



North East District

Dear Colleagues in the Mission of Jesus Christ:

Bishop Ken Carter and the Rev. Mrs. Pam Carter

Visit the North East District March 17 & 18, 2013



The Carters will be with us Sunday the 17th and Monday the 18th of March. Here is a list of currently scheduled events:

Sunday, March 17th

Morning 8:45 and 10:45 am worship at Beach UMC located at 325 7th Avenue N; Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; Church phone number 904-249-2343

Bishop Carter will preach at both worship services at Beach UMC. All are welcome to come and worship.

Afternoon 4:00 pm District-wide Laity Rally and reception at Riverside Park UMC located at 819 Park Street; Jacksonville, FL 32204; Church phone number 904-355-5491

All members and friends of the churches of the North East District are invited to attend this rally. Bishop Carter will speak to us, and you have the opportunity to personally greet the Carters and welcome them to our district. The music ministry of Riverside Park UMC, and the United Brothers in Christ (Men's Chorus), will lead us in worship.

Monday, March 18th

Pastors' Meeting at First UMC, Starke located at 200 N Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091
Church phone number 904-964-6864

9:00 am Gathering and Fellowship

10:00 am Worship and a time of sharing by the Bishop

12:00 pm Catered lunch in the church's fellowship hall

Pastor's spouses are invited to attend.

Yours in faith and hope and love,

Tim





Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Herbert, Exec. Director-VP

Where do the New Church Start pastors come from?
 What's our process for beginning and growing a new church or mission?
 Is there a difference between a *"New Church Start"* and a *"Mission"*?

As we begin a new year, I think it's a good idea to review how our Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church works when it comes to identifying a pastor to begin a new church, and, what's the process we use to bring it about.

Pastor selection is a complex 30-step process. Simply described, it begins with the District Superintendent, seminary, or other reliable resource recommending a pastor candidate accompanied by six other references for the candidate. Then follows a series of spiritual, personality, and, psychological tests as well as background checks. These are followed by several required readings and professional writings. Next come a series of in-person interviews with various individuals and groups within our Conference and the New Church Development team, including the Board of Ordained Ministry. Accompanying these interviews are videos of the candidate preaching recent sermons. If all of these continue to affirm the candidate as a called church starter, s/he is then invited to our New Church Start Boot Camp. At this point, the candidate is ready to enter into the appointment process.

A *"New Church Start"* is a congregation that is expected to grow into several hundred members and become self-sufficient. A *"Mission"* is a group of approximately twenty-five who will not be able to become self-sufficient: these are typically ethnic ministries.

The new church can be started in various formats: (1) *"Parachute"* (the new church start does not have a mentoring church); (2) *"Mother-Daughter"* (the new church start has a mentoring/host church); (3) *"Satellite"* (an existing church uses its own staff and resources to branch out and begin a separate congregation). Both the Conference and the District provide heavy financial support for the first three years in systematically decreasing amounts, the support can be extended up to two more years if warranted. The first year, the new church is expected to develop a solid financial base upon which it can begin creating self-sufficiency.

The pastor initially becomes immersed into the community and begins creating small groups which meet in homes. At the point of evolving into twelve small groups averaging weekly attendance of 140, the congregation is ready to *"launch."* *"Launch"* means holding its first formal, public worship service. Based upon the attendance of the first few weeks, benchmarks are set for realistic progress. By the third year, the church is expected to *"charter."* *"Charter"* means becoming totally self-sufficient. During this time, the pastor and new church are responsible to submit to the District Committee on New Church Development monthly written reports, and quarterly oral reports. At the eighteen month point, the district and new church agree on the viability of this congregation's continued development into a self-sufficient congregation and the decision is made whether to continue or not.

I hope this modest overview of our system helps you better understand and appreciate the seriousness we put into selecting new church start pastors, locations, and growing congregations. As more new church starts emerge in the North East District, I hope you'll seek out ways to offer radical hospitality and other means of support to these brothers and sisters spreading the Good News to our communities!

Important Reminder

Year End Statistics Report is available on the conference website. This report is to be completed online annually. The year end statistics report must be completed by Friday, February 8th. [Click Here](#) for instructions on accessing this report

NE District "RPM" Revival Prayer Meeting

The next RPM will begin at 5:00p.m. Sunday, February 10th at Orange Park UMC located at 152 Stowe Avenue in Orange Park, Florida.

Come join us as we come together in prayer for:

1. For the Holy Spirit to empower pastors and local church leaders;
2. For the lost to be saved;
3. For God's people to turn from sin and grow in holiness; and
4. For revival in the United Methodist Church.

