



Central E-Link

*News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip
Church Leaders of the Central Texas Conference*

October 28, 2009

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to Carolyn@ctcumc.org by **12 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. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to susan@ctcumc.org.

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News Briefs — The Conference

**Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1.
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.**

Call for Church Pictures/Profiles

The General Board of Discipleship needs photos of UM churches for their weekly "Church of the Week" online feature. At a minimum, please provide church name, address, phone, e-mail, Web site. You're also invited to include up to a 50-word statement about your church. Due to privacy law restrictions, GBOD can not publish pictures with people unless they have a release form, available with guidelines for submission at: http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=9179. You can see past featured churches at Church Photo Gallery: http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?loc_id=908&act=nav_loc. Contact: Dean McIntyre at music@gbod.org or 877-899-2780, ext. 7073 (toll free).

Appointment Changes

Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet announce the following clergy appointment changes:

- **Andrew Decker** (elder) — from voluntary leave of absence to family leave of absence, effective Sept. 13.
- **Gary Kindley** (elder) — from extension ministries – Counseling, Consulting & Inspiration Associates to retired status, effective Jan. 1, 2010.
- **Glen Lee Biggs-Scribner** (member of Oklahoma Conference) — from associate at St. Luke UMC, Haltom City to associate at First UMC, Bedford, effective Sept. 15.
- **Bob F. Weathers** (retired member) — from retired-not appointed to interim pastor ½ time at University UMC, Fort Worth, effective Oct. 18.
- **John G. Woody** (retired member) — from retired-not appointed to interim pastor at Bartlett UMC, effective Oct. 1.
- **Cathy Bourgoin** (elder) — from pastor at Central UMC, Mineral Wells/Graford UMC to retired status, effective Oct. 1.
- **Karen Samford** (deacon) – from transitional leave to incapacity leave Weatherford District, effective Oct. 8.

Civil Rights Road Trip — Jan. 15-18

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a time of uncertainty and change. The Civil Right Road Trip is a weekend designed to help today's young people connect to the radical possibilities their lives hold for the Kingdom of God. Get more details and register at www.ctcumc.org or contact Steve Heyduck at 254-715-4956, 254-750-1310, sheyduck@MCHWaco.org.

Insurance Reminder from Conference Trustees

The Conference Board of Trustees reminds participants of the **conference policy requiring each church in a charge to carry Workers' Compensation Insurance on pastors and other employees**. If a pastor or other worker receives a work-related injury, health insurance will not pay on what should be a worker's compensation claim. In addition, regular liability insurance will not pay or protect a church against such a gap in coverage. For those who may be unaware, there are conference-wide insurance programs available for the purchase of Workers' Compensation and Directors and Officers Liability insurance. Both programs are available to all CTC churches. Churches currently participating in this program have experienced reduced costs in their church insurance budgets. The programs are administered by Roach Howard Smith & Barton Insurance Agency. For more information, or a quote, contact Bart Tucker or Debbie Rowland at 817-332-1313 or 800-295-6607.

Advent Opportunity to Learn About and Serve in Women's Health Initiative

This Advent you are invited to participate in a unique quilting and study ministry opportunity to promote women's health worldwide. The CTC is a target conference for this campaign, especially for the new **"Advent Visions of Healing and Hope"** quilt project/study. The Advent study can also be done without the quilting project. If you are interested, visit www.operationhealinghope.com and click on the link for "Top 10" or contact Jennifer Bellamy at jennifer@ctcumc.org or 817-877-5222.

Insurance Enrollment Period — Nov. 4-19

Nov. 4 – 19, 2009 is the 2010 HealthFlex and AFLAC Cafeteria Plan open enrollment period. **NO LATE ENROLLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** 2010 enrollment information available at www.ctcumc.org. Questions? Contact Shawn-Marie Riley, conference benefits administrator, at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or shawn-marie@ctcumc.org.

Immigration and Faith Symposium — Nov. 7

Justice For Our Neighbors, an UMCOR ministry in the CTC, will offer a free "Immigration and Faith" symposium from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, at Acton UMC, Granbury. The symposium will examine the issue of immigration from a faith perspective and provide an opportunity to dialogue about the church's response. Contact: JFON staff member Amy Spaur at 817-534-3293 or amyspaur@hotmail.com.

