

West District News

2019 District Charge Conference

All clergy and laity are invited to attend this year's district charge conference.

JOIN US ON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 AT 4 PM

FUMC SOMERVILLE

862 AVE D, SOMERVILLE, TX 77879



This is a vital connectional meeting in which the yearly reports and business pertaining to the district are discussed and voted upon. All clergy of the district and local church major officers (lay leaders, church council chairs, finance chairs, SPRC chairs, and trustee chairs) are voting members. We encourage each church to have a good representation of leaders at the District Charge Conference.

2019 All Church Charge Conference

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 AT 4 PM

CHRIST UMC

4201 STATE HWY 6 SOUTH
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845

The schedule included lists when each church needs to turn in all their paper work. Make sure you pay close attention to the dates. You do not want your reports to be late.



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2019 CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS SCHEDULE

Every church will have their charge conference on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm

It will be held in the sanctuary of Christ UMC, College Station
Please note that your church reports are due in the district office

On or before the date listed below.

Hub 1 – Reports due Mon, October 14, 2019

1. Marlin First/Cedar Spring
2. Marlin Circuit
3. Majors Chapel/St. James
4. Hearne Grace/Wheelock
5. Kosse/Reagan
6. Bremond/Calvert
7. Franklin

Hub 2 – Reports due Wed, October 16, 2019

1. Giddings/Paige
2. Rockdale St. Johns
3. Lexington/Blue
4. Cameron
5. Gause
6. Thorndale Pleasant Retreat/Friendship
7. Milano Circuit

Hub 3 – Reports due Mon, October 21, 2019

1. Normangee/Flynn
2. Centerville First
3. Madisonville First
4. St. Matthew/Hopewell
5. Leona/Evans Chapel
6. Iola Zion
7. Leona Circuit
8. Marquez

Hub 4 – Reports due Wed, October 23, 2019

1. Navasota First/Anderson First
2. Hempstead First/Lynn Grove
3. Anderson Circuit
4. Hempstead Bethlehem
5. Stoneham
6. Stonehamville/Pleasant Grove
7. Millican

Hub 5 – Reports due Mon, October 28, 2019

1. Brenham First
2. Somerville First
3. Bellville
4. Brenham Pleasant Grove
5. Chappell Hill
6. Caldwell First
7. Cooks Point

Hub 6 – Reports due Wed, October 30, 2019

1. Huntsville St. Paul/Pleasant Grove
2. Huntsville First
3. Huntsville Wesley Memorial
4. Richards Farris Chapel
5. Huntsville Grace
6. Richards/Bays Chapel
7. Bedias/Shiro
8. Wesley Foundation Sam Houston

Hub 7 – Reports due Mon, November 4, 2019

1. College Station Christ
2. College Station A&M
3. College Station Aldersgate
4. College Station First
5. Bryan First
6. Bryan Alexander
7. Bryan Lee Chapel/Navasota Lee Tabernacle
8. Bryan St. Luke's
9. Bryan Templo Del Espiritu Santo
10. Bryan Wesley
11. Wesley Foundation A&M

The Gathering

Annual Clergy Gathering for Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors (Full and Part-Time). Gathering will be held at Lakeview Conference Center in Palestine, Tx. We will have an opportunity to learn from Dr. Matt Bloom as well as Bishop Scott Jones.

September 16-17, 2019

Starting at 12pm on the 16th

For more information - Ivana Wilson, 713-521-9385 or by email: iwilson@txcumc.org

*Thank you to Christ UMC
for hosting this year's
30th Annual Hymn Sing!*



Strategic Mapping Team *Listening Session*

The Strategic Mapping Team will be present to give you information and answer questions about plans for the Texas Annual Conference and how we plan for future years ahead. These listening sessions will be very influential in decisions to be made. Now is the time for you to be a part of the decision making process.

OCTOBER 13, 2019

CHRIST UMC

FELLOWSHIP HALL

4 PM

**4201 SH 6 SOUTH, COLLEGE
STATION, 77845**

Beginning Again - Pre-Retirement *Seminar*

Beginning Again is a pre-retirement seminar designed for clergy and spouses to help you prepare financially, emotionally and spiritually for the 'third part' of your life.

"The more prepared we are to retire, helps us enjoy it all the more."

Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will include presentations by representatives from the Wespath, Ernst & Young - Group Health Benefits, TAC Retirees, and others. Information will be presented about pensions, taxes, insurance, estate planning, ending well, crucial conversations, and much more. Signup when you arrive for short private sessions with the reps from Wespath and Ernst & Young, scheduled during free times.

