millington may be towns unfamiliar to many across the United States, but they are among the scores of towns in Tennessee that continue to deal with the aftermath of record-breaking floods earlier this month. Twenty-four people died and 45 counties were declared disaster areas. While local churches open their doors to host volunteer work teams, the UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is on the ground helping the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences develop processes for coordinating response to the disaster and for offering spiritual and emotional care. No longer grabbing national headlines, the historic floods in Tennessee have left an aftermath of need for repair and rebuilding. See the article below about how you/your church can contribute “Cleaning Buckets.” Financial contribution may be made through your local church to **US Domestic Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670**.

### **Cleaning Buckets Needed for UMCOR**

UMCOR has announced the need for cleaning buckets after May’s devastating floods and tornadoes. UMCOR has already delivered thousands of buckets to affected communities in Tennessee, but the need for relief supplies remains. The CTC Disaster Response Task Force will sponsor the delivery of cleaning buckets to UMCOR’s Sager Brown Depot for much-needed distribution. You may bring your completed buckets to **FUMC Fort Worth between 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 pm on Sunday, June 6**. Please drop off your buckets near the west entrance of the Justin Building, entering through the main parking lot on West 7th Street. Volunteers will direct you to the truck. Visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for instructions regarding bucket contents and assembly. Thanks to volunteers from FUMC Mansfield for collecting and delivering the cleaning buckets to Sager Brown. Questions? Contact Jennifer Bellamy, CTC Director of Humanitarian Services, at [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

### **UMVIM Update**

UM Volunteers in Mission, the General Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR are working to

identify nurses with prior Haiti mission experience who are interested in traveling to Haiti for earthquake relief. Of special interest are nurses interested in serving as individual volunteers for an extended period of time (between 2 months and 2 years). Interested personnel should contact Nancy Eubanks, individual volunteer consultant for GBGM at [nteubanks@gmail.com](mailto:nteubanks@gmail.com).

### **E.O. Complimentary Lunch Monday at Annual Conference**

Join Scott Youngblood and Paula Cole for a complimentary lunch Monday, June 7 at Blue Mesa Grill (1600 S. University, Fort Worth), less than 10 minutes from Will Rogers, to learn about Educational Opportunities, a travel ministry founded by UM clergyman Bill Ridgeway. Since 1974, over 350,000 passengers have traveled with E.O. on Christian cruises, tours and Holy Land tours. R.S.V.P. to [yngbld0223@Yahoo.com](mailto:yngbld0223@Yahoo.com).

### **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](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org).

### **Singles - Mini-Mission Trip: Work Day at Glen Lake – June 12**

All single adults in the CTC are invited to participate in a Mini-Mission Trip at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center Saturday, June 12. There is a variety of work to be done: interior/exterior painting; minor repairs; landscaping; deep cleaning. Bigger projects are available if you have construction skills and want to take on a bigger task. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. If you can't make it that early, come when you can. Lunch will be provided, so we need to know you're coming. To sign up, please e-mail Ellen Bauman at [ellen@glenlake.org](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org). Overnight accommodations available.

### **Media Library Feature at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)**

The Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to the conference website. Local churches and other ministry organizations are invited to share their stories/images. Click on the "Media Library" menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. It would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

### **Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning Service – June 6**

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and a Commissioning Service during the opening worship of the 2010 Annual Conference. For more details and to register your group, check the flyer at [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Commissioning\\_Flyer\\_52ZZQDQQ.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Commissioning_Flyer_52ZZQDQQ.pdf)

### **Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference Business Sessions**

Lighthouse Fellowship is coordinating hospitality volunteers for the Annual Conference business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center June 7-9. Volunteers are needed for the important role of greeting and providing information for the 1,100 members from 314 churches who will be attending the conference. [The timeframes for assisting before and during the business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center and listed below, but the new need is for early Monday.](#) If interested, please contact Jody Williamson at [jwilliamson@lfwired.org](mailto:jwilliamson@lfwired.org) will the time(s) you can serve. Volunteers can participate for any amount of time from the schedule below. Thank YOU in advance for serving on the Annual Conference Hospitality Team!

