

Central E-Link

News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip Church Leaders

Conference News & Updates

What's New?

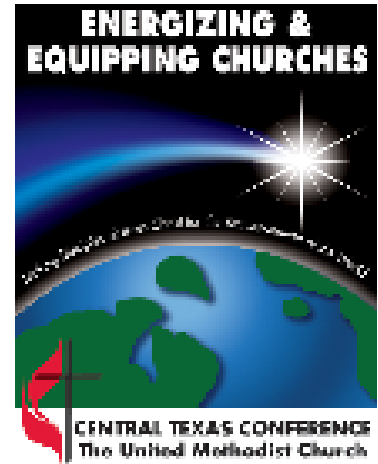
- Christmas in July:** Support the United Community Centers, Inc. with North District Methodist Women in Mission at University UMC, 7 pm on July 11. \$2 tickets at door. For questions or more information, contact Judy Graham @ nanajudygraham@msm.com or 817-293-3991
- Annual Conference History Books:** Mailed on receipt of payment. The cost is \$25 + \$3.50 for postage. Make checks payable to **CTC**. Indicate that it is **for one** (or appropriate number) **history book**. Mail payments to: Rev. Nancy Bennett, 1501 W. Lavender La., Arlington, TX 76013. Questions or concerns, contact Nancy Bennett: npbenett1@yahoo.com.
- UM Missionaries to Itinerate in Central Texas:**

We are very excited that United Methodist Missionaries to Honduras, David and Cindy Ceballos will be in our conference in the month of Sept. David serves as the country director for United Methodist ministries in Honduras and Cindy serves with a network of community-based health ministries in Honduras that provide medical and dental care.

If you would like to have them speak to your local congregation, district or cluster group about the work God is doing to transform the world in Honduras, please contact Rev. Dawne Phillips, Director of Missions, at the Central Texas Conference Service Center: dawnephillips@ctcumc.org.

General Conference, 2012

- Choirs Needed:** Choirs and ensembles interested in performing are asked to submit letter of application to gc2012worship@gmail.com. Include brief bio and Youtube video link of group performing. Deadline is July 31, 2011.
- Volunteer Marshalls & Pages:** 150 volunteers needed to serve and assist in Tampa, Fla. April 24-May 4, 2012. Application at www.umcevents.org/gc2012marshalpage. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2012. Applicants will be notified of status by Nov. 30



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Note: New items of interest will be highlighted in Red.

Save the Date!

- **Workshop based on new book:** Brownwood FUMC is hosting a *Tell* Conference with Dr. Robert Pierson, Sept. 17. Cost of registration is \$40 including a copy of book *Tell*, lunch, & hand outs. Mail registration in & make checks payable to Brownwood First UMC, 2500 11th Street, Brownwood 76801. Saturday session is 9-4 PM. CEU credit available. Registration is limited to first 250. Deadline is September 2. For additional information, call 325-643-1555 or email don.umc11@verizon.net.

Get Involved!

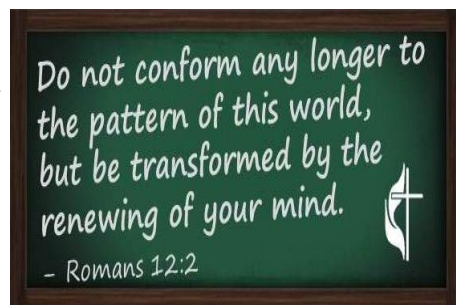
- **Videos for GC 2012 Young People's Address:** Two young people (age 11-30) to present address at General Conference that will include several short video stories from ministries across the globe. To apply as presenter, send 3-5 min video (by Aug. 1) that includes:
 - you introducing a ministry story from your context
 - one minute story (video or slideshow) of ministry you're introducing
 - closing remarks
 - explanation of why it's important for you to represent young adults in the UMC to the General Conference
- **Youth 2011:** A nationwide UM Youth Conference held every four yrs. "MORE THAN: You think you are ordinary? THINK AGAIN" Held July 13-17 at Purdue University or July 27-31 in Sacramento. <http://www.youth2011.org/>
- **Petition Submissions Welcome for 2012 GC:** Now until Sept. 27, any UM individual, group, church, conference can submit petitions for consideration by 2012 General Conference. For details, check out conference website at www.ctcumc.org.
- **Cooperative School of Christian Mission 2011 "All Things Made New":** Weekday night classes Aug. 1-3 from 6-8:30 PM at Fort Worth FUMC. Weekend classes Aug. 5-7 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. For more information, check out conference website www.ctcumc.org and click on "Christian Learning & Development Opportunities" banner.

