

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that these are the announcements as of our publication date. The annual conference agenda will contain the complete list.



Accessibility for Handicapped Participants

The Texas Annual Conference hopes to assist persons with special needs during this Annual Conference. To request assistance, please contact the chair of our Committee on Disability Concerns, Greg Edwards, at (409) 866-1414 (work) or (409) 550-3056 (cell).



Child Care - You Must Pre-Register

Child care for infants through kindergarten will be in the Noah's Nook area on the first floor and for children in first grade through sixth grade activities will be in the Children's Ministry area (Rooms: Clubhouse 21, Studio 34 and Planet 56) on the second floor. We also have Special Needs childcare available. There are separate sets of forms for each of these age groups and a specific information sheet for a special needs child to be included with the age appropriate group form. For forms, please see our conference website: www.txcumc.org or The Woodlands UMC website: www.twumc.org or if you do not have computer access please call the conference office (713/521-9383) and ask the receptionist to mail those forms to you. **All children must be pre-registered before May 10th, 2007. PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$50.00 late fee collected at the door for those children not pre-registered.**

Cokesbury

The Cokesbury Store will have merchandise available for sale upstairs on the second floor of TWUMC in the Children's Activity Center.

Cross Connection

is the conference page of the United Methodist Reporter. The *Cross Connection* and the *United Methodist Reporter* are sources of local, national and international religious news. For subscription information contact the Communications Department, 713/521-9383 or by e-mail: ecolvin@txcumc.org.

Ministries and Missions Fair

Many of our ministries will have displays available for you to enjoy in the Gym on the first floor of the church. Be sure to visit the displays for information about areas of ministry and mission within the United Methodist Church.

Missions Store

Mission teams from our conference have brought jewelry, clothing and special souvenirs to be sold at our Mission Store. Proceeds are returned to mission programs. The Mission Store is located on the first floor in the Otterbein Room.

Parking

The Woodlands United Methodist Church has easy access parking lots available for your use. They also have "handicap accessible" parking spaces throughout the facility. Parking is free.

Shuttle Transportation

If you don't want to drive, have the hassle of finding a parking space, or have to walk from your car to the church building, we have a shuttle bus available that will run on regular intervals between the Marriott Waterway and the church. We also will have one shuttle bus that will make a short local run to several hotels that include: The Hampton Inn & Comfort Suites (please gather at the drive-through at the Hampton Inn for pick-up from both hotels), Homewood Suites, America's Best Value, LaQuinta Inn, Drury Inn (all these hotels front I-45 between Wellman & Lake Front), Courtyard by Marriott and Residence Inn (on Lake Front), Hilton Garden Inn & Residence Inn (on Six Pines).



Café & Snacks

The Woodlands United Methodist Church will have their café: "The Columns" open during Conference serving a variety of foods for you to choose from. They are located near the Children's Ministry area and The Woodlands Bookstore. Hours will be 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

There also will be a Snack Bar serving drinks and limited snacks located near the Gym entrance. They will be open from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm each day.

Morning Bible Study

The decision was made to try a new morning style of "worship." We will begin each day with a simple "Morning Bible Study" that will be about 45 minutes in length. We will end each day with a full Worship Service, which will begin at 7:30 pm each evening in the Sanctuary at The Woodlands UMC.

Conference Office Telephone

The United Methodist Service Center offices will be closed during Annual Conference. There will be a "UMSC Office" with staff on duty during Conference in the Lenox Parlor. The phone number will be 281-466-8662.