September 23, 2019

NOTE BELOW: Please pay close attention to the schedule for the Clergy County Gatherings breakfast/lunch for September/October. Some counties have been combined. Moving into the end of October these meals will be called BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARNS. Barry will be rolling out what that looks like in the September/October meetings outlined below.

Clergy Gatherings
(September and October Schedule)

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Note: Retired pastors are welcome to attend!
Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8, RSV

Our dear Father in heaven, we thank you that you have given us the Lord Jesus on high and that we are allowed to be with him and find joy even while still surrounded by all that must fade and perish. For in Jesus Christ you hold us by the hand through anxiety, need, and death. Grant that he may be with us as we continue our pilgrimage. Grant us your Spirit, for we are poor in spirit and in soul. Give us your Holy Spirit from on high. Just in our weakness we come to know what strength and victory you bring through the Lord Jesus, our Savior. The Lord Jesus is our Savior for body, soul, and spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Guest Readiness Seminar Saturday, September 28

The CAN District is pleased to present Jason Moore, nationally-known worship coach and author from Midnight Oil Productions, as he helps us to better connect and build lasting relationships with visitors. Gain practical tips and advice, and learn things you probably haven’t considered that effect your visitors’ first impressions! Join us on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at the West Ohio Conference Center. Bring a team from your church! Cost is $20/person which includes the training and lunch. Bring three or more people from the same congregation for $50 total, no matter how many people attend. You can register on the WOC website.
Small Steps
Gary Ginter, Pastor
Kingsley UMC and Ohio City UMC

On June 30th of this year, I began serving two churches instead of one. I had been a single church pastor for almost 19 years, and must admit that I was venturing into uncharted territory for me. And so, with a little bit of apprehension, but with many years' experience behind me, I began to meet and work with my new congregation, while at the same time, not lose track of my current congregation of over four years.

What has been a surprise to me has been the willingness of both congregations to work with me and walk beside me. For example, I really enjoy leading my Bible study group at the first church. So when I offered to start a new group with the new church, imagine my surprise when they, as a church, decided to come join the Bible study group at the first church. Comments I heard were that this would give them an opportunity to meet and know the other congregation.

I have shared this desire with the first church, and now they too are looking for opportunities to bring the two churches together. Now we are planning a joint Fall picnic, a joint Christmas service, and a joint Easter service. But one step at a time. I believe through these small first encounters, together these two churches may chart a new way of cooperation and joint effort. Small steps. It is a start, and an exciting beginning. I am excited and looking forward to walking with these congregations to see where they will lead me!

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23rd Annual Legal Forum

The time is always right to make sure we safeguard the Church and its ministries. This year's Legal Forum will tackle some emerging challenges and include topics that are always timely.

Topics:

- "Legal Issues Implicated by Breakaway Churches"
- "Bats in the Belfry: Best Practices for Local Church Real Estate, Zoning Matters, Property Transfers and Other Major Projects"
- Insurance and Risk Management including topics on insurance Company, Workers Comp, Safe Sanctuaries, and Copyright
- Legal and Disciplinary Developments

Location: Ohio Wesleyan University

Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (Benes Rooms)

40 Rowland Ave

Delaware, Ohio 43015
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

(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!

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

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**New Early Response Team Class (ERT)**

October 5, 2019  
8 am – 4 pm  
Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church  
201 North Main Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43311  
Trainers: Jim Burns, Ron McDaniel and Randy Fahy  
Cost: Basic ERT class: $40; Recertification: $35 (includes lunch and materials)  
Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 29, 2019

Want to learn how you can assist neighbors and communities impacted by floods and tornadoes? Come to the October 5 ERT class where you will learn how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need. As a member of an ERT, you will provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to the family’s personal property by tarping, debris removal and cleaning flooded homes. FEMA recognizes this training as an appropriate credential to enter a disaster area. A background check is required to receive an UMCOR ERT badge. Once you register on-line, you will receive the link. Participants are encouraged to complete the background check prior to the class.