Adult UMVIM Mission/Work Tour to Eastern Mexico Conference — Jan. 16-23

Conference UM Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)-hosted mission work tour to Mexico's Eastern Conference Jan. 16-23. Registration deadline: Dec. 21. Contacts: Susan Luttrell (817-473-6650 ext. 204, 817-781-5875, susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org) or Jennifer Bellamy (817-877-5222, Jennifer@ctcumc.org).

Thanksgiving Offering 2009

http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles/Library/XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf.

SAVE DATE: Youth Focus on "Engaging in Ministry with the Poor"

• **30 Hour Famine** — Nov. 6-7 at Glen Lake Camp to raise awareness about hunger and poverty. Register at www.glenlake.org/30-hour-famine.

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation — Nov. 1-6

Held at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine. Contact: Denice Foose at 713-203-0783 or dsfoose@comcast.net.

CHIP Coalition Community Meeting — Nov. 6

Tarrant County CHIP Coalition community meeting, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at First UMC Fort Worth, will focus on "CHIP Outreach and Enrollment Assistance." Churches interested in helping children receive health coverage are encouraged to send representatives. Registration information can be found at <http://tarrantcountychip.wordpress.com/> or contact Mary Spradlin at mary.spradlin@yahoo.com or 817-460-8655.

Gift of Love Auction — Nov. 7

The Metropolitan Board of Mission annual Gift of Love Auction, which benefits a multitude of outreach ministries in the Metroplex, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Meadowbrook UMC (3900 Meadowbrook Drive, Fort Worth 76103). Silent auction begins at 5 p.m. and live auction at 6 p.m. The Metro Board is accepting donations for the auction items. www.metroboard-umc.org.

Early Response Team Training — Nov. 7

Presented by the CTC Disaster Response Task Force 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at First UMC Round Rock. <http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=890>

Academy of Christian Education — Nov. 9-13 at Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose

www.ctcumc.org Contact: Karen Granderson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, karen@ctcumc.org

Fall Leadership Summit — Nov. 14

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Presented by Bishop Robert Schnase

Nov. 14 • 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • First UMC, Mansfield

Churches are urged to bring a team of people (at least one to represent each of the five practice areas) to this important summit. As of this morning, 675 have registered. Don't wait until the last minute to take advantage of this opportunity. Click here for the brochure

http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Fall_Summit_2009_7NQBFIGL.PDF.

Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010

Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or cgraft@myfumc.org and watch for additional details soon.

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Perkins School of Volunteer Youth Ministry — Jan. 9

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Arapaho UMC, Richardson (North Texas Conference)

This is a dynamic workshop led by youth workers with outstanding experience. Faculty includes: Rev. Walt Marcum, Georgia Harrison, Rod Hocutt and Joy Allen. Additional details are available at

http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaikU6yC06hdx0ZD0fy54lBy8fChoxypLrERfhDxPpHett6j4x9onEZEed5AUL8Ntl0DsgQx78mnjFOCx9JZ8eX5tob0FOGUSHxN1jEf1DaH7BkHSCz9wAjSoddTwmYX5hXhtHQijlfj_xl96Sfd4CjL2cCzafBQTdvW5MS2vbl0DW5EuoqJRpj_g3Kd5kBYI7ABaoLQyJBdxDbg==.

2009 Clergy Age Trends Report Released

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary is releasing its latest version of *Clergy Age Trends in the United Methodist Church* containing updated 2009 statistics. The new report, prepared with assistance from the General Board of Pension & Health Benefits, contains again this year modest good news for UMs. The consistent decline in under-35 elders as a percentage of all elders hit its low point in 2005 and has held relatively steady with slight increases since then. In 2009 under-35 elders were slightly up as a percentage from 5.21 to 5.25 percent and down by four in total number at 906. The overall number of elders continues to decline each year.

At the same time, the percentage of deacons under 35 grew to 8.42 percent, and young local pastors increased to 5.5 percent. The five conferences where young elders are highest as a percentage of elders in 2009 are Alaska (1 out of 3), Mississippi, Holston, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The largest number of young elders is found in Western North Carolina with 62. The report shows the numbers and percentages of young clergy for each annual conference, as well as the average and median ages of clergy by conference. New features in the 2009 report include breakdowns for middle age and older clergy by conference and a look at emerging retirement patterns among Baby Boomers. See report at www.churchleadership.com.

