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in the likeness of JESUS CHRIST

May 6, 2019

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Save the date!
Northwest Plains District
Spring Conference
Sunday, May 19, 2019
2:45 pm Gathering Time
3:30 Business of the Conference
Pandora UMC
108 E. Washington, Pandora 45877
Everyone is welcome to attend!

2019 Annual Conference
Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6, 2019
Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside Chautauqua

The basic agenda can be found on the web and there is a list of events on the
2019 Annual Conference webpage at https://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2019
2020 WOC Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant Application

From the desk of Grace Gerber—Administrative Coordinator, Missional Church Development. “Just wanted to make sure you all were aware that the new grant application is now available online. All applications must have the signature of the pastor, and the DS, and the due date is July 1, 2019. Below is the link to the application.”


MTSO faculty lecture considers mass incarceration through Paul’s lens

It is clear that the Apostle Paul was a prisoner when he wrote his letter to the Philippians, but it is not immediately apparent why. MTSO Assistant Professor of New Testament Ryan Schellenberg will explore the likely historical circumstances of Paul’s imprisonment in his lecture, “Reading Philippians in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” to be delivered at 7 p.m. May 7 in MTSO’s Alford Centrum, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. The lecture, presented by the Theological Commons at MTSO, is free and open to the public.

In addition to discussing the circumstances of Paul’s imprisonment, Schellenberg will pose a more general question: What does it mean to read the prison letter to the Philippians cognizant of the over 2.2 million persons currently in jail or prison in the United States?

A member of the MTSO faculty since 2015, Schellenberg earned his Ph.D. from the University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto, his Master of Arts in New Testament at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, and his BA at Canadian Mennonite University.

Schellenberg’s research on Paul’s life and work has been widely published. His areas of expertise also include the social history of early Christianity, the books of Luke and Acts, and the parables of Jesus.
Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:

Rev. Ralph Hudson who died Friday, April 26, 2019. He was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served Pataskala, Ostrander, New Lexington Calvary, Chillicothe Tyler, Manly, Bremen First, South Zanesville, and DeGraff churches.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. (Ruble) Hudson; children, Rev. Anthony (Ruth) Hudson, Olinda LeMaster, and Cyndie (Wayne) Kelley; grandchildren, G.W. (Crista) LeMaster, Krystal LeMaster, Jason (Amy) Hudson, Andrew (Michelle) Hudson, Jacob Hudson, Tosha Caldwell and Brittany (D.J.) Logan; great-grandchildren, Astrid, Aksel, Elizabeth, Isiah, Tyler, Taylah, Gaige, Graidy, and Lilly; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Eugene, Glen and Dencil.

I heard a loud voice proclaiming from the throne: “Now at last God has his dwelling among men! He will dwell among them and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes; there shall be an end to death, and to mourning and crying and pain; for the old order has passed away!” Revelation 21:3–4, NEB

Lord our God, we look to you and to Jesus Christ our Savior. Continually renew your grace and your power in our lives, we pray. Renew your grace and power, that we may have light even in dark and distressing times and through the Savior may overcome as we wait faithfully for your kingdom. Help us to be ready to take anything upon ourselves, to serve you with body and soul, with all we have and are. May we belong to the hosts of those who go to meet you, who wait for your coming kingdom, which will bring comfort to the world and to all people who now suffer and grieve. O Lord our God, have mercy on our times and on our world. Grant that with thanks and praise we may soon see the signs of the fulfillment of your promises. Amen.

Clergy Spouse Gathering at Lakeside

June 3, 2019

Join us on Monday, June 3rd immediately after the evening session at the Dockside Pavilion.

Come and join us for a bowl of ice cream and relax with other clergy families.

SEE YOU THERE!
Bishop Palmer Announces Bible Study

Bishop Palmer has invited us to come together as The West Ohio Conference in the study of Galatians: Gospel of Grace over the weeks of the Easter season. While we are not united in our thinking on all matters, we can all be united in our commitment to turn to the scripture for guidance. As we read, study, and discuss scripture together, we trust the Holy Spirit to move in our midst and to speak to us through the living word of God. We hope you will join churches across the annual conference in a conference-wide all-church series on Galatians. Small group discussion guides, worship resources, social media options, and communication templates will be available to you for this series by early April. As you make plans to participate, you are encouraged to read Galatians and begin preparing around these weekly themes:

- April 22nd-28th: Grace that Transforms - Chapter 1 with key verse Galatians 1:23
- April 29th-May 5th: Grace that Embraces - Chapter 2 with key verses Galatians 2:9-10
- May 6th-May 12th: Grace that Clothes Us - Chapter 3 with key verses Galatians 3:26-28
- May 13th-May 19th: Grace that Forms - Chapter 4 with key verse Galatians 4:19
- May 20th-26th: Grace that Bears Fruit - Chapter 5 with key verse Galatians 5:22
- May 27th-June 2nd: Grace that Sustains - Chapter 6 with key verse Galatians 6:9

Log onto the Conference website to watch a video message regarding this Bible Study from Bishop Palmer

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2019 GRADUATES

NORTHWEST PLAINS WISHES ALL THOSE GRADUATING IN 2019 THE VERY BEST!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9
Greetings Dearest Colleagues in Ministry:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound on hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” My heart thrills to these words from Paul’s letter to the Romans. What a prayer. What an aspiration. What encouragement.

