



# News from the Foothills

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## **FROM DENNIS' DESK**



*Dennis is taking a snow day this newsletter.  
Tune in next month for more words of wisdom from our DS.*

## **\*\*\*\*\*DISTRICT HAPPENINGS\*\*\*\*\***

### **YEAR END REPORTS**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE IS FAST  
APPROACHING!**



**ALL (3) THREE REPORTS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED!!!**  
Regardless of instructions, **please send a copy of all 3 forms to me at the District Office.**

Online entry will be available again this year, but will not be allowed until January 2, 2009.  
The deadline for reports to be mailed is February 6. If you are doing the online version the

deadline is February 9. Plan ahead so that no one misses these deadlines



## ***TRAINING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS***

The Foothills District will be offering a number of training events and workshops this Fall and Winter. Two dates and locations for each of these events have been arranged so that every church and interested person may participate. The first in the series of events will be:

In February there will be two “**Enhancing Your Ministry**” Seminars. There will be a number of topics to choose from including:

Innovative Children’s Ministry

Life Changing Youth Ministry

Contemporary Worship

Developing the Leaders Around You

How to Share your Faith in a Non-threatening Way

Bridging the Gap Between Us and Them (Being an Externally Focused Church)

Finances and Ministry

Clergy Tax Questions

You may choose 2 topics as these will be offered back to back; the first session from 2:00-3:30 p.m. and the second from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided in between sessions. Dates and locations for “Enhancing Your Ministry” are **February 8** at Coburn UMC in Zanesville from 2:00-4:30 p.m. and **February 22** at Belpre Rockland UMC from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

There will be “**Key Leadership Training**” in March for the following groups:

Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committees

Administrative Board/Council Chairs

Finance Chairs, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers

Laity who wish to explore their call to Ministry

These dates will be **March 8** at Somerset UMC from 2:00-3:30 p.m. and **March 22** at

Athens Richland UMC from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Please take note of these important dates, publicize them in your church bulletin and get as many people as you can from your church to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities!



## ***WEB EMPOWERED CHURCH WORKSHOP***

FYI – we’ve scheduled a Web Empowered Church workshop in your district:

Saturday, March 14, 2009, Coburn UMC, Zanesville

John Bogard, Webmaster at Coburn is working with me on arrangements.

Will send you more details when we have them.

## ***A DAY AWAY IN LENT***



Even in the midst of ice and snow, we know spring and the Lenten season are coming. The West Ohio Conference, UMC, Spiritual Formation Area invites you to the first of a series of “Taste and See” events designed to give participants special ways of becoming more closely formed to the character of Christ. The focus of the content is *Streams of Living Water* by Richard Foster. The style of the day, after an overview lecture, will be experiential. On March 14 at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, three facilitators will lead us through experiences of the contemplative stream, the social justice stream and the sacramental stream. We invite individuals, small groups, and ministry teams to come and live into new experiences of spiritual formation. We will return to life and ministry refreshed and renewed by a day away for learning, sharing, and reflecting.

For a flyer on the March 14 event, “Taste and See: A Day Away in Lent,” contact your district office.

## ***SCHEDULE A CAMP SPEAKER***



Want the kids and youth in your church to experience the benefits of UM Christian CAMPING?

**Schedule a Camp Speaker** to come help you ignite your church about the amazing opportunities your West Ohio Camps have to offer.

**Contact the Conference Camp Administrator/Registrar, Amy Matzenbach, at**

614.781.2630 or 800.437.0028, x 204.

Speakers are trained to present a quick and engaging overview of your West Ohio Camps programs, including scholarship opportunities! They will also come ready to answer any questions before and after the service (displays are available to set up in a highly trafficked area)! We can tailor our presentation to meet your needs of time and space. Available dates are Sundays from January 25-May 31 with the exceptions of April 12 and May 10.

Take advantage of this opportunity! Your Conference Camping Professionals want to partner with you in raising up our Next Generations leaders for Jesus Christ.

Don't miss out! Dates will fill up...**reserve your CAMP SPEAKER today!!!**

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## **COME ENJOY A CONCERT**

Kevin Spencer and Friends will be in concert at the Shade UMC Church on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Shade UMC is located in Shade Ohio on Old Route 33 between Athens and Pomeroy.

From Athens take Rt 33 to the Richaland Ave. Exit and turn right on Pomeroy Rd. (Old 33). Shade is about 6 miles. The church is on the left.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VIM TEAM**

Volunteers are needed to form a mission team to work in Managua Nicaragua June 21-29, 2009. The team will work on a variety of projects that could include Bible Schools with school children; hospital visitation in maternity, pediatric and oncology areas; and maybe construction at a Christian school site. There will be time for worship, sightseeing and shopping in addition to work project time. We will also spend some time learning about the Methodist Evangelical Church of Nicaragua.

The team will leave from Columbus OH. Cost will be \$1200 per person which includes all team related expenses. The veteran team leader is Jack Reif who has been leading and participating on teams in Nicaragua since 1992.

