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**Conference Connect**

April 30, 2010 News from the
Northwest Texas
Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for Dennie Treat and her family. Dennie's father, Delbert Dunn, is in the CCU of a hospital in Abilene. He has pneumonia. The doctors have put him on a ventilator to help him breathe and he is slowly improving, however he is still in critical condition. Dennie is the wife of Dave Treat, retired member of our Conference.

Please be in prayer for Socorro de Anda and her family. Socorro suffered a broken leg in a fall at her home recently. Socorro is the President of Lydia Patterson Institute.

Please keep Kim Bushart and her family in your prayers. Kim has had ongoing back problems and now they are causing numbness in her feet. she has been referral to a specialist in Amarillo, which she will see next Monday. Kim is the wife of Kevin Bushart, Pastor of FUMC, Hereford.

Prayer Update: Beth Pittman will have more tests done next week and she will soon begin her chemo treatments. Beth is the daughter of Francie Pittman, retired Diaconal Minister of our Conference, and Mark, former Conference Director of Stewardship/Conference Treasurer.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bobbie Moore. Mrs. Moore died Wednesday, April 28. Services will be Monday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. at FUMC, Waco. Mrs. Moore was the wife of Gene Moore, deceased, who served many years in our Conference before transferring to the Central Texas Conference.

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UMCOR no longer has an 800 number for Hotline News

[2010 Camp Information](#)

[Click here](#) to register for Camps at Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center

[Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center](#)[Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center](#)[Mount Sequoyah](#)

EARLY BIRD CAMP REGISTRATION FEE

May 15 is the deadline for the early bird camp registration fee of \$245.

For registration information and camp dates, [click here](#)

NEWS FROM DAVE ANDERSEN, CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP/TREASURER

The Build, Renew, Rejoice! funds are already at work helping churches become more effective in their mission field and starting new churches, or re-starting existing churches. The new Conference Service Center is scheduled to be completed in August. Thank you for your faithfulness and your continued support of these vital ministries and projects.

Next week your church (and/or pastor, church secretary, church treasurer, et al) should receive via e-mail its Shared Ministry report for April. This report shows the church's budget for the 2010 Shared Ministries as well as what has been received for that budget so far.

The report also has a column where you put the amount of your next remittance. If you are not receiving these e-mails, please contact the Treasurer's office at andersen@nwtxconf.org or by calling 806-762-0201 ext. 12.

Thank you for helping to change lives through your payment of your Shared Ministries.



Help Fill the "Mission in Motion" Trailer at Annual Conference

The United Methodist Women of FUMC, Lubbock, invite all Northwest Texas Conference United Methodist Women and churches to **bring bulk** items for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to Annual Conference, June 11-13.

Sager Brown is in dire need of items for **health kits, clean up buckets, and baby layettes**. You may view the lists by [clicking here](#).

Select items that would be best for your church to bring to Annual Conference. Let's completely fill the Mission in Motion trailer which will be parked in front of the Christian Life Center.

[Parish Papers](#)

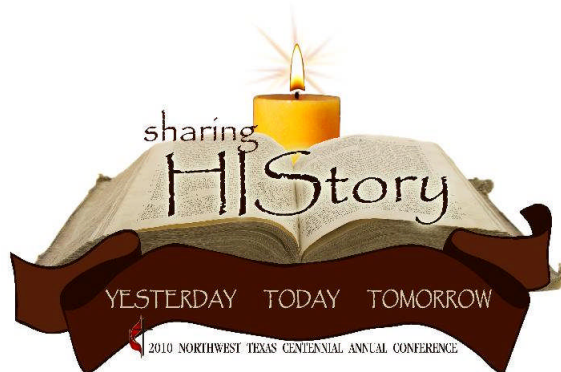
[United Methodist Women News](#)

[News from Dean McIntyre](#)

Celebrate with Service! Yes, help UMCOR celebrate 70 Years of Hope! What a great way to serve Jesus Christ and His mission as we celebrate 100 years of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in Mission.

Please let Karla Abernethy-Thetford, Conference Director of Communications and Editor of the Conference Review, know how your church will be celebrating a Day of Service before Annual Conference. You can send her an email at karla@nwtxconf.org with your story.

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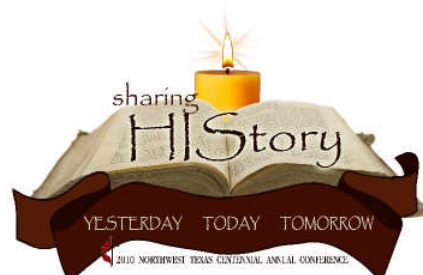
Date and Location: June 11 - 13, FUMC, Lubbock

[Click here](#) for the **Denman Clergy, Laity, and Youth Nomination Forms** for our Conference. May 4 is the deadline for submitting nominations.

Annual Conference Materials can be found by [clicking here](#) for the link.

Childcare The childcare link has also been added to the web site. You do need to make a reservation. For the event name just put Annual Conference.

2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS



We realize that not everyone from a local church will be able to attend Annual Conference. If your local church would like to take special offerings leading up to Annual Conference, the attendees from the church could bring a check with them. Just designate which offering is receiving which amount.

