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

August 19, 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 had 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!
Dear God and our Father, if only we have you, we desire nothing more in heaven or on earth. Body and soul may fail, but you, O God, are the strength and comfort of our hearts and you are ours forever. May we live in your Spirit and may your light shine over us. Touch our hearts and help us understand the greatness of what you call us to. Help us and free us again and again so that we are not bound by fear, even when we must pass through intense suffering. For your hand shall be with us and shall rescue us. Your hand shall bring about good for us and for all the people around us. Our hearts go out to them and we plead for them too, "Lord, send your Savior to all." Amen.

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

Sallie Mann, who died on Friday, August 2, 2019. She was married to Rev. Leonard Mann who was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served the following appointments: Kingston; Thurman Avenue; Richwood First; London First; Springfield High Street; Lima Trinity and Chillicothe Trinity.

Preceding her in death were brothers John, Linden, Norman, and Eugene; and sister, Carmen Miller Greeson; in addition to two brothers who died in infancy, Glendon and Ernest.

Surviving along with husband, Leonard, include two step-children: Stephen Mann and Susan Reams; five grandchildren: Michelle Wright, James Wright, Kelly Wright, Benjamin Wright and Zachary Wright; great-grandchildren: Kortney Wright, Jordan Wright, Zakk Jones, Aubrey Wright and Isaac Wright; and four great-great-grandchildren: Kaedyn Almonte, Kieryn Almonte, Alexander Almonte and Aailiyah Luis; plus five step-grandchildren and twelve step-great-grandchildren.

Please make memorial donations to purchase and place Bibles in Sallie's memory through The Gideons International, P.O. Box 1380, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

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)

**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 has been used, clean well but do not use if it held chemicals of any kind)
- Five scoring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (eg. hand towels)
- One (20 oz. or less) bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- One #10 canister of powder laundry detergent
- One #30 plastic bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottle)
- One package of 48 30-ct disinfecting wipes
- One pair of 100% cotton, high-quality, non-slip, non-latex gloves, two per pack, or one 10-ft. pair
- Five dust mops
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof, non-latex gloves (data from thin, non-latex)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palms or a blend)
- 2% bleach solution containing 1.1% (by weight) of sodium hypochlorite
- One 5-lb. bag of universal dry sand (if available)

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 13 x 26” x 12” in size (Pfizer for kids, bath towel, or microfiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (Ball at discount stores like walgreens.com)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (other size acceptable)
- One roll of tape in the original packaging
- Ten standard sized Band-Aids

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

All items need to fit in 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

**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 bond 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 allowed)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 12 crayons
- One 12” x 14” to 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 of the bag. The website myshoponacat.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

Light the Way

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!

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_CHARGE CONFERENCE TIME_

Pastors,

Charge Conference activities are well on their way. Everyone should have received both an email and an envelope in the mail regarding charge conference material. Once you receive it and have any questions, please give us a call at the District Office at 419-523-9901.

Thank you!
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
The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, founded in 2010, is a ministry of The West Ohio Conference. Now in its ninth year of ministry, the Charitable Pharmacy depends on volunteers for a variety of tasks necessary to the Pharmacy's daily operations. Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, dietitians/nutritionists, and others in the healthcare industry are always needed. However, even church outreach groups or UMW circles can help out! Non-clinical volunteers are utilized to organize mailings, spruce up the office with a fresh coat of paint, and especially to sort medications that are donated to the Pharmacy (under the supervision of a Pharmacist). If you or your church group have an interest in volunteering at the Charitable Pharmacy, located at Livingston UMC in Columbus, please email charitablepharmacy@gmail.com. For more information on the Pharmacy, who it helps, and how you can get involved, visit www.charitablepharmacy.org.
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 bhove- 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 Register on District Website today!

- "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 Register on District Website today!

- "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 Register on District Website today!

- "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 Register on District Website today!

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

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

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**Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH**
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**NW Ohio Emmaus Walks @ Widewater, Liberty Center, OH**
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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
http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

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

**Delta UMC, Delta**
Girls -June 22-24, 2018
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
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.

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

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

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_kM9cJps37lIxzFwRdqC0EZQURKHZSy_j68og-U
Local Church and Community Events

The Glory Way Quartet

Gloryway Quartet, won the Sunrise Quartet of the Year October 2018

Come and enjoy an inspirational evening

Sunday
August 25 AT 6:00 P.M.
Zion United Methodist Church
204 S. Harrison
Grover Hill

Love Offering Taken
Local Church and Community Events

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (Van Wert/NWP) - Traction Tracks

Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 9:00am to 2:00pm
Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference Traction Tracks

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one-session training)

Breakthrough Prayer 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 congregations prayer initiative afterwards. Bring as large a team to the training (beyond pastor plus 5 leaders) as possible. We have learned that by bringing a team to the training - of 6, 10, 15 persons or more - the more likely the momentum you will have to launch when you get home!

