

North District News



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Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Clergy Gathering 2009 September 21-23
Lakeview Conference Center Registration, Mon. Sept 21 at 11 am

All clergy persons are invited to attend; every provisional and ordained elder, deacon, associate member, part and full time local pastor. This event is a "re-do" of the 2008 Gathering that was "Iked". If you registered for the 2008 event and did not cancel, you are still registered! You have the same accommodations-you do not need to re-register.

Focus: Proclaiming God's Word through Preaching, Cokesbury table for preaching resources. Worship with sermons from Bishop Huie, Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell and Dr. Tom Pace.

Optional time for personal spiritual retreat, peer group meetings, rest and relaxation: Sun. Sept. 20, 4 PM Registration; Dinner at 5PM. Mon. Sept. 21, 8 am breakfast, 9 am Equipping session for Clergy Peer Groups and Leaders with Mike Murray, 12 noon, lunch.

Register by August 25 at Center for Clergy Excellence, 713.521-9383 or chassey@txcumc.org

33 THE MINISTRY presents **Christ Fest '09**

At the city park in Kilgore, on **Saturday, July 18**. Admission Free
Special Guest **John Waller** performing many of his songs, including his hits "The Blessing" and "While I'm Waiting" from the hit movie "Fireproof". Other groups and artists that will be performing will include Shana Strange, Curtain Place, Blood Kin, Back on Track, Greg Swint, Consumed 217 and several others. Make plans to attend!

For more information, please contact Robert Adams 903-720-7546.

Rev. Dave Herman "FIINAL ROUND" of Transformation Church Visits
Workshop on Saturday, August 15 at Daingerfield First UMC
10 am-12PM Topic: Finding and keeping the focus for your church.
All district churches laity & clergy are welcome to attend. Churches will share table discussions on their church ministries and more.

Congratulations!! to Mrs. Pam Surles, Director of Asbury House Enrichment Center as she celebrates 25 years of service. Mrs. Surles was honored recently for her years of ministry for the children of Longview at a reception at Longview First UMC. We are so blessed to have such a loving, caring director who continues to make a difference in the lives of so many children. Thank you PAM!



Newgate
Restoring Hope MISSION

Newgate a ministry of The United Methodist Church serves the spirit, body, mental well being and financial needs of the homeless, low-income and marginalized population in Longview, Texas and surrounding areas. Effective July 1, a new director, **Pastor Jennene Laurinec**, an ordained Episcopal preacher, begins this work replacing Rev. Kent McKeever. At this time there is an urgent need for funds to maintain their work. Many have turned their lives around with the help of this awesome mission. They provide hot meals everyday, clothing and essentials; offer educational training, have Social Security case workers on site and more. There are many ways to help; volunteer, donate items and shop at the Bargain Center, make a one time or periodic donation. Your creative ideas are welcome to help us continue to serve our community. Call us 757-6146

Joy and Concerns:

Rev. Forrest Garrett, pastor of Texarkana First UMC, is in Methodist Hospital ICU in Houston.

Mrs. Jane Dill, wife of Rev. Tolly Dill of Kilgore Danville UMC, is still at home with leg and back pain.

Praise to God for all missionaries located in Honduras last week during the military coup held there. Many have returned safely. Please let us know of any others in need of prayers.

Clergy & Spouse are**INVITED To ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE.**

Attend a 44-hour getaway to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston. Begins Thursday, August 20 at 8 PM Ends Saturday, August 22 at 4 PM. The only required cost for the event is the \$50 reservation fee.

The enrichment opportunity is available only to clergy and their spouses of all faiths. Presented by Lutheran, Presbyterian & United Methodist Expressions. Contact houcouple@presby-me.org

General Board of Higher Education & General Board of Discipleship

are sponsoring a continuing education event: **The Wesley Pilgrimage** in England on May 11-21, 2010. Designed for provisional members (deacons and elders). A \$500 scholarship fund is being offered to the first 224 who register. <http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

CLERGY PEER GROUPS

All pastors are required to participate in a Peer Group. In December clergy will report their group attendance in DOVE. DCM groups are the equivalent of a Peer Group for probationary members. Clergy may form their own Peer Group of fellow pastors. The Conference Clergy Excellence office provides Covenant Clergy Group materials for leading

a group and discussion topics.

The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry assigns mentors to local pastors and certified candidates to support them until completion of their studies. Local pastors should **also** seek a mentor within their district for support. The mentor is not required to be an

elder, a mentor can be someone of your own choosing. You may also use "Colleague One to One Encouragers" on the conference Website for mentor support as well. Click on the Clergy Excellence button, then peer groups, and you will find more assistance. Also contact the district office in Longview for help as well.

Do you have a student in your church or youth group who will be going to the **University of Texas, Kilgore College** or **Northeast Texas Community College**? The Wesley Foundations/Student ministries of these colleges would love to get in contact with them and invite them to be a part of their community. Please send their names and contact information to the following directors:

University of Texas, Austin area Rusty Teeter, rusty@texaswesley.com;
Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore, TX Rev. Meg Edmondson, meg.edmondson@gmail.com;
NE Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant Rev. Becky Hand, youth@tennisonumc.org

Thank you!!



Monday,
July 20
6:30 PM

Pray for a Cure for Cancer A unique ministry battling cancer with prayers.

