

North West District APRIL 2017 News

DS's APRIL SCHEDULE

- 5-6 Meetings in Lakeland
- 9 Preaching at Palm Coast
- 14 Preaching at Good Friday Tallahassee Community Service
- 24- Cabinet Meeting
- 25 Meeting
- 26 DCOM Meeting
- 27 Congreg. Vitality Meeting and District Leadership Meeting

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10 Missional Vital Signs Due
- 16 EASTER
- 19 Advanced Directives Workshop
- 22 Pancake Breakfast
- 25 Hospice Workshop

LAY SERVANT UPDATE

Join with us in celebrating 27 lay people completing this past weekend's *Spring Lay Servant Training* held at Good Samaritan UMC.



A big thank you to Jim Catron, Joyce Estes, and Brian Brightly for leading and organizing this training.

FREE WORKSHOPS OFFERED AT KILLEARN UMC

Who will make crucial medical decisions for you some day? How do you ensure that what you have goes to those you love? What happens to your savings if your health care needs necessitate facility care?



Get all of these answers and more at three workshops offered at Killearn UMC.

April 19 - Advanced Directives

April 26 - Estate Planning

May 3 - Health Care Cost Planning

These workshops are provided by Jana McConaughay and Lauchlin Waldoch. Both attorneys are Florida Bar certified and highly credentialed in Elder Law.

Each workshop will begin at 7:00 PM and end by 8:30.

26 Estate Planning
Workshop

30 ANNOUNCE-
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SUNDAY

To register, visit KillearnUMC.org or call Jerry Smith at 893-1116.

FREE WORKSHOP OFFERED AT SAINT PAUL'S UMC

Big Bend Hospice with the Alzheimer's Project present "*Clergy & Congregational Leaders Retreat 2017*"
Tuesday, **April 25**, 8:30 - 1:00.



Faith communities have the language, the skill-set, and the structure in place for positively impacting those with dementia and those who care for them.

What to expect: Learn about dementia and how to best interact with persons at various stages of the disease, gain an understanding from people who are living with it about their spiritual needs and how to create a sense of meaning/belonging, and receive helpful resources for you as a clergy person or congregational leader.

This workshop includes breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, contact Candace McKibben at 850/671-6029 or candace@bigbendhospice.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT GRAY MEMORIAL UMC

Pancake Breakfast to benefit Imagine No Malaria



The United Methodist Men of Gray Memorial UMC will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast featuring pancakes, bacon, oatmeal and more to raise funds for Imagine No Malaria on Saturday, **April 22nd** 9am-11am, 2201 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee FL 32303.

Call (850) 385-6441 for more information and to get tickets. Tickets are \$5 individual meal and \$10 all you can eat (individual). Tickets can be purchased at the church by a UMM member or by contacting the church office, leave a message to reserve # of tickets, name and phone number (pay at door).

SAVE THIS DATE - CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY DAY - 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.

[Click here](#) to register or contact the office.

HOW TO ATTRACT YOUNG ADULTS

As I have traveled around the North Best District these past 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

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT AT-LARGE DELEGATES

We are busily preparing for this year's Annual Conference to be held **June 8-10** at Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando (same location as last year).



This year the North West District can take 53 lay delegates, in addition to the lay delegate from each church. To date, we have about 1/2 of that number so if any one would like to attend the Conference with voting privileges, please contact our office immediately. We will seek your pastor's approval and gladly add you to the list. The only requirement is to have some knowledge of the United Methodist Church and its proceedings, and a desire to help move it forward in the best way possible.