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Theme Scripture

Psalm 150:1,6

Matthew 22:37-39

"..You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (NRSV)

Theme Songs

Our God is an

Awesome God

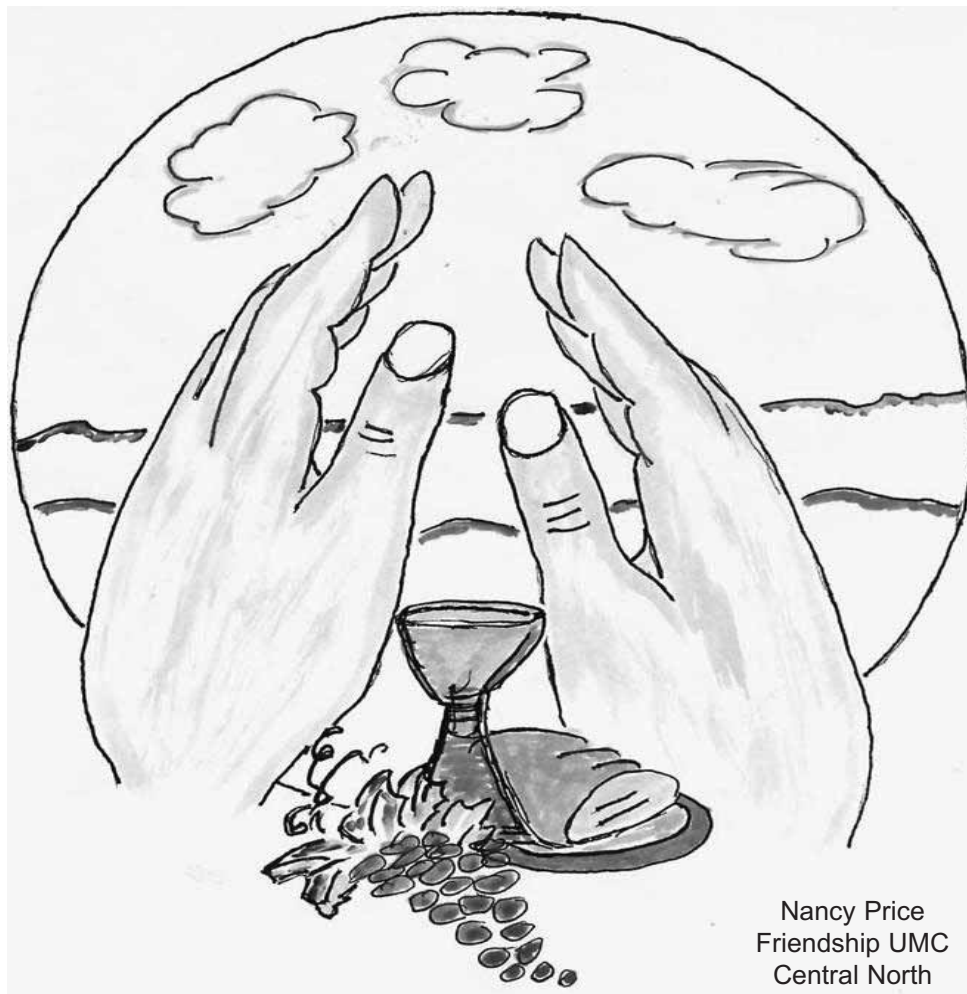
Lord of the Dance

How Great Thou Art

Lakeview
Conference Center

March 5-6, 2010

Passionate Worship The Beginning of Service



Nancy Price
Friendship UMC
Central North

Psalm 150:1,6

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord
Praise the Lord. NIV

Bishop Janice Huie Keynote Speaker



Janice Riggle Huie serves as bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, having been assigned in September 2004. In connection with her Episcopal assignment, she serves on the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Hospital, Southwestern University, Wiley College and Lon Morris College as well as The Texas Methodist Foundation. Bishop Huie served as President of the Council of Bishops from May 2006 through May 2008.

Since Bishop Huie's assignment to the Texas Annual Conference, the Conference has adopted a bold new missional strategy aimed at making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The primary priorities are as follows: Congregational Excellence (new church starts and re-vitalization of existing congregations), Clergy Excellence (recruiting gifted young pastors and supporting and training current pastors) and a Re-aligned Missional Structure.

