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

March 23, 2020

A message from Barry . . .

Dear Friends,

In this time of crisis and ambiguity, I invite you all to join together in prayer at 6:00 pm each day using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer. People around the West Ohio Conference will be joining in this at the same time and same prayer.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

(UMH #607)

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.
Message from Barry Burns and Bishop Palmer - COVID-19 UPDATE

You may have already seen this message from Bishop Palmer after Governor Dewine and Dr Acton have given the orders for us to all stay at home from midnight tonight to midnight April 6. Please take the time to read Bishop Palmer’s message. https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/bishop-palmer-issues-statement-following-governors-stay-home-order.

You will see that he states that the conference center itself is closed to visitors, but that the staff is still working from home. That is the same thing for our District Office. We have closed our district office to visitors, but Lesley, Lynda, Kim, and I are still working. You can reach us by leaving a message at the District phone number or send any of us an email and your message will be answered. You can also call my cell phone.

There are a couple of things I want to be sure to say to you.

First, this is not a time to fear. As disruptive and anxiety causing as this time is, God is still with us. We must not lose sight of this fact, we are still the people of God.

Second, please take intentional time in prayer for this crisis. Pray for those that you know that may be most at risk, for all of the medical personnel who are on the front lines, for our churches that are scrambling to find a way to continue to be the church in their communities, for your pastors who have never had to lead in times like this, and for our leaders.

Third, the Governor’s stay at home orders exempt those ministries that are helping the poor and most vulnerable. So, please continue your efforts to distribute meals and reach out to the people in your community who are really in danger form more than the Covid-19. I have heard about so many congregations in our district who are still doing this vitally important work, just doing it differently. Please keep trying to find new ways to reach out to those who are struggling to find their next meal and a place to sleep. Just do this following the guidelines to keep healthy.

Fourth, a number of people have been asking about weddings and funerals. These are exempted from the Governor’s orders, but we must be careful and follow all the guidelines for cleanliness and allowing people to keep healthy spacing.

In closing, let me encourage you. By following these orders, as disruptive as they are, we are acting out of compassion. These orders are meant to stop the Covid-19 virus from spreading further than it already has spread. My mind immediately goes to Romans 8, where we are told that “….nothing can separate us from the Love of God….”. I am so thankful for so many pastors and congregations moving way beyond their comfort zone and moving into using online technology to continue proclaiming God’s message of hope and grace. I am so thankful that so many are creating new ways of doing ministry in a time that the way we have always done it is impossible. I am so thankful for each of you who are making decisions that we never thought we would have to make. Please remember, that I am keeping all of you in my prayers daily!

Please, take care of yourself and those around you!

Rev. Barry Burns
District Superintendent | Northwest Plains District
**Important Updates from Bishop Gregory V. Palmer (from 03/20/20)**

*Grace to you and Peace in Christ Jesus:*

Here is the promised Thursday (03/20/20) "Update" in this season being shaped by the Coronavirus but more importantly the efforts to "flatten the curve." Thanks for all you are doing in all the places you live and serve. Below you will find important and useful information to assist you in ministry. Before you scroll down, let me offer a few updates.

- **The 2020 General Conference has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.** The Commission on the General Conference is working diligently to reschedule it. Hopefully a new date will be announced soon so that all of us can plan.

- **As you know, many conference events in the foreseeable future have been postponed or gone digital in response to directives from governmental and health care agencies and in the interest of our doing our part to stop the spread.** You no doubt have heard about a number of activities that were to take place in March and April. Please know that I am in active conversation with our staff, conference lay leadership, host venues and vendors about conference activities in May, June and beyond. **As decisions are made they will be shared with you here, in NewsNet, on the conference website and through social media.** Even if you are not in the habit of connecting to these resources, I humbly ask you to do so for the next several months so that you are up to date.

- **After lots of conversation, processing of data and prayer, I am asking you not to hold public worship services at least through Easter.** As I type this I am trembling, but I am convinced it is the wise and faithful thing to ask of all of us. I share this now so that you have more rather than less time to plan well for creative, online approaches to engaging your congregation and community in worship. We will continue to push out to you information about as many of our congregations as we have knowledge of that do some form of digital worship. The cabinet is preparing a specific resource about sacraments in this crisis. I will continue to do my best to connect with you digitally. I am learning some new tools that I have neglected until now.

