

Stillwater District

Local Church Leader's Workshop (LCLW)

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Stillwater First UMC

400 W. 7th

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Victory in Jesus

Special video message by Bishop Hayes

- ❖ All church members, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend LCLW. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders.

Cancellation

If the weather is inclement, call the host church to find out if the workshop has been canceled or check the LCLW Web site at <http://www.okumc.org/LCLWregistration> (405) 372-5854

Childcare

Child care is available. Call the host church at (405) 372-5854 by Jan. 30.

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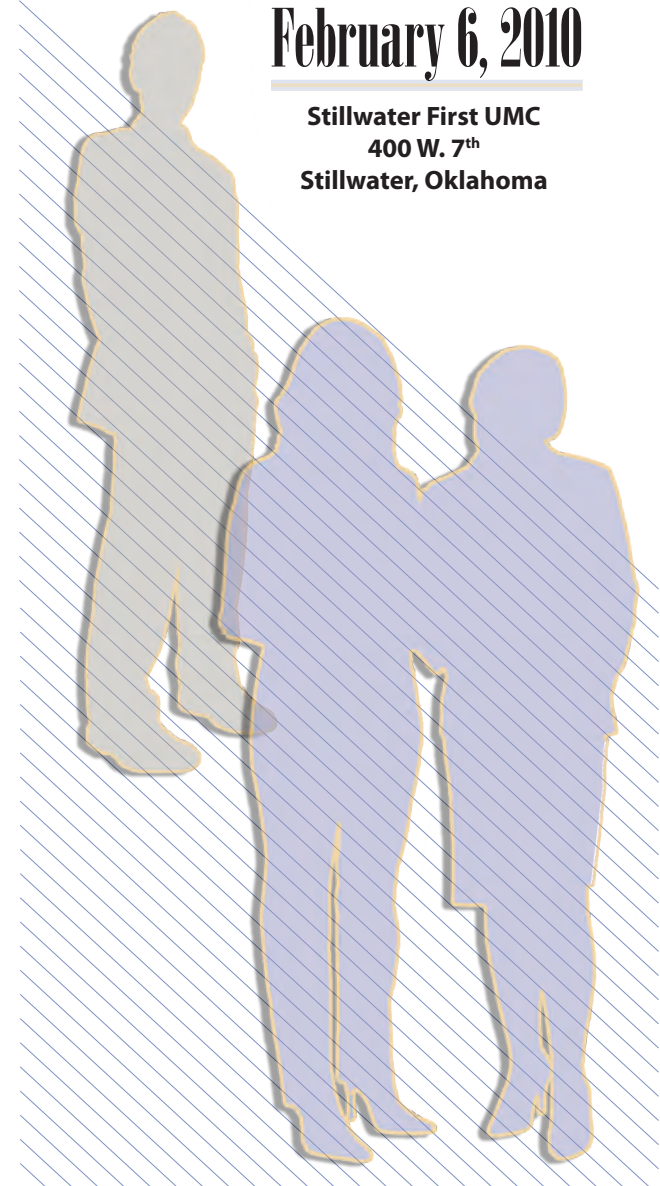


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1

Funerals in the 21st Century

Derrek Belase
Michael Chace

Funerals are different in 2010 than they were in 1910. What is the theology behind a funeral service? Is it okay to have a closed casket? What do United Methodists believe about cremation? Come hear about funerals in the 21st century. You will receive resources that you can use in your local church. Celebrate life even through death.

2

Children's Ministry is for Everyone

Aimee Barrett

For all sizes of churches
Every teacher and pastor is
encouraged to attend!

Children's Ministry is for everyone, families, parents, church members, even friends! Aimee shares important discoveries for having meaningful ministries for children. She was instrumental in helping connect our children in the district through a teaching event. She will discuss ways children can be a "Living Well Kid" and how your leadership can bring new families into your church.

3

Calling all Trustees the District wants to strengthen your ministry

Stan Warfield

For all church trustees

This session will focus on basic responsibilities of the board of trustees elected in every congregation. But more than this, we will discuss the ways every congregation can strengthen the ministries through the building including seeking funds from the Board of Church Location and Building and our 10/100 Club. Our district is ready to mobilize our people power to upgrade our facilities, our parking lots, sanctuaries and buildings/rooms for teaching and outreach ministries.

4

Sacraments: The Grace that Binds

Michael Bartley

For pastors, worship
chairpersons, and anyone
interested in learning more
about these sacraments.

Discuss and learn more about the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion (Eucharist) in the UM tradition and how these sacraments relate to our understanding and framework of grace. Rev. Bartley is well known for making these wonderful and ancient traditions exciting and relevant for our moment in history.