Monday June 7:

#### **\_\_\_ Laity Session (volunteers needs from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)**

\_\_\_ Pre-Business Session #1 (1-2pm)                      \_\_\_ Business Session #1 (2-5pm)  
   \_\_\_ After Business Session #1 (5-6pm)

Tuesday June 8:

\_\_\_ Pre-Business Session #2 (7:30-8:30am)                      \_\_\_ Business Session #2 (8:30-12 noon)  
\_\_\_ Between Business Session 2 & 3 (12 noon -2pm)                      \_\_\_ Business Session #3 (2-5pm)  
   \_\_\_ After Business Session #3 (5-6pm or as needed)

Wednesday June 9:

- \_\_\_ Before Business Session #4 (7:30-8:30am) \_\_\_ Business Session #4 (8:30am to Noon)  
\_\_\_ Between Business Session 4 & 5 (Noon to 2pm) \_\_\_ Business Session #5 (2-3:30pm)  
\_\_\_ After Business Session #5 (3:30-4:30pm or as needed)

### **Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship**

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:Karen@ctcumc.org).

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **GLOBAL: World Refugee Day Is June 20**

Dawn Evans and her husband Chris wanted to get involved in hospitality ministry when they moved to their new home in Hanover, Pa. They became interested in refugee resettlement and, with their pastor's support, they invited the Lohr's Memorial UMC congregation to help. Before long, Lohr's UMC welcomed not one family from Bhutan but three. Evans and other congregants scrambled to locate apartments and furnish them for a total of 17 refugees. "It has been such a blessing," Evans said. Read the full story in the Refugee Ministry Newsletter (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/work/immigration/newcomers/refugeeministry/archives2010/?C=6550&i=34341>).

**World Refugee Day is June 20.** Share UMCOR resources with your congregation. Download a World Refugee Day poster, web banner, children's sermon, and PowerPoint slide now. And please, support refugee resettlement with your gift to **New Hope for Newcomers, UMCOR Advance #901779.**

### **HAITI: Emergency School Tents**

Hundreds of school administrators and teachers and thousands of students perished in Haiti's Department l'Ouest during the Jan. 12 earthquake. Schools in the province were damaged or completely destroyed, leaving surviving children with no class to go to, and teachers unable to teach. UMCOR is responding by setting up emergency classroom tents for six primary schools in Tabarre Issa and one in Corail, which will benefit a total of 1,870 students and 52 teachers. UMCOR also will provide chairs, desks, and tables, as well as school kits from UMCOR Sager Brown relief depot. Since the earthquake four months ago, generous donors have given more than \$33 million to UMCOR's relief and recovery work in Haiti. Much more will be needed as the Haitian people rebuild over the coming years. One hundred percent of your gift supports these efforts. Please give to **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325.**

### **Preparing to Receive a New Pastor**

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together." The following suggestions from [50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html) ([http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428\\_article2.html](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html)) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality.

### **2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center**

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

June 27-29: *Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference.

Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cefumc.org) to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

## **Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **Olney First Supports Malaria Effort with Music & Poetry — June 2**

The Olney First UMC congregation (110 W. Elm, Olney) takes its support for eradicating malaria to the community at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, with a program of African American spirituals and poetry. The program will celebrate our nation's musical and literary heritage as a way of highlighting the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. The evening's music will consist of spirituals sung by the adult choir, children and soloists. Various readers will also perform poetry selections by Mary McCleod Bethune, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson. Many will remember how the world stopped polio many years ago. The Olney congregation invites others to join them in this special worship service and to help make a difference in the world today. One hundred percent of the offering will be to Imagine No Malaria.

### **First Waxahachie Hosts Wichita Falls Youth "Creation Tour"— June 2**

The music ministry of First UMC, Waxahachie presents the youth choir/drama group from Floral Heights UMC of Wichita Falls in "Creation Tour" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the Family Life Center. Prior to the concert, there will be a potluck dinner for the guests at 5:30 p.m. To contribute a dish or assist, contact Betty Jonte at 972-937-8135 or the church office at 972-937-4400.

### **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](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **Worship Arts Week at Grace UMC — June 14-18**

Grace UMC, Arlington extends an open invitation to all for their Worship Arts Week June 14-18. The theme is "Experience It Live: A Gaze into Praise!" Monday-Thursday evenings will be spent in a session of choice (poetry, children's music, praise and worship, jazz as a worship art, speech choir and worship in the Bible/a worship study). The week will culminate in a Friday evening worship service where participants share what they've learned. Sessions are designed for ages 4 to adult and will be held across from Grace at St. Alban's Episcopal Church (911 S. Davis,

Arlington 76013). There is no charge for the sessions, but reservations are requested by calling 817-294-5784. Contact: Alphonetta Wines, pastor, at [abwines1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abwines1@sbcglobal.net).

