

Central E-Link

Weekly Newsletter of the Central Texas Conference

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Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to Carolyn@ctcumc.org by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. Use this information for announcements, in church newsletters and/or bulletins. The *E-Link* and the *Central Link* newspaper are posted on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org. Read them online or download and copy to share with others. 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

Cancelled: College Preview Day

The response from our local churches is insufficient to go forward with the College Preview Day opportunity this Saturday and it has been cancelled. There is so much competition for our students' time, but we pray our churches will be diligent in finding other ways to keep our high school students connected with the faith community as they begin planning for their college years. "Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world" is more than a slogan — it's an imperative. We will continue to get information to you about scholarships, loans and the value of our UM-related schools and campus ministry opportunities. A special thank you to those who responded.

More on Appointments

Robert Flowers (correction) — elder in full connection, from pastor at Polytechnic UMC, Fort Worth, to addition of chaplain at Texas Wesleyan University (both in **Mid-Cities Dist**), effective Aug. 15.

Nita Louise Newman — elder in full connection from the Texas Conference to pastor at Valley Mills/Cayote (Waco Dist), effective Oct. 1.

Join the CTC Immigration Reform Team

If you believe we need a more humane immigration system for those who come to the U.S. seeking a better life, you have the opportunity to help build a rapid-response team of United Methodists who will advance the cause of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Bishop Minerva Caracaño of the Desert Southwest Conference is leading this nation-wide effort, and asking each conference to create a network of caring individuals who want to help bring about positive change in the U.S. immigration system. Contact Conference Coordinator Dean Reed at rdr17@me.com to join the team or to learn more.

Missionary Carol Partiridge Itinerating in the CTC

UM Missionary Carol Partiridge, currently serving in Macedonia, will be itinerating in the Central Texas Conference from Oct. 9 – 14. If you would like to have Carol speak in your local congregation, please contact Dawne McAlpin, CTC Secretary of Global Ministries, at dawne@actonumc.org.

New Singles Bible Study to Begin in October

“Returning to the Garden and Our True Sacred Identity,” study on the spiritual writings of J. Philip Newell, Henri Nouwen and others who have discovered their valued identity and purpose in relationship to God, creation and others. This series is offered to **singles of all ages** in our churches and community. Led by Chuck Graff, associate pastor at First UMC Fort Worth, and hosted by Tarrant Area UM Singles and First Fort Worth 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at First Fort Worth Room 154. (Bring your own brown bag supper to break bread, enjoy fellowship and study together.) Contact: Chuck Graff (817-339-5065 or cgraff@myfumc.org) or Ellen Bauman (817- 564-5595 or ellen-bauman@yahoo.com).

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

All singles are invited to participate in a disaster recovery mission trip to Dulac, LA, Feb. 11-15 (President’s Day Weekend). Please save these dates and plan on joining the group as they work on homes devastated from past hurricanes. Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or cgraff@myfumc.org and watch for additional details soon.

UMVIM Team Leader Training — Oct. 11

Training for team leaders will be held 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at First UMC Mansfield.
<http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=903>

Early Response Team Training — Nov. 7

Presented by the CTC Disaster Response Task Force 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at First UMC Round Rock.
<http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=890>

Thanksgiving Offering 2009

http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf.

Deadline Is PAST for Annual Listing of Church/Ministry Fall Fundraisers

The listing of local church/ministry fall fundraising events will appear in the Sept. 18 issue the *Central Link* newspaper and on the conference Web site beginning that same day. Thank you to those who got their information in timely, and best wishes in your fundraising efforts. Folks are urged to attend/support as many of these wonderful events as you can.

Keeping the Flame Alive — Sept. 26 at First UMC of Fort Worth

Contact: Sandra Lydick at 817-675-6367 or sandralydick@crimevictimsCouncil.org.

An Evening of Compassion — Sept. 27 at Polytechnic UMC, Fort Worth

Getting to Know the Migrants Among Us

Welcoming Immigrants Network (WIN), a faith-based network of Texans who reach out in love to immigrants. Contact: Dean Reed at rdr17@me.com.

