August 12, 2019

Clergy Evaluation Tool Trainings

This year the district will be moving to a new tool for clergy evaluations. A representative from each church's SPRC and Clergy will be asked to attend one of four trainings on this new tool. Clergy evaluations will be due by the end of the year. The dates and locations of the trainings are:

**Sunday August 25**, 3:00 pm at Lima Forest Park, 315 S. Collins Ave., Lima, OH 45804
**Sunday August 25**, 6:00 pm at Findlay (West Independence), 22876 US 224, Fostoria, OH 44830
**Sunday September 8**, 3:00 pm at Van Wert Kingsley, 15482 Mendon Rd., Van Wert, OH 45891
**Sunday September 8**, 6:00 pm at Ayersville, 27728 Ayersville Rd., Defiance, OH 43512

All SPRC and Clergy should have received an email on 8/2/2019 providing a link to sign up for one of the four trainings above.

We request at least one member of each church's S/PPRC committee attend one of the trainings, however any committee members who would like to attend are welcome. We also request that each pastor attend the training as well.

THANK YOU!
The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7, NIV

Lord our God, you are our strength and shield. Our hearts hope in you and we are helped. Accept us from among all the nations as a people who want to serve you. Strengthen our hearts, especially when we must be tested in every way and must face the many hardships that will come when we take up our task of proclaiming your name and witnessing to you. For you are strong and can protect us. You can fill us with light and with joy to proclaim again and again the salvation that is coming through your all-powerful goodness and mercy, salvation in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

August 5, 2019
Contact: First United Methodist Church
113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH
419/238-0631 ext 302
firstchurch@wcoil.com

Lifetree Café – closed for duration

Upon further examination of the Lifetree Café experience, we have made the decision to close indefinitely.

We would like to thank everyone who has come through our doors, shared a story and their time with us. You have truly been a blessing.

Questions regarding this decision about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW . . .

When writing donation checks out for the BY GEORGE . . . Grace Children’s Hospital PLEASE be sure they are written out to the Northwest Plains District. The bank will reject the check back otherwise. PLEASE put in the memo of the check that the donation is for BY GEORGE or Grace Children’s Hospital. Any questions, please call the District Office.

THANK YOU!
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 Glenwood Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon.-Wed., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Please call ahead)

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### 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 resealable lid (Bucket has been used; clean but do not use it if it has held contents of any kind)
- Five scoring pads
- Green sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen releasing, lightweight dry cleaning towels (a small help)
- One (5 oz. or less 25 oz. bottle) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 15-26 oz. bottle of dish detergent
- One 16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottle)
- One package of 48-50 disinfecting wipes
- Clothingline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five data mats
- Two pairs of heavy duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (size Large, non-slip)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palms or all leather)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Please all items into bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. The lid on lid 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” (no fingers, butch, dish towel, or micro fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (brand at discount stores like sally beauty)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (other one is acceptable)
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard toothbrushes

Affordable wide-tooth comb can be found at discount suppliers such as sally beauty.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 one 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 cost:** $2 per kit

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### 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 sharperer removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six pens, unsharpened pens with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” x 14” 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 of the bag. The website myrequest.com 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
Campaign Vision and Purpose

Our purpose is to multiply the number of vibrant, robust, effective congregations and in turn multiply the number of people who are choosing to live in the hope of Jesus Christ, being shaped from the inside out by the justice, love and peace that Jesus brings to us all.

IF we sincerely believe that God is calling us to offer Christ in a Wesleyan way, passionately and respectfully, that is relevant to our cultural context and inspires hope and new life…

AND we are sincere in asking God to send one more person, family, or child for us to love and disciple…

THEN we are called to come together to plant new churches and nurture congregational vitality in order to reach new people of all ages and life circumstances and connect them with Jesus Christ.

