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President's Message

The time is getting closer for the National Rally. Things are in place and just waiting for the rigs to roll in and the fun to begin. It will be so good to see everyone again.

"The Promise" tickets are ordered and are between \$30 and \$35 each. We got group and senior citizen discounts. Those going might want to bring a seat cushion, just word of advice from my sister-in-law.

If your chapter has lost a member since September 2019, please let me know and send a short note about the person and a picture if possible for the memorial service. Please mail them so they arrive by Sept 28 if no one from your chapter is coming.

The conference room will be open 10AM on Wednesday October 6th for registration, relaxing with friends and snacks.

If you arrive early check out the Big Rocks Park across the street from the RV Park. Dinosaur Valley State Park has many interesting facts about the dinosaur discoveries in the area and great hiking trails. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is a natural sanctuary for endangered species. Downtown Glen Rose has a quaint little square with many interesting shops and great pie at Pie Peddlers.

Praying for safe travels on the road to fun time in Texas.

Blessed to serve
Elaine B Jackson, President

**Be sure to bring your
Cokesbury Hymnal to the
Rally**

Membership Secretary

Annual Report for 2020-YTD 2021 (Aug 1, 2021)

We moved into 2020 with a large national issue that influenced our membership tremendously, COVID-19. Our reporting was spotty and we did not complete the year end-2020 until mid-2021. The National Membership Secretary relies completely on Chapter reporting.

Your Chapter Membership Report due by Jan 31 has to be accurate for the National records to be accurate. This reporting includes;

- new members,
- dropped members,
- death of members
- Chapter closings.

The passings should be reported by the local Chapter to the National Chaplain and the National Membership Secretary. It is also very helpful if you also report these changes to the Publicity Secretary as she keeps the independent back-up membership records.

The next year dues are due to the Chapter by Dec 31 of each year and the National dues and Membership report along with a check for \$8/membership number listed on the report as active by Jan 31 of the following year.

In 2020 we removed 9 memberships and had 12 of our members pass.
In 2021 (ytd) we have removed 13 memberships and had 2 of our members pass.

This leaves the National Membership as of Aug 1st at 139.

Harold Darling
National Membership Secretary



Trinity Travelers—Chapter 21—Texas

The Trinity Travelers have been enjoying getting together each month this year. Sharing our love of camping, traveling and socializing. The Texas chapters of NUMC met together at Glen Rose for our Gathering. A great time was had by all attending.

Tabs were weighed in at 202 lbs. but Kenny Jr. said that when he took it to the scrap metal yard they weighed them in at 210, (\$84.00 plus what Kenny Jr. donated in scrap metal \$68.20) a total of \$152.20 was sent to the Ronald McDonald House. Everyone is looking forward to coming together again in Glen Rose for the 2021 National Rally in October.

Alabama R.I.M.S. Chapter 17 News

WOW, what a year 2020 was!! Our group was able to gather only 3 times in 2020 because of COVID and Severe Weather in Alabama. So, we were all blessed to have those trips with limited members of the group who could go.

Onward to 2021. We have already enjoyed 2 trips this year. The first was to Kick Back Ranch in Ramer, Alabama in March 2021. The second was the Meaher State Park in Mobile, Alabama in May 2021. We see that a lot of other “groups” across the National UMC are getting “back on the road” again which we pray will continue.

We have 3 more trips planned for 2021 and our Annual Mission Project in December to a local group. The past 2 years we have been able to help with the Annual Christmas Party for MARC clients. This event is held through Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church with Teri Brown (Frazer Staff) as Coordinator. The blessings we receive seeing 180 Clients is far more than any gift you could purchase. One of our Alabama R.I.M.S. group is a client at MARC, so we know the “true” meaning of unconditional love.

We were saddened with the loss of Bill Nelms on June 9, 2021. Our group has lost 5 members in 2020 and 2021. We ask that you take a moment to remember those families in your prayers.

Janice Dunman, Newsletter Editor

From the Chaplain-----

Greetings to all of our NUMC friends,

I imagine that you, like Trish and I, have a severe case of cabin fever after this last year. This is the opportunity for each of us to get out and enjoy the world that God has created and given for our use. God is truly good, all the time. In this year that we're in, I invite you to be in prayer and in fellowship with one another. God created us to be in community, to give smiles to all we see, to see the face of God in every person we encounter. Like the song goes, have you seen Jesus, my Lord? He's here in plain view. Take a look, open your eyes. He'll show it to you.

God bless each of you and yours,

Pastor Steve Rowe

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Chapter 1—Connecticut

Happy September from Chapter #1. We have had four group campouts this season in May, June, July and August in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and will be having our final two campouts of the season the weekend of September 10-12 and October 1-3, both in Connecticut. Our last campout will be our annual Turkey Roast campout, with traditional Thanksgiving dinner sides. We roast our seasoned and foil covered turkeys outside on a charcoal barbeque grill, turning them every 15 minutes.

This camping season has been challenging for our chapter. Our attendance has been quite low due to various factors and some health challenges for some of our active camping families. But the weather for this weekend looks great and we will have four families in attendance.

We wish you all many more enjoyable campouts this year. Our October outing will be our last for 2021 as the weather gets colder here in the northeast.

Until the next newsletter,
Daphne Adams,
President, Chapter 1



Chapter 3 West MO

Greetings:

At the meeting Saturday morning the members voted to turn in the West Mo 3 Charter to the NUMC at the end of 2020. We voted to distribute the money in our treasury to 3 of our favorite mission projects. We are going to buy one PET, donate \$300 to Lives Under Construction, and with the remainder, we will buy material for the Linus Blanket Project. Members that wish to remain part of the NUMC can do so as Members At Large.

