

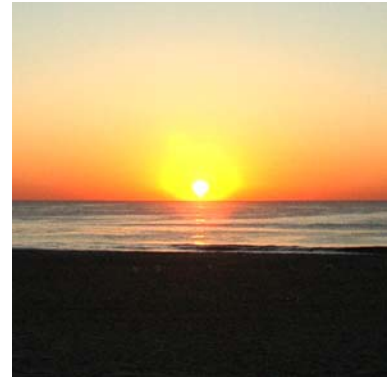


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Did you ever think of the splendor of just waking up to a new day? I like to wake up about 5:15 AM to the sound of the birds outside. They are so fresh and ready to tackle whatever may come their way. I wonder if we could all learn an important lesson from them? If we all woke up with a song in our heart and the determination that “This is a Day That The Lord Has Made, We Will Rejoice and Be Glad In It”, would we have a better outlook on whatever God allows to come our way? I



I love the newness of the morning and the freshness of the air. One of my favorite scriptures is in Lamentations 3:22-23, “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.” (NIV) Stop for a moment and think of all the times God has been faithful to us. He was there at the birth of our children, the loss of our children, our parent’s death, a wedding, a graduation, the loss of a spouse and He is there every morning when we awake.

Before going to bed this evening, I challenge you to open your window, set your alarm for about 5:15 AM and just wait to hear the blessings that God has in store for you early in the morning. Maybe, if we all start our days praising Him for his mercies then we will more willing to see all the rest of the blessings He has in store for us throughout the day.

Bev Shoemaker  
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Foothills Dist. Supt. Committee

## **District & Conference News**

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES:**

#### Miracle Offering

Remember the Miracle Offering for the Global AIDS Fund and our own conference AIDS Task Force to minister to the victims of HIV/AIDS at home and abroad. Can we hit our target of \$1.00 per member in West Ohio?

The **Youth Delegates** to Annual Conference are asked to meet daily for lunch together, Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Youth luncheons will be in the Aigler Room of the Fountain Inn. You must pre-register for the lunches. Please visit [www.westohioumc.org/page.asp?TableName=oPages\\_6KF3UU&PKValue=1311](http://www.westohioumc.org/page.asp?TableName=oPages_6KF3UU&PKValue=1311) for registration information, or contact your local district office. Youth are also welcome to attend the evening gatherings which will take place at the Train Depot, each evening beginning at 10:00 p.m. Everyone is Welcome!!

Every member of Annual Conference is encouraged to drop off a 10# bag of potatoes the **Potato Truck**, which will be parked in the driveway of the Otterbein North Shore Retired Living Community. Otterbein North Shore is located at 9400 North Shore Blvd., on the way into Lakeside. The Potato Truck will be accepting donations all day on Saturday, and Sunday, as well as Monday morning. The West Ohio UMM's organization would like to thank you in advance for donating to this worthwhile project.

An abbreviated Annual Conference Schedule is available at <http://www.westohioumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1052>.

**One Place** - a sacred space for meditation and prayer - is located in the Green Room at the Fountain Inn and will be open Sunday 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Monday thru Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Volunteers** are needed for one hour shifts in the Prayer Room - commit to the same hour each day if possible. Go to [www.mysignup.com/oneplace](http://www.mysignup.com/oneplace).

### ***Making a Good Move Seminar***

(for all ministers who are receiving new appointments this year), will be held on June 6, 2007, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Aldersgate UMC in Huber Heights. Cost is \$50 (includes lunch/materials). For more information visit

[http://wosite.brickriver.com/page.asp?TableName=oPages\\_6KF3UU&PrimaryKey=oPages\\_6KF3UU\\_ID&PKValue=1346](http://wosite.brickriver.com/page.asp?TableName=oPages_6KF3UU&PrimaryKey=oPages_6KF3UU_ID&PKValue=1346).