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

(Update) BY GEORGE! Campaign (Update)

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 over $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!
I am Pastor Mark Hollinger who is serving at Cridersville UMC and as the coordinator for Addiction Recovery Ministries in the Northwest Plains District. If your church or community group would like for me to present the current status and background of the opioid epidemic and the ways in which you or your church or group can become engaged in recovery efforts then I invite you to contact me. I have a 20 to 30 minute presentation and have all the presentation equipment needed to travel to any church or group event. Many communities already have multilayered recovery services available and we have wonderful opportunities to reach out as supportive and healing partners. The first element needed in addressing our ability to become Christ's hands and feet to those who are hurting from the oppression of addiction is education. Ohio is among the top five states with highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths, killing significantly more people in Ohio than auto accident fatalities. I am a recovering addict and have real-life knowledge of the personal challenges of recovery. You can contact me at 419 231-0428 or via email rev.mark.hollinger@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

*Do justice, Love mercy and Walk Humbly with Your God*
*Micah 6:8*

How Is God Calling You?
Check out the video on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel "Northwest Plains UMC".

From the desk of Kris Shoaf (WOC). Here are the current ERT class offerings

- August 10, Hartzell UMC
- Sept. 14, Indian Run UMC
- Sept. 21, Grove City UMC

https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/early-response-team

Kris Shoaf
Administrative Coordinator Connectional Ministries
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.

- **Steve Brooks** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.519.3319 or by email at sbrooks1101@roadrunner.com.

Lay Servant Training Events

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.

“Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Basic) Part 1 & 2” led by Rev. Dave Burkhart/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19. If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held. **Registration info coming soon.**

“Go Preach (CORE) Part 1 & 2” led by Rev. David Chivington/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19. If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held. **Registration info coming soon.**

“Ministry in Small Churches (Advanced)” led by Wade Goble/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19**, at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12. If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held. **Registration info coming soon.**

“Creating Sacred Space (Advanced)” led by Wendy Lybarger/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 26** at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is October 19. If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held. **Registration info coming soon.**

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!
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

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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

### Greene Street UMC, Piqua

### Delta UMC, Delta
- Girls
  - June 22-24, 2018
Local Church and Community Events

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.

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Revival
Aug 18, 19 and 20 time: 7 p.m.

Aug 18, Sunday, at North Creek UMC (18564 County Rd B-13, Continental 45831) with Rev, Rick Snyder from Twin Oaks UMC, Oakwood delivering the message.

Aug 19, Monday, at Continental UMC (300 North Main Street, Continental 45831) with Pastor Jerry Meyer from Breakthrough Harvest Church delivering the message.

Aug 20, Tuesday, at North Creek UMC (18564 County Rd B-13, Continental 45831) with Rev Dwight Bowers from Farmer-Ney UM Churches delivering the message.

Theme is Am I Concerned about Souls? Refreshments Following, All welcome

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What is Fresh Expressions?

Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach changing communities. Fresh Expressions is a great opportunity for established churches to gain traction. Just last year, a 200 year old church in Cincinnati began Fresh Expressions and is now reaching close to 100 new people and has brought new life to this older congregation. At its heart, Fresh Expressions is about empowering and equipping God’s people to develop creative expressions of church that can reach our changing culture.

What is Vision Day?

Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions. In an interactive format, you will have the chance to:
- Hear how Fresh Expressions is renewing the church
- Talk about the development of Fresh Expressions US
- Learn more about the Mission-Shaped Church
- Discover tools to start Fresh Expressions in your area

Click this link to see dates and locations:
http://www.freshexpressionsus.org/westohiovisiondays?fbclid=IwAR3sy8bd5euC1HmVxbW_kM9cJps37IlIxzFwRdqC0EZQRKHZSy_j68og-U
Local Church and Community Events

We, at First UMC, Van Wert, would like to extend an invitation to the local churches of the Northwest Plains District to a Breakthrough Prayer Traction Trek. We're offering this on Saturday, September 7 from 9-2 PM. (The deadline for registration is August 30th). Lunch will be provided with a free will donation.

Please use link below to register TODAY!

THANK YOU!

New Traction Track Programs Starting this Fall

Does your congregation need to gain a new aspect of traction in order to begin moving forward into renewed vitality? "Traction Tracks" are specific training/resourcing/coaching/implementation components developed within West Ohio's Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), now available in individual short courses for churches of any size and setting. Every Traction Track involves your pastor plus a team from your church. Consider which of these next Traction Track offerings might be right for you!

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (1 session), September 7, First UMC, Van Wert (The deadline for registration is August 30th).