As you already know Easter does not come on the same date every year. Therefore, we can, in a crisis especially, celebrate it anytime. We do that to some extent every time we gather for worship with Jesus at the center. Put another way, because of the resurrection of Jesus we are called to live in the Joy and Victory of Easter every day. While we and our practice of ministry is changing, and some things will change for a long time to come, we live in the confidence of this promise: "The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+Gregory V. Palmer
This is what the Lord says: “In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in
the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a
covention for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate in-
heritances.” Isaiah 49:8, NIV

Lord our God, protect us in your Spirit. Strengthen our hearts especially
when we often have to bear suffering, that we may be steadfast in hope and
may again and again experience a day of salvation. Protect us in every way.
Accept our praise and thanks, and let our hearts rejoice in what you have al-
ready done for us. We want to discern your ways more and more so that we
may please you as your servants. Amen.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Check the Conference website for details regarding overnight accommodations

Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside Chautauqua

Sunday, June 7 - Wednesday, June 10, 2020

SIGN UP TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER

The Northwest Plains District will send 84 At-Large Members to this year’s Annual
Conference. We invite you, the laity in our churches, to consider representing the Northwest
Plains District at the West Ohio Area Conference June 7-10

We’d like all aspects of our membership represented with respect to ethnicity, age,
demographic context (rural, urban, suburban, small membership church, large membership
church) and more. If you are interested in serving, please contact the District Office via
email or phone 419-523-9901 for more information or to be placed on the list for considera-
tion. The deadline to let us know has past, but we are still in need of 10 more spots.

AGAIN, THERE IS NO ONLINE REGISTRATION THIS YEAR FOR ANNUAL
CONFERENCE, but if you are in need of housing, request forms went live at 10 am on
Monday, March 2. To make a request a person MUST use the online form that will be
listed at the top of the following web page:

https://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2020/OvernightAccommodations
CHECK THESE AND OTHER TOPICS OUT ON THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE WEBSITE . . .

**Online Giving Options are Just a Click Away**

*March 17, 2020*

Today, fewer and fewer people use cash or checks to make donations to the church. If your church hasn’t already done so, please consider online giving options. The following is a list of companies that offer this service. These companies are... [continue reading]

**How can we livestream worship legally?**

*March 17, 2020*

Many congregations are considering livestreaming worship services in this time of concern for the health of vulnerable people. Livestreaming can be an effective way for church and community members to remain connected with worship. There are a... [continue reading]

**Taking Your Worship Online: A Guide for Beginners and Everyone Else**

*March 17, 2020*

The coronavirus pandemic of 2020 highlights the need for worship alternatives like livestreaming. “There’s cause for prayer and bereavement care,” Jeremy Smith wrote recently, “but also [the need] for preparation... [continue reading]

**Mental Health During a Global Crisis**

*March 17, 2020*

Disease and uncertainty lead to stress and anxiety in adults. Getting updates in a 24-hour news culture can be overwhelming. How we cope impacts our families and communities. We don’t have all the answers but the Center for Disease... [continue reading]
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

BY GEORGE! Campaign

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to the By George Campaign. We have been able to send in $37,562.13 already, and have more to send. I think the time has come for us to draw this campaign to an end, so we will be sending in our last contribution for now at the end of April. This will give you time to send in your remaining gifts if you are interested. Again, Thank you so much!!

Save the date!

Northwest Plains District
Spring Conference
Sunday, May 31, 2020
2:45 pm Gathering Time
3:30 Business of the Conference
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St., Leipsic, 45856
Everyone is welcome to attend!
We find ourselves in unprecedented times. This may result in many local churches struggling to meet their financial obligations, which may include paying the pastor and staff. Therefore, The United Methodist Financial Credit Union is in the process of offering special “Ministry Relief Loans” to our local churches, active clergy, clergy spouses and employees of United Methodists organizations. These loans will be made at very favorable rates. In addition, for existing church loans we will consider extending an interest only payment option to allow time for churches to regain their financial footing. For more information on individual loan solutions please contact Terry Laws at 1-800-373-1059 ext. 15 or tflaws@umethodist.com For more information on church loan solutions please contact Rev. Rachel B. Miller at 614-551-1365 or at rmiller@umethodist.com

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We find ourselves in the midst of unprecedented times! In an effort to eliminate the spread of the COVID-19 Corona Virus, most United Methodist Churches have suspended in-person worship services. It is reasonable to conclude that local churches will experience a significant decline in giving. This will make it challenging for many of our local churches to meet their financial obligations, which may include paying the pastor and staff.

