

News from the Foothills

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

INFO FROM BRENT

1) Children's Ministry Forum

February 23-25, 2010

Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact information to register: www.gbod.org/ministries/children/forum09 or 1-877-899-2780 (ext 7143)

UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

February 26 and 27, 2010

Dr. Robert Mulholland of Asbury Seminary

(Hosted by Grace United Methodist Church)

Seminar Description:

Our study will seek to understand John's vision by unpacking the meaning of his imagery for readers in the 1st century. This will put us in position to understand what John's vision says to us today. We will discover that John's vision is a call to radical discipleship, by living as faithful citizens of God's New Jerusalem in the midst of a Fallen Babylon world.

Our time together will:

- Help you read the Bible with new interest and confidence.
- Push you beyond current headlines as you interpret the Bible.
- Assist you in coming to grips with the *larger* story of the Bible.
- Give you guidance through the maze of opinions about the end.
- Challenge you to live the Christian life deeply and fully.

The Seminar Schedule and Costs:

Friday evening – 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday – 8:30-3:30

*A detailed schedule will be available on our website and at the event.

Cost of seminar – \$20, includes: lunch, snacks, a copy of PP notes.

Early registration - \$15, by Wednesday, February 24

Contact Us:

Grace UMC is at 516 Shinnick Street in Zanesville, OH.

We are across the street from the Muskingum County Library.

740-452-9317; www.gracez.org; graceumc516@sbcglobal.net

Our guests are Bob and Lynn Mulholland:

Dr. Robert Mulholland has been professor of New Testament Interpretation at Asbury Theological Seminary for the past 31 years. His published works include: *Revelation: Holy Living in an Unholy World*, 1990 by Francis Asbury Press; *Invitation to a Journey*, 1993 by InterVarsity Press; *The Deeper Journey*, 2006 by InterVarsity Press. Dr Mulholland is also part of the Bible translation team for the *New Living Translation*, 1996 by Tyndale House Publishers.

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!

INFO FROM BRENT

1) The Belpre Area Ministries is looking for a newer computer for their ministry in the Belpre area. If you have one to give them or know how they might purchase a gently used computer please contact Ray Wiblin (Treasurer) at 1-740-423-8714 or any United Methodist Pastor in the Belpre area. Thanks!

2) Attention Youth Pastors/Directors: The Foothills/Shawnee Valley Districts want to make you aware of a possible retreat setting you might utilize for your youth retreats. Asbury Camp and Retreat Center is located in Rio Grande, Ohio and would make a great location for your next youth overnight. Please contact Perry Prosch at 1-740-574-2900 for details. Thanks!

FUTURE EVENTS TO PLACE IN YOUR CALENDAR

I. Four-Part Series for Pastoral Leaders:

2) February 16th, 2010- Working with Key Leaders (Leader- Brian Law)

Place- Rolling Plains UMC

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

3) March 16th, 2010- Creating an Atmosphere of Discipleship (Leader- Clark Hess Jr.)

Place- Richland UMC

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

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

Place- Tappers Plains St Paul UMC

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

II. Morning Retreat Time for Supply and Part-time Local Pastors

February 6th, 2010 (Saturday) at the Nelsonville UMC from 9:00 a.m.-noon

We will be discussing three topics:

1) Clarifying our Call- Finding Our Confidence in Christ

2) The Tyranny of the Urgent-How to grow closer to Christ as we manage our time and focus on our priorities

3) Giftedness and Ministry- How can we lead and engage others in ministry.

We will worship, pray and share together in order to encourage one another in ministry.

In case of snow, we will have a make-up date of Feb 13th at the same time and place

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!

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

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.

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.

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

MISSION AND EVANGELISM INSTITUTE

Mission and Evangelism Institute at MTSO, March 15–16: "Small Yet Significant: Missional Renewal of the Small Membership Church"

Small-membership and rural congregations are facing unique challenges due to population shifts and economic changes. As many of them and their clergy often feel ignored and neglected, there is an urgent need for transformative leadership, as well as creative and integral approaches to mission and evangelism. Dr. Anthony Pappas (author of *Entering the World of the Small Church*) and Dr. Robin Knowles Wallace (MTSO faculty and author of *Worshipping in the Small Membership Church*) will offer seminars around the theme of "Missional Renewal of the Small-Membership Church." For more information, please visit <http://www.mtso.edu/Events/MEI.htm> or contact Dr. Joon-Sik Park at jpark@mtso.edu or 740-362-3367.

SUMMIT STATION UMC PRESENTS...

Worship Seminars with... Michael Gungor

Come experience a night of worship and training from worship leader Michael Gungor. Michael Gungor is known for writing several worship songs used in churches around the world, such as Dove Award nominated song "Say So", "Friend of God", and "Ancient Skies".

Thursday February, 11th 2010 at 6:00PM

Seminars on "Worship and Creativity", "Song writing for the Church" and "Arranging the Band"

Location: 6626 Summit Rd. Summit Station, Ohio (Summit Station UMC)

Cost: \$20 per person

Pre-register contact: D.J. Barber – 740-221-1641 djbarber@gmail.com

Limited to 100 people

DISASTER EARLY RELIEF TEAM TRAINING

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Hope United Methodist Church

5980 Wilmington Pike, Dayton OH 45459

(Exit 7 off I-675 turn toward Bellbrook, church on immediate left before coming to Sugarcreek Plaza.)

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

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.

Q3 - "CELEBRATING THE WONDERS OF GOD'S WORLD"

March 9-11, 2010

Asbury Seminary Kentucky campus

This event is open to the public.

Early-bird registration begins here October 1, 2009

- Early-bird price: \$49 per person
- Regular individual price: \$99
- Regular group price: \$49 per person (groups of 5 or more)
- CEU credits available. For information, contact Ginny Proctor at 859.858.2301.

Current Asbury Seminary students receive the early-bird rate.

Funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation's Science for Ministry Initiative

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

Keys to Leading in Our Shifting Culture

February 9-11, 2010

Sun City, AZ

Do you ever feel like you might be getting lost in the storm of changes swirling around you these days? Many clergy and other church leaders feel the same way and they want to come out of it heading in the right direction, and successfully lead their churches to their destination in the kingdom of God.

At Willowbrook UMC in this suburb of Phoenix, we will have three outstanding speakers

who are forging powerful understandings of our culture today and how to lead our faith communities in these changing times.

George Barna, Phyllis Tickle and Walt Kallestad, along with a host of other supportive speakers, will bring us information and insights we desperately need to make sense of our roles as leaders of the faith today. This is a powerful three-day conference that can be life changing. Though it was created for church leaders, it will be helpful to anyone who wants to better understand the changing times we are living in.

Visit our website for [details](#) and [registration](#)

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lunch: 12 - 1 p.m.

*Every Church a Mission Station * Every Community a Mission Field*