How Can I Help?

- **UMCOR Responding to Needs in Japan:** Continue to check out conference website (www.ctcumc.org) or Bishop Lowry's blog (The Focused Center banner) for latest on UMC & UMCOR's relief efforts for those in Japan. Donations can be made to **Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317**.
- **Haiti Earthquake Relief Mission:** On Jan. 12, Haiti experienced a massive earthquake that claimed over 250,000 lives. UMC has been working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to rebuild lives & property. You can help by joining:

-Laraine Waughtal (Morgan Mill/Bluff Dale) in a 10 person UMVIM earthquake mission team Oct. 5-13. The team is currently full, but there's a volunteer waitlist in case of cancellations. If interested, contact Laraine: 254-595-1503 or revlaraine@yahoo.com

-George Murphy (Salado UMC) in a 10-member relief mission team for one week on Oct. 20-28. 2 slots remain. If interested, contact George at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com



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Further in the Future:

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

This is the first Academy to be held in North Texas in over two years. It will take place Feb. 12-17, 2012 at the Prothro Center in Pottsboro, TX.

The theme will be "Holy Time and Holy Rhythm: The Path to Untamed Hospitality". Presenters are Kathryn Damiano & Loyd Allen.

To learn more or register, go to www.ctcumc.org and click on "Christian Learning & Development Opportunities" banner.



<http://new.gbgn-umc.org/about/us/mv/haiti/>

Take Part In:

- **School of Congregational Development:** Excellent opportunity for new church pastors. Scheduled for Wed-Sun, July 27-31 in Dallas, TX. Sponsored by The General Board of Global Ministries and Path 1. CEU's for event: 4.0. For more details, check out their webpage <http://www.scdumc.org/>.
- **Licensing School (in Spanish) at Perkins School of Theology:** Held July 24-Aug. 5, 2011. For more details, contact Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie at 214-768-2768 or jtrevted@smu.edu. Information and the registration form can be downloaded from pgs 69-73 of the 2011 Course of Study Catalogue: [Perkins Licensing School/Spanish](#). Deadline for registration and payment is June 15, 2011.
- **United Methodist Studies School:** Held at Mount Sequoyah Sept. 6-12. Will educate and spiritually form persons entering the UM Ministry. Will meet requirements of the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the *Book of Discipline*. For more information contact Susan Steuber at ssteuber@kswestumc.org or call 800-745-2350 or 316-686-0600. Contact Mount Sequoyah for room and board costs at 800-760-8126 or www.mountsequoyah.com. Deadline to register is Aug. 1.

- **R.E.A.P. Program hosted by Texas Conference CEF Group:** Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program takes place Sept. 16-17 in Houston. For more details, visit www.ghles.org.
- **Mission Experiences Available for UM Youth in 2011:** Next summer in Nashville, youth can participate in a week long mission helping children, elderly, the homeless and those with special needs. Open for 7th grade to HS seniors. Eight weeklong sessions available in 2011, beginning week of June 12 through week of July 31. Cost is \$248/person. For more information, visit www.youthworks.com.



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Events & Activities at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

- **Senior Adult Retreats:** Retreat filled with worship, preaching, bible study, excursions, educational workshops and crafts
 - Leaves of Gold (Oct. 17-20)
 - Autumn Time (Oct. 24-27)
- **Eremos Retreat:** Ongoing personal retreat for all clergy, all the time. 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. [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.

Job Opening:**Director of Student Faith & Leadership Formation**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is seeking candidates to fill the position of director of Student Faith and Leadership Formation in the Campus Ministry area of the division of Higher Education.

The search team is actively seeking a pool of qualified candidates who would be representative of the church. Submit your nominations and/or bring this position to the attention of persons who might be interested in applying. For more information e-mail hr@gbhem.org or visit [GBHEM United Methodist Student Movement](#).

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Take Part In:



- **Summer Fun Night At FUMC, Keller:** Join us July 27 in the Family Life Center for food, fun and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and ice cream sundaes will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. The church is located at 1025 Johnson Road, Keller. For more information please call the church office at 817-431-1332.

- **Back to School with God- "Bible, Burger & Blessing":** Mt. Zion UMC UM Women in Belton are hosting this event Aug. 13 to prepare your children for "back to school." The event will take place at Yetti Polk Park, 101 S. Davis Street, Belton 76513 from 8 am-4 pm. For more info, contact Marie Timmons at 254-338-0472 or Tahji Roamartinez-Jackson at 254-394-6423.