Therefore, the credit union is in the process of offering “Ministry Relief Loans” to our local churches, active clergy, clergy spouse and employees of United Methodists organizations within our field of membership. These loans will be made at very favorable rates.

Should a spouse of one of our clergy or an employee of a United Methodist organization in our field of membership experience a loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus, this may also have a significant impact on family finances. As a result, Ministry Relief Loans may be made available to the spouses.

Ministry Relief Loans to clergy, clergy spouses, employees of eligible United Methodist organizations and their spouses.

1. The purpose of the loan must be to substitute income that has been lost due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 Corona Virus. A description of the member’s specific circumstance must be documented in the loan file.
2. The maximum loan amount is $10,000. Members with credit scores of 679 or less will have a lower maximum loan amount.
3. Maximum repayment term of 36 months.
4. The first payment will commence 90 days after the loan is made.
5. Must meet current underwriting standards.

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Borrowers with a 679-credit score or below may be eligible for a higher amount with a qualified co-signer or guarantor.

Ministry Relief Loans to Local Churches:

1. The purpose of the loan must be to bridge the gap of giving that has been lost due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 Corona Virus. A description of the local church’s specific circumstance must be documented in the loan file.
2. The maximum loan amount for loans not secured by real estate is $50,000.
3. The maximum loan amount for loans secured by real estate is $100,000.
4. Loans exceeding $100,000 will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
5. The maximum term for loans not secured by real estate is 5 years.
6. The maximum term for loans is collateralized by real estate is 10 years with a 5-year adjustable rate.
7. The first payment will commence 90 days after the loan is made.
8. No prepayment penalty.
9. The following underwriting exceptions apply to this loan type:
   - Limited lien search in lieu of a full title search
   - The title insurance requirement will be waived for real estate secured loans of $100,000 or less.
   - Abbreviated underwriting and decision process.

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For Existing Loans with United Methodist Financial Credit Union

The credit union will consider extending an interest only payment option to local churches who have an existing loan with the credit union.
HENDERSON SETTLEMENT TRIP
PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINE DATES

NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO HENDERSON SETTLEMENT
Sunday, May 3—Saturday, May 9, 2020
BE A PART OF A MISSION PROJECT! DON’T MISS OUT! GET ON BOARD!

Where is Henderson Settlement? HS is close to the Kentucky/Tennessee border about 35 miles east of Interstate 75.

What is the schedule? Participants need to be at Henderson Settlement before the 7:00 PM orientation on Sunday, May 3. (Eat your evening meal before arrival.) Everyone will depart for home after breakfast on Saturday, May 9.

What will we be doing? There will be construction/maintenance crews (ladies welcome). There is also work to be done in the greenhouse, library, food pantry, senior center and community store.

What is the cost? $360/person with accommodations in the mission dorm. $440 per person for more private housing (Baldinger Dorm, Zuki house). (3 meals Monday – Friday and breakfast Saturday.) Travel and food to and from Henderson Settlement is the responsibility of the participant. No additional insurance is available – your own insurance is the only insurance in effect.

What is to be expected? Weather – hot to cool, rain possible. Be prepared.
Clothing – work clothes.
Area – 50%+ unemployment, coal mining, forestry, mountainous.

How do I sign up? Complete and return the registration form with your deposit of $50/person by February 28.
Remaining balance due by April 15. Please make check payable to: Northwest Plains District – Henderson Mission Trip. Send check and registration form to: Northwest Plains District Office, 510 East 3rd St., Ottawa, OH 45875. For more information, contact Ruth Pease at 260.402.1888. A planning meeting for all registered participants will be held to determine who is driving/riding and to answer all other questions. This meeting will be on Sunday, April 26, 2:00 PM at Trinity UMC, 220 S. Walnut St., Van Wert, OH 45891.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip
May 3 thru 9, 2020

Name(s) ____________________________
(First and Last Names)

Address: ____________________________ City/State/Zip: ____________________________

Telephone ____________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

Church name ____________________________

Work area interest: ____________________________
(Construction/maintenance, electrical, plumbing, painting, gardening, etc.)
Small Church Essentials Conference March 27 and 28

Sponsored by the CAN District, TARRP, Rural Life Sunday Funds and the West Ohio UMRA.

Friday evening and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at Marysville First UMC.

This is a large conference focused exclusively on the smaller church.

