

North District News



The Texas Annual
Conference of The United

District Clergy Quadrant Meetings

Each month on Mondays at 10 am.

First Monday: Marshall Quadrant—Summit UMC

Second Monday: Longview Quadrant—Greggton UMC

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

Fourth Quadrant: Texarkana Quadrant—Hardy Memorial

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

A time for individuals and congregations to thank pastors and elders for their tireless commitment to ministry. *“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” 1 Timothy 5:17*

Joint Charge Conferences

October 2009

Sun., Oct 4 1:00 PM

Queen City First
Queen City Bethel
Linden
Laws Chapel

3:30 PM

Red Lick
Texarkana Eylau
Texarkana Buchanan
Nash, Chapelwood
Redwater
Hooks
Maud
Old Boston

Sun., Oct. 11 2:00 PM

Red Bayou
Daniel’s Chapel
DeKalb First
Hubbard Chapel

Thurs., Oct. 22 6:00 PM

Omaha
Bridges Chapel
Greenhill
Naples

Do you wish your church was more effective in bringing people to Christ?

Do you wish you could get more members for your congregations?

Do you wish you knew how to connect with people in a way that would draw them to Christ and your church?

If you answered “yes” to any or all of these questions, this workshop is designed with your church in mind.

Center for Congregational Excellence in partnership with Jim Griffith will present a workshop beneficial to all congregations in January 2010. You will have an opportunity to attend either at Marvin UMC, Tyler (Jan. 30- 31, 2010) or Clear Lake UMC,

Houston (Jan. 23-24, 2010). The workshop is “How to Get More Members” and will take place over two days. Each congregation that attends will bring a team consisting of the pastor and three to eight laity. This is a tremendous opportunity to hear Jim Griffith and learn how to effectively achieve more members. Each participating team MUST include the pastor along with a minimum of three lay people. Each event is limited to 200 people. Register by contacting Debbie Sutton at 713.521-9383 or dsutton@txcumc.org Cost is \$40 per person includes lunch and materials.

Rev. Dr. Don Waddleton
Dir., Congregational Excellence



Subscriptions for *Interpreter* and *Interpreter Digital* is offered to each church through the World Service Fund. Five church leaders may receive *Interpreter Digital* delivered via e-mail; five may have print copies delivered via postal service. Clergy will continue to receive *Interpreter* print magazine automatically by submitting their church forms. Update your church list online at www.umcom.org/subscriptions or mail a list to United Methodist Communications by Dec. 1. For further assistance call 888.346-3862.

Clergy Hikes set for Fun, Exercise and Retreat **October 16 9 am-11am**

Come join in the fellowship. Gather at the Daingerfield State Park front gate. Bring your hiking shoes and water bottle. Contact Rev. Jeff Stull for more information 903.452-8641.

Joy and Concerns:

Mr. Richard Brewer, brother of **Mrs. Nancy McClanahan**, Pres. North District Clergy Spouses Group., Mr. Brewer in hospital in Winchester, VA.

Mrs. Arnola Zaborktsky of Marshall Wesley UMC and family in the death of her husband Mr. Frank Zaborktsky.

Mrs. Martha Scott, District Lay Leader, her mother is in hospital.

Rev. Nona Taylor, Marshall Wesley UMC, home with heart problems.

Mrs. Ovida Williams, grandmother of **Rev. Develous Bright**, celebrated her 100th birthday on Augst 29!

Bishop Janice R. Huie will be in our district on October 24 and 25. At Hardy Memorial in Texarkana at 5 PM, Oct. 24. At Marshall Summit Oct. 25 to preach at 10:50 a.m. And at Asbury House Child Dev. Center in Longview for a Dedication Service at 4:30 PM

Clergywoman’s Gathering “Living in Balance; Recapturing our Creativity”

October 5-7

Mt. Sequoyah Conference Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Yolanda Villa, District Superintendent of the Heartland Central District, Missouri Conference. Will include small group workshops designed to spark creative spirits and renew us for the work of ministry. Registration; write to spiritualdirector@moundsequoyah.org or call 800.760-8126. For more information visit www.moundsequoyah.org

DIVORCE RECOVERY MINISTRY BEGINS NEXT DIVORCE *Care* WORKSHOP

October 14 through
November 18
Hallsville First United
Methodist Church
6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Workshop for all persons dealing with divorce will meet each Wednesday evening. People of all ages and in all stages of divorce will benefit from this helpful and supportive workshop. The six week Christian based course offers small group discussion with committed

leaders. The cost is \$25.00 and scholarships are available. Dinner is offered at Hallsville FUMC beginning at 5:15 PM for \$4 per person or \$12 for a family. Child-care is also available. To register call 903.758-7800. This program is in partnership with Parent Resource Center of Longview.



