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“WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE LORD’S BLESSING” APRIL 18-22, 2018 TREASURE LAKE RV RESORT, BRANSON MO

President’s Message

2018 is speeding by and the NUMC Rally in Branson, MO is just around the corner. As I write this on Feb. 12th, we have over 25 Registrations and more coming in each day. We are trying to finalize details for the Rally, and I thank God everything seems to be falling into place. As you will notice on the Rally Schedule, some type of entertainment is scheduled for each evening. On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the Treasure Lake Resort has sponsored activities/entertainment. The NUMC will be having our 43rd Birthday Celebration on Wednesday night and the “Abundance Gospel Quartet” on Thursday.

We have decided to use the music booklets the Florida Chapter passed down from their 2015 Rally, so you do not need to bring your Cokesbury Worship Hymnals. Please remember to wear your name tags each day while at the resort. If you do not have a nametag, we will provide one.

I would like to thank those Chapters and individuals that have volunteered to help with our Rally. We will supply drinks, paper products, and serving trays for the snacks each day. If your Chapter would like to volunteer to bring a Door Prize or snacks for Friday or Saturday please let me know. The following is a reminder of what the Chapters have volunteered to help with

Chap. 3-Tuesday Snacks & Door Prize, Chap. 15- Door Prize, Chap. 16- Snacks on Wed., Chap. 18-Door Prize, Chap. 19-Door Prize, Chap. 20- Wed. Night Birthday Celebration, Chap. 21-Jimmy weighing tabs, Chap. 22- Door Prize & Snacks on Thurs. **THANK YOU!!**

Five Missouri NUMC families are members of Treasure Lake Resort, and we are excited for you to visit and hope you all enjoy your time here. As Rally Guests, you may utilize the indoor pool, game room, all sports’ courts, theater, etc as well as take part in any Treasure Lake Resort planned activity during your stay. The resort has a rule that no sites may be saved. Therefore, we will not be assigning you a spot. You will pick your site once you have gone through the registration process. When you arrive, a MO Host will direct you to the Registration Building. After you register, another host will lead you to our camping area where you will pick your site. ***If you want to camp beside someone, be sure to arrive together and/or wait at the Registration Building for them, so you can pick out your sites together.***

At the National Rally in Texas last year, the Executive Board voted on a few changes to make it easier for the host of the next rallies. The Board voted to have the NUMC Podium cut down, and to replace the large heavy flag stands with small stands to hold 12” by 18” flags. Walter Gunn, a member of West Mo 3, cut down the podium and made the small flag stands. The NUMC purchased a 12” by 18” American Flag, NUMC Flag, Christian Flag, and State Flags. The podium and flags will now sit on a tabletop. These flags, NUMC Podium, and flag stands will be stored and transported to rallies by the Host Chapter. **Due to the purchase of the small state flags, it will no longer be necessary for each state to furnish your own flag at the rallies.**

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DIRECTIONS TO RESORT-Most of you will be entering Branson on US 65. Take the MO-248 exit. Go 2 miles W on Highway 248, then turn left and travel 3 ¼ miles SW on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway/Red Route, then turn right onto Treasure Lake Drive (next to Imax). Go straight ahead to the resort and a MO Host will be waiting for you. Or the easy way (like I do) is to put ***“I Treasure Lake Drive Branson, MO”*** into your GPS and it should bring you to the gate straight ahead. The resort has a guard and gate at the entrance, so during the registration process you will be issued a gate keycard to allow you reentry to the resort during your stay. If you are not staying at the resort, at registration you will be given instructions for entering the resort each day. ***If you arrive sometime other than during registration hours on Tuesday and Wednesday (10 AM -5 PM) call my phone (816) 830-2044 when you arrive at the Treasure Lake Resort Entrance, and I will make arrangements for someone to come to the entrance to guide you in.***

If you are interested in group tickets to some of the Branson Shows, you can contact the Treasure Lake Ticket office at 417-332-2560 or Carol at 417-334-1040 ext. 257.

Treasure Lake Resort has almost 600 sites on its 340 acres. All of our Rally activities will be held in the Lodge or the Club House, which are located by the entrance to the resort. No sites are within close walking distance to these buildings. So, plan on driving to the activities each day. The Resort does allow golf carts if you like to travel with yours. Treasure Lake also has cart rentals starting at \$30/day.