Speaker Rev. Karl Vaters, author of the book “Small Church Essentials” and “The Grasshopper Myth”, will be joining us from Orange County, California. His organization New Small Church exists to encourage, connect and equip innovative Small church leaders. “We believe being small is not a problem to fix, but a strategy God wants to use.” Sessions include:

- Redefining Success in Ministry (Friday evening)
- Thinking Like a Great Small Church
- A New Way to Look at Vision-Casting
- Becoming a Healthy Church, no Matter Your Size
- Finding and Mentoring Volunteers in Today’s Small Church

The cost is $25/person for both days, with a maximum cost of $50/church, no matter how many people attend. The training will run from 7:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday. Rev. Karen Montgomery is the contact for questions around this event, pastorkarennlumc@gmail.com, 513-255-2232.

West Ohio District Announcement:

Summer Impact 2020

Are you a youth group, women’s group, men’s group, or young adult group, with a desire to serve and learn?

Your group is invited to come and serve for a week (Sunday - Friday) this summer alongside ministries in Cincinnati participating in building projects, day camps, delivering furniture, communing with those who are experiencing homelessness and sickness, and more.

Registration is open to choose from 6 weeks in June and July and the cost is $230/person.

The heart behind Summer Impact is transformation through serving experiences, meaningful interactions, and individual/group reflection time in order to see the work that God is already doing in Cincinnati and how God is calling us to partner in that Kingdom work. The hope is that teams will return home with a renewed energy and sense of where God is leading them to serve in their own community throughout the year.

Playing on the year 2020 – the next year’s theme is: “2020 Vision: Prophets of the Past and Present” and will emphasize God’s Kingdom work through generations - including this current one!

To find out more information about what your week will look like and to register your group – please email Rev. Kate Smith (ksmith@hpcumc.org) or visit: http://hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact/
BROWN BAG Lunch-n-Learns

Announcing new opportunities for learning and fellowship. Starting in October we will be having a new series of what we are calling Lunch-n-Learns! You are invited to bring a lunch and share in a time of fellowship and learning. We will start at 11:30 am and end by 1:00 pm each time. These will be spread around to all of the counties of the Northwest Plains District throughout the year and you are invited to come to any or all of them that you might be interested in. You can find a schedule of dates and topics here. This is planned for pastors, but everyone is welcome to come and join!

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Social Media/Technology  
Spiritual Direction  
Disaster Response and Preparedness

2020 Lunch with the DS

In the times of ambiguity and uncertainty, Barry would like to make himself available for dialogue regarding the “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation.” See the schedule below. Please bring a lunch/drink and come to share in fellowship and good discussions.

Please NOTE:

- These are separate events from the regular Lunch-n-Learns that are already scheduled. Do not confuse the two as they are separate from each other.
- No reason to sign-up or register
- Come to whichever fits your schedule – not bound by county

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Thank you to the churches noted above for opening your doors for these gatherings.
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.

“Lay Servants lead in Prayer (CORE) led by Jeff Motter/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on Saturday, April 4, at 8:30am - 4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is March 25, 2020. Register on the district website or attached form on page 9.

“Grief Seminar (Advanced) will be offered on Saturday, April 4 at 8:30am - 4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is March 25, 2020. Register on the district website or attached form on page 9.

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!

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.

- **Larry Zuvers** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.636.2329 or by email at lzuvers@gmail.com.
Postponed until further notice.

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Core Course:
Lay Servants Lead in Prayer

Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, enrich your prayer life, and will help you grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal.

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Advance Course:
Grief Seminar

The course will focus on understanding the descriptions, emotions and behaviors of grief, identifying grief issues, complicated grief and family issues. How to walk with those who grieve after the funeral and how the pastor and church can give support on the journey. How do families process last day memories, changes in family and how to cope for additional grief counseling and also receive ways to deal with stress. Other related grief issues.

Is God Calling You?

The term "servant" best describes what Jesus told his disciples in John 13 after he himself performed duties of the lowliest servant. We are also called to live out our discipleship as servants in leadership! All lay servants are called to proclaim the gospel in many different ways, in leadership and support roles, to help others grow in a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT
Website
https://www.northwestplains.org/

Questions
Please call or Email the district office, 800.589.7828, nwplains@wocumc.org.
or
You may call or Email
District Lay Leader, Barbara Lec, 419.738.3402, bjcowpak@bright.net.

