



North East District News

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Rev. Timothy Smiley, District Superintendent
Debbie Moore, Business Manager
Faye Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Dear Colleagues in the Ministry of Jesus Christ,

The Gale and the Sail

*Ships sail east and ships sail west
where the self-same breezes blow.
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
that determines the way we go.¹*

These simple verses are written in a remembrance book, given to me by the members of my home church when Candy and I were packing up to move to Atlanta, Georgia for seminary. They were penned by one of the spiritual mentors of my life, Rev. Fred Rumsey. Across the years these verses have come to me at key moments. I discover yet again that when I focus on the 'set of the sail' – my centered life in Christ – I navigate the winds, fair or foul, with greater direction and with God's peace prevailing.

Sails get worn out and are in need of being refurbished and restored to their full wind catching potential. Pastors get worn out, too. We lose our full Spirit-catching potential. I encourage you to craft quality moments with the Lord during these summer months for sail refurbishing and soul restoration.

Radical Hospitality – A Simple Act

A number of our ministry colleagues have 'set sail' in new directions for their life and ministry. Some among us are grieving the death of a family member or celebrating new births. Some are leaving an appointment and some are arriving to serve a new appointment. We celebrate retirements even as we celebrate those who are just licensed, commissioned and ordained. Would you take a few moments to write to one another with a personal note of welcome or farewell, to send a card with a caring thought, and to pray for these persons and their families? Your act of hospitality means much, for whether we are leaving or arriving there is peace in being loved and prayed for along the way. *Particularly for those who are coming into the district to join us in mission, a personal greeting would mean a lot.*

Faye, Debbie, Kathy and I can assist you with information on changes in appointments, births, deaths, celebrations, retirements and milestones among our community of pastors and clergy.

Yours in faith, hope and love,

Tim Smiley

Tim Smiley, Superintendent

¹This is how Fred wrote the verse in my book. The poem is entitled, " 'Tis the Set of the Sail" and was written by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The final stanzas read:

One ship sails East,
And another West,
By the self-same winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales,
That tells the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea
Are the waves of time,
As we journey along through life,
'Tis the set of the soul,
That determines the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

Reaching Out in Welcome ...



Dear friends in Christ,

As Candy and I look back on the first year of our appointment in the North East District, without any doubt we both agree that we have worked together to move through this transitional time in intentional and healthy ways, more so than any other move we have experienced. Even so, it has been, and at times still is, emotionally, spiritually and physically difficult.

You know this. You have in the past lived through such a time, if you are not continuing to do so right now.

What a difference to know that your peers are with you in thought and prayer, or to receive a welcoming call or note or email. Would you take few moments each day across the next several weeks and welcome those families who are new among us in the North East District? In these first days on the First Coast it will mean so much.

With thanks for your hospitality & generosity - Tim

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Restoring Hope with Haiti

"Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."
Psalms 90:14

If all goes as is planned as of now – we will be ready to carry our first district UMVIM team into Haiti in the spring!!!!!! It has been a slow process for many of us, but as I continue to hear reports of other teams that have been, I am so grateful that God has been tugging on my heart for us to "slow down". Like the disciples, we fail to listen to His directions for us – I have been wanting to hurry and get us into the country, but all along had this nudge within to just wait. I'm so glad I finally got it!!! Keep watching this newsletter for information about our trip!

A little about the logo: During my prayer and meditation time on how we as a district can make a lasting impact on the people of Haiti, God gave me "*Restoring Hope with Haiti*". The "with" is the key word for us – we will not be going into Haiti to "be the ones" that will make a difference. It is not about "us"! Our UMVIM trip will be focused on "empowering the Haitians" to live a sustainable life. They will teach us and we will teach them! It will be a shared journey into a new life of changing the world.



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Dear Friends,

Below are two important items of information from the Department for Ministry Protection:



New Insurance Database:

Please note that effective 7/1/10 the Florida Conference will be replacing the existing CONNECT property and casualty database with a new insurance database, RISK CONSOLE. This new data platform will contain similar church related information as CONNECT but will eventually allow for increased functionality and capabilities for local churches. Please note that we anticipate that the database may experience some downtime in early July as RISK CONSOLE becomes fully operational. We appreciate your assistance and patience during the transition period. Further information will be distributed and instructional webinars will be scheduled shortly.

2010 Hurricane Season:

As we all know, we are well into hurricane season. While we pray that Florida will again be spared of any significant storms, we should all continue to prepare for the worst. Ministry Protection has been taking ongoing steps to help ensure that hurricane damage sustained by Conference churches will be addressed promptly. Among those steps taken include retaining the services of an insurance adjusting company that specializes in large loss, catastrophic claims to assist Conference churches in the claims process. While the Conference has been making preparations for the storm season, we encourage local churches to do the same. A variety of important information can be found on the Ministry Protection website related to pre-storm preparation, deductible information, insurance summaries and other valuable resources. We encourage local church leaders, including trustees, to review this information.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office or visit the Ministry Protection website [HERE](#) for more information and resources.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Ministry Protection.

