



United Methodist Temple

February 2019 Newsletter

Volume II

At the gathering of this newsletter, the called General Conference (February 24-28) in St. Louis is still ahead of us, as is the season of Lent (March 6-April 18). In the event that the General Conference changes or encourages us to change the Church in some significant way, I suggest we see Lent as a time for us to take to heart benefit of our new wisdom. Some Churches rely on creeds or confessions at the center of their shared life. Some rely on particular scripture. We rely on the Holy Spirit. We believe the Holy Spirit is particularly involved in guiding and renewing us when we gather in conferences and councils.

Please be in prayer for the General Conference gathering in St. Louis. We do not know what will happen. We do not know what conversations will take place. We do not know what decisions will be made. We do know that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations and inspire the decisions; and we do know that the Holy Spirit will bless us after the Conference.

Here is a list of clergy and lay delegates, reserve delegates, and alternates who will represent our Conference, our church, and you, in St. Louis. Each and every one of them has accepted this crucial responsibility; and all of them take it very seriously. I am particularly proud of our delegation, and I am certainly persuaded that the Holy Spirit is at work in them and in their shared mission and ministry.

Rev. Alex A. Shanks, Rev. Dr. Rinaldo D. (Rini) Hernandez, Rev. Dionne C. Hammond, Rev. David A. Dodge, Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Weems, Rev. Jacqueline P. Leveron, Rev. Dr. Sharon G. Austin, Rev. Joanes Martin, Rev. Dr. Geraldine Williams McClellan, Molly R. McEntire*, Derrick Scott, III, Alice M. Williams, Milton E. (Mickey) Wilson, William R. (Russ) Graves, Jeremy K. Hearn, Rachael P. Sumner, Charlene R. Fogle-Miller, Janet B. Earls, Rev. David Allen, Rev. William David McEntire, Rev. Audrey Blaine Warren, Rev. James Joseph Therrell, Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, Rev. Dr. Armando Joel Rodriguez, Rev. Dr. Kevin Michele James, Martha Gay Duncan, Anne Pierre-Louis, Paulette T. Monroe, Rod Lee Groom, Joyce Waldon A. Bright, Rodney Akers, Benjamin Dale Spangler, Rev. Vicki R. Walker, Rev. Wayne D. Wiatt, Rev. Catherine Fluck Price, Rev. Melissa Ann Cooper, Rev. Jamie Ray Westlake, Rev. Annette Stiles Pendergrass, Rev. Joseph Richard MacLaren, Rushing Johnstone Kimball, Kelly Rebecca Minter, Walter Lee Dry, Brittany Erin Cott, Frances Yingling Jennings, Michael Reed Coffey, and Gary Lamar Sanders.

*Delegation leader

Lord, Bless our General Conference as we gather to seek your love and wisdom and to revise the Church that we may be more faithful to you. Guide the deliberations of those who represent us. Put their hearts at ease that they may be clear and courageous; and give them love and wisdom as they decide what is before them that we may be more fully faithful to you and offer greater hope to world. Amen

We express our sympathy to the Davis family on the death of mother and grandmother June Davis. There will be a brief Memorial service following worship this coming Sunday, February 3rd. After the service a reception lunch will be in Barnett Hall as part of our regular Pot Luck lunch. Please plan to stay.



Don't forget to order your Valentine Candy. This Sunday is the last Sunday to order. There will be order forms in the Sunday bulletin.

Sweetheart Banquet

Sunday, February 10th
following worship.



Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a meal sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

The Dine Abouts will be going to the Olive Garden on Sunday, February 17th. All women of the church are invited to join them (single or single for the day). Contact Brenda Dorn (644-5250) or Frances Mundy (646-1300).



February Calendar

1 African American History Month
National Freedom Day
2 Groundhog Day
3 Worship
June Davis Memorial Service
Pot Luck lunch
5-6 9:00 AM CGIS candy making
5:30 PM Finance Committee
6:00 PM Administrative Council
6 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
7 9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery
10 11:30 AM Sweetheart Banquet
11 10:00 AM Elizabeth Circle
13 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

14 Happy Valentine's Day
9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery
17 10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Dine Abouts to Olive Garden
19 6:30 PM United Methodist Men
20 3:00 PM Worship Committee
7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
21 9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery
24 10:30 AM Worship
25 7:00 PM Windsor Arms HOA meeting
27 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
28 9:30 AM Kids Pack packing & delivery



A BIG "THANK YOU" to all those who came out for "The Hanging of Greens." It is an exciting time for us to see our Sanctuary so warm and inviting, preparing the way of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and his birth. We anticipated, we meditated, we read, we studied we listened and watched ... all with Pastor John's guidance.

Thank you all for being a part of this glorious season. AND, after EPIPHANY ... those same folks were there to "Take down the Greens" another BIG "THANK YOU"!

I have to say, it's amazing how our Christmas dinner comes together. Ron and Denise Clark, "Thank You" for the extra help in preparing, baking, slicing the turkey and ham - so beautifully done. Thanks to the prep/set-up girls. Thanks to all who join in the kitchen to clean up. There was so much help, there was no room in the kitchen for "Dinah!" Someone might think I planned that. It was a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

Blessings to All,
Dianna



Sometimes you need new tools...Sometimes you simply need to re-tool.

Registration open for INNOVATION 2019: A Gulf Central Learning and Application Event. This event, designed with the mid-sized and small church in mind, is a Toolbox

for Revitalizing your Church. Discover, and re-discover, new ways to do church...to do discipleship...to serve.

Check out the 20 sessions uniquely built for YOU @ www.flumc.org/events. Have you seen these sessions? Just a few you don't want to miss

- o Fresh Expressions 301—Join the Movement
- o Growing School Partnerships
- o God at Play in the Neighborhood: Join the Game through Missional Spiritual Direction
- o Intentional Discipleship—Made for the Small and Mid-Size church
- o Maximizing Volunteers for God's Service
- o Poverty Experience—Moving from Mercy to Justice Ministries
- o Reaching into Our Community—Asset Mapping
- o Safe Sanctuary—Active Shooter
- o Sharing the Gospel Scares Me to Death
- o Trauma Sensitive Ministry
- o UM Communications 401—Launching an Engaging Web Ministry

INNOVATION 2019

A Gulf Central Learning and Application Event

Toolbox for Equipping the Mid-sized and Small Local Church

February 16, 2019 (online registration closes February 8th)

9am-3pm

Anona United Methodist Church

Child care provided with registration
Translation available with registration

