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

July 15, 2019

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

Friendly Reminder!
Northwest Plains District Annual One-on-Ones

If you have not scheduled your 1:1 appointment, please call Lesley Moore at the District office, 1.800.589.7828 or reference the email recently sent and schedule through the SignUpGenius.

Thank you!

Clergy Evaluations
This year the district will be moving to a new tool for clergy evaluations being rolled out by WOC. A SPRC representative from each church will be asked to attend one of the trainings yet to be scheduled so please watch for further communications in regards to date/time/location. Clergy evaluations will be due by the end of the year.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10, RSV

Lord our God, grant that we may find the power of your Spirit so that we may live on a higher level, no longer controlled by our lower natures but strengthened to take up the battle of life. May we be children of the Spirit and may we walk in the Spirit. Guard us against carelessness and keep us joyful and courageous. Help us and counsel us on all our ways so that we may honor you and testify that you are our God, our true help. Amen.
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](http://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**, 119 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, 419.238.6631, Mon-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
- **Wapakoneta First UMC**, 504 Glendale Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Please call ahead)

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**Emergency Cleanup Bucket**

Floods devastate 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 two-gallon bucket with reusable lid (Bucket has been used, clean well but does not need to be bleached or sterilized)
- Four scoring pads
- Seven sponges, including a scrub
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels or hand towels
- One (2oz or two 1/2 oz bottles) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 32 oz bottle of liquid dish detergent
- One 1-2 liter bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no a spray bottle)
- One package of 48 30 ct band aids
- One box of deodorant, two or three, or one 100 ct.
- Five dust mites
- Twelve pairs of heavy duty, water proof, disposable gloves (Latex free, non-slip)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palms or canvas)
- 30-35 yard bag or canvas type 30-45 gallon trash bags on roll and removed from ceiling
- One 1 1/2 pint bottle of aerosol window cleaner

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:** $7.50 **Processing fee:** $3 per kit

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**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 36” (no flannel, bath, dish towel, or microfiber)
- One washcloth
- One white tooth comb removed from the package (brand or discount store like wal-mart)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (after use one is acceptable)
- One cutoff piece of an original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Two standard tube toothpaste

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

- All items must 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 fee:** $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 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 15” x 15” x 3” filled with 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 myrenewable.com has affordable bag options for bulk purchase.

**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!

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

Retired Rev. Dr. Lowell D. Crabtree, Age 83, from Portsmouth, Ohio, passed from this life to his heavenly home on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. He previously served the Frazeysburg/Perryton Charge and Bethel UMC. A Memorial Service is being planned in Portsmouth.
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

FESTIVAL AT THE PAVILION IN LATTY

You’re invited to our community Festival at the Pavilion

Please join us as we gather together in Christian unity to spread the love of Jesus Christ in Latty. Come and enjoy family, food, fun, and community.

Food
Music
Games

Who: Apostolic Christian Church
Latty Friends United Methodist Church
Latty Zion Baptist Church

When: Saturday, July 27th, 2019
Time: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Where: Latty Park Pavilion – located on the corner of Railroad St and 2nd St in Latty, Ohio off I-77 in Paulding County.

“Be wise on how we live and make the most of every opportunity”
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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 12. 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

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

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

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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.

Farmer’s Market PSA:

The Pandora United Methodist Church (108 E Washington St, Pandora OH 45877) will be hosting a Farmer's Market during the Riley Creek Festival and Car Show in Pandora, August 9th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Spots are limited and assigned as registrations are received. $15 in advance, $20 if paying on the August 9th. Email tagray@fairpoint.net for more information.

4K CHICKEN BARBECUE TO BE HELD AT TRINITY

There will be a 4K Chicken Barbecue Sunday, July 28, serving starting at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa, OH. Come rain or shine. The menu includes the most fabulous chicken barbecue in Putnam County, baked beans, applesauce and brownie for $9.00. Eat in or drive thru. Order tickets by calling 419-523-6496 or any Trinity member. Sponsored by Trinity Trustees.

Funds will be used for new windows, roof repair and updating. Trinity is handicap accessible.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PREPARES FOR OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, in partnership with many Van Wert businesses and churches, will be holding their 4th Annual Operation Back to School event on Sunday, July 28th. This event is FREE and provides backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene items to Van Wert County families in need. Students in pre-school through 8th grade may pre-register online at www.vanwertfirst.net by following the “Operation Back to School” student registration link or stop by the church office to fill out a registration form. **Pre-registration is highly encouraged and will close July 20th.** If your children are not pre-registered, onsite registration will begin at 3:30pm and will be held inside the Central Avenue doors. The event will begin at 3pm and end at 5pm, with games and food for the entire family. We ask that families do not arrive on site prior to 2:45 as we will be organizing the park and areas surrounding the park for the event. Plan to join us for the afternoon.

The distribution for high school items will be Wednesday, August 21. More details will be available at a later date. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event, to donate to help the project or for more information please call the church office at 419-238-0631. You can also check out our website at [www.vanwertfirst.net](http://www.vanwertfirst.net) and look through the ‘Operation Back to School’ and ‘eGiving’ links.

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*Ice Cream Social*

Harpster United Methodist Church

Wednesday, July 31, 2019
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sandwiches, Noodles, Salads, Desserts, Ice Cream

Come and Enjoy!

17508 Cherokee Street, Harpster, Ohio
Handicap Accessible
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
Dear Friends,

My name is Tom Holmes. I am a retired United Methodist minister now serving in an interim pastorate at St. Paul’s United Methodist in Payne and Paulding United Methodist.

The position I retired from was as the Executive Director of Covenant Ministry Services Counseling Services in Lima. Since I received my Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling in 1984, I have counseled people professionally in all aspects of individual, marital and family mental health concerns.

Having served in pastoral roles prior to being in full time counseling and having connected in powerful ways with many church leaders over the years, I am aware of the challenges facing people in ministry. My passion is to assist people thrive in the calling God has for them.

In cooperation with the Northwest Plains District, I want to make myself available for pastors and church leaders to take advantage of a service we are offering.

There is no question that we all engage in ministry in multiple ways as wounded human beings. The question is whether that woundedness aids or hinders our effectiveness in ministry. In some powerful ways, the answer is that it does both.

I want to make myself available to meet with pastors in providing pastoral care to pastors in the district. Utilizing the skills and resources I have worked with over the years, perhaps some of what I have done over the years could be a resource to pastors and church leaders of the district.

If you would like to schedule a meeting with me to discuss any concerns you have personally or professionally, I will be available for appointment.

For the months of July and August, I will be seeing people on an appointment basis in Payne on Tuesday, and in Paulding on Wednesday. In September, the schedule will include sites in Van Wert, Defiance, Lima, Findlay and Kenton. If you are interested in an appointment with me, call to speak with Lesley Moore at the NWP District office. Her contact info is: lmoore@wocumc.org or 419-523-9901. The cost is $30 per session, but I want you to know that we will not turn anyone away for lack of an ability to pay. I want to serve you and join with you in a partnership of ministry to the best of my ability.

I am eager to get to know you and prayerfully consider how I can assist you. Schedule an appointment now so that we can together put our heads and hearts together in attending to whatever issues you may be facing. May God bless you in all that you do for the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Holmes, D.Min.
**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

Porta Travel Mount Bracket
Easily holds 42" TV - $25.00

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 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.

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.
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.westohiumw.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)
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