Clergy Evaluation Tool Trainings

This year the district will be moving to a new tool for clergy evaluations. A representative from each church’s SPRC and Clergy will be asked to attend one of four trainings on this new tool. Clergy evaluations will be due by the end of the year. The dates and locations of the trainings are:

**Sunday September 8, 3:00 pm at Van Wert Kingsley, 15482 Mendon Rd., Van Wert, OH 45891**

**Sunday September 8, 6:00 pm at Ayersville, 27728 Ayersville Rd., Defiance, OH 43512**

All SPRC and Clergy should had received an email on 8/2/2019 providing a link to sign up for one of the four trainings above.

We request at least one member of each church’s S/PPRC committee attend one of the trainings, however any committee members who would like to attend are welcome. We also request that each pastor attend the training as well.

THANK YOU!
Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16–18, NIV

_Lord our God_, we thank you that you come to help us with your power and might. We thank you that you come to us in our suffering and strengthen us in all we must endure on earth. You help us so that what is good and full of light comes more and more to us and to all people. We thank you and pray that your power, coming from the invisible world into the visible, may continue its quiet working in us until the day when everyone can see Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and into all eternity. Amen.

NWP District Office CLOSED

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

The NWP Office Staff will be assisting with the continuous disaster relief for areas affected by the Memorial Day tornadoes.

Regular office hours will resume Thursday, September 5, 2019

THANK YOU!

INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW . . .

When writing donation checks out for the BY GEORGE . . . Grace Children’s Hospital **PLEASE** be sure they are written out to the **Northwest Plains District**. The bank will reject the check back otherwise. **PLEASE** put in the memo of the check that the donation is for BY GEORGE or Grace Children’s Hospital. Any questions, please call the District Office.

THANK YOU!
Spread the word. It is that time of year again to start collecting and assembling kits for the Festival of Sharing. Below you will find the dates & locations of when the kits can be dropped off at your depots. Also, reference the below website. This has all the videos and information for this years FOS.  www.fosohio.org

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

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

- **Defiance St. Paul’s UMC** 400 Wayne Ave., Defiance, 419.782.3751, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Findlay St. Andrews UMC** 120 W. Sandusky, Findlay, 419.422.4845, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-2 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Spencerville Trinity** 110 N. Main St., Spencerville, 419.647.4451, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - Noon (Please call ahead)
- **NWP District Office** 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, 800.589.7828, Mon.-Friday., 8 am-11:45 & 1 pm to 3:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Van Wert First UMC** 118 W. Central Ave., Van Wert, 419.238.0631, Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
- **Wapakoneta First UMC** 504 Glenwood Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Please call ahead)

**Emergency Cleanup Bucket**

Flooding devastates too many communities each year. You’re helping a family recover quickly and safely with a bucket that is full of key supplies like gloves, dust masks and trash bags. These supplies mean families can get to work cleaning up and moving forward.

**Supplies needed:**
- One five-gallon bucket with reusable lid (Bucket has been used, clean but do not use if it has held the liquids of any kind)
- Four scoping pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (i.e. microfiber)
- One (2oz or two 2oz bottles) of mild laundry detergent
- One 32 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no sprayer bottle)
- One package of 48 30ct bandages
- Clothing, two pairs of, or one pair, if new.
- Five gal. bags
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof, dishwashing gloves (f.xlsx, non-slip)
- One pair of work gloves (latex or leather pair or all leather)
- 24-hour day/night color comic type 30-45 gallon trash bag on roll and removed from canister
- One 5 lb. bag of sand or silt removed

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

Value: $7.50 Processing fee: $3 per kit

**Hygiene Kits**

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

**Supplies needed:**
- One hand towel measuring approximately 15”x28” to 30”x32” (no fingers, terry, dish towel, or micro fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (brand at discount store like sallybeauty.com)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (after one is acceptable)
- One full size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Tan standard toothbrush

Affordable wide tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as sallybeauty.com. Search for “wide tooth pasted comb” to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements.

All items need to fit inside a one gallon zipper type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to journey.

Value: $15 Processing cost: $2 per kit

**School Kits**

We all remember how great it felt to start a new school year with all the right supplies. Now, you’re giving that same feeling to students around the world who otherwise wouldn’t have the supplies they need. You’re making sure children have the best chance to succeed in school, even if they are recovering from a disaster or living in other tough circumstances.