## ***Leadership and Anxiety***

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) will conduct a seminar on ***Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective***, on October 2, 2007 at David's United Church in Kettering, OH. The seminar will be led by Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director. For more information visit

[http://wosite.brickriver.com/page.asp?TableName=oPages\\_6KF3UU&PrimaryKey=oPages\\_6KF3UU\\_ID&PKValue=1371](http://wosite.brickriver.com/page.asp?TableName=oPages_6KF3UU&PrimaryKey=oPages_6KF3UU_ID&PKValue=1371)

## ***Camps***

Please pray for our Foothills District camps this summer:

### **Camp Otterbein**

June 17-22 & July 29-August 3 & June 24-29. Check out the camps section of the District web site: [www.foothillsdistrict.org](http://www.foothillsdistrict.org)

### **Camp Asbury**

Elementary Camp

- June 17-22, John Fields (Simpson Chapel UMC) 614.378.8699 or [mudbug1981@yahoo.com](mailto:mudbug1981@yahoo.com)

Junior High Camp

- June 24-29, Kimberly Thomas (Gallipolis Grace UMC) 740.446.4542 or [brlyt@aol.com](mailto:brlyt@aol.com)

Intro Camp

- June 29-July 1, Rita Snider (Richland UMC) 740.593.6847 or [snider@eurekanet.com](mailto:snider@eurekanet.com)

Multi-age Camp

- July 8-13, Perry Prosch (Wheelersburg UMC) 740.574.2900

Jackson Area Ministries Work Camp

- July 21-27, Brent Watson 740.797.4581 or [bwatson@foothillsdistrict.org](mailto:bwatson@foothillsdistrict.org)

## ***Basic Administration Class***

Brent Watson and Sherri Rogers are leading a class on basic church administration relating to year-end reports, audits, charge conference forms, email communications, etc. Pastors who struggle with these tasks are receiving "special" invitations to attend. Lay persons who may assist with these tasks are welcome to attend as well. There is no cost to the class, but reservations are needed. Contact Sherri: 740.797.4581 or

[office@foothillsdistrict.org](mailto:office@foothillsdistrict.org)

## ***Nothing But Nets***

The UM Church is partnering with Sports Illustrated and the National Basketball Association to purchase bed nets for families in Africa. Malaria is one of the leading causes of death of children in Africa; one every 90 seconds. Children who survive experience health complications. Malaria is preventable. \$10 is all it takes to purchase a bed net to protect children from the mosquitoes who carry malaria.

Check out the websites: [www.umc.org/nets](http://www.umc.org/nets) or [www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net) Churches that raise money for Nothing But Nets can use the General Advance Special number 982015. Get in the game and slam dunk malaria!

## ***Church By Size Seminars***

Doug Anders is leading five seminars in Findlay in the coming year:  
Extending the Church Family: Ministry in a Small Church (less than 100 in worship)  
9/17-18/07 and 3/3/08  
Mastering the Middle: Ministry in a Mid-Sized Church (100-175 in worship)  
9/19-20/08 and 3/4/08  
Beyond the Barrier: Ministry for Becoming a Large Church (175-250 in worship)  
11/12-13/07 and 3/5/08  
Building a Terrific Team: Staff Ministry in a Large Church (250 plus in worship)  
10/3-4/07 and 3/6/08  
Leading a Church Staff: Tools for Effective Lead Pastors (250 plus in worship)  
10/4-5/07 and 3/7/08  
Cost is \$159 per person not including housing. For more info, contact Maumee Watershed District Office 877.628.6339 or [maumeewatershed@wocumc.org](mailto:maumeewatershed@wocumc.org).

## **UPCOMING DATES**

### ***Brent's Breakfasts***

Brent and Tom are meeting for breakfast with whoever (lay persons, too) wants to show up. There is no set agenda. It is an opportunity to pick each other's brains. It is purely voluntary. You can attend as many as you want. You are responsible for the cost of your own breakfast. All breakfasts are scheduled to start at 8 am. Here are the dates and places:

June 5 – South Zanesville – Bob Evans on Maysville Pike  
June 19 – East Meigs Co. – Krider's Kountry Kitchen  
July 10 – West Hocking Co. – The Village Café in Laurelville  
July 17 – Washington Co., Marietta area – Shoney's in Marietta  
Aug. 14 – East Perry Co., Crooksville area – Hunter's Run at 6 mile turn  
Aug. 28 – South Athens Co. at Bob Evans in Athens  
Sept. 4 – East Hocking Co. – at Lori's in Logan

<b>June 10-14, 2007</b>	Annual Conference at Lakeside
<b>June 23, 2007</b>	Basic Administration Class @ District Office, 9:30 am
<b>August 22, 2007</b>	Basic Administration Class @ District Office, 4:30 pm
<b>July 22-28, 2007</b>	Local Pastors School at Widewater Retreat Center
<b>Sept 15, 2007</b>	Sexual Ethics Make-up Day
<b>Sept 29, 2007</b>	Make a Difference Day at The Plains
<b>Oct 2, 2007</b>	District Golf Outing
<b>Oct 6, 2007</b>	Festival of Sharing at Otterbein College

