



# North East News

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"It appears I'm being relocated."

Dearhearts,

April 29 was Announcement Sunday. There were moves announced in 136 of the 714 churches across the Florida Conference.

This included 8 churches involved in 9 moves here in the North East District. Seven of our appointments were full-time and two were part-time. Here are those appointments close to home:

Alexander Memorial UMC, Jacksonville will see Floyd Waters retire for a second time, and welcome Nathaniel Brown to Alexander Memorial for his first appointment.

Avondale UMC, Jacksonville will say farewell to Frank Seghers, who has served as interim pastor since January, and receive Matt Berryman from across our District at Orange Park UMC.

First UMC, Callahan, will see Chris Kirk appointed to Palm Harbor UMC, and greet David Mullins, who is serving his first appointment in Florida after an appointment to Centenary UMC in Danville, Kentucky.

First UMC, Lake Butler will be losing Don Kerce immediately in a move to Tennessee, and welcome David Puller, who will start serving May 1, as a student pastor.

First UMC, Macclenny will wish Godspeed to John Hay, who will move to Mariner UMC, Spring Hill, and receive Tom Pope from Edge Memorial UMC, Groveland in his place.

Mandarin UMC has created a second Associate Pastor's position, and will welcome Missy Hart to fill this role in her first appointment after graduating from Duke Theological Seminary.

Middleburg UMC will say goodbye to Anne Godbold, who will be going to Roseland UMC in the Melbourne area, and greet Roger Moore from Community UMC in Daytona Beach.

Orange Park UMC will see LeeAnn Inman move to St. Luke's, Windermere, and Matt Berryman move to Avondale as mentioned above. Mark Becker will come from Trinity UMC, Gainesville, to be appointed Senior Pastor at OPUMC, and the Associate Pastor's position will remain unfilled for the time being.

Let us wrap our most fervent prayers around all these congregations and all these pastors and their families, both those who are leaving and those who are coming to (or just moving within!) our District. And let us pray that the good work will continue.

Grace and peace,

Richard W. Neal, Superintendent

The churches of the St. Augustine Cluster (First, Grace, Trinity, Shores) are sponsoring a visit by former Duke Divinity School Professor and New Testament scholar, Dr. James "Mickey" Efird. Dr. Efird will speak on "How To Interpret The Bible" at three sessions scheduled for: May 15, 7p.m. at Shores; May 16 at 10a.m. at Grace, and at 7p.m. at First.

Invite your folks to attend and hear the founder of The Efird Bible Study Series used in many of our churches today.



## Methodist Way Training



**Tuesday, June 5**

on the core formative practices by which our faith is actually passed on "From Generation to Generation."

On Tuesday afternoon as delegates begin arriving in Lakeland for the 2007 Annual Conference, there will be five different opportunities for learning offered at 2:30 and then again at 4:30 PM. Each class will be about one of the five essential aspects of the core discipling-making process to which every congregation is called. Bishop Whitaker refers to these faith-forming practices as "The Methodist Way". They have their roots both in our Wesleyan heritage and in the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. The pre-conference classes on "The Methodist Way" will give us a chance to focus

on the core formative practices by which our faith is actually passed on "From Generation to Generation."



## Florida Annual Conference

This is just a reminder that Annual Conference is fast approaching. Please make sure you contact your church Lay Member to Annual Conference. If they have not received information, have them contact us at the District Office. 904-396-3026 or [flumc-ne@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-ne@flumc.org)

## D. S. to take Renewal Leave

Our District Superintendent, Rick Neal, will be taking his renewal leave this summer, June 15 – September 5. Provisions have been made for the North East District to be covered. If there is a need you are asked to call the North East District office at 904-396-3026. Debbie Moore, our Administrative Assistant, will arrange for a district superintendent to be in touch with you if needed. For needs that arise after office hours, you may call Debbie on her cell phone 904-219-0966 or email her at [dmoore1415@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmoore1415@bellsouth.net).



# Camp Amp



It's May today.....so that means June's a-comin'! And with it comes our 15<sup>th</sup> year of our District outreach, CAMP AMP. We are ready with loads of adult leaders and youth counselors from many of our District churches. Now we just pray that each church has planned to receive an offering to support the children who will be coming from all over North Florida; the housing projects, those under State guardianship, those who have refueged war torn countries, kids from remote rural areas, and those whose parents may try hard to provide the best for their kids, but just don't have the money. For every \$275 that the churches donate, we are able to add one more needy kid to our Camp's enrollment. And we have places waiting for 80 kids – but it all depends on **you**. It's easier than ever this year, just go to the web at [www.CampAMP.net](http://www.CampAMP.net) and make an on-line donation. Or drop a check in the church's offering plate noted that is for CAMP AMP. **Direct donations can be sent to the Community Outreach Agency at 1415 LaSalle Street, Jacksonville, FL 32207, made payable to Camp AMP.**

Our craft teachers are also asking for the churches to help gather these "recycle-ables" to help us prep for this year's "PEACE TALKS." Call for pick-up (396-0073) or drop at Community Outreach Agency.