- **Fort Worth Dish Out:** For \$20, share a meal July 24, 5:30-7 PM and take part in making a philanthropic project become a reality. For more information, contact Jason Valendy at jasonvalendy@gmail.com or www.FortWorthDishOut.org

- **Save the Date!** Laura Edwards Christian Early Learning Center is holding their 1st Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 4, 2011. Will start at 9 am at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco. Watch for more details!

- **International Trip to Uruguay:** White's Chapel UMC is having their 3rd trip on Oct. 2-10 to Montevideo, Uruguay to do painting and repairs to the local Methodist Church and working at a youth/special needs school. Trip limited to 20 people, first come-first serve. For more information, contact Wayne Foster at 817-310-0097, waynefoster@verizon.net or Jeff Miller at 817-637-8996, jmiller@whiteschapelumc.com.



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Get Connected:

- **Alzheimer's Support Group:** Keller FUMC's Alzheimer's Support Group offers emotional support, information, and resources to caregivers, relatives, and friends whose loved ones have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. We will meet Sunday, July 10 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Hallelujah Center. The church is located at 1025 Johnson Road, Keller. For more information please call the church office at 817-431-1332.
- **Depression Connection: Understanding, Help & Hope** 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. This support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 4 of the Heritage Campus of Grapevine FUMC (4344 Heritage Ave.). The group is structured to include approximately 10 individuals and a licensed, trained facilitator. An educational component is included in each meeting as well. Further questions, contact Katharine 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 Hurst FUMC 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. The church wants to offer emotional support as well as practical tips for social networking, resume writing, etc. Guest speakers come often. Contact: Sandra Hill at 817-282-7384 ext. 17.

Resources For You

Tools for Teaching & Supporting

- **Grief & Divorce Support:** Two of the most difficult life transitions one must face are the death of a loved one and dissolution of a marriage. As faith communities, we are called to provide consolation and care to those who are enduring these trying times. On Monday evenings, Hurst FUMC hosts a Grief Support Group at 6 pm and a Divorce Care Group at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Donna McKee, 817.282.7384 or dmckee@fumchurst.org. Hurst FUMC is located at 521 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053, www.fumchurst.org.
- **Discipleship Resources:** 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.
- **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! <http://bit.ly/lyX6Sx>
- **FREE Depression Seminar at Your Church:** 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:** The new Crime Victims Council website (www.crimevictimsCouncil.org) 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.



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

Helpful Links:

- [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](#)

Needs, Resources, Opportunities

Available

Folding Walls: St. Luke UMC of Corsicana has two folding walls available for any church or individual that needs them. Each folding wall is approximately 92 1/2-inches tall, and opens to 20 feet in length. Call 903-654-0784 for more information.

Attention Listers: Please contact Amy Banta at amybanta@ctcumc.org to remove your listing when your opening has been filled

Job Opportunities:

Youth & Children

- **Ministries With Youth:** Decatur FUMC is seeking person to lead ministries to and with youth. Will teach youth Sunday School, Bible study Sunday and Wed. evenings, communicate with youth and parents, recruit and train adult volunteers and serve as pastor to youth. Currently part-time (30 hrs/wk) suited for a seminary student, but church is open to offering full-time position to right candidate. Includes salary and a parsonage. Send resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Shelly Brooks, pastor@decaturmethodist.org
- **Part-time Youth Director:** Hillsboro FUMC seeks part-time youth director. Demonstrate commitment to Christ, passion for youth ministry, and theology compatible with UMC. Experience in youth ministry a plus. Resumes or inquiries may be sent to pastor@hillsborofumc.com or by calling Donna Ware at 254-582-2342.
- **Director of Children's Ministry:** Creekwood UMC looking for full-time, Director of Children's Ministry. Needs to be committed Christian with passion for ministry and love for children; 4 > yrs. experience with children's ministry; excellent communication and relational skills; experience in recruiting, training, and organizing volunteers, works in team setting; Bachelor's degree; commitment to UMC mission and vision. Email resume to shogan@creedwoodumc.org.
- **Part-time Director Of Children & Family Ministries:** Wellspring UMC seeks person with passion and gift for ministering to children. Responsible for facilitating coordination, development, and administration of ministry of Christian education for children (infant-6th grade) and parents. Position staffs Children/Family Ministries Council and will develop other volunteers and committees to implement effective educational program for spiritual life of children according to age level. Experience required. 15-hour/wk. Send resume to admin@wellumc.org or contact: Debra Crumpton at 512-930-5959.
- **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.
- **Part-time Children's Coordinator:** Ovilla UMC seeks person to develop and administer children's ministry (pre-K -5th grade) in growing suburban church. Will coordinate and expand variety of children's ministries in outreach and spiritual formation. Will love children, respect them as potential Christ followers, committed to healthy evangelism and spiritual formation for age group, has strong relational and organizational skills, with ministry philosophy of training others & team work. Contact OUMC at 972-617-8840 or email resume to ovillaumc@sbcglobal.net.
- **Part-time Youth Director:** Corsicana FUMC seeks applicants who demonstrate commitment to Christ, passion for youth ministry, and theology compatible with UMC. Experience in youth ministry is a plus. Negotiable salary. Resumes or inquiries may be submitted to mikea@fumccorsicana.org or by calling Mike Alexander at 903-874-5656.
- **Director Of Children's Ministries:** Alliance UMC seeks applicant with passion for children's ministry to organize and facilitate all facets of ministry with and for children. Will help plan, organize and take lead 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. Partners with 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.
- **Director Of Youth Ministries:** Stephenville FUMC seeks applicant who will build strong relationships with our youth, plan and lead 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.



