

News from the Foothills

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FROM DENNIS' DESK



*****DISTRICT HAPPENINGS*****

INFO FROM BRENT

1) **SAVE THE DATE NOW TO HELP AFGHAN CHILDREN AND ENJOY A TASTY MEAL WITH FRIENDS** Attend a traditional Afghan dinner **Saturday, April 10th**, 6PM, at the First Christian Church, W. State & N. Congress in Athens. Channel your concern for young victims of war by donating to Aschiana, an Afghan organization educating impoverished street children, and Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute, building schools in rural Afghanistan.
Co-sponsored by People for Peace & Justice and the Appalachian Peace & Justice Network.
For reservations call 698-8625.

FUTURE EVENTS TO PLACE IN YOUR CALENDAR

I. Four-Part Series for Pastoral Leaders:

* April 20th, 2010- Dealing with Change (Leader- Brent Watson)

Place- Tupper's Plains St Paul UMC

Time- 7:00-8:30 p.m.

* The seminar previously scheduled on February 16th, 2010- Working with Key Leaders (Leader- Brian Law) – has been rescheduled on May 12th at the same location and time. We hope you will place it on your calendar!

Place- Rolling Plains UMC

Time- 7:00-8:30 p.m.

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT CAMP AT CAMP OTTERBEIN IN LOGAN

July 4-9th, 2010

They are looking for adult counselors. You will be required to attend an 8 hour training session and be fingerprinted prior to camp. Please contact Joy French at 1-740-452-7117 or 1-740-453-8298 or Bruce Kurtz at 1-740-754-2919. Thanks!

UM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 24, 2010- United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio Convocation and Annual Meeting

Theme- "Lewis Miller and the rise of the Sunday School Movement"

Akron First UMC, Akron, Ohio

For more information, contact Al Hall at 1-330-334-4396

HERITAGE SUNDAY

May 23, 2010- Heritage Sunday- New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations: Our Heritage- is this year's theme. Worship materials are available at www.gcah.org or by writing the General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 127, 36 Madison Ave, Madison, New Jersey, 07940

MEIGS COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITY

What if the Meigs Cooperative Parish earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? What if the Meigs Cooperative Parish earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

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And if you download the GoodSearch – [charity or school name] toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Meigs Cooperative Parish toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/mode/>

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FOOTHILLS DISTRICT LAITY CLUSTERS

You are invited to any of the following locations in order to meet with other laity that are leaders in their local church. Proverbs 27:17 reminds us, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another”, and we want to create an opportunity for the lay leadership from different congregations to sharpen each other as leaders.

We hope you will join us! We will be discussing several principles from the book, **It**, by Craig Groeschel as well as the critical nature of the relationship between the pastor and the lay leadership of a local church. We hope you will read the book before coming. We are looking forward to our time together!

All laity are invited so share this with a friend who may not have e-mail!

April 6 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.- Somerset UMC – Perry County

April 8 (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.- Crooksville First Hope UMC – Perry County

April 13 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.- Frazeyburg UMC – Muskingum County

April 18 (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m.- Coburn UMC – Muskingum County

April 25 (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m.- Belpre St Marks UMC – Washington County

April 29 (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.- Barlow UMC – Washington County

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS- APRIL 24TH IS
“CHANGE THE WORLD, AN IMPACT COMMUNITY
EVENT”**

You and your congregation can begin to plan for April 24th and join other United Methodists across the United States. You can serve an existing ministry or begin a new outreach ministry. You may serve as an individual church or join with other UM churches or create an ecumenical witness together. You might even think about a larger area, region or county.

The keys are:

- 1) Involve people outside your congregation especially those who may not be part of a faith community
- 2) Serve the people you meet with the love of Christ
- 3) Remember that the community is not just your immediate neighbors
- 4) The world around us longs to see the Body of Christ working together.

ASBURY CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
(RIO GRANDE, OHIO)

Elementary Camp #1(Upper Elementary)

June 13-18, 2010

Grades: Entering 4th - 6th

Host church: Simpson Chapel UMC

Deans: Tracey Burnette and Jean Ann Myers

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Simpson Chapel UMC

Asbury Fund

P.O. Box 155

Rio Grande, OH 45674

For more information contact:

740-441-1089 (Tracey)

fishing4bigbass@frognets.net

740-446-7372 (Jean Ann)

jnbean@attglobal.net

Junior High Camp

June 20-25, 2010

Grades: Entering 6th - 8th

Host church: Gallipolis Grace UMC

Deans: Gwen McGuire and Rev. Brent Watson

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Grace UMC

Jr. High Camp

600 2nd Ave.

