

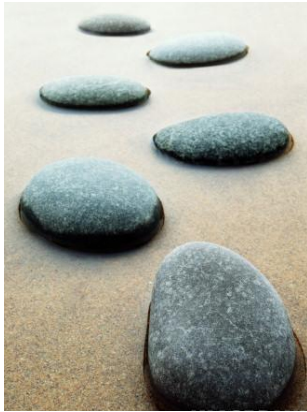


# The Foothills District Laity Link

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## ***Stepping Out in Faith***



The life of a church goes in cycles. Members are on fire at different times for various projects or ideas. About eight years ago our church was faced with the need to build a new parsonage. We weren't sure exactly how we could do it, but through much prayer and discussion we started the project. Many times we may have felt we had taken on more than we could handle. It took a lot of cooperation and sacrifice to do this. People worked together doing fundraisers, planning and building the house. I can't say that we weren't concerned as to how we could afford to do this. We were. It took a lot of faith. God was there among us as we worked together. Five years ago that home was completed. Two years ago it was paid in full.

When I look back on this I can see it was God's plan all along. He took a struggling church body and united us. We did what many thought was impossible. God continues to work in our church and its members. He yearns for us to step out in faith, to discover his calling for us as individuals and as a church body. He is not satisfied if we choose to just sit on our accomplishments. We are capable of doing so much together as a church body. I can see that God is urging us again to take that leap of faith; to sacrifice and cooperate.

God knocks on our church doors everyday. But we don't always hear or maybe we choose to ignore it. We all have our reasons. He is looking to us to be his hands, eyes, and ears. Is there something that he has been laying on your heart? Does your church need to step out in faith and work to accomplish a task that seems impossible? In Matthew 19:26, Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Pray, discuss and pray some more. Let God be your guide.

Lorri Murphy  
Stockport United Methodist Church and  
Foothills District Sup't Committee

## **District & Conference News**

### **Conference Employs Youth Consultant**

Rev Tammy Jo Reiser of Waynesville has been named Youth Consultant for the West Ohio Conference of the UMC. She will be raising the awareness of youth and young adults as an urgent mission for United Methodist churches.

“The need is immediate! Youth workers across the conference are the unsung heroes in the trenches, and I so look forward to connecting and celebrating the good work they do and identifying the work we must accomplish to reach a generation,” said Reiser, who feels our culture is in danger of losing the faith of our youth. She is currently pastor at Waynesville United Methodist Church and will continue in that position while working part-time for the conference.

Reiser is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton and holds a Certificate of Youth Ministry Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. Reiser has accumulated nearly two decades of youth ministry experience, including teaching and speaking work with other United Methodist conferences, the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship Youth Specialties, and other youth training events. For more information, contact Reiser at [TammyJo@waynesvilleumc.org](mailto:TammyJo@waynesvilleumc.org); [tjreiser@wocumc.org](mailto:tjreiser@wocumc.org); or **513.288.1167**; Waynesville United Methodist Church; PO Box 634 Waynesville OH 45068

### **Youth Ministry Web Site**

Join us at the West Ohio UMC Youth ministry site at [www.mychurch.org](http://www.mychurch.org) When you arrive on the main page go ahead and register there and create a personal profile. You then will have to “join a church” You can search for the west ohio um youth site or enter this address:

<http://www.mychurch.org/churches/OH/Worthington/245770/West-Ohio-UMC-Youth>

Click on JOIN THIS CHURCH.

Once you are a member of the West Ohio UMC Youth Site, you can find various sub groups that you can join. Look around the site and find others to add to your friend list. It’s a great way to stay connected with what’s going on around the conference and with your friends and colleagues. You can also create a church page for your local church as well and invite your own church family. Please share this information with the youth and youthworkers in your church.

Tammy Jo Reiser

You can visit Tammy Jo’s MyChurch profile: (<http://www.mychurch.org/tammyjo>)

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES:**

Keypad voting postponed for this year - Electronic-keypad voting for delegates and legislation at Lakeside will not occur this year. To ensure election integrity, the familiar electronic-scantron cards will be used at the 2007 annual conference. For more information go to: [http://www.westohioumc.org/news\\_detail.asp?PKValue=24](http://www.westohioumc.org/news_detail.asp?PKValue=24).

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?