5

Dynamic Worship Environments

Connie Taylor
Beverly Daugherty

This workshop will focus on using creativity and available objects to enhance the visual and environmental aspects of worship. Even a small church on a limited budget can provide dynamic worship environments. Practical hands-on experience.

6

Developing a New Service

Mark Foster

What is the best time for worship? Would you believe Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in Oklahoma? It is for some. How do you know the best time for your community? How do you develop worship for a particular mission field? What does a hospitable welcome look like? What about music? Starting with momentum - how many is enough?

7

Setting the Attitude Thermostat For Your Church

Earl Mitchell
Donna Heldermon
Frank Denney

Tips to transform the "Down in the Dumps," "We've never done it that way before," negative, grumpy, grouchy, "squeeze every penny till Abe screams" churches into God praising, positive, exciting, "Let's give it a try," and smiling congregations. Being a church leader is more than setting meeting agendas but, also helping set the attitude, with the goal of every member being actively involved in their ministry -to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

8

The Mandate for all Disciples: to Ensure no Visitor (Guest) is Left Behind

John K. Curtis

Curtis, church administrator at Stillwater First UMC, has helped to create some dynamic and helpful ways (systems) to ensure that new people who visit our churches are never left behind. He will share intentional ways to help guests get from your parking lot to your worship service with a strong hello, directions, and assistance where needed. Other helps will be to give tips for ushers and even persons in the pews who can become a friend to introduce your guests to others in the congregation.

9

Relational Skills for Christian Leaders

Michael D. Potts
For chairpersons of boards,
councils and committees,
small groups leaders, church
school teachers, youth
leaders and Bible study
teachers.

Every group, class or committee can be an opportunity for making stronger disciples for Jesus Christ. Dr. Potts, an ordained Elder and pastoral counselor, will help participants learn more about setting a context for God to be at work through the group process by looking at positive group building strategies, maintaining the group over time, terminating and assessing progress and learning about words that can hurt and words that can heal.

Dealing with Differences,
Diversity and Difficult Relationships

10

Ministry in Costa Rica

Geovanny Jimenez
Campos, Lee Denney
VIM Team Members

This will be a discussion of ministry in Belen, Costa Rica, and an opportunity to learn more about how you can be involved in mission there. Our pastor from Costa Rica will be there to give a first-hand understanding of the needs and opportunities.

Session 2

1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

1

Men's Ministry

Earl Mitchell

Many times men say they do not want to participate in ministries of the church. Yet they also say they need and desire relationships with other men. Mitchell, will address these issues. All men interested in helping something new and very relevant to modern life happen in their church are urged to attend.

2

Growing Membership Through Youth

Alton Carter

Does your congregation desire to have youth in the life of your church? Then this session is for you!

Alton Carter, Youth Ministries director at Stillwater First UMC, knows how to get youth involved in and with the church. He will share his wisdom, examples of ministries (that he uses – programs and activities to build spiritual maturity in youth), and relationships that really make a difference. Pastoral support is, also, important in youth ministries. Therefore pastors are urged to attend along with parents and interested laity.

3

12 Practical Steps to Support Your Local Campus Ministry

Michael R. Bartley

This course will focus on twelve practical things that congregations, Sunday school classes, UMW groups, UMM groups or individuals can do to help support and enhance your local campus ministries.

Rebekah Belase
Ronda L. Bartley

4

Technology in Worship

Lisa Crone

Sungsu Hwang

Materials will be provided to equip the small church (with approx. 150 or less in worship) for the use of technology in worship including copyright information and suggestions for equipment. There will also be information on materials you may use to introduce media into churches that are not yet on board with the latest technology.

5

How to Have a Holy –Holy Week

Susan Ross

We'll explore and experience resources for both personal and congregational use during Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

6

Assessing Your Church's DNA

Derrek Belase

We all know that human DNA controls various functions of the body. Well, your church's DNA has much to do with how your church functions. What do worship attendance, professions of faith, and your advertising budget have in common? Come to this session on DNA and find out. Stillwater District churches have been using this tool to focus on our assessment over the last two years. Come and be strengthened in new ways to meet your goals and become a transformational church.

7

Is Disciple Bible Study a Thing of the Past?

Frank Denney

Today there are many options for *Disciple Bible Study*. Short-term studies, shared ministry with our youth involving multiple churches are possibilities. Many have said *Disciple Bible Study* is the single most significant study to come out of the United Methodist Church. People are hungering for a deeper knowledge of the Bible, but time for study is an issue. How do we make it relevant enough so people will commit?

8

Making Church Finances Fun

Brenda Reed

for the new chairperson and treasurer

The workshop will cover the basic requirements of church audits and finances for the new Finance Committee Chairs and Treasurers.

