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## Stillwater District

**Re-ignite Workshop**  
 (Local Church Leaders Workshop)  
 Sunday, February 26, 2012  
**Stillwater-First United Methodist Church**  
**400 W. 7th**  
**Stillwater, OK**

❖ All church members, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders.

## Class Opportunities

Session 1 2:40 — 3:40 p.m.

### 1-1 Vacation Bible School Preview

EvaMarie Campbell

This class is directed to persons preparing / leading VBS in their local church. Come preview the wonderful activities for VBS that will lead your children to a closer walk with God, experience new songs and form bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.

### 1-2 UMW: What's It About

Kathy Calderon

This class is for anyone interested in learning more about United Methodist Women. We will discuss who is a member and what does it mean in today's world. We will cover coming events and how they relate to the purpose.

### 1-3 Should Faith Mix with Politics?

Stan Basler

This workshop will address issues of systemic sin and explore biblically and theologically the role the church should play in forming public policy as a matter of authentic discipleship. The main points include: discussion of systemic sin (corporate sin); enculturation of the church; and prophetic ministry, i.e. "Thus sayeth the Lord" to powers and principalities.

### 1-4 Youth 101 - for Churches with Few or No Youth

Derrek Belase, District Youth Coordinator

Many churches in the Stillwater District have a few to no youth. This is a class for you. We will discuss how the district resources our small membership churches using district and conference youth events and other opportunities. In addition to discussing strategics, there will also be some print and digital resources presented. Bring your calendars, ideas, questions and open minds!

### 1-5 \*EFFECTIVE\* Dialogue on Social Principles in Local Churches

Adam Shahan

"Gambling is a menace." "Capital punishment limits the ability of Christ to redeem." "Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." "Abortion is never desirable, but necessary under certain circumstances." RILED up yet? Most people are about these pressing and, at times, controversial issues. However, unless we can commit as a church to faithful and effective dialogue concerning these issues, we will never move forward as a body.

### 1-6 Making a Difference: Starting a New Ministry

Judy Benson and Chuck Stewart

Is God calling your church to expand your ministries? All laity who see a need or feel the heart tug for making a difference and desire methods for success in beginning new ministries are welcomed. The Lay Leader's Role will be included. \* "How-to" -Begin a New Ministry. \* "How-to" -Plan and Carryout a Successful New Ministry.

### 1-7 Effective Financial Leadership

Brian Bakeman

Are finances running your church or is your church running the finances? This class is designed for the chairs of Finance Committees, new and old, to discuss the leadership role of the chair.

### 1-8 College and Young Adult Ministries

Kyle Anderson and Janina Graves

Insights and experiences of being in ministry with young adults. Presenters will share how they got started, what has worked, what has not, and some practical ways in which any church can reach out to young adults in their community.

### 1-9 Leading Through Conflict: Cooling the Hot Spots


Claudean Harrison

Every congregation faces times of crisis, disagreement and sometimes serious conflict. At those occasions, what's a leader to do? This discussion format session will focus on some of the key elements in "handling" conflict. Our leader brings experience in public service, administration, teaching, and church leadership to this subject. Anyone who finds themselves in positions of leadership in the church will benefit from this important session.

### 1-10 Children's Time Part I

District children's directors

The children will have a time with our District Superintendent expressing their ideas of what they want to happen with their church. We will also have skits, crafts and games to help them learn how to handle different situations (at school, home, playground) like Jesus. Last, we will talk about things the children can do to help in their own church. The focus will be how they can grow in their faith and be better servants. The children will be part of the opening session and the closing worship with their parents.

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**2-1 Children's Time Part 2**

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**2-2 Passionate Evangelism**

Randy L. Scrapper

This class is built on the expansion of natural evangelism that accompanies the meaningful growth of Christian spiritual maturity. It is directed at pastors and lay persons alike.

**2-3 Making Disciples: In and out of Prison**

Stan Basler

The workshop will present opportunities for person to live out their faith in ministry with incarcerated persons, formerly incarcerated and their families. The class is directed to lay and clergy looking for ways to be in ministry. The three main points are that: ministry is possible to families of incarcerated, ministry is possible with formerly incarcerated in the community, and ministry is possible in the prison.