In this spirit I invite you to join me and one another on Monday, May 13 at Otterbein University (Cowan Hall), from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. President John Comerford has graciously and generously worked with the Office of Ministry staff to provide a wonderful space for this gathering of our covenant community. I expect that our time together will build us up as we work through crucial portions of the Business of the Annual Conference. At no time in history has what you do been more important for the church and the world.

All the best in Christ Jesus as you lead and serve, I remain, Your servant for the sake of the Gospel,

†Gregory V. Palmer

General Info:

9:30 am Gathering Time; 10:00 am Clergy Session begins

Cowan Hall- meeting site, 30 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081

Campus Center- lunch site, 100 West Home St, Westerville OH 43081 (2 blocks north of Cowan Hall)

Roush Hall- beverages available from 9am-10am, 27 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081

PARKING - available all the lots

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MAY 8, 2019

Unable to Attend?

Clergy Members: If you are a Clergy member and unable to attend, you must seek permission from the Annual Conference Secretary, Rev. Amy Haines to be excused. You can make your request online.

Location Name: Otterbein University
Location Address: Cowan Hall- 30 South Grove St, Westerville OH 43081
Contact: Susan Thomas
Email: stthomas@wocumc.org
Price: $20
Spread the word. It is that time of year again to start collecting and assembling kits for the Festival of Sharing. Below you will find the dates & locations of when the kits can be dropped off at your depots. Also, reference the below website. This has all the videos and information for this years FOS. www.fosohio.org

Dates for the kits to be dropped off to the locations below will be: August 26 through September 9, 2019

Drop off sites: Churches/Locations/Addresses/Times:

- **Defiance St. Paul’s UMC**, 400 Wayne Ave., Defiance, 419.782.3751, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Findlay St. Andrews UMC**, 120 W. Sandusky, Findlay, 419.422.4845, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-2 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Spencerville Trinity**, 110 N. Main St., Spencerville, 419.647.4451, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - Noon (Please call ahead)
- **NWP District Office**, 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, 800.589.7828, Mon-Friday, 8 am-11:45 & 1 pm to 3:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Van Wert First UMC**, 118 W. Central Ave., Van Wert, 419.238.0631, Mon-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
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**Emergency Cleanup Bucket**

Flood damage 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
- Twelve replaceable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g., Mary Kay)
- One 20 oz. bottle of dishwashing liquid
- One 96 oz. bottle of dawn dishwashing soap
- One 5.5 liter bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (e.g., Spic and Span)
- One package of 20 30-lb. bags
- Two plastic bags, two 50 ft. or 50 lb. bags
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs of heavy duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (large.free sizes available)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palmtrees or industrial)
- 2-4 24-hour battery or battery charger type AA-45 gallon trash bag or refill and removed from carpet
- One 5 lb. bag of non-woven waste

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

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

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**Hygiene Kits**

Our most needed kits! These little kits are jam-packed with supplies to help keep people clean and healthy. From toothbrushes to washcloths, you’re making sure that someone’s needs are going to be met in the wake of an emergency when even the most basic supplies can be hard to come by.

**Supplies needed:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 20" (no fingers, butch, dish towel, or micro fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (brand at discount stores like wal-mart)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (other one is acceptable)
- One roll of unopened toothpaste in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard hand towels

Affordable wide tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as sellabybeauty.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 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 70-75 count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- Four large erasers (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” to 14” x 17” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside the bag. The website mycommunity.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**
Lifetree Café Honors Mothers—Yours Included

The love, selflessness, and personal sacrifice of mothers will be examined at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30-7:30pm.

The program, titled “Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers,” highlights the transformation women undergo when they take on the role of a mother.

Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable explained this Lifetree session is designed to honor the work of mothers while giving participants an opportunity to reflect on the impact of moms in their own lives.

“Being a mom is by no means an easy job,” said Cable. “This session will shine a light on the amazing sacrifice and selflessness they show on a daily basis.”

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

Topic for May 15 – "Low-Cost, No-Cost Adventures. And enrich your relationships along the way.”