Below are the areas of ministry that will benefit from the offerings received at Annual Conference:

Build, Renew, Rejoice; Camp Scholarship Fund; Ministry with the Poor, which will go to Abilene Service, Wesley Community Center in Amarillo, A.M.O.S. in Midland, and Hope Shalom in Lubbock; and Training for Pastoral leadership.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S DINNER AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The United Methodist Women's Dinner at Annual Conference will be held Saturday, June 12, in Memorial Hall, at FUMC, Lubbock. Kathy Burton-Lewis, missionary to Japan, will be the speaker. The dinner will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Cost of the meal is \$13.00. All meals are reserved and must be pre-paid through the Northwest Texas Conference Service Center. You can download the meal form from the Conference web site at <http://www.nwtxconf.org/Service-Center/2010-Annual-Conference/>

Deadline for reservations is June 1. Checks, made payable to Northwest Texas Conference, and a printed copy of the reservation form, are to be mailed to Annual Conference Meals, Northwest Texas Conference Service Center, 1415 Ave. M, Lubbock, TX 79401-3939. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Make plans now to attend and help the United Methodist Women Celebrate the Service given during the past 100 years. Come hear Kathy tell about her mission work in Japan. She is thrilled to be home on furlough, and is looking forward to visiting with you. Guests are welcome.

LAY SPEAKER COURSE

BIG SPRING DISTRICT LAY SPEAKING CLASSES

Basic and Advance classes will be offered at FUMC Snyder on Saturday, May 15. For a brochure and registration form in PDF, [click here](#)

METHODIST MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Benefitting the Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech
In partnership with the Lubbock District Office

Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m.
Shadow Hills Golf Course Lubbock, Texas
Prizes awarded to top 3 teams
Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks/Drinks/Goodie Bags/Raffle/Mulligan
4 player scramble
\$100 per player or \$400 for foursome
\$250 for Church Hole Sponsor Sign
Sponsorships Available
Contact Penny Wilson at 806.762.8749
pennyw@ttuwesley.org or www.ttuwesley.org

On behalf of Al Martin and the staff of the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation we invite each one of you to join us on the course that day for fellowship, food, and golf in celebrating our United Methodist Campus Ministry for 75 years of "raising up a generation of Christians who lead"

ROUNDUP



Roundup 2010 is taking a new approach to ministry this year. Does your congregation need ideas, models, and practices to be able to fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Join us at Roundup for sessions based on Robert Schnase's book, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." We are concentrating on six major sessions plus Spanish, children, and youth sessions. Excellent leaders are lined up for each of these sessions and you will be able take home ideas to help shape and sustain these qualities in your church. Schnase said, "Allow these practices to shape your own reflections about your church, your area of ministry, and your personal discipleship."

See you at Roundup 2010 on August 7 at FUMC in Lubbock.

BUTMAN METHODIST CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER NEWS

Level 1 Facilitator Certification

Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center is hosting its first annual Level 1 Facilitator Certification Course. The full certification will be held May 17 - 21 and is \$570 including meals and lodging. The re-certification will be held May 22 and is \$160

including meals. If you are interested in becoming a certified facilitator or need a re-certification please contact Corina at 325.846.4212 or corina@butmancamp.org

CETA CANYON CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER NEWS

Open House

Experience an afternoon of fun and sign up for summer camp. Sunday, May 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Please RSVP by May 14)

- Open House activities include hiking to the waterfall, riding on the Challenge Course Zip-Line, fishing, taking a tour of the facilities, Prizes and enjoy FREE Hot Dogs and other snacks.
- Come enjoy the afternoon with your family and sign up for Summer Youth Camp.

For more information on activities at Ceta, [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH/FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING COURSE

A Parish/Faith Community Nursing Basic Preparation Course will be held June 16 - 19 in Lubbock, TX from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

SPIRIT WIND

Spirit Wind will have an Outreach Tour to Atlanta/Orlando. Those dates are July 1-10.

JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH MINISTRIES ORGANIZATION (JYMO)

JYMO will be held July 6 - 10 at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, TX. For more information or a brochure, contact Steve Heyduck at sheyduck@mchwaco.org, Diana Northcutt at dnorthcutt@okumc.org, or Brandon Bates at bbates@lakewood-umc.org

NEWS FROM DEAN MCINTYRE, GENERAL BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

For news from the General Board of Discipleship, [click here](#)

[50 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor](#) By Robert Crossman

May is one of the busiest months for worship planners, and GBOD offers help and resources throughout the month. Check these out, all linked on the [GBOD worship homepage](#). Click on Planning Calendar at the right end of the upper red bar.

Easter Season - Apr. 4 - May 24

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - May 1 - 30

Commencement/Graduation - May 1 - 30

Mental Health Awareness Month - May 1 - May 30

Mother's Day - Festival of the Christian Home - May 9
Armed Forces Day - May 15
Armed Forces Week - May 8 -16
Day of Pentecost - May 23
Heritage Sunday - May 23
Peace with Justice Sunday - May 30
Trinity Sunday - May 30
Memorial Day - May 31

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