



Southeast District

of the Texas Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

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REMINDERS:

- Our DS, Alicia, wants to join you! Please let the district office know of scheduled church events, such as children or youth events, church anniversaries, or active small group events,
- Got news? Send it to ebunch@txcumc.org.
- Visit our website: southeastdistrict.org. It is now being updated weekly with current information!

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*Happy
New
Year!*

Wishing you a blessed and
prosperous New Year !

The Southeast District Office
Alicia, Timolin, & Erin

Mark Your Calendar

January 7—District Report Day

9:00 am–12:00 pm • Beaumont, Wesley UMC Youth Center

The day churches submit their statistical data and outstanding apportionment payments for the completed year. Typically the membership secretary, financial secretary and/or sometimes the church secretary complete the statistical forms. They will also need information from the pastor and ministry leaders.

January 9—Mandatory Clergy Sexual Ethics Training

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. • Longview, Winterfield UMC

All pastors under appointment must attend "face to face" Sexual Ethics Training every four years. For those who were unable to attend the Fall trainings, two make-up events are scheduled. Cost is \$20. Register at www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/sexual-ethics-trainings-scheduled-january-2016-2900078

January 16—Discussing the Elephant in the Sanctuary

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • The Woodlands

A conversation for church leaders (lay and clergy) ready to strategize new ways to do church. There is little question these are challenging days for the church. Cost is \$10. Register at www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/1840810

January 20—Learning over Lunch Event (LOL)

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Beaumont, Wesley UMC

Dr. Jim Bankston will be presenting 'The Art of Storytelling and Preaching.' Cost is \$25. Reservations required by contacting Joyce Russell at jrussell@tmf-fdn.org or calling 800.933.5502. For more information, please contact: Melvin Amerson, 512-680-6192.

More Dates to Remember

Reminder

To all clergy, be sure to input the **VITAL SIGNS** regularly:

- Worship Attendance
- Professions of Faith
- Hands On Mission



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Prayers

- W.C. Hall (Retired)
- Rev. Michael Liedy's mother
Passed away December 25th
(Beaumont, St. Luke)
- Rev. Amy Walker's nephew
(Nederland, Wesley)
- Rev. Erin Muckleroy's father
(Fannett, Faith)
- Rev. Bob and Lola Fosburgh
(South Liberty UMC)
- Rev. Sharon Sabom's mother
(Mauriceville/Deweyville)

January 23—Mandatory Clergy Sexual Ethics Training

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • Houston, First UMC Westchase Campus
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January 28-29—Texas Annual Conference Clergywomen Retreat

Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston. Watch for more information at www.txcumc.org.

January 31—Leadership Training Event

2:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m. • Beaumont, Wesley
Workshops for church leadership include "Getting to Know Your Neighbors," "A New Leadership Board Model to Mobilize Ministry," and other interesting topics that will surely help us as we seek to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Also workshops on Finance, SPR, Administrative Council/Board, Lay Leader, and Trustees. There is no cost or preregistration for this event.

February 1-2—Ministers Week 2016 at Perkins

Great lineup of speakers—Walter Brueggemann as keynote speaker, Bishop Huie, and Dr. Loida Martell-Odero. Early registration (\$185) ends January 11. Information at www.smu.edu/Perkins/mw.

February 4—Learning over Lunch Event (LOL)

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Houston, West University UMC
Rev. Jim Turley will be presenting 'Sustaining Pastoral Excellence and the Well-Lived Pastoral Life'. Cost is \$25. Reservations required by contacting Joyce Russell at jrussell@tmf-fdn.org or calling 800.933.5502. For more information, please contact: Melvin Amerson, 512-680-6192.

February 15-17—Elders' Retreat at Lakeview

Dr. Jack Levison, the William Joseph Ambrose Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation at Perkins School of Theology will be our featured speaker.

February 27-28—Lay Servant Ministry Training

Saturday, 9 am-4 pm AND Sunday 2-5 pm
Must attend both days to receive credit • Port Arthur, UM Temple
Training to develop leaders and improving leadership skills for use in the local church and beyond. All Laity are encouraged to attend! Courses are Local Lay Servant Basic Course, Leading Worship Advanced, and Discovering Spiritual Gifts Advanced. COST \$30 (includes books and lunch) Registration will open in early January.

March 3-4—Deacons Retreat at Camp Allen

The speaker will be Estrus Tucker who is a facilitator for Courage to Lead which is a part of the Center for Courage and Renewal founded by Parker Palmer. Registration available soon.

Other Dates to Remember:

April 15-17—Clergy Family Retreat at Lakeview

May 10-20—General Conference in Portland, OR

May 29-June 1—Texas Annual Conference at Houston—Hilton Americas