Worship & Music Director Sought for 2012 General Conference

The worship & music director, an individual with a high level of organizational and communication skills, is responsible for the overall worship & music program management at General Conference. The director is responsible to the Commission on the General Conference functioning as a part of the staff coordinated by the business manager. The director receives a modest honorarium with transportation, housing, and food paid through the submission of expense reports. For more details and contact information:

http://www.umcevents.org/2012GC/Worship&Music_Director_Position_Description.pdf . Applicants should send a brief resume outlining their background and professional references with a brief audition video highlighting music leadership abilities in a variety of settings by Feb. 1, 2010 to: Alan J Morrison, Business Manager of General Conference, PO Box 340029, Nashville TN 37203-0029. The position description provides technical requirements for the audition video.

UM ‘Open Hearts’ Tagline Wins Award

Best-in-Class Taglines Selected by 4,800+ Nonprofit Professionals

The UMC’s advertising and welcoming tagline—Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of The United Methodist Church—has been selected as a best-in-class tagline in the 2009 *Getting Attention Nonprofit Tagline Awards*. The 13 winners were chosen by more than 4,800 voters (nonprofit professionals and interested others) from 60 finalists drawn from 1,702 nonprofit taglines submitted to the competition. The tagline was selected as the winner in the category “Religion and Spiritual Development.” The UMC was lauded for delivering “a tagline trinity that supports its applied faith mission and is warm, enthusiastic and embracing.”

Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8

The 2010 Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for Jan. 5 – 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, can be stimulating and informative for pastors and local church evangelism chairs. The agenda and registration are available at <http://www.CongressonEvangelism.org>. Scholarships are available for clergy under 40 (first time participants who have a recommendation from their DS or bishop). Also, the registration fee is waived for full-time seminary students as well as local pastors enrolled in Course of Study.

Small Church Leadership Institute — Nov. 15-19

It’s not too late for laity and clergy to register for the Small Church Leadership Institute at Mount Sequoyah, Nov. 15-19. Guest presenters include Gil Rendle, Bishop Max Whitfield, Jeff Patton, Asa Whitaker, Rod Hocott, Karen Swales, Russell Cephas, Andy Oden, Janice Meese, Judy Benson and Charles White. The program registration is \$199 per person, which includes program cost and 12 meals. **Register by Oct. 31 and save \$10.** Enrollment forms and lodging reservations are available at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Student Day funds scholarships, loans

United Methodist Special Sunday, Nov. 29

UM Student Day, one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of the denomination, furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities. UM Student Day is celebrated the last Sunday of November, which is Nov. 29 this year. Read about this year’s scholarships and loans to CTC student recipients in the Oct. 16 *Central Link* and remember that **ONLY STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING CHURCHES** are eligible for the Merit Scholarships awarded each year at Annual Conference. To read more about the UM Student Day, visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=5521931&ct=7569367&tr=y&auid=5450008>.

Resources for World AIDS Day — Dec. 1

UM congregations are encouraged to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world by creating awareness about this deadly disease. A new brochure and a poster supporting the UM Global AIDS Fund are now available. Use and share Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure or poster, and support global programs engaged in advocacy, education, and prevention, health care and training in response to HIV/AIDS. **World AIDS Day is Dec. 1.** Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by using these resources on Sundays leading up to World AIDS Day. Order Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure (<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=817364>) for the small cost of shipping, or download the poster (<http://new.gbgn-umc.org/umcor/media/wad/wadposter09.pdf>). Look out for more HIV/AIDS resources to come and give to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, UMCOR Advance #982345.

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders — Nov. 16-20 at Winston-Salem, NC

www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Advent Sermon Writing Retreat — Nov. 2-6 at Mount Sequoyah

www.mountsequoyah.org.