I am so looking forward to spring weather and our camping season to begin. I pray each NUMC Chapter has a great camping season in 2018 as you enjoy wonderful Christian Fellowship in God’s beautiful surroundings. Here in Missouri, due to our unpredictable weather, we do not begin our camping season until April. So, the Branson Rally is our first campout of 2018. It will be fun kicking off our camping season with many of you.

Safe travels and God Bless,
Laurie Dunlap

- 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



If you would like any of these items please contact : Gary Garver 904-879-4581 or ggarver43@windstream.net

Mail to: Gary Garver, Storekeeper NUMC
46174 Middle Road
Callahan FL 32011

Publicity Secretary

By now everyone should be getting the newsletter by email. For those without email you should be getting a mailed copy. If not please contact your chapter president.

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

Next newsletter deadline is May 15.

Keep sending your news, mission projects or other info you want others to know about.

Membership Secretary

Our membership has increased slightly with 2 Chapters adding new members and we had 2 reinstatements.. This has helped to stabilize our numbers. However, we are supporting the great outdoors and we need to continue our recruiting to emphasize that fact. So keep looking for more folks who love the outdoors like we do and ask them to join you in a campout to see how we contribute. On a different matter, your annual National dues are \$10/rig/year. The National Officers some years ago want to emphasize communications and allows each chapter to retain \$2 of the dues for newsletters. Since the definition of newsletter has evolved we want you as Chapters to use your \$2 to be sure you communicate effectively with all of your members. Snail mail, e-mail, phone calls etc. are all available and we want you to be sure everyone knows what we are doing.

Harold Darling

Chaplain's Corner - - - -

In a few weeks the Christian world will celebrate the greatest love story ever told. "Easter", the gift of God's love & forgiveness to us His children through His son Jesus Christ.

We have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb. Jesus took all of our sins upon Himself so that we might be made right with God again.

Fanny Crosby explains it well in her great gospel hymn "Redeemed": Redeemed how I love to proclaim it!! Redeemed by the blood of the lamb; Redeemed thru His infinite mercy—His child and forever I am.

Redeemed & so happy in Jesus; no language my rapture can tell; I know that the light of His presence with me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed redeemer. I think of Him all the day long; I sing for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

I KNOW I SHALL SEE IN His beauty the King in whose law I delight, who lovingly guardeth my footsteps & giveth me songs in the night.

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the lamb; Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is God's. His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this." Psalm 107:1-2

Remembering Rev. Billy Graham's family and the world that will mourn him.

Chaplain Tom Shouse

Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of:

Joe Clark #564 Chapter 10

Died 2-26-2018

Joe's harem: Daughter, Sherry

Close friend, Marge

Sister-in-law, Lois

"Tab" Project Continues

**Bring your aluminum can
pull tabs to the 2018 Rally.**

Chapter 19 Hill Country Roadrunners

Chapter 19's Hill Country RoadRunners had their annual luncheon in January at a BBQ Restaurant in Kerrville with approximately 25 in attendance. We had a great time reminiscing about fun times together in the past and getting caught up on what was current in everyone's life. This luncheon is something we all look forward to each January.

Our first campout for 2018 will be at River-Shade RV Park in Seguin on March 8-10. This is an especially pretty park and I'm sure our WagonMaster has great plans for our good times. Of course, we tend to eat way too much, but all in the name of fellowship.

Chapter 19 is looking forward to a wonderful year. We had a couple of visitors at the luncheon and they are talking about joining our group. Always good to have new folks. Our Missions are being planned and we are eager to take them on.

Chapter 16 Sojourners TX

We ended 2017 with a wonderful Christmas luncheon in at First UMC Burseson. We started 2018 camp out in Glen Rose with 8 rigs and 2 drive ins for the day. We have many members that has the flu and other health issues and we wish them speedy recovery.

We have completed 40 heart pillows, which will be taken to the Dallas VA Hospital. We are looking forward to our next camp out in Corsicana in March 12-15 and the National Rally in Branson, MO in April.

