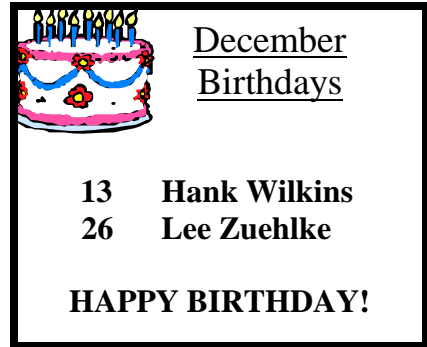




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For Pastors: Taking Care of Business During the Holidays!

Yes, it is time to wrap up some business in the next six weeks, in-between all of the holiday and Holy Day busy-ness! This is a heads up:

1. **District Superintendent/Pastor Consultation:** Sign up now for your mandatory “Interview with the District Superintendent” in January. Call or email and request a 45 minute time slot. (Bring with you the Clergy Consultation form and the S/PPRC Consultation Form.) You can go to our website at www.umcsed.org, go to the January calendar, and click on the following dates and see what times are available. OPTIONS ARE:

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| a. Good Faith Carr UMC-PB : | Monday, Jan 11th, 9:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (9 slots open) |
| b. Grand Avenue UMC (Stuttgart): | Wed., Jan. 13th, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (8 slots open) |
| c. Monticello District Office: | Thursday, Jan. 14 th , 9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. (9 slots open) |
| d. White Hall UMC: | Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 9:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (9 slots open) |
| e. Monticello District Office | Wed., Jan. 20th, 9:15 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. (10 slots open) |
| f. West Helena UMC: | Thursday, Jan. 21st, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (6 slots open) |
| g. Monticello District Office: | Monday, Jan. 25th, 9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (9 slots open) |
| h. Fordyce 1st UMC: | Thursday, Jan. 28th, 11:00 a.m.—5:45 p.m. (8 slots open) |

2. **Pastor Parish Relations Committee Consultation Form / Pastor Consultation Forms:**

The District Superintendent has handed out the consultation forms to pastors at their charge conference. Pastors must give the chair of the newly elected 2010 SPR Committee the SPRC Consultation form as soon as possible. Note: The forms must be filled by the newly-elected 2010 SPR Committee and returned to the district office **at least by the day of your interview**, even if you are not anticipating a change in your pastoral appointment this year. Please keep in mind the following:

- Set a date now for the committee to meet. *The committee does not have to wait until January; however, it must be the new committee which meets.* Remember the “*role of the PPR Committee is advisory*” (Paragraph 431, 2008 Book of Discipline).
- If your church has more than one clergy, you must complete a form for each clergy.
- If there is more than one church on your charge, each church should be represented on the committee.
- Fill out the form **in the meeting** and have the members present at that meeting sign it.
- The completed form must be returned to the district office **at least by the day of your interview (you can bring it with you).**

3. **End of the Year Report Forms:** These must be completed no later than **January 25, 2010**. Please call the office and let us know which of the following ways you want to handle the end of the year report forms:

- Go online and enter the data directly yourself (available after January 3, 2010); the district office can send the information a church needs to access this over the internet.
- Ask us to email the forms in PDF format, so the forms can be printed, then filled out by hand and mailed to the office via the post office.
- Ask us to mail the forms, so it can be filled out by hand, and then mailed to the office via the post office.
- Did I mention that the church must have this information into the office **no later than Monday, January 25th!**



District Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 12

11:30 a.m.

(Catered meal served at noon)

St. Luke United Methodist Church

32 School Street

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Please call or email the District Office no later than December 1, 2009, to let us know if you will be attending or not.

DECEMBER CHARGE CONFERENCES

Wednesday, December 2

6:00 pm @ Trinity UMC
Bailey Chapel
Star City
Grady, Trinity

Sunday, December 6

2:00 pm @ Redfield UMC
Redfield
4:30 pm @ Sulphur Springs UMC
Wesley-PB, Hawley Mem.
Sulphur Springs
St. Mark
Lakeside-PB
Good Faith Carr
7:00 pm @ White Hall UMC
Pine Bluff 1st
St. James
St. Luke
White Hall

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED

The District office will be closed from Wednesday, November 25 - November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday & December 23rd through January 3rd for the Christmas Holiday. Messages and mail will be checked and all phone calls will be returned.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE
DISTRICT OFFICE!**



UAM WESLEY FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE

When: Sunday, December 13th

Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: UAM Wesley Foundation, UAM Campus

The Wesley Foundation located on the UAM campus would like to invite all of the Southeast District to their Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 13th. Please stop by and see what they have been up to! A love offering will be taken up at the door.



CHARGE CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

This is a reminder that the Safe Sanctuary Policy and Financial Review Policy are required to be completed and signed by the end of this year and sent in to the district office. If your church needs further help in completing this, please contact the district office and we will assist.

DISTRICT APPORTIONMENT

A special thanks to all who have paid their district and conference apportionments 100%. For those who haven't paid in full, you still have the most generous month of the year to pay out in full. Our district has had a wonderful record for the past four years of paying their district apportionments between 98-99.5%. It would be wonderful for all of our churches to be an example of extravagant generosity by fulfilling their obligation.

INGATHERING

Thank you to all the Churches that participated in the state-wide ingathering. Also, a special thank you to the three churches which were drop-off locations: Monticello First UMC, Brinkley UMC and Lakeside First (Pine Bluff).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EACH OF YOU!**



UPCOMING CONFERENCE EVENTS FOR CLERGY, LOCAL PASTORS & THOSE IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

Clergywoman's Gathering: *"Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity"*, April 7-9, 2010, at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center, 150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The gathering will focus on recapturing our creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. CEU's will be available. Contact: Rev. Kim Ross at spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org, 800-760-8126. Cost varies from \$325-\$285.

Lenten Sermon Writing Retreat: January 11-15, 2010, Mount Sequoyah Conference Center, 150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Clergy and lay ministers are invited to come undertake their in-depth preparation and sermon writing for this season. Cost \$395, Commuter \$155. For more information, contact Rev. Kim Ross at 800-760-8126, email spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org, or go to www.mountsequoyah.org.

Rethink Church Training: January 9, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm come to Mark Tree UMC in Mark Tree, Arkansas, to learn about the new Rethink Church initiative including welcoming, connecting better with those outside of our churches and Impact Community grants. Learn how to discover, design and do ministries that will take you and your church outside the church walls and into the community.

For more information or to register, visit the Arkansas Conference website: arumc.org.