Schedule
Friday, March 5th
Lakeview Overnight

2:00pm-5:00pm
Registration
Hospitality, Gift Shop,
Dinner, Fellowship, Rest
and Relaxation

7:45-8:30
Worship

Saturday, March 6th
Breakfast for
Overnight Guests

7:45am-9:00am
Registration
Hospitality
Service Center

9:15
Plenary

10:00AM
Bishop Huie

11:00 Focus Group I
Noon Lunch
1:00 Focus Group II

2:15 In Remembrance
Communion

Worship is a time to deliberately seek to encounter God in Christ whereby we are transformed, healed, and renewed. Passionate worship goes beyond the ordinary to express eagerness and deep commitment. Choose TWO FOCUS GROUPS to explore new ways to encounter the Holy, to provoke change in our lives, to think more about faith, and to encounter a new vision of God's reality. Indicate your two choices on Registration Form, page 4.

Prayer

Rev. J. Kabamba Kiboko is pastor of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Hempstead, Texas. She is a biblical scholar and first clergy-woman ordained elder in the Southern Congo Annual Conference in 1983. She is an international figure who bridges the academia and ministry with pastoral experience in both the Congo DRC and the USA.



Song

When we sing, we are filled with the air (the breath) of the Spirit. We become God enthused. The purpose is not "singing" per se but connecting our lives to the Holy. **Rev. Beverly Tune** has been under Episcopal appointment since 1998. She attended Perkins at Southern Methodist University, receiving a Master of Divinity degree. Her career spanned 20 years teaching every age from kindergarten to college. Her passions are education and music.

Word

In the beginning was the word... God's word informs and gives meaning to our lives. Come and explore how study, reflection and daily reading of God's word can transform the way you live. Discuss how the hearing of God's word in worship brings passion and meaning to the worship experience. Leave empowered to share the good news.

Rev. Suzy Cox Reedstrom is the lead associate pastor at



Memorial Drive UMC in Houston. She leads a Wednesday evening contemplative worship service. Suzy is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology and is currently studying at Drew University for her Doctor of Ministry in Worship, Spirituality and Preaching. Suzy calls herself a "Bible nerd!" Study of scripture, story-telling, preaching and teaching are a few of her passions.

Meditation

Living in the country has been a life-long dream for **Becky Oates**. She and husband Richard have recently relocated to their Haven of Rest south of College Station. There Becky embraces the silence and mystical presence of God through creation. Graduating from the Cenacle Spiritual Direction Institute in 2003, she now coordinates Charis, the United Methodist three-year Spiritual Director Training Program for the Texas Conference. Her children and grandchildren visit The Haven to experience joy in nature, picnics, fishing, swimming, and walking the labyrinth.



Sign Language

Wandalyn Shanklin-McLean, Evangelist, has fifteen years experience in religious signing and interpreting. She is a graduate of University of Houston and earned a Masters of Education from Texas Woman's University. Wandalyn's prayer is that she will constantly be in the middle of God's will and her



life will be a reflection of Christ. Her passion is worshipping through signing. She believes that God put a desire to sign in her heart as a child.

Shel wasn't able to learn until she was an adult but since then she hasn't stopped. She says, "The first time I realized a deaf person was hearing the word of God through watching my hands was amazing. I was in awe of seeing the power of God in the life of another through the signed message." To Wandalyn, signing is her worship to God. "When I sign the words minister to me that's when I'm able to sign them back in worship to Jesus, my Lord and King."

Praise

Pastor Jacqui King was ordained an Elder May 2008. As a member of the worship committee for the Annual Conference, she served as communion assistant and liturgist during opening worship celebration. In June 2007, Pastor King was appointed as a New Church Planter serving Nu Faith Community UMC in the Greenspoint Area of Houston. She graduated from SMU in 2004 with a Master in Divinity degree. Her previous educational accomplishments include a MBA from Penn State and BS in Retail Merchandising Mgmt from Philadelphia University. She loves sharing the message of hope with anyone along the way.



