

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER
2015

WEST DISTRICT
OF THE TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Clergy
Christmas Party
Friday
December 18, 2015
First UMC
Bryan*

Join us!



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**Attention: Pastors, Associate
Pastors, & Lay Leaders ...**

**Diane McGehee, Director
of Missional Excellence will be
leading this event... come join
us as she personally works with
us on the implementation and
growth of ministries in our
churches.**

Planting New Missions

November 9th

10:00am - 12:00pm

Christ UMC

Education Building

College Station, TX

RSVP: Debbie Keim
dkeim@txcumc.org

Hosted by:





Templo Del Espiritu Santo UMC

Invites you to an Enchilada Dinner

And Christmas Craft Show

3 cheese enchiladas, rice & beans

Dine in (fixings are included)

\$8 per plate

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

11 am to 3 pm

3715 Elaine Dr

Bryan, Texas 77803

To order tickets, call Carmen Sleek

979-575-0872

Call ahead so they can plan for enough food!

More God, Less Crime Conference

Texas Prison Museum

491 Hwy 75 N

Huntsville TX 77320

November 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m.

Conference Fee (includes lunch):

\$15 rec'd by 10/30 \$20 rec'd by 11/5

After 11/5 \$25

Please mail registration form with check or money order made payable to RJMN to:

RJMN

1229 Ave J

Huntsville, TX 77340

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Ministry: _____

City/Zip: _____

Questions - contact Anita at 936-291-2156 or
by email at arparrish@sbcglobal.net

Phone: _____

NEWS



Notes

Important Reminder!!! To all Clergy:
Please be sure to input the Vital Signs regularly:
Worship Attendance
Professions of Faith
Hands On Mission

Part Time Youth Director Needed:

St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale is seeking a paid part time youth director for Sunday mornings and evenings. In addition, visiting youth at lunch during school hours once a week is desired, and attending athletic functions is encouraged. The position is paid. If you are interested, please contact St. John's United Methodist Church at saintjohnsumc@gmail.com or call 512-446-5853.

Choir Director Needed:

First United Methodist Church of Brenham is seeking a qualified person for the position of Choir Director. The Choir Director is directly supervised by the Lead Pastor. Duties listed are not inclusive and may be altered at the discretion of the Lead Pastor and in consultation with the SPR Committee.

HOURS: Sundays 7:45 – 12:15 a.m.
 Wednesdays 6:15 – 9:00 p.m.
 Music selection and rehearsal planning is approximately 1.5 hours weekly
 Long term planning is done quarterly and requires 6-8 hours
 Planning is an ongoing and evolving process.

Please contact FUMC Brenham at 979-863-2008 or FUMC@fumcbrenham.org

Children's Ministry Director Needed:

Caldwell First United Methodist Church is now accepting applications for a part-time Children's & Youth Ministry Director. Previous experience as a volunteer or paid staff with youth and/or children's ministry is required.

If you are interested, please call the church office at (979) 567-3778, or stop by the church office for an application at 306 W. Fox St. Caldwell, TX 77836. (Part-time position 30 hours weekly).



LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

**WEST DISTRICT
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15 NKJV**

**SATURDAY, February 13, 2016
8:30 to 4:00**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016
8:30 to 4:00**

**COST: \$35 by January 25
\$40 after
(But try to register ASAP to ensure that you get your book and first week assignments)
Textbooks and lunch included**

**MISSION OF THE CHURCH:
TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

To receive the full brochure when courses are finalized, contact Scott Atnip at
scottatnip@yahoo.com or the District Office at 979/690-5627

Training Day

L.E.A.D. Institute

Swift Feet - Ready Hands

Retrofit for a New Era of Ministry

January 30, 2016

at 9:30 a.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

2201 Earl Rudder Fwy South
College Station, TX 77845

Guest Speaker Doris E. Childress

Come and grow at this hands-on workshop experience designed for laity.

For More Information:

Contact the District Office

At dkeim@txcumc.org

Or call (979) 690-5637



Thank you to the churches that have paid 100% of their 2015 West District Apportionments as of 10/22/2015.

