



North East District News

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Dear Colleagues in the Ministry of Jesus Christ,

I look forward to being with you this coming Tuesday morning, February 16th, for our Shrove (Fat) Tuesday pancake breakfast, worship and brief meeting. In advance I thank the Rev. Barry Andrews, the Rev. David Preston, and their wonderful volunteers who will cook breakfast for us and provide hospitality for us to worship and meet.

The morning will unfold like this:

9:00 am	Pancake breakfast
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Pastor and Clergy Team meeting. <u>Our meeting will end at or before noon.</u>

THANK YOU! So many of you have RSVP-ed to let me know you are attending one of our gatherings. I know a few of you have long planned vacations, continuing education events, or your health does not permit you to attend. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy to Faye and Debbie in the district office with your timely response.

I do not believe that the local church pastor is the communications coordinator for the district, conference and general church, so I am not going to run a parade of people and projects by you. We have websites, emails and other communication vehicles for sharing these things. On the other hand, I do believe in offering the opportunity for timely, informative, challenging and supportive presentations during our meeting time. Whenever we meet, my goal is that you go away from the meeting saying, "This was worth my attendance and participation." Please let me know when I have fulfilled or failed to meet that goal.

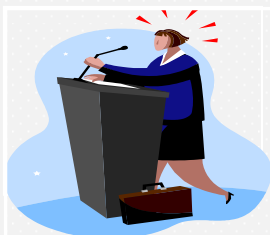
YEAR END STATISTICAL REPORTS DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

As of Monday, February 8th, only eighteen of eighty-two churches and missions have even BEGUN to complete the year-end report. Please contact the persons responsible for compiling and completing your yearend report (if that person is you, talk to yourself!) and get them going ASAP! Please call Faye in the district office if you are stuck and need a helpful nudge, or if you have questions or need assistance. We are here to help you and are glad to do so. We can be more effective on your behalf if you call us before Friday the 19th!!

AND FINALLY ...

I want you to know what a privilege it is to serve as your Superintendent in the *mighty North East District!* Worshipping, praying, conferencing and serving with you has renewed my sense of gratitude and deepened my devotion to this ministry in which we share. You are an awesome community of colleagues. See you next week.

Yours in faith, hope and love,



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASSES

Friday, February 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m. &
 Saturday, February 27, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.
 First UMC, 44967 Highway 301, Callahan

The Basic Course qualifies the participant as a Local Church Lay Servant.

The Advanced Course will be "Leading Bible Study". This class qualifies a Local Church Lay Servant as a Certified Lay Servant and fulfills the three-year educational requirement for continuing certification. For further information please contact Gwen Dube' at (904)751-4912 or email ggdube@comcast.net.



Deadline for completing Year End Statistical Report is Friday, February 19, 2010 at 4 p.m.

Please click on the icon above or go to the conference website at www.flumc.org for instructions. Before you begin you should know there have been significant changes made to the year-end statistical report. Many of the questions on the report have changed and the system through which you access your year-end report has been enhanced.



Tapestry III: Maturing Spiritually **February 26-28, 2010**

The registration deadline has been extended to Feb. 10 for those wanting to attend "Tapestry III: Maturing Spiritually," being held Feb. 26-28 at the Life Enrichment Center. Adults beyond 50 and those in ministry with them can choose among several workshops throughout the conference, and on Saturday, a Ministry Expo will be available with information and staff from various agencies, such as AARP, Elder Hostel, Hospice, Grief Recovery, Parish Nurse ministry, RSVP, SHINE, Society of St. Andrew, UMCOR, NOMADS, the Tallahassee-based Alzheimer's Project, and others.

The keynote speaker for Tapestry III is Marvin Cropsey, editor of *Mature Years* magazine and several other popular Bible studies in the International Lesson Series. Music groups and sacred dancers from New Covenant United Methodist Church will provide music and a concert during the conference. For more information, contact Nancy Metz, Beyond 50 Ministries chairperson, at 239 945-6707, or e-mail to poornancy@gmail.com. A registration brochure is available by clicking [here](#).

Northeast Chapter of the United Methodist Motorcycle Enthusiasts Forming

The United Methodist Motorcycle Enthusiasts are motorcycle riders who have formed chapters within their home churches to promote the fellowship of Christians through a common interest. UMME gives riders the Christian fellowship and the safe riding experience that so many are looking for. The newly forming chapter is open to clergy and laity who have a love of riding.