Servanthood

Webster defines servant as one who exerts oneself for the benefit of another. Servanthood is the state or character of being a servant. We often think being a servant is doing something for someone else and equate that with servanthood. Perhaps servanthood is much less. We will explore this way of Jesus' life and take a step on that journey. God has gifted **Rev. Noel Denison** with a passion for service. She was ordained as a deacon in 1992. Noel served as Minister of Serving at Chapelwood UMC (1996-2008). She is presently Chairman of TX Conference Sending Ministries and Conference Secretary for Global Ministries. At Chapelwood, she developed outreach ministries to the community, disaster response, and global missions including missionary support, mission program support, and global mission trips. Noel says, "In retirement, I continue to be drawn to loving our neighbor through serving in our community, on mission trips, in justice work, and in expanding mission in our Conference."



Communion

Dr. John A. (Von) Dawson has served as Superintendent of Lakeview Conference Center since 1998. Previous to Lakeview, Dr. Dawson served at First UMC in Dallas, Hughes Springs Circuit, Jewett Circuit, Tatum, Omaha, Whitehouse, Tennison Memorial Pollard Memorial, First Beaumont and Clear Lake UMC. He is a graduate of Lon Morris, SMU, Perkins School of Theology and earned his Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.



Von is a fourth generation United Methodist minister. In June 2009, he retired as an Elder in Full Connection and was retained by the Lakeview Board to continue as Superintendent.

Rethinking Hispanic Worship

Small church or big church, if your mission field is becoming increasingly Hispanic, you need to stop thinking, and take action! This interactive focus group will help you explore the many ways in which your church can start and grow a vibrant Hispanic congregation through passionate worship. A Hispanic worship that is not a one-size-fits-all mission but diverse as the races and cultures of Latin America. **Rev. Arturo Cadar**, Associate Pastor, Friendswood UMC, answered God's call to ministry in 2006. He began reaching out to Hispanics in the tri-county Bay Area where he founded at Friendswood UMC a vibrant Hispanic congregation that has experienced significant growth in spiritual transformation and church membership. Prior to formal ministry, Arturo owned a successful sales and marketing company where he excelled as a multilingual facilitator. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and French.



Spring Celebration FYIs and News Updates

President's Message



Many special plans are being made this year for our Spiritual Growth Retreat. When your Texas Conference Team chose the theme, *Passionate Worship: the Beginning of Service*, we immediately contacted our own Bishop Janice Huie to be our keynote speaker. We are always inspired in Bishop Huie's worship services. At Annual Conference she challenged us to reach out in passionate love and radical hospitality to share God's love and grace with all God's children. We are honored that she will be with us at our Spring Celebration.

This will be a Spiritual day as we draw close to our Lord and Savior. There are many ways to experience worship. Each of our focus leaders will discuss a way to worship and praise God. Our theme scripture states it clearly. We will gather together in God's beautiful surroundings and praise and thank God for all His wonderful blessings! Hallelujah!

Come join us for a wonderful day of *Passionate Worship*. I look forward to being with each of you as we worship and praise Jesus our Savior.

Thebe

When United Methodist Women get together, they sing! Come and experience the joy in singing the songs of faith during the Friday evening worship and Saturday program with the Retreat Musicians.

Reggie Clemons and Greg Wiggers

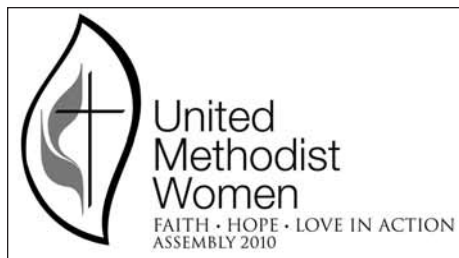
Greg Wiggers is the keyboardist for FUMC Sweeny serving since 1992. He has played for numerous retreats, prayer breakfasts, youth camps and VBS. He has frequently worked with Reggie Clemons. Greg grew up in Amarillo and now lives in Lake Jackson. Greg and his wife Laurie have been married for 19 years.



Submitted by Betty Strawther
First UMC Madisonville
West District

Celebrating the lives of the United Methodist Women that have gone before us.

In Remembrance will be celebrated with district display tables and a time of Remembrance. Please send deceased honored names to Joyce Moore, Spiritual Growth Coordinator by January 15, 2010.



