



Central E-Link

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

May 4, 2011

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles and requests should be submitted to Vance Morton vance@ctcumc.org or vance.morton@gmail.com **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. Editor: Vance Morton

News Briefs — The Conference

2011 Spring Storms

A message from Rev. Laraine Waughtal, CTC Disaster Response Coordinator:

We know many want to help with the Spring Tornadoes that have affected a number of states. Currently, trained ERT's (Emergency Response Teams) are responding to the area to help make it safer for others to arrive and help. This will be a long clean-up and rebuild process so there will be plenty of opportunities for all people to help. Please keep in touch with E-Link and the conference website to see when these states will be inviting mission teams to come and start the rebuilding process.

In the meantime, UMCOR is responding to the needs of all those affected by these storms. Donations can be made to the **2011 Spring Storms UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326**. One hundred percent of your gift will go to the victims.

Presentations at Annual Conference — May 25 Deadline

A deadline of May 25 has been set for all presentations at the 2011 Annual Conference that will involve a PowerPoint, DVD or music on CD/DVD. The conference is working with a new A/V production company this year; they will project ONLY those presentations that are received by the deadline date and are previewed prior to Annual Conference. There will be no exceptions. Please send your CD, DVD or Flash drive (with script or instructions if applicable) by May 25 to Director of Communications & IT, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107. If you have questions, call the conference office at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

Annual Conference Special Interest Group Events:

Monday, June 6:

- ***Partners in Ministry Luncheon - Everyone is welcome!***

12:15 p.m. Monday, June 6 in the Brazos Room at the Waco Convention Center
Cost: \$12 Please reserve your tickets (**Deadline is May 25**) by the mailing your form to Kim Simpson, Conference Associate Lay Leader, 3905 Lake Powell Drive, Arlington 76016. You can pick up your reserved tickets at Annual Conference from your District Lay Leader.

- ***Clergy Spouses' Luncheon – Reservations must be made in advance***

12:15 p.m. Monday, June 6 at the Methodist Children's Home in the Johnson Student Center
Cost: \$12.50 (Pay at the door - make checks payable to CTCMSO or bring exact change if paying with cash) For reservations and/or dietary needs, contact Vicki Berry at vickiberry@windstream.net or 254/722-6331.

- ***Clergywomen's Luncheon - Reservations must be made in advance***

12:15 p.m. Monday, June 6 at Gratiziano's Restaurant (in the shopping center/restaurant row across from the Convention Center).
Cost: \$10 For reservations, contact Denise Rogers pastorrdumc@yahoo.com or 254/662-3155. Make checks payable to the Wesley Foundation and mail to Denise Rogers at 409 Georgia Lane, Waco 76706.

- **Brite Divinity School Gathering** - The annual gathering of former & present students and friends of Brite Divinity School

5:30 p.m. Monday, June 6 at the Wesley Foundation at Baylor University, 821 Speight Avenue Waco 76706

Cost: \$8 For reservations, contact Richard Reed at richard@fumcgraham.org or 940/549-0970.

Tuesday, June 7:

- **CTC UMW AC Luncheon - Seeking Peace in a World of Change**

12 Noon Tuesday, June 7 at the Brazos Room, Waco Convention Center (wear blue to the event)

Cost: \$12 Checks should be made payable to CTCUMW. Mail check and a self-address stamped envelope to Kay Swain, 507 Candy Lane, Lorena 76655 - kswain924@aol.com or 254/854-4670 -

Deadline May 27

- **CTC UMW Ubuntu Day 2011** - Following the UMW Luncheon join us for an Ubuntu Day! *Ubuntu* means "because you are human, I am human" - Please sign up for this "learn & do" mission event.

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 Meet at Waco Convention Center at 2:00 pm and will return by 5:00 pm. There is no charge for the event, but you must register. Register with Sharion Smith, 7351 Greenacres Drive, Fort Worth 76112, snowflake_1900@yahoo.com or 817/446-5434.

- **Texas Wesleyan Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

7:00 a.m. Tuesday June 7 at the Brazos Room A in the Waco Hilton Hotel

Cost: \$15 RSVP to Eli Cumpton, Religious Life, 1201 Wesleyan, Fort Worth 76105 or email elicumpton@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, June 8:

- **Perkins Alumni Breakfast:**

7 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 at the Methodist Children's Home

Cost: \$10 (check made to FUMC Fort Worth - Perkins Breakfast on memo line)

Mail to Gena Anderson, 800 W. 5th Street, Fort Worth 76102 (**Deadline May 20**)

Contact information: Gena Anderson - ganderson@myfumc.org - 817/339-5067

Paul Gravley - paul.gravley@huttodiscovery.org - 512/876-3592

- **Asbury Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

7 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 - Location TBA

For more information contact Lynn Moore at lmoore@edgeparkumc.org or 817/296-8487.