District Ministry of the Laity
Training Opportunities

Lay Servants Lead in Prayer
Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic
Saturday, April 4, 2020
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Advanced Course
Grief Seminar
Led by: Rev. Jeff Motter
Saturday, April 4, 2020
8:30-4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St.
Leipsic, OH 45856

Grief Seminar
Led by: Elaine J. Clinger Sturz
Saturday, April 4, 2020
8:30-4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St.
Leipsic, OH 45856

Registration Form—Registration Deadline is March 25, 2020

Lay Servants Lead in Prayer

Grief Seminar

Enrollment Fee: $40 (includes lunch and materials)

Receipt of registration will be mailed reading material to preview prior to the training event.

Registration Form

Name
Address
City
State
Zip
Email
Phone
Note: CEU's will be offered for pastors

Lay Servants Lead in Prayer

Advanced Course
Grief Seminar

Lay Servants Lead in Prayer

Grief Seminar

Registration Deadline: March 25, 2020

The above courses are not only open to Lay Servants but also open to Pastors, Supply Pastors, and others interested in learning more about Lay Servant lead in Prayer and Grief Seminar.
Lay Servant Opportunities by Betsey Armstrong

Checkout the video on YouTube and the District Website

https://youtu.be/orao6DG4q9c

Lay Servant Opportunities by Betsey Armstrong

Don’t forget to . . .

- Return Fund Balance Sheet to District Office by April 1
- Sign-up for Henderson Settlement – May 3 thru– May 9. Please pay attention to deadline dates noted on from on page 9
- Mark your calendar for Annual Conference June 7–June 10
- Sign up for upcoming Lay Servant Training event—page 12—Postponed until further notice
- Anyone interested in being an At-Large Member (Adults/Young or Youth) to the 2020 West Ohio Annual Conference scheduled for June 7-11, please contact the District Office at 419-523-9901 or email us at nwplains@wocumc.org. We have 120 spots to fill. Youth are very welcomed.
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**
June 4 – 7, 2020
October 8 – 11, 2020

**Men’s Walks/Dates**
March 12 – 15, 2020
November 5 – 8, 2020

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

**Women’s Walks/Dates**
#81 - 06/11/2020 - 06/14/2020
#82 - 10/15/2020 - 10/18/2020

**Men’s Walks/Dates**
#75 - 03/12/2020 - 03/15/2020
#76 - 11/05/2020 - 11/08/2020

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

**Women’s Walks/Dates**
#89— April 30-May 3, 2020

**Men’s Walk/Dates**
#73—April 2-5, 2020

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 Flight #54
July 10-July 12, 2020 - 6:00 pm

Boys Flight #54
July 24-26, 2020 - 5:00 pm

http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

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

**Delta UMC, Delta**
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
2020 FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Bob Meyer (Elida Immanuel UMC) – 419-234-6322 (cell) (meyerrobert53@gmail.com) has agreed to go to the drop off sites to pick up the 2020 Festival of Sharing Kits and transport them to Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.

Date of FOS:
Saturday, September 19, 2020

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 Journey at Christ**, 225 W. Bigelow Ave, Findlay, 419.422.6662, Mon-Fri., 9 am-noon (Please call ahead)
- **Spencerville Trinity**, 119 N. Main St, Spencerville, 419.647.4451, Mon-Friday., 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**, 113 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 Glynwood Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Please call ahead) (Specific drop off dates are September 8, 9,10 from 9-4)

Dates for the kits to be dropped off to the locations above (except Wapak First-please see above) will be: **August 31 through September 15, 2020** or what works best for your location, but these dates will be communicated in the newsletters.

Bob Meyer and his helper will go around to the drop-off sites (listed above and below) on **Thursday, September 17, 2020** to pick up the kits. Below is Bob’s schedule for September 17th:

- 8:30 am – Spencerville Trinity
- 9:30 – Wapakoneta First
- 10:30 am – Findlay Journey at Christ
- 11:30 am – Northwest Plains District Office
- 12:45 pm – Defiance St. Paul’s
- 1:45-2:00 pm – Van Wert First

Any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at 419-523-9901.

Thank you,

Lesley
The Missional Church Development Team is happy to announce that we have some funding available. The team has developed a simple grant application to help provide churches with the opportunity to try something new, maybe a Fresh Expression or an idea they have had but just needed some financing. There is a fairly short turn around time on these applications because we want the churches to put these ideas into action as soon as possible!

Thank you so much!