St. Louis

April 30-May 2

Inspired by faith and activated by justice, **Assembly 2010** is shaping up to be a once in a lifetime experience of notable guest speakers, musicians and varied experiences. Women from all walks of life will come together as one body to worship, fellowship and address issues affecting women, children and youth. Gospel vocalist **CeCe Winans**, broadcast journalist **Judy Woodruff**, music powerhouse **Lila Downs**, and former U.S. Surgeon General **Dr. Joycelyn Elders** are a growing list of women leaders slated to address plenaries and "town halls" at the Assembly. **Bishop Joaquina Nhanala** of Mozambique, Africa's first female prelate, will address the assembly.

Deadline for Texas Conference bus transportation is January 15, 2010. Call Theresa Graham 713 408-3787 for your reservation

Call for Prayer "Shawls" and Baby Blankets - Assembly planners are urging members who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create prayer shawls and baby blankets for those in need.

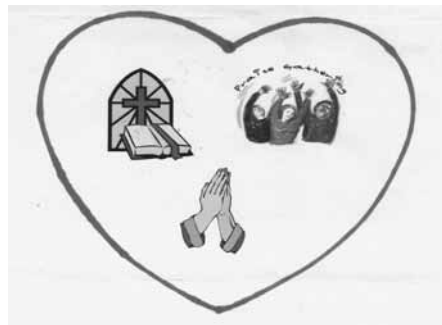
As in previous assemblies, Health Kits and School Kits for **UMCOR** will be collected in the Experience Hall. Check out the website for more details and updates on Assembly. www.umwmission.com

Retreat Prayer Room

A continuous prayer room will be open during Spring Celebration. Sign up sheets will be available during Registration in Roy Hall where you may sign up for your 15 minute interval(s).

Worship is more than singing. Reading His word, praying and raising our voices in praise and thanksgiving is worship. When worship is done with our whole heart, it becomes

Passionate Worship: The Beginning of Service



Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies; Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah! Psalms 150: 1,6

Ofelia Patlan
LaMarque UMC South District

What are your gifts and talents?

Every two years the Texas Conference fills officer positions. The Nominating Committee needs your help in locating leadership talent in the Conference. Please bring a talent bank form to Spring Celebration or mail to Shirley Thomas, Chairperson, 3402 Shoreside Drive, Crosby, TX 77532. Need a form? Members of the Nominating Committee have forms, email Shirley Thomas, st5432@verizon.net, or print a copy from the website www.txconfumw.org

Mission Today Be a Diamond Unit.

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Information - Information

www.txconfumw.org
www.umwmission.com
www.umwonline.org

Save the Date

July 29-31, 2010

TX Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission
Lakeview Conference Center

Registration (Meals and Housing)

Please Read Carefully

Send one form for each person (child or adult) attending. You may make photocopies. Campers and commuters must pre-register by mail. Dorm residents should bring bed and bath linens, pillow, flashlight. Everyone pays in advance. No refunds for missed events. Any special Dietary needs should be discussed with Lakeview ahead of time. Phone 903 538-2711.

Name _____ Church _____ District _____ EMail _____
 Address _____ City _____, Tx Zip _____ Phone _____
 Female ___ Male ___ Physician Name and Phone _____
 Emergency phone _____ Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____
 Medical Insurance _____ Policy Number _____ Date of last tetanus shot _____
 List allergies, special conditions, restrictions, medications on an attached sheet

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 In case of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the camp to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for the person named above.

X _____ X _____
 Signature of Adult Participant Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name of Parent or Guardian Accompanying adult if under 18.

