

# North West District APRIL 2018 News

## DS's APRIL SCHEDULE

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Due
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- 11 Clergy  
Meeting  
Lake City
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## SPRING DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

Our Spring Clergy meetings will take place on April 10 (Deer Lake UMC Tallahassee) and April 11 (Wesley Memorial Lake City)



from 9:30am - 11:30am. You need to attend 1 only.

I have invited my good friend Alan Wildes, VP at Generis to come and spend some time with us talking about finances, fund raising, and new ways of looking at financial metrics as a leader. I have utilized Alan and the work of Generis on several occasions over the past 20 plus years. I value Alan's friendship, his counsel, and the knowledge he has shared with me and local faith communities I have served. Generis has developed a really useful tool for local churches that may be of interest to you and your leadership. He will share about that during our time together. Read more about Alan and the work of Generis at [genesis.com](http://genesis.com) and [AlanWildes.com](http://AlanWildes.com) You will find something Alan talked about that would be useful in your work. Lunch will be on your own (except for LP's and DCOM folks.)

Local Pastors will remain afterwards for lunch and interviews for their yearly evaluations.

## SPRING LAY SERVANT TRAINING

There will be training for the Lay Servant ministry on April 13-14, 2018 at John Wesley UMC, Tallahassee. The Basic class will be led by Chandra Snell and the Advanced class (Living Our Beliefs) will be led by Rod Groom.



Friday, April 13: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 14: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost is \$35 which includes book and food.

Use this link to register:

<https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/NWDISTRICTLAYSERVANTTRAINING-SPRING2018>

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Clothes Closet located at Calvary United Methodist Church, 218 Ausley Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, 576-3124, is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and all the proceeds will go to repay the loan for the storage shed purchased for the Closet.



**WHAT:** Spaghetti Dinner, all you can eat

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall at Calvary UMC

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 21, 2018

**COST:** (Adults) \$8.00 for the dinner, which includes drink and dessert  
(Children under 6) \$4.00 for dinner, which includes drink and dessert

If you have already purchased a ticket, just present it at the door and you will receive either a dine-in plate or, if you choose, Carry Out will be available.

No ticket? No problem! Tickets will be available at the door of the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please come and bring your friends.

## YOUTH RANCH CELEBRATION

Dedication Day at the Ranch 2018

During this year, we have seen the construction of both the Chapel and the Counseling and Support Services Center



(CSSC) on the campus of the Madison Youth Ranch. Both of these have been the result of years of prayers and support. On **May 5, 2018**, the Ranch will be hosting Dedication Day at the Ranch to celebrate the official opening of these two new buildings.

The schedule of the day is as follows:

10:30 am - Gates will open, with campus tours commencing.

11:30 am - Program to dedicate the Chapel and CSSC.

12:00 pm - Picnic lunch on campus.

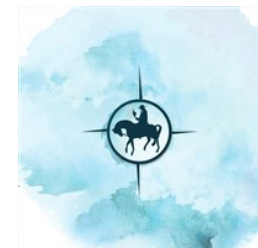
Tours resume after lunch.

The CSSC will provide space for the therapists to provide treatment for the children, as well as meeting & training space for staff. It will serve as the administrative hub of the Madison campus. The Center even includes a storm shelter for the children in case of inclement weather. The Chapel has a multipurpose worship space, allowing for varied worship experiences for the campus. It has an A/V system that will allow for the use of various multimedia resources. Additionally, the stained glass windows in the Chapel tell the story of the Christian faith, inviting the children to see themselves as a part of it.

We hope you will plan to be at this historic day as we celebrate these dreams becoming a reality. **In order to accommodate our visitors, we ask that you please RSVP by Friday, April 20, 2018.** To RSVP, you may visit [www.fumch.org/RSVP](http://www.fumch.org/RSVP), or call 386.668.5088.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

This year's Annual Conference will be **June 7-9, 2018** at Florida Southern College,  
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.,  
Lakeland, FL 33801.



Please visit the [flumc.org](http://flumc.org) website, then choose AC 2018 for all of the latest information including hotels with group rates.

As in previous years, our district is allotted 66 slots

for **District Lay Delegates** to attend the conference in addition to each church sending a representative.

We are still in need of people who would like to attend the conference, at your own expense, and serve as **District Lay Delegates** with voting privileges. If interested, please contact Peggy Fox in the District office by phone at 850/386-2154 or by email at [flumc-nw@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-nw@flumc.org).

**For church delegates**

We have the names that were submitted with your Charge Conference forms. **If there have been changes to who your church delegate is since the fall Charge Conferences, please let Peggy know immediately.**