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THE MISSION of the West Ohio Conference IS TO EQUIP LOCAL CHURCHES TO
MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD... A
world of JUSTICE, Love, and Peace filled with people GROWING
in the likeness of JESUS CHRIST

April 29, 2019

ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH YOUR DISTRICT?
Visit our website! Contact us! 800.589.7828
Like us on Facebook!

Save the date!
Northwest Plains District
Spring Conference
Sunday, May 19, 2019
2:45 pm Gathering Time
3:30 Business of the Conference
Pandora UMC
108 E. Washington, Pandora 45877
Everyone is welcome to attend!

2019 Annual Conference
Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6, 2019
Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside Chautauqua

The basic agenda can be found on the web and there is a list of events on the
2019 Annual Conference webpage at https://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2019
2020 WOC Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant Application

From the desk of Grace Gerber—Administrative Coordinator, Missional Church Development. “Just wanted to make sure you all were aware that the new grant application is now available online. All applications must have the signature of the pastor, and the DS, and the due date is July 1, 2019. Below is the link to the application.”


MTSO faculty lecture considers mass incarceration through Paul’s lens

It is clear that the Apostle Paul was a prisoner when he wrote his letter to the Philippians, but it is not immediately apparent why. MTSO Assistant Professor of New Testament Ryan Schellenberg will explore the likely historical circumstances of Paul’s imprisonment in his lecture, “Reading Philippians in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” to be delivered at 7 p.m. May 7 in MTSO’s Alford Centrum, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. The lecture, presented by the Theological Commons at MTSO, is free and open to the public.

In addition to discussing the circumstances of Paul’s imprisonment, Schellenberg will pose a more general question: What does it mean to read the prison letter to the Philippians cognizant of the over 2.2 million persons currently in jail or prison in the United States?

A member of the MTSO faculty since 2015, Schellenberg earned his Ph.D. from the University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto, his Master of Arts in New Testament at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, and his BA at Canadian Mennonite University.

Schellenberg’s research on Paul’s life and work has been widely published. His areas of expertise also include the social history of early Christianity, the books of Luke and Acts, and the parables of Jesus.
The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9:9–10, NIV

**Lord our God**, we look to you in our many needs, in the distress of our hearts, in the anguish of the whole world. We beseech you, let light come to your people everywhere on earth to bring them your help and your victory. Remember the wretched, the sick, the poor. Let your living strength come to them so that they can bear their sufferings and hold out joyfully to the end. Remember us all, O Lord our God, for we all need you. We are weak and poor and cannot go forward alone. Your Spirit must help us. May the Savior come to us, and may his grace and his power be born in our hearts. Amen.

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**Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:**

**Rev. Robert "Ted" Grotsky** who died Friday, April 12, 2019. He was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served Ansonia, Farmersville, Hoy Memorial, and Dumontville churches.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; children, Ken (Judy) Grotsky, Cheryl (Joe) Hale, Kathy (Matt) Dexter, Matt (Molly) Shufeldt, Debbie (Duane) Starkey, Laura Shufeldt, and Pat (Holly) Shufeldt; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and brother, Charles (Terry) Grotsky.

His Celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Pickerington Church of the Nazarene, 11775 Pickerington Rd. NW, Pickerington, OH 43147.

**Walter H. Murphree** who died Saturday, January, 19, 2019. He was married to Dr. Marilyn Murphree who is a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. She served at Iliff Charge and Zanesville Coburn churches.

He was survived by his wife, Marilyn Ann Swingle Murphree; daughters, Janet (Everett) Havenor and Patti (Jane) Estep; sons, Walter E. Murphree and Sean (Tina) Murphree; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Rose (Steve) Oliver; and numerous nieces & nephews.

His funeral service was held Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Bryan & Hardwick Funeral Home. Burial with Military Honors followed at the Duncan Falls Cemetery.

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**Clergy Spouse Gathering at Lakeside**

**June 3, 2019**

Join us on Monday, **June 3rd** immediately after the evening session at the Dockside Pavilion.

Come and join us for a bowl of ice cream and relax with other clergy families.