A&M UMC
 Aldersgate UMC
 Bays Chapel UMC
 Bedias UMC
 Bellville UMC
 Bethlehem UMC
 Blue UMC
 Cedar Springs UMC
 Chappell Hill UMC
 Chriesman UMC
 Christ UMC
 Cooks Point UMC
 Davis Chapel UMC
 Donie UMC
 Evans Chapel UMC
 Farris Chapel UMC
 First UMC Anderson
 First UMC Cameron
 First UMC Centerville
 First UMC College Station
 First UMC Giddings

First UMC Hempstead
 First UMC Huntsville
 First UMC Marlin
 First UMC Navasota
 First UMC Normangee
 First UMC Richards
 Flynn UMC
 Friendship UMC
 Gause UMC
 Grace UMC Bremond
 Hillary Chapel UMC
 Hopewell UMC
 Kosse UMC
 Lee Chapel UMC
 Leona UMC
 Lexington UMC
 Lynn Grove UMC
 Major's Chapel UMC
 Maysfield UMC
 Marquez UMC
 McKenzie Chapel UMC

Millican UMC
 Mt. Zion UMC
 Paige UMC
 Pleasant Grove UMC Brenham
 Pleasant Grove UMC Dobbin
 Pleasant Retreat UMC
 Reagan UMC
 Satin UMC
 Shiro UMC
 Sneed Memorial UMC
 St. James UMC
 St. Johns UMC
 St. Luke's UMC
 St. Matthew UMC
 St. Paul UMC Chilton
 Tanyard UMC
 Two Mile UMC
 Wesley UMC Bryan
 Wheelock UMC
 Yarborough Chapel UMC
 Zion UMC

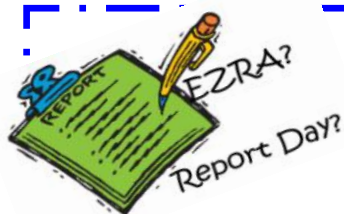


Report Day for the year 2015 is on **Wednesday, January 6, 2016.**
Reports will be due in the district office before noon on January 6th.
 Auditors will be at the West District Office from 9 am to noon.

If a church has not paid their Apportionments in full by December 10th, the pastor must have their reports done and come to the district office on Wednesday, January 6th by noon! They will need to bring the signature page from the report along with any apportionment payment being made.

Remember the last day for payments to be received in the Conference office will be **December 10th.** If you would like to make a payment after December 10th, please bring it to the district office with your report on Report Day.

Please let us know how we can help.
 The West District Office Staff



Report Day Training

**New to the District?
 First Report Day in EZRA?
 Questions about Report Day?**

Join us on:

Wednesday, December 2nd at 10 am at the West District Office.
 All are welcome. Please R.S.P.V. at 979/690-5627.





WEST DISTRICT CALENDAR

2015

Creating a leadership pipeline for the next generation of equipped, empowered and healthy leaders!



November 3 Tues-Thur

November 9 Monday

November 16 Mon

November 17 Tuesday

November 19 Thurs

November 26 Thurs

10am—noon

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

4:00 pm

10 am

Office Closed—DAA Training

Planting New Missions—Diane McGehee—Christ UMC CS

Finance

Trustees & B&L Teams

Support & Resource Team

District Leadership Team (DLT) meet in Leona

CLT/DLT meeting at FUMC Lufkin

Office Closed—Thanksgiving

DECEMBER



December 18 Fri

December 24

TBA

Office Closed

District Clergy Christmas Party—FUMC Bryan



2016

January 6 Wed

January 30 Sat

noon

9:30 am

Report Day Reports & Money due in district office

L.E.A.D. Institute—Laitry Training—Aldersgate UMC, CS



February 2 Tues

February 13 & 20 Sat

February 15—17

10—noon

8 am—3 pm

Leadership Training for Clergy—Christ UMC, CS

Lay Servant School—TBA

Elders Retreat



Please lift in prayer:

*Carol Suter on the death of her husband, Rev. Dwayne Suter

*Rev. Ray Prince on the death of his wife, Sharlott Prince

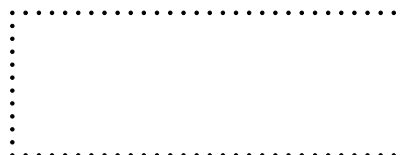
*Rev. Ethelene Green on the death of her mother, Artis Octavia Jones Sherman

*Mary Margaret Smith on the death of her husband, Rev. Lawrence Smith

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Retired Ministers' Monthly Luncheon Notice

November 16, 2015
Hosts: Ann Fancher
Location: China King

December 21, 2015
Hosts: Joy Chamness & Ann Fancher
Location: Arbor Oaks

Luncheons begin at 11:30 am unless otherwise noted.