Hardy Memorial's Women's Ministry Chapter Summer Event will be held at Williams Memorial UMC, 4000 Moores Lane, Texarkana, Texas Featuring Kerri Crocker, Singer and songwriter. Join us to hear Kerri's testimony of how God calls the "ordinary" to do the "extraordinary" for His glory! RSVP 903.838-3507 Babysitting is available upon request. www.prayforacureforcancer.com

Installation Service of **Rev. Sandra Smith** as District Superintendent of the Northwest District will be on Sunday, August 2 at 4:00 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church. A reception in Pirtle Hall will be held following the service.

North District Youth Sunday July 19th through Wednesday July 22nd Theme: "The Ultimate Gift" Spkr: Rev. Tim Ruland
 Bring a donation for the meal 7 Hurricane Recovery Tommy Earl Burton ND Youth Coordinator: 903.577-4545

July 19 5Pm-7PM Winterfield, Longview, 903.753-4825

July 20 5PM-7PM Williams Memorial UMC-Texarkana, 903.832-8663

July 21 5PM-7PM Tennison Memorial UMC, Mt. Pleasant 903.572-5341

July 22 10am-7PM Daingerfield State Park 903.645-2921, Call park for boat rentals, \$10/person for meal and drinks.

**Time to clean out the closets for the
ASBURY HOUSE CHILD ENRICHMENT
CENTER of Longview
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
AUGUST 7**

Donations may be taken to First United Methodist Church of Longview to trailers located behind the Faith Center off Green St. Thurs. 7PM-8PM, Sat. 4PM-5PM. Please **NO** adult clothing, typewriters, sinks, commodes, stove tops, computers, copiers, and large electronic equipment. For more information call 238-4654 or 758-7062.

2009-2010 North District Spouses Officers:

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Mark Your Calendar NOW for the following:

First Spouses Get-Together
Our first district spouses get-together will be a lunch on
Tuesday, September 1 in Linden
details & directions will be forthcoming closer to that date
Texas Conference Clergy Spouses Annual Retreat "What Not to Wear"
October 15-17 at Lakeview

Around the District

Bishop Crutchfield, Arkansas Conference will be at a dinner in Wesley Hall at Williams Memorial UMC at 4000 Moores Lane, Texarkana on September 8 at 6:30 PM. All are invited.
Rev. Danny Wayman, pastor

Summit UMC in Marshall, Texas is seeking a church secretary, please send your resume to:
Summit UMC
Attn: Jerry Berry, SPRC
P O Box 1942
Marshall, TX 75671

Preschool Director

First United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon is looking for a full-time preschool & day-care director.

Director of Children's Ministry

First United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon is looking for a part-time employee for children's ministry.
Send resumes to PO Box 659,
Mt. Vernon, TX 75457 or email to office@fumcmv.org

Chapelwood Nash UMC
1004 S. Kings Hwy.
Nash, Texas 903.838-8141
(2 miles south of I30 on FM 989)
**120th Anniversary-
Homecoming**

Sunday, July 26, 2009
Celebration in Worship 10:30am
Covered Dish Luncheon 12:15PM
Celebration in Song 2PM
w/"His Grace" & "Mid South Boys"

DS Rev. Bill Taylor will bring the Anniversary Message with special music by Mrs. Bonnie Montgomery.

For a complete list of available family counselors to recommend to church families contact **Mr. Howard Fryman of "At Home Healthcare"** Mr. Fryman is a Home Support Services Community Educator located in Tyler. He is available to speak at retiree luncheons on healthcare. He can

Runnin WJ Ranch Special Friends VBS
Runnin WJ Ranch is a Christian based non-profit facility for special needs children and youth. They are holding a one day camp, July 11 from 10 am to 1 PM. Come join the fun filled day of crafts, music, snacks, games, puppets and illusionists. For more information please call Grace Graham at 903.831-6000. Visit their website at www.runninwjranch.org.
4802 S. Kings Hwy., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Mark your calendars
Next gathering of
**NORTH DISTRICT
CLERGYWOMEN**
for **Thurs., July 30** at
Noon at the Olive
Garden Restaurant
in Longview. I'm still
missing some e-
mails until the dis-
trict directory is up-
dated. If there are
some women near
you, please be sure
to invite them and
make sure they
know about this
event.
Rev. Allison Byerley



**Statewide
2009
Sermon
Contest**

Topic:Health Justice Submit a 10-minute video of your sermon/homily/other "pulpit presentation" for a chance to win cash, have your entry showcased on YouTube and be part of the national inter-faith conversation about health care in America. Two categories: English Language & Spanish Language. Prizes!! First place in each category \$500, Second place receives \$100. Clergy and Laity may submit their sermon between June 23 and August 7. to enter visit www.texasimpact.org/

**Cooperative School of
Christian Mission**

July 23-25,2009
Lon Morris College
800 College Ave.
Jacksonville, TX



"Together at the Table" The table has been an important symbol for the gathered community.

assist in networking many of your mental and health needs. 903.592-8001, 539-9801.

District Picnic guests 6/20/09



The Texas Annual Conference

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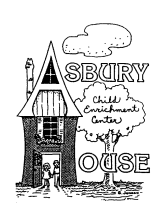
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Kilgore College Campus
Student Ministry Center
903.984-6922
Chaplain:
Rev. Meg Edmondson
United Methodist College



Sign up for high school summer
teams at [umarmy.org/conference/
texas](http://umarmy.org/conference/texas)



Mission of Long-
view. Asbury
House Child De-
velopment Center-
Dir. Pam Surles
903.758-7062



in Marshall, Texas. Home of the
"Great Debaters" Chaplain: Rev. Mi-
chelle Hall 903.927-3391
www.wileyc.edu



Workshops for persons in all stages
of divorce. Contact Parenting
Resource Center 903.753-7800



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