October 14, 2019

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!
And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir. Galatians 4:6-7, RSV

Dear Father in heaven, we come before you as your children, longing to be assured through your Spirit that we are and may remain your children. We long to live to the glory of your name under the shelter and guidance of the Lord Jesus in expectation of the great day which shall fulfill all promises made to us. Strengthen us, especially in dark and troubled days. Help us when danger threatens and when evil tries to make headway among us. Deliver us from all evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Charge Conference—Week 3**

Second week of Charge Conference is this weekend—October 20

Pastors/Hosting Churches/Presiding Elders, Participating Churches,

A friendly reminder that this weekend is the Charge Conference for William and Defiance 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!
BRINGING AWARENESS TO CYBERCRIMINALS. RECENT ACTIVITY HERE AT WOC. A MESSAGE FROM OUR IT DEPARTMENT IN COLUMBUS . . .

Colleagues,

This week I am attending an IT Summit which focuses on boardroom discussions about technology issues & solutions. At the forefront are discussions about cyberthreats, sphere phishing, ransomware, and cybercriminals. You should know that Cybercriminals are getting craftier. Often cybercriminals will do their homework about you! For example, cybercriminals will know your job (your title and job role), the names of colleagues (your manager) or possibly know some details about your projects or that your manager is out of town (people post things on social media or newsletters). The goal of the cybercriminal is to trick you into doing something. This might be to send gift cards. This might be to do a wire transfer money. This might be to give them remote access to your computer. More frequently, the cybercriminal wants access to your computer so that they can install a keylogger to steal your passwords, access your camera to watch you and/or your keyboard for keystrokes, or install remote control software so can access your computer when you are way.

You should also know that Cybercriminal activity is on the rise here at WOC.

Just this past week there were two incidents where our WOC colleagues invited cybercriminals to access their computers. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to be on-guard and to follow these suggestions:

1. NEVER give anyone access or remote access to your WOC computer. Your computer is for your exclusive use and it should only be serviced by an authorized WOC Technician. If you are unsure, check with me first before giving anyone access.
2. NEVER share your password to an unauthorized technician. If need, change your password immediately to prevent unauthorized access.
3. NEVER call the 1-800 number on an Email or flashing window that claims your computer is infected or broken, etc. Please remember that Microsoft will NEVER ask you to contact them. Simple power off your computer and restart. If the problem continues then call me for support.
4. NEVER get tricked with email requests or webpage that stresses URGENT or CRITICAL. Cybercriminals want you to act quickly.
5. ALWAYS be cautious of unusual requests by email, even when it appears to be your manager. Cybercriminals are convincing and hide behind emails.
6. ALWAYS let me know if you were tricked and someone has accessed your computer. If possible, change your password and power-off your computer.

ALWAYS be on-guard!!

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Have You Attended the Lombard Peace Center “Conflict Mediation Skills” Training Institute?

If so, please let us know!

The West Ohio Conference is forming a “think tank” to consider how elements of this practical, useful training might become helpful and available to our congregations, leaders and clergy—so let’s collaborate with our ideas and suggestions as we discern our way forward. Please email Grace at ggerber@wocumc.org if you’ve already participated in this particular Lombard Peace Center course, and we’ll add you to the “think tank” invitation list.

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. September 19, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's UMC in Findlay
2. September 23, 7:00 pm at Central Community Center in Springfield
3. October 21, 7:00 pm at John Wesley UMC in Cincinnati
4. October 24, 7:00 pm at Etna UMC in Etna (east of Columbus)
5. November 18, 7:00 pm at Rolling Planes 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

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**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!

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**CHARGE CONFERENCE TIME**

Pastors,

*Charge Conference activities are well on their way. Should you have any questions, please give us call at the District Office at 419-523-9901 or 1-800-589-7828.*

Thank you all for your support!
I am Pastor Mark Hollinger who is serving at Cridersville UMC and as the coordinator for Addiction Recovery Ministries in the Northwest Plains District. If your church or community group would like for me to present the current status and background of the opioid epidemic and the ways in which you or your church or group can become engaged in recovery efforts then I invite you to contact me. I have a 20 to 30 minute presentation and have all the presentation equipment needed to travel to any church or group event. Many communities already have multilayered recovery services available and we have wonderful opportunities to reach out as supportive and healing partners. The first element needed in addressing our ability to become Christ's hands and feet to those who are hurting from the oppression of addiction is education. Ohio is among the top five states with highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths, killing significantly more people in Ohio than auto accident fatalities. I am a recovering addict and have real-life knowledge of the personal challenges of recovery. You can contact me at 419 231-0428 or via email rev.mark.hollinger@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Do justice, Love mercy and Walk Humbly with Your God
Micah 6:8

Hi team,

Wow, what an amazing response last month! Thank you for making Festival of Sharing 2019 such a success! These gifts are a huge blessing to families when they need them the most, including those who are struggling after disasters strike.

