



# West District News

June, 2019

*Changes coming to the West District July 1, 2019:*

*We would like to say farewell to those leaving the West District:*



*Clergy Retiring:*

- ♦ *Rev. Charlie Baskin, San Angelo:St. Luke UMC*
- ♦ *Rev. Everette Boyce, Bronte:First UMC*
- ♦ *Rev. John Fluth, Del Rio:First UMC*
- ♦ *Rev. Larry Young, Big Lake:First UMC/Barnhart UMC*

*Clergy Departing from the West District:*

- ♦ *Rev. Sheree Harris, Junction:First UMC/London UMC*
- ♦ *Rev. David Sanchez, Rankin:First UMC*

*Clergy Moving within the West District*

- ♦ *Rev. Jim Noble, Departing Sterling City:First UMC  
Moving to San Angelo:St. Luke UMC*

*Welcome to those coming to the West District:*



- ♦ *Big Lake / Barnhart, Rev. Susan Rang*
- ♦ *Bronte, Stacy Sprinkle, Deacon*
- ♦ *Del Rio:FUMC, Rev. Juan Osorio*
- ♦ *Junction / London, Rev. Stephen Curry*
- ♦ *Rankin, Rev. John Lee*
- ♦ *Sterling City, Rev. Glenn Luhrs*



**West District Lay Ministry Training**  
**Saturday, June 15, 2019**  
**Basic and Advanced Courses**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**1011 Hutchings St., Goldthwaite, Texas**

**Basic Course: \$25.00** Led by: Rev. Mark Smith, San Saba First United Methodist Church  
 Rev. Tim Birkner, Star / Center City United Methodist Churches

The Basic Course focuses on the many ways Lay Servants are called to be in ministry through such things as preaching, leading, teaching, serving, proclaiming the gospel, disciple-making, storytelling, and growing through personal spiritual formation. Purposes include caring, leading, and communicating.

**Advanced Course: \$25.00** Led by: Rev. John Alsbrooks, Goldthwaite First United Methodist Church  
 "Leading Worship" This Advanced Course is grounded in the classic patterns of Christian worship and the practices of leading worship. (A Book of Worship is recommended. Pre-registration is highly recommended so you can have the book, *"Worshiping with United Methodists"* by Hoyt L. Hickman, to read prior to the beginning of the course.)

Sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about Lay Ministry. To be a Certified Lay Servant you must complete the Basic Course and the Advanced Course. To continue your certification, you must complete an advanced course every 3 years. Please contact Amy at the West District Office, (325)486-1500 or westamy@suddenlinkmail.com, to pre-register or come by the District Office at 1315 S. Abe Street OR First UMC Goldthwaite to pay and pick up a copy of the book. [Registration Form on page 3.]

<b>Schedule:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Registration / Refreshments
	8:45 a.m.	Morning Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Basic and Advanced Courses
	Noon	Lunch
	12:30 p.m.	Alleluia!
	12:45 p.m.	Basic and Advanced Courses continue
	3:30 p.m.	Closing Worship

**Items to Bring:** Bible, Notebook, Writing Instruments,  
 Book of Worship recommended for Advanced Course

West District Lay Servant Ministries:

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## Lay Servant Ministry Training

### June 15, 2019

### First United Methodist Church of Goldthwaite

**“Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And, how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And, how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And, how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**  
**Romans 10:11-15**

On Saturday, June 15, laity from all churches in the West District are invited to participate in the Basic or Advanced Courses for Lay Servant Ministry.

The Basic Course is the foundational course to acquaint laity with their spiritual gifts, John Wesley doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church. This course focuses on the many ways Lay Servants are called to be in ministry through Caring, Leading, and Communicating.

The Advanced Course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group, class, organization, or the congregation in worship. A Certified Lay Servant is laity who completed the Basic Course and the Advanced Course. Certified Lay Servants are to serve within and beyond the local church. To continue to be a Certified Lay Servant, you must complete an Advanced Course every three years.

