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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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PLEASE NOTE: NOVEMBER 12

REV. DAVID MACDONALD WILL BE SPEAKING ON UNDERSTANDING GENERATIONS

YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS IT!
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Exodus 20:2–4, NIV

Lord our God, we come to you, the source of all being. You have said to us, "I am your God. You shall have no other gods besides me. Honor none but me, your God." We thank you for this wonderful message. Help us to recognize you more and more, so that our hearts are full of the goodness and blessing we already have on earth, so that we hear you, the mighty One, say, "Stop, O people. Make peace. No one of you is more important than any other. Remember that I am God of all, in south and north, in west and east, on the oceans and everywhere. I am the one God, and through Jesus Christ I am now your Father." Amen.

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**Charge Conference—Week 7**

Sixth week of Charge Conference is this weekend—November 17

Pastors/Hosting Churches/Presiding Elders, Participating Churches,

A friendly reminder that this weekend is the Charge Conference for Hardin County. Please see below the schedule for this upcoming Sunday.

For those that are participating in this weekends Charge Conferences, please watch your emails this week for another friendly reminder along with some additional information.

Thank you!

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News from around the Connection

Northwest Lay Ministry Team
910 East third street
Ottawa, Ohio 45

12 November 2019

Dear Fellow lay Servant,

Your Lay Servant Team will be meeting 16 December in Ottawa. We will be reviewing your annual reports and one-on-ones with your pastor. These reports should be in the District Office no later than 10 December. Please check to make sure that your ONE-ON-ONES have been completed and sent to the District Office. This will prevent us from having to call you.

We would also like to hear from you. We had 5 very successful training opportunities in October and want to hear your suggestions for future training opportunities. In March we will be offering Methodist History (a core course) and Theology of our Hymns (an advanced course). In April we will be offering Lay Servants Lead in Prayer (a core course) and hopefully a course in Grief.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Blessings on your journey.
Carol Blass           kblass1@woh.rr.com           419-229-9969
Rev. Dwight Bowers   dwightbo7@gmail.com        419-519-3047
Steve Brooks         sbrooks1101@roadrunner.com   401-269-6233
Linda Hoover          bhcoover1@woh.rr.com       419-339-3795
Barb Lee              bjcwapak@bright.net         419-738-3402

The following information for the Bishop’s fall tours titled: “You Might Be A Wesleyan Christian If…” is now available on the web.

Bishop’s Fall Tour: "You might be a Wesleyan Christian if…”
An evening of teaching, reflection and conversation for clergy & laity

Dates & Locations:

1. November 18, 7:00 pm at Rolling Plains UMC in Zanesville

**These events will not be live streamed or recorded**
Campaign Vision and Purpose

Our purpose is to multiply the number of vibrant, robust, effective congregations and in turn multiply the number of people who are choosing to live in the hope of Jesus Christ, being shaped from the inside out by the justice, love and peace that Jesus brings to us all.

IF we sincerely believe that God is calling us to offer Christ in a Wesleyan way, passionately and respectfully, that is relevant to our cultural context and inspires hope and new life…

AND we are sincere in asking God to send one more person, family, or child for us to love and disciple…

THEN we are called to come together to plant new churches and nurture congregational vitality in order to reach new people of all ages and life circumstances and connect them with Jesus Christ.

For more information on the Light the Way Campaign contact: Rev. Stanley Ling/sling@wocumc.org, Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey/snkibbey@wocumc.org, Mr. Brad Aycock/bradaycock@wocumc.org

(Update) BY GEORGE! Campaign (Update)

Earlier this spring, we invited the congregations of the Northwest Plains District to be a part of a special effort to help Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti. This hospital that has served countless numbers of children and their families over the years has been devastated by the earthquakes and hurricanes and is in desperate need of help. Now that we are several months into this, we want to share an update of where we are. To date, we have received just over $30,000 to go to the hospital! We are so thankful for your generosity and faithfulness!

If every one of our congregations would challenge their members to give just $1 per week per member, we could rally to give not only a dramatic amount of financial help, but also hope that they are not alone. The money will be collected at the District Office and sent on to Haiti. In a time where we see so much brokenness and disunity, this is one way we can truly show how we can do more together than we can apart. Watch for more information to come!
**Baby Shower held for PLC**

First United Methodist church held a baby shower during the month of October for the Pregnancy Life Center. Baby items such as wash, lotion, wipes, ointment, diaper bags clothing and so much more were collected.
The mission committee of First Church organizes many outreach opportunities for church members and guests throughout the year. This is just one of the ways they show the love of Jesus to our Van Wert community.
First United Methodist invites you to join them in worship Sundays at the 8:15 or 10:45am service. They are located at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, Ohio, across from Fountain Park.