If under 18, fill in the following information: Age: _____ Birth Date _____ Grade Completed _____

Special Learning or physical needs? ___ Yes (Attach Sheet)

Please select two (2) Focus Groups

- Prayer - K Kiboko
- Sign Language - W McLean
- Song - B Tune
- Meditation - B Oates
- Communion - V Dawson
- Praise - J King
- Word - S Reedstrom
- Servanthood - N Denison
- Rethinking Hispanic Worship - A Cadar

Rate if Registering Before February 20, 2010

Adult (Friday Overnight) thru Saturday Lunch	\$52
Adult (Friday Overnight no Friday Dinner)	45
Child - 10 and under Friday Overnight	34
No late registration for children	
Saturday Only (includes lunch)	\$16
Child - 10 and under lunch and child care	16

Rate if Registering After February 20, 2010

Late Registration

Adult (Friday Overnight) thru Saturday Lunch	\$64
Adult (Friday Overnight no Friday Supper)	57
Child - 10 and under:	**
Saturday Only Included Lunch	28

****So that proper childcare can be provided, we cannot accept registration for children after the February 20th deadline.**

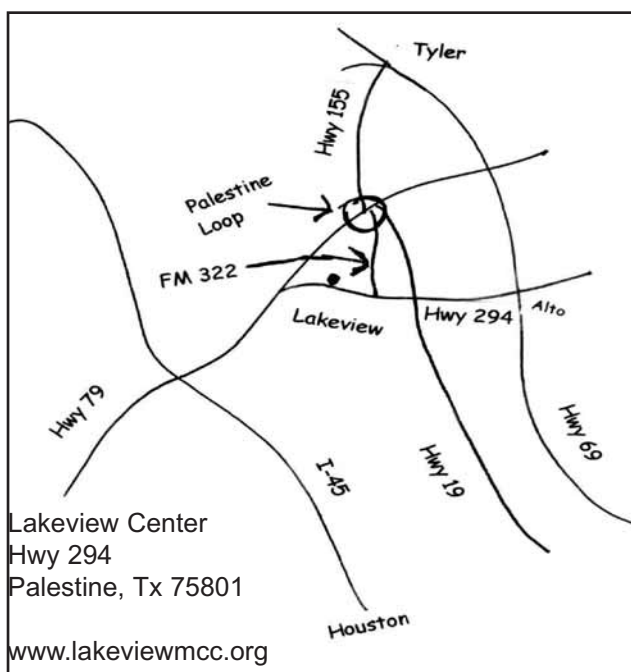
For Overnight First Class Housing, Add \$10 to the price First Class Housing: Family Life Center, Central Building and Pat Thompson

Important REMINDER
\$15 will be charged to late registration fee at event to those not pre-registering.

**Make check payable to: Texas Conference UMW . Mail check and registration form to:
 Debra & Peter Wroblewski, 1059 Birnham Woods, Pasadena, TX 77503,
 Debra's e mail: mstex7@yahoo.com, phone 281-658-5801 Don't forget to select two focus groups.**

Bits of Information

- If you cannot attend after you have registered, try to find someone to take your place and notify the registrar. If you cannot find someone to take your place, you can request a refund in **writing** to the registrar by February 20, 2010 If you wait until you get to Lakeview to register, the cafeteria has a problem preparing extra food. A walk-in \$15 fee will be assessed for those who come without prior registration. **Please register early.**
- Bring comfortable clothing and a toy(s) for your child. If your child is very young, bring diapers and bottles. Please mark all items.
- In order to assure adequate care and to assist us in complying with the Conference Safe Sanctuary policy, children **must** be registered by February 20..



**Texas United Methodist Women's Legislative Event
 Sunday January 24 --
 Tuesday January 26, 2010**

Doubletree Hotel
 303 W 15th St
 Austin, Tx

Annual statewide United Methodist Women's legislative conference hosted by Texas Impact.

www.texasimpact.org
 Online Event registration
 Deadline - January 6, 2010

Registration form available
www.txconfumw.org
 or call Registrar
 Lillie Williams
 210-661-6973

Wanted - Logo Artists for 2010 Schools of Mission

West Gulf Regional Planning team will select one of the submitted logos to be used on program book covers, banners and other displays or power-point presentations. Logos should be submitted by January 31st.

2010 Theme:
 Faith Hope Love in Action

For more information
www.txconfumw.org
 e mail Doris Woodland
doriswoodland@sbcglobal.net
 Child artists are welcome to participate.

ATTENTION!

**District Officers' Training with Conference Counterparts
 January 9, 2010**

Lakeview Conference Center - Ray Williams

**Registration
 9:00am-9:45am**

**Optional District Meetings
 after 2:00pm**