**SEE YOU THERE!**
Bishop Palmer Announces Bible Study

Bishop Palmer has invited us to come together as The West Ohio Conference in the study of Galatians: Gospel of Grace over the weeks of the Easter season. While we are not united in our thinking on all matters, we can all be united in our commitment to turn to the scripture for guidance. As we read, study, and discuss scripture together, we trust the Holy Spirit to move in our midst and to speak to us through the living word of God. We hope you will join churches across the annual conference in a conference-wide all-church series on Galatians. Small group discussion guides, worship resources, social media options, and communication templates will be available to you for this series by early April. As you make plans to participate, you are encouraged to read Galatians and begin preparing around these weekly themes:

- April 22nd-28th: Grace that Transforms - Chapter 1 with key verse Galatians 1:23
- April 29th-May 5th: Grace that Embraces - Chapter 2 with key verses Galatians 2:9-10
- May 6th-May 12th: Grace that Clothes Us - Chapter 3 with key verses Galatians 3:26-28
- May 13th-May 19th: Grace that Forms - Chapter 4 with key verse Galatians 4:19
- May 20th-26th: Grace that Bears Fruit - Chapter 5 with key verse Galatians 5:22
- May 27th-June 2nd: Grace that Sustains - Chapter 6 with key verse Galatians 6:9

Log onto the Conference website to watch a video message regarding this Bible Study from Bishop Palmer

2019 GRADUATES

NORTHWEST PLAINS
WISHES ALL THOSE GRADUATING IN

2019

THE VERY BEST!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9
Greetings Dearest Colleagues in Ministry:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound on hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” My heart thrills to these words from Paul’s letter to the Romans. What a prayer. What an aspiration. What encouragement.

In this spirit I invite you to join me and one another on Monday, May 13 at Otterbein University (Cowan Hall), from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. President John Comerford has graciously and generously worked with the Office of Ministry staff to provide a wonderful space for this gathering of our covenant community. I expect that our time together will build us up as we work through crucial portions of the Business of the Annual Conference. At no time in history has what you do been more important for the church and the world.

All the best in Christ Jesus as you lead and serve, I remain, Your servant for the sake of the Gospel,

†Gregory V. Palmer

**General Info:**

**9:30 am Gathering Time; 10:00 am Clergy Session begins**

**Cowan Hall** - meeting site, 30 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081

**Campus Center** - lunch site, 100 West Home St, Westerville OH 43081 (2 blocks north of Cowan Hall)

**Roush Hall** - beverages available from 9am-10am, 27 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081

**PARKING** - available all the lots

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:** MAY 8, 2019

**Unable to Attend?**

Clergy Members: If you are a Clergy member and unable to attend, you must seek permission from the Annual Conference Secretary, Rev. Amy Haines to be excused. You can make your request online.

**Location Name:**
Otterbein University

**Location Address:**
Cowan Hall- 30 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081

**Contact:**
Susan Thomas

**Email:**
sthomas@wocumc.org

**Price:**
$20
NEW! West Ohio Conference “Traction Tracks”

….to help your congregation gain traction and begin to move forward towards new vitality!

**Breakthrough Prayer Initiative: Traction Tracks**

Every church recognizes prayer as important. But what happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? You can launch your congregation into the kind of churchwide *breakthrough prayer initiative* that fuels the atmosphere of possibility, and the entire focus begins to shift from inward to up-and-outward. It's easier than you think—and the results will make spiritual history right in your own community and beyond.

Breakthrough prayer can be incorporated into what already happens in the daily life of your congregation—and this one-session Traction Track will provide training, many stories, practical examples and ideas of how other United Methodist congregations across West Ohio and the country have done so with innovation and impact. Additionally, learn how you can utilize breakthrough prayer through key aspects of your weekly worship service, and develop your church's heart to reach its neighborhood with the message and love of Christ.

*The Breakthrough Prayer Initiative forms the foundation of the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative), and its implementation has shown itself to be the single greatest factor contributing to a church’s revitalization and renewed fruitfulness. This may be the most important ingredient to add to your church to help shift from plateau or decline into a new season of hope and possibility!*

**Requirement to Attend:** Your church’s team **must** include your *lead pastor plus at least 5 persons* who have agreed to be the implementation team for your congregation’s prayer initiative afterwards. And bring as large a team to the training event (beyond pastor plus 5 leaders) as possible. We have learned through the MCCI that by bringing a team to the training — of 6, 10, 15, 20 persons or more--the more likely the momentum you’ll have to launch when you get home!

**Cost:** $75 for your church's team of *lead pastor plus five persons*—plus $10/person for each additional person who attends from your congregation. This registration cost covers the training materials, refreshments during breaks, and a light lunch or supper as appropriate to your event’s time frame.

