



Atlantic Central District



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Facebook is in trouble because they shared private information. Facebook is also a way people connect in our modern world. My sense is that people want to connect but also want to protect themselves.



We will be having people in church on Easter who want to connect and also keep private their needs like: being loved, forgiven, being accepted for how God created them, and being in community with a face that is not on a screen.

May we pray for the Spirit to draw those who need love and mercy to Jesus and use us to be His witnesses. May we, as we welcome visitors, see their need for Jesus and allow the Spirit to use us to share the Good News with them.

Let us remember Wesley's first means of Grace – Prevenient. God goes before us and before all those coming to worship this Easter, drawing them to Jesus.

Let me close with a Prevenient Resurrection story:

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him." Luke 24:13-16

May the Spirit use us to open their eyes to Jesus,

Gary

The District is still looking for more District at Large Lay Members to Annual Conference. If you have reported some names to me already - they are on the list! Please contact those who you think would like to be District at Large Lay Members and if they agree, please send their name and email to me. Pastors, if your spouse is

attending, maybe they would agree to be District Lay Members to Annual Conference. If that is possible, please let me know. Thank you.

Patti

Remembering Who We Were





Annual Conference Members,

The 2018 pre-conference brochure is now available online. [Click here](#) to access it.

It includes information regarding hotels and Florida Southern College housing, the 5th Annual 5K run/walk, volunteering, childcare, the current schedule/agenda, special speakers, youth housing, group meals and Bishop Carter's offering. Check the [webpage](#) often for updates.



ARE THERE YOUNG ADULTS IN YOUR CHURCH WHO WANT TO EXPLORE PASTORAL MINISTRY?

If so, please give them the attached application for the 2018 Summer Pastoral Ministry Internship Program and encourage them to apply!

DO YOU SERVE A CHURCH COMMITTED TO SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PASTORAL LEADERS?

If so, please sponsor a Summer Pastoral Intern for 2018!

Here are the quick facts for hosting an Intern. Attached is a more detailed program description.

Internship Dates: Monday, May 28, 2018 through Friday, August 3, 2018

Intern Training Day: Friday, May 25, 2018 (Students and Supervising Pastors)

Intern Reflection Day: Monday, August 6, 2018 (Students Only)

Hours: 30 hours/week as scheduled with Supervising Pastor

Housing: Provided in congregant's home, if needed

Stipend: \$3,500 (\$1,500 by host site; \$1,500 by Office of Clergy Excellence, plus an additional \$500 from the Office of Clergy Excellence IF the Intern attends both the Orientation and Reflection Days)

If interested, please email or mail an Intern Job Description for your church. Please feel free to contact the Office of Clergy Excellence if you have any questions about the program.

Holly Finley at hfinley@flumc.org

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Thank you!

Love In Christ,

Sara

[SummerInternProgramDescription2018](#)

[SummerInternshipAPP2018](#)



Dear friends,

The Florida United Methodist Foundation is now seeking applications and nominations for the Alice W. Lockmiller Christian education grants and awards, which honor excellence in Christian education for children and youth in pre-kindergarten to 12th grade within the Florida Conference.

Each year, the Alice W. Lockmiller Charitable Trust provides funds for two needs-based grants of \$2,500 each to support Florida United Methodist Christian education programs. One grant is awarded to an existing program that has been successful in nurturing children and youth in their spiritual development. A second grant is awarded to a new program that is offering Christian education in new or contemporary ways. Grant funds are intended to support further program development, and eligible programs include Sunday school classes, weekday study groups (not to include preschool or day care programs) and summer or after-school programs with Christian education as their primary emphasis.

The trust also provides a \$250 award recognizing an outstanding Christian educator. This teacher award is granted through a nominations process, and the funds are awarded to the teacher for use at his or her discretion.

Nominations and grant applications are due April 30. A committee will review the submissions and choose the recipients.

[Those who wish to nominate a teacher or apply for a program grant may complete a](#)

[nomination form or application online at https://www.fumf.org/ministry-grants/lockmiller-childrens-grants/](https://www.fumf.org/ministry-grants/lockmiller-childrens-grants/) under “Christian Education Awards.” A PDF of the nomination form and program application are also posted there.

Alice Lockmiller was a lifelong United Methodist and philanthropist whose charitable giving has funded many United Methodist ministries. Among her giving priorities, she wished to support ministries that focus on nurturing parents and their children and increase the participation of children in the life of the church. Lockmiller valued the role Christian education played in her own life and hoped to recognize those who impart Christian values to future generations of United Methodists. The foundation administers the trust she established to achieve those goals.

Below are several articles about the Christian education awards and the impact recognized programs and teachers have had on the spiritual development of students (*please note the award amounts have changed since the publication dates of these articles*).

- [Churches receive annual award for focus on students](#)
- [Veteran teacher leaves mark on generations of students](#)
- [Annual Christian education awards affirm teachers, ministries](#)
- [Kids choose church on Wednesdays](#)

[Additional information is available by contacting Tita Parham, the foundation’s director of communications and public relations, at \[tparham@fumf.org\]\(mailto:tparham@fumf.org\) or 863-904-2970, ext. 7106.](#)

Thank you so much for your help in helping identify worthy recipients of this gift.