SAVE DATES: Youth Focus on “Engaging in Ministry with the Poor”

CTC youth have three ministry outreach with the poor events scheduled for this fall:

- **CTCYM Beyond Our Borders** — Sept. 19-20 fundraising for 10 water wells in Liberia. FAQs at www.ctcym.org.
- **Mission Waco Poverty Simulation Weekend** — Oct. 9-11 in Waco. FAQs at www.missionwaco.org/povsimhtml.html.
- **30 Hour Famine** — Nov. 6-7 at Glen Lake Camp raises awareness about hunger and poverty. Register at www.glenlake.org/30hrfamine.

Pre-marital Education Curriculum for Pastors — Oct. 8 at Central UMC, Waco

Contact: Allen Grant at pastor@chinaspringumc.com.

Upcoming CROP Hunger Walks in the Central Texas Conference Area

Mid-Cities CROP Walk (Bedford)—Oct. 11

Fort Worth CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Georgetown CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Waco CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Information: www.churchworldservice.org, www.fortworthcrop.org, www.tarrantareacc.org.

New Faces, New Places: Hispanic Ministries Summit — Oct. 10 at First UMC, Hillsboro

Training Institute for Hispanic-Latino/a Ministries. See www.ctcumc.org under “Hispanic Ministries.”

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation — Nov. 1-6 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine

Contact: Denice Foose at 713-203-0783 or dsfoose@comcast.net.

Academy of Christian Education — Nov. 9-13 at Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose

www.ctcumc.org Contact: Karen Granderson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, karen@ctcumc.org

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News Briefs — The Denomination

Mission to Cote d'Ivoire with the Texas Conference — April 2010

Central Texans are invited to join Christ United Methodist Church in Sugar Land on a mission to Cote d'Ivoire in April of 2010. The group will be renovating and restoring a hospital in Dabou. The **deadline for applying for this mission is Sunday, Sept. 13**. Please prayerfully consider joining the group and feel free to pass this information on to others. Apply at Cote d'Ivoire Mission <http://www.cumcsl.org/details/AnnounceDetails.aspx?AnnounceId=2463>.

Thinking Like Christians About Health Care

By Bishop William Willimon, North Alabama Conference

... I personally find the health care bill being debated and proposed to be fearfully complicated. But it is an attempt to solve a complicated and expensive problem. Yet we must not be deterred by the complexity. Above all, we are enjoined to think about this issue and any others like Christians. (For his full comments and a thoughtful response to health care by some of the leaders visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=5429639&ct=7464317&tr=y&aid=5279846>

Interim Named to Mission Agency

Retired Bishop Joel Martinez has been named interim general secretary for the General Board of Global Ministries. The change follows the resignation of Rev. Edward W. Paup who resigned as general secretary of the UMC's mission agency in order to attend to a serious health issue. He has been on leave for medical reasons since Aug. 10. Bishop Martinez is a former president of the GBGM. Your prayers for Rev. Paup would be appreciated.

Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21, 2010

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

Educational Opportunities Beyond Central Texas

UM Course of Study — Sept. 8-15 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

UM Course of Study for clergy. Contact: Susan Steuber at 316-686-0600 or ssteuber@kswestumc.org.

Intentional Interim Ministry Training — Sept. 15-18 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

Interim Ministry Training Seminar. Contact: Jan Hill from the IGC will conduct the training. For program information contact Hill at janhill@IntentionalGrowthCenter.org, 800-482-1442 or 910-382-2535. For meals and lodging contact Mount Sequoyah registration@mountsequoyah.org or call 800-760-8126.

Clergywomen's Gathering — Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity — Oct. 5-7
www.mountsequoyah.org.

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders — Oct. 5-9
www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Worship Planning Retreat with Marcia McFee — Oct. 11-14 at Lake Tahoe
<http://www.marciamcfee.com>

Advent Sermon Writing Retreat — Nov. 2-6 at Mount Sequoyah
www.mountsequoyah.org.

