



**Texas Conference UM**

**Youth MidWinter Weekend Retreats**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade midwinter "The Big Event"**

November 5-7, at Forest Glen Christian Camp in Huntsville

Registration deadline – postmarked by October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cost= \$100

**Junior & Senior High "Ignite" Midwinter Weekend Retreats:**

February 25-27, 2011 at Forest Glen Christian Camp in Huntsville

February 25-27, 2011 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine

March 4-6, 2011 at Forest Glen Christian Camp in Huntsville

Registration deadlines:

Postmarked on or before February 7<sup>th</sup>, cost =\$100

Late registration, postmarked Feb. 8 – 21, cost =\$150

\*Additional information and links to fliers and forms

are available at [www.txcumc.org/youth](http://www.txcumc.org/youth)

**New Home for North District Office Longview Location. Please send mail to:**

**1511 Judson Rd., Ste A, Longview, TX 75601**

**Phones remain the same.**

***Get the word out! Notify your church members of this new address. Include it in your newsletters too.***

On Monday, November 15, internationally renown author and pastor **Brian McLaren** will present a one-day seminar on servant leaders as agents of social change at Centenary College of Louisiana. Named one of America's 25 most influential evangelicals by *Time* magazine in 2005, McLaren has written numerous provocative books, including his most recent, *A New Kind of Christianity* (2010), about the most significant questions facing the church today.

The Christian Leadership Center (CLC) at Centenary College of Louisiana will host "Servant Leaders as Agents of Social Change: A Seminar with Brian McLaren" on **Monday, November 15, 2010, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Visit [www.centenary.edu/clc/mclaren](http://www.centenary.edu/clc/mclaren) or call 318.869.5156 to learn more and register NOW.

Register now for \$100 (clergy as well as Centenary alumni, faculty, and staff enjoy a \$15 discount).

## 2011 Interpreter enrollment

Your congregation is eligible to receive 10 complementary subscriptions for leaders (five print, five digital) to *Interpreter* magazine. To enroll online for 2011; visit [www.umcom.org/subscriptions](http://www.umcom.org/subscriptions). You will need your church customer number and password. If you have questions, please contact customer service at 888-346-3862. Please remember to order additional, discounted subscriptions for new and returning leaders at enrollment time.



## Celebrate United Methodist Student Day

**United Methodist Student Day**, one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of the denomination, furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities. **United Methodist Student Day** is celebrated the last Sunday of November.

More than 9,000 students applied for United Methodist scholarships in 2009, according to Angella Current-Felder, executive director of the Office of Loans & Scholarships at GBHEM. However, Due to the lack of funds, all students were not able to receive scholarships.

90% of Student Day collections go to GBHEM's scholarship programs, while 10% is for student loans. Each United Methodist-related college gets money from the offering for scholarships, and each participating annual conference gets 10% of Student Day receipts to award to their own merit scholars. --adapted from the *Yellowstone Annual Conference*

Thanks for your support on **United Methodist Student Sunday!** Remember you can [give online](#) anytime of the year.



### **New Conference Youth/Young Adult Ministry Staff Member**

**Rev. Dan Conway** needs your assistance. There is vital information about programs that needs to reach our youth. If each church will complete the following positions on their "2011 Local Church Officer Lists" in their charge conference packets, Rev. Conway can make contact with all youth coordinators in our district.

Please include emails if available.

Youth Ministries Coordinator (Adult Volunteer)

UMYF Leader (Sr. High Student)

Youth Ministries (Paid Staff)

Young Adult Ministries Coordinator

***October is Pastor's Appreciation Month***

**Joys & Concerns:**

Mrs. Pam Wintermute's mother Mrs. Mary Donham's funeral was September 30 in Eastland, Texas. Pam is the spouse of Rev. Doug Wintermute of Greggton UMC in Longview.

Mrs. Hazel Jennings is in the Good Shepherd Hospital with possible high blood pressure.

Former South District Admin Assistant. Mrs. Lillie Burleson is in the hospital in Houston.

Hardy UMC Admin Asst. Jeannie Fredric is doing much better and covets your prayers.

Retired pastor, Jay Phipps of Loveland, CO. passed away on August 17.

**Mount Sequoyah Retreat and Conference Center**

**Senior Adult Autumn Retreat "Leaves of Gold" October 18-21**

**Leader: Bishop Richard Wilke and "Autumn Time" Oct. 25-28**

**Leader: Rev. Kevyn Amos, Pastor of St. Andrew UMC in Kansas City**

Various workshops on hobbies, ministry opportunities, today's environmental issues, recreation, aging issues and an off campus outings offered.

**The Preaching Summit November 3-5**

The summit is a combinatoin retreat and workshop and will include plenary sessions, worship with Advent and Christmas themes, optional workshops, and generous retreat time. CEU's are available. Three days of preaching inspiration and guidance from three excellent preachers from a variety of backgrounds.

