

June 2006

# NORTH EAST NEWS

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North East  
District

Florida Annual  
Conference

United Methodist  
Church

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Dearhearts,

There is a saying in the aviation community that there are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots. I suppose at this point of the game, I qualify as old both chronologically and temperamentally. In any case, a part of living to be an old pilot is a devotion to safety and a part of flying safely is a running check on your location. It is a good idea to plot check points before you take off and it is an even better idea to check them off as you go. This is helpful in an emergency because you may not want to spend a lot of time figuring out where the nearest airport is located, but it is also helpful on a routine flight because you can see if you are staying on course for your destination. If some contrary wind is blowing you off course, the sooner you correct your heading, the better.

The mention of in-flight corrections brings me to my topic: As we approach the half-way point in our journey through the year, are we on course? We have given ourselves a number of new tasks this year, and this is a good time to check on our progress. One of those tasks is the formation of cluster groups across the district. Now is the time to ask if these groups are meeting and if the meetings are up to our expectations. Another of those tasks is meeting some goals that Bishop Whitaker and the Conference Leader of Laity Bill Walker set before us. If we hope to have no "barren churches" this year, but churches that are drawing people to them through the beauty of their worship and the winsomeness of their mission outreach, we need to be on course towards achieving these goals. While meeting apportionments is not a new goal, it would not hurt to take a look at how far along we are in meeting these commitments while we are at it. In light of the increases to our insurance premiums this year, it will be easy to lose focus on paying our other connectional giving.

Your District Lay Leader, Ed Chappell, and I will be addressing these concerns shortly in a letter going to Pastors and Lay Leaders across the District. But I want all of us to be praying about these concerns and working towards accomplishing them. Let us be alert in order to stay on course.

Grace and peace,

*Rick*

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## Calendar of Events

### June

- 1-3 Annual Conference, Lakeland Center
- 10 Conference Disaster Training Event, NE District, Location TBA
- 11 Camp Amp, Session One
- 18 Camp Amp, Session Two
- 25 Camp Amp, Session Three
- 27 Clergy Moving Day

### July

- 4 Independence Day, District Office Closed
- 30 Fifth Sunday Gathering, Callahan UMC

### August

- 18 Lay Speaking, Lakewood UMC  
Spanish Classes Available
- 19 Lay Speaking, Lakewood UMC  
Spanish Classes Available
- 29 Bishop's Capital Commission Mtg.,  
Lakewood UMC, 7:00pm

### September

- 4 Labor Day, District Office Closed
- 26-27 Pension Web-cast
- 29-30 HCA 101, Jacksonville, Location TBA

### October

- 2 Candidacy Mentor Training, LEC
- 6-7 HCA 101, Jacksonville, Location TBA
- 24 Pastor Appreciation Dinner, Location TBA
- 29 5th Sunday Gathering, Highlands UMC

# Happy Birthday!!

Eugene Maddox	06/01
Alan Patz	06/02
Dan Casselberry	06/03
Brian Fowler	06/03
Erle Prevatt	06/06
Floyd Waters	06/13
Wayne Wiatt	06/13
Linda Standifer	06/21
Gene Folsom	06/23
Tim Machtel	06/29

## Congratulations

To the North East District  
"Official Welcoming Congregations"

Isle of Faith UMC  
St. James UMC  
Swaim Memorial UMC

## National United Methodist Campers' Club

National United Methodist Campers' Club is forming a new chapter here in North Florida. Currently they are meeting in Central Florida, and hope to form a group here in our area. There will be a camping event on June 16th at Kelly Camp-ground between Callahan and Hilliard.

If you are interested please contact  
Dave Kramer at 904-504-4764

## Announcements and Ads

**Lakewood UMC** is currently seeking a Director of Adult Ministries. Position is part time with responsibilities for the educational programs of the adult division of the church. For more information please contact Rev. Nancy Stiles at (904) 733-8477.