Leading the Small Church Seminar — Nov. 15-19 at Mount Sequoyah
<http://www.ctxumc.org/weatherford/Forms%20and%20Resources/09%20Final%20Small%20Church%20Initiative.pdf> and registration at
<http://www.ctxumc.org/weatherford/Forms%20and%20Resources/Small%20Church%20Registration%20Nov%202009.pdf>

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News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Two-Day Mission Opportunity Next Week

Benbrook UMC is planning to open a new resale shop at the beginning of October and seeks assistance in cleaning and painting the shop in preparation for its opening. Please consider the opportunity to serve on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14-15th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The resale shop is located at 9431 Hwy 377 in Benbrook and is part of the Brookshire's shopping strip. If you are able to help with cleaning and painting next week, please contact Jane Wright at 520-270-3747. Proceeds from the shop will go to Westaid and a community ministry at Benbrook UMC.

Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays. The group meets weekly for one hour bringing their own lunch in room 208 upstairs. The course will follow a Teaching Company course-on-tape/CD, the History of Christian Theology, that can be found on its website at www.teach12.com under the religion section. They will also use as a reference book "A Concise History of Christian Thought" by Tony Lane. It is not necessary to purchase these materials, however, in order to participate in the discussions. Pastors of different denominations will also be invited to share a brief overview of their church's fundamental beliefs. <http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

Parenting with Love and Logic® — Starts Sept. 8

Easy to Use. Raises Responsible Kids. Changes Lives.

First UMC Crowley (509 Peach St.) will host this event from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays for 8 weeks beginning Sept. 8. \$12 for materials. Limited enrollment. Call 817-297-4530 for information or to enroll.
www.crowleyumc.com.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University — Starts Sept. 16

FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals, and

experience true financial peace.

First UMC Crowley (509 Peach St.) will host this event Wednesdays from 7-9 pm for 13 weeks beginning Sept. 16. \$93 (regularly \$199) for materials, lifetime membership in FPU, discounts with Dave's Approved Local Providers. Call 817-297-4530 for information or to enroll.

Comanche Celebrates 150 Years in Ministry — Sept. 13

Contact church office at 325-356-2120. <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/fumc-coma>

United Community Centers: Commemorating 100 Years of Service — Sept. 13

Contact: Susie Reyes, 817-927-5556, x115 or sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org.

Launching “Big Day at New Day” Sunday — Sept. 13, 6 p.m.

www.newdayumc.com

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University Class at McGregor UMC — Sept. 13

<http://www.fumcmcgregor.net>

Rockbridge Church in Round Rock/Cedar Park Turns 1 — Sept. 13

www.rockbridgelife.com

An Evening with Enrique’s Journey Author Sonia Nazario — Sept. 21 at Aledo UMC

<http://www.aledoumc.org>

Divorce Recovery Workshop — Sept. 25 & 26 at Trinity UMC, Arlington

Contact: Cheryl Seese 817-253-2911, cherylseese@sbcglobal.net or Michael Anderson 817-313-9931, mpacpatx@yahoo.com

“Girls United! In Christ” for 3rd-6th Grade Girls — Next Session: Sept. 25-26 at Good Shepherd

www.churchofgoodshepherd.org

Ken Medema Is Coming to Acton UMC — Sept. 6

Contact: Suzanne Cate at 817-326-4242 or Suzanne@actonumc.org

Josh McDowell Is Willson Lecturer at Texas Wesleyan — Sept 14

(<http://www.josh.org/site/c.ddKDIMNtEqG/b.4023555/k.BE5B/Home.htm>) Contact Gladys Childs at 817-531-4461 or gchilds@txwes.edu.

