

# THE COMPASS

News and events of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church

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June 2011

## What You DON'T Want To Miss In June

### Wednesday, June 1:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm  
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, June 2:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm  
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

### Friday, June 3:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

### Saturday, June 4

Steffins' Wedding Rehearsal @ 6 pm

### Sunday, June 5 - Day of Caring:

Annual Conference  
Day of Caring @ 8 am  
Steffins' Wedding  
WSM Worship @ 5 pm

### Monday, June 6:

Annual Conference  
Chapps Fundraiser @ 5 pm  
Boy Scouts @ 6 pm  
Trustees' Meeting @ 7 pm

### Tuesday, June 7:

Annual Conference  
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm  
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

### Wednesday, June 8:

Annual Conference  
PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm  
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, June 9:

WSM Fellowship @ 7 pm  
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

### Friday, June 10:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

### Saturday, June 11

Men's Ministry @ 7 am

### Sunday, June 12:

Senior High Mission Trip - Saturday  
Worship @ 9:45 am  
Sunday School @ 11:00 am  
Niki's Fundraiser @ 5 pm  
WSM Worship @ 5 pm - canceled

### Monday, June 13:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm  
Finance Meeting @ 7 pm

### Tuesday, June 14:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm  
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm  
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

### Wednesday, June 15:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm  
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, June 16:

Last Day To Order Angel Food  
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

### Friday, June 17:

Oliver Wedding Rehearsal @ 5 pm  
Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

### Saturday, June 18:

Oliver Wedding @ 2 pm

### Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day:

Worship @ 9:45 am  
Sunday School @ 11:00 am  
Youth Advisory Board @ 4 pm  
Mission Trip Party @ 5 pm

### Monday, June 20:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

### Tuesday, June 21:

Mimi's Café Fundraiser All Day  
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm  
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

### Wednesday, June 22:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm  
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, June 23:

WSM Fellowship @ 7 pm  
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

### Saturday, June 25:

Angel Food Pick-up @ 8:30 am  
Sisters of Aloha @ 6 pm

### Sunday, June 26:

Joe's Pasta & Pizza Fundraiser All Day  
Worship @ 9:45 am  
Sunday School @ 11:00 am  
WSM Worship @ 5 pm - canceled

### Monday, June 27:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

### Tuesday, June 28:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm  
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm  
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

### Wednesday, June 29:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm  
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, June 30:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

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Worship  
Times

Worship  
9:45 am

Sunday  
School  
11:00 am

5301 Davis Blvd  
North Richland Hills

# Pastor's Prose



Wow! Change is not only hard, it is exhausting! But within the exhaustion, and the inevitable sense of loss that comes with change, is the excitement, promise and anticipation of the future. What does God have for us in the next few months? In the next few years? How is God calling us to grow the

Kingdom, and to go about our mission and purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, to the glory of God? How will God help us to walk together, nurturing one another's growth in grace, as we begin to discern God's call? Don't worry! The answer lies within each of us..... through the work of the Holy Spirit.....as God helps us to process all of this, and more.

Steve and I are so excited about joining this family of grace and faith known as Davis Memorial United Methodist Church. In the coming weeks and months we'll be getting to know everyone, getting to know the community, and diving right into ministry. We deeply appreciate all the notes of welcome, and gracious offers of help. We already feel a part of the family!

Change is hard. But we'll work together to process all of this change, honoring and celebrating ministry under Pastor Linda's leadership, and looking ahead with excitement and anticipation to what God has in store for us in the coming days, weeks, months, and years. I look forward to our ministry together, as together we learn the ways of God that Jesus taught.

Grace and peace,  
Denise



**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 11 - 15**  
**6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

## The Church Around the World

from United Methodist News Service  
<http://umns.umc.org>

### Leaders ponder funding, structural changes

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA - In an effort to promote more vital congregations, United Methodist leaders are weighing proposals that would dramatically change church funding and the denomination's agencies. Illinois Area Bishop Gregory V. Palmer shared the proposals during the May 2-6 Council of Bishops in St. Simons Island, Ga. The [possible changes](#) under consideration include combining general-agency functions into fewer groups, establishing a new agency that would coordinate connectional ministry among the agencies and changing the funding formulas for the general church and annual (regional) conferences.

### Jamaica event to continue focus on peace

NEW YORK - A number of United Methodists plan to be at the [International Ecumenical Peace Convocation](#) in Kingston, Jamaica. These church members are still searching for the ways to build "just peace" as the World Council of Churches' "Decade to Overcome Violence" ends.