Gallipolis, OH 45631

For more information contact:

740-256-1372 (Gwen)

mgmcg1@directv.net.

Cluster Camp (Multi-Age)

June 27- July 2, 2010

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

740-416-3683 (Brian)

bjdunham@verizon.net

Intro Camp

July 9-11, 2010

(WEEKEND)

Grades: Entering 2nd- 4th grade

Host church: Gallipolis Christ

Dean: Tracey Burnette

Cost: \$ 100

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Gallipolis Christ UMC

9688 SR-7 S.

Gallipolis, OH 45631

For more information contact:

740-441-1089 (Tracey)

fishing4bigbass@frognet.net

Elementary Camp #2(Lower Elementary)

July 11-16, 2010

Grades: Entering 3rd – 5th

Host church: Gallipolis Grace

Dean: Kimberly Thomas

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Grace UMC

Elementary Camp

600 2nd Ave.

Gallipolis, OH 45631

For more information contact:

740-446-4542 (Kimberly) brlyt@aol.com

2010 Summer Camp Registration

Use this form for ONE camper only. If needed make copies. Fill out and send a \$50 deposit (non-refundable) before June 1 to the address listed for the camp you plan to attend. Balance due at check-in.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____

Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Boy: _____ Girl: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Church Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Camp to Attend (Check one):

Elementary Camp # 1: *June 13-18*

Junior High Camp: *June 20-25*

Multi-Age Camp: *June 27-July 2*

Intro Camp: *July 9-11*

Elementary Camp # 2: *July 11-16*

ASBURY CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

(RIO GRANDE, OHIO)

The Junior High Camp at Camp Francis Asbury in Rio Grande is looking for some volunteer counselors, a nurse for ½ a week, a guitar player to lead singing as well as speakers who can effectively speak to relevant issues facing Junior High Youth. The camp is being held June 20-25th. You can call Brent Watson at the District office if you would like to help. Thanks!

FRIENDS OF CAMP FRANCIS ASBURY

The rededication worship service and Bar-B-Q will be held on Sunday, May 16th. This will be a great celebration, fellowship event, and we also raise some money for the camp. It would be great for the lodge to be full on that day.

The camp is in need of a 40 horsepower tractor that could pull our 5 ft. bush hog. It does not have to be new but one with live power is necessary. A good one can be found for \$2,000.00 and up. If you could donate a tractor or you would like to donate to this cause please call the District office and ask for Brent. It would be great to clean up the trails and go hiking in May.

We hope to see you all on May 16th!

JAM'S SEED PROJECT CONTINUES FOR 2010

Congregations, United Methodist Women units, Sunday school classes, youth groups and individuals from your annual conference helped Jackson Area Ministries provide vegetable seeds, tomato plants, seed potatoes and even flowers to over 3,000 families and/or individuals. Jackson Area Ministries (JAM) is a mission project of The United Methodist Church serving the Appalachian counties of Ohio. JAM Garden Project (Green Thumb Garden Project) in 2009 initiated 3,174 gardens throughout the 19 counties of southeast Ohio. Since the early 1970's Jackson Area Ministries has been assisting families and individuals improve their food supply by enabling them to "Grow" their own vegetable gardens.

Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb garden project (JAM Gardening) expresses its gratitude to all who contributed this past summer and we are beginning to plan for the 2010 growing season. If you are interested in participating this year, send your inquiry to: JAM Gardening, PO Box 603, Jackson, Ohio 45640. Phone: 1-888-237-3141 or e-mail at: jamjar@midohio.twcbc.com. A brochure, complete report, bulletin inserts, and other information is available from our office.

Thank you for all the years of supporting us.

GOOD WORKS, INC.

in Athens, Ohio offers a summer

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

... coming along side our friends struggling with rural poverty.

Not sure what you are doing this summer?

Why not consider a short-term internship serving widows, at-risk children

and homeless people in a rural community?

THE COMMUNITY OF GOOD WORKS has been providing internship experiences for 16 years. This

summer, we will hire 6 interns who will live in Christian Community and...

