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

June 3, 2019

Tornadoes and Severe Storms Rip Through West Ohio

A series of devastating tornadoes and severe storms ripped through 17 counties in the western half of Ohio, leaving one dead and about 90 injured. Gov. Mike DeWine has declared a state of emergency for three counties that suffered serious damage including Greene, Mercer and Montgomery. The National Weather Service reports that each county was hit by EF3 tornadoes with winds up to 165 miles an hour. The hardest-hit areas were the cities of Celina, Dayton, Trotwood and Circleville. Tens of thousands are without electricity and water. Although no churches report significant damage, New City Church sustained minimal damage with broken windows and roof damage. Volunteers from McKinley, Aley, Ginghamsburg and Hoffman United Methodist churches are providing shelter, meals, bottled water, showers and cellphone charging stations to those in need. County Emergency Management Agency directors are on the ground in affected areas and are assessing damage. Once the safety measures and damage assessments are complete, volunteer teams will be invited into the area to assist in cleanup and rebuilding.

Specialized training is needed for those who wish to assist. If you would like to organize a team at your church, contact Kris Shoaf at kshoaf@wocumc.org or 614-844-6200, ext. 217.

To donate online, visit westohioumc.org. For those who prefer to send a donation, please make the check payable to West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church and mark the memo line with "WOC Disaster Response." Mail checks to 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085.
He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Ephesians 2:17–18, NIV

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you for all your goodness and for the peace you give us. Unite us as your people, we pray. Unite us as one people with all your children who have ever lived, as one people with all who want to serve you. The more faithfully and joyfully we are your people, the more blessing you can give. Let the material world come under your hand. Guide your children on earth. Lead us in such a way that others may be helped. When we suffer, grant us strength and understanding of your will. Protect us today and every day. Amen.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

June 16, 2019

THANK YOU TO ALL THE DAD’S FOR ALL YOU DO!

Coming Soon!
Northwest Plains District
Annual One-on-Ones

Please be watching your email for the invitation to sign-up
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.-Fri., 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, 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
- **Wapakoneta First UMC**, 504 Glynwood 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 back 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 the liquids of any kind)
- Four scoring pads
- Seven sponges, including a large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable lightweight drying towels (e.g. rags/hand towels)
- One (25 oz) bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- One 20 oz bottle of Clorox bleach
gel
- One 16 oz bottle of Clorox disinfecting wipes
- One package of 48 300 toothpicks
- One roll of x 30 ft of 100 ft
- Five 6-in. burlap

**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

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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 28” to 20 x 22” (no fingers, boot, dish towel, microfiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (bristles must be firm)
- One plastic or metal clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One toothbrush
- One small bottle of soap or shampoo
- One toilet paper

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

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

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

**Value:** $15 **Processing 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 note pads 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 pens, unsharpened pens with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” x 12” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)
- One 300 count glitter or markers

**All items must be packed inside the bag. The www.my Мосocan.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 the cotton/canvas bag.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING EVENT

Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting a SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING EVENT on Tuesday, June 11 for 6-8 pm. The purpose of the event is to provide basic information regarding financial planning for individuals (children and adults with special needs). Anyone living with or working with individuals with special needs is welcome to attend. You are invited to bring your questions and concerns to Attorney Logan Philipps of Resch, Root, Philipps, & Graham, LLC as he presents information on topics such as guardianship, Powers of attorney, special needs trust, Ohio’s STABLE accounts, social security, Medicaid and waivers. Edward Jones Financial Advisor Dylan Pritchett will also be present to explain the importance of funding and beneficiary designations. As part of this even Trinity will also be providing childcare and a light meal, beginning at 5 p.m. to all who register in advance.

Registration is required, please register at https://snp-trinity.evenbrite.com
Looking to impact the life of children and families? We are looking for you!

Set in the beautiful hills of Southern Ohio, The Hocking Hills United Methodist Church focuses on real ministry for real life in our worship and in our community involvement.

HHUMC is a church that is focused on transforming lives, including families and children.

God is calling our hearts to fulfill the position of a

Children & Family Ministry Coordinator.

We are looking for a Christ-centered, energetic, passionate person called to lead our children and family ministry into the future.

To inquire more about this available position please contact:

Hocking Hills UMC
Rev. Charlene Mitchell
740-385-4136
pcmhhumc@outlook.com
www.hockinghills.umc/applications
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/
Women’s Walks Date
#106 February 7-10, 2019
#107 June 13-16, 2019
#108 October 10-13, 2019

Men’s Walks Date
#80 March 14-17, 2019
#81 November 7-10, 2019

Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH
http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/
Women’s Walks Date
TBD

Men’s Walks Date
Men’s Walk #72 November 1-4, 2018

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

Women’s Walks Date
March 28-31, 2019
September 19-22, 2019

Men’s Walk Date
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/
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.

YESTERDAY’S TREASURES GARAGE SALE

SCHEDULED FOR TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

They say someone’s junk is another person’s treasure. Come find out for yourself! Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa, will hold a Yesterday’s Treasures Garage Sale on Wednesday, June 5 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm, Thursday, June 6 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, AND Friday, June 7, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday will be the Bag Sale on selected items starting by 1 PM. Anything and everything will be offered—surprises galore.

Trinity is handicap accessible. NO EARLY BIRD SALES.

STAY TUNED

NEW Clergy Evaluation Form

Coming this Fall/2019

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

THANK YOU!
Local Church and Community Events

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum
September 17, 18 & 19, 2019
3 Days and 2 Nights

Package Includes:
* Round trip motor coach transportation
* 2 night’s deluxe accommodations in the Cincinnati, Ohio area
* 2 great breakfasts
* 2 sumptuous dinners at fine local restaurants featuring The Farm Restaurant and Emzara’s
* Full day admission to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky:
    Ark Encounter is three exhibits in one— the massive ark structure itself, the incredible craftsmanship, and the beautifully-fabricated teaching exhibits. The combination of all three will amaze and inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah’s Ark.
* Full day admission to The Creation Museum in Kentucky:
    The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, petting zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000 square-foot facility has welcomed over 2.5 million guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky.
* All baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities
* Air Force Museum on the way home

All of this for $339.00 PP/DBL or $425.00 PP/SINGLES

*Trip Cancellation protection is available for $34.00. $50.00 Deposit by June 10th to reserve. Balance due by August 1, 2019. For more information please contact Fred Richard 419-722-7470 or 419-278-2143.

Trip is Wheelchair Accessible
* Minimum of 40 people required
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.

Administrative Assistant
Forest Park United Methodist Church, in Lima, Ohio, is looking for a part time administrative assistant who is a master multi-tasker with excellent communication skills and an upbeat attitude. Candidates should be able to assist the Pastor and all visitors to the church by handling office tasks, providing polite and professional assistance via phone, mail, and e-mail, scheduling appointments, and generally being a helpful and positive presence in the workplace.
Candidates should be professional, attentive, and accurate. They should always be prepared and responsive, willing to meet each challenge directly; must be comfortable with computers—especially Microsoft Word and Excel, general office tasks, and be excellent at both verbal and written communication. Most importantly, candidates should have a genuine desire to meet the needs of others. Previous work experience in an office environment would be preferred but is not necessary.

Please send all resumes to:
Forest Park United Methodist Church
ATTN: SPR Committee
315 South Collins Avenue
Lima, OH 45804

Deadline to apply for this job is: May 28, 2019
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 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.
RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW
Mission u 2019!

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

LOCATION:
Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u
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