### Lay speakers give Haitians clean water

COLUMBIA, MO - With almost a million cases of cholera forecast in Haiti this year, the disease is likely to affect more lives than the 2010 earthquake. One of the main causes of the disease is a lack of safe drinking water. United Methodist lay speakers across the United States are doing something about it. The [United Methodist Association of Conference Directors of Lay Speaking Ministries](#) is raising money for at least 10,000 water filters for Haiti. Donations can be mailed to 3009 David Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. Make sure that "ACDLSM Haiti Water" or "Lay Speaker Haiti Water" is in the memo section.

### Churches assist flood victims in Kentucky

CRESTWOOD, KY - The United Methodist Kentucky Annual (regional) Conference is assisting communities affected by flooding from the Mississippi and lower Ohio rivers in the Elizabethtown District. In West Point and Colesburg, United Methodist churches worked in conjunction with the American Red Cross to collect and distribute more than 63 gallons of bleach and 60 cleaning buckets to help those whose homes were inundated by floodwaters.



**Ron and Margaret Bachman, Wayne and Anita Brannon and Duane and Rita Davis** for providing dinners on Sunday nights for the youth group.

**Randy Ikert and Marti Powles** for shepherding Sunday School.

**Steve Barber, Stayton PettyJohn, Dayna Tooley and Gregg Tooley** for being Shepherds on Sunday Nights.

**Barbara Russell** for being an awesome supporter.

To **all who volunteer to distribute Angel Food**. This is a great service to the community.

**Wayne Brannon, Duane Davis, David Gray, Carol Mabry, Diane Richardson and Bill Schott** for all the help with N.E.E.D.

**Susan Meador** who gives us joy in the altars she prepares.

**Anita Brannon, Joanne Gray, and others** who prepare food for people. There is comfort in food.

To the **Methodist men** who come faithfully every second Saturday.

To **all who teach a Sunday School Class**. Sunday School is an important contribution to the faith development of individuals.

**Shirley Blalock-** for all that you do mailing the newsletter so we all know what is going on.

**Wayne Brannon** for being at the church every time there is a problem.

**Carlos Baker** for changing the sign in front.

**Jeremy Brown, Michelle Brown, Gwen Barnett, Rita Davis, Amy Shupp, Susan Younkens** - for all the time, effort and energy that you put into keeping the nursery well staffed with loving people.

**Amy Shupp** for all your hard work in supporting the children's program while being in school.

**Jim & Gloria Wallace, Wayne Brannon, Jacob Powles, Caity Shannon, Kelsey McDonough, Errol Faeth, Homer Ludiker, Gene Blalock, John & Amy Ramsey, Michael Smith and Carlos Baker** for ushering.

**Michelle and Jeremy Brown** for having child care during the training session.

**Deb Brown, Diane Richardson and Cindy Shannon,** for delivering flowers.

**Steve Barber** and **Carlos Baker** for assisting in leading worship.

**Tonya Minton and Sean Raich** for teaching another successful Dave Ramsey Financial Peace.

Thank you for the kindness shown during our difficult time with the loss of Laura.

Bill Schott and family



Thank you to all who attended my farewell luncheon. I will miss you and be in prayer for Davis.

Rev. Linda Holbrook

# Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

The person I interviewed for my column this month has a vivacious personality, a positive attitude and a very infectious laugh. She is the youngest of five children and looks much younger than her chronological age. Curiosity got you yet? Well, I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Let's now meet and get to know...KRISTIN DEMING!

Kristin was born in Gloversville, New York, on May 10, 1971, to Lawrence Deming and Marijane (nee: Huizing) Deming. She has two brothers and two sisters. Her eldest siblings, Bob & Bill Deming, are 54 year old twins. They live in Gloversville, New York. Next in line is her sister, Stacie, age 52, who lives in St. Albans, Vermont and then Laurel, age 50, who lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Kristin's maternal great-grandfather, Jan Huizing, came from Holland in 1906. Her maternal grandmother, Marguerite Stryker, is predominately Dutch, but she also has a little Scottish blood mixed in. Kristin's father's family was Canadian and Dutch. Her father was a Bombardier Navigator in the Korean War. He became an Architectural Engineer after he got out of the service. He was also a Shriner and a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason of the York Rite Temple. He passed away on August 26, 2002. Kristin's mother was a stay-at-home Mom, until Kristin was 11 years old, when she started working outside her home. She currently owns her own business, Library Services of Albuquerque, as a Law & Accounting Librarian.