For detailed information and an application form, please contact Jack Reif at [jack.reif@zoomtown.com](mailto:jack.reif@zoomtown.com) or by phone at 513-831-5550





## ***CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE INVITED***

Confirmation classes are invited to participate in a tour of both the Conference Center and Children's Home on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. We will all be gathering in the front meeting rooms of the conference center at 9:30 with the tour from 10 – noon. We want to have enough donuts for you so please send Peggy the name of the church plus the number of youth and adults that will be attending. [psmith@wocumc.org](mailto:psmith@wocumc.org) or [1-614-844-6200](tel:1-614-844-6200).



## ***\*\*\*\*\*OTHER HAPPENINGS\*\*\*\*\****

### ***BISHOP OUGH'S PASSION PLAY PILGRIMAGE***

An exciting opportunity awaits West Ohio Conference United Methodists July 20, 2010 when Bishop & Mrs. Bruce Ough lead an Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage.

You and your people will want to be a part of this historic pilgrimage. Many of your people know the powerful, moving story of this Passion Play and have hoped to have the opportunity to witness this magnificent presentation. They now not only have this cherished opportunity but will be privileged to share this experience with our Bishop and fellow West Ohio Conference United Methodists.

So now is the time for you to be a part of this historic pilgrimage. Host pastors may secure brochures and the Passion Play DVD from Educational Opportunities - set a date to view the DVD and share Passion Play information. Be sure to personally invite people you believe have a high interest in this pilgrimage.

BASIC INFORMATION

Date: July 20, 2010

Event: A nine day pilgrimage in the heart of Europe centering on the Oberammergau Passion Play but including visits to Innsbruck, Salsburg and magnificent, historic castles and cathedrals. You will stay in a picturesque village in the Wipptal region of Austria in a chalet type family hotel.

Cost: \$2998 plus \$298/348 round trip airfare from an Ohio city to our international departure city plus \$298 for the Passion Play ticket. Regular fees are in addition. Your basic cost includes Round Trip International Airfare, Deluxe Motorcoaches, First Class Hotels, Guided Sightseeing, Entrance Fees, Breakfast & Dinner daily.

Extensions: Four 7 day extensions are available: Italian Pre-Tour including Rome, Florence, Assisi, Siens, Pisa and Venice) \$1898

Switzerland including Bern, Geneva, Gruyere, Lausanne, Matterhorn and Lucerne) \$1698; Vienna-Prague including Vienna, Vienna Woods, Prague, Heidelberg and Worms) \$1798 or Village Stay Extension - Stay on in your village and explore the surrounding region \$898.

Earned Trips: 7 full-paying passengers earns a trip 15 full paying Passion Play ticket purchases earns a ticket.

Brochures & DVD: Call EO 1-800-247-0017 to secure brochures - Alpine Wonders and Oberammergau Passion Play (PP10 -072010W) and a magnificent DVD.

Conference Coordinators: Will & Emily Gould. Call them at 614 336-4127 or email them -ejgould or [wgould@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wgould@columbus.rr.com)

Food For Thought: The price of this pilgrimage may be higher than we would wish but this opportunity only happens every 10 years and it will undoubtedly never be more reasonable than it is now. You and your people may well be more able to enjoy the pilgrimage now - and you'll be with our Bishop and fellow United Methodist Christians.

Let us know what we may do to assist you. Call us at 937 433-4190 (386 441-1514 February & March)> Email us at [pegnpaul@woh.rr.com](mailto:pegnpaul@woh.rr.com).

Peg & Paul Stuckey

EO Directors of Travel Ministry

## ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

There is still plenty of time for clergy and laity to register for the 2009 Russia Initiative consultation, scheduled for early March in San Diego.

Ministry with students and other young people will be highlighted at this important mission event.



Details on the program, registration, accommodations, and other relevant information are contained in the attached release, which can also be found online at [http://gbgm-umc.org/global\\_news/pr.cfm?articleid=5276](http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/pr.cfm?articleid=5276).

The consultation web site is  
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/work/initiatives/russia/consultation>.

Thank you for helping to disseminate information on the Russia Initiative Consultation.



## ***ARTIST TO SPEAK***

I am Chuck Rudisill, a professional artist living in the Pittsburgh, PA area. I have been painting professionally for over 18 years, and have sold and given away over 150 original oil paintings. I have painted many churches through out the United States.

I am trying to market my God given talents to area churches throughout the country. I feel that i have been given this artistic talent to paint, and therefore must do something about it along this journey of life, of being blessed. It is a great joy to see parishners of the church once they see the painting, it is very uplifting and extremely touching.

I would like to speak to anyone who would have interest in me doing an original oil painting of your church(s). My prices are very reasonable, and also willing to donate a painting along the way, should the volume be of decent size.

You can view my paintings at this link (<http://www.hellopittsburgh.com/art/Chuck%20Rudisill.Cfm>). As you can see in most of my paintings, i try to show the grace of God in each painting with moods and lighting.

I would very much like to hear from you.

Warm regards,  
Chuck Rudisill



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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***