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00am-2:00pm
Host Location: First UMC - Van Wert (NWP district)

113 W Central Ave., Van Wert OH 45891

Registration Fee: $75.00 per team of Pastor plus five members; $10 for each additional member

Contact: Grace Gerber (gerber@wocumc.org)
LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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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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 866-650-0450 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
       157 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa
When: Tuesday, September 17th 2019

There is no copay for the Annual Wellness Visit under Medicare Part B and other insurance coverage with an LLCi 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 page.

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](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 suppliers 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
Forest Park United Methodist Church
Children's Ministries Director - part time

Position Summary: The Director of Children’s Ministries will focus on making disciples; assuring children are introduced to the love, forgiveness and life giving grace found in Christ Jesus. The Director will lead programming that nurtures and grows children’s personal faith in Jesus.

Responsible to: Pastor

Qualifications and Position Requirements:
- Profess Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior and show “fruitfulness.”
- 1-2 years Children Ministry Experience
- Ability to work with children and families
- Ability to plan, organize, lead and guide complex projects and spontaneous activities related to children and family ministries
- Competent in basic lay counseling and listening skills appropriate for children ministry
- Competent in Bible teaching and speaking to children and families about Jesus
- Willingness to work cooperatively with others, to maintain a positive outlook and disposition, and to be flexible in solving problems
- The ability to protect the reputation and integrity of others through strict confidentiality.
- Retaining the indiscriminately sharing personal information is critical. Discretion must be exercised when dealing with the public, children and their parents, and the church leaders and members
- Weekly attendance at worship and/or Sunday School at FPUMC
- Computer literacy a must. Microsoft Office and Layout Design preferred.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:
- Planning, coordinating, conducting, evaluating and selecting and providing resources for the children’s ministry.
- Build relationships of integrity with children that become the basis of meeting needs, sharing Christ, and involving children in peer ministry to other children.
- Coordinate all aspects of the Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade ensuring there is opportunity to develop fellowship, spiritual formation, discipleship and the experiencing of Christian community. Various material and age appropriate styles of presentation are encouraged.
- Plan summer activities for children and families, such as VBS, and kick-off/try-out for fall programming, mid-week programming, including but not limited to Upward basketball/cheerleading programs.
- Develop relationships and maintain regular communication with parents of the participating children.
- Coordinate roles and responsibilities of volunteer leaders of the Children ministries.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures outlined in the Forest Park United Methodist Church Safe Sanctuary policy, and train volunteers of policies and procedures.
- Perform additional duties as needed and as determined with the pastor.

Performance Standards:
- Attend at least one congregational church service per week.
- Be involved in a small group.
- Meet at least weekly with the Pastor.

- Work with pastor to prepare and administer a children ministry budget/annual goals for the church fiscal year.
- Work with pastor to prepare an annual summary report of the mission, goals, plans and successes in Children ministries.
- Attend meetings for and be prepared to give monthly reports to Pastor as requested.
- Create and submit article and photos for monthly newsletter or online media resources.
- Participate in the life of the church and larger community, as appropriate.

Records and Materials:
- The Employee agrees that all materials, resources and computer programs purchased by the Employer as well as all records, print or electronic data, pertaining to the work of the Forest Park UMC Children Ministries position are property of Forest Park UMC.
- The Employee agrees that all equipment provided by the Forest Park United Methodist church remains property of UMC.

Salary Grade:
- As recommended by the SPRC and this is a half-time (20 hr/wk) salaried position. Starting salary is $15,000 per year, beginning.
- The above is subject to change by the SPRC committee of the Forest Park United Methodist Church.

Employee ___________________________ Employment start date ________________  

I agree to the position description as presented:  

Employee ___________________________ Date ________________  

SPRC Chair ___________________________ Date ________________
**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*

![Cart/TV mounting bracket - Easily holds 42" TV - $25.00](image)

**Portable Sound Lectern**

Zion Grover Hill UMC is looking for a portable sound lectern. Please contact Mike Waldron 419.238.1493 with any leads.

![Portable Sound Lectern](image)

**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.
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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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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