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FROM YOUR DS

THE MINISTRY OF PROCESS AND PAPERWORK—that is how it was described to me. And it’s true. As a superintendent, I ensure that the methodical procedures of United Methodist ministry are honored and followed. And, believe it or not, it is a vital form of ministry. At least that’s what I tell myself on a regular basis! Administration (what we call the ministry of Order) is essential if we are to fulfill the other aspects of our calling—Word, Sacrament, and Service.

So, whenever I fill out a report for the District Committee on Ordained Ministry—or any of the other important evaluation forms which you send to me as you move along in the process—I consider it a high calling to complete them. When I consult with you and your S/PPRCs about matters of leadership, gifts for ministry, growing edges in your work, and hopes and fears for the future, I am blessed by the privilege of partnering together to maximize vital ministry. So, keep the process and paperwork coming! I trust that all these things (tedious though they may seem to us at times) “work together for good”—and contribute faithfully to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who help transform the world.

Serving Together,

David Watson
Five Rivers District Superintendent



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Mileage Rates for 2016

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

February

Feb. 2-5 Appointive Cabinet in Topeka

Feb. 6 Extended Cabinet

Worden UMC Expo, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See pg 4

Feb. 13th DCoM interviews in Wellsville UMC

Feb. 15-16 Appointive Cabinet

Feb. 17-18 Orders and Fellowship at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneer Blvd., Lincoln, NE

Feb. 20th Bishop's Confirmation Rally in Emporia, KS

Feb. 26-28 Five Rivers Confirmation Retreat at Camp Chippewa. See pg 4. Bishop Jones will share with the group on Saturday morning, Feb. 27th.

Feb. 27th Worden UMC, Ham-N-Beans Supper, Taco Bar, 5 -7 p.m. Free will donations accepted for Baldwin City Habitat For Humanity House. See pg 4.

Feb. 29th-March 3rd Appointive Cabinet in Wichita

February Clergy Birthdays

Connie McKee	Feb. 3rd
Kathy Williams	Feb. 9th
Bill Fitzgerrel	Feb. 14th
Ron Bell	Feb. 23rd
Jacob Cloud	Feb. 24th

5R Prayer Calendar

Feb. 7	Fort Scott 1st Rev. Steve Cole
Feb. 14	Camp Chippewa James Rickner and Staff
Feb. 21	Iola: Wesley/Calvary/Trinity Rev. Jocelyn Tupper Associate Rev. Ed Flener
Feb. 28	Iola: Salem Russ Vallier

PAUMCS National Conference is in Kansas in 2016

The Professional Association of the United Methodist Church Secretaries is definitely a group you should consider joining if you work in a church office. To find out more about this organization, go to www.paumcsgreatplains.com

Please consider sponsoring your local church secretary to attend this year's National Conference which is in Wichita, Kansas this year.

The Conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott Hotel, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS 67207. It takes place April 14-16th. The theme this year is, **There's no place like home.**

Speakers this year are Rev. Adam Hamilton and his Executive Assistant, Sue Thompson, Bishop Scott Jameson Jones will be leading sessions on "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Rev. Delores "Rev. Dee" J Williamston, the Salina District Superintendent.

CEU's are available if you request them at registration.

Early Bird registration is \$360 for National Members; \$410 for non-members. Deadline is March 1st. After March 1st, registration is \$410 for National Members; \$460 for non-members.

Questions? More Information? Please contact Connie Christopher at conniechristopher72@gmail.com or register at PAUMCS.org

Fort Scott First United Methodist Church to Celebrate 150th Anniversary



The First United Methodist Church in Fort Scott, Kansas will celebrate its 150th anniversary on March 13, 2016. The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the church at 301 S. National followed by a catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Previous pastors of the church are invited to attend and will be recognized. The District Superintendent, the Rev. David Watson, will also be in attendance. An anniversary cookbook, a commemorative quilt, and a 150th directory will be on-hand at the service.

The congregation invites all current and former members, as well as the community, to come and join in their celebration. Please RSVP for the luncheon by March 1 to secretary@firstumcfsks.org or 620-223-1950.



Bishop Scott Jones to speak to 5R Confirmation Class

Five Rivers District Confirmation Retreat

What: A **Confirmation class** will be offered for interested youth from the Five Rivers District churches. The class will consist of a series of three weekend retreats held on **February 26-28, April 8-11, and May 6-8, 2016 at Camp Chippewa**. Each weekend retreat will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and run until 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The Credo curriculum will be utilized (see www.credoconfirmation.com). The approach recommends that confirmands have mentors to help guide them in their faith walk, and continue to support the youth as they return home following each retreat to worship in their respective congregations.

Why: The Lyndon United Methodist Church has organized the class to offer a meaningful and life-changing experience for their youth. Having a small number of confirmands, and realizing the struggles of other small churches, the Lyndon church would like to invite similar churches in the district to join them in a shared confirmation experience. Each participating church would benefit from pooling resources and responsibilities.

Cost: The cost for six nights lodging and meals provided by Camp Chippewa is estimated at \$200.00 per participant.

Next Steps: Contact Marve' immediately by phone at 785-842-4804, or by email at 5Riversdistrict@greatplainsumc.org, if you are interested in participating in the confirmation retreats and help prepare youth to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Representatives from Interested churches will be invited to participate in a planning committee.

Worden UMC

Invite You to their Ham-N-Bean Supper, Taco Bar

Ham-N-Beans Supper, Taco Bar

Worden United Methodist Church, Saturday, February 27, 2016

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Full menu includes:
Ham-N-Beans, Taco Bar,
Corn Bread, Cole Slaw
Homemade Pie
Coffee and Tea.**

A Craft Bazaar will also be available. Free will donations will be accepted.

Proceeds will go to the Baldwin City Habitat For Humanity House

Live, Laugh, Love and Learn 6th Annual Worden Expo

Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2016 ~ All ages invited

Located at Worden UMC (4 miles West of the Junction 56 & 59 Hwy)

Doors open at 9 a.m. and finish up around 1:30 p.m.

Soup and Salad Lunch will be available.

Shop and Interact with over 30+Vendors

Contact Kim Bergan 785-393-2720 with any questions

Health Kits requested for UMCOR ~ Will be collected at Annual Conference ~ June 1-4 in Topeka, KS

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

Health Kit Value: \$12 per kit

Assembly & Shipping Instructions

Health Kit Materials

1 hand towel

15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;

Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

1 washcloth

1 comb

Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;

No pocket combs or picks please;

Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

1 metal nail file or nail clippers

No emery boards, please.

1 bath-size soap

3 oz. and larger sizes only;

No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;

Do not remove from original packaging.

1 toothbrush

Adult size only;

Do not remove from original packaging.

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Health Kits continued from pg 5

6 adhesive bandages

¾ inch to 1 inch-size;

Common household Band-Aids.

1 plastic bag

One-gallon size sealable bag only.

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Packing & Shipping Instructions

Box Weight: Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

Complete 2 packing lists: one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.

Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.

Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need. For Cleaning Buckets, please enclose \$1.50.

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes

All items must be new.

Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.

Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all money for toothpaste and shipping, then place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.