The members decided to remain camping together and continue many of the West Mo 3 activities such as the evening devotions.

Joe

Publicity Secretary

Hey Y'all!!

If you have ideas for would like to add to the newsletter you can always email me at: jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com

You can always view/print the newsletter from our web site @ umcampers.org.

Next newsletter deadline is December 20, 2021

- 3" Letters and Numbers (Black).....\$.50 each
- Bumper stickers+++++++ +\$2.50
- NUMC Cloth Patches.....\$2.00 each
- NUMC 4" decals+++++++ \$3.00 each
- NUMC 8" decals.....\$3.50 each
- NUMC Cap (Royal w/embroidered logo) \$10.00
- NUMC Cap (Lt. blue w/mesh top).....\$10.00
- Visors (Lt. blue w/stamped logo)+++++++ \$9.00
- Visors (Royal w/embroidered logo).....\$10.00
- Chapter flag 3' X 5'+++++++ \$45.00
- Flags (Rig size) 12"X18".....\$18.00
- NUMC Pins+++++++ \$2.00
- Shipping.....\$2.00



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Chapter 19 Hill Country Roadrunners

Chapter 19 has enjoyed the past couple of months very much. We camped at Camp of The Hills in May which is the mission we sponsor primarily with our bracelet funds, and additionally in every way we can with service, work, prayers and additional funds as collected. We were able to help them with organization of their clinic and craft rooms. We spent two days tackling these projects and finished with an incredible sense of satisfaction. Because of the pandemic, no youth were able to come in 2020 and over time, the areas had become messy and disorganized. We left them shining with promise for the summer of 2021.

Several members of our group attended the Texas State Rally at Glen Rose, Tx in June. It was wonderful to see so many of our folks again after the long absence. A great time was had by all and we look forward to attending the National Rally there in October.

In July we camped in Stonewall Texas, between Johnson City and Fredericksburg. We were very busy while there preparing toys for a local church's upcoming trip to Panama. We dressed 45 little baby dolls, cocooning each one in a blanket ready to be loved by a child, and painted and embellished 48 wooden trucks ready to roll in the dirt in great adventures of a child's imagination. We put all the toys in a rolling suitcase and gave them to the Mission Chair at the church. Hopefully we made possible some smiles from the Panama children as well as the hardworking mission team as they work to make life better for the community they are serving. Our next campout is in September 8-11 at Johnson Creek RV Park in Ingram Texas near Kerrville. Come join us if you can. We always have a good time.

Trish Rowe, newsletter editor

Chapter 19 met on July 9 at Stonewall, Texas. A discussion concerning the central area meetings for the National Rally of 2022 and future National Rallies was favorable. Using the same RV parks seems beneficial, but we feel the hosting chapter(s) will reserve the final decision as to the location and times.

We also discussed the three Texas chapters (16, 19, and 21) combining three times a year (April, June and October). However, we normally meet in July and would like our date to be July 13-16 rather than in June. We like the idea of No frills or extras being expected. The Hosting chapter will find and arrange the place and times to accommodate camping for 30 rigs.

Have a Blessed Day!

David Jacobs, Chapter 19 President

Chapter 22 North Florida

Chapter 22 has gotten back to our regular camping schedule for 2021. This year our schedule is a little different than it has been in the past. Traditionally we would travel to a campground on a Thursday and return home on a Monday, but this year there are some camp outs where we travel to a campground on a Monday and return home on a Friday. So far, it is working out simply fine and we will probably continue doing that in the future.

In February we traveled to General Coffee State Park in Nichols GA. There were 4 rigs that attended, 2 members stayed in a motel and we had 2 visitors Gail and Vicki from the Trenton, FL area. We added a new member to Chapter 22, so a big welcome to Vicki Imms!

In March, we traveled north to Ponce de Leon RV Park, in Ponce de Leon, Florida. We had 5 rigs present and two members who stayed at a local motel. The weather was not very cooperative and so we got a lot of rain for the first few days, but the ladies managed to find a day to go shopping in Enterprise, AL. Finally, the sun showed up and we all traveled to Destin for lunch at a lovely restaurant right on the water. We added another new member to Chapter 22!! Welcome Gail Tompkins!! Yeah, we are growing!

In April, we headed south to the Masonic Youth Camp in Wimauma, FL. We had four rigs attending and two members joined us for our group lunch. It was great seeing friends we had not been able to camp with in over a year. Well, the rain followed us there, but we did not let it slow us down. The girls did get together for a day of shopping at an outlet mall.

For May, our group traveled to Salt Springs Recreation Area, in the Ocala National Forest, about an hour southeast of Gainesville. There were 4 rigs camping and three members traveled over for the day for our group meal together and our business meeting. One of the three members who had not camped for several years came with her guest. We had a delicious meal and enjoyed catching up. The next day, another member and her guest took a day trip and joined us for lunch in Palatka. It was a wonderful trip, as we were able to see a few of our members who we had not camped with or seen for several years and we had perfect Florida weather!

Chapter 13 Kymeth Kampers

The group went to Patti's Restaurant on Friday night. Our usual visitor, rain, was there during the week. Benny and Sara had company while they were there! The squirrels bombarded them with nuts the whole time they were there! We had our potluck late on Saturday because of the heat. We met at the shelter. We made our schedule for our campout for the 2022 season. Just as we finished the rain started again!

Some of us had to cancel for different reasons: Ken and Becky Spurrier, Tom and Mary Justus and Larry and Paula Martin.

Overall it was a pretty nice campout; except Benny and Sara. (Sorry about that guys!)

Hope to see everybody next time.

Paula Martin



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