**November 12-15,
2019**

[Click here](#) for
more information
on the schedule
and program.

[Register here](#)

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

FUMC Brenham 175th Anniversary



The origin of FUMC in Brenham can be traced back 175 years, to 1844, but there were Methodists holding camp meetings, class meetings, and studying holy scripture long before that time - on

record going back more than twenty years.

Brenham FUMC will celebrate its 175 th Anniversary on October 12 – 13, 2019. Please join us for all the events! This is more than a celebration for Brenham FUMC. This is a celebration for our district and conference.

We hope you'll join us for part or all of it!

First UMC Brenham, 408 N. Baylor, Brenham, Texas

www.fumcbrenham.org

Oct. 12, 2019

On **Saturday**, we'll have a pot luck picnic at Jackson Street Park. The picnicking begins at 10:30 a.m. Bring the kiddos!!!

Oct. 13, 2019

On **Sunday**, worship with Bishop Scott Jones and our own District Superintendent, Rev. Wanda Bess, will commence at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by the dedication of the historical marker and a catered lunch (ticket required).

Bethlehem UMC 150th Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

- **11:00 am** - Morning Worship with Rev. Herbert Addison

- **5:30 pm** - 150th celebration at 5:30 pm with Rev. David Briggs, Senior Pastor, Abundant Life UMC Lufkin, TX.

- A "love offering to the church" while keeping us in your prayers.
- A contribution toward a page in honor or memory of a loved one.
- The purchase of an Ad in our Homecoming Souvenir Booklet.

715 8th St. Hempstead, TX

Bishop Scott Jones at Chilton St. Paul

Bishop Scott Jones will be preaching at St. Paul. All are invited to join them for services on

OCTOBER 6, 2019

11 AM

188 CR 4001 CHILTON, TX

We invite you to stay for a meal afterwards.

FUMC Anderson 180th Anniversary

Join FUMC Anderson in their celebration of 180 years of service with a reception following service!

Sunday, September 8th, 2019

9:15 am

FUMC Anderson
256 South Main Street
Anderson, TX 77830



Mobility Worldwide - Liberian Pastor to Visit B/CS Area



Rev. Rose Farhat, pastor with the Liberian Conference of the UMC attending the 25th Anniversary of Mobility Worldwide in Bryan from September 28 – October 3rd. She will be touring the Mobility Worldwide factory in Bryan and be speaking to many groups during her visit in the B/CS area.

Mobility Worldwide is an organization that provides 3-wheeled, hand-cranked, wheelchair-like carts for disabled individuals in 104 third world

countries. It is Rev. Farhat's goal to establish a factory in Liberia. Rev. Farhat is Directress of Women's Work in the Liberian Annual Conference of the UMC and as such is an advocate for women's issues, promoting education for girls, and gender equality. She is both pastor and teacher. She is the head of the ministries of the Conference United Methodist Women. She has graduate degrees from the University of Liberia, Syracuse University and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C.

Rev. Farhat's goal in her words is "to meet as many people as possible in the Bryan/College Station area." The following are events that anyone is welcome to attend: All presentations except the Tuesday a.m. UMW meeting will be similar in nature – an overview of ministries in Liberia and the benefits Mobility Worldwide will provide to the country. Those interested may attend any meeting that the date and time fits their schedule.

Rev. Farhat's visit is hosted by the local Mobility Worldwide chapter, contact person is Ken Graalum (kengraalum@gmail.com) and her host person is Rev. Shelby Rowan (shelbyrowan@suddenlink.net). You may contact either of these two persons for additional information or Rev. Rowan for questions about her agenda. <https://mobilityworldwide.org>

Monday, Sept. 30

College Station
Noonday Lions Club, 11:30 a.m.
7 p.m. at First United Methodist
Church, Bryan, Gym,
(306 E. 28th St., Bryan)



Tuesday, Oct. 1

9:30 a.m. FUMC, Bryan, Heritage
Room, United Methodist Women's
Gen. Mtg. topic will be "Women's
Ministries in Liberia"
(followed by lunch)



Tuesday, Oct. 1

6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian
Church, Bryan, Parlor, sandwich
supper. (1100 Carter Creek,
Parkway, Bryan)



Wednesday, Oct. 2

11:30 a.m. Golden Corral Meeting
Room (700 University Drive, College
Station) – 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's
United Methodist Church,
(2700 W. Villa Maria Road, Bryan)

Disaster Response Team Training

All are welcomed to the disaster training that the TAC Disaster Ministries is organizing on