Be sure to "like" the **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Facebook** page to read more exciting prayer breakthroughs from participating churches.

*Transformative Breakthrough Prayer videos can be accessed on the WOC website.*

*To register for the Breakthrough Prayer training on Saturday, **May 4, 2019** (Foothills) please visit the WOC website.*

*For more information about Traction Tracks or Breakthrough Prayer Initiative, contact Grace Gerber, ggerber@wocumc.org, 800-437-2642.*
Spread the word. It is that time of year again to start collecting and assembling kits for the Festival of Sharing. Below you will find the dates & locations of when the kits can be dropped off at your depots. Also, reference the below website. This has all the videos and information for this years FOS. www.fosohio.org

Dates for the kits to be **dropped off** to the locations below will be: August 26 through September 9, 2019

**Drop off sites: Churches/Locations/Addresses/Times:**

- **Defiance St. Paul’s UMC**, 400 Wayne Ave., Defiance, 419.782.3751, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Findlay St. Andrews UMC**, 120 W. Sandusky, Findlay, 419.422.4845, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-2 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Spencerville Trinity**, 110 N. Main St., Spencerville, 419.647.4451, Mon.-Wed., 9:00 am - Noon (Please call ahead)
- **NWP District Office**, 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, 800.589.7828, Mon.-Friday., 8 am-11:45 & 1 pm to 3:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Van Wert First UMC**, 118 W. Central Ave., Van Wert, 419.238.0631, Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
- **Wapakoneta First UMC**, 504 Gymwood Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon.-Wed., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Please call ahead)

**Emergency Cleanup Bucket**

Flooding devastates too many communities each year. You're helping a family recover quickly and safely with a bucket that is full of key supplies like gloves, dust masks and trash bags. These supplies mean families can get to work cleaning up and moving forward.

**Supplies needed:**

- One five-gallon bucket with reusable lid (Bucket must be clean and must not have any lid)
- Four scoring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (1g. Hand Towelette)
- One roll of 25-200 sheets of Rapid/Laundry Bag
- One 5/8 oz. bottle of Rapid/Laundry Bag
- One 31 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottle)
- One package of 48 50-chip baggies
- One pair of gloves, two pair of shoe covers, one pair of head protection
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs of heavy duty, waterproof defensive gloves (please note, non-slip)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)
- 24 3-hour emergency or consumer type 20-45 gallon trash bags on roll and removed from carton
- One 15 foot roll of heavy woven目标 tape

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

**Value: $75  Processing fee: $3 per kit**

**Hygiene Kits**

Our most needed kits! These little kits are jam-packed with supplies to help keep people clean and healthy. From toothbrushes to washcloths, you're making sure that someone's needs are going to be met in the wake of an emergency when even the most basic supplies can be hard to come by.

**Supplies needed:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15” x 28” to 20” x 32” (no finger tip, bar, dish towel or microfiber)
- One nail file
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (brand at discount store like wal-mart)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One tube of toothpaste in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard shelf kits

Affordable wide-tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as salarybeauty.com. Search for “wide-tooth pasted comb” to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements.

All items need to fit inside a 1-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.

**Value: $15  Processing fee: $2 per kit**

**School Kits**

We all remember how great it felt to start a new school year with all the right supplies. Now, you're giving that same feeling to students around the world who otherwise wouldn't have the supplies they need. You're making sure children have the best chance to succeed in school, even if they are recovering from a disaster or living in other tough circumstances.

**Supplies needed:**

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” x 17” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric; no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside the bag. The website myresourcecom has affordable bag options for bulk purchase.

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

**Value: $15  Processing fee: $2 per kit**
STAY TUNED

NEW Clergy Evaluation Form

Coming this Fall/2019

Due to the Clergy Evaluation Form being revised/updated at the conference level . . . everyone will get a reprieve until Fall. At that time, we will send everyone the new form to complete and send back to the District Office.

THANK YOU!

One Man’s Path to Heroin Addiction Explored at Lifetree Café

The societal impact of heroin addiction will be examined at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm.

The program, titled “The Heroin Addict Next Door: One Man’s Painful Story,” features a filmed interview with Rocky Romano, a former heroin addict.

During the interview, Romano explains that his downward spiral began with alcohol and grew worse from there.