Just FOCUS: Sequoyah Singles 2009 — Nov. 6-8 at Mount Sequoyah

Singles outing in the hills of Fayetteville, Ark., to focus on God and focus on how God works in us and through us to bring the message of the Gospel to the world. www.mountsequoyah.org

Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21, 2010

<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Suicide Survivors: *The Healing Journey After Loss*

Suicide Survivors, is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. Several churches in the Tarrant County area support it. A new group will begin in January 2010. Groups of 8 to 10 meet for two hours weekly for 8 weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org.

Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays.

<http://gbgn-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

Temple District

Lay Speaking Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Lead Music in Worship

When Nov 14 (begins at 9 a.m.)

Where: Florence UMC

Job Transition Support Group Continues to Meet at FUMC Fort Worth

Contact Marianne Wilson at 817-339-5071 or email her at MWilson@MyFUMC.org

Want to Know More About the Hebrew Bible? — Oct. 30 & 31

Trinity UMC, Arlington, will host Dr. Toni Craven for an exciting discussion of the Hebrew Bible from 7 - 9 p.m. Oct. 30 and 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 31 in Rooms 201-203. Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, will talk about the significant themes of the Hebrew Bible through the

stories of God's people, providing a global view of the Bible in ways you may not have experienced.
Contact: miriam@trinityumcarlington.org.

Central UMC, Corsicana Celebrates End of 130 History — Nov. 1

From Rev. Bruce Carpenter: "Central UMC of Corsicana has a heritage in ministry of about 130 years. Regretfully, we are coming to the end of our ability to be in mission. All Saints Day, Nov. 1, will be the last worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The small and faithful congregation will continue to meet for worship in the fellowship hall into the new year. It is most likely that the church will officially close at Annual Conference 2010. You are welcome to attend on All Saints Day. There will be fellowship afterward.

Crowley House of Hope Christmas Sale

The Crowley House of Hope's annual Christmas sale begins next week. UMW members have prepared the merchandise, many of the items are new or like new. Shoppers can purchase very reasonably priced items that range from Christmas trees and musical water globes to clothing for the season, throw pillows, stockings, garland and much more. The sale begins Nov. 4 and continues on Nov. 6, 7, 11 and 14 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crowley House of Hope (Bldg. 3) is at 216 N. Magnolia in Crowley. Money from the sale of these items will be partially used to fund the Share the Love Christmas Mission of CHOH.
www.crowleyhouseofhope.org.

St. Andrew's Golf Tournament — Nov. 7

St. Andrew's in Arlington's annual golf tournament will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Prairie Lakes Golf Course, Grand Prairie. Four-player teams / \$60 per person which includes driving range balls, green fees and lunch. For more details and to register, e-mail Bob Baker at baker6870@sbcglobal.net.

Blue Like Jazz Author Donald Miller at First Fort Worth — Nov. 8

First UMC of Fort Worth will be hosting Donald Miller (author of *Blue Like Jazz*, and *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*) at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 to speak about his new book and the movie being made that is based on his New York Times bestseller *Blue Like Jazz*. For tickets, contact Brandon Frenzel at 817-339-5070 or bfrenzel@myfumc.org.

Discover God's Call — Nov. 6-8

Nov 6 - 8, Heart of Texas Baptist Retreat Center, Brownwood. Do you know your spiritual gifts that God has enabled you with? Do you know what God is calling you to do? Come to Discover God's Call in November. For more info or to register contact kathychecki@juno.com or judykreitner@juno.com.

Silver Serenaders at FUMC Midlothian – Nov. 8

The Silver Serenaders, a premier senior adult community choir formed in 1981 by members of many different Christian denominations, will present "Our Hymn of Praise." This is a spectacular evening of inspirational hymns, popular songs, and patriotic medleys for your enjoyment. One night only, Sunday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. No charge for admission, but a love offering will be received.

5th Annual Louise & Frank Carvey Golf Tournament

United Community Center, Inc. is eager to sign volunteers for the 5th Annual Louise & Frank Carvey Golf Tournament on Monday, Nov. 9, at Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth. Volunteers are needed all day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 2 or 3-hour shifts. Jobs include registration, storehouse, auction volunteer, hole in one watching, food & drink stocker, etc. Please sign up by contacting Susie Reyes at 817-927-5556, x115 or at email sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org.