You may know that families in both the Bahamas and the U.S. recently received over $300,000 of CWS' supplies/support to help them recover from Hurricane Dorian and Tropical Storm Imelda. That wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of kit depots and congregations leading up to each disaster.

I'm praying that the kits we collected in September won't have to be used for emergency response - that a special hand of safety is over each precious person this year. But I'm so thankful that, if something does hit, we're prepared to help our neighbors near and far.

In the meantime, keep your eye on the Festival of Sharing Facebook page for reports, updates and information about next year! And please let me know if there are any stories or feedback you want to share from this year's event!

Really blessed to be serving alongside you in so many ways,

Matthew Stevens
Festival of Sharing Committee
September 26, 2019

Dear Ministry Leader,

One in five adults in the United States experience a mental illness. One-half of all chronic mental illnesses begin by age 14 and three-quarters by age 24 (National Alliance on Mental Illness, Sept. 2019).

It can be a challenge for Christian leaders, pastors, and ministry volunteers to address the concerns of individuals and families struggling with mental illnesses, along with the unique concerns associated with their disorders.

In response to this growing need, our Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling program is hosting a half-day conference titled “Mental Health & the Church” on Saturday November 9th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The conference is designed to initiate conversations among pastors, lay-leaders, and volunteers. Presenters will focus on equipping ministry leaders with an awareness and understanding of mental health issues and the steps to address them.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Grcevich, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and the author of Mental Health and the Church. The breakout sessions are specifically geared to ministry leaders who work with children, youth and adults. They are:

1. Effectively Helping Those Who are Grieving: A helper’s guide to caring for those suffering from suicide and other losses

2. Effectively Ministering to Children (and their families!) with Autism, Anger, Anxiety, and ADHD

3. Confronting the Stigma: Dismantling the shame surrounding mental illness in the Church

4. Awareness into Action: Supporting those with addictions

For further information and to register, head to winebrenner.edu/mental-health.

We would be grateful if you would forward this information about this conference to the leaders and volunteers in your ministry. You can also disperse info about the event via your Facebook page from facebook.com/WinebrennerSeminary/. Please call the Seminary at 419-434-4200 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Iliamas
Dr. Mary Iliamas, Assistant Professor
Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling program

FOLLOW HIS CALL

950 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
1-800-992-4987 www.winebrenner.edu
Greetings Lay Servants,

Fall is upon us which tells us it is time to be sure that all of our paperwork is in place for the Lay Servant Ministries in which we have been called. Our prayer is that you are experiencing spiritual growth and fruit in your ministry and we will look forward to reading your reports.

Remember we all must complete an annual report. The annual report must be done on line and you can find the form on the district website or on the conference web site. Please be sure to print a copy for yourself. Be sure you print a copy for your file. On the district web site you will also find the one-on-one report that is to be completed by you and your pastor, filed with the district office and you will want to keep a copy for your personal file.

We want to remind you that classes are being offered in October. Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic), Go Preach (Core), Ministry in Small Churches (Adv), and Creating Sacred Spaces (Adv.) classes are being offered with a deadline for registration as October 12. Those classes are listed on the Northwest Plains web page. Registering for the classes in a timely manner is critical as the number registered at that point determines whether the class can be offered. We don’t want to cancel any class, but must be respectful of our presenters and good stewards of our resources. We are all aware of the chaos in the United Methodist Church; however, these classes provide skills that we can all use regardless of the decisions made by General Conference 2020. Certified Lay Servants who have not taken an advance course since 2016 must take a course this year.

If you have any questions, you may contact any member of your Lay Servant Ministry Team.

May God continue to guide and bless you as you do Kingdom work.

Northwest Plains District Lay Servant Ministries Team

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NWP Directors of Pulpit Supply

Pastors, if you are in need of Sunday morning pulpit supply and would like to arrange for a Lay Speaker to fill in for you, please contact our District Directors of Pulpit Supply.

- **Linda Hoover** is responsible for the southern part of NWP District including Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Van Wert, and Wyandot counties. She can be reached at 567-204-0329 or by email at bhoo-ver1@woh.rr.com.