Kristin is a Computer Operator in Coppell. She got her job on her mother's birthday and has been with her company for five years. I would tell you more about her job, but she said she would have to kill me before she could say any more, so I think I'll just drop that subject. J (Kristin is not being smart-alecky; she really cannot tell us about the type of work she does.) Prior to becoming a computer operator, Kristen was an Automotive Technician for Zangara Dodge in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She studied at TV-I for the automotive industry and was on the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA. She also studied at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for two years, majoring in Music and Theatre. While growing up, Kristin was in the Girl Scouts and the International Order of Job's Daughters. She performed with the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera in four shows, starting at the age of 13,

with Hans Christian Anderson.

Kristin's boyfriend's name is Jeremy Froneburger. They have been dating exclusively for 1-1/2 years. He lives in Sulphur Springs, where he owns 60 acres of land, and commutes for about two hours each way to see her. Jeremy works for ACS in Dallas, which is the same company Kristin worked for, prior to her present job.



Kristin has several fascinating hobbies: photography, genealogy, firearms, music, movies and singing, not necessarily in that order. She loves singing alto in our Chancel Choir. Kristin, her mother and sister recently sang together as special music for our Mother's Day Church service. All three ladies are truly gifted with beautiful voices. As far as sports go, Kristin was an avid swimmer. She still enjoys swimming, but has to be careful now because she had major back surgery four years ago, and she is still recuperating from it.

Some of Kristin's favorite things are the color "blue;" "all kinds of food" and "cheesecake." Her favorite movie is "The Long Kiss Goodnight." She loves all genres of music, but she does have a favorite artist, namely Amy Grant. Kristin has two favorite quotes. Her first favorite quote is: "A positive attitude will not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort!" by Herm Albright. Her second favorite quote is: "God dwells within us as us!" which is taken from the movie "Eat Pray Love."

Philippians 4:13 is Kristin's favorite Scripture, which reads "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When I asked Kristin what her favorite hymn was, she answered "all hymns."

Kristin is happiest when she is in New Mexico. She told me just being there relaxes her soul and makes her feel at peace with God. It also makes her feel like everything will be just fine.

The greatest influences in Kristin's life are her paternal grandmother and her mother. She told me that they both have an amazing zest for life and that nothing stops them.

## Getting to Know You continued...

Kristin stated that her passion in life right now is to have her left leg fully functioning. Her back has recuperated from her surgery, but her leg is still giving her problems. It has taken her a lot longer to get over her surgery than she ever expected.

What makes Kristin the person she is today she explained "is all her adversities." She truly believes that "anything that doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Kristin would like to be known for "having a good, positive spirit and determination." She feels that there are two things people like most about her--her ability to find humor in anything and her empathy.

Kristin joined Davis Memorial U.M.C. in August, 2006, right after she started working at her present company. She had to wait to become a member of our Church until she didn't have to work on Sundays anymore. She told me that Virgil Oakes was the first person she met at our Church. He introduced her to his wife, Claretta, and then to the rest of the 8 a.m. group; and the rest is history. Kristin said she did visit Smithfield UMC once, prior to coming to Davis Memorial, but she wasn't well received there.

There are two things Kristin feels people would be surprised to know about her. The first is that she is actually pretty shy! She stated that she is constantly fighting against it (being shy). The second is that she embarrasses easily!

When you see Kristin at Church next, please don't hesitate to say "Hello" to her and DO try to embarrass her. I would love to see her actually being embarrassed for myself! J Also, ask her to show you some of her photographic journals sometime. She takes some beautiful professional-looking pictures!

Thank you, Kristin, for giving me such a great interview. I really enjoyed getting to know you...better, and I'm sure the rest of our congregation will, too! FYI, Kristin—I truly believe that you have also inherited your grandmother and mother's zest for life!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY,  
GENTLEMEN!**



## "The Perfect Pastor"

I have been receiving some wonderful "advice?" from all my "friends" ever since we announced the proposed move back in January. This one came from one of the dearest "friends". I thought it might be a lighthearted way to help you prepare for the change which will take place in a few weeks. It is a tongue-in-cheek piece about "the Perfect Pastor..." and obviously by the monetary references it is quite old but it is pretty funny and describes what every church is looking for in their pastor even if it is subconsciously.

The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly but never hurt's anyone's feelings. He works from 8 am until midnight and is also the church janitor. The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 dollars a week to the church. He is 29 years of age and has 40 years of experience. Above all, he is handsome.