### **Tongan First UMC Fundraising**

As a fundraising effort, Tongan First UMC Trustee's Choir and the Youth and Children Choirs are willing to sing at any church worship services within the CTC. A love offering or donation will help the church in their building renovations. Both choirs sing in Tongan language and the Youth and Children Choir can sing both English and Tongan. Their choirs sang last year at First Hurst, Grapevine and Trinity, Arlington. Contact Ofa Tuuholoaki at (817) 305-1770 or [tuuholoakio@yahoo.com](mailto:tuuholoakio@yahoo.com).

### **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.

### **Sparks Memorial Hosts Quilts for Kids**

Sparks Memorial UMC will host the Waco chapter of Quilts for Kids on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to come and make quilts, quilts tops, swap patterns, pick up fabric, drop off quilts, or to just come and meet other people that are helping children in need. Quilts for kids makes quilts and throws for children from ages birth to 22 months who are experiencing illness, are in abuse shelters, newborns taken from parents, and more. Quilts will be given to local hospitals, abuse shelters, fire and police departments, foster care or any organization we find requiring help with young children. For questions, contact the church office at 254-716-9550 or email [wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com](mailto:wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com).

### **Basic Lay Speaker’s Class — Thru June 13**

Genesis UMC (7605 S. Hulen, Fort Worth 76133 - 817-292-4551) will host Basic Lay Speaker’s classes at the cost of \$20 to be paid at the first class. For more information, contact Judy Clarke at 817-292-9555 or [judyclarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyclarke@sbcglobal.net).

Sundays, May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13  
2 – 4:30 p.m.

### **Retirement Reception for Kent Marrs — May 30**

Friends of Kent D. Marrs are invited to a retirement reception celebrating the ministry of Kent, Diane and Darin Marrs from 2 to 4 p.m. May 30 at St. John’s UMC (311 E. University Ave., Georgetown). RSVP by May 14 to 512-864-9222.

### **Retirement Reception for Jim Porter — June 13**

You are invited to join with the folks of First UMC, Georgetown in celebrating Senior Pastor Jim Porter’s 38 years of ministry as he retires to discover the next chapter of life that God has in store for him. Join the celebration at 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park.

### **Retirement Reception for Ev Schrum — May 30**

Join members at First UMC, Georgetown as they celebrate the ministry of Associate Pastor Ev Schrum as he retires. The reception will be at 12 noon Sunday, May 30, in the McKinney Ministry Center on the campus of First UMC, Georgetown.

### **Conference UMs Heading to Holy Land — June 8**

Join the “Holy Land Trip hosted by Steve Lallier.” Steve, a lay leader for the Adult Singles Class

at Whites Chapel UMC in Southlake, and is returning to Israel with friends across the conference. This is a guided tour via Educational Opportunities. For details, visit <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>. Interested? Contact Steve Lallier at 817-424-5704, 214-912-1979 or email [BigBandLdr@aol.com](mailto:BigBandLdr@aol.com).

### **Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 24-27**

FUMC Palmer announces PUMP 2010! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend (June 24-27) for youth groups from across Texas. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area and experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. This is an appropriate mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. The cost is \$75/per person. For more details and a pre-registration brochure, contact Debbi Mitchell at 214-683-1501 or [palmerpump@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Registration deadline: May 31.

### **Church Choirs, Orchestra and Praise Bands Needed for Bass Hall Benefit Concert**

A benefit concert will be held at Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth on Sunday Sept. 26 at 3-7 p.m. "Carry the Light," a contemporary Gospel concert, will feature over 300 adult, youth and children from all denominations, as well as instrumentalists and praise teams uniting to form one voice for one great cause—caring for orphaned children in Africa. All proceeds will benefit ZOE Ministry ([www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org)), with an emphasis on the new Giving Hope program that provides the tools, resources and support to transform the lives of thousands of orphans from hopelessness to self-sufficiency. If interested in participating in the concert, contact Scott Ferrell at FUMC Mansfield ([scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or call 817-477-2287.