### Conference Child Care

The deadline for signing up for child care during Annual Conference is May 18. To sign up go to the conference web site and check under events, annual conference, and child care or click here: [www.westohioumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1270](http://www.westohioumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1270)

## ***JAM Garden Project 2007***

Since the early 1970's, Jackson Area Ministries, Jackson, Ohio has sponsored a significant garden project, providing seeds and plants for families or individuals in the 15 counties of southeast Ohio. The mission of the program is to offer seed potatoes, tomato plants, and vegetable seeds to each participant with the intent that they can "grow their own garden". Four to five new counties will be added for the 2007 growing season, bringing their anticipated goal to 3,000 growers. Many of our ORV congregations, Sunday school classes, United Methodist Women groups, youth groups and individuals have made this program highly successful. If you are interested in participating this year, please send your inquiry to: [jamjar@bright.net](mailto:jamjar@bright.net) or JAM Gardening, PO Box 603, Jackson, Ohio 45640 / 888.237.3141. A brochure, complete report, bulletin insert and other information can be provided from their office as well.

## ***Becoming a People of Prayer***

GBOD and Aldersgate Renewal Ministries are sponsoring a conference on prayer on Sept 21-22, 2007, featuring Terry Teykl, Marjorie Thompson, Suzette Caldwell, Vance Ross, and many more. For more info or to register, check out [www.GBOD.org/PeopleofPrayer](http://www.GBOD.org/PeopleofPrayer)

## ***GBGM Recruiting Missionaries***

The General Board of Global Ministries is recruiting missionaries with the theme: "The Face of Today's Missionary: Is It Yours?" Personnel are needed for work in evangelism, church development, education, medical care, agriculture, legal services, and financial administration. A majority, although not all, assignments are outside the United States. For more info, check out the web site:

[gbgm-umc.org/global\\_news/pr.cfm?articleid=4457&CFID=1771909&CFTOKEN=90085868](http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/pr.cfm?articleid=4457&CFID=1771909&CFTOKEN=90085868)

## ***Holy Land Pilgrimage: January 8-17, 2008***

Hundreds of Ohio United Methodists, under the leadership of Bishops Bruce Ough and John Hopkins, will embark on a Holy Land spiritual pilgrimage in January 2008, visiting holy sites such as Bethlehem, Nazareth, The Garden of Gethsemane, Cana of Galilee, the Mount of the Beatitudes and the Garden Tomb. For more info, contact our district coordinator: David Maze, 12 Circle Drive, The Plains, Ohio 45789, 740.797.2440 or [dandbmaze@verizon.net](mailto:dandbmaze@verizon.net)

## **Campolo to Speak at Athens First**

Tony Campolo, professor emeritus at Eastern University and founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE) is coming to Athens on May 10, 7:30 pm. EAPE is an organization that develops schools and social programs in various third world countries and in cities across North America. He is the author of 33 books, his most recent being, *Letters to a Young Evangelical*. Members of our Trinity and Brown Bag classes enjoyed studying his book *20 Hot Potatoes Christians Are Afraid to Touch*.

Dr. Campolo is also well-known as a media commentator on religious, social and political matters, having guested on television programs like *The Colbert Report*, *Nightline*, *Crossfire*, *Politically Incorrect*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *Larry King Live*, *CNN Dayside*, *CNN News* and *MSNBC News*. He co-hosted his own television series, *Hashing It Out*, on the Odyssey Network, and presently hosts *Across the Pond*, a weekly program on the Premier Christian Radio Network in England. He is also a highly respected and sought after guest on radio stations across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

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

Brent and Tom are meeting for breakfast with whoever 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:

- May 1 – Gallia Co. at Bob Evans in Gallipolis
- May 15 – Vinton Co. at Momma Rennies in McArthur
- 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

**May 23, 2007:** Clergy Session. This will be an all day session!! It will have a mandatory sexual ethics training/renewal piece in the afternoon.

**May 6, 2007:** Foothills District Spring Conference and PreConference Briefing at The Plains, 3-5 pm

**June 10-14, 2007** Annual Conference at Lakeside

**July 22-28, 2007** Local Pastors School at Widewater Retreat Center

**Sept 29, 2007** Make a Difference Day at The Plains

**Oct 6, 2007** Festival of Sharing at Otterbein College

## ***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  
[godsnnet@starband.net](mailto:godsnnet@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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