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!
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 short of $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!

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

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**Clergy Gatherings**

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*Note: Retired pastors are welcome to attend!*
He came on a tourist visa in 2017. Joined by his wife, two children, and luggage they debarked in the US. After vacation, they would return to their house in Columbia and careers as architect and physical therapist. God intervened.

As the vacation unfolded, visiting family in Ohio, the same God who got hold of his grandfather and father captured his future. Both his grandfather and father were pastors in Columbia and now God was calling him to stay in Ohio and be a youth pastor and worship leader for a Hispanic United Methodist Church. His wife and children agreed.

Now he waits for a student visa. The wait has become a year. Whenever it is approved he will begin seminary, as he is already accepted and grants for tuition secured. One fortunate aspect of being in process is he has an official ID that allows him to have a driver’s license. In the meantime he continues to serve as an interpreter in a UMC legal clinic and as youth pastor and worship leader.

The wait is grinding. Faith weakens. Can they persevere through the restrictions imposed by their immigration status and lack of income? Inevitably, when faith is weak an opportunity to help someone reignites the call. Hearing stories of other immigrants and sharing his own brings a comforting affirmation. Faith is the confidence in things unseen. His family keeps the faith. They cling to their call scripture,

Isaiah 56:6-7

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”
Lay Servant Training Events

"Spiritual Gifts (CORE course)" will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

"Conflict Management (Advanced course)" will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

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 lzrovers@gmail.com.

UPCOMING 2019 FALL COURSES WILL BE OFFERED. DETAILS YET TO COME.

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.

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**

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

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

**Greene Street UMC, Piqua**

**Delta UMC, Delta**
- Girls - June 22-24, 2018
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.
**Local Church and Community Events**

**Spring Salad Luncheon**
Howard U.M. Church  
220 Cherry Street  
Wed. May 22, 2019  
11-1 P.M.$6.00  
Proceeds to Missions

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**ATTENTION: LOCAL PASTORS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**LUNCH at ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
**THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE**

June 4, 2019 12:00 pm—1:30 pm  
Drackett Hall  
420 E. 6th St., Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440  
$13.00 per person  
REGISTER on WOC website DEADLINE BY: May 24

Any Questions feel free to call Susan Thomas 614-844-6200 or email her at stthomas@wocumc.org.

**MENU:** Shredded BBQ Pork or Shredded BBQ Chicken, Side Salad, Cookie, Water

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**All are invited!**

UMW breakfast at Lakeside  
Tuesday, June 4, 2019  
7-8:15 a.m.  
during Annual Conference  
in Wesley Lodge

Tickets can be purchased for $8.00 at the door or at the house across from registration bearing the UMW banner.
UMCOR Kit Collection At Annual Conference

UMCOR will be collecting kits at Annual Conference. You can drop off your cleaning kits (flood buckets), school kits and hygiene kits at the South Auditorium on the days and times listed below.

Sunday, June 2, 4 pm - 6 pm
Monday, June 3, 8:30 am - 11:30 am and 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 am - 11:30 am

For more information, contact Jeff Walker at jwalker@alink.com

Annual Conference Potato Drop

We are collecting 10lb bags of potatoes at Annual Conference. Bags can be dropped off at the Otterbein North Shore parking lot, just leave them inside the open gate.
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.

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.

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.

Organist/Pianist
Ottawa Trinity United Methodist Church is looking for an organist/pianist. If you or someone you know is interested in this vacancy, please contact Trinity's church office, 419-523-6496 Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Trinity UMC is located at 137 N Pratt St., Ottawa, Oh 45875.
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](https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u)
Resources

Free Active Shooter Prevention Guide
Recently, attention has been drawn to the unthinkable action of active shooters in a house of worship.
UMI is offering this resource to you as a way to prepare you, your church leadership, the congregation and visitors in the event this should occur. Being prepared helps everyone cope with these realities and begin to re-focus attention on core ministries.
Conducting the ministries of The United Methodist Church takes on many forms. Our first call to ministry is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This crucial part of our ministry as a denomination begins in the local church. Everything else we do on a daily basis supports this core commission. (Matthew 28:19)
There are many supportive actions taking place every day to support the local church. One of them is to insure the church properties so that a church can continue its core ministries in the community.
DOWNLOAD http://tiny.cc/hf6sry

Local Church Officer Job Descriptions
Positions Required in All Congregations
Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."
Nominations and Leader Development Committee (¶258.1)
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (¶258.2)
Trustees (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
Finance Committee Chairperson (¶258.4)
Lay Leader (¶251.1)
Lay Member of Annual Conference (¶251.2)
Financial Secretary (¶258.4)
Church Treasurer (¶258.4)
Membership Secretary (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson (¶251.3)

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