



**Mark Your Calendar**

**North District Clergy  
Retreat**

**Feb. 1 thru Noon Feb. 2**

**Lakeview Baptist Retreat  
in Lone Star, Texas**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Gil Rendle Topic:  
Dealing with Change**

**Joys & Concerns:**

**Rev. Kelly Krone's** diagnosis has changed and he is no longer in need of surgery. **Angela Waddell**, wife of Rev. Brian Waddell, was in hospital for acute colitis. Mrs. Eva Walker, mother of **Rev. John Burchell**, passed away. **Rev. Ernie Turney** is in Methodist Hospital ICU in Houston with H1N1 virus and other medical issues. **Mrs. Chris Skaggs**, long-time UMC, UMW worker passed away in December.

**Report Day January 12, 2010 9:00-11:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, Jefferson**  
305 W. Henderson Jefferson, Texas 75657

Report Day for 2009 end of year reports is Tuesday, January 12, 2009 at Jefferson FUMC from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All churches MUST submit a report using one of the following options.

**Option 1 – The “No Show Option”:** *Only for churches that have paid 100% of District and Conference apportionments by the cut-off date of December 11, 2009.* Monies must be received by that date. We recommend that you mail monies to the Conference no later than December 1st to be received on time. Complete your report using the instructions above and fax the signature page only to 903-793-3291 before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7. Using option 1 allows you to skip the trip to Jefferson on January 12.

**Option 2 – The “Quick Show Option”:** Complete your report using the instructions above. Bring your signed report and any Conference or District apportionment money to Jefferson FUMC between 9 & 11:30 a.m. on January 12 and proceed through the “Quick Show” line.

**Option 3 – The “Slow Show Option”:** Bring your typed or clearly printed signed report, along with any conference or District apportionment money to Jefferson FUMC between 9 & 10:00 a.m. on January 12 and wait in line to have someone enter your information into the computer. **Please note this option will take some time so arrive at Jefferson FUMC no later than 10:00 a.m.**

**Option 4 – The “Remote Option”:** You may make advance arrangements to use the computers at one of the following places before 4:30 p.m. on January 7th. The people at these remote locations can also assist you with entering data in the Report Day system.

Allison Byerley, Marshall 903-665-3268 Anna Rohde, Longview 903-758-7003

Lonna Nunn, Texarkana 903-794-6231 Scott Stewart, Mt. Pleasant 903-572-6457

**Every church must complete their report on the DOVE System via the internet.** Login to DOVE at <https://dove.ytscorp.com> (link can be found at [www.txcumc.org](http://www.txcumc.org)) and follow the Report Day Instructions listed on the DOVE homepage.

**SEE PAGE FOUR FOR MORE INFO\*\*\*\*\***

**YOUR VITAL SIGNS DATA IN DOVE  
MUST BE CURRENT BEFORE  
REPORT DAY DATA IS INPUT !!**



**Mt. Pleasant ACTS Event** (Area Churches Together in Service)

**Leadership Training Open to the Entire District**

**Sun., Jan 10 2:30-4:30PM First UMC - Pittsburg.**

If your church would like to strengthen their mission, their ministries, and their effectiveness in 2010. The Mt. Pleasant quadrant is hosting this training for lay leadership. We have an excellent slate of facilitators; we will provide a copy of the Guidelines booklet to each person attending (you only attend one workshop) DS Rev. Bill Taylor will lead a short devotional, and then we will break into our 90-minute workshops for the following:

Lay leaders

Lay leadership Development

Staff Pastor Parish Committees: Led by DS Bill Taylor

Trustees

Missions /Communications

Finance/Worship

Evangelism

Christian Education / Worship

Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry /Adult Ministry/

Bring everyone!! All are welcome. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Chuck Huffman, coordinator, at 903-563-6163.



**Newnham**

**Lecture**

**Series**

**January 10-11, 2010**

**First UMC Longview**

With

Bishop Robert Schnase

Of The Missouri Conference

Bishop Schnase is the author of “*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*”. Bishop Schnase’s practices advocate action in an age in which many Christians, congregations and denominations are passive actors of their faith. This will be an interactive presentation.

**Sun, January 10, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.**

**“Nibbling Your Way Lost” and at 6:30 PM “Five**

**Practices of a Fruitful Congregation” Mon., Jan.**

**11, 12 PM “What is your Congregational System” &**

**at 6:30 PM “What is Your Personal System”**

**UPDATE ON DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS  
2009**

Congratulations and a big thank you to those churches that have paid 100% of all **three** of their North District Apportionments for 2009. They are (in no particular order):