- frozen juice can lids
- bottle caps
- paper towel/foil/wax paper tubes
- toilet paper tubes (empty & clean please)
- wrapping paper tubes (empty or not)
- old gloves - need fingers –
- clean plastic lids - any size/color (lots)
- small clear plastic bottles
- berry baskets
- plastic spice-jar inserts with holes
- drinking straws
- large milk or juice carton (box)

- Glitter masking tape
- new pencils
- clear fishing line
- beans/popcorn/seeds
- miscellaneous beads, ribbon, rickrack
- food coloring
- old yarn - any colors (no black, brown, gray, etc),
- wiggle eyes
- styrofoam balls
- pom poms
- chenille sticks
- tissue paper (any size)
- glitter

# Drama Camp

In April Mt. Moriah UMC and the Community Outreach Agency partnered together to develop funding for their summer outreach to neighborhood children. The Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) requested applications from area non-profits and faith-based organizations who were interested in offering quality summer camp opportunities for children from low-income families or children with special needs.

As the opportunity presented itself for Mt. Moriah UMC to both increase capacity and increase quality summer camps, the idea of offering a summer drama camp was birthed. "***The Red Carpet***" Drama Camp at Mt. Moriah was inspired by the summer drama camp held at nearby Swaim UMC last summer as a result of a similar grant which was assisted by the District's Community Outreach Agency. The JCC required that at least 50 children be served for eight weeks, with the grant recipient receiving \$300 per student. Thus the \$15,000 enabled Mt. Moriah UMC's Anita Chandler to design a top quality program that includes tutoring by certified teachers and using drama skills to reinforce their learning. Under her leadership, and that of Pastor Deloris Demps, children whose summers looked bleak and under-engaged now have the opportunity to come each day and get blessed by so many fun and inspirational activities that they will be empowered to return to their schools next fall ready to learn.

The neighborhood served by Mt. Moriah UMC was one of the six "Intensive Care Neighborhoods" marked for special assistance by Mayor Peyton. So this outreach project will really enable the members of Mt. Moriah to make difference in their community. This ministry outreach will also be partnered with their existing Adult Day Care Center, offering these children an opportunity to interact with a senior citizen who can be their "grandparent-for-the-day." Mt. Moriah UMC is also a great example of how a small membership church can still make a mighty difference in the lives of their neighbors as witness to their love of Jesus.

If any of the following list of materials could be donated to this new ministry at Mt. Moriah UMC, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church at 396-4659 if you, your church, or maybe even your children's ministry can help with these items;

1. 2 TV Carts
2. 2 TVs with DVD Player
3. Copy and Printer Paper
4. Pencils
5. Markers
6. Construction Paper
7. Computer Printer for Laptop Computers
8. Wireless Adapters for Laptops
9. 5 Square light weight tables
10. 35 light weight folding chairs
11. Art Paint Brushes
12. Art Paint
13. 60 1-inch 3 ring binders
14. 2 Large White Boards with Easels
- 60 smocks for students

16. Coloring Pencils
17. 60 Small supply boxes
18. Play Ground Equipment
19. 2 Basket Balls
20. Basket Ball Goal
21. Kick Balls
22. 60 Rulers
23. Measuring Tapes (to Build Props)
24. Material to Build Props
25. Manilla Folders
26. Small 4 Drawer file cabinet
27. Materials for Stage Craft/Construction
28. 60 Composition Notebooks
29. T-shirts for campers/ camp leaders
30. Board Games

# Employment Opportunities

## Part Time Custodian

Experienced candidate needed! Maintain church property in an orderly, clean and operational manner. Includes benefits. Background check required. For more information, contact Reverend Rafe Vigil at 355-5491 or PastorRafe@aol.com. Riverside Park United Methodist Church, 819 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

## Pianist Needed

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is in need of a P/T musician to play the piano one service on Sunday, Wednesday's rehearsals and occasional special activities. \$150.00 per week. Call 786-0757, Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 12046 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32221

## Director of Christian Education & Discipleship

Isle of Faith UMC (San Pablo Rd, beachside) seeks a full-time Director of Christian Education & Discipleship (with an emphasis on children). See our website at [iofumc.org](http://iofumc.org) for details. Email resumes or questions to [skipparvin1@comcast.net](mailto:skipparvin1@comcast.net) or call the church at 904.221.1700

## Calendar

### May

- 4** Clergy Day Apart
- 15** COA Board Meeting 7pm
- 22** Annual Conference Forum  
(Formerly Annual Conference Orientations)  
Asbury Orange Park 6:30pm
- 24** DCOM Meeting  
8am Panera Bread  
9am District Office

### June

- 6-9** Annual Conference , Lakeland, Florida
- 11-15** Camp AMP
- 18-22** Camp AMP
- 22** Pre-Conference Forum, 6:30pm  
Asbury Orange Park UMC
- 24** DCOM Meeting, 8am Panera Bread  
9am District Office
- 28** Memorial Day- Office and Conference Closed

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR APPORTIONMENTS BY GOING TO [WWW.FLUMC.ORG](http://WWW.FLUMC.ORG)