Don't want to volunteer, then come and play golf on Monday, Nov. 9. Registration starts at 8 a.m.; tee time at 10 a.m. After play, there will be a reception with auction. Players, teams and sponsorship slots are still open! To reserve a slot, call Susie Reyes at 817-927-5556, x115 or sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org. To learn more about United Community Centers visit www.unitedcommunitycenters.org.

Mediation Skills Training — Nov. 16-20 at Winston-Salem, NC

Details and registration available at www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Hope for the Holidays — Nov. 19

Arborlawn UMC (5001 Briarhaven, Fort Worth) invites all to a different kind of worship experience at 7 p.m. Nov. 19. Despite the beauty of autumn and all the excitement around the holidays, this can be a darker than ever time for those struggling with grief and loss and those who finds the holidays make them sad or blue. This worship experience offers a chance to enter this season with inspiration and comfort as Deb Sewell, singer, songwriter and grief facilitator joins with the pastoral staff and the Chancel Choir to bring beautiful music, stories of comfort, hope, inspiration and prayer. Contact Arborlawn at 817-731-0701. Transportation and child care provided.

Roots of Change Group for Pastors/Church Staff in Fort Worth Area — Thru Nov. 19

Contact: Marianne at 817-339-5071.

Dealing With Stress & Anxiety — Dec. 10 (this is a date change)

Good news! We can learn how to reduce stress and protect ourselves from anxiety. Dr. Jim Gause will lead a seminar on these issues from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at First UMC of Mansfield. For more details, contact Debbie Black, care ministries coordinator, at 817-477-2287, ext. 162 or debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org.

2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: SharonBass@texashealth.org

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Resources

Conference Resource Center

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

Conflict: Overcoming Stress in Your Relationships. Bluefish TV Youth Ministry. 4 DVD sessions with leader's guide and handouts. In these four sessions, students candidly share real life stories about the conflict they experience in their lives. Doug Fields offers biblical insight into the most common areas of conflict and teaches students how to reach peace and forgiveness in the relationships that mean the most to them.

Stewardship Campaigns

Does your church have your plans completed for your Fall Stewardship Campaign? There is not much time left to be ready. If you want FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Complete step-by-step plans will be provided to help you have a successful campaign. Every church should be conducting a stewardship campaign every year.

Financial Assistance

Does your church have all the financial procedures in place that provide the integrity your congregation expects? How are deposits and money counting handled? Do you have procedures in place to receive gifts, property or stock? Are you keeping the proper financial records that show your correct financial condition? If you need some FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Meetings can be held with pastors or finance committees.

Church Demographics

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or Vicki@ctcumc.org.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

The new Crime Victims Council website 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.

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Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

Hand Chimes

The Saginaw Ringers at Saginaw UMC need to borrow or rent three octaves of hand chimes to use with their handbells for two upcoming worship services. If your church has chimes available for our use, please call Jemma Jones, director of music and creative worship, at 817-232-0390, Ext. 305 (church) or 817-267-6459 (home).

Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or dcsmitt242@hotmail.com.

Youth Minister

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development, worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at pastorpaxton@aol.com.

Full-time Director of Youth Ministries

St. John's UMC, Georgetown, is expanding a vital youth program and needs a person who is committed to Christ; knows, loves and relates to youth; and is capable of planning and directing programs for youth and their families. Salary commensurate with education and experience \$30,000 plus. Send resume and questions to SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

Director of Music & Worship

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Sept. 1 with the position to be filled by Oct. 1. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and

execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenberg for more details at 254-751-0411.

Part-time Choir Director

Hico FUMC seeks a choir director for the 10:50 a.m. worship service and possibly as worship leader for a contemporary service in the planning stages. This person should have a heart for sharing the Gospel through the music ministry, must have experience directing a church choir, be confident in making decisions about weekly anthems and special music at Christmas and Easter, be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Please contact SPRC Chair Buddy Teague at fumchico@embarqmail.com.

Part-time Music Director

First UMC of Glen Rose seeks a part-time music director. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and leading adult choir for weekly services, choosing hymns for worship services, working with pianist, organist and pastor for worship and special services. If interested, e-mail resume to fumc@valornet.com or mail to FUMC, P.O. Box 426, Glen Rose 76043. For information you may call the church office at 254-897-2572.

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