- **Health & Welfare Luncheon**

12:05 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 in the Brazos Room at the Waco Convention Center

Cost: No charge

For further information contact Chris Hayes at cjhayes@fumccolleyville.org or 817/281-5254.

Visiting Bishop — June 5

Bishop Zablon Nthamburi of Africa Team Ministries will be in our conference June 5. He would like to preach or participate in one of our churches' worship services. If your church is interested, contact Keith Jesson at atmm@earthlink.net or 626-359-5075.

Changes in Conference Communications

As The Exodus Project gets underway, the Central Texas Conference will move into a time of transition beginning with the Annual Conference in June. For the next few weeks, please send all submissions for the *E-Link* to Susan Briles (susan@ctcumc.org). The *Central Link* will end with the May 27 issue, which are already completed. Over the summer months a new plan for communications will be developed utilizing the latest technologies to offer new opportunities for

communicating with conference members and the public. Please watch the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) for the latest news and new developments for communicating with you.

Conference Resource Center / Archives & History

Requests for the Conference Resource Center and the Archives & History will be continue to be addressed up until May 31 as long as any borrowed resources can be returned by that date. After that time, the conference will be in a time of transition and living into The Exodus Project. All aspects of Archives & History and the Conference Resource Center will be closed from June 1 to Aug. 31. Please watch for their grand re-opening in September. We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause and ask for your understanding, patience and prayers during this time of transition and implementation.

There will be a clearance of a large number of Resources Center items **May 4-6** during normal conference hours. Most of the clearance items are books and other printed materials, VHS tapes and kits with VHS tapes.

Centennial Church Awards at Annual Conference

Is *your* church a Centennial Church? This past fall, we offered you the opportunity to achieve recognition at Annual Conference as a Centennial Church as part of our 100-year celebration. If your church fulfilled the requirements (100 pts), please email Yvonne Coon at Vicki@ctcumc.org no later than **May 10**. You will be presented with a certificate and recognized during the report from the Commission on Church Growth & Development. There were a variety of opportunities for you to accumulate points in order to qualify for this recognition (see the attached information). We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating with your church at Annual Conference!

2012 Lay Delegate Candidates on Website

Lay members of the Annual Conference who have indicated an interest and willingness to serve as a lay delegate to the 2012 General and South Central Jurisdictional conference are included in a "booklet" that is posted on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under the 2011 Annual Conference banner.

2011 Annual Conference Registration / Note Changes

There will be no online registration for the 2011 Annual Conference in Waco. Registration cards will be placed on the tables for delegates to complete on Monday morning at the Waco Convention Center. Nametags and table tents will be printed based on the information provided by the churches in the web console. If substitutions are made, the delegate attending will mark through the name on the nametag and table tent of the person they are replacing and write in their own name.

Other Preparations for the 2011 Annual Conference — June 5-8

Check Website: Information concerning the 2011 Annual Conference is posted as information becomes available on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under the Annual Conference banner on the left side. Annual Conference will be held June 5-8 with business sessions at the Waco Convention Center and all worship services at First UMC Waco. Some construction is still underway at the Convention Center, but all meeting rooms will be complete.

Parking: There will be fewer parking spaces adjacent to the Convention Center, so lay and clergy members may want to consider carpooling.

District Conferences: These will be posted as they become available.

Fort Worth – 7 p.m. May 23 - Arlington Heights UMC
Temple – 7 p.m. May 19 – Georgetown First UMC
Brownwood – 7 p.m. May 23 – Comanche UMC
Mid-Cities – 7 p.m. May 19 – St. Paul UMC, Hurst
Waxahachie – 3 p.m. May 22 – First Waxahachie UMC
Waco – 7 p.m. May 17 — Central UMC
Weatherford – 7 p.m. May 5 – First Weatherford UMC

Giving Back and Giving Forward ... Annual Conference Offering

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center has been named recipient of the 2011 Central Texas Annual Conference Offering. More than 18,000 children, youth and adults come to the campsite each year for meetings, retreats and as part of the summer and mid-year camping and retreat programs. Besides the Annual Conference Offering, which will be received during the June 5-8 meeting in Waco, the folks at GLC will be asking individuals and local churches for a variety of other gifts. Over an 8-week period, GLC will be asking YOU to become a member of the Glen Lake Gift of the Week Club. To learn more about GLC's biggest needs and how your contributions can help sustain this remarkable ministry in our conference at www.glenlake.org or call 254-897-2247.

Videos Sought for GC 2012 Young People's Address

Young People's Ministries is organizing the Young People's Address for the 2012 General Conference. The goal is for two young people (age 11-30) to present the address at General Conference, which will consist of several short video stories from ministries all over the world. To apply as a presenter, send by Aug. 1 a 3-5 minute video that includes:

- you introducing a ministry story from your context
- a one-minute story (a video or a slide show with narrative) of the ministry you're introducing
- some closing remarks
- an explanation of why it is important to you to represent young people in the UMC to the General Conference

For more details check Facebook at SCJ Young People or contact Abby Parker, South Central Jurisdictional representative for Young People's Ministries, at aparker@gbod.org or 210-885-6901.