UMME National was formed in the Central Texas Conference which *approved and endorses the United Methodist Motorcycle Enthusiasts (UMME) as an official affiliate ministry of the Conference*. Through its chapters and members UMME reach out to others as we have fun while rolling along.

The first organizational meeting of the Northeast Chapter is Sunday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m. at Bono's Barbeque on Lane Avenue and I-10. For more information call Tom Pope at First UMC MacClenny, 412-5075, or Frank Fitzsimmons at Good Shepherd 382-6510.

In Jesus' Name	
Couple's Spiritual Retreats	March 12-14 March 19-21

Couples Spiritual Retreat

Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park

An opportunity for couples to spend time with each other and with the Lord waits at the 2010 Couples Spiritual Retreats, March 12-14 and March 19-21. Sponsored by the Florida Conference United Methodist Men, each weekend retreat centers on the theme, "In Jesus' Name."

Held in Fruitland Park at the beautiful Life Enrichment Center, the retreats feature praise time, plenary sessions and breakout sessions, offering time to take your discipleship deeper. Topics include: "A Jewish Love Story," with Ed Diaz looking at the wedding customs of Jesus' day and how they are interwoven into the picture of Jesus' second coming; John Riley asking the question, "Are there many doors to the hallway of heaven, or just one?"; "Was Jesus at your wedding?" with the Rev. Harold Lewis; digging deep into Jesus' prayer life by looking at the Gospel of Luke, with the Rev. Charley Reeb; and the Rev. Debbie Nelson exploring the powerful "dance of the Trinity" in our everyday lives.

Registrations must be submitted by February 15. Costs vary depending on length of stay, where you stay, and how many meals you need while on-site. A full-color brochure that you can print and share with your church is [found here](#). Additional information and registrations forms may be downloaded at www.ummflconf.org.

The Interpreter 2010 Subscriptions



We offer three different options for enrollment:

1. Online: <http://www.umcom.org/subscriptions/>
2. Fax your updated enrollment forms to: (615) 742-5499
3. Mail updated forms to: Interpreter, P.O. Box 440229, Nashville, TN 37244-0229

Please take this opportunity to complete the online enrollment process now. If you have any questions, please contact customer service at 1(888) 346-3862.

From : Rev. Hollie Tapley, North East District UMVIM Coordinator
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Our hearts continue to be heavy for our brothers and sisters in Haiti following the devastating earthquake that changed their lives forever. Please continue to pray for them as they are faced with many days, months and years of life changing experiences.

There are things we can do now: If your church has not taken a special offering, please do so this month. To be certain that monies will be delivered for relief work, send your offerings to the Florida Conference or UMCOR. Please be aware that many of the Haitian Churches in the Miami area are trying to solicit funding themselves. We have been requested by the Conference and UMCOR to not give to the individual churches. Many of them are wiring money to Haiti, and some of the money is then used for administrative cost for those services. 100% of your money given to the Conference and UMCOR goes to the work of rebuilding and healing the lives of those who cannot see a bright future at this time.

Health kits are needed! Go to <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/> for items and where to send the kits.

If you know a doctor who would be willing to provide their services for a short time, have them register at www.umvim.org. The need is great for healthcare providers at this time.

Churches desiring to take a team – HOLD off at this time. Projections are that teams may be able to begin to enter Haiti around late March, but that is only a projection at that time. Please be aware that any team going, the team leader must have been through the UMVIM Leader Training (next training will be May 14-15 in Fort Myers). If you have individuals from your church who desire to go, please send me their names and contact information. If we have a large number of people desiring to go, I will be glad to lead a District UMVIM Team.

UMVIM – a great way to transform the world for Jesus Christ!

Summer Mission Intern applications now being accepted

Applications for the Florida Conference's 2010 Summer Mission Intern program are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is April 9.

Summer Mission Interns serve in a variety of outreach ministry settings throughout Florida, with a focus being on community day camps and United Methodist district outreach agencies. A \$2,000 stipend is awarded to each intern for their 10 weeks of service which runs generally from June 7 through Aug. 13 (this varies with the placement). Internship applications are accepted from students and young adults, ages 19 through 28.