**Caption:**

Sunday school children also helped in the ministry by donating small baby toys as one of their service projects. Elora & Ashlynn are shown with all of the donations.
Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:

Rev. Konrad Modscheidler who died Sunday, November 3, 2019. He was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church who served appointments at McDermott, New Boston, New Albany, Burgess Avenue, Middletown Faith, High Street, Piqua Evangelical, and Milford Center churches and the Monclova/Wilkins Charge.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth “Betty” Modscheidler; son, Konrad J. Modscheidler; daughter, Kayla Modscheidler; grandchildren: Konrad J. and Megan Modscheidler, Aaron Modscheidler, Tahler Modscheidler, Madison Modscheidler, Payton Modscheidler, Kennedi Modscheidler, and Louden Modscheidler; and great-grandchildren, Arabella Modscheidler and Wyatt Modscheidler. Preceding him in death was his brother, Art Modscheidler.

You may make memorial contributions to Piqua Compassion Network, 531 W. Ash Street, Piqua, Ohio 45356 or Upper Miami Valley Young Life, 325 W. Ash Street, Piqua, Ohio 45356.
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.

“Methodist Heritage” (CORE) led by Rev. Brian Arnold/Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on Saturday, March 7, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is TBD. More info yet to come.

“Theology of Our Hymns (Advance)” led by Rev. Steve Rath/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on Saturday, March 7, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. The FIRM deadline for registration is TBD. More info yet to come.

“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 TBD. More info yet to come.

“Class TBD (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 TBD. More info yet to come.

Please help get the word out. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in participating, please register when the time is open to do so!
The Walk to Emmaus is a global ministry of the Upper Room dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians and the development of Christian servant leaders for the local church. If you would like to experience this spiritual retreat or learn more about it contact Brad Martin.

I am also looking for clergy who are interested in serving in the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community. The clergy listing needs updating. If you took your walk in another community, if you took another three-day retreat, or if your contact information has changed, please send the information to Brad Martin, Emmaus Community Spiritual Director | bmartin4477@gmail.com

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

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Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH
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NW Ohio Emmaus Walks @ Widewater, Liberty Center, 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

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

Community Meal PSA

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wed. **Nov. 20th at 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** in the church fellowship hall, 108 E. Washington Street, Pandora. The meal this month is provided by the First National Bank of Pandora. The menu is Shredded Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, green beans, assorted desserts and beverages.

Riley Creek Carol Sing

Riley Creek United Methodist Church invites the community to its forty-seventh annual Christmas Carol Sing on **Sunday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.** Like an old-fashioned songfest around the piano, the program will feature congregational singing of many traditional carols, as well as readings from Scripture about Jesus’ birth, special performances by the Pandora United Methodist Church Choir, Ottawa Saints Peter and Paul Choir, other musicians, and a candle lighting ceremony. Since 1972 this special service in a little church built by pioneers has provided an uplifting way to get into the Christmas spirit.

The congregation will also be giving you a look at the newly completed building addition. The addition includes restrooms, a kitchenette, and a fellowship hall. This is a time of much excitement at the little country church in the bend of the Riley Creek. Come check it out. Friends and community are invited to come between 6:00 PM and 7:15 PM for an open house of the new facility on December 1. Seasonal refreshments will be served (punch, coffee, cookies, etc.).

The church is located southeast of Ottawa and northwest of Pandora at the intersection of Putnam County Roads M and 7-L (7102 County Road M, Ottawa OH 45875), across from Putnam Stone Co. Weekly Sunday morning worship is at 11:00 AM. The Rev. Duane Kemerley is pastor.

St John's United Methodist Church
205 N. High St
Columbus Grove, OH 45830

Will be hosting Siberian Solstice Band A Trans Siberian Orchestra Tribute on **Sunday November 17, at 7 pm.**

Please come out and enjoy the band and what a better way to start your Holiday Season.

This is a free concert and is open to all who enjoy music.
Local Church and Community Events

Singing the promise of God’s hope and love

Sciooto Ridge Boys
Gospel Quartet

Harpster
United Methodist Church
Blue Christmas Service
Sunday, December 1, 2019
6:00 PM
17508 Cherokee St., Harpster, OH 43323
(740)496-2551
*A love offering will be taken.
Any questions call Kim High 419-645-4421
Can I ask you a question? It’s the same one you probably get multiple times a day, answer with the usual generic response, and move on. Well here goes…

How are you?

Don’t answer just yet. Reflect for a moment.

How are you?

Here, at the WOC, we want you to be able to respond with an enthusiastic, and grammatically correct, “I am well.” I am physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially well. But if you’re like most folks, there might be one or two wellness “pillars” that could use a little attention. For example, maybe your spiritual life is looking strong, but your finances…not so much. Or it could be you are so well emotionally that you sleep like a baby without a care in the world, straight through your alarm clock and consistently through your morning workout. You’re doing a good job; you just need a little help to you get to the next level. If this is you, then you are invited to “Mapping Your Journey to Wellness”, a one-day wellness seminar designed to inform and inspire!

What can I expect at the seminar? You can expect to be challenged to go further and dig deeper into becoming all God wants you to be from our keynote speaker. You can expect tangible, practical information from each of our four wellness pillar breakout sessions. Informative topics include: Understanding and Implementing Resilience Strategies, Getting Started with Exercise and Eating Strategies for Success, Creating Effective Behavior Change, and more. You can also expect free flu vaccinations*, a tasty lunch, CEU credit for clergy, and a good time with friends. Additionally, we will host our active plan health insurance meeting at the end of the seminar day.

