

TEXAS UNITED METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter by Wm. C. Hardt

Texas Methodist Musical Heritage is the theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the TUMHS scheduled for Cochran Chapel UMC Micah Center in Dallas on March 23-24. The program organizers have done a fine job. You will find a full schedule, housing information, and registration materials in this *Newsletter*.

The importance of this year's theme came home to me when I was teaching an adult Sunday School class. I was beginning a series of lessons based on the Hymnal and introduced the theme for the series, "The subject of our series is important because Methodists have traditionally learned more theology from hymns than from sermons." I then illustrated my point by mentioning my distaste for the theology behind the phrase, "none other has ever known," from the chorus of *In the Garden*.

I was surprised at the class reaction which may be summarized as "Hymn texts don't matter. We just want to sing songs with pretty tunes." I was so surprised that I didn't have much of a response.

Hymn texts do matter! My earliest memory of that proposition was probably as a youth. We had Sunday night church services. The hymns were chosen by the congregation. Almost every Sunday night one of the venerable saints, Mr. Will Campbell, would call out *Are Ye Able?* I just couldn't bring myself to sing the chorus because I knew I was not ready "to be crucified with Thee."

In spite of the importance of hymns and the pervasive presence of music throughout the Texas Methodist historical experience, there is relatively little information in our published histories. A scan of a digitized version of Thrall reveals that the word "music" does not appear. "Hymn" appears only four times. The annual meeting will try to correct that imbalance. Several of the sessions will be quite interactive. All will add to your knowledge of our Texas Methodist musical heritage. The setting is in one of our truly historic churches. The accommodations will be comfortable. The food and fellowship will be outstanding. Register today!

Central Texas Conference Cornerstone Garden (Update)

The previous issue of the TUMHS Newsletter highlighted the work of the CTC in creating a cornerstone garden at Texas Wesleyan University.

The dedication of the Central Texas Conference Cornerstone Garden took place on October 22 at 10 AM at Texas Wesleyan University. Seven cornerstones from closed churches have been gathered from across the conference, and are in place in the Garden at the present time. The stones date from 1895 to 1969, and represent various sizes of congregations no longer in existence. One marker is from the Methodist River Oaks Apartments in Waco, a project of the former West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, which provided non-segregated housing for low income families.

The other cornerstones are from Brookview UMC, Waco; Missouri Ave. MECS, Fort Worth; North Fort Worth MECS; Rockwood Methodist Church (Coleman County); St. John's UMC, Fort Worth; and St. Paul's UMC, Fort Worth.

Perhaps you know of a “orphan cornerstone” from the CTC. If so, contact Jean Traster. She has generously supplied the following pictures showing some of the workers who made the garden possible.



2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Texas United Methodist Historical Society
Meeting at Cochran Chapel UMC Micah
Center
9027 Midway Road at Northwest Highway
Dallas, TX
March 23-24, 2012

Friday March 23, 2012

10:00-11:30 Board of Directors Meet

12:00 noon Registration Opens at
Micah Center

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Devotional
Rev. Joseph Stabile

1:30 p.m. "A Conversation with **Jane
Marshall** about church musicians in Texas
in the Twentieth Century"

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Walter Vernon Award Winning
Student paper, **Evan Jones**

3:30 p.m. "A Walk Through the
Beginnings of Methodism in North Texas"
by **Linda Rolen** (tour of historic Cochran
Chapel)

6:30 p.m. Texas United Methodist
Historical Society Dinner in Fellowship
Hall
"The World Is My Parish: The Role of the
Accordion among Circuit Riders" by **Dr.
Michael Hawn**

Saturday March 24, 2012

8:30 a.m. **Raquel Martinez**

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. TUMHS Association meeting
including Kate Warnick Award for best
local church history, reports from annual
conferences, and special guest, Dr. Robert
Williams, the General Commission on
Archives and History of the United
Methodist Church, Drew University,
Madison, NJ.

11:30 a.m. "Just a Little Talk': Stamps-
Baxter and Texas Methodists" by **Dr.
David Music**

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

OUR SPEAKERS

The Rev. Joseph Stabile has been
appointed as pastor of Cochran Chapel
United Methodist Church for over seven
years. Joe and his wife Suzanne founded
the Micah Center for retreats and spiritual
direction. Joe served as a Roman Catholic
priest for 26 years before being received
into the United Methodist clergy. His
popular gifts include pastoral care and
song.

Jane Marshall is "a distinguished
composer, educator, conductor and
author."

*(Companion to the United Methodist
Hymnal)* She is the recipient of the 1965
Woman of Achievement award from SMU
and the 1974 award for distinguished
service to church music from the Southern

Baptist Church Music Conference. Jane has taught at Perkins School of Theology since 1969. She composed 21 entries in the current *United Methodist Hymnal*.