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A Message from the Children's Home

At the beginning of the new year, one of the young men living here at the Children's Home decided that, as he approached his eighteenth birthday, he wanted to begin his independent

life as a baptized Christian. After a time of prayer, consultation, and coordination, he was baptized during a special service at the Enterprise Campus. The service followed a United Methodist baptismal liturgy, along with worship songs picked by the young man to reflect his relationship with God. Our Chapel was full of supporters for the baptism, ranging from staff, Board of Trustee members, and other youth here at the Children's Home. One of the Board members, Rev. Bob Laidlaw, surprised the young man with some water that was taken from the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized. The baptism was conducted by Rev. Madeline Luzinski and Rev. Ryan Frack.

Children in foster care have often had some difficulty reconciling a God who loves them with the abuse and trauma they have experienced in their own lives. Unfortunately, some of the children in our care have also experienced spiritual trauma, thus leading to a negative perception of God. Through the work of the Spiritual Life department, the children learn about a God who is bigger than what they have gone through. Baptism at the Children's Home is a special honor, as most children are only with us for a temporary amount of time. Among their newfound community, they have found a spiritual home here, and baptism allows them the opportunity to proclaim their faith among others who will pray for and encourage them.

What's New at Lake Junaluska

There have been many changes at Lake Junaluska for youth. You are invited to check out the pictures in this attachment, along with seeing what is being offered for our children and youth this summer.

<http://bit.ly/ljyouthphotos>



Run 4 Life 4 Miler - FUMCH
When
Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7:00 AM

Where

Florida United Methodist Children's Home
51 Main St
Enterprise, FL 32725

[View map →](#)

Add to my calendar

[Google](#), [iCalendar/Outlook](#), [Outlook Online](#), [Yahoo](#)

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About

The Run 4 Life 4 Miler begins and ends on the campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in historic Enterprise. The 4 mile course is on magnificent oak canopy roads along the shore of Lake Monroe. It is one of the most uniquely beautiful areas and race courses in Central Florida.

The goal of this race is to bring awareness to mental health/depression issues and to raise funds for programs providing support to those in need. It is also in remembrance of those who were overwhelmed by their struggles and felt suicide was their only option. All race proceeds will go to FUMCH and other local suicide prevention programs.

Whether you will run or walk, we hope that you will join us at FUMCH. This year we have created team "**The Florida Conference of the UMC**". We are one conference, let us come together as the UMC and help prevent suicide.

[Click HERE](#) for details and to register. We hope to see you there!

[Link to Additional Information →](#)



**Scholarships available for School of Congregational Development Conference
August 15-18 in San Diego**

To apply for a scholarships, go to www.scdumc.org Click on **SCHOLARSHIPS**
*Global Ministries Small Church Scholarship, Racial Ethnic Scholarship, Racial Ethnic
Seminarian Scholarship*

For more information:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/school-of-congregational-development>

Lay Servant Classes

Friday, April 6, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Riverview UMC - 2253 John Anderson Drive, Ormond Beach
(386) 441-1622

- Cost: \$25 per course,
- Snacks & Drinks Provided: **Please bring a bag lunch for Saturday.**

**Contact Mary Lou Rothfuss by email: mrothfuss@att.net
or at 772-321-3397 for registration forms (please return by March 31st)
Scholarships are available.**

Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course
Taught by: Karen Turner - Covenant UMC
Be sure to purchase the Participants Guide

**Advanced Class: Lay Pastoral Care Giving
by Tim Farabaugh**

Taught by: Pastor Joseph Kim - Riverview UMC

Be sure to purchase the participants guide. Now on sale at Cokesbury for \$12.89.

**Participants Guides for all classes available at Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com
or The Upper Room.com**

Questions or Concerns please call:

Mary Lou Rothfuss - 772-321-3397



a worship leader retreat



#thewell2018

Sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Fellowship of
United Methodists in Music & Worship Arts

REFRESH  RESTORE  REMEMBER

a 24 hour retreat for leaders in worship ministry

RETREAT PRICING

Early Bird Discount: February - March 31st \$150

General Registration: April - May 31st \$200

Registration **INCLUDES** one night and 4 meals.

Scholarships are available to Florida Annual Conference
church worship leaders who wish to attend The Well.

TO REGISTER

WWW.FLORIDAFUMMWA.ORG/THE-WELL



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[Click here](#) to register.

Donate [here](#) to the Florida Conference Hurricane Irma Fund to help churches and the neighborhoods that surround them. [Volunteer](#) to bring yourself or a team to help with the recovery. Together, with God, we are bigger! [#flumcWeAreBigger](#)

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Calendar 2018

April

6-7 Lay Servant Classes at Riverview UMC
11th - Leadership Council 10:00 a.m. at First UMC, Vero Beach

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