

North West District JANUARY 2017 News

DS's SCHEDULE

- 13- Candidates
- 15 for Ministry
Retreat
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JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10 2016
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ments Due
- 10 Missional
Vital Signs
Due
- 16 Martin
Luther King
Holiday
- 21 Pheasant
Shoot
- 31 Profiles Due

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.

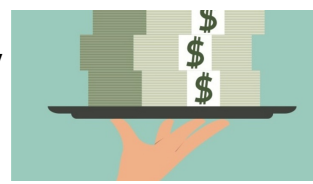
Millenials - Opening Our Doors

[-http://www.swdistrictumc.org/](http://www.swdistrictumc.org/)

Rev. Durwood O. Foshee III,
North West District Superintendent
The Florida United Methodist Church

2016 APPORTIONMENTS REMINDER

Apportionment payments for 2016 MUST BE PAID by JAN 10. This is not a "postmarked by" date - it is the last day monies can be received to be included in 2016 apportionment receipts. Any payment received after that date will be applied to 2017 apportionments.



TIME FOR YEAR-END STATISTICS (Collective Groan!)

Year-end statistics reporting begins 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.

CHURCH AND PASTOR PROFILE REPORTS

Church and Pastor Profiles should be reviewed and updated annually by all church SPR Committees and all clergy in the Florida Conference.



Pastors having January/February consultations

with their District Superintendent should ensure that their church and pastor profiles are completed one week prior to their scheduled consultation. All other clergy should review and update these forms annually and no later than Jan. 31, 2017.

Though you may not anticipate a move, it is important that both the Pastor Profile and Church Profile be current and up to date at the appointment-making session of the Cabinet. The reports should be an honest reflection of the pastoral ministry and the profile of the church.

All Profiles must be updated online annually and no later than Jan. 31.

[Click here for the Church and Pastor Profiles start page.](#)

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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.](#)

FUND RAISER FOR WISDOM'S WELLSPRING

Pheasant Shoot: Hosted
by Mr. Lyle Floyd at
Dogwood Shooting Preserve, 376 Gainey Road,



Cairo, GA on Saturday, January 21 beginning at noon.

The shoot will be laid out in an open field surrounded by pasture, pines, hardwood and a lack. There will be fifteen stations surrounding a release center in a way that offers safety for all hunters, guests, dogs and staff. Each station accommodates two shooters. The contribution to participate is \$375 per shooter.

Wisdom's Wellspring will provide a chili and Brunswick Stew luncheon before the shoot. Questions? Contact Alyce Parmer at 850/294-6932 or contact@wisdomswellspring.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following jobs are open at Madison Youth Ranch:



- Child and Family Therapist
- Houseparent Couples (2 sets)

For more information, please contact Ruth Moore, 386/801-5598 or ruth.moore@fumch.org

GIVE-AWAYS

Centenary UMC, Quincy, has a fax machine and a 17" Dell computer monitor up for grabs.



For more information, please contact Kay Roach, 850/627-9226 ext. 1