Mark B. Thomas, ARM, AIS
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Asbury Seminary's Florida Dunnam campus hosts Doctor of Ministry Open House

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ORLANDO - Asbury Theological Seminary is hosting an Open House for persons interested in pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Transformational Innovation. Event is the evening of August 19, 2010 on the campus in Orlando.

The Open House offers opportunities for guests to meet with faculty, program directors, and admissions staff. The event is free, and a meal will be served.

Asbury Theological Seminary is a community called to prepare theologically educated, sanctified, Spirit-filled men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world through the love of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father.

Call 800.2.ASBURY or visit asburyseminary.edu to register and find more information.

About Asbury Theological Seminary:

Asbury Seminary, a community called, is a multi-denominational graduate school of theology committed to teaching the unchanging truth of historic Wesleyan Christianity through the most dynamic means available. Degrees include: Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy. Students can earn one-half of a Master of Arts or two-thirds of the Master of Divinity online. Enrollment on Kentucky, Florida and Virtual campuses exceeds 1,600 men and women representing 94 denominations and 29 countries. For more information, please visit asburyseminary.edu



This course will help teachers and leaders in the educational ministry as well as those wanting to teach to understand the basic fundamentals. These are basic principles and work for all age groups. The participant will start by learning about Spiritual Leadership and how that applies to teaching in the classroom.

The purpose of **e-Learning**, the Florida Conference Online Learning ministry, is to give opportunities for leaders in local congregations to gain information and knowledge in this convenient form. It is only one of many tools that are needed to be a knowledgeable leader in a local congregation. To take a short tutorial on using the e-learning online resources, visit <http://www.flumcelearning.com/tutorial>.

If you have feedback on the process or suggestions for other **e-Learning** courses, please contact Carol Sue Hutchinson at cshutchinson@verizon.net

Clergy Team Meetings

*Please
Note...*

Tuesday, August 17th at 6:30p.m.
Western Steer Restaurant
1100 S Walnut Street
Starke, FL 32091

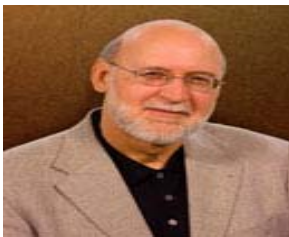
Thursday, August 19th at 9 a.m.
Fleming Island UMC
7170 US Highway 17, South
Fleming Island, FL 32003

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a required Clergy Gathering for all clergy under appointment on Thursday, August 19th at Fleming Island UMC beginning promptly at 9 a.m. and ending at 12 noon. Lunch will not be provided.

Retired and Extension Ministers are always welcome at our gatherings!

There will be an alternate clergy meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Western Steer Restaurant in Starke beginning at 6:30 p.m. for those in the south side of the district. Please contact the district office at 904-396-3026 or email flumc-ne2@flumc.org to confirm your attendance, otherwise if you have a conflict, please send your regrets to Tim Smiley at ds-ne@flumc.org.

Candy Smiley would like to extend a personal invitation to all clergy spouses under appointment to join her at Fleming Island UMC on August 19th beginning at 9 a.m. with refreshments. You may contact the district office with attendance confirmation for the spouses gathering.



Clergy Meeting with Bishop Whitaker

North East District Clergy is scheduled to meet with Bishop Whitaker on Monday, October 18, 2010, 9 a.m.

at

Simpson Memorial UMC
1114 Cleveland Street
Jacksonville, FL 32203

More details concerning this meeting will be coming at a later date.

Mark your calendars!

North East District Local Church

Leadership Training Event

Saturday, January 22, 2011

8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

at

Mandarin UMC

11270 San Jose Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32223

Please take advantage of this opportunity for all Local Church Laity especially newly elected leaders and committee members for 2011 to attend this **free** training event. Complete roster of topics and leaders will be announced at a later date.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT CORNER!

Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Herbert, VP-Ex. Director

This month featuring...

River of Life!

Rev. Kim Cott, Pastor

Currently meeting at

2600 Race Track Rd

Julington Creek (approx. 2 mi. east of San Jose on Race Track Rd./south side)



River of Life is often known as the pumpkin church...having done a pumpkin patch since the beginning of our church. In conjunction with the patch we also host each year a Free Family Fall Festival. With over 1500 people coming each year, we welcome our neighbors with free hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, pony rides, bounce houses, and entertainment. Children from many of the neighborhood schools participate as performers with their school chorus or band. People are always stunned to discover that it is all free - but they are told that it is an expression of God's love for them. River of Life is committed to reaching out to our community and world! They were a pilot church for World Vision and Zondervan's mission program - Faith in Action, and have continued it each year. This includes a 4 week series on missions which concludes with a Sunday morning where church members go out and serve in the community as well as assembling AIDS kits and flood buckets. ROL is a church focused on being the Body of Christ - serving in God's name and sharing the good news with our neighbors. Our mission is - Reaching Out, Offering Christ, Living God's Love. We invite you to come join us in worship!