Family Ties: Home, Church, and Community (4 sessions), starting September 14, West Ohio Conference Center

Be Our Guest! (2 sessions), October 10 at Rolling Plains UMC and November 6 at West Ohio Conference Center

For more information and to register for these events visit: https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/traction-tracks-0
Local Church and Community Events

Did you know?
• Atherosclerosis (illustrated at left) is the leading killer of adults age 55+.1
• 70% of those age 55+ have 2 or more risk factors, and many are not aware of it.2
• Using advanced ultrasound technology, Life Line Screening can now actually see inside your arteries to help determine your risk for atherosclerosis.3

1 National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute
2 Life Line Screening database analysis; 8 million customers screened between 1995-2014.

Which Screenings are Right For you?
9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventive health screenings for cardiovascular disease among patients with key risk factors.*

All 5 Tests for $149

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An ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup.
This screens for irregular heart beat.
Screen for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.
Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

* Surveys are among Cardiologists, Physicians, Vascular Surgeons and Neurologists. Examples of key risk factors include obesity, tobacco use, diabetes, high blood pressure, Age 55+, family history of CVD.

Join the nearly 8 million people who have been screened. Appointments are limited, register today:

WHEN: Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
WHERE: Trinity United Methodist Church
137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa

To register for your screening and to receive a $10 discount, Please call 866-650-0452 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/communitypartners

Plot Your Route To Prevention & Wellness

An Annual Wellness Visit Helps You Build A Plan For Better Health

✓ Get your Personalized Prevention Plan the same day
✓ Convenient one-on-one assessment with a Licensed Nurse Practitioner
✓ Develop a Personalized Prevention and Wellness Plan designed to keep you independent and active
✓ An AWV may seem similar to an annual physical, but it's different in many ways. An AWV provides a plan for better health, enabling you and your doctor to plan your preventive screenings and immunizations for the next 5-10 years

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa
When: Tuesday, September 17th 2019

There is no co-pay for the Annual Wellness Visit under Medicare Part B. Discuss Part C and other insurance coverage with an LLCS Representative. Please call the number above if you are interested in only your Annual Wellness Visit or visit us online at www.LifeLineScreening.com/communitypartners. For additional screening options, offered by Life Line Screening, please refer to the front of this flyer.

Schedule Your Annual Wellness Visit Today by calling 1-866-579-5069
(Please have your Medicare card ready when you call)
Laity Discernment Retreats

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next? If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities.

Each retreat kicks off with an 8-hour Saturday session followed by a 3-hour session approximately six weeks later. In between the two sessions, there will opportunities to read, reflect, and practice Spiritual Rhythms that will lead you to a better understanding of your own call.

Note: You are welcome to attend any session in any location and you do not need to attend both sessions in the same region. However, you need to attend the all-day Saturday retreat prior to attending the 3-hour follow up session.

The events are online and ready for registration. You can find them here: https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats You can also navigate to Ministries/Discipleship/Laity Discernment Retreats.

Capitol Area South & Foothills
Saturday, November 9, 2019 and Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Crossroads Ministry Center of Lancaster First UMC

Capitol Area North & Miami Valley
Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Thursday January 16, 2020 at Urbana UMC

Ohio River Valley & Shawnee Valley
Saturday January 11, 2020 and Thursday March 5, 2020 at Williamsburg UMC

Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed
Saturday January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC
Fall Mission Trip

Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Chatham, Illinois

Always thought you’d like to go on a mission trip but felt you can’t do the heavy work? Well join us now and you will find you can help!

Some of the tasks include: working on mailings, sewing, assembling school bags, layette kits, bedding packs, medical supplies and cleaning buckets; repairing bicycles, sewing machines, and lawn mowers; building and varnishing school desks.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 THRU FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

COST: $225 PER PERSON

Lodging will be in a heated/air conditioned, handicap accessible dormitory with two people per room. You will need to bring bed linens, towels, and toiletries. There are bunk beds in each room we usually use only the lower bunks. However, if you would use a top bunk we would be able to allow for more than 16 participants.

If you are a camper with an RV, there is a full hook-up available.

Send Registration with check for TOTAL amount ($225 per person) to the District Office no later than September 13, 2019.