* Oversee the relational discipleship of the visiting teens and adults who are participating in a week-long

Work Retreat during our Summer Service Program. You will serve and serve with hundreds of youth

and adults who will visit Good Works this summer from all over Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New York

and Illinois.

* Provide leadership for our every day Summer Kids Discovery Club.

* Assist with the daily Summer Lunch/Community meal provided to children and adults in the Athens area.

* Provide leadership for our visiting short-term mission teams in hands-on projects that serve people at their homes in rural Appalachian, Ohio who are elderly and/or who have disabilities.

* Provide leadership for a teen agricultural summer internship program. Be involved in establishing gardens at the homes of widows and citizens with disabilities.

* Discover and participate in a different model of ministry with the rural homeless through our rural homeless shelter – The Timothy House.

* Work along side our friends struggling with poverty as they participate in service and earn “points” to obtain cars, appliances and food through our Transformation Station.

* Participate in FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE, our weekly community meal followed by health education, Kids Club, live music and poetry readings.

* Experience leadership development as you interact with staff on the issues of discipleship, ministry, community, poverty and service in weekly discussions.

The Summer Service internship begins on June 13th and ends on August 14th. Applicants must be at least 20 years old or completed one year of college. Good Works provides housing and most of your food and pays \$1,500.00. Interns can also raise additional funds. The deadline for applications and references is March 31th, 2010. Visit our web page and read through the INTERNSHIP section for more information. Request an application through e-mail at goodworks@good-works.net. Interviews are conducted on site in April.

OTHER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Good Works also offers a year-long residential internship with stipend (called Appalachian Immersion) for people 18 years or older. Interns live together in Christian Community and are immersed into the different outreach projects of Good Works. Good Works also offers a one-week internship, called Week of Service (especially for summers), for anyone 16 years or older. Visit our web page and click on INTERNSHIPS for more information. (www.good-works.net)

Good Works, Inc.

740.594.3336 // 740.594.3339

Celebrating our 30th year

*****OTHER HAPPENINGS*****

CHANGE THE WORLD, APRIL 24-25, 2010

Will you join in a worldwide prayer on April 18 and/or 25?



Visit www.rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld, and find new resources for April 24-25 – Change the World weekend. One of the most important is a prayer resource developed by General Board of Discipleship Worship Resources team. Included are an opening prayer, a litany and a prayer of sending forth. **Plan to use at least one of these on the weekend of April 18 or during Change the World weekend.**

Lectionary-based sermon starters, worship graphics and bulletin covers are also available [online](#).

April 24-25 is an opportunity for United Methodists the world over to prove with their lives what they believe in their hearts – that, by following Christ, the world can truly be transformed. Through the outbound ministries our congregations already offer, we can extend both a hand of help and a hand of hospitality to bring new people into service and a faith community.

If you have not already listed your project for April 24-25, please do so now at www.rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld. Let others see your church on the map!

Add your event to Google Earth!

Support Imagine No Malaria when you shop Cokesbury. 5% of all product sales through Cokesbury from April 7-10 (up to \$50,000) will be donated to Imagine No Malaria. Churches that have registered for Change the World receive a **30% off coupon** from Cokesbury for all Change the World products.

Build community locally. Fight malaria globally. Change the World. A Rethink Church Event.

HECK LECTURE EVENTS AT UNITED ON APRIL 13-14

“Jesus Outside the Bible” is the theme of United Theological Seminary’s 2010 Heck Lectures and features **Dr. Craig Evans**, Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Acadia Divinity College of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. The lectures will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. For a complete schedule, please visit www.united.edu. The seminary is located at 4501 Denlinger Rd., Dayton, OH.

The cost for the lectures is \$50, \$35 for United alumni/ae, and free to students (bring student ID) and to those who bring a prospective student. Registration for the lectures is requested and is required for the Wednesday lunch (\$8 at the door). Please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=0865e5> to register or call JoAnn Wagner at 937-529-2208 or jwagner@united.edu. Continuing Education credits are available for this event.

On **April 13**, the Pohly Center for Supervision and Leadership Formation at United will be celebrating its 30th anniversary with a reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the seminary on April 13, 2010. All friends of the Pohly Center and those attending the seminary’s Alumni/ae Banquet, also on April 13 at 6 p.m.) are invited to attend. For more information contact Marilyn Evans at mevans@united.edu.

