



Footlights of the Foothills District

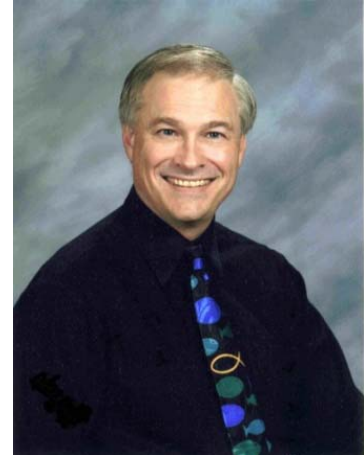
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Bishop Appoints Mohler

Bishop Bruce Ough has appointed the Rev. Dr. Dennis Mohler to the West Ohio Cabinet and assigned him to the Foothills District, effective July 1, 2008. Dennis follows Tom Hanover who was previously appointed to the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Dayton.

Dennis holds degrees from Otterbein College, United Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sue, have three adult children. They will be moving into the district parsonage outside The Plains.

For more background information about Dennis, check out the special page on the district web site: www.foothillsdistrict.org



Leadership Training on Radical Hospitality

Tom and Brent are leading a series of seminars on applying Radical Hospitality to the generations that live in your community. These seminars are for pastors and key leaders who want their churches to make a difference in their community and see their churches grow. Choose the date, time, and location most convenient for your group!

Tues, April 1	Muskingum County, Zanesville Faith, 7 pm
Sun, April 6	Perry County, Somerset, 4:00 pm
Tues, April 8	Hocking County, New Hope, 7 pm
Sun, April 13	Gallia County, Gallipolis Christ, 3 pm

Church Officer Training

New to your position? Looking for ideas on how to lead effectively? Attend the District Officer Training session. Meet with others who share your position and learn how to make a difference in your church. Training will especially target Trustees, PPR, Finance, and Admin Boards or Councils. Leadership includes Dawn Kuhn, from the West Ohio Conference, and Rachel Miller, from the West Ohio Credit Union as well as a number of other district and area experts.

April 6 7 pm, Somerset (rescheduled after Lent)

Contact District Lay Leader

Gaylynn Smart, Foothills District Lay Leader, has a new email address and welcomes your input about the District. Her new email is layleader@foothillsdistrict.org

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Camp Speakers Available for Your Church!

Camp directors and other members of the Conference Camping Team want to visit you and tell your congregation about the 2008 West Ohio Camping opportunities for elementary, middle and high school age (as well as counseling and volunteer opportunities for adults!). Speakers are available to deliver a 10-minute, dynamic presentation about WOC Camps to your congregation during your service(s). The presentation includes the new 2008 camping video, as well as a display, and brochures. They will be available for Q&A before, in-between and after services. To schedule a Camp Speaker, please contact Amy Woods at 614/781-2630 or 800-437-0028 x 204.



Volunteer Counselors Needed!!

Camp Otterbein is looking for volunteers from your Districts to serve as camp counselors for one week. These weeks are July 6-11 and July 27-Aug 1 and include events Club-O, O-tube, Outer Limits, and Outback.

Volunteer Training Days are: Sat March 29 at Coburn UMC, Sunday April 13th at Camp Otterbein, and Friday May 16th at the West Ohio Conference office in Worthington. You must attend one day of training. Please contact the camp director Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads at 740-385-5712 or Pastor Angier Sherer at adsherer@yahoo.com to confirm your attendance date. Please consider sharing your love for Christ with children and youth in this very meaningful way.

Mission Adventure

Camp Otterbein is hosting a Mission Adventure Camp in June. We are seeking mission partners for this summer. We would like to help community families with small home projects. Our groups of youth and adults will be helping in the Logan and Nelsonville area communities. We are looking for projects to last about 3 days. We are sorry, our volunteers are unable to work with windows or second stories of buildings.