**Supplies needed:**
- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bond notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap-erasers)
- Six pens, unsharpened, pencils with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” to 14” x 17” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The website my麽rocons.com has affordable bag options for bulk purchase.

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Value: $15 Processing fee: $2 per kit
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!

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE TIME

Pastors,

Charge Conference activities are well on their way. Everyone should have received both an email and an envelope in the mail regarding charge conference material.
The District Office will soon be calling around for presiding elders for each church. Please be willing to preside up to 3 churches.
If you have any questions, please give us a call at the District Office at 419-523-9901.
Thank you!
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

From the desk of Kris Shoaf (WOC). Here are the current ERT class offerings

- August 10, Hartzell UMC
- Sept. 14, Indian Run UMC
- Sept. 21, Grove City UMC

https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/early-response-team

Kris Shoaf
Administrative Coordinator Connectional Ministries
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!
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 online and you can find the form on the district website or on the conference website. Please be sure to print a copy for yourself. Be sure you print a copy for your file. On the district website 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
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 Wade Goble/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!
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
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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

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.

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Steve Green
in concert

When: Thursday, September 19, 2019
Doors open: 6:00 pm - Performance: 8:30 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 are required.

Please call the church office to reserve your tickets. 419-422-4543. A love offering will be received during the concert.
Local Church and Community Events

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative
(Van Wert/NWP) - Traction Tracks

Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 9:00am to 2:00pm
Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference Traction Tracks

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one-session training)

Breakthrough Prayer forms the foundation of the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative), and its implementation has shown itself to be the single greatest factor contributing to a church’s revitalization and renewed fruitfulness. This may be the most important ingredient to add to your church to help shift from plateau or decline into a new season of hope and possibility!

Requirement to attend: Your church’s team must include your lead pastor plus at least 5 persons who have agreed to be the implementation team for your congregations prayer initiative afterwards. Bring as large a team to the training (beyond pastor plus 5 leaders) as possible. We have learned that by bringing a team to the training - of 6, 10, 15 persons or more - the more likely the momentum you will have to launch when you get home!

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00am-2:00pm

Host Location: First UMC - Van Wert (NWP district)

113 W Central Ave., Van Wert OH 45891

Registration Fee: $75.00 per team of Pastor plus five members; $10 for each additional member

Contact: Grace Gerber (egerber@wocumc.org)
Local Church and Community Events

Did you know?

- Atherosclerosis (illustrated at left) is the leading killer of adults age 55+.¹
- 70% of those age 55+ have 2 or more risk factors, and many are not aware of it.²
- Using advanced ultrasound technology, Life Line Screening can now actually see inside your arteries to help determine your risk for atherosclerosis.³

¹ National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute
³ Did you know that 9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventative health screenings for cardiovascular disease among patients with key risk factors? All 5 Tests for $149

- Carotid Artery Ultrasound
  - $70.00
- Plaque Screening
  - $70.00
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
  - $70.00
- Abdominal Aortic Anerysm Screening
  - $70.00
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
  - $60.00
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment
  - $60.00

This screens for irregular heart beat.
This screens for an anerysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.
Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

Join the nearly 8 million people who have been screened. Appointments are limited, register today:

 WHEN: Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
 WHERE: Trinity United Methodist Church
         137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa

To register for your screening and to receive a $10 discount, please call 888-653-0462 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/communitypartners

Plot Your Route To Prevention & Wellness

An Annual Wellness Visit Helps You Build A Plan For Better Health

- Get your Personalized Prevention Plan the same day
- Convenient one-on-one assessment with a Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- Develop a Personalized Prevention and Wellness Plan designed to keep you independent and active
- An AWV may seem similar to an annual physical, but it's different in many ways. An AWV provides a plan for better health, enabling you and your doctor to plan your preventive screenings and immunizations for the next 5-10 years

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
157 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa
When: Tuesday, September 17th 2019

There is no co-pay for the annual wellness visit under Medicare Parts B, Discus Parts C and other insurance coverage with an LLCM Representative. Please call the number above if you are interested in only your Annual Wellness Visit or visit us online at www.LifeLineScreening.com/communitypartners. For additional screening options, offered by Life Line Screening, please refer to the front of this flyer.

