



# West District News

October, 2018

## Sonora Flood Recovery Begins

On September 21, flash flooding devastated a portion of the city of Sonora and additional areas of Sutton county. Over 250 homes were impacted by the water. The generous response to this disaster has been much appreciated. United Methodist congregations and members from across the West District and Rio Texas Conference have helped the community begin a long recovery to wholeness.

The Rio Texas Conference delivered 150 Flood Buckets to the community two days after the flood, and United Methodist Early Response Teams and other volunteers are already working in the cleanup effort. More teams are coming, and all hands are welcome.

Financial gifts may be made to the Rio Texas Conference Disaster Relief Fund marked for Sonora Flood Relief – Advance #2050, the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, P. O. Box 675, Sonora, TX 76950, or the San Angelo Area Foundation, [www.saafound.org](http://www.saafound.org).

For more information contact Rev. Bill Harris at 325-387-2466 or 512-623-0333. Email : [pastorbillharrisumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbillharrisumc@gmail.com).

Updated information on the recovery can be found at the Sonora Flood Relief Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/545121432579797/>

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

God bless,

Rev. Bill Harris

Pastor, FUMC Sonora

## A Christian Greeting



*"Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salt again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other"*

*Mark 9:50*

*The last sentence of this verse says it all, His answer, "Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other." Easier said than done. As Jesus' disciples, we should exemplify qualities that set us apart. Unfortunately, we let temptation in. Someone who can't wait to spread a rumor, or they heard something about someone, they just have to tell!!!! How does that "keep peace with each other." Nothing is more important than living in accord with God's righteousness.*

*More of Him, Less of Me,  
Gini*

### EQUIPPING THE SAINTS Hill Country/ West Districts

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 26, 2019**

**FUMC Kerrville**

#### Combined District Event Offers Opportunities for Learning

Equipping the Saints 2019 has a great lineup of workshops and classes.

There is something for everyone in your church!#

- This year, E.T.S. will be combined Hill Country & West Districts in Kerrville. We have plenty of space for plenty of people!#
- Some of our workshops are "old favorites" and some are brand new and exciting.#
- Every church is invited to share their Mission Journey - posters, displays, power point, etc. Let Pam Elliott at the Hill Country District Office know as soon as possible to reserve your space.#
- Our presenters are a great group of talented and experienced lay people and clergy from around the Hill Country District and the Rio Texas Conference.#

**WATCH FOR UPDATES!**

**Reminder:**

**All Clergy Assessment forms are due in the District Office before October 1, 2018.** (Not to be confused with the Consultation Forms due later in the year.) The Clergy Assessment forms were mailed to the Pastors and the S/PPRC Chairs. If you need additional forms they are on the District website, [www.umcwayoutwest.org](http://www.umcwayoutwest.org).

We are hosting a Trusted con Confianza Training at FUMC Mason on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 PM. Sign up at <https://riotexas.org/safetrainings>.

For more information contact Carol Ann Weston, [familyministries@fumcmason.org](mailto:familyministries@fumcmason.org), or (325)347-5105.

**Miles UMC Annual Sausage Fest****Sunday, October 7, 2018****11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.****Weatherby Hall**

Cost: Adults-\$10.00  
Children-\$7.00

**Menu:**

Sklenarik's Smoked Sausage, German Potatoes, Coleslaw, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts, Iced Tea or Water

**Sausage By The Pound:**

Raw-\$5.00 per pound available  
Cooked-\$7.00 per pound

**Mark your calendar:**

The West and Hill Country Districts will come together for the November Pastors and Professionals Meeting. We will meet Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at FUMC in Mason. We will gather at 9:30 am and begin worship at 10:00 am.



**ERT Basic Training at Sierra Vista UMC**  
**4522 College Hills Blvd, San Angelo**  
**on November 17, 2018 from**  
**8:00am to 4:00pm**

**For more information or to register go to:**

**<https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-basic>**

**“Are you Ready, Are you Able, Are you Willing?”**

**There is something for everyone to do.**

For questions or concerns, please contact Ginnie Street, Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response Training Coordinator at 512-203-7730 or [training@riotexasresponse.org](mailto:training@riotexasresponse.org)

# CAMP MEETING

**October 14, 2018**

4:30 PM Gathering & Music

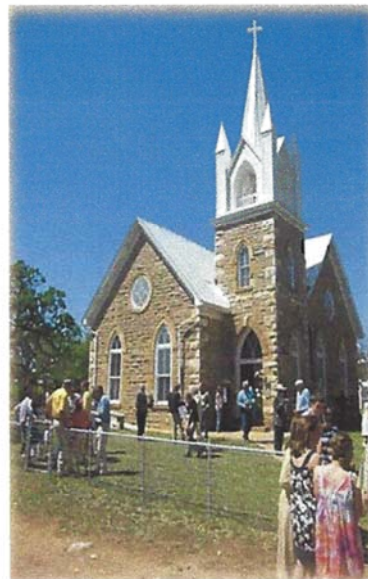
5:00 PM Outdoor Worship

6:00 PM Food & Fellowship



**Hilda**  
United Methodist  
Church  
Mason County, Texas

For info Call  
325-762-6100



Classic games for the kids! Bring the whole family.