Temple District

Class: Local (Basic) Lay Speaking Class

Dates: Sept. 26 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 27 2-5 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's UMC Georgetown

Contact: Arcynthia Louie at cynthlouie@aol.com

Lay Speaking Basic (Local) Course

When: Oct 17 (9-5) Oct 18 (2-5)

Where: Florence UMC

Bring: Study Bible, Discipline, UM Hymnal

Lay Speaking Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Lead Music in Worship

When Nov 14 (begins at 9 a.m.)

Where: Florence UMC

Mediation Skills Training — Oct. 5-9

Details and registration available at www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

**Brite Divinity School's Center for Latino/a Church Studies at TCU, Fort Worth, Presents
Dr. Francisco Garcia-Treto — Oct. 6**

Being Together in One Place or Not: A Cuban-American Latino Reflects on Minority Biblical Criticism.
Free and open to the public. Contact: 817-257-7575 or m.rodriguez2@tcu.edu.

Bluff Dale & Morgan Mill Sponsor Dave Ramsey Class - Financial Peace University

Contact Paul Porter pastorpeporter@sbcglobal.net or 817-579-0385.

Karen Armstrong Scheduled for First Fort Worth Goostree Lecture Series — Oct. 4

<http://www.fumcftw.org>

Marriage Retreat at Joshua UMC — Oct. 3-4

Contact Tonya Frantz at 817-558-9801 or tonya@joshuaumc.net.

The Second Hundred Years: Fall Revival Series at La Trinidad, Fort Worth— Oct. 23-25

Contact: Daniel F. Flores at trinidad_umc@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

Job Transition Support Group Continues to Meet at FUMC Fort Worth

Contact Marianne Wilson at 817-339-5071 or email her at MWilson@MyFUMC.org

Gifts of the Labyrinth — Oct. 23-25

Veriditas facilitator training. www.veriditas.org

Trinity, Arlington Seeks Ride Share to “Leaves of Gold” — Oct. 19-20

Contact: Brenda Beaver at 817-274-1345

Adult Mission Trip to Nicaragua — Oct. 3-11

Contact: Peggy Badlato at 817-443-0284 or pbadlato@att.net

Take the Journey at Smithfield UMC — Oct. 16-18

www.smithfieldumc.org, click on “Upcoming” and select “Retreat” from the dropdown menu. Contact:
Susie Butcher at 817-501-9167 or retreat@smithfieldumc.org.

The Worship Workshop Live! At First Burleson with Marcia McFee — Oct. 17

<http://www.fumcburleson.org>

Discover God's Call — Nov. 6-8

Nov 6 - 8, Heart of Texas Baptist Retreat Center, Brownwood. Do you know your spiritual gifts that God has enabled you with? Do you know what God is calling you to do? Come to Discover God's Call in November. For more info or to register contact kathychecki@juno.com or judykreitner@juno.com.

Roots of Change Group for Pastors/Church Staff in Fort Worth Area — Thru Nov. 19

Contact: Marianne at 817-339-5071.

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Resources

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.

Go Fish Series: Time Together in Ministry Everyday Planning Kit. The “Go Fish” series encourages and equips congregations to become the hands and feet of God and helps congregations grow by making them vital centers of loving service for the physical and spiritual needs of people in their communities. Includes handbook, workbook, 52 devotions, and DVD.

Stewardship Campaigns

Does your church have your plans completed for your Fall Stewardship Campaign? There is not much time left to be ready. If you want FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Complete step-by-step plans will be provided to help you have a successful campaign. Every church should be conducting a stewardship campaign every year.

Financial Assistance

Does your church have all the financial procedures in place that provide the integrity your congregation expects? How are deposits and money counting handled? Do you have procedures in place to receive gifts, property or stock? Are you keeping the proper financial records that show your correct financial condition? If you need some FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Meetings can be held with pastors or finance committees.