9

Finding Your Church's Place in God's Mission

Jeremy Bassett

Our God is a missionary God who continues to reach out to us to restore this world, and all its people, to the shape in which it was originally created. The church's role is to partner with the Holy Spirit in what God is doing in our world. VIM is but one way of making that happen. We will explore opportunities for teams and individuals to serve nationally and internationally.

10

Vacation Bible School Preview

Mary Ann Emmons

Come learn about this year's Vacation Bible School! We will have hands-on materials, arts and crafts show and tell, and our ever popular puppet on display. You will learn all you need to know to put on the best ever Vacation Bible School for your children.

Session 3

3 to 4:15 p.m.

1

Let's Get Together

Kathy Caldron

What is the ministry of United Methodist Women? How can they meet the needs of ALL women? How do they offer opportunities and resources for personal growth and service?

2

Younger Adults are Ready to Lead, but Where are They?

Josh Pulver

Pulver, more affectionately known in Oklahoma State University circles as "Pistol Pete", is an active young adult lay person with a passion for the church and its mission. He has insight on how our congregations can reach out and partner with young adults to make disciples of Christ.

3

Fully Alive, Fully Mature Energizing Your Senior Adult Ministry

Patsy Owsley

An opportunity to lead mature adults into the 21st century, to learn the basics in establishing a senior adult ministry in your church, and to share and learn what other older adult ministries are doing.

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Schedule

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Registration
9:15 - 10 a.m.	Plenary Session Announcements and video message with Bishop Hayes
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Session 1
11:30 a.m. - Noon	Lunch
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Worship with Costa Rica Team/Jeremy Basset
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Session 2
3 - 4:15 p.m.	Session 3

Cost

The registration fee is \$10 per person and will be collected at the workshop. This includes all sessions you wish to attend, handouts, and lunch. **Do not send money in with your registration.**

Registration

Register with your own local church.

Registration deadline is Jan 30.

Your church has a common registration form which will be filled out and mailed to:

Stillwater First UMC

400 W 7th

Stillwater, OK 74074

Fax: (405) 372-8176

Church Registration Form Online

The LCLW registration form for churches can be found at www.okumc.org/LCLW Registration. Use this form or contact your district office to receive a printed form.

Other Information

"The Market Place" – this is an opportunity to sell your products while supporting the Stillwater District Volunteers In Mission scholarship fund. Every participant will be asked to contribute 10% of their earnings. All crafts, homemade items and food are welcome. Questions?: Nancy Griffin, (918) 387-2067; mimosanancy@sbcglobal.net

Session 3 3 to 4:15 p.m. continued

4

Church Web Sites Developing the Simple and Cost Effective Web Site

Sam Whiten

Every church in our district needs a Web presence. Whiten, a member at Mannford FUMC, has come to understand ways to develop cost effective Web solutions. If you have basic computer skills you too can be a webmaster. Every church that does not have a Web site needs to send one or two representatives to this session.

5

How to put Sabbath Keeping Back in Your Twittered Life

Pat Hoerth

Hoerth, a deaconess in the United Methodist Church and spiritual director, will explore the traditions of the Sabbath and ways to make this personal spiritual path a possibility for everyone seeking balance and a sense of peace in this chaotic and changing culture.

6

Worship Attendance Effective Strategies in Ministry

Stan Warfield

All churches are encouraged
to have representatives
present in this class.

Rev. Warfield, senior pastor of the flagship church in our district, has important strategies to offer as every church seeks effective ways to increase worship attendance; not to have bragging rights, but to include more people in the life of a community where the spirit of Christ binds together a community of faith and where a new sense of "belonging" and purpose can be found.

7

Essential Prayer

Michelle McCarty

If you are a novice, or
a contemplative soul,
you will find this session
devoted to prayer helpful.

John Wesley believed that prayer was essential to his life, ministry, and mission, and the busier his life became the more time he spent in daily prayer. When Wesley knew his day was going to be long and demanding, he began with MORE time devoted to prayer - not less. All of what we are as a people of God, and all of what we do as the Body of Christ, must be steeped and guided in fervent prayer, contemplation, meditation, and intercession.

8

Different People Leading in the Same Direction

Max Rudd

Practical insights into identifying leadership styles in the local church. Are you an executive or a manager? What are characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses of various leadership tendencies? How can you be the best leader you can be, regardless of style? How can the different styles and personalities work together effectively?

9

New Local Church Treasurers Guide

from General Finance and
Administration

Brenda Reed

This workshop will present an overview of the new resource put together by GCF&A and conference treasurers.

For more information, contact:

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