“But the time you know you’re in trouble, it’s too late,” Romano says. “You start to trade one addiction for another, and that’s where the drugs start to come in.”

This Lifetree episode will also explore whether a connection exists between early childhood trauma and self-destructive behavior.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

Topic for May 8 – “Love Ya Mom. Celebrating Mothers.”
Earlier this spring, we invited the congregations of the Northwest Plains District to be a part of a special effort to help Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti. This hospital that has served countless numbers of children and their families over the years has been devastated by the earthquakes and hurricanes and is in desperate need of help. Now that we are several months into this, we want to share an update of where we are. To date, we have received just short of $30,000 to go to the hospital! We are so thankful for your generosity and faithfulness!

If every one of our congregations would challenge their members to give just $1 per week per member, we could rally to give not only a dramatic amount of financial help, but also hope that they are not alone. The money will be collected at the District Office and sent on to Haiti. In a time where we see so much brokenness and disunity, this is one way we can truly show how we can do more together than we can apart. Watch for more information to come!

For more information on the Light the Way Campaign contact: Rev. Stanley Ling/sling@wocumc.org, Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey/snkibbey@wocumc.org, Mr. Brad Aycock/bradaycock@wocumc.org

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Note: Retired pastors are welcome to attend!
Stories from the Intersection of Faith and Immigration

“Messy Love”

Written by larrykreps@yahoo.com on behalf of the W.O.C. U.M.C Immigration Task Force

Kathi is a law and order person, reflecting a generational response to chaos. Her grandparents emigrated from Italy to Franklin in northwest Pennsylvania prior to W.W. II, fleeing the disorder of nation and economics. Kathi’s mom Maria Nicola, tightly ordered life to avoid taunts of “Wap!” and ridicule for her parents’ heavily accented English. The school registrar misunderstood the pronunciation of ‘Maria Nicola’ so for elementary school she was called ‘Marigold,’ a beautiful name unless you are structuring your life to avoid notice. Law and order birthed Maria’s revenge by becoming high school valedictorian.

Kathi grew up in the same town as her grandparents emigrated. Her high school Spanish teachers introduced her to a new kind of immigrant. They fled Cuba during the 1960’s communist revolution. Professors and part of the ruling class, their death was certain unless they escaped. Their stories revealed how dramatically one’s life could change from order to dis-order.

Eventually called to the order of clergy, Kathi served an urban church with a growing Spanish speaking population. She overheard her Anglo members in the hallways wondering how they could connect with their new neighbors. Soon they offered an English as a Second Language Course (ESL) taught by their own members. Kathi carried this experience with her to her new church on the other side of the city. There folks from Somalia and Ghana were settling. More ESL classes came to be. The Ghanaians started using the building for worship. The Ghanian pastor was the only one in his family with a green card allowing him to work. Securing a green card can take years and is expensive, but the pastor was so inspiring on the phone with the immigration agent, the agent prayed with him and helped the green cards for the whole family arrive in three months.

Another move to another urban area placed Kathi with a community of undocumented immigrants. She witnessed the miracle of perseverance amid fear. One family fled their homeland seeking a better life. There was no school in the village for their children and the only employment was making bricks by hand. Here their children are legally in school as the parents work, pay taxes and social security despite being illegal. They know one simple traffic ticket could send them as parents to a detention center with no rights. The risk is outweighed by the hope they have for their children.

Last fall ESL classes resumed at her church. One 2 ½ year old boy entered, recognized where he was, jumped and thrust his arms in the air with joy. He was back! Kathi chuckled, her heart fully engaged in God’s messy mysterious love for all.
Lay Servant Training Events

“Spiritual Gifts (CORE course)” will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

“Conflict Management (Advanced course)”, will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

UPCOMING 2019 FALL COURSES WILL BE OFFERED. DETAILS YET TO COME.

Please help get the word out. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in participating, please register when the time is open to do so!

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs already available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

NWP Directors of Pulpit Supply

Pastors, if you are in need of Sunday morning pulpit supply and would like to arrange for a Lay Speaker to fill in for you, please contact our District Directors of Pulpit Supply.

- **Linda Hoover** is responsible for the southern part of NWP District including Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Van Wert and Wyandot counties. She can be reached at 567-204-0329 or by email at bhoo-ver1@woh.rr.com.

