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Announcement:

Jamie Newbury has been hired as the new Southwest District Administrative Assistant. She comes to this position after serving in the Cass County USDA, Farm Service Agency Office for over 35 years. She is married with 3 children (plus 1 granddaughter) with their youngest daughter in her freshman year at Drake University.

Office hours will be Monday – Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Reminder:

2018 Charge Conferences are currently being held in the district. Please check the schedule [here](#).

Copies of the Charge Conference Bulletin and the Charge/Church Conference Minutes template will be printed and available at the conference.

Dates to Remember:

November 3, 2018: Thanksgiving Ingathering at the Greenfield United Methodist Church

Please click [here](#) to see the Ingathering Poster.

Please click [here](#) to see Reminders for the Greenfield Site.

2018 Charge Conferences

The 2018 Charge Conferences page of the website has been updated to include a list of both required and optional forms and how they are to be submitted (electronically or on paper). Please review the list [here](#).

Charge conference forms are available on your Church Dashboard. You can access the Church Dashboard from the Southwest District's home page, [here](#).

Those forms requiring signatures can be downloaded from the Conference's "Forms" page - either click on the "2018 Charge Conference Forms" link in the right column or click [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The 2019 Form I has been completely revised. Please read the 2019 Pastoral Support Guide or the instructions before completing. Please email a copy (signed or unsigned) to the District Office for review prior to your charge conference. This review is to prevent inadvertent errors that would require a follow-up special charge conference to correct.)

*The 2019 Annual Conference Equalization Information is available [here](#). Please check the list to determine the number of Lay Members to Annual Conference to elect during your charge conference.

Disaster Preparedness!

Tis the season for severe weather! Here is a quick reminder to: be prepared, have a plan and know when to take shelter and what to keep in shelter (have some supplies stocked up). If Disaster happens... Contact Your District Disaster Response Coordinator or the District Office. Southwest – Vicki Wedemeyer-Shriver, 712-249-6703, swidumcdrc@gmail.com

EQUIPPING LEADERS:

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center Classes/Events!

*****PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES!** The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center is offering several opportunities for clergy and laity that are coming up soon! Please click on this link to find out more!! <http://dmpcc.org/classes-events/>

PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Prayers for all of our churches that are struggling and our churches and pastors that are in transition.

