

Methodist Connection

June 2012 | Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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From the Pastor's Pen General Conference Report

Every four years the United Methodist Church has up to 1000 laity and clergy delegates elected from every annual conference in the world meet to update our *Book of Discipline* and the *Book of Resolutions*. This year they met April 24-May 4 in Tampa, Florida.

Here are some of the highlights addressed this year:

- Passed a proposal to restructure at the highest level of the church but it was ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council;
- Celebrated an Act of Repentance toward indigenous people pertaining to actions over a century ago;
- Retained the church's position regarding homosexuality, deciding not to adopt language that would have said United Methodists are not of one mind on this issue;
- Did away with "guaranteed appointments" for clergy;
- Rejected a proposal for setting aside a bishop to serve as full-time president of the Council of Bishops;
- Entered into full communion with a number of historically black pan-Methodist denominations;**
- Approved making the United Methodist Women an autonomous organization rather than operating it under the church's missions agency;**

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Finance Update | FUMC

Over the years I have found the end of April, the end of August, and the end of December as extremely good points to measure a church's annual financial health. So having had some time to digest the numbers through April, it seemed a good time to give you my perspective.

The following projections are based on our history of giving in order to give us a realistic target by which to measure.

	2012 Goal thru April	2012 Actual thru April	Difference
Income	\$29,234.43	\$26,786.46	(\$2,447.97)
Expenses	\$34,998.11	\$29,901.99	(\$5,096.12)
cash flow	(\$5,763.68)	(\$3,115.53)	

For those of us who are not as visual with numbers, let me interpret these numbers. Our projection was that according to our normal patterns of giving we would be in a deficit of \$5,763.68 by the end of April but the actual deficit was only \$3,115.53. This is good news except that our total giving was \$2447.97 below our projection. The only reason we are in as good of shape as we are is that we have kept our expenses well below our budget. However, there is no guarantee we can do this throughout the year.

The main budget areas that are over budget for this point in the year relate to our children's and youth budgets, but these are growth areas for the church, so if we could pick areas to be over budget, these are the ones I'd want to pick. The good news is that May giving has been good and is within reach of our target for the month with one Sunday to go. Thanks for your faithfulness in giving! Please, do all you can to be consistent so that we can maintain our ministry plans throughout the coming months.

Bro. David

GENERAL CONFERENCE CONT'D

Created a national ministry plan for Pacific Islanders;

Adopted a \$603.1 million budget for the 2013-2016 period; and

Decided not to divest from three companies whose products are used by the Israeli military in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The delegates, from more than 60 nations, processed some 1,200 petitions during the assembly. **General Conference meets every four years and is the only body that speaks for the 13 million-member denomination.**

The *Book of Discipline* contains our church's constitution, Articles of Religion (faith statement), Social Policy, and polity for how we are structured at every level of the church.

You may find more information at the following web site:
<http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=1wL4KnN1L4H&b=8057055&ct=11743349>