Harris Chapel; Daniel's Chapel; Liberty City, McCary's Chapel; Ore City, FUMC; Wesley-McCabe; Macedonia; Red Lick; Logan's Chapel; Red Bayou; Reeves Chapel; Harmony; Douglassville; Law's Chapel; Shiloh; Longview, Trinity; Marshall, St. Mark's; Old Boston; Kilgore, Crossroads; Avinger; Harleton; Marshall, Mallalieu; New London; Soules Chapel; Texarkana, Eylau; Hubbard Chapel; Marshall, Concordia; Karnack; Jenkins; Waskom; Gilmer, Hopewell; DeKalb, FUMC; Marshall, Red Oak; LaGrone's Chapel; Atlanta, FUMC; Marshall, Wesley; Marshall, Zion; Gladewater, FUMC; Kilgore, Danville; Longview, Summerfield; Hooks, FUMC; Marshall, Grange Hall; Bettie; Smithland; Smyrna, Bradford Chapel; Omaha; Marshall, Ebenezer; Bridges Chapel; Hallsville, FUMC; Greenhill; Cornett; Jefferson, St. Paul; Lone Star; Diana; Noonday; Scottsville Mission; Texarkana, FUMC; Queen City, Bethel; Perryville; Marshall, FUMC; Kilgore, St. Luke's; Linden; Marshall, Summit; Pittsburg North Avenue; Daingerfield FUMC, Marshall FUMC, Connors Goodwill; Union Chapel; Elysian Fields, Bethel; Pirtle; Longview Winterfield and Texarkana Hardy Memorial.

Please remember to send in your district apportionments. Checks need to be made payable to North District UMC and mailed to North District UMC, 4008 Moores Lane, Texarkana, TX 75503. If they have not been paid in 2009 they you must bring them to Report Day on January 12, 2010. If you are unsure what your apportionments are or how much you owe, please call me at the Texarkana Office, 903-794-6231.

**Do you know college students who might be considering pastoral ministry?**

We offer an amazing experience for students between the age of 18 and 24 after one or more years in college. Each summer for ten weeks we hire up to twelve College Pastoral Interns and send them in pairs to host congregations to experience all facets of pastoral ministry. Interns earn stipends of \$3000.00 Host congregations provide free housing. Applications are due February 1. To obtain an application, brochure and video describing this experience go to [www.txcumc.org](http://www.txcumc.org), click "Clergy Excellence" then "Clergy Recruitment Ministries" or contact me or my administrative assistant; Barb Eoff [beoff@txcumc.org](mailto:beoff@txcumc.org) . 713.521.9383

**Rev. Carol Bruse**, Associate Director, Center for Clergy Excellence, Texas Annual Conference



Experience three diverse Passionate worship services and learn from others through an assortment of workshops at the 2010 Passionate Worship Seminar at Clear Lake United Methodist Church, January 29 and 30th, 2010.

Friday will feature Rabbi Yiseral Avraham and Midnight Oil Productions. Saturday will include 15 dynamic workshops.

Individual \$30 one day, Individual \$50 two days., Group rate (3 persons) both days \$120. Visit the Texas Annual Conference website at [www.txcumc.org](http://www.txcumc.org) for the complete schedule, detailed descriptions of workshops and registration forms.

*Marriage Enrichment*

*St. Luke's UMC, Kilgore Family Center*

*Feb. 12th & 13th, 2010 (NEW DATES)*

*Friday Evening & Saturday Morning*

*Guest Speakers-*

*Steve & Debbie Wilson*

*of*

*Marriage Matters Now*

*[www.marriagemattersnow.com](http://www.marriagemattersnow.com)*

*Cost- \$25 person / \$50 couple*

*RSVP 903-240-4609*

**UMW NORTH DISTRICT NEWS**

**SATURDAY, January 9** is the set aside for all district officers to be trained by their conference counterparts at Lakeview. Registration will be 8:15—9:00 am. with the program starting at 9:15 a.m. There will be a district executive meeting afterward.

This training will be passed on to the local unit officers on **January 30** at First UMC in Jefferson at 9:30 a.m.,— noon with lunch provided at a cost of \$5.

Spring celebration (conference Spiritual Growth Retreat) March 5-6 Bishop Janice Huie will be our keynote speaker. Our theme is "Passionate Worship: The Beginning Service. Also nine focus groups for you to visit: Prayer; Sign Language; Song; Mediation; Communion; Praise; Word; Servanthood; and Rethinking Hispanic Worship.

**Mid Winter Retreats At Lakeview**

January 29-31, 2010 I

February 5-7, 2010 II

7th—12th grades

Cost: \$100

Activities:

Lazer Tag, Paint Wars, Comedy Sports, Wii Challenge, Small Groups and Worship

[www.txcumc.org/midwinter2010](http://www.txcumc.org/midwinter2010)email [midwinter@txcumc.org](mailto:midwinter@txcumc.org)

Deadline is Jan 15.

**MARSHALL ACTS MEETING**

SET FOR JANUARY 23

**Leadership Training “Best Practices Round Table”****At St. Mark’s UMC of Marshall.**

9:00 a.m. Session I “Spotlight on Program Ministries”

10:00 a.m. Session II “Spotlight on Administrative Ministries”

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

12:00 P.M. Fellowship Meal

**Planning Ahead:** April 2, Good Friday– Worship and Holy Communion at First UMC—Jefferson August “Back to School” Youth Event Location TBA October Fall Bible Conference Contact Rev. Mario Parga for more information at Summit UMC 903.938-0701.**Human Relations Day (January 17, 2010)**

Thousands of people rely on Maudine Holloway to feed and clothe them, as well as to assist them in the daily struggles of not having enough. In her 39 years as a United Methodist community developer, the three words she’s heard more than any others are, “Please help me.” The offering on this Special Sunday strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico and encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth.