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PRESENTS

With the Wesley Foundation @
Kilgore College &



LEELAND + BRANDON HEATH WITH SPECIAL GUEST FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)
DODSON AUDITORIUM @ KILGORE COLLEGE

TICKETS \$12.00 ADVANCE, \$15.00 @ DOOR, \$10.00 GROUP (10 or MORE) www.itickets.com or by phone at 1-800-965-9324 Local ticket outlets: Citizens Bank – Kilgore (Brookshire’s location only) Wood Forest Bank – Longview (Walmart Gilmer Road location) The Scroll Bookstore - Tyler **FOR MORE INFORMATION: 903-720-7546 www.33theministry.org**



KWBC 91.1 FM Broadcasts Daily at 8:55 a.m.; John Wesley Bible Devotions with clergy & laity.

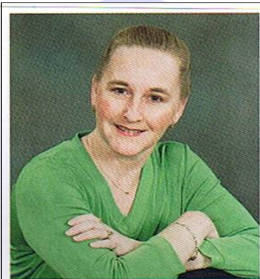


Freshman Class of the President’s Fall Convocation

Presidential Run/Walk-A-Thon
“Winning the Race for Education”
October 17, 2009 8:15 a.m.
Begin at corner of Moore St. and Wiley Avenue. Cost \$10
Benefiting the Haywood L. Strickland Presidential Scholarship Fund at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Onsite registration begins at 7:00 a.m. email slev-ington@wileyc.edu or 927-3307

Thursday, Sept 17th at Wiley College
1265 students enrolled in the Fall of 2009

Trinity UMC Concert
Featuring the Wiley College
ACAPPELLA CHOIR
7:00 P.M.
Friday, October 2, 2009
Trinity United Methodist Church
2600 Holman St.
Houston, TX 77004



If you have any additions or corrections for the district directory, please send an email to Lonna Nunn in the Texarkana office at lnunn@vidnet.net

NORTH DISTRICT CLERGY SPOUSES

Get-Together
Tuesday, October 6 at 6PM
Catfish Village
Just north of Ore City, 16192
St Hwy 155N, 1/2 mile east of
US Hwy 259

Tables reserved in name
“North District Clergy
Spouses, this will be Dutch
Treat. Email for RSVP
txnnancy@hotmail.com

Methodist Mission Home Giving God’s Children a Faith, a Family, a Future

Methodist Mission Home has received a challenge grant from Canadian UMC and the Blue Bird Auxiliary of the Methodist Hospital...a combined total of \$35,000!!
Together we can meet the challenge!

When you measure the efforts of many individuals working together in support of a common goal, you see the transformation in someone’s life.

A pregnant young teen, confused and alone is welcomed into our maternity center, a young adult deaf and

challenged with a disability, learns to communicate using sign language and enters a new world, a married couple unable to have children of their own open their arms to hold their newly adopted baby with tears of joy. You get the picture. I invite you to join us in meeting this combined challenge of \$35,000. You have an incredible opportunity to double the impact of your gift to Methodist Mission Home.

Methodist Mission Home has shared the love of Christ while empowering people to transform their lives in a safe and nurturing refuge.
Thank you
Jennife Sample
Executive Director

PASTORS: YOU CAN HELP YOU LAY WORKERS ACHIEVE RETIREMENT SECURITY



Include your local church events in the Longview News Journal by sending info to cstewart@longview-news.com or call Charlotte Stewart at 237-7743.

Consider working with your church's staff parish relations committee to sponsor the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) for your church's lay employees, if your church isn't already sponsoring this plan. Allowing employees to make before-tax and/or after-tax contributions to UMPIP through payroll deductions might provide them with the incentive and convenience they need to save for retirement. And your church also can choose to make plan sponsor contributions on your lay employee's behalf. To begin offering UMPIP to your lay employees, your church just needs to complete an adoption agreement and enrollment forms. To order these forms, call the General Board at 1-800-851-2201. Once your church completes and returns its adoption agreement and enrollment forms, it becomes a plan sponsor and employees can begin contributing to UMPIP. It's that simple!

By offering UMPIP to its employees, your church is providing them with a unique opportunity to save for their retirement, increase their savings through plan sponsor contributions and manage the growth of their account investing in funds offered by the General Board. Becoming a UMPIP plan sponsor can make a big difference to the lay employees who contribute their time and talents to your church.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Pumpkin Patch is Open!!!