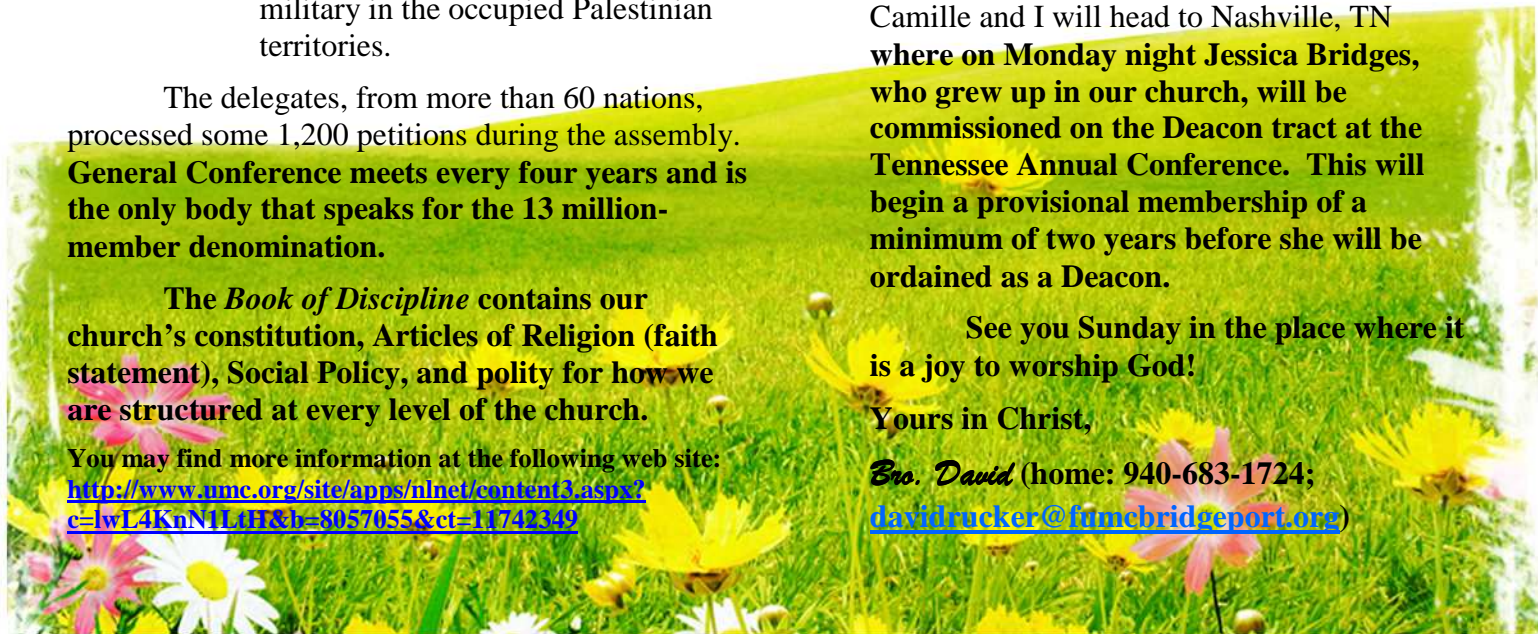
Next up in terms of major meetings is our North Texas Annual Conference which will meet June 3-5 in Plano. You may keep up with actions of Annual Conference, including life streaming of worship services at the conference web page, <http://www.northtexasumc.org/2012-Annual-Conferences/home.html>

Then on Sunday afternoon, June 10th, Camille and I will head to Nashville, TN **where on Monday night Jessica Bridges, who grew up in our church, will be commissioned on the Deacon tract at the Tennessee Annual Conference. This will begin a provisional membership of a minimum of two years before she will be ordained as a Deacon.**

See you Sunday in the place where it is a joy to worship God!

Yours in Christ,

Bro. David (home: 940-683-1724;
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Summer Vespers

2012

6:00 p.m.

Date	Location	Preacher
June 17th	Alvord	Patti McHaffy (FUMC Paradise)
June 24th	Decatur	Charley Pierce (FUMC Jacksboro)
July 1st	Oak Grove	Ed Volfe (FUMC Boyd)
July 8th	Chico	Shelly McNew (Oak Grove, Decatur)
July 15th	Paradise	David Rucker (FUMC Bridgeport)
July 22nd	Boyd	Glenn Waldon (Sunset/Garvin)
July 29th	Bridgeport	Rick Davis (Morris Memorial UMC Chico)

Mark Your Calendar

6.3-5

North Texas Annual Conference in Plano

6.4-11

Youth Mission Trip

6.16

Family Fun Day at Hawaiian Falls in Roanoke. (9:00 am leaving from church)

6.17

Father's Day
Youth Mission Sunday
Vespers Begin

Looking Ahead

7.4

Office Closed

7.14

Family Fun Day at Amazing Jake's in Plano

8.4

Family Movie Night 6pm at the Stage downtown

8.11

Church-wide Planning Meeting



In Memorial

Of

Donnie Green

Given By:

Char Setters

Kelly & D'Anna Garrett

John & Beverly Crisp

Ann Kaker

Gaylord & Brenda

Kennedy

Embry & Marti Hines

Of

Floyd Crisp

Given By:

Char Setters

Kelly & D'Anna Garrett

Of:

William Myers

Given By:

John & Beverly Crisp

Embry & Marti Hines

Of:

Sue Powers

Given By:

John & Beverly Crisp

Keith & Carolyn

McComis

Adney Stowe

Edie McDonald

Doug & Lynda Bridwell

Chris & Tish Tackel

Kelly & D'Anna Garrett

Of:

Cindy Clifton

Given By:

Kelly & D'Anna Garrett

Embry & Marti Hines

Of:

Bill Montford

Given By:

Doug & Lynda Bridwell

Cleo Boulware

Embry & Marti Hines

Ann Kaker

Thurman Holt

Chris & Tish Tackel

Of:

James Hudson

Given By:

Kelly & D'Anna Garrett

Of:

Garrett Trammell

Given By:

Doug & Lynda Bridwell

Happy Birthday

6/2 Betty Wright

Brady Hudson

6/6 Debbie Lee

6/7 Dianne Radcliffe

6/8 Nelda Adams-Flippin

6/9 Carol Laxson

6/10 Meagan Lambert

6/11 Debbie Selz

Anna Mauk

6/14 Aaron Peyton

6/15 Reese Read

Christopher Meekins

6/16 Billy Brewer

Lisa Davis

6/19 Frank Trail

Kevin Jones

6/21 Sissy Higgins

Kristy Weirich

6/22 Caleb Coursey

6/23 McKenna Meyers

6/24 Landrie Walsh

6/26 Yvonne Messer

6/27 Peggy Johnson

6/28 Carnelia Blalock

6/30 Richard Perry

Happy Anniversary

6/1 Mr/Mrs Donald Johnson

6/3 Mr/Mrs Tom Messer

6/6 Mr/Mrs Ernest Wright

Mr/Mrs Jeff Green

Mr/Mrs Corey Ingram

6/14 Mr/Mrs Leon Farmer

Mr/Mrs LB McDonald

6/15 Mr/Mrs Embry Hines

6/16 Mr/Mrs Kurt Kronenberger

Mr/Mrs Stuart Houston

6/18 Mr/Mrs Jerry Coffman

6/22 Mr/Mrs Clarence Pitts

Mr/Mrs Mike McDonald

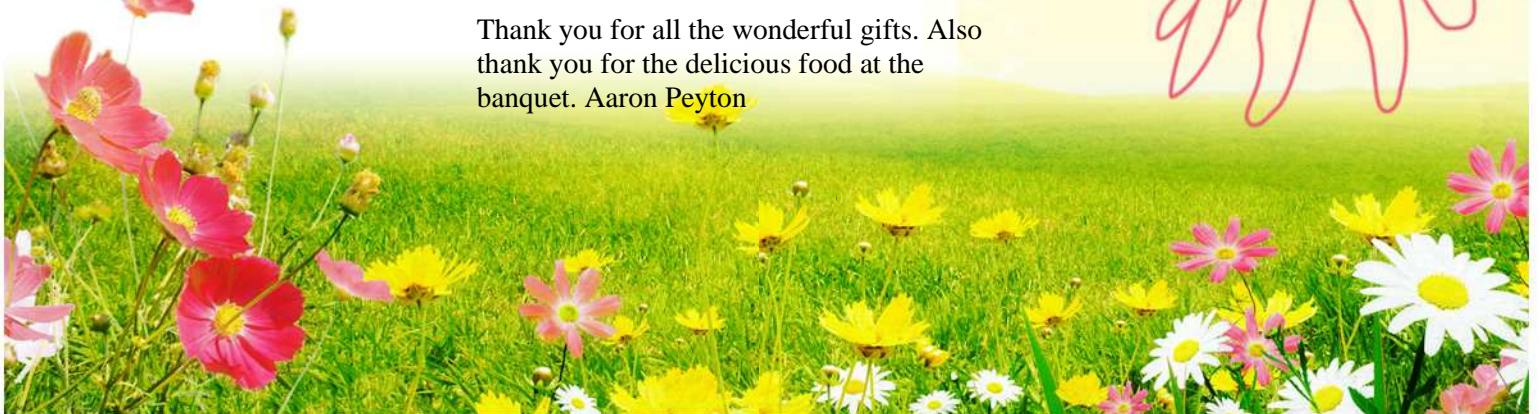
6/25 Mr/Mrs John Crisp

6/27 Mr/Mrs Scott Johnson

6/29 Mr/Mrs Erik Swensson

Thank you!

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts. Also thank you for the delicious food at the banquet. Aaron Peyton





The church is "Going Green"!



In order to help our environment, keep waste to a minimum, and to beautify the earth, this will be the last newsletter mailed out. Our wonderful website will have the current newsletter up to view. www.fumcbridgeport.org We will keep some copies for those who would like to pick one up at the church. We would like any names of those who are homebound or do not have access to a computer so that they may be kept on our list.

Every little bit counts!

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