DR. OTIS MOSS TO SPEAK AT UNITED’S VISION TO VICTORY

Dr. Otis Moss Jr., of Cleveland, OH, will be this year's featured speaker at **Vision to Victory** on Wednesday, April 21, at the 11:15 a.m. chapel service at United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Rd., Dayton, OH. Dr. Moss, theologian, pastor, and civic leader, is one of America's most influential religious leaders and is a highly sought-after public speaker. He served on Dr. Martin Luther King's staff, and presently serves on President Barack Obama's 25-member White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Vision to Victory is a celebration of the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., observed by United around the time of Dr. King's martyrdom. For more information, please visit United’s website at www.united.edu.

JoAnn Wagner

Director of Communications and Interim Director of Alumni/ae Relations

United Theological Seminary

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

“Building Leadership, Fostering Faith”

Wednesday, April 28th, 2010

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location- Ohio Northern University (525 S. Main St, Ada, Ohio, 45810)

Speaker-Dr. Katherine Turpin

Two tracks for: 1) Youth leading Youth Ministries and 2) Adult Youth Workers leading Youth Ministries

Registration- www.onu.edu/ylysymposium

Cost: Adults- \$15 , Youth- \$5 (Cost includes lunch)

Questions- contact Jill Moore at jmoore@wocumc.org or 1-800-437-0028

UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

UMVIM-NCJ NEWS UPDATES

John Elmore, one of UMVIM coordinators called about the situation in Chile this past week. There will be an UMCOR assessment team on the ground next Tues. After that assessment, John will be sending us a priority list for the Methodist Church of Chile. He says that there are lots of projects and they just need to figure out how to start the process. Teams will be needed, just not yet (sound familiar?) It was good to talk to him and hear that the Chilean people are moving forward with deconstruction/reconstruction...

Have you registered for the Rx Consultation, May 7-9, 2010, Walnut Hills UMC, Urbandale, IA? The [packet of information](#) and [how to register](#) are accessible on the web. Or [write](#) for the packet. Early Bird registration deadline is April 19.

A special session is planned for Parish Nurses to meet with Patricia Magyar, GBGM.

Entitled **'Parish / Faith Community Nursing as a World Mission'** this 2 hour session will center on Parish nurses as part of community outreach health ministry that provides advocacy, preventative education, and health promotion in the United States and around the world. This presentation will provide the basic history as well as current developments in parish nursing, educational requirements and opportunities, steps to develop a health ministry team, and how to get started serving those in your congregation, community, country, and worldwide. Participants do not have to be nurses to attend! Clergy, and others interested in health ministry are encouraged to work closely with nurses to provide this much needed ministry.

Rev. Gesner Paul, President of the Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti will be one of the guests. He will be available all day Friday May 7 during a preconference session on Haiti. The Friday evening Plenary speaker is the **Rev. Karen Nichols Dungan**, Iowa Conference Assistant to the Bishop for Connectional Ministries. Other guests include **Dr. Roger Boe**, UMVIM medical team specialist, **Robert Rabb**, coordinator for UMVIM teams into Colombia, **Patricia Magyar**, Exec. Sec. for UMCOR-Health who will hold a special two hour workshop for Parish Nurses, **Deaconness Joanne Reich**, GBGM Child Protection and Community Assistance Officer talking about Safe Sanctuaries and **Nancy Eubanks**, Individual Volunteer consultant for GBGM.

The overall theme is Community Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC) - How you can take some teaching tools and techniques with you into your medical mission field and leave them for the empowerment of the local leaders. Workshops and talks on topics for UMVIM teams include incorporating spiritual formation into team dynamics, learning about diseases of poverty, ideas for CBPHC, packing tips, medical professionals as Individual Volunteers, how solar ovens work as self-help tools, medical teams gear up to serve in Colombia, Nigeria, Haiti and elsewhere, Safe Sanctuary concerns and many other opportunities to learn and share your work in mission!

Two New Early Response Team Trainings

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS - April 24, 2010: Early Response Team Training.

8:30am to 4:00pm. Training will be at Champaign First UMC, 210 W Church St., Champaign, IL. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch, training manual, badge, and t-shirt. Registration deadline is noon on Friday, April 9, 2010. Pastor Sharon and Ron Monroe, authorized UMCOR trainers say, "Even if you do not wish to be a member of a traveling team, the training will prepare you for responding in your own community in the early days after a disaster. We need to be proactive, preparing ourselves for a disaster. We hope many clergy and laity will take advantage of this training." For Registration form and answers to questions please call 217-489-3741 or email Sharon.