Call (888) 346-3862 today 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 [umcgiving.org/specialsundays](http://umcgiving.org/specialsundays).

**CELEBRATING A CALL TO MINISTRY FEBRUARY 4-6, 2010**

ST. PAUL’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5501 MAIN ST. HOUSTON, TEXAS

For laypersons wanting to explore an inward call to serve in lay ministry and clergy persons interested in becoming more knowledgeable about facilitating lay ministry. Speakers will be: **Kathleen Norris**, best selling author, *The Cloister Walk, Dakota & Amazing Grace*; **Ben Witherington**, Professor of New Testament, Asbury Theological Seminary; **Van Ross**, Deputy General Secretary, General Board of Discipleship, UMC. Sponsored by **Department of Spiritual Care and Education, The Methodist Hospital** 713.441-6297

**District Youth Rally**

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Mt. Pleasant Quadrant  
Naples First UMCRev. Tommy Earl Burton North  
District Youth Coord. 903.701-7407  
[tommyearlburton@gmail.com](mailto:tommyearlburton@gmail.com)

**Parents of College bound students, please visit [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org) to apply for a Methodist Scholarship. You do not have to attend a Methodist College or major in pastoral ministry to apply.**

**2010 PAUMCS Annual Conference is in Orlando, Florida**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Dates: April 15—18, 2010 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. For

more information go to the PAUMCS website [www.paumcs.org](http://www.paumcs.org)

. Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries, all church staff are welcome to join and participate.

**“REBUILD YOUR LIFE”**

WORKSHOP BEGINS WEDNESDAY  
**JANUARY 27 AT LONGVIEW  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH, 400 N FREDONIA ST.  
AT 6:15 P.M.. DINNER SERVED  
AT 5:30 PM AND CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE BY RSVP.**  
Call for rsvp & more info. 903.753-7800



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE**

P O Box 2382  
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Rev. William Taylor  
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4008 Moores Lane  
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**We're on the web**  
[www.northdistrictumc.org](http://www.northdistrictumc.org)

Our district has a new webmaster:  
Mr. Russell Martin of Williams Memorial UMC  
will be updating and maintaining our website..  
You may reach him at 903.832-8663

**THEY'RE BACK!**

**District Clergy Quadrant Meetings**

Mondays at 10 am. **Begins in January 2010**

**First Monday:** Marshall Q quadrant—Summit UMC

**Second Monday:** Longview Quadrant—Greggton UMC

**Third Monday:** Mt. Pleasant Quadrant—St. Andrew UMC

**Fourth Quadrant:** Texarkana Quadrant—Hardy Memorial

**"How to Get More Members" with  
Jim Griffith**

January 23-24—Clear Lake, Houston or  
January 30-31—Marvin UMC, Tyler

This two day workshop is dsigned for a team of people.  
Each team must include the pastor and a minimum of  
three key lay people (preferably non-staff) and all must  
participate in the entire workshop. Registration cost:  
\$40 per person; includes lunch and materials.

Networking with and gathering unchurched people,  
Aligning your ministry to reach your mission field,  
paying attention to first impressions. Call Debbie Sut-  
ton 713.521-9383

**CELEBRATION MINISTRIES**

**A Woman to Woman Ministry**

Holly Garrett *presents.. Getting through the Impossible*

**When: Saturday, January 30 10 am to 12 PM**

**Childcare available with RSVP**

**Where: The NEW Hardy Memorial UMC**

**5203 North Kings Highway**

**Texarkana, Texas RSVP (903) 838-3507**

**Inspiring Message & uplifting Praise Music**

**Light snacks**



**Report Day and Conflict Resolution Seminar** Any one choosing to  
attend the Conflict Resolution Seminar on Tuesday, January 12  
can present for report day on **Wednesday January 13th**  
at **Jefferson UMC** before 10:30 a.m. The seminar is being held  
on January 12 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at **Marvin UMC**,  
Tyler. (**300 W. Erwin St. Tyler, TX 75702**) If you are planning on  
going to the seminar please email Barbara Eoff  
at [beoff@txcumc.org](mailto:beoff@txcumc.org). You can pay the \$15 fee at the door.

Brochures are available online and the district office.

Pastor, if you have not set an appointment  
with the district superintendent for your an-  
nual clergy review, please contact the Long-  
view office as soon as possible.  
903.758-7003

**Conflict in Congregations**

The Center for Clergy Excellence presents this continuing education event for  
clergy.

Join your colleagues in ministry for this informative seminar. Receive guid-  
ance and encouragement on how to deal with conflict in your congregation for  
just \$15.

**Two Locations Two Dates**

10 am to 3 PM **Monday, January 11, 2010**  
FUMC Houston Westchase Campus, Youth Assembly Room  
3663 Westcenter Dr. Houston, TX 77042

10 am—3 PM **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**  
Marvin UMC, Tyler 300 W. Erwin St. Tyler, TX 75702  
Box lunches will be provided. Space is limited. Regisrer with Barb Eoff in the  
conference office 713.523-9383.