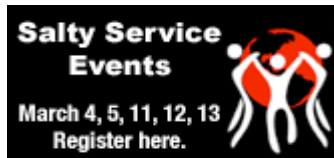
"Being a Summer Mission Intern is a great opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet, in service to a hurting world," said Melinda Trotti, director of Justice and Outreach Ministries for the Florida Conference. "The focus is on service in communities experiencing poverty, but the program includes time and support for reflection on vocational and spiritual goals."

Training is provided to the interns at pre-summer and mid-summer retreats as well as in-service training by the agencies. Supervision and mentoring is provided by conference and agency staff throughout the summer.

In the summer of 2009, the second year of this program, 12 Summer Mission Interns participated at placements with Christians Reaching Out to Society (C.R.O.S. Ministries), the East Central District outreach ministries in Orlando, Sons of Thunder Day Camp in Titusville, and the NE District outreach ministries in Jacksonville. They ranged in age from 19-28 and came from 10 different colleges and universities.

The goal this year is to expand the program to 20-25 interns with new placements in Naples, Miami and Holiday. The Florida Conference Summer Mission Intern program is a partnership of the Office of Justice and Outreach Ministries, Melinda Trotti, Director, and the Office of Camps and Retreat Ministries, Rev. David Berkey, Executive Director.

The application is available online at http://www.flumc.org/mission_intern_app.pdf. Applicants can download and print the application and mail it to David Berkey, 1140 McDonald Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801; or fax it to 863-688-7233. For more information, e-mail dberkey@flumc.org, or call 800-282-8011, Ext. 140.



Salty Service Workshops

The Salty Service Events are fourth in a series of events focusing on the five discipling practices of effective congregations. These one-day events, offered this March in five locations across our state, will help congregational leaders learn practical strategies for joining Jesus in mission to the least, the last, the lost and the left out. Drawing on Acts 1:8, (where Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.") participants will explore how to do outreach ministry in a Wesleyan way in their community, in cross-cultural situations and around the world.

Paul Chilcote will be the keynote speaker for each of the five events. Chilcote is professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio.

Participants will have the opportunity to choose two breakouts. Some of the topics for these sessions include helping church leaders find what community needs exist; being in ministry with the poor; prison ministry; adopting a neighborhood school; ending childhood hunger; mission trips with a difference; disaster response; and earth care.

Dates & Locations:

- SW District - Thursday, March 4 – Grace UMC, Cape Coral
- SE District - Friday, March 5 - Harris Chapel UMC, Oakland Park
- GC District - Thursday, March 11 - St. Paul UMC, Largo
- EC District - Friday, March 12 – First UMC Deland
- NW District - Saturday, March 13 - St. Paul's UMC, Tallahassee

Each event will start with registration at 9 a.m., and end by 4 p.m.

Cost to attend each event is \$45 and includes snacks and lunch. Online registration is available through the Florida Conference Web site at www.flumc.org. When people register, they will not be signing up for breakout group sessions, just the event date/location they wish to attend. About two weeks before each event, people will receive additional information about the event by e-mail and will then have the opportunity to select their breakout group sessions.



COMMUNITY ARISE BASIC DISASTER MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday, May 8th, 2010
10:00 – 4:00

Memorial UMC – Fernandina Beach
601 Centre Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Sponsored by the Disaster Recovery Ministry of the
Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church



This training provides an introduction to the unique and important role the faith community plays in disaster mitigation, preparation and response. You and your church will hear practical ideas on how to effectively respond to disaster in your community in cooperation with other churches, emergency management officials and the Disaster Recovery Ministry of the conference. You will understand the importance of communication and collaboration in meeting the needs of disaster survivors and the importance of being the church in the midst of crisis.

There is no cost for this training; however, registration is required for planning purposes. Lunch is provided.

For more information call Disaster Recovery (800) 282-8011 Ext. 149.



Support Africa University Campaign

More than a dozen Africa University graduates, faculty, board members, and volunteers will bring a campaign urging United Methodists to support the Zimbabwe-based university to the North Central, North East, and East Central Florida districts in mid-March. University representatives are already confirmed to speak at 17 United Methodist churches in the three districts during the weekend of March 20-21, 2010.