Make check payable to: Northwest Plains District UMC

Mail to:
Northwest Plains District UMC
910 E. Third Street
Ottawa, OH 45875

Questions:
Please contact: Marge Dresbach
Phone: 419-943-2237
Email: dresbach2@fairpoint.net

CANCELLATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
Historic Country Church Celebrates a New Addition

The Riley Creek United Methodist Church at 7102 Road M, Ottawa OH 45875 will be celebrating a new addition to their historic country church. The public is invited to attend the celebration on Sunday, August 18. There will be a Celebration and Recognition Service at 4:00 p.m. and a picnic potluck at 6:00 p.m.

The third Sunday in August has regularly been a time for a church picnic at the Riley Creek United Methodist Church. This year we are continuing that tradition and adding a Celebration and Recognition Service for our building project.

This church has been one room, without plumbing or running water since 1882. We broke ground for the new building addition in October. We have watched the addition to this historic, country church that includes restrooms, a kitchen, air conditioning, a utility room, and a fellowship hall. All parts of the new building are fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant for people with handicapping conditions. Members, family and friends of the church look forward to the many opportunities for serving others and outreach that these new facilities will make possible.

So many have contributed to this ambitious project and we are eager to acknowledge as many as possible. Some of those being recognized for their part are: Keith Seitz – initial design, Joe Hermiller – Architect, Greg Bockrath/Bockrath & Associates – Septic system, Benchmark Drilling/Brad Stoepfle – Well, North West Plains District/Rev. Barry Burns and District Trustees – Building grant, Steve Benson/National Lime and Stone – Stone, gravel, and property sale; Workers who stepped to the plate and assisted: Jack Hawks – cabinets & trim, Dan Stechschulte – dry wall and wall priming, Isaac Stechschulte - blown insulation in the attic, Bob Blank – hanging drywall (volunteer).

Local contractors: Kreinbrink Builders, Ottawa, Ohio - General Construction; Hovest Construction, Gilboa. Ohio – Concrete; Basinger Plumbing & Heating, Pandora, Ohio - Plumbing & HVAC; County Electric, Ottawa, Ohio – Electrical; Halker Drywall, Columbus Grove, Ohio - Spray Foam Insulation. Lowe's Lima, Ohio/Kevin Peth, Project Materials Manager - Building Materials.

And our many donors.

No need to RSVP (unless you want to). Come, bring a dish to share, and maybe a lawn chair for those who want to enjoy our beautiful setting. RileyCreekUMC@gmail.com 419.384.3905

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CHARGE CONFERENCE TIME

Pastors,

Charge Conference activities are well on their way. Information will be coming in the mail to you here soon. Once you receive it and have any questions, please give us a call at the District Office at 419-523-9901.

Thank you!
**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.

**Family Ministries Director**

Trinity and North Union United Methodist Churches in Van Wert, OH are entering a new era of mission and ministry by forging a strategic partnership, working together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. North Union is a rural congregation and Trinity is an in-town, county seat congregation.

Our new partnership is looking to hire a Family Ministries Director who will lead our children, young adult, and adult discipleship ministries. We are looking for a candidate who will bring excitement and innovation to our congregations in order to grow our struggling discipleship ministries. While both congregations have vital discipleship with our youth and older members, both have struggled with children’s ministries and with the 25 – 50 age bracket. With this new partnership, both congregations are willing and able to try new things to attract and disciple children and adults.

Candidate should bring a strong faith, some level of experience and/or education, and have the energy to try new things. A knowledge of United Methodist theology and polity is a plus. We envision this position to be 30 hours per week with salary commensurate with education/experience. This position comes with continuing education funds but no other benefits.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Kurt Tomlinson @ krtom14@gmail.com.
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.

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.

Director for Adult Choir & Bell Choir
Howard United Methodist Church in Findlay, Ohio is looking for a choir and bell director. The choir practices one hour on Wednesday or Thursday of each week and sings on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. The bell choir practices two times per month for one hour. The choir sings three Sundays and the bell choir plays on the fourth Sunday. If interested contact the office secretary for any additional information and to schedule an appointment for an interview at 419-422-8412.

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 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.

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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)

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