- **Steve Brooks** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.519.3319 or by email at sbrooks1101@roadrunner.com.

Lay Servant Training Events

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs already available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

- **“Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Basic) Part 1 & 2”** led by Rev. Dave Burkhart/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held **Register on District Website today!**

- **“Go Preach (CORE) Part 1 & 2”** led by Rev. David Chivington/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held **Register on District Website today!**

- **“Ministry in Small Churches (Advanced)”** led by Brent Watson/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19**, at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held **Register on District Website today!**

- **“Creating Sacred Space (Advanced)”** led by Wendy Lybarger/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 26** at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 19.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held **Register on District Website today!**

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!
NOTICE

NEW CLASS
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UMC

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Basic Course:
Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Part 1)
The Basic Course engages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church, helping each congregation to become an outpost for mission and transformation.
In order to participate in the Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry, training you will need to send your pastor a letter of recommendation and for the leader to sign.
Upon receipt of your registration, the district office will mail a form to you that needs to be completed by your Church Council Administrative Board.
Upon completion of the training and upon receipt of the completed Church Council Advisory Board form, you will be recognized as a Lay Servant in your church.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Core Course:
Go Preach (Part 1)
Preaching Class October 19 and 26: In good worship there are important elements: music, liturgy, and preaching. Good worship requires good preaching. Our hope is to be more than interesting or entertaining. Preaching is about transformation. The preacher works with the Holy Spirit to change people into the image of Jesus. Preaching calls people to live in the Kingdom of God. “Preaching is never work.” Our preaching class will invite the student to reflect and execute a sermon. Students will have a chance to preach before their peers and learn from a class review and experience and the practice of preaching. Participants are asked to read the book Preaching: The Art of Narrative Exposition by Calvin Miller before the class and to create a sermon in the week of the class to write a new sermon. The leader of the class is Rev. Dr. David Chivington. David has been preaching for 52 years in the United Methodist denomination. He currently serves as senior pastor at the Sidney First UMC.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Advance Course:
Ministry in Small Churches
This course is designed to understand the importance of the Smaller Church. The smaller church has been a vital link in the hands of God for some time now. And even though we often focus on “larger is better” and “we also worship that approach small, the Scriptures are full of reminders that God uses the smaller things to impact the world. Our time together will focus on how our churches can remain effective and vital in a society that is looking for a deeper meaning in life.

Cost: $40 (includes lunch and materials)

Upon receipt of registration you will be mailed reading material to preview prior to the training event.

Saturday, October 19
8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic

Go Preach (Part 1) Led by Rev. David Chivington
This course qualifies as a certification or recertification course for Certified Lay Servants.
This course also qualifies as a recertification course for Certified Lay Speakers.

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**NEW CLASS LOCATION MOVED TO LEIPSIC UMC**

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**Northwest Plains District Website**

https://www.northwestplainsdistrict.org/district/northwestplains/

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**Questions**

Please call or Email the district office, 800.589.7828, nwpplains@wocumc.org.

You may call or Email District Lay Leader, Barbara Lee, 419.738.3402, bjcwapak@bright.net.

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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Basic Course: Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Part 2)**

The Basic Course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church, helping each congregation to become an agent for mission and transformation. In order to participate in the Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry Training you will need to ask your pastor for a letter of recommendation and fill out his signature.

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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Core Course: Go Preach (Part 2)**

Preaching Class October 19 and 26. In good worship there are three important elements: music, liturgy, and preaching. Good worship requires good preaching. Our hope is to help you practice the art of preaching in a way that brings the Word to the people in the congregation. Students will have the opportunity to practice preaching in small and large groups and be given feedback by the student to modify and improve speeches. Students will have the opportunity to practice in small groups and be given feedback by the student to modify and improve speeches.

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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Advance Course:**

Creating Sacred Space

Since Noah first sailed the ark, humans have built edifices to worship God. As worship moved from wilderness to cathedral, so also from central to Christian worship. Likewise today, sacred space is created wherever and whenever we seek to encounter God—whether in worship and small group settings, in hospital rooms and living rooms and meeting rooms.

As we return to the biblical idea of “let us meet God, let us make an altar there.” In this course, the participant will develop a theology of sacred space, learn techniques for exploring sacred space in small groups, and then skill in creating sacred space that might honor God and assist Encounter with God in a variety of settings.