Grace
Local Church and Community Events

NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

Kathy Haynes Moore moved to Northwest Plains District in 1977 with her husband Roland so that he could be the pastor of the First Methodist Theological School. Over the 43+ years since, Kathy and her family have lived in the area of Ohio while her husband pastored the church. Dar's study was the home of Kathy and her family.

One of the images of Kathy’s life has been Ohio God-blessed by Kathy. She has had the largest heart known as the world. Her love for others has been always been a desire to always be willing and ready to go to church where she attends. Kathy enjoys cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

REGISTRATION FORM

NO FEE DUE FOR THIS "AFTERNOON" MEETING.

NAME _____________________________

FULL ADDRESS _____________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS ___________________________ PHONE ________

CHURCH/ORGANIZATION _____________________________

*(A good-will offering will be collected for the "Coffee/Dessert Break")

Send your Registration Form to the district treasurer:
Susie Cottrill, 326 Grandview Blvd., Ada, OH 45810. (Phone: 419.634.5457)

Ottawa Trinity UMC
137 North W. ATT
OTTAWA, OH 43769

March 23, 2020

Postponed until further notice

IN SEARCH OF EASTER MUSICAL BOOKS "IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE CITY"

St. Andrew's UMC will be presenting the Easter Children's Musical "It All Happened in the City". However, we only have 3 books and they are no longer available. So we are asking if anyone would have extra books that we can purchase from them. If you do, please contact Pete Matteson at 419-422-4845, ext. 206.
First United Methodist Church in Van Wert (113 W. Central Avenue, 45891) will once again be offering “Fridays at First” beginning February 28. The purpose is to allow anyone the opportunity to come and go at will from 12 noon until approximately 12:45 pm and meditate while familiar hymns of our faith are played on the Noehren Pipe Organ. Organist Gloria Wendel will be playing beloved hymns and anyone may enter the sanctuary to escape the outside world and draw closer to God.

Once you enter the presence of the First UM Sanctuary, you will enjoy hearing many cherished hymns. You are welcome to stay the entire time or leave as you wish or need. The hope is that you will be drawn into His presence for time of prayer and meditation. The entire sanctuary will be open and seating is entirely up to you. There will be no spoken word or any order of worship. Psalm 95:2 says *Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.*

You might want to take a few minutes away from work or lunch and sit for a time to be refreshed emotionally, spiritually, and physically. You are welcome to come into His presence just as you are.

The pipe organ at First United Methodist Church was designed and installed in 1977-78 by renowned organist and organ builder Dr. Robert Noehren of Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was dedicated Sunday, November 19, 1978 with an organ recital by Dr. Noehren. Gloria Wendel was the organist, Dr. Robert Scheidt was the organ committee chairman and Wayne Compton was the contractor. The Rev. William C. Stewart was Senior Pastor. The total cost of the organ, excluding construction, was $110,000.

An organ fund has been established for the upkeep and repairs to the organ which is now over 40 years old. The purpose of “Fridays at First” is not to raise funds, but to offer a peaceful atmosphere for people to meditate and enjoy hymns of faith. However, if you would care to donate to the organ fund, a donation basket will be available just inside the entrance.

Pastor Chris Farmer, organist Gloria Wendel and Director of First Impressions and Worship Arts Paul Hoverman welcome you to First Church each Friday from 12 noon – 12:45 pm beginning February 28. Please use the wooden tower doors on Central Avenue to enter and exit.
Local Church and Community Events

Registrations are now being accepted for the Weekday Pre-School of Westside United Methodist Church at 604 Gloria Ave., Lima, Ohio 45805. We offer a Kindergarten Readiness Program and are State Licensed. Our Fall Program will begin September 8, 2020. We have both 3 & 4 year old classes.

The children must be 3 or 4 on or before September 8, 2020.

Classes meet each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:15-11:15 A.M.

Registration is $30.00 and Monthly Tuition is $65.00.

You may call Cindy Crawford at 419-224-2597 or 419-224-2668 for more information.

Food Distribution

When: Wednesday, April 18th, 2020
Where: Putnam Co. Educational Service Center,
124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa
Time: 1:00-3:00 pm or until food is gone

Sponsored by KNAP Sack, Inc. In partnership with Ohio Logistics, People First, and Giesken Outdoor Advertising

Open to all Putnam County Residents
First United Methodist Church Youth Group Launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser to Raise Money for Mission Trips

Van Wert, OH 2020 – First United Methodist Church is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from February 17- May 1st to raise funds for National & International mission trips. First Church Youth will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will benefit their Mission Trips. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at 113 W. Central Street, Van Wert.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Teresa Shaffer, Middle School Youth Director. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our mission trips and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the First United Methodist Youth, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people’s lives around the world.

