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Dear Friends,

As we begin the season of Easter let us remember the good news we have received and the message we share with the world. The message of new life!

Jesus had conquered death and He has provided a means for us to conquer it through Him. Canadian scientist G.B. Hardy once said in his examination of various religions with regard to the two questions, has anyone ever conquered death, and if so, did they make a way for me to conquer it, "I checked the tomb of Buddha, and it was occupied, and I checked the tomb of Confucius, and it was occupied, and I checked the tomb of Mohammed and it was occupied, and I came to the tomb of Jesus and it was empty. And I said there is one who conquered death. And I asked if a way was made for me to do it? And I opened the Bible and discovered that Jesus said, 'Because I live, you shall live also'" (John 14:19). -- Pastor Scott L. Harris

When I think of Jesus conquering death, I am reminded His victory is over more than physical death, Jesus conquers spiritual and emotional death. We have a world that is looking for life in earthly fulfillment, we have a message of a savior that offers true life.

May you be renewed in this Easter season with the new life in Jesus Christ, and may your continued new life be a message of hope to all you meet.

Grace and Peace,

Dick White

Important Dates

March 25-Apr. 1 – HOLY WEEK

April 1 – EASTER

April 9-12 – Renew Retreat

April 10-13 – East Dist. Office Closed

April 12-14 – Youth Worker Retreat

April 16 – DLT Planning Meeting

April 17 – dCOM Interviews

April 24 – Pre-Conference Delegate Mtg

May 5 – SFA Wesley Auction Banquet

May 6 – 11 – Dist. Sagar Brown Mission

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 15-16 – CPIP Orientation Retreat

May 15-July 29 – College Pastoral

Internship Program

May 18-19 – Foundation of Youth

Ministry at Livingston FUMC

May 24-26 – Residency Retreat – BOM

May 27 – Youth Food & Fellowship at

Texas Annual Conf. – The Woodlands

May 27-30 – 2018 TX Annual

Conference at The Woodlands

East District Office closed

May 31 – Holiday – Office Closed

June 1 – Aug. Candidacy Summit

Applications due

June 1-9 – ROOTS – England Young

Adult Pilgrimage (Ages 18-30)

June 4-8 – Choir Clinic at Lakeview

June 13-19 – Licensing School Lakeview

June 24-29 – Lakeview Camp –

East/West Volunteers

June 28 – Aug. Candidacy Summit

Paperwork Due

July 2-14 – TX Youth Academy 2018 at

Wiley College

July 14 – Annual Clergy Family Picnic

July 15 – 25 – Global Young People's

Convocation – South Africa

July 18-19 – CPIP Reflection Retreat at

Camp Allen

Aug. 7 – dCOM Interviews

Aug. 19 – East Dist. Hymn Sing

Sept. 3 – Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 17-19 – Clergy Gathering at

Lakeview

Sept. 23 – East District Conference at

Lufkin FUMC

Oct. 2-4 – Retired Clergy & Spouses

Retreat

Oct. 13 – McMahan Chapel Day – Bishop

Scott Jones Speaks

Oct. 14 – Groveton FUMC – 135th

Anniversary – Bishop Scott Jones Speaks

Nov. 9-11 – The BIG Event 6th Grade

Retreat at Camp Cho-Yeh

Nov. 13-15 – East District Office Closed

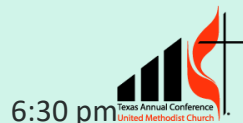
DAA Training Event in Lufkin

Nov. 15 – CLT & DLT Joint Training Event

Dec. 8 – Annual Clergy Christmas Party

Pre – Conference Delegate Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2018



Nacogdoches FUMC - Sanctuary

201 E. Hospital St., Nacogdoches, X 75961

All Delegates and Clergy are highly encouraged to attend! All Clergy and Laity are welcome to attend.



Sagar Brown (UMCOR) Mission Trip

Sponsored by the East District UMC

May 6-11, 2018

2 Ways to support the Team of 8 that will be going:

- 1. Pray for the Team and UMCOR Missions Work**
- 2. 80 Kits Needed – By April 26, 2018**

For anyone who provides a kit or partial kit for this mission trip, their church will get credit for the donation (and no shipping charges).

Donations can be brought to the East District UMC Office at **1507 S. John Redditt Dr.** or contact JoAn White at **409-489-2192**.

Possible donations:

[Cleaning Kits](#)

[Hygiene Kits](#)

[School Kits](#)

More information found:

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>



East Texas Emmaus Community

Next Gathering:

May 12, 2018

Bonita UMC

All are invited to attend!

The East District County Seat Preacher's Meeting and the Facilitating Elder Meetings have both been canceled.

The Itinerary and Relocation Events (I Say Hello-You Say Goodbye) have been canceled.

The information will be uploaded to the TAC website so those who need it can reference and use it. This is not posted on the website yet, but will be very soon. Emails will be sent to those who will need the info.

SFA Wesley Foundation Annual Benefit Auction Banquet

Saturday, May 5th

5:00 pm

Nacogdoches FUMC



MC – Mary Lou Reece, Spouse of Bishop Scott Jones

Contact for Tickets:

936-564-7257

Everyone is encouraged to come and support this vital ministry! It really is a fun evening!

