



The United Methodist Church
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September 2009

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Time: Sunday, August 30th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
Place: Monticello First United Methodist Church
In the Family Life Center

Voting Rights?

- All clergy (active and retired)
- All lay delegates to Annual Conference
- Members of committees that are elected by District Conference

Items on the Agenda

- District Trustees Budget Request
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- District Officers
- United Methodist Way Retreat for Clergy at Bear Creek Camp

District Trustees Budget Request: The District Trustees are requesting a line item in the amount of \$2000.00 to be put in the district budget for parsonage maintenance. The parsonage CD is not earning much interest and is being slowly depleted down. .

Budget: The proposed budget includes:

- the new District Trustees request of \$2000 for parsonage maintenance
- a \$10,000 reduction in district Support for Church & Community Worker (since we only have 2 workers instead of 3)
- a \$800 increase in the district support for Church & Community Workers (\$400.00 increase a year per worker)
- a \$2,000 increase in the district support for both Wesley Foundations
- a \$200 increase in educational (lay speaking)
- a \$250 increase in local pastors school (registration increased)
- a \$400 increase in the compensation of the administrative assistant
- a \$1,299 increase in communications

If approved, the district apportionment will decrease by 2.7%.

Officers: The slate of officers recommended by the committee on nominations is now available for viewing on the district website, along with the budget.

UNITED METHODIST WAY RETREAT - - OCT. 30-31, 2009

Friday, 5:30 p.m. – Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Bear Creek Camp

Clergy and Laity (This will count as an advanced Lay Speaking Course)

Cost: \$25 per person (includes Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch)

What to bring: sleeping bag or sheets/blanket for cabin bunk; casual clothes, towel, toiletry items. This event introduces you to the denominational emphasis known as the “United Methodist Way.” In November of 2007 all of the Episcopal cabinets from around the world gathered to discuss the present and future of our church. It became a call to live the United Methodist Way. It will touch upon the Wesleyan rules: “Do no harm”; “Do good”; and “Stay in love with God”. You will watch video clips of several bishops and leaders, as well as church consultants like Gill Rendle. You will wrestle with ten provocative questions facing the denomination provided by Lovett Weems. You will brainstorm together on how to take this back to your local church. Best of all, when you leave the retreat each church participating will be given the DVDs and the PowerPoint slides. It will be the best \$25 you spend for a long time. And Bear Creek Camp should be a great place to be in the fall of the year to enjoy nature!

CLERGY -- IT IS TIME TO SIGN UP FOR M.A.G. (Ministerial Accountability Groups)

At District Conference you will be given an opportunity to sign up for a covenant group near you. When we have at least five people agree to participate in one of the selected groups, it will become active. The maximum a group can have is ten. Please try first to participate in the group nearest your home, rather than select a group of your friends. Otherwise some groups will not have enough exist without driving long distances.

M.A.G. is meant to be spiritual, meaningful and fun. Groups will get to know one another, hear life stories, pray for one another, and be there for each other. It is not mandatory nor is it a training class. It is a way of connecting in person with one another on a monthly basis. The superintendent will ask one person from each to call the group together and follow a simple agenda to help facilitate the process.

CHARGE CONFERENCE AGENDA AND FORMS

By now you should have received your charge conference forms either by email or snail mail, which include: Agenda, charge conference packet and 2010 Local Leadership form.

- If you are registered on our district website and have an email address listed, you were sent an email indicating that the documents were available on the district website for viewing/printing. To view/print the documents, you need to go the district website: umcsed.org and login using your username and password. Once logged in, you can click on Charge Conference to view the charge conference documents listed above (except for the local church leadership which was mailed to all churches/pastors).
- If you do not have an email, I mailed all documents to you.

If you have trouble printing these documents, please call the district office as soon as possible so I can get you the documents. **Remember ALL charge conference documents must be sent to the district at least one (1) week before your Charge Conference.** Please remember that each church needs to also include a Safe Sanctuary Policy with their charge conference forms.

A 2009 Fall Cluster Charge Conference schedule is listed on the last page of the newsletter.