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**District Ministry of the Laity Training Opportunities**

**INTRODUCTION TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRY (PART 2)**

Led by Rev. Dave Burkhard

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

8:30-4:30 PM

Leipsic UMC

127 W. Main St.

Leipsic, OH 45856

Go Preach (Part 2)

Led by: Rev. David Chivington

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Leipsic UMC

127 W. Main St.

Leipsic, OH 45856

Creating Sacred Space

Led by: Wendy Lybarger

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Leipsic UMC

127 W. Main St.

Leipsic, OH 45856

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**Registration Form - Registration Deadline is October 19, 2019**

The above courses are not only open to Lay Servants but also open to Pastors, Supply Pastors, and others interested in learning more about Leading in Theology of Hymns and Ministry in the Rural Setting.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 19, 2019**

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Please make 4 copies of this form. Give 1 copy to Northwest Plains District United Methodist Church. Mark the Northwest Plains District UMC, 127 W. Third St., Marion, OH 43302.
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

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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.

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Local Church and Community Events

Delphos Trinity United Methodist Trunk or Treat!

Come Join the Fun!

Thursday, October 31st
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
In Church Parking Lot
211 E. Third St.

Anyone wishing to hand out treats are welcome to participate - please arrive at parking lot by 5:30 pm.

Sanctus Real Unstoppable God Tour

When: Saturday, November 9, 2019
Doors open: 6:30 pm - Performance: 7:00 pm
Where: St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church
120 W. Sandusky St. Findlay, Ohio
(Parking lot and entrance on Crawford St. across from police station.)
Cost: Admission is FREE but tickets required.
Please call the church office to reserve your tickets.
419-422-4845.
A love offering will be received during the concert.

Celebrating 5 Years at The Family Life Center

Euchre Tournament

Turn-up
No pre-registration

Come join us at the Family Life Center, 702 Ambrose Dr., Delphos OH

October 27th
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Prizes For:
• Top Overall Score
• Lowest Score
• Door Prizes

Serving Light Refreshments,
Fun & Fellowship!

Any questions, please contact Kelly North
419.204.6514
**Local Church and Community Events**

**Annual Veterans’ Banquet**

*Veterans living in the Pandora-Gilboa School District* are invited to the Annual Veterans’ Banquet at the Pandora United Methodist Church, 108 E. Washington St. (Rt 12 in Pandora, on Monday, November 11th at 5:30pm in the church fellowship hall. The dinner and short program are sponsored by the Pandora United Methodist Rebecca Women’s Circle. Reservations for the veteran and spouse (or a guest) are due by Friday, November 1st by calling the church office at 419-384-3905 or emailing at office@pandoraumc.com and leaving your name, number of reservations and your contact information.

**Community Meal PSA**

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wed. Oct. 30th 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 N.E.W. Never Ending Witness Group. The menu is Beef Sandwich, chips, vegetable tray, cheese tray, cookies and beverages.
First United Methodist Church in Van Wert will be offering “Fridays at First” beginning October 18. 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 October 18. Please use the wooden tower doors on Central Avenue to enter and exit.
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.westohioumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats You can also navigate to Ministries/Discipleship/Laity Discernment Retreats.

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

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

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

Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed
Saturday January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY
SCHEDULED
DECEMBER 2, 2019
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO
What is TARRP?

Town and Rural Resource Programming is a consortium of clergy from East and West Ohio Conferences dedicated to providing educational opportunities and ministry enhancement programs to town and county congregations across the state of Ohio. Our mission is to create workshops/seminars/training that develop stronger leadership in town, country, and rural settings, to create more effective proclamation, nurturing, and outreach for the transformation of the world in Jesus’s name. Trainings are offered to you at a greatly reduced cost, offset by your apportionment dollars through grants from East and West Ohio Conferences.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 Registration & Light continental breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship begins
9:30 a.m. Reba Collins leads us in understanding being “All In” our community:
1. The Ripple Effect - a participatory exercise that demonstrates the effects of harm done to one impacting the community
2. Being a Healing Presence using the Good Samaritan Model of Care
3. Video - Rural Good Samaritan Testimonial
4. Cultivating Stories of Healing in your Church - Healing Starts from Within
5. What is your community’s story of pain – Message Missionaries for Fulk Light
6. Wrap Up Reflection

Lunch
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tammy Kurtz and others lead us in understanding being in mission and responding in emergency and non-emergency needs.