- **Larry Zuvers** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.636.2329 or by email at lzuvers@gmail.com.
The Walk to Emmaus is a global ministry of the Upper Room dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians and the development of Christian servant leaders for the local church. If you would like to experience this spiritual retreat or learn more about it contact Brad Martin.

I am also looking for clergy who are interested in serving in the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community. The clergy listing needs updating. If you took your walk in another community, if you took another three-day retreat, or if your contact information has changed, please send the information to Brad Martin, Emmaus Community Spiritual Director | bmartin4477@gmail.com

Findlay Emmaus Walks @ St. Marks UMC, Findlay, OH
http://www.findlayemmaus.org/

Women's Walks Dates
#106 February 7-10, 2019
#107 June 13-16, 2019
#108 October 10-13, 2019

Men's Walks Dates
#80 March 14-17, 2019
#81 November 7-10, 2019

Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH
http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/

Women's Walks Dates
TBD

Men's Walks Dates
Men's Walk #72 November 1-4, 2018

NW Ohio Emmaus Walks @ Widewater, Liberty Center, OH
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/

Women's Walks Dates
March 28-31, 2019
September 19-22, 2019

Men's Walk Dates
February 21-24, 2019
August 22-25, 2019

Chrysalis is a three day experience of spiritual renewal open to members of any Christian denomination, ages 15 to 24. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way. Chrysalis is meant to inspire, challenge, and equip youth for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.

St. Andrew’s UMC, Findlay
Girls
#51--January 25-27, 2019
#52--July 12-14, 2019

Boys
#51--February 22-24, 2019
#52--July 26-28, 2019
http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

Greene Street UMC, Piqua
http://www.westohiochrysalis.com/

Delta UMC, Delta
Girls - June 22-24, 2018
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
HAVE SCRAP METAL TO GET RID OF?
SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Do you have an antenna down from a storm? Got sheet metal, or a chain-link fence you’ve wanted to take down? Here’s your chance to do good while cleaning up from a storm or cleaning out the garage, attic, basement, shed, backyard, etc.

Trinity United Methodist Church will be having a Scrap Metal Drive starting May 1 and going until September 30, 2019.

All METAL accepted—anything and everything. A dumpster is located in the parking lot at Tri-R Guns, 241 E. Second Street, Ottawa, waiting for your cast-offs through the summer.

ABSOLUTELY NO TV’S, COMPUTER MONITORS, PAINT, TIRES, or AEROSOL CANS ACCEPTED. All proceeds will go to Trustee projects at Trinity United Methodist Church. Call 419-523-6496 for more information.
Local Church and Community Events

Spring Salad Luncheon

Howard U.M. Church
220 Cherry Street
Wed. May 22, 2019
11-1 P.M.$6.00
Proceeds to Missions

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES ‘LEAVING A LEGACY’

May 4, 2019, First United Methodist Church will be presenting a ‘Leaving a Legacy’ workshop. The one hour workshop will begin at 11:00am and will be held in the basement at 113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH.

A financial advisor and an estate attorney will be presenting ways to leave a legacy while living and beyond. Final wishes and estate planning topics will be outlined also. A local funeral home will be on hand to discuss the ‘whys’ and ‘how-tos’ of preplanned funerals.

Please contact the church office for more information. By email: firstchurch@wcoil.com or by phone at 419/238-0631 ext 302.

Join us for an hour of discussion and information.

All are invited!
UMW breakfast at Lakeside
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
7-8:15 a.m.
during Annual Conference
in Wesley Lodge
Tickets can be purchased for $8.00 at the door or at the house across from registration bearing the UMW banner.
UMCOR Kit Collection At Annual Conference

UMCOR will be collecting kits at Annual Conference. You can drop off your cleaning kits (flood buckets), school kits and hygiene kits at the South Auditorium on the days and times listed below.

Sunday, June 2, 4 pm - 6 pm
Monday, June 3, 8:30 am - 11:30 am and 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 am - 11:30 am

For more information, contact Jeff Walker at jwalker@alink.com

Annual Conference Potato Drop

We are collecting 10lb bags of potatoes at Annual Conference. Bags can be dropped off at the Otterbein North Shore parking lot, just leave them inside the open gate.
**Liberty Chapel Youth Pastor**

Liberty Chapel is looking for a full-time Youth Pastor. Primary responsibilities would be ministries with Junior High and Senior High Youth along with coordination of ministries at The Rock youth center. Interested persons should send their resume to the church: 9474 County Road V, Liberty Center, OH 43532, 419-533-2881. Attention: Pastor Brad Martin. or to bmartin4477@gmail.com.