14th Annual Conference Leadership Training Event

August 20-22

Life Enrichment Center
4991 Piccola Rd
Fruitland Park, FL 34731



There will be five courses to choose from this year: Basic, Prayer & Fasting, Learning to Walk on Water, Storytelling, and Teaching the Teacher. In addition our Keynote Speaker on Friday evening will be Dr. John Griswold. The weekend is fully packed with learning, fellowship and spiritual renewal. See the [brochure](#) for more information or email [Gwen Dube](#).

Employment Opportunities

Youth Minister - For Middle through High School Students. Part-time position will include involving students in regular meetings, special events and activities throughout the year. Approximately 10 hours per week/\$10 per hour. To review complete job description, contact Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Penman Rd., Neptune Beach, FL 32266 Resumes welcomed. E-mail at christumcnb@bellsouth.net.

First United Methodist Church Starke is searching for a full time Director of Youth and Family Ministries. POSITION SUMMARY: To direct ministries for the youth of the First United Methodist Church Starke and to provide additional support ministries for young adults and families of all ages. QUALIFICATIONS: College graduate with seminary or religious emphasis or at least five years experience as a Director of Youth and/or Family ministries. For more information, contact Bill McRae at 904 769 2738, or email mcray_w01@firn.edu or call the Church office at 904 964 6864 or email firstunitedmeth@earthlink.net. Please go to www.fumcstarke.org for a job description.

CHILDREN'S MINISTER-PT needed for Ponte Vedra UMC. Enthusiastic person to plan programming, choose curriculum, coordinate volunteers for growing children's ministry. In place are Sun morning, Wed afternoon and four seasonal programs. Avg 15-20 hrs/wk. E-mail or FAX resume. kids@pv-umc.org 904.280.0599.

CUSTODIAN-PT needed for Ponte Vedra UMC. \$10/hour, avg 15-20 hrs/wk, flexible schedule. E-mail or FAX resume. clean@pv-umc.org 904.280.0599.

Employment Opportunities at Mandarin UMC:

Receptionist, Full Time. Required: High School graduate or equivalent; previous receptionist, business phone experience preferred; one-two years experience with word processing and spreadsheet software.

Kitchen Assistant (Part Time).

Please contact Mandarin UMC for an application, 11270 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville FL 32223 or (904)268-5549

Volunteers Needed for DLC Nurse & Learn

DLC Nurse & Learn is our United Methodist Childcare for children with disabilities



We are looking for those with big hearts for kids to serve as board members. Meetings are one time a month. Members help with fundraising and decision making to improve the ministry.

Please pray about this need and call 387-0370 if interested. Check out our web site www.dlcnl.org

God Bless,
Amy Buggle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2010

*Recurring Monthly Reports

- 5 Independence Day – Conference and District Offices Closed
 26 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7 p.m.

August 2010

*Recurring Monthly Reports

- 16-31 Annual Ministry Protection Property Casualty Renewal Survey
 16-31 Annual Workers Compensation Salary Survey
 17 Clergy Team Meeting, Western Steer Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.
 1100 S Walnut Street; Starke, FL 32091
 19 Clergy Team Meeting, Fleming Island UMC, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 7170 US Highway 1, South; Fleming Island, FL 32003
 20-22 Lay Servant Ministries Fourteenth Annual Conference Leadership Training
 Event, Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park
 23 Annual Charge Conference forms available on-line
 23 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7 p.m.
 26 New Church Development Committee Meeting, District Office at 10 a.m.

September 2010

*Recurring Monthly Reports

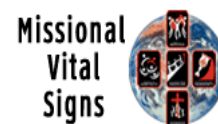
- 2 DCOM Meeting at 9 a.m. in the District Office
 6 Labor Day – Conference and District Offices Closed
 10-12 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, Life Enrichment Center

October 2010

*Recurring Monthly Reports

- 6 Labor Day – Conference and District Offices Closed
 16 Health Insurance Adoption Agreement - All churches must return the
 adoption agreement found at the bottom of the document either agreeing to
 participate or waiving participation in the Health Benefits Plan for Lay
 18 Clergy Meeting with Bishop Whitaker at Simpson Memorial UMC at 9 a.m.
 31 Clergy Assessment Process “Understanding our Ministry Together.” The
 clergy assessment process for 2009 is available online at www.flumc.org
 under the Ministries Tab: Center for Clergy Excellence. Clergy and the
 Staff/Pastor Parish Relations committees should meet in the fall to complete
 this process. The report is due to the district office every year by Oct. 31.
 31 Continuing Education – Complete in conjunction with the Clergy Assessment
 Process; due to the district office every year by October 31st.

**Don't forget to
Report!**



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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