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

9 AM - 4 PM

FUMC Conroe
4308 W Davis St
Conroe, TX 77304

\$20 payable "at the door"

To reserve your spot contact:

Christine Riggle

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Retirees Monthly Lunch

Retirees and spouses of retirees meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at a restaurant the host(s) choose, at 11:50 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

- **September 16** - Applebees in College Station, on Texas Ave just north of Univeristy Blvd. Hosts are Garry and Cindy Masterson.
- **October 21** - Golden Corral on University, hosts are Ann Fancher and Joy Chamness.
- **November 18** - Golden Corral, on University, Host is Shelby Rowan.
- **December 16** - Johnny Carinos at 620 Harvey Rd., College Station. Hosts are Dan and Joyce Louis.



2019 Spirit Journey

Right here, Right now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness

A spiritual formation-renewal program of THE UPPER ROOM®, sponsored by the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference.

This retreat is open to lay and clergy of all denominations. It is considered to be a time of rest and renewal, an opportunity for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined, accepting community, a place where community silence enhances personal prayer and reflection, a time to fill the deep spiritual hunger that characterizes many lives, a time of spiritual renewal and discovery through academic presentation, personal reflections and communal sharing

For more information and registration page, [click here](#) or contact Jim Reiter at (713) 876-6404 or jim.reiter@LIVE.COM.

The BIG Event Retreat

The BIG event is a retreat just for our 6th graders that focuses on our Wesleyan understanding of Grace and introduces them to our connection!

There will be time for worship, small discussions, experiential learning, meals, and more. We highly encourage those adults who are directly investing in their lives, like small group leaders, Sunday school teachers, etc., to attend with their students.

The cost for the retreat is \$135 per participant, if electronically registered and forms postmarked by October 1, 2019. The cost goes up to \$150 per participant if electronically registered and postmarked by October 14th, 2019. We will not be taking any registration forms AFTER October 14th. Registrations will be taken in order that they are received.

November 1-3, 2019

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Nov. 1 - Arrival: 7-8 pm

Nov. 3 - Departure: 10 am

[Registration:](#)

<https://www.txumcyoung.space/currentforms>

West District Calendar

Your guide for events in the West District.

Sept 5, 2019 9:15 am

FUMC Anderson 180th Anniversary Celebration

Sept 14, 2019 9 am

Disaster Response Team Training

Sept 15, 2019

Bethlehem 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sept 16, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree lunch

Sept 16-17, 2019

The Gathering

Sept 22, 2019 4 pm

District Charge Conference

Sept 30-Oct 2, 2019

Mobility Worldwide Event

Oct 6, 2019

St. Paul Celebration with Bishop Jones

Oct 12 -13, 2019

FUMC Brenham 175th Anniversary Celebration

Oct 13, 2019

Strategic Mapping Team Listening Session

Oct 14-Nov 4, 2019

Charge Conference papers due

Oct 17-19, 2019

Spirit Journey

Oct 21, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree lunch

Oct 26, 2019 11:00 am

Enchilada Dinner @ Templo UMC

Nov 5-7, 2019

Office closed due to DAA Training

Nov 10, 2019 4 pm

Church Charge Conference

Nov 12-13, 2019

Beginning Again Seminar

Nov 18, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree lunch

Dec 13, 2019 5:30 pm

District Clergy Christmas Party @ FUMC Huntsville

Dec 16, 2019 11:30 am

Retiree lunch

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Enchilada Dinner at Templo UMC

Oct. 26, 2019

Templo Del Espiritu Santo UMC
3715 Elaine Dr
Bryan Texas
11 am – 4 pm
\$8.00

*Three enchiladas, rice, beans
Dine in includes tea
All homemade*

Also a homemade craft boutique
(come do some of your Christmas
shopping)
Come and enjoy good food and
great fellowship!
Need more information call
979-575-0872



2019 DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

PAID IN FULL

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
- Dobbins Pleasant Grove UMC
- Evans Chapel UMC
- Farris Chapel UMC
- Franklin UMC
- Friendship UMC
- Gause UMC
- Giddings First UMC
- Hempstead Bethlehem UMC
- Hempstead First UMC
- Hopewell 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
- Normangee First UMC
- Paige UMC
- Pleasant Retreat UMC
- Richards UMC
- Shiro UMC
- Sneed Memorial UMC
- Templo Del Espiritu Santo
- Two Mile UMC
- Wesley UMC
- Wheelock UMC
- Yarborough Chapel UMC
- Zion UMC