**November 27**      Treasurer's Training by Stan Sutton, place to be announced

## ***Foothills District Missions***

- 1) Good Works, Inc  
P.O Box 4  
Athens, Ohio 45701                      (Homeless, Families in Transition from Welfare to Work)  
1-740-594-3339  
[www.good-works.net](http://www.good-works.net)    [goodworks@good-works.net](mailto:goodworks@good-works.net)  
Contact: Keith Wasserman
  
- 2) Morgan County United Ministries  
P.O. Box 303  
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756 (Elderly in Need, Families in Transition From Welfare to Work)  
  
1-740-962-2679  
[www.mcum.net](http://www.mcum.net)        [mcum@mcum.net](mailto:mcum@mcum.net)  
Contact: Dan Evory or Melanie Baldwin
  
- 3) Meigs Cooperative Parish  
260 Mulberry Ave, P.O. Box 171  
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769                      (Elderly in Need, Families in Transition from Welfare to Work)  
  
1-740-992-7400  
[meigscooperative@charterinternet.com](mailto:meigscooperative@charterinternet.com)  
Contact: Keith Rader or Brian/Jenni Dunham or Nancy Thoene
  
- 4) God's Net  
260 Mulberry Ave., P.O. Box 171  
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769                      (At Risk Youth)  
1-740-992-0261  
[godnet@starband.net](mailto:godnet@starband.net)  
Contact: Keith or Dee Rader or Jenni Dunham
  
- 5) Belpre Area Ministries  
P.O Box 101  
Belpre, Ohio 45714                      (Elderly in Need, Families in Transition from Welfare to Work)  
  
1-740-423-8725  
[rjwiblin@earthlink.net](mailto:rjwiblin@earthlink.net)  
Contact: Ray Wiblin
  
- 6) C.A.R.E Outreach Ministry (Vinton County)  
395 East High St  
McArthur, Ohio 45651                      (Elderly in Need, Families in Transition from Welfare to Work)

1-740-596-2394  
[careoutreach@horizonview.net](mailto:careoutreach@horizonview.net)  
Contact: Gary Blair or Walt Goble

7)Amesville Cooperative Parish  
P.O. Box 68 (Elderly in Need)  
Amesville, Ohio 45711  
Contact: Frank Hare 1-740-448-6401 or Kenneth Vernon 1-740-448-4755

8)Lifewell @ W. Main  
P.O Box 2154  
Zanesville, Ohio 43702 (At Risk Youth)  
1-740-450-7650  
[www.thelifewell.com](http://www.thelifewell.com) [senorablau@msn.com](mailto:senorablau@msn.com)  
Contact: Gay Blau

9)Lifewell Free Store  
857 Putnam Ave  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701 (Elderly in Need, Families in Transition from  
Welfare to Work)  
1-740-452-7117  
thelifewell @ First UMC Free Store [zanesfirstumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zanesfirstumc@sbcglobal.net)  
Contact: Marilyn Moody or Brenda Buckwell Lifland

10)Smith Chapel Food Pantry  
1333 East Front St  
Logan, Ohio 43138  
Contact: Dannie Devol (1-740-385-5474) or Rick Bennington (1-740-385-6544)  
(Elderly in Need, Families in Transition from Welfare to Work)

## [Links](#)

Upper Room Ministries- [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

Interpreter- [www.interpretermagazine.org](http://www.interpretermagazine.org)

West Ohio Conference- [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org)

United Methodist Church- [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

Volunteers in Mission- [www.gbqm-umc.org](http://www.gbqm-umc.org)

United Methodist Committee on Relief- [www.gbqm-umc/umcor](http://www.gbqm-umc/umcor)

Young People's Ministries- [www.gbod.org/youngpeople/youth/youth.htm](http://www.gbod.org/youngpeople/youth/youth.htm)

Young Adult Network- [www.gbod.org/youngpeople/yanet](http://www.gbod.org/youngpeople/yanet)

InfoServ- 1-800-251-8140 ( Up to the minute information about United Methodists)

Congregational Health Ministries- Maria Poeth [mpoeth@wocumc.org](mailto:mpoeth@wocumc.org)

Ministry in Motion- [www.ministryinmotion.net](http://www.ministryinmotion.net)

Congregational Resources Guide- [www.congregationalresources.org](http://www.congregationalresources.org)

Crosswalk – a website of Women’s Devotional, UpWords by Max Lucado, News & Commentary and Make Me Laugh - [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

Chain Links – [www.industrialchain.com](http://www.industrialchain.com)

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