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Good Morning Clergy & Lay Delegates.

Time to begin thinking about your plans for Texas Annual Conference 2018. Before you know it, it will be here and we all will be together in The Woodlands.

The Registration, Business and Worship Services will again be held at The Woodlands United Methodist Church, [2200 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands, 77380.](#)

Our main conference hotel is the Marriott Waterway, [1601 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands, 77380.](#) The cost is \$150.00 per night and the codeword for the reservation will be United Methodist Annual Conference 2018. Please call [1-800-228-9290](#) to make your reservation.

Our secondary hotel is the Westin at The Woodlands, [2 Waterway Square, The Woodlands, 77380.](#) The cost is \$149.00 per night and the codeword for the reservation will be Texas Annual Conference Room Block Overflow 2018. Please call [281-419-4300](#) to make your reservation.

You may no longer be designated to serve as a lay delegate for the upcoming conference, if you are not would you please pass this email on to who has been designated or to your church or district office so that they can pass this information on.

CLERGY & LAITY REGISTRATION

Sunday, May 27 - 2:00 – 8:00 pm - The Woodlands UMC-Wesley Hall

Monday, May 28 - 8:00 am – 6:00 pm - The Woodlands UMC-Wesley Hall

Registration for Clergy, Clergy Spouses & Laity: If you have pre-registered on-line before the May 3rd deadline, all you need to do is approach the registration area, look for the sign that corresponds to your district and pick up your nametag, and choose either a plain lanyard or pocket lanyard.

Attendees Not Pre-Registered On-line: This is for anyone who HAS NOT PRE-REGISTERED ON-LINE, regardless of clergy or laity, delegate or guest. If you have not pre-registered on-line, please proceed to the sign that corresponds to your district. You will be asked to fill out a “Non-Registered” form with your name, church, district, and personal email address. The Administrative Assistant for your district will approve your status and the form will be given to the Printing Assistants who will print your nametag.

Alternate Delegate Not Pre-Registered On-line: IF YOU ARE NOT THE ELECTED “DELEGATE” FOR YOUR CHURCH, YOU MUST PRESENT A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR CONFIRMING THAT YOU ARE THE REPLACEMENT DELEGATE. Without this letter of confirmation, you will not be given voting rights. Please have your confirmation letter in hand so that you can have your vote counted for your church.

VERY IMPORTANT!! – PLEASE NOTE: For any not pre-registered on-line, registration will close on Monday, May 28th at 6:00 pm, there will not be on-site registration. You must have pre-registered on-line to pick-up a pre-printed nametag at the Information Center. No nametags will be made after Monday at 6:00 pm.

VITAL SIGNS

Please be sure to input the vital signs regularly:

- Worship Attendance**
- Professions of Faith**
- Hands on Missions**



PRAYERS

Joys

Birth of Vonnie Johnson's granddaughter March 12, 2018

Concerns

Kim Anderson – Health

Maryann Bentley - Health

Pam Lundberg – Health

Lani Rousseau - Health



Summer Camps at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

Lakeview had a great summer and is ready to register for next summer! Registration is now open and enables parents to start paying fees throughout the year rather than just at the deadline. Remember these great changes from last year:

Camp Starts on Sunday afternoon. Children as early as entering 3rd grade may attend.

Registration is complete online and is now open at www.lakeviewmcc.org

You can pay on your account throughout the year.

New programs, activities, and staff are being added.

Churches/Campers have a choice to attend the camp week they prefer:

June 15-15, 2018 Tri-District Volunteer Team

June 17-22, 2018 South/Southeast Volunteer Team

June 24-29, 2018 East/West Volunteer Team

July 8-13, 2018 North/Northwest

Volunteer Team

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!

Dr. Allen Hightower
Adult Choir Clinician

Michael Dean
Sr High Choir Clinician

Karen Andrews
Liturgical Dance Clinician

Beth Judd
Handbell Clinician

Brian Hehn
Mid High Choir Clinician

Ken Medema
Worship Leader

Jonathan Story
Organ Clinician

Rev. David Henry
Elementary Clinician

Donna & Pete Snell
Kids Kamp Directors

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Texas Conference Choir Clinic
For Music and Worship Arts
June 4-8, 2018
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center
Palestine, TX
www.texaschoircamp.org
Jan Call, Dean – jcall@fmumc.org

Pulpit Supply

Sarah Bohannon	Center	903-841-1518
Bill Clem	Troup	903-842-3766
Jean Ferraro	Cushing	936-326-4844
Dick Jenkins	Crosby	281-462-3037
Tom Teekell	Nacogdoches	936-564-7257
Blu Weikel	Nacogdoches	936-569-8869

We are on the Web:
www.eastdistrictumc.org

Around the District



Center FUMC

Welcomes Refugees Home

Find a great write-up in the latest Cross Connection by Sherri Gregg

The Reverend Karen Jones of First UMC

Center, Texas is growing accustomed to her new role as “home appliance operational guide.” Recently, she found herself standing in an African refugee’s home explaining how to use the stove. Her new friend had never seen one before. Before that, it was a washer and dryer. Last summer, as the average daily August temperature for Center, Texas hovered around 95 degrees, she arrived at home after home of refugees to find the windows shut tight and the air conditioning unit silent and still. Once inside the stifling homes, she led residents to the thermostat and explained how to cool their homes with the flip of a switch.