The cost for the seminar is $10 per person and spouses are encouraged to attend. Make it a date! Registration is now open, and you must register as seating is limited.

**Wednesday, November 6th at Kettering Christ UMC (3440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering)**
**Thursday, November 14th at Reynoldsburg UMC (1636 Graham Rd., Reynoldsburg)**
**Wednesday, November 20th at St. Andrews UMC (120 W. Sandusky St., Findlay)**

The event will begin with a gathering at 9:00 a.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m., or 4:15 p.m. if you are staying for the health insurance meeting.

*For those on the Conference health plan or a billable carrier
Laity Discernment Retreats

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next? If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities.

Each retreat kicks off with an 8-hour Saturday session followed by a 3-hour session approximately six weeks later. In between the two sessions, there will opportunities to read, reflect, and practice Spiritual Rhythms that will lead you to a better understanding of your own call.

Note: You are welcome to attend any session in any location and you do not need to attend both sessions in the same region. However, you need to attend the all-day Saturday retreat prior to attending the 3-hour follow up session.

The events are online and ready for registration. You can find them here: [https://www.westohiumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats](https://www.westohiumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats) You can also navigate to Ministries/Discipleship/Laity Discernment Retreats.

**Capitol Area South & Foothills**
Saturday, November 9, 2019 and Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Crossroads Ministry Center of Lancaster First UMC

**Capitol Area North & Miami Valley**
Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Thursday January 16, 2020 at Urbana UMC

**Ohio River Valley & Shawnee Valley**
Saturday January 11, 2020 and Thursday March 5, 2020 at Williamsburg UMC

**Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed**
Saturday January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC
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. Discrétion 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 integrity 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/end-off 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 for 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 SPRC 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 SPRC committee of the Forest Park United Methodist Church

Employee ___________________________________________ Employment start date ____________

I agree to the position description as presented:

Employee ___________________________________________ Date ____________

SPRC Chair ___________________________________________ Date ____________
Pastor of Children’s & Family Ministry Position Description

Objective: To develop, lead, and manage ministries that connect children and families to Jesus, each other, and our neighbors. This position is full-time.

Qualities:
- Firm foundation in God’s Word
- A life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Understands and upholds the philosophy of the ministry guidebook
- Ability to empower & give ministry away to servant leaders
- Children’s Ministry/Family Ministry certification/degree or related field; minimum 3 years Children’s Ministry experience
- Passion to be a servant leader

Responsibilities:

1. Leadership
   A. Take lead in casting vision for children’s & family ministry
   B. Participate as a full member of staff ministry team to help vision, coordinate, and lead the ministries of the church

2. Relational
   A. Maintain faith-forming relationship with staff, families, and team members
   B. Create effective working relationships with team members and families
   C. Liaison between families and congregation for children’s & family ministries
   D. Attend school events & activities of core & committed children when possible
   E. Conduct personal visits with children & families as needs arise

3. Faith Nurture
   A. Coordinate Bible studies and worship opportunities for children & families.
   B. Match needs of children/families with appropriate spiritual development.
   C. Challenge children, parents, and team members to grow spiritually.

4. Outreach
   A. Build relationships with local elementary schools in order to work cooperatively and support outreach opportunities.
   B. Build relationships with community agencies working with special needs families in order to work cooperatively and support outreach opportunities.
   C. Help plan and execute outreach opportunities for children and families on a quarterly basis.

5. Administrative
   A. Recruit and equip team members, volunteers, and teachers.
   B. Attend staff and team meetings.
   C. Maintain 6-12 month ministry plan.
   D. Conduct yearly ministry audit with Family Ministry Lead Team
   E. Help plan and execute fundraising opportunities for children’s & family ministries.

6. Accountability
   A. The Pastor of Children’s & Family Ministries reports directly to the senior pastor and is accountable to the staff, Leadership Board, and Children’s & Family Ministry Team for upholding the team’s covenants and ministry plans and policies.

CONTACT:
Dan Metzger
St Marks UMC Findlay
419-422-4236
**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.

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.

Copier
The Coldwater United Methodists Church has a used Duplo DP-A120 copier (so picture below) that is available for any church office or needy organization. Donation to Coldwater UMC would be acceptable as payment. Please contact Scott A. Ault at 937-260-1677.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry
St. Andrew's UMC seeks a passionate, Christ-centered disciple to lead and coordinate the congregation's youth ministry. This person will develop, oversee and lead an engaging ministry for and with youth in an atmosphere of open, genuine Christian community; and recruit, nurture and develop a team of adult ministry servants who will help youth to deepen their faith with Christ by worshiping, learning, serving and sharing together. This is a part-time position (20-25 hours weekly). Submit letter and resume to Rev. Jeff Motter at jmotter@saumcfindlay.org or mail to 120 W. Sandusky St., Findlay, OH 45840.
St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Montpelier, OH, has some choir music to redistribute. Below you will find the list. It is free to anyone who wants to come and get it. The only stipulation is that you must take an entire box. Contact Carol Carr -419-485-3519

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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.

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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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