Location:
Willard First UMC
401 E Howard St
(Off State Route 99)
Willard, OH 44890

From Columbus: ~ 1 1/2 hours NE via I-71
From North Canton: ~ 1 1/4 hours NW
Via I-77 & US 224
From Toledo: ~ 1 1/2 hours SE
Via US 20 & State Route 99

October 14, 2019

The members of TARRP, the Town and Rural Resource Programming Consortium of East and West Ohio Conferences invite

Small Membership Church Members & Pastors to

Be a Healing Presence in Your Community

November 2, 2019

Key Speakers:
Reba Collins, Consultant
All In Community
West Ohio Conference

Tammy Kurtz, Coordinator
North Central Jurisdiction
U. M. Volunteers in Mission

Topics of the Day Include:

- The effects of harm impacting the community
- Being a Healing Presence using the Good Samaritan Model of Care
- Cultivating Stories of Healing in your Church - Healing Starts from Within
- What is your community’s story of pain

Name: ____________________________
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$ 25.00/person or $ 20.00/person with 3 or more from the same church/charge

Amount remitted: $ ______________
Registration Deadline: 10/25/2019
Send registration with checks payable to TARRP to:
TARRP c/o Rev. Jeff Ridenour
260 Main Street
Helena, Ohio 43435

Additional questions?
Call text or email: 419-388-5678
jeffridenour@outlook.com

TARRP Workshop Nov. 2, 2019
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 develop creative teaching methods and strategies
- 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
- 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.
- Restrain 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 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 send-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 articles 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 SPROC 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 SPROC 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 ______________
Liberty Chapel Youth Pastor
Liberty Chapel is looking for a full-time Youth Pastor. Primary responsibilities would be ministries with Junior High and Senior High Youth along with coordination of ministries at The Rock youth center. Interested persons should send their resume to the church: 9474 County Road V, Liberty Center, OH 43532, 419-533-2881. Attention: Pastor Brad Martin. or to bmartin4477@gmail.com.

The Youth Pastor’s main goal is to lead students through teaching scripture, developing youth ministries, and public relations with the congregation and community. He or she will provide regular short-term small group studies for youth to attend. The primary responsibility of this person is with the Junior High and Senior High Teams, but she or he will also provide resources for Children and Middle School Teams. The Youth Pastor will provide leadership in summer to the Junior High and Senior High Youth Ministries which generally includes mission trips among other activities. He or she will also coordinate ministries at The Rock youth center.

Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church is a rural congregation near Liberty Center, Ohio. About 200 persons join together for worship and praise each Sunday. There is a good age-spread of children, youth, youth adults, and older adults. The church has a strong evangelical heritage, classic and contemporary worship services, a tradition of youth ministry, a youth outreach center in Liberty Center with after school programming and lots of dreams, and a Wednesday night student ministry with youth and children.

Family Ministries Director
Trinity and North Union United Methodist Churches in Van Wert, OH are entering a new era of mission and ministry by forging a strategic partnership, working together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. North Union is a rural congregation and Trinity is an in-town, county seat congregation.

Our new partnership is looking to hire a Family Ministries Director who will lead our children, young adult, and adult discipleship ministries. We are looking for a candidate who will bring excitement and innovation to our congregations in order to grow our struggling discipleship ministries. While both congregations have vital discipleship with our youth and older members, both have struggled with children’s ministries and with the 25 – 50 age bracket. With this new partnership, both congregations are willing and able to try new things to attract and disciple children and adults.

Candidate should bring a strong faith, some level of experience and/or education, and have the energy to try new things. A knowledge of United Methodist theology and polity is a plus. We envision this position to be 30 hours per week with salary commensurate with education/experience. This position comes with continuing education funds but no other benefits.
Please submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Kurt Tomlinson @ krtom14@gmail.com.
**Free Cantata Books**
Middle Point UMC has song books for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Patriotic seasons. Donating. Really good condition. Please call Sandy Moore at 419-968-2443 if interested.

**TV Stand for Sale**
We have recently wall-mounted our media and have 1 TV stand available for $25.00 to the first interested purchaser. Please phone 419/238-0631 x302 for more information. Sherri Arn/Van Wert *First United Methodist Church*

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

**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 jmottter@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.

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

Do you have news or something interesting to share? Know of anyone who would like to be added to our Weekly Bulletin e-mail list? Contact Northwest Plains District via e-mail nwplains@wocumc.org or call 1.800.589.7828.

When e-mailing the district staff, please use the e-mail addresses listed below:

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Kim Tumblin, Financial Secretary: ktumblin@wocumc.org
Lesley Moore, Office Administrator: lmoore@wocumc.org