**WEST DISTRICT**  
**CHARGE CONFERENCE SUB-GROUPS**

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**NORTH—October 28th, 4:00 pm, Sterling City with Rev. Colleen Haley**

|                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Miles—Gary Karschner     | Odessa—Oscar Lovos               |
| Robert Lee—Cyndi Weidner | Sterling City—Jim Noble          |
| Bronte—Everette Boyce    | Veribest/Paint Rock—Mike Thomson |

**NORTHEAST—October 14, 4:00 pm**  
**San Saba with Rev. Colleen Haley**

Melvin—Scott Melton  
Brady—Bun Jackson  
Goldthwaite—John Alsbrooks  
Star/Center City—Tim Birkner  
San Saba—Mark Smith

**WEST—November 18,**  
**3:00 pm, Ozona with Rev.**  
**Colleen Haley**

Big Lake / Barnhart—  
Larry Young  
Mertzson—Mark Krause  
Ozona—Leigh Lloyd  
Iraan—TBS  
Rankin—David Sanchez

**CENTRAL—November 18, 3:00 pm,**  
**San Angelo, Sierra Vista with DS**  
**Andy Smith**

Christoval / Grape Creek—Lori Jones  
San Angelo:First—Scott Bradford,  
Bryan Rogers, Dale Weise  
Sierra Vista—Stan Whites,  
Tamara Strehli, Kelly Duke  
Wesley Trinity—Robert Marks, Jr.  
Betel—Art Mavrode  
St. Luke—Charles Baskin  
Eldorado—Janet Larson

**SOUTHEAST—October 28, 5:00 pm,**  
**Mason with DS Rev. Andy Smith**

Menard—Judy Swarts  
Hilda—Michael Bell  
Art / Castell—Tim Fahrenthold  
Mason—Peter Aguilar  
Junction / London—  
Sheree Harris

**SOUTH—October 21, 2:00 pm, Brackettville with DS Rev. Andy Smith**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Brackettville—Cynthia Engstrom | Rocksprings / Barksdale—David Lee Murray |
| Del Rio:First—John Fluth       | Del Rio:Principe de Paz—Ricardo Rubio    |
| Sonora—Bill Harris             |  |

## 2019 HealthFlex Rates

| Clergy Annual HealthFlex Credit     | Clergy         | Clergy + 1      | Clergy + Family | 2 Clergy + Family |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total Cost                          | \$10,260       | \$20,520        | \$25,872        | \$25,872          |
| Apportioned                         | \$2,052        | \$2,052         | \$2,052         | \$4,104           |
| Church Contribution                 | \$8,208        | \$8,208         | \$8,208         | \$16,416          |
| Dependent cost for Pastor or Church |                | \$10,260        | \$15,612        | \$5,352           |
| <b>DIRECT BILL TO CHURCH</b>        | <b>\$8,208</b> | <b>\$18,468</b> | <b>\$23,820</b> | <b>\$21,768</b>   |

| Clergy Monthly HealthFlex Credit    | Clergy       | Clergy + 1     | Clergy + Family | 2 Clergy + Family |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total Cost                          | \$855        | \$1,710        | \$2,156         | \$2,156           |
| Apportioned                         | \$171        | \$171          | \$171           | \$342             |
| Church's Contribution               | \$684        | \$684          | \$684           | \$1,368           |
| Dependent cost for Pastor or Church |              | \$855          | \$1,301         | \$446             |
| <b>DIRECT BILL TO CHURCH</b>        | <b>\$684</b> | <b>\$1,539</b> | <b>\$1,985</b>  | <b>\$1,814</b>    |

| Lay HealthFlex Credit | Lay      | Lay + 1  | Lay + Family |  |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--|
| Annual                | \$10,260 | \$20,520 | \$25,872     |  |
| Monthly               | \$855    | \$1,710  | \$2,156      |  |

The Rio Grande Legacy Fund will continue to provide contributions to eligible legacy churches for clergy appointed full-time (individual clergy premium).

Each full-time clergy will receive a monthly individual Defined Contribution (DC) or "Credit" in the HealthFlex plan of \$855 (funded through church) and will choose from the plan options offered during open enrollment.

**Effective December 31, 2018, the HealthFlex Waiver provision will be eliminated.** Any church where a clergy has chosen to not participate in HealthFlex will need to fund the Defined Contribution or premium through direct billing effective January 1, 2019. \$8,208 will need to be incorporated into the 2019 church budget and reported on the 2019 Compensation Form.

## 2019 Clergy Pension Rates

- CRSP Defined Benefit contribution of **\$5,866** for each eligible full-time clergy.
- CRSP Defined contribution of **3%** of Plan Compensation for each eligible full-time clergy.
- CPP contribution of **3%** of Plan Compensation for each eligible full-time clergy.
- UMPIP-PT Contribution of **9%** of Plan Compensation for each part-time clergy (3/4 appointment or less).

## 2019 Minimum Compensation

The minimum compensation levels for 2019 shall be:

\$40,800 For a Full or Probationary member

\$37,800 For an Associate member

\$34,700 For an Approved Local Pastor or member of another denomination

- Plus a bonus of \$75 for each year of service completed after 2<sup>nd</sup> year with a maximum of \$1,425
- Plus a bonus of \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> church in charge and \$100 for each additional church in the charge.

# Calendar

- Oct. 2 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC  
2 Andy in San Angelo  
6 Are You Ready, St. Luke UMC, 9:00 – 2:30  
7 Trusted con Confianza, Mason FUMC, 3-5pm  
11-13 Andy – Do No Harm / COSROW  
11 Amy – Conference Office  
14 Camp Meeting, Hilda UMC, 4:30 – 6:00 pm  
15 Andy in San Angelo  
16 Amy – Spiritual Retreat  
20 Are You Ready, St. Luke UMC, 9:00 – 2:30  
25-26 Cabinet Meeting  
29 Andy and Amy – San Antonio – DCOM/BOM Meeting  
31 HealthFlex Open Enrollment Begins
- Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
6 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC  
7-9 Andy – DS Group  
14-15 Cabinet Meeting  
21-23 District Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
27 West and Hill Country Districts Combined Pastors and Professionals Meeting, Mason

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**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**District Web-Page:**

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