Change the World — May 14-15

Is your church making a difference in the community?

Make a difference in your community and the world through ministry and service. The UMC has some ideas and resources to help your congregation prepare to Change the World May 14-15, and to let the world know you are involved in taking the message and mission of Jesus Christ to the global community. The second annual Change the World event takes place next month, so the time is close to plan and carry out your church's outreach project. To learn more and to register your church for the event, visit UMCom.org or click on [2011 Change the World Event Registration and Information](#).

Petition Submissions Are Welcome for 2012 GC

Between now and Sept. 27, any UM individual, group, church, conference can submit petitions for consideration by the 2012 General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body. For details on how to submit a petition, please check the conference website at www.ctcumc.org.

Relief Kit Delivery to Sager Brown — CTC Collection May 16-20

FUMC Mansfield will be delivering Relief Kits and other supplies to UMCOR Sager Brown (Baldwin, La.) in late May. There will be plenty of room on the truck and the church would love to include any kits that conference churches are assembling. If your church is planning to make relief kits for the Change the World weekend, this would be a great way to get them delivered at no additional cost! Supplies will be collected at FUMC Mansfield (777 N. Walnut Creek Drive, Mansfield 76063) during the week of May 16-20. Please contact Teresa Sherwood, teresas@firstmethodistmansfield.org if you would like to transport your supplies to Sager Brown with the FUMC Mansfield truck.

UMCOR Responding to Needs in Japan

Continue to check the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) for the latest stories being posted about the UMC and UMCOR's assistance and relief efforts for the people of Japan. The photo may not change, but stories are unfolding almost daily. Many of the photos used by UMNS have been purchased or used by permission from the U.S. military and news wires services. They are

not available to our conference, but the articles area. You can help. Donations can be made to **Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317**. Other specific ways to help will be reported as they are determined by those onsite in Japan. For related stories and resources for local churches, please check the links on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org and Bishop Lowry's blog (The Focused Center banner).

Haiti Earthquake Relief Mission

On Jan. 12, 2010, the nation of Haiti experienced a massive earthquake that eventually claimed over 250,000 lives. The UMC has been working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to rebuild lives and property. By OAS estimates, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The nation has had poor and corrupt leadership. Illiteracy is rampant throughout the country. The earthquake only added to the problems of the Haitian people. People of the CTC have 3 opportunities for hands-on participation:

Lara Whitley (senior pastor at Joshua UMC) will be leading a 10-person UMVIM earthquake relief mission team Aug. 3-11. (This team is currently full.)

Laraine Waughtal (pastor at Morgan Mill/Bluff Dale) will lead a 10-person UMVIM earthquake relief mission team Oct. 5-13. This team is currently full and she is signing volunteers for a wait list in case there are cancellations. If you are interested, contact Waughtal at 254-595-1503 or revlaraine@yahoo.com.

George Murphy (member at Salado UMC) will lead a UMVIM earthquake relief mission Oct. 20-28 and has two remaining slots for the 10-member team to serve for one week in Haiti. If interested, contact Murphy at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com.

Revised Pentecost Journey Training — May 7

This event has been cancelled due to the lack of participants.

Mother's Day Special Offering for Wesleyan Homes — May 8

This year Mother's Day, May 8, is especially crucial for all congregations to support the Benevolent Fund of our conference's senior adult ministry, Wesleyan Homes. Near May 1, your church will receive enough specially prepared bulletin inserts to take this offering on May 8. *Why is this year's Mother's Day offering so important?* In the *Great Recession of 2011*, Wesleyan Homes expects the financial needs of our 340 residents to require a *50% increase in our Benevolent Fund requirements*. Remember: *No one has ever been asked to leave Wesleyan Homes because they could not pay*. Your support on May 8 (or for some of you, to make this missional gift in another way during the year, as you choose) is the major reason we can continue this "Jesus Value" of providing residential care for many of Central Texas' senior adults in need. If you plan not to use the Mother's Day bulletin insert, please contact Wesleyan Homes (tenos@wesleyanhomes.org) or call Tiffany at 512-868-1205 by April 25.

Retirement Party for Harvey Ozmer — May 14

In celebration of 43 years of dedicated ministry, St. Luke UMC (3200 Denton Hwy., Fort Worth 76117) is hosting a come-and-go retirement party honoring Harvey L. Ozmer. Harvey currently serves as executive director for the Conference Council on Finance & Administration and will be taking retirement at the June Annual Conference. If you are unable to attend but would like to extend best wishes, please share a memory, story or picture with the Ozmer family. Send a card or note to Ozmer Retirement, 464 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth 76107. They will be presented to him at the party.