Online Access to Clergy Sexual Misconduct Prevention Course

An Internet course on *Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct* (PCSM) is available to all clergy and to all supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. All pastors, associates, supply pastors appointed to a charge, and other CTC clergy can now go to www.careermarriage.org/pcsm, click on “Login” and set up their personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirement for training in preventing clergy sexual misconduct. There is no cost to clergy for this Internet course. To access the PCSM each eligible clergy needs to enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty contact Richard Hunt at pcsm@careermarriage.org. To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org, 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At the www.careermarriage.org/pcsm, all the buttons at the left side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the top tool buttons is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

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

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Needs, Resources, Opportunities

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

Youth Director

First UMC of Joshua (5 miles SW of Burleson on Hwy. 174) is looking for a highly motivated, self-starter to be the director of youth ministries. FUMC Joshua is a growing church in a growing community. Twenty hours per week. Contact: Lara Whitley at larawhitley@gmail.com or 817-558-9801.

Music Director and Pianist

Harker Heights UMC seeks qualified applicants for two positions:

- part-time music director, responsible for providing spiritual musical oversight.
- part-time pianist, responsible for providing accompaniment to the Praise Band, Choir and membership hymns. Contact HHUMC at 254-699-6271.

Children and Youth Workers

Edge Park UMC seeks two part-time persons to work in the respective areas of children and youth. College age or seminary students are preferable for both of these active roles in designing and carrying out ministry opportunities for elementary children and also for youth. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience and training. Send resume to Lynn D. Moore at ldmoore74@att.net or to 5616 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134.

Christian Education Position Sought by DRC Immigrant

Joseph Kazaki, ordained Presbyterian minister from the Democratic Republic of Congo, seeks political asylum in the U.S. and has just received his Green Card allowing him to be employed. He has been related to First UMC of Hurst and volunteering in mission work. He is well educated in the DRC and U.S. and seeks a position in Christian education, if possible, but is open to any ministry-related job. He speaks English and French and is available to speak with groups and classes about the church in the Congo or the political situation there. He hopes to bring his family to the U.S. in the next year or so. For more details on Joseph, contact Henry Radde at 817-291-8965 or Hurst member Bob Nethers at 918-282-1326, or contact Joseph directly at 817-282-1055.

Publishing/Administrative Assistant

First UMC of Keller seeks an energetic professional to fill the role of publishing/administrative assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign and familiarity in other Adobe products. Ideal applicant would have experience, be able to multi-task and meet deadlines. Please e-mail resumes to lisag@kellerumc.org or call 817-431-1332 for more information.

Youth Ministries Director

First UMC of Crawford seeks a committed and dynamic person of faith for a part time position of director of youth ministries. The successful candidate will be a seminary student who has experience working with youth. The position is for 10 hours per week. Contact Rebecca Hull at crawfordumc@netzero.net.

Youth Director/Minister

Wanted: Part-time youth director/minister for First UMC of Grandview (located on I-35 about 30 miles south of Fort Worth). Please send resume to Harrell Braddock, Jr. at harrell@gvmethodist.org or call 903-641-9805.

Youth Director

Youth director, part-time up to 20 hours per week. 7-12 youth with great possibilities in a growing church outside of Waco. Contact: Allen Grant at pastor@chinaspringumc.com or 254-836-1107.

Associate Director of Music Ministries

First UMC of Burleson seeks candidates for associate director of music ministries to: assist and support the director in leading vocal and bell choirs, provides leadership for the Sunday Morning Blend, direct the youth, drama and Glory Ringers (bell) choirs, serves as a backup for the accompanist and participate in staff development and meetings as needed. For more details, contact Mark Stamper at 817-723-9397 (cell) or maest1020@yahoo.com.

P-T Worship Leader

First UMC of Fort Worth (www.fumcftw.org) seeks a part-time worship leader to create an engaging, welcoming environment in which youth in grades 7-12 will experience real Christian community through worship, teaching, music, media and other creative venues. Responsibilities for the position include coordinating the youth worship service with the youth ministry staff and leading the student band for Sunday worship and fellowship opportunities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Our candidate should have multiple musical abilities and experience in leading worship. Please send resume to Brandon Frenzel at FUMC Fort Worth, Director of Youth Ministries, 800 W. 5th Street, Fort Worth 76102 or bfrenzel@myfumc.org.

