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THE MISSION of the West Ohio Conference is to equip local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world... a world of justice, love, and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ

September 30, 2019

ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH YOUR DISTRICT?
Visit our website! Contact us! 800.589.7828
Like us on Facebook!

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!
I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33, NIV

Dear Father in heaven, in the world we are full of fear; in you we have peace. We pray that your Spirit may give us the joy of your heavenly kingdom and the strength to live in your service. Remember those who suffer pain, who still have to walk paths of fear and distress. Grant them help, to the glory of your name. May we be united in hope and in expectation of what you will give through your great goodness and faithfulness. Amen.

Charge Conference—Week 1

First week of Charge Conference is this weekend—October 6

Pastors/Hosting Churches/Presiding Elders,

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

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

Thank you!

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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!

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
News from around the Connection

From the desk of Grace Gerber
Administrative Coordinator, Missional Church Development

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**
(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!

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. 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..  
An upcoming Safe Sanctuaries training being held through the Maumee Watershed District in October at Aldersgate UMC in Toledo. This training is for churches that need to develop, revamp, or live into their Safe Sanctuaries policy. The training will include an overview of West Ohio guidelines for Safe Sanctuaries policies, helpful information on working with your insurance and background screening companies to reduce liability and risk, and will prepare attendees to lead trainings on their policy at their local congregation. You can attend individually or as a team. There is no charge, but registration is required. Here’s the link with the information: https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/safe-sanctuaries-training-maumee-watershed-district.

Location Name:
Aldersgate UMC - Toledo
Location Address:
4030 Douglas Road, Toledo, Ohio 43613
Contact:
Rebecca Hug
Email:
rhug@wocumc.org
Price:
No Charge

Harrison United Methodist Church (www.harrisonchurch.org) located in Pineville, NC, a suburb of Charlotte, is seeking a full-time Director of Connections. This person connects people to the church community to engage them in worship, spiritual growth, and service opportunities. The position is the primary liaison between the church staff and program ministries as the church seeks to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” through worship, education, fellowship, service, and mission.

The Director of Connections will:
- Serve as the staff liaison to the following ministries: welcome/hospitality, new members, men’s ministry, women’s ministry, senior adults, and others specified by the senior pastor. Works closely with each committee to implement programs and events.
- Create a culture of hospitality so that all feel welcomed, cared for, guided, and nurtured in their spiritual journey.
- Connects visitors at key entry points with people and programs
- Develops an equipping ministry in which church members identify their gifts, explore ways to utilize those gifts in a way that is meaningful, and engage in the life and ministry of HUMC.
- Identify and implement recruitment techniques for new lay leaders as the ministries grow.
- Serves collaboratively with other staff to implement programs and events including, but not limited to:
  - Partner with the associate pastor to plan spiritual growth opportunities for the church
  - Partner with the director of children’s ministry to plan special events for parents

Qualified candidates must love equipping the saints, empowering them to live into the full potential of what God is calling them to do, approach ministry with a spirit of hope, and understand the value of good systems and processes to multiply ministry. S/he should enjoy people and have a warm and welcoming personality. A Bachelor’s degree is required along with five+ years of relevant experience in leadership of church programming. This position requires working on Sundays and familiarity with the Methodist Church or willingness to gain knowledge and understanding of the church.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to aly.eaton@ministryarchitects.com no later than October 10, 2019.
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!

PLEASE NOTE: LOCATION OF THE CLASSES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO LEIPSIC UMC, 127 W. MAIN ST., LEIPSIC, OH
Is God Calling You?
The term “servant” best describes what Jesus told His disciples in John 13 after He himself performed duties of the lowest 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, 419.759.3402, hjwapak@bright.net

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Basic Course: Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Part 1)

The basic course equips men and women 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, you will need to attend the training and complete the registration form. 

Upon completion of the course and upon receipt of the completed Church Council Aid 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 make the most interesting or entertaining. Preaching is the art of 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. “There is no other work.” Our preaching class will invite the student to create and execute a sermon. Students will have the chance to preach before their peers and learn from a class room experience and the practice of preaching. Participants are asked to read the book Preaching: The Art of Narrative Expression 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 the class is Rev. Dr. David Chivington. David has been preaching for 52 years in the United Methodist denomination. He continues to serve as senior pastor at the Sidney First UMC.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Advance Class: Ministry in Small Churches

This course is designed to understand the importance of the smaller church. The smaller church has been a vital part of the life of God for many centuries. And even though we often focus on “bigger is better” and as a church that appears 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 as missional partners to a culture that is looking for a deeper meaning in life.

District Ministry of the Laity
Training Opportunities

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

Go Preach (Part 1)
Led by Rev. David Chivington
Saturday, October 19, 2019
8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St.
Leipsic, OH 45856

Ministry in Small Churches
Led by Brent Watson
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127 W. Main St.
Leipsic, OH 45856

Registration Form – Registration Deadline is October 12, 2019

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry
Go Preach
Ministry in Small Churches

Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Telephone:
Email:

Name:
Ot:
Email:

I will attend Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry on October 19.
I will attend Go Preach on October 19.
I will attend Ministry in Small Churches on October 19.