Linda Rolan has been a member of Cochran Chapel UMC for over 20 years. She has been active in serving the church. She will show us the 1895 Cochran Home, Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, and the Cochran Cemetery all on site.

Dr. Michael Hawn serves SMU as University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and Director of the Master of Sacred Music Program. His most recent book is *Gather into One: Praying and Singing Globally*. He is an ordained Baptist minister and an Elected Fellow of the Hymn Society.

Raquel Martinez is widely known in United Methodism as the co-author (with Joel Martinez) of *Fiesta Christiana: Spanish Language Book of Worship* (Abingdon, 2003)

Dr. David Music serves Baylor University as Professor of Church Music and Graduate Program Director in the School of Music. He also directs the annual Baylor Sacred Harp sing. He has published books, articles, compositions, and arrangements. David has served as President of the Baptist Church Music Conference.

Evan Jones is a student at Perkins School of Theology. He wrote winning Student Essay on the life of Madam Volino and the founding of the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio while studying with Dr. Ted Campbell.

ACCOMODATIONS

Special convention rates have been obtained from the Embassy Suites, Dallas Love Field, 3880 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas. 75220. Single, Double, Triple or Quad \$89.00 + tax.

The rate includes complementary shuttle service from Love Field and to and from the Cochran Chapel site. It also includes a full, cook-to-order breakfast, and free parking.

To secure the special rate, you must call 214-357-4500; identify yourself as part of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society by **March 3**.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Annual Meeting is \$50. If you wish to attend the Friday night banquet only, you may do so for \$25.

Make checks payable to Texas United Methodist Historical Society (TUMHS) Please print the last page of this *Newsletter* and mail completed form and check to address listed.



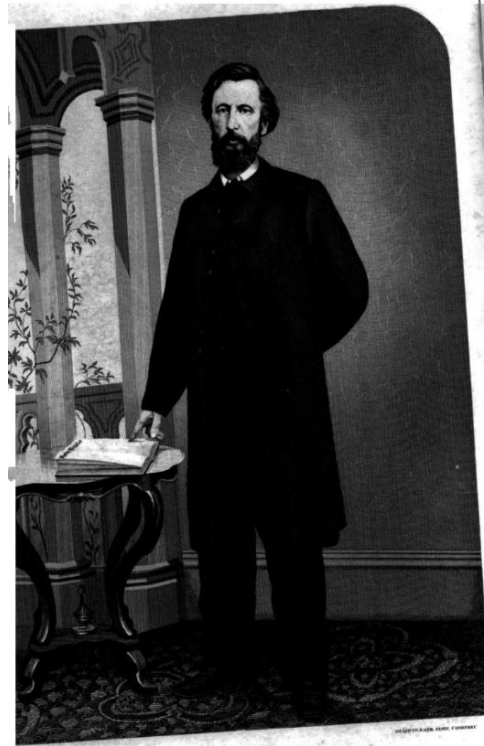
SAVE THE DATES

March 23-24, 2012 TUMHS annual meeting Cochran Chapel UMC, Dallas, (see above)

May 14-17, 2012 Historical Society of the UMC, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, *Methodism's Civil Wars*.

August 1-3, 2012 *Preserving and Sharing Our Story: 2012 South Central Jurisdiction Convocation of Archivists*, Albuquerque, NM.

March, 2013, TUMHS annual meeting, Marvin UMC, Tyler, Texas (Named for Bishop Enoch Marvin, pictured at right.)



E. M. Marvin

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News from Bridwell Library

While you are in Dallas, you might want visit the new exhibit at Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, *Four Centuries of Religious Books for Children*. The exhibit contains Bibles, devotional literature, instructional works, moral stories, catechisms, and other religious items for children from the sixteenth through the nineteenth centuries.

An introduction to the exhibit can be found on line at <https://www.smu.edu/Bridwell/Collections/SpecialCollectionsandArchives/Exhibitions/Childrens%20Books> It may be seen through May 12.

Membership/Registration Information

The good works of the TUMHS including the Warnick Award, the Walter Vernon Student Essay Award, the Annual Meeting, the publication of the *Heritage Journal*, and lifting up the UM heritage depend upon the dues and gifts of its members. Your dues and gifts are used exclusively for these programs. We pay no rent, utilities, or insurance. Board members are not reimbursed for travel expenses. The membership benefits are a real bargain. The *Heritage Journal* alone is worth the \$15 annual dues. Please send your dues and gifts to the address below.

Name(s) _____

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Annual Dues _____ Regular at \$15

Life at \$200 _____ (The Executive Committee has proposed increasing the Life membership dues to \$300. If you are thinking about becoming a life member, do so now and avoid the potential increase.)

Annual Meeting Registration _____ at \$50

Or (choose one)

Friday night banquet only _____ at \$25

I wish to support the TUMHS with an additional donation of

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