Registration, visit website or call 479.287-8134 or

[spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org)

**Clergy Appointed to a Local Church:****A. Clergy Self-Assessment**

Paragraph 432.2 of *The Book of Discipline, 2008* states in part:

*Pastors – The district superintendent annually shall develop with the pastor profiles reflecting the pastor's gifts, evidence of God's grace, professional experience and expectations, and also the needs and concerns of the pastor's spouse and family.*

*These profiles shall be reviewed annually and updated when appropriate.*

As an exploration of that paragraph, each year all clergy appointed to the local church in the Texas Annual Conference are expected to review the working definition of clergy effectiveness; spend time reflecting on their ministry; and complete a Clergy Self-Assessment Inventory.

**B. Clergy Assessment by P/SPRC Committee**

Paragraph 432.1 of *The Book of Discipline, 2008* states in part:

*Congregations – The district superintendent annually shall develop with the pastor and the committees on pastor-parish relations of all churches profiles that reflect the needs, characteristics, and opportunities for mission of the charge consistent with the Church's statement of purpose. These profiles shall be reviewed annually and updated when appropriate.*

Therefore, each Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee is expected to have a significant conversation with each clergyperson appointed to their charge for purposes of improving the team ministry of the congregation and the clergyperson and enhancing clergy effectiveness throughout the Texas Annual Conference.

*For clergy appointed to a local church, the inventories below must be completed and returned to the appropriate district office by December 1. Forms may be downloaded from the Texas Conference website under Clergy Excellence. Copies were included in this months Clergy E-Newsletter.*

**Camp T-Shirts for Sale \$5 Available at the Texarkana Office**

**Attention Ladies:**

**North District United Methodist Women Fall Festival / Annual Meeting** to be held at Mims Chapel in Avinger on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10:00 AM and the program from 10:00 AM to noon. Lunch will be served immediately after. Please call Joan Ramsey at 903-755-4006 or e-mail her at [Jjoanramsey@aol.com](mailto:Jjoanramsey@aol.com) by Wednesday October 13 and let her know the number from your unit who will be having lunch and if you will need a babysitter.

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Jennene Laurinec from Newgate Mission. Texas Annual Conference United Methodist Women President Thebe Worden will be our special guest and install the new officers for 2011. All Methodist Women are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Thanks, Melba Spann, President



**Annual Pumpkin Patch** St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Kilgore is open all month where hundreds of pumpkins and festive fall decorations fill the church grounds. Fall Market and Family Fun Day is **Oct 9 at 10 am**, come out and shop, eat and enjoy the colorful fall season. Lots of Kids activities! 401 E Main St. 984-3576

Come to experience... Leave empowered to serve  
**Spirit Journey 2010**  
*Embracing the Mystery of Prayer*  
 Thursday, October 28 thru Saturday, October 30  
 Lakeview Methodist Center  
 With Rev. Daniel Wolpert  
 Registrar Beverly Pichon [bnp@consolidated.net](mailto:bnp@consolidated.net) 936.588-6774

**Kilgore College Wesley Foundation**

...is doing great things!!

Students and the Director, Rev. Amy Hodge are working at Terrific Tuesdays at Wesley McCabe UMC in Longview with their afterschool children's program.

The weekly Bible study led by Rev. Hodge is well attended in the Wesley Fellowship Hall each Monday.

Groups gather to fellowship, relax, play games and even study at the Wesley.

Every Wednesday our local churches donate time and funds to feed hundreds of hungry students at the Wesley.

Lots is going on and more is being planned. Be a part, Visit the Wesley today. 984-6922 1009 Broadway, Kilgore

Do you wish your church was more effective in bringing people to Christ? A two-day workshop is designed for a team of people. Each team must include the pastor and a minimum of three key lay people (preferably 5-8 non staff) and all must participate in the whole workshop. Because laity involvement is so vital, this has been set for Saturday and Sunday. Pupilit needs to be arranged so pastors can fully participate with the team.

**"How to Get More Members"**

Two day seminar **January 22-23, 2011** Saturday 9am-6pm Sunday, 8 am—1 PM at Wesley McCabe UMC in Longview. Limited to 100 persons, so sign up early. For more information contact Debbie Sutton 713.521-9383 or email [dsutton@txcum.org](mailto:dsutton@txcum.org)

**With Jim Griffith, Assessor, Trainer & Coach for New & Turnaround Churches**

**Clergy Spouses Retreat**

**2010**

**October 15 & 16**

Lakeview Methodist Center



"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." Exodus 14:13&14

Do you feel like you never stop running? Do you ever wonder if God really meant for us to be this tired? Come join your clergy spouse friends and make some new ones as we look into what we **stand firm** against; how to **stand firm**, and with whom we **stand firm**.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Susan Teekell 936.564.8268 or [susanteekell@sfawesley.org](mailto:susanteekell@sfawesley.org)

