

# North West District JULY 2017 News

## DS's JULY SCHEDULE

1- Vacation  
16

25 Great  
Beginings in  
Live Oak/  
Lake City

## JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

4 HOLIDAY

10 Missional  
Vital Signs  
Due

## EXPANSION OF NW DISTRICT

As some of you know,  
this year's Annual  
Conference of the

**North West District**

United Methodist Church voted to eliminate the South Central district as of July 1, 2017 and the churches in that district were assigned to other districts in their area.

The North West district is pleased to welcome the following churches and clergy from the Alachua area:

- First UMC Alachua: Jerry Carris (FE)
- Mt. Nebo UMC: William George (PL)
- Spring Hill UMC: James Richardson (PL)
- Worthington Springs UMC: Ron Wise (SY)

## YOU ARE INVITED...

"Salute to the Troops" with  
Guest Speaker John Riley  
(you may remember he  
spoke at our Congregational  
Vitality Day in May).

**Saturday, Sept. 9 - 7:00  
PM**

Calvary UMC, Tallahassee  
218 Ausley Road



Please bring items for care packages to be sent to the troops overseas (non-perishable snack items such as canned food, chips, popcorn or hard candy).

## URGENT NEED FOR CAMP BUDDIES

How would you like to make a difference in the life of a special individual?



Camp Pioneer is a camp for mentally challenged individuals which is held yearly at the Florida Conference Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. Currently there are a number of campers on a waiting list because there aren't enough "buddies" for them.

Buddies are volunteers who are assigned one or two of the special mentally challenged campers. The buddy's job is to be with their camper(s) and help them have a wonderful week experience. No prior experience is necessary and you will not be alone. All activities are done in groups.

Requirements are a willing spirit, a loving heart and a commitment to be with your camper(s) during this meaningful week. The only cost for buddies is the cost of getting to and from the Camp.

Buddies orientation begins Sunday, July 16 at 6:00 PM. Campers arrive Monday at 1:00 PM and camp ends Saturday, July 22.

For more information, please contact John Hicks at [jandkhicks@aol.com](mailto:jandkhicks@aol.com).

MISSIONAL VITAL SIGNS (MVS)  
(A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR  
CONGREGATION)

Just a reminder to send in your monthly Mission Vital Signs Data Gathering Report by the 10th of each month. You can access this report, at the bottom of The Conference website ([flumc.org](http://flumc.org)) in the slender white boxes titled "Forms" and click on **Missional Vital Signs**. If you have any questions, please call Vicki McLuckie at (850) 386-2154.



## MISSIONARIES ARE COMING

Delbert and Sandy Groves, missionaries in Zambia, will be visiting the Florida Conference Jan. 13-Feb. 28, 2018.

They are excited about coming to share the stories of what God has been doing in Zambia for the last four years.

To assure that your church is included in their visiting schedule, contact Katherine Lain at [kla in@flumc.org](mailto:klain@flumc.org) or 800-282-8011 extension 146.

