

BARTLESVILLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

Dear Local UMM President,

I wanted to inform you of several upcoming activities this year.

First, I want to invite you, your men and their children to the Bartlesville UMM District Rally hosted by the Men of the Cleora United Methodist Church. The Rally is being held on Saturday, April 17th. This year's theme is "How to stay Christian without giving up your Masculinity". We will have three tremendous speakers. First, Bishop Hayes of the Oklahoma Conference, is our Keynote speaker. Stu Crum, a TU alum and former NFL kicker, will be giving an inspirational talk. We will also have George Houle of the Kansas West Conference give a presentation on the new Men's Ministry Specialist program that was introduced at the 10th UMM Gathering in Nashville last year. This year's Rally will include special programs for children kindergarten through 12th grade, so bring your children or grandchildren. The Rally begins at 9:00 am through lunch. At 1:30 we will have a Father/Child or Grandfather /Grandchild golf outing at the "Coves on Bird Island". The fee is only \$10 per person and that includes cart and green fees. Come bring the kids or grandkids and have a great time at the District UMM Rally this April.

The second activity is a mission project for the Claremore Veterans Care Center. Last Christmas, the churches of our District gave over 400 sweats to the veterans at the Care Center. This year, they are in need of "no slip" and Diabetic socks. This year's project will then be called "Socks for Vets. We are in need of 200 "no slip" socks and 100 Diabetic socks. A letter detailing numbers and drop out churches will be coming soon or go to the District UMM web page for details.

The third is to let you know that the UMM of Owasso are planning a retreat at Camp Eagan the weekend of June 4th - 6th. The Men of Owasso UMM are extending an invitation to all of the UMM in the District. The retreat is based on the book by John Eldridge, "Wild At Heart". About 3 years ago, four of men of Owasso attended a retreat in Colorado and the UMM have been planning this retreat since then. The agenda is secret, but we will have a great time and there will be some time for fishing, horse shoes, the Ropes course and a few other activities. We will also have a lot of time with God. A minimum of 40 registrants is needed and at present 64 maximum. If you have questions, contact Owasso UMC.

Fourth, I encourage your Men's units to continue to honor those in harm's way. I also encourage you to include the local Scouts in this event. When you do, please let me know. I would like to be a part of the activities if at all possible. Also, if you are having a special event, please contact me. I want to come to as many Men's events as I can this year.

Fifth, please let me know when your unit is having a special or monthly meeting. I want to come to as many of the men's events as I can. Also, be thinking of someone to be our next District President. My term ends in the near future and I'll need to be replaced. If you have someone in mind, please let me know. Our District UMM is the strongest in Conference and I want to help my replacement keep that position.

If you have questions about this year's activities, contact the District Office at 333-1839 or Warren Neff at 335-2274.

Yours in Christ,
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