MICHIGAN Area Festival of Opportunities - April 10, 2010: 2 separate classes on **UMVIM Team Leadership & Early Response Team Training**. Brighton, MI. Contact: [John Walls](mailto:John.Walls), Detroit Conf. UMVIM Coordinator, 734-282-5930.

Check the entire UMVIM- NCJ training list for Disaster Response, UMVIM leadership, Individual Vols, etc [online](#).

More opportunities to Serve

OPERATION CLASSROOM : SIERRA LEONE, July 15 to August 3 to Mokanji Agricultural and Vocational School. Project: Painting and renovation. [Kay Hess](#), team leader.

OPERATION CLASSROOM : LIBERIA, September 7 to 27 to W.P.L. Brumskine UM School. Project renovation, fence repair and library set up. [Kay Zeigler](#) and Bob Evans team leaders.

SPRING greetings from the **Director of Recovery, Iowa Conference**. As the warm weather comes, so do the volunteers! Over the next six months we will have hundreds of volunteers. We are no longer taking teams for June and July, but have a need for August-October. Call 1-877-393-1607 to get signed up. Come and see the awesome progress we've made in Cedar Rapids. Contact: [Becky Wood](#) / Director of Recovery - Storms 2008. Cell: (515) 238-5346.

WISCONSIN: "[The Christian Disciple Farm](#)", A low cost (\$96), week long (**Aug 8-14, 2010**), summer VBS & day camp for special needs children and their families. Volunteers participate in activities like canoeing, swimming, and hiking in the late afternoon after the work day has ended. Located in Southern Wisconsin, halfway between Milwaukee and Madison. [Ken/Sue Rheingans](#), W1008 Froelich Rd., Sullivan, WI 53178. Cell:414-807-3193, YA, J, S, A, RV. +200. (**updated 3/25/10**)

WISCONSIN: "[Northwoods Missions](#)", a low cost (\$96), week long (**June 20-26, 2010**) mission project located about 60 miles north east of Minneapolis, MN in northern Wisconsin. Primarily construction work helping various local charities and organizations. Volunteers participate in activities like canoeing, swimming, and hiking in the late afternoon after the work day has ended. [Ken Rheingans](#), W1008 Froelich Rd., Sullivan, WI 53178, Cell:414-807-3193, YA, J, S, A, RV. +50. (**2010-0325-NCJ; new 3/25/10**)

UMVIM's Serve in Russia!

EAST OHIO: "To Russia With Love" - November 1-15, 2010. Team will visit and reside in the Renewal orphanage in Dmitrov, Russia, home to 120 physically handicapped children, ages five to twenty. Team members will interact with children, take them on excursions, provide clothing, gifts & supplies, & buy needed items for the children and orphanage once there. Three days of sightseeing in Moscow at end of the trip. For more information contact team leader [Rev. Kathryn Adams](#).

EAST OHIO: "To Russia With Love" - May, 2011 (exact dates have not yet been set). Team will visit and reside in an orphanage in St. Petersburg, Russia. Team members will interact with children, take them on excursions, provide clothing, gifts & supplies & buy needed items for the children and orphanage once there. Team members will be involved in a work project at the orphanage. Trip includes some sightseeing in St. Petersburg during the two-week visit. For more information contact team leader [Rev. Kathryn Adams](#).

EAST OHIO: Adult Trip June 25 - July 9, 2010 to Oboyan Regional orphanage, Oboyan / United Methodist Church Camp, Veronezh. **Youth Trip - July 8-22, 2010** to New Village Orphanage. Contact: [Harry Askin](#), 440-835-0867.

WEST OHIO: July 29 thru August 9, 2010 to Samara UM Church and Orphanage #1. The United Methodist Volunteer in Mission team shares time, talent, and money in mission with Methodists in the Volga District of Russia. Volunteers pay for travel and material expenses and raise support from local church and other groups. By working side by side with partners in Russia we answer Jesus' call to make disciples and Wesley's vision of the world as our parish. Need: Passion to serve; Faith to share; Willingness and flexibility to help in a variety of ways; Ability to ask church and others for support; No specialized education or building skills required. Cost:\$2,795 per person. Contact: [Carol Harper](#) , 937-392-9255, PO Box 222, Ripley, OH 45167.