Youth 2011 — July 13-17 or July 27-31

This is a nationwide UM Youth Conference held every four years. "MORE THAN: You think you are ordinary? THINK AGAIN." It will be held July 13-17 at Purdue University OR July 27-31 in Sacramento (<http://www.youth2011.org/>).

Texas Youth Academy — June 26-July 9

Texas Youth Academy is for high school sophomores and juniors with a desire to explore their faith and future. The two-week academy contains worship, service, arts, theology and exploring

your call to ministry. The 2011 event will be held June 26 – July 9 at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Applications are available online and the deadline is March 7. Visit www.texasyouthacademy.org for more details and to register.

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

For those who like to plan ahead, you will want to mark your calendars for the 2011 CTC Cooperative School of Christian Mission. The weekday classes will be Aug. 1-4 at Fort Worth First UMC, the weekday night classes Aug. 1, 2 and 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Fort Worth First UMC, and the weekend classes Aug. 5-7 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. Watch for more details on the conference website and in the *Central Link* newspaper.

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – February 12-16, 2012

A Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation will be held on February 12-16, 2012 at the Prothro Center in Pottsboro, TX. This is the first Academy to be held in North Texas in over two years. The purpose of The Academy includes providing an experience in spiritual formation and encouraging participants to live out their call through the disciplines of daily prayer. The theme for this Academy is "Holy Time and Holy Rhythm: The Path to Untamed Hospitality" and the presenters are Kathryn Damiano and Loyd Allen. Please visit [North Texas 5 Day Academy](#) for more information.

News Briefs — The Denomination

Native American Ministries Sunday, May 8

Native American Ministries Sunday is just weeks away. There's still time to order free offering resources for this May 8 offering. Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ's church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations become stronger and communities are transformed. "I want to be the best minister I can be," said the Chebon Kernell, a Native American seminary scholarship recipient. "The best way to do this is through theological education. My hope is for my children to know who they are as Native people, to hold core values and to know it's OK for them to be what God created them to be." In today's economy, your contributions are critical to the UMC, honoring its commitment to ministries that support Native Americans. Call 888-346-3862 to order envelopes and other resources so your congregation can participate in this church wide offering. They will be sent at no cost to your church! Find more at [UMC Giving/Special Sundays](#).

Events & Activities at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

iGo Green Famcation - June 29 – July 2: An affordable all hands-on environmental family camp that captures a memorable family experience. Educational Excursion Botanical Gardens, Mad Scientist Party, Nature Hike guided by Arkansas Audubon, Marshall Mitchell & Illinois Watershed Project. iGo Green Curriculum and workshops led by certified teachers and instructors. First 20 families to register get a free night's stay added on to the famcation. Commuter rates available. CEUs available. For flyer: [Mount Sequoyah/iGo Green](#).

Senior Adult Retreats - Leaves of Gold (Oct 17-20) & Autumn Time (Oct 24-27): Save the dates for a retreat filled with worship, fellowship, preaching, Bible Study, excursions, educational workshops and crafts.

Eremos Retreat: Ongoing personal retreat for **all** clergy, **all** the time. Clergy recognize the value of getting away for rest, renewal and life planning. Enter the front gates of Mount Sequoyah and leave your worries on the other side. For a private room and bath a rate of \$30 a day for the first three days, \$50 a day thereafter. For a 2BR cottage with kitchen, washer/dryer and cable, a rate of \$80 a day. For flyer: [Mount Sequoyah/Eremos](#)

For all events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701), contact Brenda Thorne at registration@mountsequoyah.org or 479-443-4531 or 800-760-8126.

Hispanic Ministries Institute at Brite Divinity School — June 5-10

Brite Divinity School (TCU campus - 2855 S. University Drive, Fort Worth 76129) will host the Summer Latino/a Church studies and the Hispanic Ministries Institute June 5-10. The program has priority for Latino/a ministers and lay leadership. For more details, contact Reina Rodriguez at 817-257-7575. The deadline for registration and payment is May 20.

School of Congregational Development — July 27-31

The School of Congregational Development will be conveniently close this year — Dallas — and especially good opportunity for new church pastors. Check out this year's SCD, scheduled for Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-31, at [School of Congregational Development](#). There will be 15 intensives, 23 ministry tracks and 25 workshops, plus 8 exciting teaching churches. Add it to your calendar now!

Mission Experiences Available for UM Youth in 2011

Youth from UMCs around the nation can learn what it means to serve others next summer by participating in weeklong mission work experiences in Nashville that help children, the elderly, the homeless and people with special needs. For the second year, the youth mission trips will be sponsored jointly by Young People's Ministries, a division of The General Board of Discipleship (GBOD), and YouthWorks!, a multi-denominational youth mission organization, and will be hosted at McKendree UMC in downtown Nashville. The mission experience is open to youth who will enter the 7th grade in the fall of 2011 through current high school seniors. Eight weeklong sessions will be available in 2011, beginning the week of June 12 and ending the week of July 31. Cost is \$248 per person. For more information, visit www.youthworks.com and click on the link for UMCs in the left column.