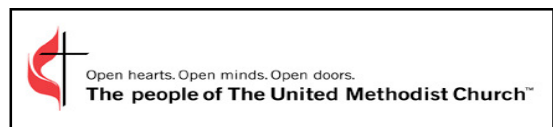
The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed.

The perfect pastor always has time for the church council and all of its committees. He never misses the meeting of any church organization, is always buy evangelizing the un-churched and has a model home life.

The perfect pastor is always at he next church over!

If your pastor does not measure up, simple send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list.

If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.





## Solidarity by Katie Parris

May has brought a surprising amount of weather to the United States. I have a good friend who is going to law school in Michigan and at the first part of the month he had snow. My grandmother and several of my cousins live in Memphis and they may be evacuating their homes soon. Many people in Missouri have experienced total devastation from Tornadoes and torrential rain. Just last night, I heard our sirens go off in Watauga, warning us of the dangerous high winds and possible tornado.

All around us, we see the weather's devastating toll. As we prepare to go to Louisiana for this year's CTCYM trip to Crowley, I would like to give you this update on the conditions as they stand today.

Based on inundation reports from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Louisiana, none of the living centers are in the direct path of the expected flooding. There is one living center (Franklin) that rests on the edge of expected flooding. At this point, they do not expect the flooding to be an issue for them.

Jeff Jones, the coordinator for CTCYM, has been notified by one host church (Opelousas), that they will be an emergency shelter for evacuees of the flooding and that they will not be able to host a living center. At this time, that is the only living center that will need to be relocated. CTCYM staff has begun working with the center directors to contact other host churches to assess the situation in their areas.

The other main concern for our trip will be travel conditions. At this point, it is too early to say how the flooding might impact our ability to access our planned living centers. The State of Louisiana has set up a travel information website that we will continue to monitor as the trip dates get closer.

I want to reassure you that CTCYM's primary concern will be the safety of our mission teams and they will continue to pay close attention to the situation in Louisiana. Meanwhile, we can start our support of the Louisiana people by lifting them up in prayer as they prepare for flooding that will and already has devastated many small towns and farms.

Many hopes,  
*Katie*

## Church Around the World - continued

### 2011 State of the Church Report now online

NASHVILLE, TN (UMNS) - The 2011 State of the Church Report is now available to be downloaded at <http://www.umc.org/2011sotcreport>. The report, titled "Called to Act: Make Disciples, Transform the World," presents church data collected by the General Council on Finance and Administration. It also offers a summary of the work done in the past year on behalf of the Call to Action effort to reorder the church. The report is put together by the Connectional Table in collaboration with the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

### 'NCIS' actress joins church's malaria fight

NASHVILLE, TN - Imagine No Malaria welcomes actress Pauley Perrette to its growing community of supporters working to reduce deaths caused by malaria. Known for playing Abby on the hit CBS TV show "NCIS," Perrette is an active member of Hollywood United Methodist Church in California and has agreed to take on a new role to raise awareness and money to fight the disease. She will also provide the narration for the ministry's TV special called "A Killer in the Dark: An Extraordinary Effort to Combat Malaria," which started airing on many NBC affiliates May 1.



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# WILDFIRE

romans 12:2

## student ministries

### Oh man oh man mission trip time is here!

We are heading out to Crowley, Louisiana to meet up with FUMC Joshua and Martin UMC in Bedford. I could not be MORE EXCITED!

Please keep each one of our participants in your prayers. This year, we have one van going. It will be tight but it will be FUN! Here's a list of all the people going on the trip.

Please pray for:

Paige Tooley  
Michelle Willoughby  
Andy Davis  
Jacob Powles  
Merry Hodge  
Chris Owens

Barbara Russell: Adult Leader  
Kenny Gonzalez: Adult Leader  
Dylan Smith: Adult Leader  
James Coleman: Adult Leader  
Katie Parris: Group Leader

Pray unceasingly for each one of us! It is a difficult week full of hard work, sweat, danger, worship, and a ton of spiritual growth. This is not only a challenging time for the students, but for the adults as well.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support the group through fundraising and prayer. We couldn't have done it without you!

Blessings,  
Katie

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## Happening in JUNE!

### Worship

every sunday @ 5pm  
(except 12th & 26th)

### Sunday School

every sunday @ 10am

### Fellowship Dinner

every second thurs @ 7pm  
(9th & 23rd)

### Mission Trip!

to Crowley, LA  
june 12th - 18th  
meet at church @ 9am  
arrival in Crowley @ 5pm

### Mission Trip Party

june 19th @ 5pm  
location TBA

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# DAVIS MEMORIAL UMC

## June Events

### Day of Caring

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