P-T Praise Team Leader

First UMC of Corsicana seeks a part-time praise team leader to lead the existing Praise Team. The ideal candidate will be a devoted and energetic person with a passion for Christ and a desire and ability to share that passion with the congregation through music. This person must possess strong musical leadership, have a broad knowledge of contemporary Christian music, be able to utilize the latest multi-media technology, and have strong leadership and communication skills. Other desired attributes are friendly, creative, collaborative, adaptable and outgoing, and someone who wants to become a part of our church family. The church's goal is for the new contemporary worship to grow in the community as well as within the church walls. If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Steve Moss, associate pastor, at 214-803-3609 or e-mail your resume to stevem@fumccorsicana.org.

Director of Music & Worship

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Sept. 1 with the position to be filled by Oct. 1. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenbergh for more details at 254-751-0411.

Hammond Organ

First UMC of Dawson is giving away a Hammond Organ, model M-101. The upper and lower keyboards (along with the associated stops and drawbars) work just fine. The volume control pedal works, but the bass pedals do not work very well, but they may simply need a cleaning. The organ is free to anyone who can pick it up. Contact Michael Redmond at 903-229-2123 or michaelr@valornet.com to arrange for a time. The organ needs a good home with someone who will play it.

Music Director

Stephenville First UMC seeks a full-time music director for their 1300-member church in rural central Texas. Duties include oversight of the entire music program (including part-time positions for pianist and contemporary music leader), conducting the chancel choir, recruiting and resourcing volunteer directors of children's, youth and handbell choirs, and leading or assisting with a variety of special programs or services throughout the year. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skill level. Health insurance and other benefits included. Motivated, organized servant leaders who enjoy creating excellent worship should apply. Contact Search Committee at fumc@our-town.com or 254-965-5046. The full job description is available at www.fumcville.org.

Worship Leaders/Musician/Vocalist

Troy UMC seeks a part-time (10 hours per week) worship leader, guitarist and vocalist to lead the praise team. Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to Christ, possess knowledge of contemporary Christian music and offer strong leadership and organizational skills. Applications may be obtained through the church office 254-938-2364 or by e-mail at troymethodist@sbcglobal.net.

Director of Children's Ministries

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. This is a vibrant and growing congregation just west of Fort Worth in northeast Parker County. Responsibilities include creating children's programming that discipled and attracts the children of the growing community as well as coordinating volunteers and teachers for existing classes. Salary commensurate with experience. This position will close upon receiving 3 qualifying candidates. Send resumes and questions to Jason Hamilton at jason@silvercreekumc.org or Silver Creek UMC 2200 Church Rd. Azle 76020.

Part-time Choir Director

Hico FUMC seeks a choir director for the 10:50 a.m. worship service and possibly as worship leader for a contemporary service in the planning stages. This person should have a heart for sharing the Gospel through the music ministry, must have experience directing a church choir, be confident in making decisions about weekly anthems and special music at Christmas and Easter, be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Please contact SPRC Chair Buddy Teague at fumchico@embarqmail.com.

Full-time Director of Youth Ministries

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

Pianist/Organist

Midlothian is seeking applicants for pianist/organist position. This is a part-time position that includes accompanying the Adult Choir at Wednesday night rehearsal and playing for two services each Sunday morning. Salary and hours are negotiable. Position opens mid-June. Please submit applications to Billy Pritchett at billyp@fumc-midlothian.org. For more information call 682-465-1371.

Part-time Music Director

First UMC of Glen Rose seeks a part-time music director. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and leading adult choir for weekly services, choosing hymns for worship services, working with pianist, organist and pastor for worship and special services. If interested, e-mail resume to fumc@valornet.com or mail to FUMC, P.O. Box 426, Glen Rose 76043. For information you may call the church office at 254-897-2572.

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