Some local men in Center purchased FEMA trailers and set them up across from the Tyson factory in a get-rich-quick scheme. Before long, refugee families were paying exorbitant rent to live in repurposed, temporary disaster housing.

Jones and her congregation took action. They began to search for local landlords who were willing to rent their properties for a reasonable fee. When some of the refugees needed help with citizenship paperwork, Center UMC offered the use of the use of the church computers. When Jones explained there was no cost for the service, the refugees were stunned. She discovered some refugees had been charged hundreds of dollars for help with the immigration paperwork. “I explained to them that we were glad they want to be citizens of this country and that we were happy to help them with the process,” Jones said.

Center UMC is poised to move beyond simply supplying the physical needs of the African refugees they serve. They want to meet their spiritual needs as well. Jones is working with Dr. Ernest Boamah, Director of Worship Arts at First United Methodist Lufkin, and a local Anglican priest who is part of the refugee community to provide a culturally relevant worship service. First UMC Center will provide the space, Boamah will lead worship, and the Anglican priest will preach.

2018 DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

Paid in Full 3-28-18

Bonita
Brookeland
Campti
Carthage 1st
Center Hill
Chester Cade Memorial
Chireno
Cold Springs
Curtis, Jasper
Deadwood
Diboll
Douglass Faith Bridge
Ebenezer
Fairview
Galloway
Garrison 1st
Grapeland 1st
Hemphill 1st
Henderson 1st
Henry’s Chapel
Homer, Jasper
Keltys
Latexo
Liberty Hill
Liberty Springs
McMahan Chapel
Milam Chapel
Paxton
Pine Hill
Pineland
Pisgah
Rock Hill
Shelbyville
Shiloh
Short
Simpson Campground
St. Mark
Tatum
White Rock
Woods

Paid 25% + 3-28-18

Alto A. Frank Smith
Burke
Burkeville
Center 1st
Goodrich
Jasper Ct. Memorial
Lake Rayburn
Lufkin 1st
Murvaul
Onalaska
Rehobeth
Riverside
Shady Chapel
Timpson

Paid Less than 25% 3-28-18

Abundant Life
Anderson Chapel
Huntington
Nacogdoches 1st
Perritte Memorial
Trinity 1st
Woodville

ZOE

The East District UMC continues to invest in the lives of youth through the **ZOE Project!** Know that through the District, funds bring help and hope for some to the most vulnerable children on the face of the earth!

Paid 0% 3-28-18

Alexander
Allison Chapel
Atoy
Beckville
Bethlehem
Blossom Hill
Bronson
Carlisle
Church Hill
Crockett 1st
Cushing
Concord
Corrigan 1st
Goodsprings
Groveton 1st
Homer, Lufkin
Jasper 1st
Joaquin 1st
Laneville
Lilbert
Livingston 1st
Lovelady 1st
Lynches Chapel
Melrose
Moscow
Mt. Enterprise
Mt. Vernon
Oak Hill
Percilla
Pine Grove
Pleasant Hill, Livingston
Pleasant Hill, Lovelady
Prairie View
Ryan Chapel
San Augustine
St. Luke, Livingston
St. Paul’s, Henderson
St. Paul’s, Lufkin
St. Andrews
Tenaha
Wells Falvey Memorial

2018 CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS - Feb. 2018

Paid in Full 2-28-18

Brookeland
Chireno
Curtis
Deadwood
Diboll
Galloway
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Wells, Falvey Memorial
Woodville

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Henry's Chapel
Homer, Jasper
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Laneville
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Melrose
Milam Chapel
Mt. Enterprise
Moscow Bible
Mt. Vernon
Oak Hill
Percilla
Pisgah
Pleasant Hill, Lovelady
San Augustine 1st
Shady Chapel, Zavalla
Shelbyville
St. Andrews
St. Luke's, Livingston
St. Paul's, Henderson
Tatum
Tenaha
Timpson
White Rock, Lovelady

United Methodist Women

Guest speaker at
Huntington UMC

Dr. Lorraine Brown
Associate Pastor of
FUMC Nacogdoches

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

10:00 am

Topic: "Living in a Covenant
Community"

Light Lunch provided
following the program

**RSVP: 936.876.4503 or
936.897.3409**

2018

Local Pastor Licensing School

**The Texas Annual
Conference UMC**

June 13-19, 2018

Lakeview Methodist
Conference Center
Palestine, TX

**Registration is now open
and payment will be
accepted online,
via E-Check only.**
*(Please have Routing &
Account info ready)*

**To register and receive a
license to preach, the
student MUST be a
certified candidate with
an appointment at a local
charge.**

Cost: \$75

**DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION IS
MAY 15, 2018**

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