Shrove Tuesday Pastor's Gathering

February 12, 2013

Faith UMC; 4000 Spring Park Rd; Jacksonville, FL 32207

We will be having our annual Shrove Tuesday pastors' breakfast Tuesday, February 12th 8:30 a.m. This breakfast is a gift of hospitality from the Faith UMC congregation to the pastors of the district.

Rev. Melissa Pisco and her team will be leading us in worship immediately following the breakfast. This will be a wonderful way to start the Lenten Season together in worship and fellowship.

This is not a mandatory meeting and there will not be any business addressed.

There will not be a dinner meeting in Starke.

Please register your attendance for the purpose of food preparation by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Lay Servant Ministries Training Feb. 22-23, 2013



Faith UMC

4000 Spring Park Road

Jacksonville, FL 32207

Lay Servant Ministries training will begin Friday, February 22nd at 6:00pm for registration with classes from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. and on Saturday, February 23rd classes are from 8:30am to 5:00pm. The Classes will be taught simultaneously and attendance on both days is required. There will be a basic course offered which will qualify the participant as a local church lay servant. The advanced courses qualifies a local church lay servant as a certified lay servant. The course fee is \$30.00 which includes textbook, snacks and lunch on Saturday. Deadline for registration is February 15. [Click Here](#) for more information or contact Patrice Peterson, District Lay Servant Ministries Director at (904) 553-2217 or email leaveit4pat@yahoo.com

Faith Sharing Training

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Middleburg UMC

3925 Main Street

Middleburg, FL 32068

Come join Jim Young, the NE District Community Outreach Minister for Faith Sharing Training at Middleburg UMC on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm. [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

Building the Beloved Community – Inclusivity Training

February 25-27, 2013

If you missed the Mandatory Inclusivity Training: Building the Beloved Community for all appointed, there will be a session February 25-27, 2013 at the LEC. ([Click here](#)) to register.

Description: 3-Day Workshop of Inclusivity Training for Appointed Clergy of the Florida Conference.

Location: Life Enrichment Center

Dates: Mon., Feb. 25 - Wed., Feb. 27, 2013

Registration check-in begins Mon., Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. with training starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 26 begins at 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 27 begins at 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m

Lodging & Meal Packages(staying at the LEC):

2 Night packages + 5 meals include lodging for Monday & Tuesday night, lunch & dinner Monday, breakfast & lunch Tuesday and breakfast Wednesday.

3 Night packages include lodging Sunday, Monday & Tuesday night, breakfast, lunch & dinner Monday, breakfast & lunch Tuesday and breakfast Wednesday.

REAL IDEAS CONFERENCE March 7-8, 2013

We want to help you and your church explode with vitality and impact. That's what the Real Ideas Conference is all about. Each year hundreds of pastors, staff and laity gather at Real Ideas for an injection of encouragement, inspiration and equipping.

- Your church can have greater impact.
- Your church can see sustainable increases in worship attendance.
- Your church can become radically generous.
- Your church can see lives changed on a constant basis.
- Your church can become more vital than you ever dreamed!

Van Dyke Church and Grace Church are two of the largest and most vital Methodist churches in America. We have teamed up to share real ideas that have a proven track record in our churches. We've learned hard lessons through failures and we've seen much fruit emerge through the application of these ideas. We are in this kingdom adventure together with you and we are passionate about setting you up for a win in your local church.

Make plans now to take your church to the next level. Bring yourself and many from your church to Real Ideas 2013. [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

In Christ,

Matthew Hartsfield
Van Dyke Church, Tampa

Jorge Acevedo
Grace Church, Cape Coral

Stewardship Summit March 9, 2013

Bishop Ken Carter and The Florida United Methodist Foundation have teamed up to present a special conference-wide Stewardship Summit on Saturday, March 9 at First United Methodist Church of Orlando.

Bishop Carter will be keynote speaker and all Florida Conference laity and clergy are encouraged to attend. Special guest speakers will present in-depth workshops on current stewardship trends and practices. (See attached flyer-- [Click Here](#).) More information to come from the Foundation at www.fumf.org.

The Mystery of the Resurrection

March 8, 9 & 10
Elizabeth Swaim Memorial UMC
1620 Naldo Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Dr. James Fleming, an internationally known Archaeologist and lecturer will visit Elizabeth Swam March 8-10, 2013. Dr. Fleming will present three lectures, one Friday evening March 8th and two more on Saturday, March 9th on topics addressing the mystery of the Resurrection. These lectures will be enhanced by pictures Dr. Fleming collected on the Holy Land over the last thirty-five years as a resident of Israel. The cost of the three lectures prior to February 15th will be \$40 after February 15th will be \$50. Please contact the Elizabeth Swaim United Methodist United Methodist Church at (904) 398-3204 for further information and to register.