Schedule Your Annual Wellness Visit Today by calling 1-866-579-5069
(please have your Medicare card ready when you call)
Greetings Clergy Spouses of the Northwest Plains

I am excited for this year’s retreat. We will be meeting at Camp Widewater Friday and Saturday October 4-5. The theme is Renewal of our Mind, Body and Soul.

We have some fun activities planned which include a hayride, campfire, games, Bible study, singing and worship. We hope you will join us.

Camp Widewater is located in Liberty Center, Ohio, and we will be staying in a dormitory with bunk beds.

You may arrive early at 2pm for personal time to enjoy the hiking trails, prayer labyrinth, or take in some rock painting. Regular arrival is 6-7pm Friday and we will conclude Saturday at 4pm with worship and communion.

The district is making this weekend possible for you for $65. I will be writing a note to the SPRC chairs inviting the SPRC to pay this fee as a gift to you.

Please join me in praying as we look forward to our time together to Renew.

Blessings,

Julie Burns
NWP District Superintendent’s Spouse

Friday, October 4, 2019

2:00 PM Arrive early, if you’d like, to enjoy rock painting or the many amenities the retreat center offers

Dinner on your own

6:00 PM Registration until 6:45pm

7:00 PM Gathering and Opening Worship

Relax your Mind

Hayride, campfire, crafts and games

Saturday, October 5, 2019

8:30 AM Greet the Day Together

9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Morning Worship

Renew your Body

Zumba, hiking, personal time

12:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Refresh your Soul

3:30 PM Closing Worship and Communion

4:00 PM Departure

This retreat is hosted by the Clergy Spouse Retreat Planning Team of the Northwest Plains

What to Pack

Our lodging is in a dormitory-style setting with shared restrooms and shower stalls housed within the conference center. Bringing these items will help to ensure a comfortable experience for you:

- Twin-sized bedding
- Towel & Personal toiletries
- Comfortable clothes for outdoor exercise
- A refillable cup
- A snack to share to bless all participants

Dining

Whether you’re arriving early Friday afternoon or making the drive in, please take the opportunity to eat dinner Friday evening before the retreat begins. There are some nice restaurants in Grand Rapids near the retreat center. Early arrivals will be invited to order carryout from a nearby restaurant/pizzeria.

If you have specific dietary needs for our weekend together, please reach out to Melanie Coleman

419-524-8299 Text preferred

Saturday’s breakfast and lunch are included with the retreat package.
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
Fall Mission Trip

Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Chatham, Illinois

Always thought you’d like to go on a mission trip but felt you can’t do the heavy work? Well join us now and you will find you can help!

Some of the tasks include: working on mailings, sewing, assembling school bags, layette kits, bedding packs, medical suppliers and cleaning buckets; repairing bicycles, sewing machines, and lawn mowers; building and varnishing school desks.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019
THRU
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

COST: $225 PER PERSON

Lodging will be in a heated/air conditioned, handicap accessible dormitory with two people per room. You will need to bring bed linens, towels, and toiletries. There are bunk beds in each room we usually use only the lower bunks. However, if you would use a top bunk we would be able to allow for more than 16 participants.

If you are a camper with an RV, there is a full hook-up available.

Send Registration with check for TOTAL amount ($225 per person) to the District Office no later than September 13, 2019.

Make check payable to:
Northwest Plains District UMC

Mail to:
Northwest Plains District UMC
910 E. Third Street
Ottawa, OH 45875

Questions:
Please contact: Marge Dresbach
Phone: 419-943-2237
Email: dresbach2@fairpoint.net

CANCELLATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
Forest Park United Methodist Church

Children’s Ministries Director - part time

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

Responsible to: Pastor

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

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:
- Planning, coordinating, conducting, evaluating and selecting and providing resources for the children’s ministry.
- Build relationships of 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 ____________
**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.

Director for Adult Choir & Bell Choir
Howard United Methodist Church in Findlay, Ohio is looking for a choir and bell director. The choir practices one hour on Wednesday or Thursday of each week and sings on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. The bell choir practices two times per month for one hour. The choir sings three Sundays and the bell choir plays on the fourth Sunday. If interested contact the office secretary for any additional information and to schedule an appointment for an interview at 419-422-8412.
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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