The Youth Pastor’s main goal is to lead students through teaching scripture, developing youth ministries, and public relations with the congregation and community. He or she will provide regular short-term small group studies for youth to attend. The primary responsibility of this person is with the Junior High and Senior High Teams, but she or he will also provide resources for Children and Middle School Teams. The Youth Pastor will provide leadership in summer to the Junior High and Senior High Youth Ministries which generally includes mission trips among other activities. He or she will also coordinate ministries at The Rock youth center.

Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church is a rural congregation near Liberty Center, Ohio. About 200 persons join together for worship and praise each Sunday. There is a good age-spread of children, youth, youth adults, and older adults. The church has a strong evangelical heritage, classic and contemporary worship services, a tradition of youth ministry, a youth outreach center in Liberty Center with after school programming and lots of dreams, and a Wednesday night student ministry with youth and children.

**Organist/Pianist**

Ottawa Trinity United Methodist Church is looking for an organist/pianist. If you or someone you know is interested in this vacancy, please contact Trinity’s church office, 419-523-6496 Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Trinity UMC is located at 137 N Pratt St., Ottawa, Oh 45875.

**Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

Grand Lake United Methodist Church is seeking an experienced leader for our full-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries position. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to Pastor Mick Whistler at 119 E. Fulton Street, Celina, OH 45822 or email to mwhistler@grandlakechurch.org.
**Free Cantata Books**
Middle Point UMC has song books for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Patriotic seasons. Donating. Really good condition. Please call Sandy Moore at 419-968-2443 if interested.

**Vacation Bible School Materials**
Mt. Cory/Pleasant View Charge has Vacation Bible School materials from two summers available free of charge to any church that needs/wants them—still available is *Sonquest Rainforest*. Material includes the kits, some of the posters and scenery, music DVD's, teacher manuals, and some of the materials for crafts are available with the kits. They were each used once. Anyone interested can call 419.302.9641 for more information.

**TV Stand for Sale**
We have recently wall-mounted our media and have 1 TV stand available for $25.00 to the first interested purchaser. Please phone 419/238-0631 x302 for more information. Sherri Arn/Van Wert *First United Methodist Church*

**Portable Sound Lectern**
Zion Grover Hill UMC is looking for a portable sound lectern. Please contact Mike Waldron 419.238.1493 with any leads.
RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW
Mission u 2019!

DATES:
   Mission School: July 18-21 (with Youth and Young Adult Programs)
   Day Sampler: July 20 (with Children’s and Spanish Speaking Programs)

LOCATION:
   Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

Welcome to West Ohio Mission u 2019! Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark and the inspiring story of women organized for mission, with additional study on the topic of money. Come join us for an experience like no other of learning and spiritual renewal. This year our studies are:

   Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf
   Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue
   What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor (enrichment only)
   Additional studies on the gospel of Mark for children and youth

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u
Free Active Shooter Prevention Guide
Recently, attention has been drawn to the unthinkable action of active shooters in a house of worship. UMI is offering this resource to you as a way to prepare you, your church leadership, the congregation and visitors in the event this should occur. Being prepared helps everyone cope with these realities and begin to re-focus attention on core ministries. Conducting the ministries of The United Methodist Church takes on many forms. Our first call to ministry is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This crucial part of our ministry as a denomination begins in the local church. Everything else we do on a daily basis supports this core commission. (Matthew 28:19) There are many supportive actions taking place every day to support the local church. One of them is to insure the church properties so that a church can continue its core ministries in the community.

DOWNLOAD  http://tiny.cc/hf6sry

Local Church Officer Job Descriptions
Positions Required in All Congregations
Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."
Nominations and Leader Development Committee (¶258.1)
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (¶258.2)
Trustees (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
Finance Committee Chairperson (¶258.4)
Lay Leader (¶251.1)
Lay Member of Annual Conference (¶251.2)
Financial Secretary (¶258.4)
Church Treasurer (¶258.4)
Membership Secretary (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson (¶251.3)

LEARN MORE  http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/local-church-officer-job-descriptions

Do you have news or something interesting to share? Know of anyone who would like to be added to our Weekly Bulletin e-mail list? Contact Northwest Plains District via e-mail nwplains@wocumc.org or call 1.800.589.7828.

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