

West District News

2019 Clergy Retreat

Lost Pines Hyatt Resort and Spa

September 2

- 11:30am Arrival
- 12:00 – 12:45pm Greetings, Introductions, Instructions and Devotion
- 12:45 - 1:00pm Getting to know each other and icebreakers
- 1:00-2:00pm Session 1 “Rising to Meet the Challenges of Life” Rev. Bruce Wood
- 2:00 - 4:00pm free time and check in
- 4:00 - 5:00pm Session 2 “Rising to Meet the Challenges of Life” Rev. Bruce Wood
- 5:00 - 6:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm free time



Guest presenter: **Rev. Bruce Wood**
Author of “Rising up to Meet the Challenges of Life”

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September 3

- 7:30-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30am Session 3 with Q&A “Rising to Meet the Challenges of Life and Keys for Success Rev. Bruce Wood
- 9:30am free time with lunch and departure

September 2 & 3, 2019

Double Occupancy (specify roommate) - \$70 | Single Occupancy (or couples) - \$140

Register here: www.tmf-fdn.org/events/west-district

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The West District has a new mailing address!
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West District Spotlight

TAC Awards



Congratulations to FUMC Huntsville for receiving the Methodist Retirement Communities Impact Award at Annual Conference!



Congratulations to Rev. Daniel Lumpee on his ordination at annual conference!



Congratulations to FUMC Brenham for receiving the 500 Average Attendance Worship Service award at Annual Conference!



Congratulations to Rev. Mark Poterfield on his commissioning at annual conference!



Congratulations to Millican UMC for receiving the Small Church Award from the West District at Annual Conference!

Congratulations on your new appointment!

- Rev. Kelly Sexton - Bremond/Calvert
- Rev. Greg Smith - FUMC Brenham
- Rev. Josh Bynum - Farris Chapel UMC
- Rev. Bryan Jody - Bellville UMC
- Rev. Herb Addison - Bethlehem UMC
- Rev. Regina Greenwood - Aldersgate UMC
- Rev. Arlo Roberson - Lee Chapel/Lee Tabernacle

Good luck in retirement!

Rev. Ethelene Green

2019 West District Hymn Sing



Calling all singers of the West District.

This year we invite singers to come at 4:00 pm on August 18th to rehearse in your choice of 1 out of 3 choirs and then be a part of the Worship Service at 6:00 pm.

August 18, 2019

Choir Choices:

- 🎵 Choir 1: Contemporary
- 🎵 Choir 2: Gospel
- 🎵 Choir 3: Traditional

Please respond with each singer's name and what choir they want to sing in:

Rachel Markham | Christ United Methodist Church | rachelmarkham@christ-umc.org | 979.690.4673 Ext. 108

Kosse UMC Annual Revival



Rev. Jerry House
Senior Pastor - Christ UMC

"HE RESTORETH MY SOUL"

Pslam: 23:3

Rev. Jerry House, Pastor of Christ UMC, College Station will be preaching.

July 21-23 | 6:30 PM

Special Music

- 🎵 Sunday--Christ UMC Chancel Choir, College Station
- 🎵 Monday--Cross Talk, Bryan
- 🎵 Tuesday--Bremond Praise Band

Food and fellowship follows each evening after worship.

Retirees Monthly Lunch

Retirees and spouses of retirees meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at a restaurant the host(s) choose, at 11:30 AM. Golden Corral is casual about reservations, but some other restaurants are not. All will write single and couple receipts. A reply to the hosts is helpful but if that doesn't work for you, reply to 979 776 0073

- **July 15** - China King, 2402 Texas Ave., S, C.S. No host person(s) yet, reply to jlouis1939@aol.com (979) 776-0073
- **Aug. 19** - Golden Corral, no host(s) yet. Reply to jlouis1939@aol.com
- **Sept. 16** - Location TBD, Garry and Cindy Masterson, reply to garrymasterson7733@gmail.com

FUMC Bryan - Awakening Downtown



Summer series hosted by FUMC Bryan at the Palace Theater in Downtown Bryan.

July 7 & 24 | August 4 & 18
6 pm

Join your community in fellowship, food, praise and worship of our Lord!