Crystal Jackson

Chaplain/Newsletter Editor

Chapter 2 Spaceland TX

Chapter 2- has endured the cold and camped in January and is looking forward to our February campout. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and give us sun and warm. We completed many "open chest surgery" pillows and are working on school bags for our trip to UMCOR in September. We hope to gather a few more tabs to add to the small collection we have now. Our campers have stayed healthy during this bad flu season and we hope they continue to stay well. Our member who was flooded in the Houston Harvey hurricane has their house on the way to complete repair.

Chapter 14

The Merry Mainers met for the first time of 2018 at the Hortons for our annual Soup & Chowda Lunch. We have set our camping schedule for 2018. We also decided that we try camping during the week for a couple of our gatherings instead of only on weekends.

May 17 - 19 at Sebago Lake State Park, Naples, ME (207) 693-6613

June 20 - 23 at Freeport/Durham KOA, Freeport, ME koa.com/camp/Freeport

July 18 - 21 at Shore Hills Campground in Boothbay, ME www.shorehills.com & camping@shorehills.com

August 20—23 at Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls, NH www.wakedacampground.com

September 17 - 19 at Walnut Grove Campground in Alfred, ME (207) 324-1207

The Hortons plan to attend the National Rally in Branson. Along with our partners in the New York and Connecticut chapters we will have a silent auction. **Please bring your "mad money" as we have many unique items!**



Chapter 21 Trinity Travelers (TX)

The Trinity Travelers ended 2017 with our December Christmas Party at the Cedar Creek UMC. We exchanged gifts, ate some goodies, and put together gift bags for our mission or community project, the Golden Age Assisted Living Home residents in Lockhart. The following day, we visited the assisted living home, sang Christmas carols, and gave the residents the gift bags. Ed and Roberta Laundry dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Some of the residents had their pictures taken with Santa. This was our 11th year celebrating Christmas with the residents. Oh what a joy it brings to the heart!

The Trinity Travelers are back on the road again! January 2018 brought some bitter cold days and nights for camping in Schulenburg, TX. We didn't let that stop us! Our group ate at the old Sengelmann Hall and listened to the live music. Despite the cold, we all had a good time playing games, putting together puzzles, and eating out at some of Schulenburg's restaurants. We welcomed first timer's, Bob and Charlene Severance, to our group.

In February we camped in Caldwell at the Brazos Valley RV Resort. Another camping trip with very cold and rainy days! Despite the windy, cold day, Hobo Stew was a warm delight to have one evening. A special anniversary cake to celebrate Bill and Jennie's 59th Anniversary was a welcomed dessert. One afternoon was filled with creating/decorating Valentine cards, with a Bible verse inside. The card was attached to a red rose with a ribbon. The cards were delivered to the assisted living home residents for Valentine Day. The bad weather kept the group inside most of the time, but the days were filled with fellowship, puzzles, more puzzles, and games. Our next camping trip will be in March at the Leisure RV Resort in Fentress. We are looking forward to some warmer weather and more camping trips!!!

Chapter 13 Kymeth Kampers KY

February 12, 2018 CAMP-IN

It seems like Christmas was just yesterday and Valentine's Day is already past! The last time we were together was October and March can't be soon enough for me. 2018 is flying by! The winter months make for a long time for us not being together.

Becky has made arrangements at the General Nelson Inn, in Bardstown for our camp-in March 9-11, 2018. The price she got for us is \$80.00 for one night and \$150.00 for two nights, plus taxes and fees. They were holding 4 rooms for us until February 9 but if you haven't made yours you might still get that cost if you're a real sweet talker!!! The phone number is 502-348-3977. If you need any more information you can call Becky at 502-507-8543. If you want to come for the day only we will have the luncheon at Bardstown United Methodist Church at 12:00 local time with the brown bag auction to follow on March 10. If you get to stay longer be sure to bring some games to play while we spend time together! For the ones that are lucky enough to get to be there on Friday we will meet for supper and after that go to the church to play games and visit. Ken and Becky will be cooking for us again this year and the price will be \$5.00 each. (Thank you again Ken and Becky) After the brown bag auction we can stay at the church for some more fun and games. Depending how many we have to stay they said we could go to their house.

In case you have any questions about the brown bag auction. It doesn't have to be a brown bag (I can't ever find any) any bag will do. Just bring some things that you would like, baked good or handmade items are nice. Or items that you have found that would be interesting! Be sure to write a little clue on each bag so we can decide if we want to bid on it. If you have any questions you can call me. Hope we can have a good group this year. Looking forward for some interesting things for the auction and also spending some time together.