About First United Methodist Church Youth
Youth in grades 6th – 12th grade can join the youth group. They meet on Sunday evenings until May. They will be going to Indianapolis, IN June 7-12 with Youthworks on their mission trip. They are in the process of planning an International trip for 2021.
Local Church and Community Events

Posters & Camp guides available at the NWP District office. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

Christ, Classic Cars and Competition Oh My!

New to Widewater this year are two very unique camp experiences. We are extremely excited to offer the Christ & Classics Day Camp and the All-Star Sports Camp.

The All-Star Sports Camp kicks off June 14th and runs through June 19th. During this action packed week campers will learn what it means to be a Christian on and off the court. Experienced coaches will be on hand to help campers improve their skills while at the same time build a relationship with God. The sports that will be highlighted during this camp are Basketball, Softball, Soccer, Football, Baseball, and Gymnastics Cheer. This camp is geared towards ages 10-16 and the cost is $350.

Christ & Classics is a week long day camp. It begins July 20th and runs through July 24th from 9:00am-4:00pm each day. This camp is perfect for car enthusiasts who want to learn about classic cars and gain some hands on maintenance skills. Campers will learn about cars of the past as they study automobiles from the 1950s-1980s. Field trip opportunities will also help to enhance this experience. Campers will come away with the knowledge that just like cars, a relationship with Christ requires repair and regular maintenance. This camp is for youth ages 10-16 and the cost is $150.

For questions or registration assistance please contact the camp office.

Camper Incentive Discount

NEW

*Get $100 off your camp fee for 3 new camper referrals. To receive the discount for 3 referrals you must be in our registrations records for attending a 2018 or 2019 Summer Camp. You must turn in the full names of campers and the camp they sign up for along with your full name. They must attend the camp and pay their fees. You must still pay your full cost or make payments and as your 3 referrals pay in full, a $100 credit will come off your account. If they cancel or do not show up, you are responsible to repay your credit. Only one discount per camper. A referred camper must be new in our system since 2016. Campers would then be first time or haven’t attended in the last four summers.
Local Church and Community Events

GREETINGS FROM CAMP

Hey there, I’m Tom Palmer, and I started working maintenance here at Camp Widewater in the summer of 2006 when I was a 15-year-old freshman in high school. I never thought that I would still be working here nearly 15 years later, let alone living on site. From fixing submerged mowers, to washing dishes and from plunging toilets to being a counselor, I have learned so much here over the years. Each and every year continues to bring new opportunities. (and sometimes surprises!) Widewater holds a special place in my heart for so many reasons, but the greatest two are meeting Rachel here in the summer of 2010 and asking her to marry me here on the very spot we first met five years later in the summer of 2015. Widewater has become our home and it is also where we feel closest to God. While the camp lifestyle can be challenging at times, I am truly blessed that God’s plan led me here. It is hard to imagine life without Camp Widewater. If you can’t find me at camp, I’m either teaching high schoolers everyone’s favorite subject, English, or working on/ driving one of my classic muscle cars. Hope to see you at camp!

Hello my name is Norene Keller. This is my sixth year working at Camp Widewater. I am a cook at camp. During the summer I plan menus and do the shopping. I really enjoy making delicious food for campers!

During the school year I drive bus, I’m a classroom aide, and a lunch lady. My husband and I have three daughters. I also enjoy scrapbooking and knitting.

I am looking forward to meeting new faces at camp, and seeing return campers!
Local Church and Community Events

Mission Opportunity for Building a House in the Henderson Settlement Area during the Spring and Summer of 2020

What: SOWER (Sharing Our Witness - Enriching Relationships) is a conference wide construction mission to build new housing in the area served by Henderson Settlement.

Objective: To construct a house from the foundation up for the selected family

Where: Henderson Settlement, Frakes KY (Part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference)

When: May 3-9 & 10-16; July 12-18 & 19-25; August 16-22 & 23-29 of 2020

Cost: $260/volunteer (covers room and board at Henderson Settlement)

Materials: Funds/pledges are needed to cover the materials cost

Contact: For more information contact Ralph and Carolyn Brandon - 740-344-5581 or sowervimpro- ject@gmail.com

Community Meal PSA

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wed. March 25th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. in the church fellowship hall, 108 E. Washington Street, Pandora. The meal this month is provided by Sprunger Insurance.

