

North West District MAY 2017 News

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY DAY - MAY 20, 2017

The NW District Office is excited to announce a *District-wide Congregational Vitality Event* on Saturday, **May 20**, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM at First UMC Perry.



This event is for laity as well as clergy.

We will come together for *amazing worship, liturgical dance* plus these *exciting speakers*:

Humorist and Motivational Speaker John Riley will open and close the worship time.



Rev. Magrey DeVega, Pastor at Hyde Park Tampa, will share about discipleship in our faith communities.

Rev. Michael Beck, Pastor at Wildwood, will bring information from Fresh Expressions (an initiative of the Florida Conference) on new ways to do church.



AND, a delicious lunch will be provided.

[Click here](#) to register or contact the District office at 850/386-2154.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

It is that bittersweet time of year again - Pastor appointments for 2017-2018 have been announced.



Join us in wishing well to the following pastors who are leaving our district:

Drew Standridge
Tony Rennett
Glenda Brayman
Pam McMillan

Happy Retirement to:

John Hay
Rudy Watson
Jim Cain
Bill Peeler

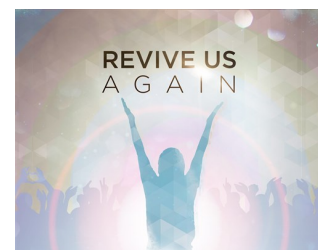
New Appointments:

Alex Christian - First Chiefland
Ken Myers - First Live Oak
MaryAnn Piccioni - Waukeelah/Mt. Lebanon
John Kerry - Pine Grove
Ben Richards - Bethel Lake City
Matt Kern - New Associate at Saint Paul's
Dusty Bailey - Tustenuggee
John Pearce - Woodville
Wes Stant - Sycamore (Two Point Charge with Forest Hills)
Kevin Hall - Wesley Memorial

For a complete list of Conference-wide appointments, visit flumc.org.

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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).



CLERGY - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN YOUR REGISTRATION LOCATION.

Clergy are to register at St. Luke's UMC on Thursday, June 8 beginning at 8:30 AM prior to the first clergy session at 10:00 AM. After that, you can register from noon on at the Conference Center Registration Booth.

This year our District will have a PRE-CONFERENCE meeting on **May 20, 2:30, First UMC Perry** to go over 5 Constitutional Amendments from the General Conference 2016 as well as 9 Resolutions to Annual Conference.

It will be very beneficial for those attending Annual Conference to have this information prior to the June Conference.

HELP NEEDED AT WEST SIDE MISSION

West Side Mission at Calvary United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, is in need of the following for their clothes closet:



Men's tube socks
Men's Underwear
Men's Jeans/Khakis
Men's Tee Shirts
Men's Tennis Shoes

Your support is greatly appreciated. The clothes closet is open every Monday and 2nd Saturday from 8:30 AM until Noon.

Questions? Call Hagar Mickens at 850/363-9076.

KILLEARN UMC I-SERVE SWEET DREAMS PROGRAM

The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program advocates for the best interest of children who have been victims of abuse or neglect. It identifies and attempts to meet the needs of the children and families it serves. One frequent need is beds.



The program's goal is to assist caregivers who take in children who have been removed from their parents and placed with relatives. This could mean helping grandparents get twin beds for their grandchildren. By doing this, the program works to make stronger families and a stronger community. In addition, the program assists youth aging out of the system to live independently. With this program it will ensure they will have a good start on their own.

The program is supported by the Killearn United Methodist Church through the efforts and financial support of its members. We are truly blessed to be able to purchase new beds and bedding that is donated by the church members to families in need and to assist families that have given of themselves to care for these children.

The program is averaging 8 beds per month and has delivered over 150 beds since commencing the ministry on Valentine's Day 2015.

Bed Delivery Requests Process

Bed Need requests are submitted by GAL with identified needy families. iServe contacts The Living Harvest Thrift Shop (TLH) for purchase of the necessary bed components and makes arrangements for delivery of the bed to the family's home. A Sweet Dreams Delivery request is issued to the iServe team volunteers. On the day of delivery, iServe volunteers will pick up the bed at TLH and deliver to the family.

Our secondary supplier is the Mattress Firm.

How can you participate?

Volunteers are needed to pick up and deliver beds and bedding. Twin size beds are atypical. Donations of funds and bedding - pillows, sheets and blankets are always needed.

If you would like more information on GAL -
please visit their website at: <https://gal2.org/>
Should you have any questions or need additional
information, please contact the church office at
Killearn United Methodist at 850-893-1116.