**Lakewood UMC** is currently seeking a Part time Office Assistant. Position requires computer experience. Responsibilities include handling membership records, accounts payable and general office duties. For more information please contact Sydna Breazeale at (904) 733-8477.

**Garden City UMC** has a small electronic Rogers organ for sale. Owners manual included. Asking price is \$300 or best offer. Contact the church at 764-4627 or Gwen, 751-4912.

**Mandarin UMC** is looking for a part-time Assistant Sexton. Candidate must be available for some evenings. Job description and application are available in the church office, or please call Jodi Hunter, 268-5549

**Arlington UMC** is currently seeking a part time church secretary 2-3 days a week during June -July 2006. Prior experience is important. Contact Arlington UMC at 743-1400 or office@arlington-umc.org.

# Coming & Going

### Leaving our district:

Tom Black	Callahan UMC	Bruce Jones	Memorial UMC
Brian Fowler	Fleming Island UMC	Robert Holtz	St. Stephen's UMC
Frank Reynolds	Faith UMC	Riley Short	First UMC, Jacksonville
Wayne Williams	Riverside Park UMC	Wayne Wyatt	Southside UMC
Jeff Kantz	Keystone UMC	Esther Kelly	Mt. Moriah UMC, Starke
Brett Templeton	Yulee UMC		

### Coming to our district:

Chris Kirk	Callahan UMC	Brett Opalinski	Memorial UMC
Cory Britt	Fleming Island UMC	Gregory Grant	Christ/Riverdale UMC
Willie Scott	St. Stephen's UMC	Barry Andrews	Faith UMC
Charles Salter	First UMC, Jacksonville	Karah Young	Inman UMC
Michael Hudson	Ortega UMC, Associate	Rafael Vigil	Riverside Park UMC
Bruce Jones	Southside UMC	Don Corbit	Keystone UMC
Tommie Darm	Orange Park UMC, Deacon	Matt Berryman	Orange Park UMC, Associate
Mark Stiles	Yulee UMC		

**Grace and Peace to those who are leaving us, you will be missed by all.**

**Welcome to those who are entering our district, we can't wait to get to know you and welcome you into our family**

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I have exciting news. PromiseKeepers Men's Ministry will have a conference in Jacksonville on 21-22 July 2006 at Veteran's Memorial Arena. PromiseKeepers is an ecumenical men's ministry whose purpose is to help men become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We teach them to stand by the SEVEN Promises of a PromiseKeeper which are firmly established in scripture.

What does this mean for you and your church home? This is an awesome opportunity to grow your men's ministry into a stronger cohesive unit. It is also a great opportunity for your congregation to serve in ministry. What I mean is it will take about 800 volunteers to pull this conference off in Jacksonville. The volunteer opportunities range from prayer intercession to retail merchandizing, this also gives the ladies and youth 16+ to see what really happens at a PK conference and the first hand experience of seeing the men in their life changed.

We have several PK Ambassadors (trained ministry volunteers) in the North Florida/South Georgia area, who would love the opportunity to share the PK Ministry's vision and volunteer opportunities with your church, men's group, ladies groups and youth. We ask for your prayers and support for this ministry.

If you would like a PK Ambassador to come visit your church or provide you with promotional materials please contact:

John Grimes  
(904)298-1004

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Bob Ward  
(904) 662-3966

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Grace to You,  
John Grimes

A Community Call to Prayer  
June 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

At

Highlands United Methodist Church  
1955 Broward Road  
Jacksonville, Florida

## Changing the Violence and Crime Culture in Our Neighborhoods

Through



Prayer and Actions



Music "People Need the Lord"

Garden City United Methodist Church Choir

Speakers:

Sheriff John Rutherford

Mad Dads

Strengthening the Family  
Changing the Culture through Prayer  
Music "Here I Am Lord"  
Changing the Culture through Christian Action

Participating Congregations:

Ebenezer U.M.C., Dinsmore U.M.C., Garden City U.M.C.  
New Life Community U.M.C., Wesley Fellowship U.M.C.