



# West District News

December, 2018

# Merry Christmas

**Open House**

**&**

**Retirement Reception for Gini Christian**

**December 11, 2018**

**1315 S. Abe St., San Angelo**

**3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Come and Go**

Everyone is invited to attend the Open House at the District Office, 1315 S. Abe St., San Angelo. We will have a few snacks, wonderful conversation, and a chance to say farewell to Gini as she retires on December 31, 2018. We hope to see you on the 11th.

## A Christian Greeting



### *A New Journey*

*Some of you already have heard the news that I am officially retiring the end of December. After 15 years as the Program Director for the West District, I have decided to start a new journey. Retirement! I will miss everyone, but I know our paths will continue to cross here and there.*

*Thank you for the wonderful memories over the years that I will always carry in my heart, and your loving friendship. This is not goodbye, when least expected, our paths will cross.*

*God Bless You,*

*Gini*

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## Ministry through Administration

It is the time of year again, it comes so quickly, the Advent and Christmas season. We are reminded of the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is also a time to end the current calendar year, so we can begin a new one. At times it is difficult, since it is at the same time of year. We sing Alleluia, He is Coming, and then we are asked how many worshiped how much was given. I pray each of you enjoy the Advent season, but are planning the closing of the year as well. May you be blessed in both.

I need to provide you with some dates that will close the business of 2018:

January 11 2018 Apportionments are due in the Conference Office NO LATER than NOON.

January 22 2018 Year-end reports are due online.

Watch for Year-end Reports to arrive from the Conference Office in December. You will not be able to enter the reports until after January 1. If you need assistance please give me a call. Thank you!

Merry Christmas and Let's stay connected,

*Amy Moore*

# *TRUSTed con Confianza*

As part of the Rio Texas Conference safety policy implementation plan all clergy, staff, and volunteers in ministry with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults must attend a *TRUSTed con Confianza* Certification session either online or in person every two years as part of their certification process.

There are 3 steps in becoming certified.

Step 1            Go to [safegatherings.com](http://safegatherings.com)

                    Click on the red **GET STARTED** button at the top of the page.

                    Fill out the online application

Safe Gatherings will then process your background check and reach out to your references.

Step 2            Complete the Safe Gathering Training Course

This is approximately an hour long presentation of information on safety guidelines and best practices. Persons will take a test at the end of this training.

Step 3            Attend a *TRUSTed con Confianza* Certification Facilitated Session

This is a 2 hour interactive experience that can be taken online via a webinar or in person via a scheduled workshop.

**There will be an interactive training offered at:**

**First United Methodist Church**

**37 E. Beauregard**

**San Angelo, TX 76903**

**The training will be January 6, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. in Celebration Hall.**

**Facilitator: Meredith Copland**

**To attend this course please register online at [www.riotexas.org/safetrainings](http://www.riotexas.org/safetrainings).**

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS 2019

January 26, 2019

First United Methodist Church Kerrville

321 Thompson Drive, Kerrville, TX

**“& I will show you a still more excellent way.” 1 Cor. 12:31b**

**Bishop Robert Schnase**

**will lead us in Worship and will be our keynote speaker.**

There are several opportunities available to us on January 26th:

Bishop Schnase will lead us in Worship

Leadership Training Sessions

Mission Fair

Light on the Hill @ Mount Wesley

Lunch – \$12.00 per person

Bishop Schnase will be the Keynote Speaker for the day

Childcare is available but you **MUST** register by January 14 by calling Liz at the Hill Country District Office, 830/896-6400.

If you would like to participate in the Mission Fair, a time of sharing what you are doing as the hands and feet of Christ, or if you have any questions, then you will need to contact Pam Elliott, [dispro512@gmail.com](mailto:dispro512@gmail.com), to reserve your spot.

The registration form for Equipping the Saints is on Page 4 of this newsletter. Please make checks payable to “Hill Country District” and mail them to:

222 Sidney Baker South, Suite 528

Kerrville, TX 78028

**CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE**

If you are in need of  
childcare for the event  
you **MUST REGISTER**

each child with  
Name & Age By  
January 14, 2019

CALL LIZ  
AT HILL COUNTRY  
DISTRICT OFFICE

**REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE: JANUARY 14, 2019**

**Hill Country District Office  
222 Sidney Baker South, Suite 528  
Kerrville, TX 78028**

**– FAX to 830-896-6407 or register by phone at 830-896-6400.**

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COST PER PERSON \$12.00**

**Pre-registration with a check for all lunch reservations will ensure a speedy check-in.**

**NAMETAGS WILL BE PRINTED AHEAD OF TIME.**

**Persons registering at the door will be seated at the meal on a space-available basis, only.**

**To confirm a meal, contact the District Office by January 14, 2019,**

**Please make checks payable to  
“Hill Country District” - \$12.00 per person.**

**LIGHT on the  
HILL @ Mount  
Wesley**

*It’s a new day  
at Mount Wes-  
ley! Come and  
learn how this  
treasured Con-  
ference Cam-  
pus is being  
utilized in new  
ways to glorify  
God.*

**We want to  
make the tour  
at 3:00pm**

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**Have you heard about the Lenten Disaster Used Clothing Drive?**

The partnership between the Hill Country District churches & the Seventh-day Adventist Disaster Services has worked extremely well since 2015. The Texas Division of Emergency Management classes use this collection as a good example of filling the pipeline before the need. This year’s collection will be

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – Friday, April 12, 2019.**

The Adventist truck will come to make the pickup as soon after that as they can schedule it. That will get the bags & piles out of our buildings for Easter.

**Instructions are the same as previous years:**

- ⇒ Notify the HCD Mission Team that you are participating.
- ⇒ Put out the word in your community that you’re collecting used clothing for survivors of any disasters that might occur in the coming year (2019).
- ⇒ Invite other churches (Methodist or not) in your community to join in.
- ⇒ Then call George Barnette (george@bnpr.com 713-252-2288) at the end about how big your pile is (pickup load or less, U-Haul load, or bigger). **When the truck arrives, help load the clothes, & you’re done.** The Adventists volunteers will sort the clothes, sanitize (a step beyond just cleaning) & package the items by size & gender. Then when the need arises, they can send their delivery truck from the warehouse within hours to provide clothes to people affected by the disaster.

Why not wait & do a drive when the disaster occurs? Because the need for used clothing last only 24-48 hours. By the time we could mount a campaign, collect the clothes & deliver them to the disaster site, we would just be adding to the trash pile. **Our job is to fulfil Jesus’ guidance in Matthew to “clothe the naked.” (Matthew 25:31-46)**

# Calendar

- Dec. 3 Clergy Consultations, Andy-Kerrville, Colleen-Brady  
4 Clergy Consultations, Andy-Uvalde, Colleen-Sonora  
4 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC  
5 Clergy Consultations, Andy-New Braunfels, Colleen-Llano  
6-7 Cabinet Meeting  
6-10 Amy – Out  
10 Clergy Consultations, Andy-San Angelo  
11 Clergy Consultations, Colleen-San Angelo  
11 District Open House & Gini's Retirement Reception (see details on Pg. 1)  
19-31 District Office Closed
- Jan. 1 District Office Closed  
6 Trusted con Confianza Training, San Angelo:First UMC, 2:30 p.m.  
9-10 Cabinet Meeting  
11 2018 Apportionments are due in the Conference Office NO LATER THAN NOON.  
22 2018 Year-End Reports DUE ONLINE.  
23-25 Cabinet Assessment  
26 Equipping the Saints (Leadership Training), Kerrville:First UMC

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