Spiritual Formation 5-Day Academy March 10-15, 2013

Life Enrichment Center
4990 Picciola Rd
Fruitland Park, FL

The 2013 Spiritual Formation Academy will begin Sunday, March 10th. The rhythm of the day is embraced by morning and night prayer and enriched with daily Eucharist. Faculty presentations are given each morning and afternoon, followed by silence for individual reflection and then group response time. Covenant groups offer time for accountability. Free time offered for rest and renewal. Concludes: Friday, March 15th.

[Click Here](#) for more information or to register. [Click Here For Event Brochure](#)

Spring Spiritual Enrichment Weekend March 15-17, 2013

Join your friends and make new friends at a weekend of spiritual renewal, March 15-17, 2013, at the Spring Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Life Enrichment Center. This weekend experience is designed for couples and those who have lost a spouse or are otherwise single and would like renewal.

Contact Don or Sue Heishman at 863-858-4985 with questions. Register on line at www.ummflconf.org.

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Florida United Methodist Foundation – Scholarships for United Methodist Students



Deadline to submit completed application for Sinclair and Lockmiller Scholarships is March 29, 2013

Do you know a United Methodist student who needs help paying for college?

The Florida United Methodist Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the Sinclair Scholarship and for the Lockmiller Scholarship.

The Sinclair Scholarship is for students who will be incoming freshmen in the fall. The Lockmiller Scholarship is open to students who are already enrolled in an educational or occupational training program beyond high school. Both pay \$1,500 per semester, and are renewable as long as the recipient remains a student in good standing.

Please post the attached announcement poster ([Click here](#)) in a place where it will be seen by youth and parents. For more information, visit www.fumf.org or contact the Foundation toll free at (866) 363-9673, ext. 7103

Caring for God's Creation April 4-7, 2013

Caring for God's Creation is an experience for laity and clergy addressing how the faith community can promote justice for Earth and all living things.

Join us at Lake Junaluska to discover your residential and faith communities' role in environmental care. Early Bird Registration ends March 10th, after March 10th there will be an additional charge.

For program information call 1-800-222-4930 extension 454. [Click Here](#) for the Registration form. [Click Here](#) for the brochure.

Home Run the Movie in theatres April 19, 2013

Home Run, the movie is a story about redemption and hope through the only higher power, Jesus Christ. It features many different hurts, hang-ups and habits we struggle with and shows how recovery and healing is possible. How change is possible through the power of Jesus.

"The story of Home Run reminds us of the power of forgiveness, the richness of redemption and the wisdom of trusting God to revive us." Author, Max Lucado.

"On our own we remain stuck. Trapped by our secrets. Home Run shows us that change is possible by turning to God's power." Pastor and Founder of Celebrate Recovery, John Baker.

Go to www.homerunthemovie.com to join the team and learn more about promoting the movie. See how you or your church can get involved in getting the message of hope out to the community.

Also, you can watch the movie trailer at:

http://www.homerunthemovie.com/Download/ATB_Home_Run_download.mov

Please contact Mark Biery, Celebrate Recovery Northeast Florida State Representative with any questions at 904-813-5669.

www.celebraterecovery.com

DLC Nurse & Learn – Safety First



At DLC Nurse & Learn we have always worked hard to keep our children safe. There is a nurse on staff for medical needs and emergencies. We have safety training annually with staff and require all staff to get First Aid and CPR certification. We do monthly fire drills and have two drills a year to practice unusual situations such as lock down from an outside threat, tornado drills and evacuation to another building.

To assure our parents and ourselves we recently invited Officer Scott Allen from the Sheriff's Department to walk our building and give us tips on how to do an even better job. He complimented the plans we have in place but stressed we need to do more locking down when kids are inside. The plan he recommended is to lock all doors after the main drop off time. We will stay unlocked for peak drop off (8-9:30 a.m.) and pick up times (4:30 to 5:30 p.m.) When we are outside he suggested leaving doors unlocked to be able to get children inside quickly if there is a threat while we are on the playground.

We will eventually seek grant money to get a security gate with a 6 foot fence so there would be only one entry point with a monitoring system and buzz people in. This may be an adjustment and inconvenient at times but our childrens' safety is our number one priority. These practices will begin this week at both locations.

Amy Buggle
Executive Director

Mission Opportunities for young adults ages 18-30

Dear friends in Christ,

Mission opportunities are before us for young adults, ages 18-30!

Methodist people have always known face to face engagement with poor and suffering people to be a means of grace. We meet Christ and receive grace as we extend ourselves in mission. Let us make the most of this opportunity for serving, growing and learning.