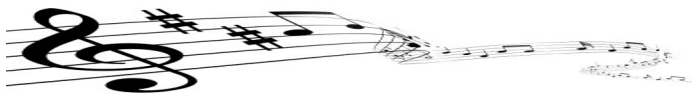
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Job Opportunities Cont...

Youth & Children Cont.

Parent's Day Out/Creative College for Kids Dir: Alliance UMC seeks applicant for AUMC's Parent's Day Out (PDO) and Creative College for Kids (CCK) programs. PDO/CCK director will have a position on and work with the AUMC PDO/CCK board of directors to ensure both programs are organized and run in a manner compatible with the goals and objectives of AUMC. 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: Coleman FUMC, Coleman seek applicant to focus on leading group of Jr. High and HS kids to Christ through Bible study, fun activities and outreach-type work. Monthly program on Sunday also encouraged as well as Sunday morning worship. Great opportunity for a college student who has interest in ministry. Pay: \$650/month. Apply with resume by mail to: First UMC Coleman, P.O. Box 852, Coleman 76834. Pastor: Mike Kerzee.



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Music

Part-time Choral Director: Polytechnic UMC seeking Choral Director to lead weekly choir rehearsals Wed. evenings, lead music in Sunday worship, plan weekly hymns with Pastor, and coordinate with Worship Committee. Will lead seasonal bell choir rehearsals and performances during Advent and Lent. Will assist in planning and leading Texas Wesleyan Sunday in fall and Lessons and Carols during Advent, with Texas Wesleyan School of Music. Please send resumes to Rev. Robert K. Flowers at robkenjium@gmail.com.

Editor: Amy Banta

Articles and requests should be submitted to Vance Morton vance@ctcumc.org or Amy Banta amybanta@ctcumc.org by **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 subscribe or unsubscribe, please contact Amy Banta at amybanta@ctcumc.org

Pianist/Organist: Hubbard FUMC in need of part-time pianist for Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service. Compensation is negotiable. Contact Dean Coultas at 254-433-0133.

Organist/Accompanist: Alliance FUMC seeks applicants who will provide organ and/or piano music for Sunday morning worship services. Will also accompany Children's and Youth Choirs and occasional offertory or special soloists (vocal and instrumental). Submit resumes to: alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net. Competitive salary and continuing education benefits. Contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

Administration

Admin. Assistant for Discipleship Ministries & Scheduling Coordination: Keller FUMC seeking applicants to act as primary assistant to children, youth and adult ministry teams. For more information, call 817-431-1332. Please send resumes to Lisa Grelle lisag@kellerumc.org

Part-time Administrative Assistant: Keller FUMC seeking Administrative assistant for Associate Pastors and their ministry teams. For more information, call 817-431-1332. Please send resumes to Lisa Grelle lisag@kellerrumc.org

Part-time Administrative Assistant: Morningside UMC is seeking applicants proficient in Microsoft Office, have strong organizational skills, be flexible, have excellent command of English composition and punctuation, with ability to relate well with people. Resumes to both peggynuttroy@att.net and experiencemorningside@gmail.com

Minister of Christian Education: Temple FUMC looking for full-time plus benefits applicant. Deacon preferred, but not required. For more information, e-mail jane.woodward@fumctemple.org or call Rev. Jane Woodward at 254-773-5269.

Part-time Administrative Assistant: Epworth UMC is accepting resumes for applicants proficient in Microsoft Office, have strong organizational skills, and excellent people skills. Resumes to epworthpastor@sbcglobal.net