**Wiley College**

**Presidential Run/Walk-A-Thon**

Saturday, October 16 at the intersection of Moore St. & Wiley Ave. OnSite Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Starting gun for run/walk at 8:15 a.m. Registration fee is \$10 for students, \$15 general public. Proceeds will benefit Haygood L Strickland Presidential Scholarship Fund. Contact Shannon Levingston at 903.927-3307  
 Email:

[slevingston@wileyc.edu](mailto:slevingston@wileyc.edu)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A year ago, the Lord led me into the ministry at Newgate Mission. It has been a remarkable year. I have been blessed to watch the Lord at work among the poor, the working poor, and the homeless in South Longview and the surrounding area.

The need to feed God's people in mind, body, and spirit has multiplied. The average number of people coming for daily meals has grown 71% over last year, most of whom are women and children. This is no surprise to anyone working with the people who are unemployed or who struggle to raise a family on minimum wage. Our fundraising for meals is falling short, with expenses of almost \$1,000.00 a week more than donations designated for the Stewpot.

This year we expanded our personal assistance to families, helping with utilities, gas, uniforms, transportation, and identification. We also started the Bike to Work program, furnishing a new bicycle to people with jobs. The community garden at Newgate was recently planted to help provide better nutrition and give us a work project to lift up and bring together our community of faith.

We have worked diligently this past year to cut costs while increasing our ministry. This is not an easy task and we need your help. I deeply appreciate the support that we receive from all the churches, but our needs are much greater than the support we are currently receiving. We have an immediate need for food and personal assistance funds. I am asking you and your congregation to consider increasing the size of your gift to us. I also ask you to consider making an extra gift. Please pray for Newgate Mission. Prayer partners like you will give us strength as we seek to transform lives through the power and presence of Jesus Christ. I invite each of you and the members of your churches to visit us at any time. Have lunch with us, and see for yourselves the powerful work being done in the name of our Lord.

The Rev. Jennene Laurinec, Executive Director, Newgate Mission

**The United Methodist Church  
Texas Annual Conference**

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**2010 Joint Charge Conferences**

**Sun., October 10**

**12:30 PM**

Red Lick  
Texarkana Eylau

**Texarkana Buchanan**

Nash, Chapelwood  
Redwater

Hooks

Maud  
Old Boston

**3:00 PM**

Hardy Memorial  
Texarkana, St. Paul  
Texarkana, South Texarkana

Tapp

**Atlanta First**

**6:00 PM**

Lone Star  
Daingerfield First  
Bradfield  
Jenkins

**Mims Chapel**

Ore City  
Smyrna



**Do you feel God calling you to more than just sitting in the pew? Perhaps the upcoming Lay Speaker School is for you.**

Advanced and Basic Courses Cost \$40  
**Two Saturdays, October 23 and October 30, 2010**  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 P.M.

**Tapp United Methodist Church**  
715 S McCoy Blvd., New Boston, TX 75570

For registration forms contact:  
Teresa Fagan-Lay Speaker Dir.  
903.628-2381

Also being offered is Module I Training for Certified Lay Ministers. Those who have completed the Advanced Lay Speaker Training are eligible. You can contact the CLM Registrar, Anna M Rohde at 903.758-7003.



**Sun., October 11**

**6:00 PM**

Douglassville  
Union Chapel  
Logan's Chapel  
Lewis Chapel

**Jefferson St. Paul**

**Sun., October 31**

**12:30 PM**

Longview Winterfield  
Longview Summerfield  
Longview Trinity

**Longview Wesley McCabe**

Diana

FUMC Hallsville

White Oak

**4:00 PM**

**Hughes Springs**

Cornett

Liberty

W.R.S.

Bethlehem

Avinger

Harris Chapel

Jefferson First

Smithland

**BOOKS ALIVE!!**

**A CHRISTIAN &  
INSPIRATIONAL BOOK  
EXTRAVAGANZA**



NOVEMBER 12, 13 & 14, 2010

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Meet the authors from all over the country at the Friday night meal at Jefferson First UMC. Hear them speak, spend time with them as they sign their books. Join us for worship. We have a special service planned which includes a message from our authors.

Registration for all events, including meals, for the weekend is \$50 or \$25 for just Saturday. Proceeds go to support the ministries of First UMC and are tax deductible.

**Organize your youth for the Christmas Holidays with a great mission. U.M. ARMY-Texas Conference**

Christmas Camp Dec. 26-Jan 1, 2011

Group Registration Deadline Nov 15

Forms available at:

[www.umarmy.org/conference.texas](http://www.umarmy.org/conference.texas)

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