Please take a moment to read about these opportunities and to encourage young adults to consider applying.

For over six decades, The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries has offered opportunities for young adults to engage in faith and justice centered mission service and discernment within the United States and around the world. There are three exciting ways for young adults to engage this summer. All three programs are based on the philosophy of mutuality in mission – mission with, not mission to or for others. Participants come from everywhere and go everywhere, where they are trained with fellow young adults, engage in cross-cultural exposure, learning, and hands-on service while exploring the links between faith and justice. They learn and live out the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ, engage in Christian reflection during and post service, and examine how to continue God's mission in their own lives, communities and vocational context.

Long-Term Opportunities

The US-2 Fellowship is a domestic, 24 month, mission-service program for adults in the United States, ages 20-30. US-2s are trained for three weeks with fellow young adult missionaries and serve with Methodist partnered organizations throughout the US. Duration: July 2013 – July 2015. Applications due Feb 15, 2013.

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Learn-About-Us/News-and-Stories/2013/January/0111-Young-Adults-Invited>

The Mission Intern Fellowship is now a 25 month, mission-service program for adults from around the world, ages 20-30. Mission Interns are trained for three weeks with fellow young adult missionaries, serve with Methodist partnered organizations in another country for 20 months, and integrate their international mission experience in their home country for 2 and a half months. Duration: July 2013 to August 2015. Applications due Feb 15, 2013.

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Learn-About-Us/News-and-Stories/2013/January/0111-Young-Adults-Invited>

Short Term Opportunity

The Global Justice Volunteers program is a 10 week summer mission-service program for adults from around the world, ages 18-30. Global Justice Volunteers are trained for one week with fellow young adults from around the world, serve together with Methodist partnered organizations in another context and/or country for 9 weeks. Duration: June 8 to August 11, 2013. Applications due March 1, 2013.

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Learn-About-Us/News-and-Stories/2013/January/0131-Apply-to-be-a-Global-Justice-Volunteer>

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Conference Headlines

Bishop Carter announces leadership appointments [Click Here](#)
 Bishop Carter appoints three district superintendents [Click Here](#)
[Click Here](#) for the Florida Conference Website and more Conference information.

Employment Opportunities

Facilities/Maintenance Manager – Faith UMC

Faith UMC, Jacksonville has an immediate need for a Facilities/Maintenance Manager. The position is part-time, \$13/hr., no benefits, flex hours. Please forward your resume by Fax (904 737-0418) or email (faithumcpastor@comcast.net).

Nursery Worker

Faith UMC is looking for a Nursery Worker for Sunday Services, Wednesday evenings, and occasional special events. The position is part-time, \$7.79/hr. CPR certification and child care experience required. Please forward your resume by Fax (904 737-0418) or email (faithumc@comcast.net).

Children and Family Ministries – Riverside Park UMC

This is a part time position to work with families and lay servants in the programs, events and learning opportunities focused on Children. This is a growing ministry in an urban church that is focused on missions and empowering people to live abundantly following Jesus. Those interested should contact Rev. Rafe Vigil and email a resume. Riverside Park UMC 355-5491, pastor@riversideparkumc.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2013

*[Recurring Monthly Reports](#)

- 8 Year-end Local Church Statistics Report Deadline
- 12 Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, 9:00am, Faith UMC
- 15 Workers Comp Audit survey complete online
- 18 Holiday-Conference Center and District Offices Closed
- 22-23 District Lay Servant Ministries Training, Faith UMC
- 24 Faith Sharing Training, 2:00PM, Middleburg UMC
- 25 District Committee on NCD Meeting, 10:00am District Office
- 25 District Leadership Council Meeting, 7:00PM Orange Park UMC
- 25-27 Inclusivity Training, Life Enrichment Center
- 28 DCOM LP Renewal Luncheon, 9:00AM Swaim UMC

March 2013

*[Recurring Monthly Reports](#)

- 5 District Office will be Closed
- 11 Congregational Excellence Team Meeting, 1:00PM, Spring Glen UMC
- 18 Pastor's Gathering with Bishop Carter 9:00AM First UMC Starke
- 25 District Committee on NCD Meeting, 10:00am District Office
- 25 District Leadership Council Meeting, 7:00PM Orange Park UMC
- 29 Good Friday Conference Center and District Offices Closed
- 31 **Reports Due for March 31st**
 - Child Youth Protection Policy
 - Fiscal Responsibility and Management Policy
 - Employee Conduct Policy
 - Annual Report of District Housing Committee/Parsonage
 - Disaster Recovery Quick Resource Survey
 - Fund Balance Report



To access Calendar of Reports due for 2012 [Click Here](#)