Ready to serve? Register here. We look forward to being with you!  
Have questions? Contact Dee Stickley-Miner at dstickley@wocumc.org; 614-844-6200

The link is below..
2019 NWP District “Connect” Picnic

Sunday, September 29, 2019
From: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Hermon Woodlands Park
485 N. Wapak Rd
Elida, OH 45807

Come on out and join us for a relaxing afternoon in the park and connect with others and their families who are serving throughout our district. Hermon Woodlands Park has two miles of loop trails. The trail surfaces are wheelchair friendly. There is a storybook trail and discovery play trail for the kids. If you have a cornhole game, bring it, let’s get a contest going!!! If you play the guitar bring it also for a time of worship. We have both shelters at the park, but you may want to bring a lawn chair. The District will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages (we even have Barry grilling)! Please bring a side dish (salad, veggies, or dessert) to share with all and please do not forget your place settings for you and your family. We are requesting that you register yourself and the number of family members that will be attending with you—we would like to get a close count for the purchase/supply of the meat/beverages.

Please RSVP by: September 25, 2019

Pastors: You should had received an email to RSVP—please contact the District Office/Lesley Moore if you had not received your email notification.

Thank you and see you then!

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How Can I Become a Lay Minister

Check out the video on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel "Northwest Plains UMC".

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

Barbara Lee 419-738-3402
Carol Blass 419-229-9969
Steve Brooks 401-269-6223
Linda Hoover 567-204-0359
Dwight Bowers 419-212-1375
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!
Is God Calling You?
The term “servant” best describes what Jesus told his disciples in John 13 after he himself performed duties of the lowliest servant. We are also called to live out our discipleship as servants in leadership! All lay servants are called to proclaim the gospel in many different ways, in leadership and support roles, to help others grow in a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Northwest Plains District Website**
https://www.northwestplainsdistrict.org/district/northwestplains/

**Questions**
Please call or Email the district office, 800.589.7826, nwplains@wocumc.org.

or

You may call or Email District Lay Leader, Barbara Lee, 419.778.3402, bjcwapak@bright.net.

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**District Ministry of the Laity Training Opportunities**

**Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Part 1)**
Led by Rev. Dave Burkhardt
Saturday, October 19, 2019
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St.
Leipsic, OH 45856

**Go Preach (Part 1)**
Led by Rev. David Chivington
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**Ministry in Small Churches**
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**Saturday, October 19, 2019**
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic

**Basic Course**
Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Part 1)
Led by Rev. Dave Burkhardt

This course qualifies as a certification or recertification course for Certified Lay Speakers.

This course also qualifies as a recertification course for Certified Lay Speakers.

Cost: $40 (includes lunch and materials)

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

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**Saturday, October 19, 2019**
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic

**CORE Course**
Go Preach (Part 1)
Led by Rev. Dave Chivington

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**Saturday, October 19, 2019**
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Leipsic UMC, 127 W. Main St., Leipsic

**Advanced Course**
Ministry in Small Churches
Led by Rev. Brent Watson

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This course also qualifies as a recertification course for Certified Lay Speakers.

Cost: $40 (includes lunch and materials)

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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.
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 more effective 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 the registration form.

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/Ad Board form, you will be recognized as a Lay Servant in your church.

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Core Course: Go Preach (Part 2)

Preaching Class October 19 and 26. In good worship there are these important elements, music, beauty, and preaching. Good worship requires good preaching. Our hope is to be more than entertaining or entertaining. Preaching is about transformation. The preaching teaches the Holy Spirit to change people into the image of Jesus. Preaching calls people to live in the Kingdom of God. Preaching is about work. Our preaching class will provide the student to craft and create a sermon. Students will have a chance to preach before their peers and learn both from a class experience and the practice of preaching. Participants are asked to read the book Preaching: The Art and Elements Exposition by Calvin Miller before the class and to create a sermon in their week of the class to write a new sermon. The leader of this class is Rev. Dr. David Chivington. David has been preaching for 42 years in the United Methodist denomination. He currently serves as senior pastor at the Sidney First UMC.