Therefore, Lay Ministry Training—Basic and Advanced—are being offered Saturday, June 15 at FUMC Goldthwaite, 1011 Hutchings St., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration Form: Fee \$25.00 per person, includes book, lunch and refreshments

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

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

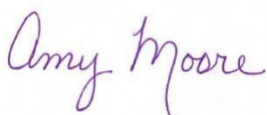
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## Ministry through Administration

Hey everyone, with summer fast approaching, I would like to remind you if you are trying to reach me in the District Office and can't to please leave a message! The office hours are 9:00—Noon and 1:00—4:30, but there are times I have meetings scheduled and errands to run, checks to get signed, etc. I try my best to be here in the mornings and run my errands in the afternoon, but sometimes it is not possible. I don't want to miss connecting with you! Please, please, leave a message or email me, [westamy@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:westamy@suddenlinkmail.com). You are important and I don't want to miss the opportunity to speak with you.

Let's stay connected,



Amy

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### July 28 - August 1, 2019 Sunday, 4:00 pm through Thursday, 11:00 am

Families are invited to attend closing worship on Thursday at 10am.

**Camp location:**

Butman Methodist Camp, 158 County Road 674, Merkel, TX 79536

**Cost:** \$250 fee per camper.

Please mail registration forms and make checks payable to the following:

Sierra Vista  
United Methodist Church  
4522 College Hills Blvd.  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
325/944-4041  
Fax: 325/947-7086



This camp is hosted by Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. We greatly appreciate their willingness to open it to the West District and the Rio Texas Conference.

For more information please contact:

Kelly Duke, Associate Pastor  
Cell: 325.656.8068 [texts welcome]  
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Tina Glass, Director, Youth Ministries  
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Check out the District webpage for registration forms. (Under the "Forms & Events" tab)



**ERT Basic  
Training  
at  
Sierra Vista UMC  
(Fellowship Hall)**

**4522 College Hills Blvd. ~ San Angelo**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**from 6:00pm to 9:30pm**

**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.**

**Training includes a light meal both nights,  
as well as an ERT t-shirt!**

**Childcare will be provided.**

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).



## Hill Country District Training:

**Lay Servant Ministries, Basic and Advanced: Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition, courses** will be offered in the Hill Country District on June 22, 2019 at FUMC Boerne. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch and book. If you are interested in attending this training, contact Scott Maderer, HCD Lay Servant Director at [csmaderer@gmail.com](mailto:csmaderer@gmail.com).



## West District Missions

Dear Pastors and Laity,

I am inviting you to participate in the development of a Missions Committee for the West District. Currently there is no organized mission effort in our district. It would be great to have volunteers from the pastors and from the laity in helping to develop and organize this committee.

The formation would look similar to the Hill Country District's structure in order to work in tandem with any mission efforts that arise. Part of the goals would be to develop strategies for handling long - and short-term mission issues that might arise not only in our own district, but that might arise in other districts, our state, our nation and our world. One example of this is the border issue. The Hill Country District has been very active in helping churches become connected with the needs and working to help meet those needs.

Pastors, your involvement is critical as connectional points of contact and support, and also in identifying those members in your congregations who have a heart for mission that would be willing to serve on this committee and help develop best practices for a West District Mission Committee.

If you or any member of your congregation is interested in serving on this committee, please contact me by phone, 512-557-4170 (c) or email [bunjackson@centurytel.net](mailto:bunjackson@centurytel.net).

Thank you

Bun Jackson

# Calendar

June 4	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
	District Office Closed—Amy to Corpus Christi
5-8	Rio Texas Annual Conference, Corpus Christi
12	Cabinet Meeting
14-24	Andy—vacation
15	Lay Speaking Training, Goldthwaite
17-18	ERT Training, Sierra Vista, (see pg 5 for more info)
24	Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 p.m.
27	Moving Day for moving clergy

The month of July the District Office will be closed on Fridays and some Thursdays.

July 2	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
4-5	District Office Closed
7	First Sunday for moving Clergy
11-12	District Office Closed
18	Lay Speaking Committee, 2:00 p.m., District Office
19	District Office Closed
22	Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 p.m.
23	District Strategy Team Meeting, TBD
25-26	District Office Closed
28-1	Summer Camp—Beyond Belief! The Universe of God

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