All pastors and church members invited to join. There is a time for prayer at the end of each service for the community. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening!

Folks can contact me directly on my email or cell phone 301.788.5914 or jen@fumcbryan.org



Gause UMC Adopt a Highway

Gause UMC is sponsoring an adopt a highway in Gause, TX. This will bring more awareness to Gause UMC while contributing in the efforts of keeping this area liter free. The Gause congregation will be in charge of picking up and gathering liter within that two mile radius.

Thank you Gause UMC and Rev. Kyle McNeely for your great work in your community.





Kingsgate Christian School at St. Luke's UMC is now open for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year! Accepting children from ages 8 weeks to 5 years.

Hours of operation are 7 am to 6 pm

979-822-9000

2700 West Villa Maria, Bryan, TX 77807

Website: <http://www.stlukesbcs.org/kingsgate>

Anecdotes of the West District

Rev. Bruce Wood

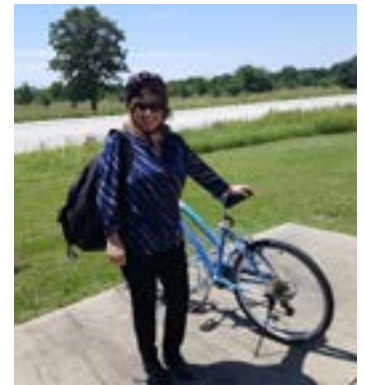


I am serving as interim pastor of Stoneham UMC located between Navasota and Plantersville on Highway 105. This morning as I approached the railroad tracks that one must crossover to get to the church, the train was stalled on the track. I waited for about 15 minutes and realized that the train was not moving. It was time for church to begin, and I was on the other side of the track. I parked my truck, climbed over the connector between two of the train cars, hitched a ride with the organist of a Catholic Church who was stalled on the other side of the track, and made it to church 10 minutes late. No train is going to stop me from sharing the good news of Jesus Christ!

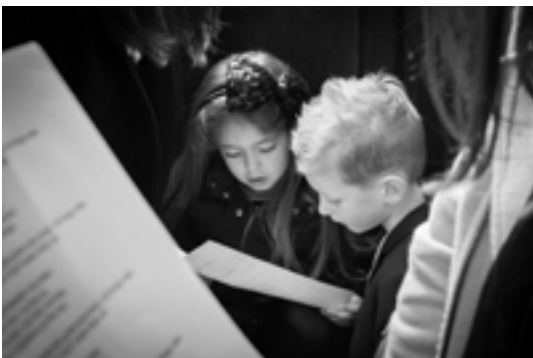
DAA, Debbie Keim

Debbie is keeping active during this summer heat by riding her bike to work in the mornings. Since the new road opened next to the district office, it is only a 15 min bike ride from her home to the office.

There are many ways to keep active, but just make sure to always stay hydrated! What a great example Debbie. Keep it up!



FUMC Brenham Hiring



Brenham FUMC is interviewing candidates for a part-time position as Director of Youth Ministries. The director of youth ministry will work directly with students, grades 6-12, and their families to provide opportunities to grow in discipleship through worship, recreation, Bible study, service, and mission trips. The youth director will report directly to the senior pastor while also relating to the church leadership.

Deadline: June 30, 2019

Send cover letter and resume to: Rev. Bobbie Maltas, 408 N Baylor, Brenham, Texas 77833 or pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org. No phone calls, please.

Centennial Celebration - Wesley Foundation at Texas A&M

Come celebrate 100 years of ministry to Aggies at the Wesley Foundation with former students, campus ministers and volunteers. We'd love to have YOU with us as we honor the impact this ministry has had on so many lives. Hope to see YOU there!

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Schedule of Events

10:00 am - 8:00 pm	Open House
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Catered Lunch (RSVP online)
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Pre-Worship Jam Session
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Worship and Centennial Recognition (message by Bishop Scott Jones)
4:00 pm	42 Tournament and other games (bring your favorites!)



RSVP for lunch and book your hotel room online at www.tamuwesley.org under the Centennial Celebration tab.