NEXT CAMPOUTS

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS INC.
 REGISTRATION FOR 2018 NATIONAL RALLY
 "WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE LORD'S BLESSING"
 Treasurer Lake Resort, 1 Treasure Lake Drive, Branson MO 65616
 April 18-22, 2018

PLEASE PRINT carefully and keep a copy

NUMC # _____ Chapter # _____ State _____ E-mail _____

Last Name _____, Husband _____, Wife _____

Address _____, City _____, State _____, Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Other participants' names _____

Emergency contact name and phone number _____

Handicap site needs, please explain _____

UNIT TYPE AND SIZE _____ # OF SLIDES _____

CAMPING NIGHTS: Full hookups _____ 30 amps _____ 50amps

Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed.
 ___ 4/17 ___ 4/18 ___ 4/19 ___ 4/20 ___ 4/21 ___ 4/22 ___ 4/23 ___ 4/24 ___ 4/25 = ___ nights x \$20 = \$ _____

CABIN RENTALS- CONTACT TREASURE LAKE FOR AVAILABILITY 417-334-1040

(MUST BE MADE Between Dec. 1, 2017 and Feb. 28, 2018) Arrival date _____

MEALS

Fri. Beef pot roast with carrots, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll, dessert # attending _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Sat. Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, biscuit, dessert *White* # attending _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
Dark # attending _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Choose *white*=breast & wing or *dark*= thigh & leg

Sat. President's Breakfast (free) # attending _____ = \$ 0.00

RALLY SHIRTS:

TEE-SHIRTS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL # _____ x \$8 = \$ _____
 # GOLF SHIRTS ___ S ___ M ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL # _____ x \$10 = \$ _____
 # _____ x \$10 = \$ _____
 # _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE = \$ 45.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Register by March 15, 2018 Registration fee not refundable after March 15, 2018

Checks made payable to **NUMC West Mo 3**

Mail application and check to: Laurie Dunlap 17816 Nation Road, Holt, MO 64048

Contact Laurie Dunlap with questions 816-830-2044 or loudunlap@yahoo.com

Make a copy of this form for your records.

Please wear your name tags each day.

Tentative NUMC Rally 2018 Schedule

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

10am-5pm Registration/Snacks

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

10am-5pm Registration/Snacks

CLUB HOUSE

**6pm-7:30pm Treasure Lake sponsored
"Gospel Jam"**

7:45pm-? NUMC Welcome/Meet & Greet
43rd Birthday Celebration
Snacks/Visit/Games

Thursday, April 19, 2018

CLUB HOUSE

8am-10pm Snacks/Visit/Games throughout
the day during downtime

9am NUMC National Rally Opening Cer-
emony

Welcome from Treasure Lake Resort
Rep

Devotion

11am LODGE BOARDROOM Presi-
dent's Meeting

12:00 Noon LODGE BOARDROOM Ex-
ecutive Meeting

CLUB HOUSE

**6pm-8pm Treasure Lake Resort spon-
sored BINGO (prizes)**

8:15pm NUMC Entertainment

Friday, April 20, 2018

ENJOY BRANSON (Be back by 5pm for
dinner)

LODGE

5pm Catered Dinner (*bring meal ticket*)

6pm Devotion

CLUB HOUSE

10am-10pm Snacks/Visit/Games throughout
the day during downtime

**7-9pm Treasure Lake sponsored enter-
tainment**

Saturday, April 21, 2018

LODGE

8am Presidents' Breakfast

CLUB HOUSE

8am-10pm Snack/Visit/Games throughout
the day during downtime

9:30am Devotion/Communion/Memorial
Mission Speaker/Free Will Offering
for Mission

Chapter Pictures (wear Chapter Shirts)

Tab Weigh In

BREAK FOR LUNCH

2pm General Meeting

Sing-A-Long

LODGE

5pm Catered Dinner (*bring meal ticket*)

CLUB HOUSE

**7-9pm Treasure Lake Resort Sponsored
Entertainment**

Sunday, April 22, 2018

CLUB HOUSE

8:30am Devotion/Closing Ceremony

*He is
Risen!*

Future NUMC Rally Dates

2018 April 19-22 Branson, MO
2019 Scarborough, Maine
2020 Florida



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