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

Friendly Reminder!
(A few more spots left—sign up now)
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.
True, he died on the cross in weakness, but he lives by the power of God; and we who share his weakness shall by the power of God live with him in your service. 2 Corinthians 13:4, NEB

Lord our God, we thank you for the love you show us so that we may be delivered from weakness and sickness, from sin and misery, and may be given strength to serve you, our Father in heaven. Bless us in all we have on our hearts, that through your mercy the battle of life may be fought aright. Bless us in our times and grant that justice may gain the upper hand and we may live in peace, praising you into all eternity. Protect us, your children, forevermore. May your name be honored, your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Registration

Registration fee includes a three day Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass per registration for one person, plus participation in all events scheduled during the retreat. Registration fee is required for those accompanying. There is a $25 registration fee.

Participants are encouraged to attend one, two, or all three days.

Meals

Lunch and dinner are included Monday and Tuesday for Associate Members and Local Pastors. Additional meal plans can be purchased for $65 a person. Continental breakfast is included with your hotel stay. Please include any allergies or restrictions with registration.

Accommodations

$79.00 per night, per room

(in addition to your registration fee)

To book your room, email

hotels@lakesideohio.com

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 9, 2019

Total: $______

Payment Method: Credit Card Check

Credit Card Number: ____________________________

Name on Credit Card: ____________________________

Expiration Date: ____________________________

Security Code: ____________________________

Zip Code: ____________________________

Checks can be made payable to: Lakeside Chautauqua

Please return completed registration form and payment to Lakeside Chautauqua.

By Fax: (419) 798-5033

By Mail: Lakeside Chautauqua, ATTN: Religious Life, 236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside, OH 43440
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 year’s 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 & Fri & 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 5-gallon bucket with reusable lid (Bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind)
- Four scoring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen resealable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (5 g. Hand wipes)
- One (24 oz. or two 12 oz. bottles) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 50-60 oz. bottle of bleach
- One 32 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48 30-cent naps
- Cloth towel, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust mops
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (date these non-reusable)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palms or all-leather)
- 24-30 disposable sponges Type 144-150 gallon trash bags on roll and removed from center
- One 50 count roll of paper towel

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Please put 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 15” x 28” (no fingers, just dish towel or micro fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (brand at discount stores like wal-mart.com)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (after use is acceptable)
- One toothbrush of any size in original package
- One toothpaste in the original package
- Ten standard toothbrushes

Affordable wide-tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as salour.com. Search for “wide toothed dental 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 brand notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpeners removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” x 14” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)
- One clear plastic ad

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The website myresponse.org 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
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!

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

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

Gary Carmean, who died Sunday, July 21. He was the husband of Rev. Dr. Julie Carmean who is a pastor in The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church serving at William Street UMC.

His funeral service will be held at the William Street UMC, 28 W. William Street, Delaware, OH 43015 on Saturday August 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm. A luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. His obituary is not available yet.

Send condolences to Rev. Dr. Julie Carmean, 619 Heritage Blvd., Delaware, Ohio 43015
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

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Kris Shoaf
Administrative Coordinator Connectional Ministries
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/
Women's Walks Dates
#106 February 7-10, 2019
#107 June 13-16, 2019
#108 October 10-13, 2019

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

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

Women's Walks Dates
TBD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All METAL accepted—anything and everything. A dumpster is located in the parking lot at Tri-R Guns, 241 E. Second Street, Ottawa, waiting for your cast-offs through the summer. ABSOLUTELY NO TV’S, COMPUTER MONITORS, PAINT, TIRES, or AEROSOL CANS ACCEPTED. All proceeds will go to Trustee projects at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Call 419-523-6496 for more information.

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.

Community Meal PSA

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wednesday, July 31 at 5:30 to 7:00 pm. in the church fellowship hall, 108 E. Washington Street (Route 12), Pandora. The meal this month is provided by the Hilty Home. The menu is Chicken croissant sandwich, macaroni salad, chips, strawberry shortcake, and beverages.
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

For more information, visit www.westohioumc.org/conference/laity-discrenment-retreats or contact Kris Shoaf at kshoaf@wocumc.org
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

CANCELATIONS 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

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.

DOWNLOAD http://tiny.cc/hf6sry

Local Church Officer Job Descriptions

Positions Required in All Congregations

Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."

Nominations and Leader Development Committee (¶258.1)
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (¶258.2)
Trustees (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
Finance Committee Chairperson (¶258.4)
Lay Leader (¶251.1)
Lay Member of Annual Conference (¶251.2)
Financial Secretary (¶258.4)
Church Treasurer (¶258.4)
Membership Secretary (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson (¶251.3)

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