DISTRICT YOUTH PLANNING RETREAT September 12th & 13th, 2009

Its that time of year again. Time to make plans for the youth events for the coming school year. The planning retreat for the District Youth is set for September 12th & 13th, starting around 5:00 pm on Saturday and continue that night where we will spend the night and attend the 9:00 am church service at Monticello First United Methodist Church (casual dress) Sunday Morning. SEDCYM hosts youth planned and youth lead events for all youth in our district. This planning meeting will require work on the youth's part but lots of fun and "get to know ya" time included as well.


They also need ALL CHURCHES in the Southeast District to elect at least 2 representatives to represent their church on the DCYM. This council is responsible for planning all the youth events for the Southeast District. They really need to get some new voices and new ideas - be sure your church is represented. Youth serving on the DYCM must be entering grades 9-12 for the 2009-2010 school year; be members of a United Methodist Church; and be ready and willing to serve God in their district.

Please encourage your youth to participate! Please email or mail your representatives' names and contact information (address, email, phone, cell phone) to Emily Johnson or Jana Carroll (contact information listed below). PLEASE do this whether you think we have their information or not so we can make sure we have the accurate, most up-to-date information. Please have this information to us no later than September 7th so that we can have the task forces assigned before the planning meeting.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Boyd Savage
15	Mary Welch
20	Hammett Evans
21	Jonah Wayne Smith
23	L.T. Marks
23	George Crumbly
28	John Kidwell
30	Marty Reep

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The District Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day!



OCTOBER CHARGE CONFERENCES

Sunday, October 18

- 2:30 p.m. @ Tulip UMC
Tulip, Waverly, Carthage,
Hunter's Chapel
New Hope
- 5:00 p.m. @ Sparkman
Sparkman, Dalark, Bethlehem

Sunday, October 25

- 2:30 p.m. @ Good Hope UMC
Good Hope/New Edinburg
Fordyce 1st
Kingsland/Chambersville
Hebron
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Wilson Chapel
St. Francis
- 5:30 p.m. @ Mt. Carmel UMC
Mt. Olivet, Prosperity, Union
Rison, Mt. Carmel

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:00 p.m. @ Helena UMC
West Helena, Elaine
Helena
Marvell, Lexa
Marianna 1st

NOVEMBER CHARGE CONFERENCES

Sunday, November 1

- 2:00 pm @ Clarendon
Holly Grovel Clarendon
Roe
- 4:30 pm @ Brinkley 1st
Wesley Chapel, Taylor Chapel
Brinkley 1st, Brasfield
Kynette
Scruggs Chapel
Livingston Chapel

Sunday, November 8

- 2:00 pm @ Almyra UMC
Bayou Meto, Lodges Corner
DeWitt, St. Charles
Gillett, DeLuce
Pleasant Grove
Almyra, Hunter's Chapel
- 4:00 pm @ Stuttgart 1st UMC
Stuttgart 1st
Stuttgart-Grand Avenue
- 6:30 pm @ Humphrey UMC
Altheimer
Wabaseka
Sherrill
Humphrey

Sunday, November 15

- 2:00 pm @ Waller's Chapel UMC
Ft. Hill, Waller's Chapel, Zion
Crossett
Hamburg
Extra
- 4:30 pm @ Palestine UMC
Warren 1st
Hermitage, Wagon
Martin's Chapel
Palestine, Trinity
- 7:00 pm @ Wilmar UMC
Mt. Pleasant, Rock Springs, Wilmar,
Andrew's Chapel
Lacey, Greenhill
Monticello 1st

Wednesday, November 18

- 5:00 pm @ Hampton UMC
Faustina, Hampton, Harrell

Sunday, November 22

- 2:00 pm @ Dermott
Pardale, Eudora
Lakeside-Lake Village, Montrose
Portland, Dermott, Wilmot
- 4:30 pm @ Mt. Tabor
McGehee-Wesley
McGehee 1st, Arkansas City
Dumas, Tillar
Watson, Mt. Tabor

DECEMBER CHARGE CONFERENCES

Wednesday, December 2

- 6:00 pm @ Trinity UMC (Lincoln County)
Bailey Chapel
Star City
Grady, Trinity

Sunday, December 6

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