R.E.A.P. Program Hosted by Texas Conference CEF Group — Sept. 16-17

The Texas Conference's Christian Education Fellowship extends an invitation to attend their Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program Sept. 16-17 in Houston. Guest speakers include John Holbert (Perkins School of Theology), Mary Jane Pierce Norton (General Board of Discipleship), and Gladys Childs (Texas Wesleyan University). For more details, visit www.ghles.org.

Discounts Available for Wesleyan Pilgrimage — Nov. 7-17

UM clergy and lay leaders who want to follow the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley can take advantage of early-registration discounts for a 10-day Wesleyan Pilgrimage to England in November. Additionally, scholarships are available for provisional members. The Nov. 7-17 pilgrimage is being sponsored by the UM Board of Discipleship and Board of Higher Education & Ministry. An early registration discount of \$400 is available through April 29, and a discount of \$200 will be available from April 30 through July 31. After Aug. 1, the cost will be \$2,395. For more details and a 14-min. video clip. Visit [Wesleyan Pilgrimage in England](#).

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

National Day of Prayer Event — May 5

First UMC of Waco will co-host a community observance of the National Day of Prayer with Columbus Avenue Baptist Church. "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*" is the national theme for this year's gathering on Thursday, May 5, from noon-1 p.m. in FUMC's Family Life Center (Lake Air and Cobbs Drive). This 60th Anniversary Observance will provide an opportunity to unite in worship, prayer and fellowship for our country, state and city in a non-partisan/non-political setting. For local information, contact Amy Christie at 254-722-6700 or Linda Hammond at 254-772-5630 x 218. The national website can be accessed at NationalDayofPrayer.org.

Resiliency: Transforming Turmoil into Hope — May 7

After Easter passes, then what? On May 7, 2 weeks after Easter, White's Chapel UMC will present an all day conference to be led by Dr. John Woodall on ***Resiliency: Transforming Turmoil into Hope***. This program offers tools to transform daily habits that affect:

1. The nature of our relationship to God, to self, to friendships, church, and community.
2. The nature of our judgment, our habitual thought patterns.
3. The nature of our will — grounding our inner life, aligning our will with God's.

For more details and to register, visit www.whiteschapelumc.com. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; registration of \$50 before May 1 and \$60 afterward; lunch on your own from noon to 1 p.m. Childcare with reservation: Dorothea Christ 817-481-4147. Additional information: Tracy Christensen 817-481-4147.

Cybersafety for Families — May 10

On Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-9 p.m., learn tips for talking with children / teens about cybersafety and establishing family guidelines for using the Internet, all hosted by FUMC Hurst (521 W. Pipeline, Hurst). Admission is free, and child care will be available (register online). For information, call 817-282-7384, or go to www.fumchurst.org.

The Leader Within: An Evening with Coach McCoy — May 12

White's Chapel UMC in Southlake offers an inspiring program on preparing children for life at 7 p.m. May 12. Brad McCoy, a highly decorated coach of 27 years and father of three high-performing athletes, believes that a child cannot be changed from the outside in; you must change them from the inside out. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a coach, a manager, a role model, or a student, you will be inspired by his personal and powerful insights.

Pidcoke UMC host "Big Feed – May 14

Pidcoke United Methodist Church will host its annual Big Feed, Saturday, May 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal will include fried catfish, barbeque brisket, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, bread, desserts, and drinks. Donations for the meal benefit area mission projects. The pastor, Rev. Jim Crews, invites the community to attend. Pidcoke UMC is located at 11230 FM 116 between Gatesville and Copperas Cove. The church has been sponsoring the Big Feed, a community outreach project, for more than 20 years. All are welcome to come and enjoy the meal and fellowship. For more information, contact Kenneth & Velva Riddle 254-865-6056.

18th Annual Canafax Golf Scramble for Missions — May 15

FUMC Hurst will host the Annual Canafax Golf Scramble May 15 at Bear Creek Resort. Registration is \$150; sign up as an individual, a twosome, or a full team at www.fumchurst.org. Schedule: 1 p.m.: Putting Contest; 2:30 p.m.: Shotgun Start; 7:30 p.m.: Awards Dinner. All proceeds benefit UM missions and Mission Central. For information, call 817-282-7384, or go to www.fumchurst.org.

Mark Winter's One Man Show Jubilee — May 15-17

When some people hear the word "revival," they think of draggy worship services and long-winded sermons. Not so with One Man Show Jubilee! Mark Winter's One Man Show Jubilee is a mix of inspirational messages, humorous sketches and programs designed to help people discover strength, hope and joy in God. Alliance UMC will host a One Man Show Jubilee May 15-17. Sunday worship begins at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m. Winter formed his One Man Show Ministries in 1999 as a "creative force for God." He is a General Evangelist of the UMC and author of *If There Is No God*, published by Cook Communications.

