

North West District FEBRUARY 2017 News

DS's SCHEDULE

- 5 Preaching at
Chaires
- 6- Cabinet
- 9 Meeting
- 12 Preaching at
Bethlehem &
Building
Dedication
- 28 Speaking to
Killearn
UMC Older
Adults

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10 Missional
Vital Signs
Due
- 10 Year-End
Stats Due
- 11 Chili Cook-
Off
- 18 Quilt Show
- 20 OFFICE
CLOSED

SAVE THIS DATE
MAY 20, 2017

The NW District is excited
to announce a District-
wide Congregational
Vitality Event on



Saturday, May 20, 9:30
AM - 2:00 PM at First UMC Perry.

There will be amazing worship, liturgical dance
plus these exciting speakers: Humorist and
Motivational Speaker John Riley; Rev. Magrey
DeVega, Pastor at Hyde Park Tampa; and Rev.
Michael Beck, Pastor at Wildwood and Fresh
Expressions. Lunch included.

Watch for more information to come.

DISTRICT CHURCH EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED:

North West District

SAT, FEB 11

First UMC Chiefland is hosting their 3rd Annual
Chili Cook-Off starting at 4:00 PM. Free. For
more information call 352/493-4627

SAT, FEB. 18

United Methodist Co-Op of Madison County
Pine Tree Craft & Quilters Annual Quilt Show
9:00 AM - Noon

For more information call 850/253-2133

DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

NOTICE TO ALL CLERGY:

North West District

TUES, MARCH 21

Please plan to attend a clergy meeting from 10 AM to 2 PM, location TBA (in Tallahassee). Full-time clergy are required to attend. Part-time clergy are strongly encouraged. More information coming.

TIME FOR YEAR-END STATISTICS (Collective Groan!)

Year-end statistics reporting began Jan. 3. Please visit the [Year-End Statistics Instructions](#)

website as you begin preparations for reporting your church's end of year statistics. The DEADLINE for submitting is Feb. 10.



The information you share gives the GCFA and the Conference an opportunity to see how the churches have prospered in the last year.

Reminder: This is the Ezra reports. Churches use their GCFA # for the user name and methodist (all lower case) for the password.

As always, we are here to help you through this, if needed.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF CLERGY

PLEASE NOTE:

The due date for completing Clergy Assessments is now May 30. They can be done any time between January and May.



[Click here for more information.](#)

HOW TO ATTRACT YOUNG ADULTS

As I have traveled around the North West District these past 6 months I am asked many questions. One is prevalent! "How can we attract more young adults to our church?"



To address this important issue my colleague, Rev. Nita Crump, who serves as Superintendent of the South West District in South Georgia has an event planned **May 4 - 6** at a beautiful retreat center on Lake Blackshear near Cordele, Georgia. The retreat ends on Saturday at noon and I will host lunch for all participants that day. The retreat is structured to meet the needs of small, medium, and large churches. I am registered for this retreat and would strongly recommend it to the churches of our district. Both clergy and laity are encouraged to attend. It will be a refreshing weekend at a beautiful retreat center. Limited partial scholarship will be available through the District Office. Plan now to strengthen your understanding of how your church can open wide the doors to this important group of people. Let's learn together.

Millenials - Opening Our Doors

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