Catered lunch — \$10 per adult and \$5 per child

Hotel block reserved: \$125 per night at the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center on campus

Upload your pictures to help us reminisce about old times.

Spread the word and invite all of your Old Army friends!

Contact Sharon Ross with questions at tamuwesley@gmail.com or (979) 846-4701.

UM Army Mission Trip - SHSU Wesley Foundation

For a few years now, this West District has Invested in the Young in a variety of ways. One such way is to assist SHSU Wesley students with their mission trip costs.

This year for College UM ARMY, dozens of college students and older adults gathered in Athens, TX for their week-long mission camp. What made this College UM ARMY Camp unique was the amount of wheelchair ramps that were built for kids with cerebral palsy. Every dollar mattered, since a wheelchair ramp cost can range between \$900 to \$1,500, depending on the size and length. We built 5 of them! Four were for kids with special needs, and another for a fantastic 80-years-young veteran. Two other families with special needs kids were also helped. We also cleaned out lots of debris and filled a dumpster in just two days. Payne Springs UMC stepped up as an outpost for us to use, thus reducing our trip distance and time to the dumpster. We helped the Athens Food Pantry, and collaborated well with local ministries. In all, our UM ARMY Camp served 14 clients with 5 work teams! An impressive Kingdom feat! As always, the crew of the SHSU Wesley Foundation is grateful for the investment of the West District that helps our college students impact communities throughout our Annual Conference.

As another bonus, some of the West District's investment in us will also help four of our students go on a mission trip to Jamaica with FUMC Huntsville. As always, we stretch the mission dollars to their maximum impact!

Thanks again for Investing in the Young in this manner!

-Rev. Greg Oberg
SHSU Wesley Foundation Director



West District Calendar

Your guide for events in the West District.

June 30-July 5, 2019

Summer Camp
Session IV

July 7-12, 2019

Summer Camp
Session V

July 7, 2019 6 pm

Awakening Downtown

July 13, 2019 10 am

A&M Wesley Foundation
Centennial Celebration

July 15, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree's Lunch

July 21-23 2019

Kosse Revival

July 24, 2019 6 pm

Awakening Downtown

Aug 4, 2019 6 pm

Awakening Downtown

Aug 10, 2019 10:30 am

Clergy Family Picnic

August 18, 2019

Hymn Sing

Aug 18, 2019 6 pm

Awakening Downtown

Sept 2-3, 2019

West District Clergy
Retreat

Aug 19, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree's Lunch

Aug 24, 2019 9:30 am

African American Church
Initiative

Sept 16, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree's Lunch

Sept 22, 2019 4 pm

District Charge Conference

Nov. 10, 2019 4 pm

Church Charge Conference

SAYING GOODBYE!

Our office assistant, Azalea, is leaving the West District. We are wishing her wonderful things in the future as she continues her journey to something bigger and better.

Thanks Azalea for all your hard work!

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Thank You!

- A&M UMC
- Bay's Chapel UMC
- Bedias UMC
- Bellville UMC
- Blue UMC
- Bremond Grace UMC
- Bremond St. James UMC
- Brenham Pleasant Grove UMC
- Christ UMC
- Caldwell UMC
- Centerville First UMC
- Chappell Hill UMC
- Cooks Point UMC
- Dobbin Pleasant Grove UMC
- Evans Chapel UMC
- Farris Chapel UMC
- Friendship UMC
- Gause UMC
- Giddings First UMC
- Hempstead Bethlehem UMC
- Hempstead First UMC
- Huntsville Grace UMC
- Huntsville Pleasant Grove UMC
- Kosse UMC
- Lee Chapel UMC
- Leona UMC
- Lexington UMC
- Lynn Grove UMC
- Majors Chapel UMC
- Marlin First UMC
- McKenzie Chapel UMC
- Millican UMC
- Paige UMC
- Pleasant Retreat UMC
- Richards UMC
- Shiro UMC
- Sneed Memorial UMC
- Templo UMC
- Two Mile UMC
- Wesley UMC
- Wheelock UMC
- Yarborough Chapel UMC
- Zion UMC