**2-4 Precious Memories: Oral Interviews and Local Church History**

Jerry Gill

Local church historians and other laity interested in their church's history and church staff involved in maintaining official records and historical documents will benefit from this session. Information and materials about traditional programs and guidelines for preserving church history will be provided. New this year will be a video presentation and discussion of oral interviews as a simple, and yet compelling, way to capture the history and heritage of your church and the "stories" of individuals who lived and helped shape its history.

**2-5 Small Membership Congregations**

Diana Northcutt

We will look at the great things small membership churches can do. What are the key indicators for healthy small membership churches. Network with one another. What is some of the new research saying about the viability of the small membership church?

**2-6 How can Small Churches Partner Within the District for Vitality?**

John Curtis (10-100 Club), Max Rudd (VBS Partnership), Jake Ehrlich (Perkins Youth Force), Jenny Gilliland (CREC Energy Makeover Day)

We will be looking at Re-Vitalization within the District and how that could happen when we reach out to each other. Do you have resources—people wanting to help but don't know how to go about it? Do you have money for a church project, but not the know-how and people to get it done? How about creating a partnership with another church? We will share examples of how partnerships are working with great impact! We will also be looking into District grants and organizations that might assist you within your communities. Come and share your needs, your talents, your hopes and your ideas. You will leave ready to Re-Vitalize not only your church—but also someone else's.

**2-7 Lay Leader 101**

Judy Benson and Chuck Stewart

Come for "nuts and bolts" ideas, the basics, and possibilities of being a lay leader.

**2-8 Trustees, More Than Just Buildings**

Brian Bakeman

The job of the trustees includes managing the buildings, risk management, other legal issues, and bequests.

**2-9 Social Media and the Local Church**

Conference Youth Team

Social Media is everywhere! Our neighbors, family, friends, youth, former classmates, and many companies use social media to connect with others. Facebook and Twitter are seen everywhere when it comes to staying in touch and getting the word out! What is its place in our church? How can it be used to communicate and announce our ministries and events to our members and the general public. We will cover how to set up Facebook groups for the local church and how Facebook and Twitter can be used in different ways that benefit our church!

**2-10 Congregations working with Veterans**

Joseph L. Lynch

With so many of our fellow Oklahomans being deployed with the military, including the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard units and Reserve components, how can congregations faithfully serve those in the armed forces, their families, and the religious professionals who care for them, especially those deployed overseas? Every congregation can make a difference. This will cover congregational and pastoral care for veterans and their families.

**Cost**

The registration fee is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to: Local Church Leaders Workshop.

**Cancellation**

If the weather is inclement, call the host church to find out if the workshop has been rescheduled for March 4, or if the workshop will continue as planned. (405) 372-5854

**Childcare**

There will be activities for the children this year! Call (405)372-5854 to make reservations by Monday, February 20.

**Other Information**

Join us as we Re-Ignite our spirits, our local churches, our District and Annual Conference! Today, we will be inspired by a District-wide Choir and Bishop Hayes will preach. Children will have activities to enjoy, and the youth are invited to attend all of the classes available.

**Special Offering**

We will take up a special offering to support our District youth camp and our District Volunteer in Mission efforts.

**For more information, contact:**

John Curtis (405)372-5854, jcurtis@fumcstw.org, or Aly Shahan (405)530-2198, ashahan@okumc.org

**Reignite Workshop**  
REGISTRATION FORM

Checks payable to: Local Church Leaders Workshop  
Mail registration and money to: Stillwater-First UMC, 400 W. 7<sup>th</sup>, Stillwater, OK, 74074  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**List Participants:**

**1) Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: under 18  18-35  36-55  Over 55   
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**Children: (list name and age)**  
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make copies of this form if needed or register online

**Schedule**

- 1-2 p.m.....Registration
- 2-2:30 p.m.....Plenary/Opening
- 2:40-3:40 p.m.....Session 1
- 3:50-4:50 p.m. ....Session 2
- 5-5:30 p.m. ....Snack
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.....Worship

**Registration Information**

Register by Monday, February 20.  
Send registrations to: Stillwater First UMC, 400 W. 7<sup>th</sup>, Stillwater, OK, 74074

**Online Registration**

The registration form can be found at:  
<http://www.okumc.org/LCLW>  
Register online or use this printed form.