St. Luke's UMC of Kilgore's Annual Pumpkin Patch begins October 1. The hundreds of pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are for sale all month from morning til dusk. Children from local schools and child-care facilities visit every year for snack, stories and fun.

Oct. 10 Dinner Theatre 7PM

Oct. 17 Fall Market&Family Fun

Day 10 am—3 PM

Oct. 24 Bake Sale & Kiwanis BBQ.

Longview Winterfield UMC & Greggton UMC United Methodist Women begin their annual pecan

fundraiser. Glazed, Dark Chocolate Covered, Milk Chocolate Covered, Cinnamon Glazed and Pecan Caramel Clusters. \$8.00 each Also, 16 oz. Mammoth Halves for \$8.00 and 16 oz Medium Pieces for \$7.50. Make great gifts and excellent for cooking. Contact Linda Smitherman w/ Winterfield at j.smitherman@sbcglobal.net or call 903.753-4825 and Greggton UMC at 903.759-3831.

903-563-6163 or the church office at 903-572-5341.

This year we are collecting the pink box tops off of Pillsbury, Betty Crocker and other products. They are the small pink coupons on the tops of the boxes and cans. We will also be saving the empty ink cartridges from your printers. Both of these items convert into cash for Davey Crockett School. Thank You, **St. Mark's UMC, Marshall, Texas** 903.935-9791.

Chapelwood UMC

Fall Rummage Sale

Oct. 9 8:30 a.m.—4 PM

Oct 10 8:30 a.m.—12:30 PM

You will find kitchenware, clothing, auto & sports gear, furniture & more. Food also available

Autumn Festival

"Soup Cook Off"

October 31 4:30PM-7:00PM

Cooks are invited to bring their prepared favorite soup for judging. Other activities for all ages will take place as well. 1004 S. Kings Highway Nash, Texas 903.838-8141

Sounds of Swing Ballroom Dance

Longview First UMC

October 3 7 PM-10PM

Faith Center \$25/person

The Sounds of Swing 17-piece Band dedicated to spreading the gospel of big band music throughout East Texas since 1992. Coat and tie required. Refreshments served.

Redwater UMC 20th Annual Gospel Jubilee

Saturday, October 17 3-6PM with Rhonda Morrow; The Burnett's D&K Duo, Jarmia Cannon, The Hendriz Trio, Marcy Shelly & Amber Pipes

World Communion Sunday October 4 Supports Crusade Scholarships - UMC Giving Program

Great music—Bake Sale—Door Prizes— Hamburger Plate Dinner 126 Church St., Redwater, Texas 903.671-2148

Pirtle United Methodist Church presents

'09 Holidays Trade Days

Friday and Saturday

October 16 & 17

Items of every description

Treasures, crafts, product, collectibles, & More. Food for purchase, homemade pies and cakes for sale. Come & Shop or Reserve your free space. 903.649-4539 or 984-9555.

Grace Crossing UMC in Longview, TX is looking for a Part-Time Minister to Families with Children. Job includes planning and implementing Sunday morning children's programs and community outreach programs for kids. For more info contact John Whitehurst: 903-663-0053 or johnw@gracecrossingumc.org.

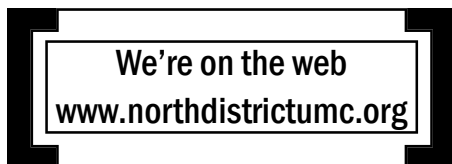
Tennison Memorial UMC is currently accepting applications for a part-time choir director and a part-time nursery worker. For more information, please contact the pastor, Chuck Huffman, at

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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**A Wesley Pilgrimage in Endland
May 11 thru 21, 2010**

You are invited to a ten-day exploration of the Wesleyan roots of The United Methodist Church. Explore Epworth; the Wesleys birthplace. Oxford; where John and Charles Wesley received theological education and led the Holy Club. Bristol; home of early Methodists societies. London; where both Wesley brothers experienced assurance of salvation and John built the center of British Methodism. Salisbury; home to a vital Methodist congregation once served by Francis Absary.

To lean more and to register visit
www.gbod.org/WesleyPilgrimage

Pilgrim Leaders:

Dr. Paul Chilcote
Dr. Steven Mankar
Rev. Anita Wood
Dr. Tim Macquiban

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The Congress on Evangelism 2010

January 5-8, 2010

The Roosevelt Hotel

New Orleans, LA

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Celebrate the Children's Sabbath on the Second Sunday of October. Call the Office of Children's Ministries, General Board of Discipleship 1-877-899-2780, ext. 1761 for instructions and resources.