"Africa University is a vital part of our mission to Africa," said Florida Bishop Timothy Whitaker. "It is graduating men and women who are becoming key leaders throughout Africa. When other universities closed during Zimbabwe's recent economic and political crises, it remained open."

United Methodist-related Africa University is based in central Zimbabwe. Its 1,190 students come from 28 African countries. The university's advisory committee will meet in Jacksonville on March 23. The development office is located in Nashville.

Congregations hosting representatives of the university include:

- Arlington UMC, pastor, the Rev. Larry W. Shields.
- Avondale UMC, pastor, the Rev. Thomas McLeod.
- Community UMC, Lake Como, pastor the Rev. Ray Start.
- Crossroad UMC, pastor, the Rev. Gee Sprague
- Faith UMC, pastor, the Rev. Barry Andrews.
- First UMC, pastor, the Rev. Michael T. Hutcherson.
- Ft. Caroline UMC, pastor, the Rev. Bruce Galloway.
- Glynlea Grace UMC, pastor, the Rev. David Charlton.
- Lake Shore UMC, pastor, the Rev. Thomas Fuller.
- Lakewood UMC, pastor, the Rev. Bill Sherman.
- Mandarin UMC, pastor, Rev. Debbie McLeod.
- Mt. Moriah UMC, pastor, the Rev. Deloris Demps.
- Mt. Pleasant UMC, Gainesville, pastor the Rev. Geraldine W. McClennan.
- Murray Hill UMC, pastor, the Rev. Nathan Boles.
- New Life Community UMC, pastor, the Rev. Jeffrey Oglesby.
- Riverside Park UMC, pastor, the Rev. Rafael Vigil.
- Stewart Memorial UMC, Daytona Beach, pastor, the Rev. Walter Monroe, Jr.

United Methodist Bishop Ernest S. Lyght, of Charleston, W.Va., chairperson of the AU board development committee, said this visitation is particularly focused on showing the benefits of long-term planned giving to help sustain the university.

"It is a great thing to share God's blessings in this way," Bishop Lyght said. "To me, there is no better feeling than to know I've planted seeds of hope for Africa's bright future."

"The United Methodist Church is committed to Africa, and Africa University is a key focus of our ministry. As it prepares a new generation of leaders, it needs the support of United Methodists in the United States," Bishop Lyght said. "The best way for many to help is to look at the long term, both for their lives, and for the continuation of the university."

Lyght said there are many options for planned giving, such as bequests, gift annuities, life insurance policies, and other income generating instruments.

With its main campus located in Old Mutare, in central Zimbabwe, Africa University opened its doors in 1992. The university currently offers bachelors and masters degree programs in six faculties - Agriculture and Natural Resources, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Management and Administration, and Theology. The Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance offers postgraduate diploma and masters Programs.

For more information on the many ways to support the mission and ministry of Africa University, please contact Elaine Jenkins, Director of Planned Giving, at 615-340-7428 or email her at ejenkins@gbhem.org.

Job Postings

Assistant Director of Children's Ministry – Part Time (20 hours per week)

Mandarin United Methodist Church is seeking an **Assistant Director of Children's Ministry** to work 20 hours per week. Must be available Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings plus have a flexible schedule for the remaining hours. The position requires intensive ongoing volunteer recruitment, training, scheduling and support. Good communication and organizational skills needed. Applicant must demonstrate an established commitment to helping children and families grow in their Christian faith. Accepting applications through December 31st.

Church Pianist/Music Director needed for part time position. Call 904-764-4627.

Facilities Manager/Custodian

Riverside Park UMC is looking for a person to clean and oversee the use and care of the downtown facility. This is a part time position with some flexibility in the work schedule that will include some evenings and weekends. Please send your resume to apply to pastorrafe@aol.com.

