

West District News

September, 2021

To Walk a Trail Is an Exercise in Trust

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To walk a trail is an exercise in trust.

First, it is exercise – one of its main purposes. Trails are not really about getting from one place to another; they are not thoroughfares. Most trails are traversed out and back. One ends up where one started (hopefully with a restroom at the trailhead).

So, trails are about walking. Whether my walking is leisurely or brisk-paced. Today I choose leisurely.

Walking a trail is an exercise in trust. I trust that the trail actually leads me somewhere. That I will be able to follow it. That I will be safe. That there will be some payoff at the trail's end, or at some point or points on the loop – some vista, some grandeur, some colors rarely seen. Tranquility. Accomplishment. Peace.

So, I give thanks for the trail. For he/she/they that first envisioned and made it.

They saw something that inspired them and desired to share it with me. To point the way. To make the way – often through some wilderness.

I give thanks for those who mark it. For those who maintain it. For those who preserve it.

It is said by trailwalkers: Thank you, Lord, for the trail. May I leave nothing but footprints. May I take nothing but memories. Amen.

Andy#

REMINDER:
Assessment forms are due no later than **SEPTEMBER 15th!**

Forms can be found on the District website.

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SIMPLE SEMINARY

What is Simple Seminary?

Simple Seminary is a way to engage biblical understanding with leadership development. We will engage a variety of teachers that will not only provide a sound scriptural foundation but also practical application. We believe that all God's people are created to thrive in the Kingdom and it is our hope to help on this pathway of discovery.

We have designed this program for people who may not have the time or the resources to go to a traditional seminary but would like the training. We have greatly reduced the time and financial commitment in order to make Simple Seminary accessible to all. We will be drawing from leaders that hold PhD's in theological education as well as experts who have practiced successful ministry over many years. Our format is to watch online teaching and then gather weekly for in-person dialogue and discipleship. This program is a 2-year program that will begin September of 2021.

For more information:

Email: linda@whatisqkd.com www.whatissimpleseminary.com Call: 210.373.1437

To register: www.whatissimpleseminary.com/register

Warming hearts at Texas State University!

by Rev. Todd Salmi, United Campus Ministry at Texas State

For more than 90 years, the United Campus Ministry at Texas State has partnered with The United Methodist Church to welcome all students in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. With a diverse school enrollment of over 39,000 students, including 40% first-generation in college, the UCM cares for individual students, creates disciples, and serves our neighbors in the name of Jesus.

If you know a student at Texas State, or want to make a positive impact with emerging young adult leaders of the church, please contact Todd Salmi (todd@ucmtxstate.org) and visit www.ucmtxstate.org.

The United Campus Ministry at Texas State is a mission of the Río Texas UMC and connected to the Wesley college ministry network.

Ps. I am more than happy to help students going to other schools connect with college ministry in their locations. Please feel free to have people email me at todd@ucmtxstate.org and I can help them get connected!

Blessings+

Todd



Miles United Methodist Church's
Annual

Sausage FESTIVAL

Sunday,

OCTOBER 3

Weatherby Hall — Miles, Texas
10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DRIVE THRU ONLY — NO DINE IN

\$12⁰⁰
PLATE

Menu Includes:

- Sausage
- German Potatoes
- Coleslaw
- Dessert
- Sauerkraut
- Green Beans
- Rolls

— SAUSAGE PRE-SALE —
Fresh Link Sausage For Sale By The Pound
Raw Or Cooked
\$8/Pound Raw • \$10/Pound Cooked

RAFFLE TICKETS

Drawing For ...

- Outdoor Gourmet Flat Top Griddle
- Gift Card To Ideal Food Store
- Gift Card #1 To The Depot At Top Tier
- Gift Card #2 To The Depot At Top Tier

\$1 EACH



Fresh Sausage Must Be Pre-Ordered This Year!

Deadline: September 26

Please Contact:

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For More Information:

[facebook.com/Miles-United-Methodist-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Miles-United-Methodist-Church)





**ERT Basic Training at
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Highway 290 W
Sep 25, 2021
from 8:30am to 3:00pm**

Due to COVID we will be practicing social distancing & require masks.

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@riotexasrespo#

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Calendar

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| September | 6 | District Office Closed |
| | 7 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 7 | Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m. |
| | 14 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 21-22 | Cabinet Meeting |
| | 21 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 26 | Charge Conference, Junction—Andy |
| | 28 | Coffee with Andy |
| October | 3 | Miles Sausage Fest |
| | 5 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 5 | Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m. |
| | 10 | Charge Conference, Robert Lee—Andy |
| | 12 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 19-20 | Cabinet Meeting |
| | 19 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 24 | Charge Conference, Brady—Colleen |
| | 26 | Coffee with Andy |
| | 31 | Charge Conference, Mason—Andy |
| | 31 | Charge Conference, Paint Rock—Colleen |