

North West District NOVEMBER 2017 News

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Meeting
Tallahassee

DURWOOD'S NOTE

November 2017

"For all the saints,
who from their labor
rest, who thee by
faith before the
world confessed, thy
name O Jesus, be
forever blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!"

These words, from
William How, remind us of the rich heritage that
is ours through faith in Jesus Christ!



I am reminded of these words in a powerful way today as I think about the upcoming celebration of All Saints Day! God has touched each of our lives in mighty ways. God has gifted us in particular ways and called us into service and ministry for God's Kingdom.

During this past year we have witnessed and celebrated the lives of many Saints in our midst. Many of those who have gone on to their eternal home have made countless contributions to God's Kingdom in the communities you serve and in the places you worship.

As you prepare to celebrate and remember let us each give thanks for the Saints who have gone before us!

I love serving as your superintendent,
Durwood

FRESH EXPRESSIONS
NORTH WEST DISTRICT

17 Ellzey Fall
Festival

19 FAMU
Wesley

28 SPRC
Training
Tallahassee

We keep hearing the phrase "Fresh Expressions" so we want to begin sharing with you some Fresh



Expressions going on right here in our District. Last month we spotlighted Acoustic Jam in Alachua County.

This month we are spotlighting the Art Van in Tallahassee (Good Samaritan UMC).

The idea is to feed minds with creativity. With the help of the aRt-V, a mobile arts studio, we believe we can achieve just that!

A recreational vehicle was donated for this vision. Inside, there are folding tables, instruments, puppets, and art supplies. One side of the aRt-V will have a window transformed into a puppet theatre that will put on shows for the kids. The goal is to arrive in various neighborhoods, cross county lines, and bring the arts back into communities. The aRt-V will not only provide arts instruction and puppet performances, but it will also have instruments to engage children in drum circles. Once the aRt-V is complete in maintenance and design, we will take it out for 3 hours per week. In addition to this, we will park the aRt-V at festivals. This will allow children to be engaged at these events in a constructive manner that will feed their creativity.

We expect to participate in one event every other month, at the beginning, with room to increase the number of events we attend. This is a limitless opportunity to bring the arts back into the home. As an extension of the Stacey Webb Arts Foundation and Good Sam Arts, uniting art and soul while serving every variation of children and families.

The aRt-V also travels to Calvary UMC to serve as a prayer ministry to the homeless.

How are you reaching out beyond the church walls?

Pisgah UMC invites you to their Fall Fest on Saturday, **November 4** from 10:00-Noon.



Activities include a petting zoo, face painting, balloon artist and a bounce house. Guided tours including the history of the sanctuary and cemetery will be conducted as well. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available.

For more information, call Rodney West at 850/508-9462.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to First UMC, Jasper for their 190th Anniversary on Sunday **November 5**.



If you plan to attend, please RSVP to: fumcjasper@windstream.net

CHICKEN PILAU DINNER

Chaires UMC is pleased to announce the date of their annual Chicken Pilau dinner: **Thursday, November 9** from 4-7 PM.



Live entertainment and delicious traditional Chicken Pilau cooked in cast iron pots over wood fires and served with coleslaw, pole beans, saltines, desserts and a beverage for only \$10 per plate (children 5 and under free).

Chaires UMC, 9243 Parkhill Road, Tallahassee. For more info, visit www.chairesumc.org or call 850/219-9361.

NW DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

All clergy in the NW District
will meet together on

Thursday, November 16,

11 AM - 3 PM at Saint Paul's UMC in Tallahassee.



Alex Shanks, Assistant to Bishop Carter, leads in a conversation on "The Way Forward".

The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

Clergy, if you have not sent your RSVP yet, please do so ASAP.

ELLZEY FALL FESTIVAL

You are invited to Ellzey
UMC for their Fall Festival on
Friday **November 17.**



Join the fun from 6-9 PM
with live music, hot dogs and burgers, children's
crafts and s'mores.

Ellzey UMC, 1450 SW County Road 336, Otter
Creek, Florida.

CELEBRATING FAMU WESLEY

Please join us Sunday,
November 19, 4 PM, at
Trinity UMC Tallahassee as
we celebrate FAMU Wesley.



"An Evening with IMPACT" is an opportunity for our community friends to get to know the FAMU Wesley Foundation. The students will share their gifts and talents with us while also sharing testimonies and stories of the IMPACT that campus ministry has had on their college journey.

SPRC TRAINING

The District Superintendent will lead an SPRC Training on **Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 PM** at Tallahassee Heights UMC and also on **December 12** at Wesley Memorial in Lake City.



All churches are asked to have the SPRC Committees, or at least the Chair of your Committee, in attendance. Very important information will be shared.

DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCES

We only have a few more to go!

A few reminders:



- Paperwork should be in the District office one week prior to date of Conference.
- Forms can be found at <http://www.flumc.org/chargeconferenceinstructions>

Here is the schedule of the remaining conferences.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Host Church: White Springs - 7:00 PM
White Springs, Jasper, Jennings, Wellborn,
New Hope, Trinity Lake City

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

Trinity Tallahassee - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Host Church: First UMC Madison - 7:00 PM
First Madison, Cherry Lake, Greenville, Lee,
Hanson, Rocky Springs, Pinetta, Hickory Grove,
Pine Grove, New Harmony

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

Wakulla - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Forest Hills - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

Apalachicola - 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

Host Church: First UMC Lake City - 2:00 PM
Bethel LC, First LC, Pleasant Grove, New Mt.
Zion, Siloam, Wesley Memorial, First Live Oak,
Tustenuggee

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

Host Church: First UMC Perry - 5:00 PM
First Perry, Shady Grove Circuit, Mayo

If you have any questions, please call us at
850/386-2154.

**PLAN NOW!
EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH
BISHOP CARTER SLATED FOR APRIL
2018**

Led by Bishop Carter, travelers will visit Venice, Assisi, Siena, Florence and Rome while studying the Gospel of Mark and the legacy of Peter during April 3-12, 2018.



From Bishop Carter: *"We will learn more about the gospel of Mark in Venice and the legacy of Peter; we will read the dialogues of Catherine of Sienna and the meditations of Dante; and we will reflect on the renewing vision given to Francis of Assisi," and more.*

For more information, a brochure with a detailed itinerary and online registration, [click here](#).