## **Resources**

### **Helpful Links for Church Leaders**

**Central Texas Conference:** ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) features and other content changes daily

**InfoServ:** (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

**UM Reporter Interactive:** ([www.umportal.org](http://www.umportal.org))

**United Methodist News Service:**

([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS\\_News.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm))

**UMNS on Facebook:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=ifITKWNrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

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

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

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

### **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](mailto: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.

***The Best Question Ever: Learning to Foolproof Your Life.*** Andy Stanley. Can a Simple Question Foolproof Your Life? When it comes to sorting out the complexities of life, only wisdom can reveal the best path. Let's face it - we've all made some pretty dumb decisions in our lives. There's money we wish we had never spent, relationships we wish we had never started, and perhaps a few invitations we wish we had never accepted. Unfortunately, we can't do anything to reverse the bad decisions of the past. But there is certainly no reason to repeat them either. This **6-part DVD program and study guide** focuses our attention on one crucial question that has the power to goof-proof our decision making from this point forward. In *The Best Question Ever*, Andy Stanley effectively teaches the practical and lasting value of simply asking this question about our actions in all of life's arenas: What is the wise thing for me to do, in light of my past experience, my present circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams?

***The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You*** curriculum kit. What does God's best version of me look like? Join bestselling author John Ortberg in this five-session DVD video curriculum that will guide you to discover spiritual vitality like never before. Ortberg teaches how you can move toward becoming God's best version of you in four specific areas: your mind, your time, your relationships, and your experiences. It is easy to trust God to bridge the gap between us and him, but we struggle to really live by grace and trust God to close the gap between the me I am and the me I want to be. Contains 1 hardcover book, 1 participant's guide, 1 DVD with additional resources and 5 video sessions.

### **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](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

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

## **Needs, Resources, Opportunities**

**NOTE TO LISTERS:** Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC of Euless seeks an enthusiastic person with excellent organizational and communication skills to work with our junior and senior high youth. This is a full-time position that requires commitment to the faith development of the youth and to building relationships with the youth and their families. Responsibilities include planning, coordinating and providing leadership in: Sunday school, youth fellowship, summer mission trips, service activities, retreats, fun and fundraisers. Please send resume to [gary@fumceuleless.org](mailto:gary@fumceuleless.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 [lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com](mailto:lbiggs.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:samn Rudy@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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@fumceastland.org).

### **Methodist Children's Home President**

Methodist Children's Home of Waco is accepting applications for president. This executive position requires experience working in a child/youth care environment with an understanding of the at-risk population. The acceptable candidate should have a working knowledge of child care licensing standards and possess the ability to work with a Board of Directors to establish policy and procedures. A Child Care Administrators License and a master's degree are required. For a job description, please send your request by e-mail to [resume@mchwaco.org](mailto:resume@mchwaco.org). Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 25. MCH does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or political beliefs. Physical or mental challenges will not disqualify an applicant who meets bona fide job requirements.

### **Organist**

Woodway First UMC seeks an organist beginning June 1. Principal duties include performing on Sunday morning and practicing with the choir Wednesday evening. The pipe organ is one of the finest in central Texas. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. For further information, please contact Joe Achor, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at 254-772-9751 or [L\\_Joseph\\_Achor@baylor.edu](mailto:L_Joseph_Achor@baylor.edu).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### **P-T Preschool Director**

Richland Hills UMC seeks a highly motivated part-time director position for a newly formed preschool scheduled to open in September. Successful candidates will possess or be in the process of obtaining a Director's Certificate from TDFPS. For more information, please contact Terre McGill at 817-284-9371 or [tmcgill@rhumc.net](mailto:tmcgill@rhumc.net).

#### **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 Choir Director**

University UMC in Fort Worth seeks a part-time (10-12 hr/wk) choir director. A talented Chancel Choir would be the main emphasis with a bell choir as well. Other opportunities also exist. If

interested, please contact the church office (817-926-4626) or email Stephen Decker at [2theo2@gmail.com](mailto:2theo2@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*If you know someone in your church, district or even outside the Central Texas Conference who might appreciate receiving this weekly electronic newsletter — or to unsubscribe your own listing — please contact Susan Biles at [Susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:Susan@ctcumc.org).*