The menu is Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, brownies and drink. THIS WILL BE CARRY OUT ONLY.

ERT TRAININGS BEING OFFERED

The West Ohio Conference will hold an Early Response Team (ERT) training on Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am-4:00 pm at Sylvania First UMC. ERT volunteers provide support in disaster response situations and must go through specific training with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This ensures that ERT volunteers will be productive and caring while causing no further harm or burden on the affected community. Topics covered in the class include the who, what, when, where and how of doing disaster response ministry, as well as hands-on experience in the specific tasks that early responders are expected to accomplish. Volunteers who pass the course will receive a three-year UMCOR badge that allows early access to disaster areas. Cost for the training is $40 for new volunteers; $35 for recertification. Deadline to register is April 19. For more information or to register for the class, click here (https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/early-response-training-sylvania-first-umc)
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

JOB POSTING

Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, North Carolina is seeking a full-time Director of Youth Ministries. Serving as the spiritual leader and a role model for students in 6th-12th grades, this individual will help develop a comprehensive approach to understanding and experiencing one’s faith that makes sense to adolescents. Additionally, the Director serves as the primary point person for the Wesley College Ministry at Davidson College and all college-aged young adults connected with the church. Joined by a team of supportive stakeholders, the Director is hoped to lead with enthusiasm, consistency, and clear direction. This position reports to the Pastor/Director of Faith Formation.

Primary responsibilities for the position include:

- Be an advocate for youth, educating various stakeholder groups and serving as a liaison between the church and other community organizations, people, and resources.
- Plan, develop, and implement all aspects of a balanced youth ministry in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach.
- Guide the work of the Youth Council in an annual process of evaluating the vision and goals of the youth ministry and directing monthly planning sessions.
- Oversee and maintain administrative pieces of the ministry (attendance, budget, etc.)
- Recruit and train volunteers and ensure all leaders are knowledgeable of and uphold Safe Sanctuary policies.
- Communicate in a timely manner, utilizing multiple mediums that effectively reach the diverse set of intended audiences.
- Lead outreach and provide support for college students; also serve as the staff liaison for the College Ministry Council and their work at Davidson College.

Qualifications for this position are:

- College degree required; Masters degree preferred
- Professional Certification in Youth Ministry in the United Methodist Church desired
- 3-5 years experience working with youth, in a church-based setting
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and various social media platforms
- Satisfactory completion of background check
- Ability to communicate effectively and professionally, both orally and in writing
- Ability to work as part of a team

For additional details, please check out the church’s website https://www.davidsonumc.org/jobs/. Qualified candidates should send their resume along with a cover letter to renee.wilson@ministryarchitects.com.
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.
- refraining from 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.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:
- Planning, coordinating, conducting, evaluating and selecting and providing resources for the children’s ministry.
- Build relationships of trust 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/ team-up 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 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 SREC 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 SREC committee of the Forest Park United Methodist Church.

________________________________________________________________________

Employee ____________________________ Employment start date ____________

I agree to the position description as presented:

Employee ____________________________ Date __________________________

SREC 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.

**Trinity Van Wert is seeking Worship Leader**

Trinity United Methodist Church in Van Wert is looking for a Worship Leader for our Praise Team. This position consists primarily of 1 weekly rehearsal and 2 Sunday morning worship services and assisting the Youth Director with the Youth Praise Band. The position is able to be negotiated, but primary responsibilities are:

- Maintaining/developing team atmosphere among the volunteer Praise Team
- Scheduling Praise Team members
- Leading rehearsals to prepare for Sunday morning
- Choosing music for Sunday morning based on Pastor's sermons
- Maintaining music database
- Working with the Youth Director to develop the Youth Praise Band
- Ensuring worship graphics are prepared for worship

While we would like a Leader who is able to lead worship, we have many in our Praise Team that can do so. This position is as much about organization and team building as it is about leading worship. Salary is negotiable in the $110 - $130/week range dependent on experience and availability. Candidates can email resume and references 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.

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

**Robe**
Women Clergy Alb with various stoles. Size Small. Free for the taking. Can be picked up here at the District Office. Please call at 419-523-9901 or email at lmoore@wocumc.org.

**Guitar Lessons**
Looking for someone that gives acoustic guitar lessons and is fluent in playing. In need of someone that is flexible with time at least from season to season. Please txt 419-203-5526 with contact info.
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