Lake Shore United Methodist Church is looking for a Part-Time Program Coordinator for Children's Discipleship to provide vision, development and management for all aspects of our ministry to children from birth through fifth grade, including supervising lay leaders/teachers, volunteers, curriculum, programming, facility, budgets and planning. Supervised by the Senior Pastor and/or Staff-Parish Committee. Flexible Hours: estimated 20 hours per week according to church service hours, Sunday School and various other meetings and programs. Special programs may require additional hours. Submit resume and references via email to: LakeShoreUMC@cs.com or fax to: 904-388-7881

Lake Shore United Methodist Church is looking for a Full-Time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to guide and develop programs that encourage fellowship, foster Christian friendships, and contribute to our Youth's and Young Adult spiritual development. We are seeking a person of Christian faith, who is willing and able to demonstrate that faith to others, has extremely personal relational skills with youth, and shares in our vision and love for our Youth and Young Adults. For more information about our church visit: www.lsumcjax.org Please reference: Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and submit resume and references along with salary requirement via email to: office@lsumcjax.org or fax to: 904-388-7881

Seeking Ministry Employment

Bookkeeper hoping for the privilege to serve as a part-time church financial secretary. I believe that I have the training, integrity, and experience to help your church in financial bookkeeping, to insure good financial reporting. Please contact the district office for a copy of my resume'.

Music Minister preparing to enter into full ministry in the area of Music and Worship. At this time I am finishing up my formal education in music after spending several years in a different career. I will graduate in May and have an interest in relocating to serve in your area. If you would like a copy of my resume' which includes more details about my background, education and experiences please contact the district office at (904) 396-3026.

Contemporary/Traditional Musician with many years of experience in arranging, accompaniment, recording studio work I have provided music for several churches in Jacksonville and surrounding areas. Please contact the district office for a copy of my resume and references.

Free Stuff

Epson CX 4600 Printer
 Dell 968 W Printer
 Brother Intel Fax Machine 775
 AT & T answer machine
 Ricoh (2 drawer) Copy Machine (we have no toner)
 Allen Digital Computer Organ
 7 Drop ceiling hall lights "U" bulbs (2 foot square fixture)

If anyone is interested in any of these items please call the Church office 904-272-4210
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2010

- 5-7 Clergy Kids Camp, Warren Willis Camp, Leesburg, FL
- 15 Presidents Day – Conference Center & District Office Closed
- 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast & Clergy Team Meeting, 9 a.m.
Faith UMC, 4000 Spring Park Rd, Jacksonville, FL
- 18 dCOM Local Pastors Luncheon, 12 noon
Swaim UMC, 1620 Naldo Avenue, Jacksonville, FL
- 19 Local Church Year End Statistics Deadline at 4 p.m.
- 19-21 Twenty-Sixth Annual Florida Conference Women's Retreat Weekend,
Life Enrichment Center; Fruitland Park, FL
- 22 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7 p.m.
- 25 New Church Development Committee Meeting, District Office, 10 a.m.
- 26-27 Lay Servant Ministries Event at First UMC in Callahan

March 2010

- 5-7 Twenty-Sixth Annual Florida Conference Women's Retreat Weekend
Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL
- 16 Community Outreach Agency Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at District Office
- 22 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7pm

Calendar of Reports Due

- 31 **Child/Youth Protection Policy adoption** - Review & renew annually. Mail a signed copy of the Annual Review/Endorsement Renewal to the district office by March 31st. (Should the policy undergo major revisions, mail a complete copy to the district office).
- 31 **Fiscal Responsibility and Management Policy adoption** - Review & renew annually. Mail a signed copy of this policy to the district office by March 31st.
- 31 **Sexual harassment Policy adoption** - Review & renew annually. Mail a signed copy of the Annual Review/ Endorsement Renewal to the district office by March 31st. (Should the policy undergo major revisions, mail a complete and signed copy to the district office).
- 31 **Annual Report to the District Housing Committee / Parsonage. Checklist** - Review & renew annually. Mail a signed copy of the Annual Parsonage Review to the district office by March 31st.

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Don't forget to Report!

**Missional
Vital
Signs**



If you are not receiving your reporting link via email please contact the District Office at 904-396-3026 or for further assistance go to:

www.congregationaltransformation.com

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PROPERTY & CASUALTY
HEALTH INSURANCE
PENSION



Please be reminded to go to www.flumc.org for your workers compensation, property and casualty, health insurance and pension invoices.

IRS REDUCES MILEAGE RATE FOR 2010

The IRS has reduced the mileage reimbursement rate for business travel in 2010. The new rate is \$.50 per mile and should be used for reimbursing business travel this year.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

April 11-13, 2010 is Florida Advocacy Days at Children's Week in Tallahassee! Please mark your Calendars so you will not miss the opportunity to 'Show Up 2 Speak Out for Children and families in poverty to your state legislators.



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