Asbury Camp and Retreat Center

2144 Tyn Rhos Rd.
Thurman, OH
45685

Elementary Camp

June 15-20, 2008

Grades: Entering 4th - 6th

Host church: Simpson Chapel UMC

Deans: Rev. Sherron Courneen
and John Fields

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Simpson Chapel UMC

P.O. Box 155

Rio Grande, OH 45674

For more information contact:

740-245-5392 (Sherron)

sherroncourneen@aol.com

614-378-8699 (John)

mudbug1981@yahoo.com

Junior High Camp

June 22-27, 2008

Grades: Entering 6th - 9th

Host church: Gallipolis Grace UMC

Deans: Kimberly Thomas and
Gwen McGuire

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Grace UMC

Jr. High Camp

600 2nd Ave.

Gallipolis, OH 45631

For more information contact:

740-446-4542 (Kimberly)

brlyt@aol.com

740-256-1372 (Gwen)

gwn@ohiohills.com

Multi-Age Camp

June 28- July 3, 2008

Grades: Junior High and High School

Host church: Wheelersburg UMC

Deans: Rev. Perry Prosch and
Rev. Brian Dunham

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Cluster Camp

c/o Wheelersburg UMC

P.O. Box 190

Wheelersburg, OH 45694

For more information contact:

740-574-2900 (Perry)

pprosch@verizon.net

740-992-0930 (Brian)

bidunham@verizon.net



Intro Camp

July 11-13, 2008

Grades: Entering 2nd- 4th grade

Host church: Richland UMC-Athens

Dean: Rita Snider

Cost: \$ 100

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Richland UMC- Athens, OH

Intro Camp

60 Pomeroy Rd.

Athens, OH 45701

For more information contact:

740-593-6847 (Rita)

snider@eurekanet.com

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Church Sponsors Seminar

The Coburn UMC is co-sponsoring Maximum Impact, a leadership seminar for professional and business leaders of the area, Friday, April 18, 9 am – 4:30 pm at the Coburn UMC, featuring John Maxwell, Patrick Lencioni, Andy Stanley, Dick Vitale, and a host of others. Tickets are \$95, including lunch, and available from the Coburn UMC. For more info, contact the Coburn UMC.

Spring Conference Goes Global

The Foothills District Spring Conference, Sunday, May 4, 3 pm, The Plains UMC will feature Bishop Ntambo from the North Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Bishop Ntambo and other conference leaders are in the US for General Conference and will visit partner conferences until mid summer. Bishop Ntambo will preach at the Syracuse Charge on Sunday morning to thank them for their generosity in building a church and parsonage in North Katanga in 2007.



BCCD Pre-Grant Training Opportunities

The Board of Congregational and Community Development will be offering Training Sessions in the month of April for those interested in completing a grant application for 2009 BCCD Funding. Schedule and locations are posted on the BCCD webpage under the Leadership tab at www.westohioumc.org. There are three different categories, New Church Start, Revitalization, and Hispanic. You must attend a specific location assigned for each category. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Bassett at jbassett@wocumc.org.

Fight Like A Man

West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men Gathering, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26, featuring **Todd Braschler** and **David Adams**, Executive Secretary, General Commission on UMMen, @ Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015 For more info, Contact John Sherer, Gathering Director at Shererjw@aol.com 937.372.2204

The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

July 29-August 3, 2008 is an experience of disciplined Christian community emphasizing holistic spirituality -- nurturing body, mind, and spirit. The program is meant for all those who hunger for deep spiritual experiences, both lay and clergy persons. For more information visit www.westohioumc.org

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Edwards elected President of UTS



The Board of Trustees of United Theological Seminary in Dayton has elected Dr. Wendy J. Deichmann Edwards as its President, effective February 25. She has served as Acting President since November following the resignation of former President G. Edwin Zeiders. Edwards was formerly Academic Dean and Vice President of the school, a member of the faculty, and previously served as Director of the UTS at Buffalo (NY) program. For more info about Dr. Edwards and UTS, check out the web site: www.united.edu

School of Congregational Development

The General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Global Ministries developed this experience 10 years ago to equip pastors and key leaders to learn how to create disciple-making congregations. This year there are two simultaneous schools in Orlando, Florida, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 31-Aug 5, 2008. Some scholarship help is available from George Howard (goward@wocumc.org or 800.437.0028). For more info on the school, check out www.scdumc.org

Your Money or Your Life!