The Pedaling Pastor Project — May 21

One of the last projects Dr. Ken Diehm was planning before his untimely death in February was to ride 100 miles to benefit The Villages ministry at FUMC Grapevine. He planned to ride the Cross Timbers Classic (CTC) on Saturday, May 21. FUMC Grapevine will still participate! You can ride just a few laps around the Texas Motor Speedway, or you can ride the whole 100 miles! Those

who don't want to ride can still help by providing support through prayers, gifts and service. Since the ride has a safe and secure location at Texas Motor Speedway, it is a perfect way for children and youth to be actively involved in this mission effort. Adult registration prior to May 15 is \$30, \$35 afterward. Registration for kids 12 and under is \$15. The CTC organizers have agreed to donate back 10% of First Grapevine's entry fees to go towards the The Villages if the church can register 100 or more people!! Please be sure that you register using the form linked at www.thepedalingpastor.com in order for the event organizers to track people participating on behalf of First Grapevine's beneficiary. Questions? Contact Steve Isbell at steve@thepedalingpastor.com.

Joyfest 2011 – May 21

The Weatherford District Student Leadership Team is hosting a district wide afternoon event at Weatherford First UMC May 21 from 12 noon-4 pm. There will be music, food and games. It is open to grades 6-12. An RSVP is suggested, but not required, and can be sent to kathryn_gaarz@yahoo.com as well as any questions.

Godspell Production at St. Philip's UMC — June 2-4

St. Philip's UMC is kicking off its community theater project with *Godspell*, a musical depicting the gospel of Matthew in a contemporary setting. The show will be on the St. Philip's stage at 7 p.m. June 2-4. Tickets are \$10 each and available at www.stphils.us/godspell.

Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 23-26

First UMC Palmer announces PUMP 2011! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend sponsored by the church for youth groups from across Texas and surrounding areas. Dates for PUMP 2011 are June 23-26. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area. In addition to the mission projects, participants will experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. There are many planned activities designed to help everyone let loose, experience God, spread His love and have fun. This is an excellent mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. For more information, contact Debbi Mitchell by at 214-683-1501 or palmerpump@yahoo.com. Space is limited so let the church know if you are interested and a reservation brochure will be sent to you! Reservation deadline: May 15.

Worship Arts Week at Grace UMC, Arlington — June 27-July 1

Grace UMC, Arlington will sponsor the Worship Arts Week June 27 to July 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each evening with a light meal available. St. Albans Episcopal Church (911 S. Davis Drive, Arlington 76013) will host the event. "Swing to the Beat of Praise!" is the theme for this event, which will feature SpeechMakers (Speech Choir), children's and adult music, poetry, drama, art, liturgical dance, praise and raise (connecting worship, mission and service), Hebrew and Greek for worship, Worship in the Bible, and Shake It Up Café (for ages 2-5). There is no charge, but call 817-294-5784 for reservations.

Depression Connection: Understanding, Help and Hope

When suffering from depression, bipolar or a related disorder, learn what helps and what hurts. Research confirms that people who participate in regular support groups often experience a better quality of life and a greater likelihood of recovery from the symptoms of depression, anxiety disorder and bipolar disorder. Depression Connection support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 4 of the Heritage Campus of First UMC Grapevine (4344 Heritage Ave.). The group is structured to include approximately 10 individuals and a licensed, trained facilitator. In addition to an opportunity to communicate about one's individual concerns, an educational component is included in each meeting. Questions about Depression Connection? Contact Katherine Hunter at 817-481-2559 x130 or katherineh@fumcg.org.

Career Transition Support Group at First Hurst

NETworkers is a career transition support group at First UMC Hurst for those who are unemployed and actively looking for jobs. NETworkers meets in the church parlor every Monday

for about 1 ½ hours beginning at 9 a.m. Knowing that unemployment is such a difficult situation, the church wants to do something to offer emotional support as well as practical tips for social networking, resume writing, etc. They often have guest speakers. Contact: Sandra Hill at 817-282-7384 ext. 17.

Resources

Helpful Links for Church Leaders

- [Central Texas Conference](#)
- [Infoserve](#)
- [UM Reporter Interactive](#)
- [United Methodist News Service](#)
- [UMNS on Facebook](#)
- [UMNS on Twitter](#)
- [Interpreter Magazine](#)
- [10thousanddoors.org](#)
- [Rethink Church](#)
- [UM TechShop](#)
- [UM Global Health Initiative](#)

Discipleship Resources

The General Board of Discipleship's mission is to support church leaders for their task of equipping world-changing disciples. An agency of the UMC, visit www.gbod.org and www.godfilms.com for more information or call the Communications Office at 877-899-2780, Ext. 1726.