Please make a $15.00 check payable to Northwest Plains District United Methodist Church.
Mail to: Northwest Plains District, 310 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 43064
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 connection to become an example for ministry 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 application.
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 Hoc 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. It is good worship there is so many important elements, music, story, and preaching. Good worship requires good preaching. Our hope is to be more than interesting or entertaining; Preaching is about transformation. The preacher must acknowledge Holy Spirit to change people into the image of Jesus. Preaching calls people to live in the Kingdom of God. Preaching is core work. Our preaching class will involve the student to craft and create a sermon. Students will have a chance to preach before their peers and learn both forms class room experience and the practice of preaching. Participants are asked to read the book ‘Preaching: The Art and Language of Exposition’ by Calvin Miller before the class and to create a sermon in their work of the class to write a new sermon. The leader of the class is Rev. Dr. Davie Chivington. David has been preaching for 42 years in the United Methodist denomination. He currently serves as pastor at the Sidney First UMC.

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Advance Course: Creating Sacred Space
Since Noah first sailed the ark, humans have built all to worship God. As worship moved from villages to cathedral, for all reformed, to Christianity worship. Likewise, today, sacred space is created wherever and whenever we seek to encounter God—in worship and small group setting, in hospital rooms and living rooms and meeting rooms.
As God intended for Israel, God said, ‘Arise, go up, take an altar there.’ In this course, the participants will develop a theology of sacred space, learn techniques for exploring scripture as basis for sacred space, and then skill in creating sacred space that might honor God and assist encounter with God in a variety of settings.

District Ministry of the Laity
Training Opportunities
INTRODUCTION TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRY (PART 2)
Led by: Rev. Dave Burkhart
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
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/

**Women's Walks**

**Dates**

#106  February 7-10, 2019
#107  June 13-16, 2019
#108  October 10-13, 2019

**Men's Walks**

**Dates**

#80  March 14-17, 2019
#81  November 7-10, 2019

**Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH**

http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/

**Women's Walks**

**Dates**

#79  10/17/2019  10/20/2019
#80  02/20/2020  02/23/2020
#81  06/11/2020  06/14/2020
#82  10/15/2020  10/18/2020

**Men's Walks**

**Dates**

#74  11/07/2019  11/10/2019
#75  03/12/2020  03/15/2020
#76  11/05/2020  11/08/2020

**NW Ohio Emmaus Walks @ Widewater, Liberty Center, OH**

http://www.nwoemmaus.com/

**Women's Walks**

**Dates**

March 28-31, 2019
September 19-22, 2019

**Men's Walk**

**Dates**

February 21-24, 2019
August 22-25, 2019

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/
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.

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.
Van Wert’s First United Methodist Chancel Choir has been invited to perform in the National Memorial Day Choral Festival Concert 2020 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. They will be traveling from Van Wert May 22-26, 2020 by motor coach to Washington D.C. to rehearse with a festival chorus under the direction of Dr. Craig Jessop, former director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the U.S. Singing Sergeants. They will be accompanied by the U.S. Air Force Symphony Orchestra. This annual sold-out concert at the Kennedy Center will be held Sunday, May 24. Additionally, they will perform at the Opening Ceremonies of the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue on May 25.

“The selection process was made through a submission of recordings of the choir,” states Paul Hoverman, choir director. The choir was also selected to sing at the 2016 Worldwide United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Oregon. “This probably aided in the selection process and eventual invitation,” stated Hoverman.

While in D.C., the choir will also be visiting the Jefferson Memorial, the Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial, Korean, WWII, and Viet Nam Memorials, as well as the Holocaust Memorial Museum. They will also participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and attend the National Memorial Day Concert on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra and broadcast each year on PBS.

The First United Methodist Chancel Choir will be giving a local concert on May 31 for the public to enjoy once they return from Washington D.C.
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](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

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DECEMBER 2, 2019

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Forest Park United Methodist Church

Children’s Ministries Director - part time

Position Summary: The Director of Children’s Ministries will focus on making disciples; ensuring 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/season-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 Employee 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.

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

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

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Free Active Shooter Prevention Guide

Recently, attention has been drawn to the unthinkable action of active shooters in a house of worship. UMI is offering this resource to you as a way to prepare you, your church leadership, the congregation and visitors in the event this should occur. Being prepared helps everyone cope with these realities and begin to re-focus attention on core ministries.

Conducting the ministries of The United Methodist Church takes on many forms. Our first call to ministry is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This crucial part of our ministry as a denomination begins in the local church. Everything else we do on a daily basis supports this core commission. (Matthew 28:19)

There are many supportive actions taking place every day to support the local church. One of them is to insure the church properties so that a church can continue its core ministries in the community.

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Local Church Officer Job Descriptions

Positions Required in All Congregations

Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."

Nominations and Leader Development Committee (¶258.1)
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (¶258.2)
Trustees (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
Finance Committee Chairperson (¶258.4)
Lay Leader (¶251.1)
Lay Member of Annual Conference (¶251.2)
Financial Secretary (¶258.4)
Church Treasurer (¶258.4)
Membership Secretary (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson (¶251.3)

LEARN MORE  http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/local-church-officer-job-descriptions