The Office of Ministry is hosting a seminar on money management, April 2, 10 am-4 pm, featuring the Rev. Alan Storey at the Bergamo Center in Dayton. Cost is \$5. Contact Susan Thomas for more info, (1.800.437.0028 or stthomas@wocumc.org).

Retreat and Getaway

Garry and Bev Hogue have a guest room especially equipped for a quiet retreat and getaway, and a special clergy rate of \$50 per night. Check out their website: hoguewild.com

Organist Looking for Church

"I am a church organist looking for a church! Please keep me in mind when an opening occurs. Thanks!"

Roger Besst, 47767 Twp. Rd, 1142, Coshocton, OH 43812 rbesst@newsguy.com

Conference VIM Trip

[July 3-16, 2008 Vietnam and Cambodia](#). For more info, contact Mary Littman, 6911 Frederick Pike, Dayton OH 45414 Ph 937.454.4120 Email miamivalley@wocumc.org

Perry County Golf Benefit

Perry County Clergy are sponsoring the Hammer and Nails Golf Scramble to benefit Perry County Habitat for Humanity, Wed. Aug 6, 12 noon, at the Perry Country Club (on SR 13 between Somerset and New Lex). Cost is \$55 per person, \$210 per team which includes 18 holes cart, dinner after the scramble, prizes and all the normal joys of golf.

For more info, contact: John Kay, 100 North Maple Heights, New Lexington, Ohio 43764. 740/342-1172 or 740/438-6338, jkumpire@columbus.rr.com

SOWER Builds Homes

You are invited to participate in S.O.W.E.R. 2008 by volunteering for one of the work weeks. The work week dates and approximate construction phase are shown below. The registration cost for the week, which covers board and room at Henderson Settlement, is \$205 with \$100 due as a deposit at registration. The remainder of the registration fee will be due by March 28, 2008.

Each of the 4 work weeks can accommodate no more than 12 volunteers with the work teams filled on an individual "first come basis". Please use the "second choice" option on the registration form to facilitate filling all openings in all weeks.

1	April 20 – 26	Insulation/wall board/spackle/porch stairs
2	April 27 - May 3	Spackling/paint/complete exterior
3	May 11 – 17	Flooring/paint interior
4	June 1 - 7	Interior doors/trim/kitchen

For more info, contact
Ralph Brandon
231 McMillen Dr.
Newark, OH 43055

Phone 740-344-5581
Email rcbrandon@ee.net

Southern Ohio Emmaus Community:

Spring 2008 Walks:

Women: April 3-6 Men: April 17-20

Fall 2008 Walks:

Women: September 25-28 Men: October 2-5

Dates for 2009:

Women: May 14-17 Men: May 21-24

Women: September 10-13 Men: October 1-4

All Walks are to be held at Camp Akita, Logan, Ohio.

Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus & Chrysalis Dates

Emmaus

Women's Walk May 1-4 Men's Walk May 15-18

Chrysalis Flights

Girls June 20-22 Boys June 27-29

Gatherings are 4th Tuesday, 7 pm at Marietta Christ UMC. For more info, check out www.midohiovalleyemmaus.org

UPCOMING DATES

April 1	Hosp Training, Zanesville Faith, 7 pm
April 4-5	Basic and Advanced Lay Speaking Classes, Logan Immanuel
April 6	Hosp Training, Somerset, 4:00 pm
April 8	Hosp Training, New Hope, 7 pm
April 13	Hosp Training, Gallipolis Christ, 3 pm
May 4	Spring Conference and Pre Conference Briefing, The Plains, 3pm
May 16	Clergy Leaders with Dennis Mohler, Dist Office, 10 am
May 21	Clergy Session @ Columbus Convention Center
June 9-12	Annual Conference; Laity Session June 8, 7 pm

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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Gaylynn Smart – layleader@foothillsdistrict.org

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