How to Use UMC's TechShop

You may wonder, "What is TechShop?" Well, my friend, TechShop is a gem for UM organizations and their budgets. TechShop will quickly become your finance committee's best friend as it keeps your church outfitted with the latest technology available with deeply discounted software from major suppliers like Microsoft and Adobe. Settle in with a cup of Joe and take a tour of [Tech Shop!](#)

Depression Seminar in Your Church — FREE

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: The World Health Organization has reported that four of the 10 leading causes of disability in the U.S. and other developed countries are mental disorders. By 2020, major depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability in the world for women and children. Most people diagnosed with a serious mental illness can experience relief from their symptoms by actively participating in an individual treatment plan. With no cost to your church, the CTC Committee on Mental Health Concerns and Depression Connection Team will provide a seminar for your church. To inquire, contact Tony Campbell at 817-810-9599 or tony@depressionconnection.org.

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 Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

Part-Time Youth Director

Silver Creek UMC is looking for an energetic person to work with Junior and Senior High aged youth. The position is part-time with full-time excitement! Contact Vaughn Baker at 817-444-1382. The position is open effective June 1, 2011.

Pianist/Organist Needed

Lakeview UMC needs a pianist and/or organist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and on the 5th Sunday of 5 Sunday months. Contact Ron Oden at 254-799-1672 or 254-640-0799 for further information.

Part-time Children's Coordinator Needed

Ovilla UMC seeks an enthusiastic person to develop and administer a children's ministry (pre-K - 5th grade) in a growing suburban church. This person will coordinate and expand a variety of children's ministries in outreach and spiritual formation. The ideal candidate loves children, respects them as potential Christ followers, is committed to healthy evangelism and spiritual formation for that age group, and has strong relational and organizational skills, with a ministry philosophy of training others and getting work done through teams. This is a newly created position for a part-time staff member. This person will be accountable to and report to the pastor. Contact OUMC at 972-617-8840 or email your resume to ovillaumc@sbcglobal.net.

Part Time Office Manager

Christ UMC, Fort Worth (www.cumcfw.org) seeks a part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) office manager. Person must be positive, friendly, and detail oriented. Prior experience preferred. To submit a resume or learn more about the position, contact: Pastor Chauncey Nealy at 817-346-2400 or office.christumc@sbcglobal.net.

Choir Library

FUMC Grapevine is in the process of culling anthems from their choir library and offering them to any churches that would like to pick up one or more anthems. The number of copies is a guesstimate. They will go to the recycle bin on May 31, if not picked up. Contact: Norma Ruggiero at normar@fumcg.org or 817-481-2559 ext. 121.

Sound Board/Equalizer

St. Paul Georgetown in need of a sound board/equalizer for the church. If you have upgraded your soundboard, we would like to have your old one if it is in good working condition. Contact Arcynthia Louie at 254-541-1828.

Piano for Sale

FUMC Coppell is selling a Hallet, Davis and Co. piano. It was purchased about 10 years ago and is in excellent condition, both mechanically and cosmetically. It has been faithfully maintained and kept in tune and includes casters and a keyboard lock. (The only flaw is the "short stick" was damaged at some point and has been mended for use, but is not in factory condition.) We are looking for \$6,500 + moving costs - Please contact Mark Pope, director of music at mpope@fumccoppell.org.

Director, Creative Learning Center

First UMC in Grapevine seeks qualified applicants for director of the Creative Learning Center. The CLC, an exemplary Christian Preschool with approximately 200 students, is a ministry of First UMC Grapevine. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated, organized and detail oriented. He/she will also have proven managerial skills, interpersonal skills and a love for the education of young children. Visit www.clcgrapevine.org/director.html for detailed information regarding job requirements. The deadline for applications is April 18.

Pianist/Organist

Hubbard First UMC is in need of a part-time pianist for Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service. Compensation is negotiable. Contact Dean Coultas at 254-433-0133.

Part-Time Youth Director

First UMC, Corsicana seeks a part-time youth director. Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to Christ, a passion for youth ministry, and a theology compatible with the UMC. Experience in youth ministry is a plus. Salary is negotiable. Resumes or inquiries may be submitted to mikea@fumccorsicana.org or by calling Mike Alexander at 903-874-5656.

New Central District Administrator

What will be the new Central District office in June seeks a district administrator to oversee and supervise the total ministry of clergy and churches within the bounds of the district. The district administrator should be knowledgeable of the workings of the UMC, willing and able to assist clergy, local church staffs, UM members, conference staff and other district offices or organizations as needed. Confidentiality is of utmost importance in the district office. The Central District office will be located in Waco. Hours are 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday with some evenings and weekends. Please e-mail resume, cover letter and list of references by May 1 to don@ctcumc.org.