For information on UMVIM teams /project sites, write [Lorna Jost](#)

UMVIM-NCJ Coordinator
928 4th St. #4
Brookings, SD 57006
605-692-3390

[website: <umvimncj.org>](http://umvimncj.org)

Access former emails : [ARCHIVED EMAILS](#)

DISASTER EARLY RELIEF TEAM TRAINING

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 15th, 2010 at Maumee United Methodist Church

405 Sackett St. Maumee Ohio 43537

Early response teams assist survivors of natural disasters to return to safe, sanitary and functional homes. Come join us in learning to practice what Jesus preached. Roger Thatcher and Jim Rodgers will be giving the UMCOR certified course to all who wish to attend. Certificate of completion and I.D. badges will be issued. This I.D. badge will be required to participate in disaster early relief ministry. If you are interested in attending this class, please send registration form with check to Julie Bassett at the West Ohio Conference.

All participants must provide a copy of the state fingerprint background check to the conference office prior to issuance of ID badges.

Name: _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : ____ Zip : _____

Email : _____

Course registration—\$25.00

Registration can be made online at www.westohioumc.org

Follow the “Events Registration” button or by mail at the address below

Make checks payable to :

West Ohio Conference - United Methodist Church (ERT in memo line)

West Ohio Conference UMC, 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085-3585

Attn: Julie Bassett

1-800-437-0028

Class starts at 9:00 am. Class limited to first 35 students! Coffee and donuts available starting at 8:30 a.m.

BARGAIN CRUISE IN 2011

David & Bonita Maze have just returned from a Caribbean Cruise with Educational Opportunities and have information about special pricing for the 3rd Annual Celebration Cruise NEXT January. With Guest Speaker Bishop William Willimon on board for four hours of worship and inspiration the Carnival cruise ship will travel to Grand Cayman, Isla Roatan (Honduras), Belize, and Cozumel (Mexico). This seven day adventure and fellowship has cabin rates as low as \$270/person (plus a \$50 discount for registrations by January 31). The dates are January 9-16, 2011. Call the Mazes for more information at 797-2440 – these lower priced accommodations will not last long.

2010 CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

One of the duties of the Conference Commission on Archives and History is to assist local churches in preserving their records, compiling their history and celebrating their heritage. We do this in partnership with the United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio (UMHSO). Annually, the UMHSO recognizes the Local Church Historian of the Year and churches celebrating significant anniversaries in both the East and West Ohio Conferences. Each conference commission is responsible for gathering nominations for the historian of the year award and the church anniversaries.

The Historian of the Year and the church anniversaries will be recognized at the next annual meeting of the UMHSO on April 24, 2010 at First UMC in Akron Ohio. At that time, the UMHSO will recognize as Historian of the Year for the West Ohio Conference, the person selected and recommended by Commission on Archives and History, and also recognize churches of the conference which are celebrating significant anniversaries – 100, 125, 150, 175, or 200 years.

Please submit nominations for the 2010 West Ohio Historian of the Year and also to notify us if their church is celebrating a significant anniversary?

Nominations for historian, with rationale and supporting material, can be forwarded to me at the address listed below. The names of churches celebrating anniversaries can be sent to the same address or via e-mail (jbarbee001@insight.rr.com).

Thank you for your assistance in the recognition of those who are preserving the history and heritage of their churches.

Each year the United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio (UMHSO) recognizes local churches in the West Ohio Conference which are celebrating significant anniversaries of their founding. The recognition is for churches that are 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 years old. Those churches celebrating anniversaries will be recognized with a certificate at the UHMSO annual meeting on April 24, 2010 at First UMC in Akron Ohio.

If your church is celebrating one of those anniversaries, please send the information to:

James R. Barbee, Chairman
Commission on Archives and History
2241-C Wesley Way
Reynoldsburg OH 43068

The submission deadline is April 1, 2010. If you need further information, please contact me at 614-322-1010 or jbarbee001@insight.rr.com.

Jim Barbee

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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Brent Watson, Asst. D.S. - watson@foothillsdistrict.org

Sherri Rogers, Office Admin. - office@foothillsdistrict.org

Merv Davis, Treasurer/Bookkeeper – treasurer@foothillsdistrict.org

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