



FROM THE FOUR WINDS



The Newsletter of the Gulf Central District United Methodist Men - January 2012 Edition

From the President GCDUMM - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL - JIM FEIERBACHER



**Gulf Central District
United Methodist Men**

District Wide -Annual UMMen Gathering and Election January 21

THEME: Fishing on the wrong the side of the boat?

Saturday - January 21, 2012 9 am - 2 pm

Pasadena Community Church



**227 70th Street South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33707
727-381-2499**

Call ahead to Register \$10 donation collected at the door

AM Session (subject to change)

Registration – Coffee / Breakfast snacks

Opening Music, Prayer, Introductions - Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb

Special Music

FL Conf/District UMM Update

Break

Men's Ministries Forum/Panelists/Round-Robin

Learn what's working, and what's not

Mike Kuthraupt – Manatee UMM, Bradenton, FL
Greg Alvord – Palm Harbor UMM, Palm Harbor, FL
Dean Moore – Serendipity UMM, Homosassa Springs, FL
Don Gospodinsky – Clearview UMM, St Petersburg, FL

Luncheon

Luncheon Speaker: Mr. Russell Graves, First UMC, Melbourne, FL



Delegate to General Conference 2008 & 2012; Associate Florida Conference Lay Leader, Past Florida Conference Chair of the Committee for Congregational Transformation, Coach and Facilitator/trainer for Natural Church Development, and ReFocus, Chair of Church Council First Melbourne

ARE YOU PART OF THE MIRACLE? TODAY IS A NEW DAY, MANY WAYS OF THE PAST SIMPLY DON'T WORK ANYMORE. GOD IS CALLING FOR EACH OF US. WE'LL BE LOOKING AT SOME OF "THE FORGOTTEN WAYS" BY ALAN HIRSCH

PM Session

Announcements, Business and Election

Closing Prayer and Benediction

RSVP: E-mail Chet Klinger at cklinger1@tampabay.rr.com or call 727-596-1483

Directions to Pasadena Community Church –

From the South (Manatee County) – I-275 North to Exit 20 – turn left on 31st St S, turn left on 5th Ave S, turn right onto 34th St (US 19), go to and turn left onto Central Ave, drive 3.4 miles to 70th St S, turn left then turn right at 227 70th St S.

From the North (Hernando & Citrus counties) – take Suncoast Parkway/SR-589 Toll-S, becomes Memorial Highway in Tampa, merge onto I-275 South, drive 16.4 miles and Exit 23B toward Treasure Island; merge on 5th Ave N heading west 4.1 miles to 66th Street N. Turn left onto 66th Street N (US19A and stay on US19A which becomes 70th St S to 227 70th St S on your right.

From Pinellas & Pasco Counties – Take US 19/Alt 19 to US19A (66th Street toward St Petersburg Beach) to 227 70th St S on right.

From Palm Harbor UMM - Greg Alvord

January 7, 2012 - 8 am UMM Breakfast - Guest speaker : **Rodney Akers**

Come for a “wonderful country breakfast” – Men invited from inside and outside the church - call Greg at 727-789-2986 or 727-331-7225 cell for reservations

From the Men of St Paul UMC, Largo – Bill Elliott

January 28, 2012 – Pancake breakfast at St Paul UMC – 7:30 – 10:30 am - \$5

The Men of St Paul raised \$2,500 for charities in selling out their Christmas trees in only 10 days this year.

From Anona UMC - Ian Lennox

On Jan 2, the class will finish up with attempting to solve the mysteries of the Star of Bethlehem using ancient and modern astronomy. The Monday night studies are open to any man in the District. For information call Ian Lennox at 727-517-0806. The Men’s Bible Fellowship at Anona UMC in Largo is engaging in a study in the ***Gospel of John*** picking up again on January 9. The fellows meet every Monday night at 7 pm.

Cruise to the Holy Lands

Men and their wives of the Gulf Central District are invited to tour the Holy Lands of the Old and New Testaments by sea -

Journey by sea aboard the Azumara Club Cruise ship *Quest* to the Bible lands where Paul and Jesus walked and taught, across the Mediterranean Sea from Cairo and the Pyramids of Egypt, to Bethlehem and Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan in Israel, to Cyprus and Rhodes, Ephesus, Corinth and Athens, Greece, and to Rome. Dr. Robert Mansfield of Oral Roberts Graduate School of Theology and United Methodist Minister, will be speaking to our travelers during this journey. In cooperation with Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc, Chet Klinger, Rev. Jim and Pam Rosenburg of Trinity UMC in Bradenton, are helping to put together a combined cruise and land tour to the Holy Lands. **May 6 – May 20, 2012.** For brochures and details, e-mail cklinger1@tampabay.rr.com or contact Chet Klinger at 727-596-1483.

Next Gulf Central District UMM Board Meeting & Elections

The next Gulf Central District UMM board meets **January 10** at 6 pm in the District Conference room at St Paul UMC 1498 Rosery Rd (NW corner Rosery Rd and Highland Blvd) in Largo.

Nominations are open for January 21 election

Gulf Central District UMM President

Gulf Central District UMM Secretary

Gulf Central District UMM Treasurer

Gulf Central District Area Vice-Presidents, by area – North, North Central, Central, South, East, and Sky harbor areas - each are covers between 10 and 12 churches

2012 Election Nominating Committee - Jim Feierbacher, Outgoing President, Chet Klinger, Past President, Terry Ketrow, Past President St Petersburg District, and Bill Elliott, Treasurer

To be nominated, please e-mail Chet Klinger at cklinger1@tampabay.rr.com or call 727-596-1483.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the January 21 Gathering

The Gulf Central District UMM is looking for men to serve one year on the GCDUMM Board. The nominee should be a man who seeks Christ daily in prayer and His Word, who has attended one or more men's retreats, who comes from a church which is chartered with the UMM, and a man who is able to meet live with the UMM Board, in person or from his home computer or travels via video or teleconference, at least every other month as the Board meets throughout 2012. Area vice presidents are expected to meet with the men's ministries leaders, lay leaders and pastors at the churches within their areas at least twice a year, in person, individually or in groups, or live via video or teleconferencing.

Area vice-presidents distribute the GCDUMM newsletters to the men, lay leaders and pastors in their group of churches, they collect information from the churches about events on the churches' calendars involving the men at these churches and inform the GCDUMM Board for publication in the Four Winds newsletter. Area Vice-Presidents also promote and track men and UMM units attending annual retreats.

2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church – Tampa

Volunteers for serving as drivers and dispatchers for delegates and their family members in cases of emergencies can register with Ken Blackman's phone & email ruswwjd@aol.com ; For more information, call Ken at 813 831-0057 629-4380

2012 UMM Couples' Retreats – at Leesburg (Fruitland Park), FL

The theme for couples' and men in the Florida Conference in 2012 is ***"LIVING BY FAITH"***.

The dates for the **Couples' Retreats** are **March 9-11, 2012** with John Riley and Rev. Debbie Nelson with Lenee Schroeder as music leader. And **March 23-25, 2012** with Rev. Charley Reeb and Rev. Roger Watts. Music is by Ross Kimura. Start registering now. Internet download at www.ummlconf.org and register on-line. Or register by calling Don or Sue Heishman at 877-815-3692 By mail: Check to United Methodist Men P.O. Box 93370 Lakeland, FL 33804-3370

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