Director of Student Ministries

First UMC, Cleburne, a growing, vibrant church seeks a full-time director of student ministries. The church has a long history of youth ministry with both Wednesday and Sunday night weekly worship and activities. Over 75 youth currently participate at Wednesday "Fusion" worship and growth potential is unlimited. Participation in CTCYM summer mission trips, Glen Lake camps, and other conference youth activities is at the heart of our ministry. This position has a part-time youth assistant. A complete job summary with all information is available on request. Candidates are asked to send a cover letter and resume to Robert Herzig at robert@fumccleburne.com. With your cover letter, please write a paragraph describing what you're passionate about, and how that passion would impact your work in this position. If email is not an option, please send the same requirements to First UMC, Cleburne, c/o Dr. Robert Herzig, Box 114, Cleburne 76033. Deadline for applications is May 15.

Youth Ministry Worship Leader

There has been a change in contact persons for the First UMC of Fort Worth part-time worship leader for its Youth Ministry. Responsibilities include leading youth worship on Sunday mornings with the youth band, holding weekly practices, and managing the stage and equipment. Additional responsibilities may include special events, going on trips, etc. If you are interested, please send your resume to straz71@yahoo.com or to Adam Straznicky, First UMC Fort Worth, 800 W. 5th St. Fort Worth 76102.

4 Positions at Alliance UMC

Minister of Music / Director of Music Ministries — Alliance UMC, a young congregation in far north Fort Worth, offers an opportunity for a person of musical breadth to join our staff team that has considerable gifts for music - from traditional and contemporary to Africa and beyond. AUMC utilizes multi-media in all worship settings and celebrates connecting people to God through a variety of means. This position includes working with worship committee, chancel choir, praise team, bell choir, and providing general oversight for and supervision of volunteer music leaders, as well as other music staff. Submit resumes or inquiries to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Competitive salary includes continuing education benefits; 20 hour-week. Contact: Jim McClurg (pastor) at 817-581-1688.

Organist / Accompanist — Alliance UMC offers an opportunity for a part-time organist/accompanist. This person will provide organ and/or piano music for Sunday morning worship services to complement the AUMC Chancel Choir and guide congregational singing. Additional responsibilities include accompanying Children's and Youth Choirs and occasional offertory or

special soloists (vocal and instrumental). Submit resumes or inquiries to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Competitive salary includes continuing education benefits. Contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Director of Children's Ministries — Alliance UMC seeks an energetic, organized person with a passion for children's ministry to organize and facilitate all facets of ministry with and for children. This ministry touches the life of the entire congregation including fellowship, worship, discipleship, mission, and evangelism. The director of children's ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in organizing and administering children's Sunday school classes, volunteers for various children's ministries, special children's social/ministry functions, and special events/holidays. Also, partner with the Children's Council and other key staff members. 15-hour/week. Send resume, including experience with children's ministry, to alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Contact: Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Parent's Day Out / Creative College for Kids Director — Alliance UMC seeks an energetic, organized person to provide necessary planning, organization, direction, and coordination of AUMC's Parent's Day Out and Creative College for Kids programs. PDO is a twice-weekly program that runs during the school year and provides a creative, nurturing environment for children not yet enrolled in a formal school program. CCK is a series of four weekly summer camps that provide instruction in multiple disciplines (art, science, music, fitness, etc.) in a fun, nurturing Christian environment. The PDO/CCK director will have a position on and work with the AUMC PDO/CCK board of directors to ensure that both programs are organized and run in a manner compatible with the goals and objectives of AUMC. The PDO/CCK director is 12-hour/week during the school year, 25-hour/week during four summer camps. Send resume, including experience with children's programs, alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Contact: Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Part-time Youth Minister

First UMC Coleman seek a part-time youth minister to focus on leading a group of junior high and high school kids to Christ through Bible study, fun activities and some outreach-type work. The group meets on Wednesday evening after a churchwide fellowship meal. A monthly program on Sunday afternoon will also be encouraged as well as Sunday morning worship. Great opportunity for a college student who has an interest in ministry. Pay: \$650/month. Apply with resume by mail or email to: First UMC Coleman, P.O. Box 852, Coleman 76834 | [mwsweening@web-access.net](mailto:mwswening@web-access.net). Website: www.firstunitedmethodistcoleman.com. Pastor: Mike Kerzee. Please note the address correction.

Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC of Stephenville seeks a part-time youth director. Responsibilities include building strong relationships with youth of our church, planning and leading weekly Bible studies and two summer mission trips. The candidate should have a personal faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to guide and direct youth through that faith. Send resume to: FUMC Stephenville, P.O. Box 173, Stephenville 76401.

Part-time Organist/Accompanist

St. John's UMC in Georgetown seeks a part-time organist to share organ and piano duties for Sunday morning worship services, weekly rehearsals, and special events with current organist. Salary is negotiable depending on education and experience and is based on 7.5 hours per week. Contact Justin Langford at justin@stjohnsumc.cc, 512-863-5886, or 311 E. University Dr, Georgetown 78626.

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. Salary \$1250 per month. Send resume to: FUMC, PO Box 1466, Mineral Wells, TX 76068 or contact church office at 940-325-4707 for more details.

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 Briles at Susan@ctcumc.org.