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Advance Course: Creating Sacred Space

Since Noah first called the ark, humans have built sanctuaries to worship God. As humans moved from villages to cities, the altar moved to the very center of Christian worship. Likewise, today, sacred space is created wherever and however we seek to encounter God in worship and small group settings, in hospital rooms and living rooms and meeting rooms.

As David shared with the congregation on October 13, “Art is a way to make an alter worthy of worship.” In this course, the participant will develop a theology of sacred space, learn techniques for exploring scripture as a basis for sacred space, and how skills for creating sacred space that might honor God and assist encounters with God in a variety of settings.

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

Questions
Please call or email the district office, 800-589-7828, nwplains@wocumc.org.

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

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
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Leipsic, OH 45856

GOING 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

Creating Sacred Space: Led by Wendy Lybarger

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Registration Form - Registration Deadline is October 19, 2019

NAME
City
Email
Address
State
Zip
Church
Phone

I will attend Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry on October 26.
I will attend Go Preach on October 26.
I will attend Creating Sacred Space on October 26.

Registration Deadline: October 19, 2019

NOTICE
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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**
http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/

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

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

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http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

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

**Delta UMC, Delta**
Girls - June 22-24, 2018
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
Local Church and Community Events

HAVE SCRAP METAL TO GET RID OF?
SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Do you have an antenna down from a storm? Got sheet metal, or a chain-link fence you’ve wanted to take down? Here’s your chance to do good while cleaning up from a storm or cleaning out the garage, attic, basement, shed, backyard, etc.

Trinity United Methodist Church Scrap Metal Drive ends 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.

Forest Park United Methodist Church
Rummage Sale

Home Made Baked Goods
315 S. Collins Avenue • Lima
October 4-5, 2019
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

gently used items • clothing • furniture • appliances • donations accepted •
drop off items Sun - Thurs, from 9 am to 1 pm • proceeds go towards mission ministry

Community Meal PSA

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wed. Sept. 25th at 5:30 to 7:00 pm. in the church fellowship hall, 108 E. Washington Street, Pandora. The meal this month is provided Ted’s Market. The menu is Pulled pork sandwich, Au Gratin potatoes, green beans, beverage and dessert.
Rev. Elaine Sturtz will be presenting "Living Through Grief"
Oct. 5, 2019 from 1 - 4 pm
Grand Lake UMC., 119 E. Fulton St., Celina, OH 45822
The meeting will be in the fellowship hall.

Some topics to be covered - Recovery from loss. The why's of grief; the process of grief; living in the midst of grief; dealing with fears, stress and anxiety that comes from loss; how to live in the changes; finding hope in the midst; how grief and loss change you; and living in this different time.
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
Forest Park United Methodist Church
Children’s Ministries Director – part time

Position Summary: The Director of Children’s Ministries will focus on making disciples; assuring children are introduced to the love, forgiveness and life-giving grace found in Christ Jesus. The Director will lead programming that nurtures and grows children’s personal faith in Jesus.

Responsible to: Pastor

Qualifications and Position Requirements:
- Profess Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior and show “fruitfulness.”
- 1-2 years Children Ministry Experience
- Ability to work with children and families
- Ability to plan, organize, lead and guide complex projects and spontaneous activities related to children and family ministries
- Competent in basic lay counseling and listening skills appropriate for children ministry
- Competent in Bible teaching and speaking to children and families about Jesus
- Willingness to work cooperatively with others, to maintain a positive outlook and disposition, and to be flexible in solving problems
- The ability to protect the reputation and integrity of others through strict confidentiality. Refraining from the indiscriminately sharing personal information is critical. Discretion must be exercised when dealing with the public, children and their parents, and the church leaders and members
- Weekly attendance at worship and/or Sunday School at FPUMC
- Computer literacy a must. Microsoft Office and Layout Design preferred.

Principal 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/submit-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 SPRO 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 SPRO committee of the Forest Park United Methodist Church.

Employee ___________________________ Employment start date __________

I agree to the position description as presented:

Employee ___________________________ Date __________

SPRO 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.
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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