

News from the Foothills

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FROM DENNIS' DESK

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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



WE'RE ADDING SOMETHING NEW!

If you own a computer and have ever used one of the older versions of Microsoft Office, you will be familiar with the little animated paper clip guy known fondly as

“The Office Assistant”. When you open your program, he pops up on your screen and with a bounce and a smile and is ready to answer any question you can think of that pertains to the “how-to’s” of the program you are working in.

Well, that just about sums up my job at the Foothills District Office. When you call your district office, more often than not, I am the “first responder” to all of those wonderful questions you have - and believe me, I get a lot of questions!

So it has been suggested that I do a column in the district newsletter to handle some of those FAQ’s. Those of you who know “Dear Abby” will relate, but instead of solving all the problems with your in-laws or other issues of a personal nature, I will deal with the

questions you have about church organization/structure, administration, completing charge conference or year-end forms, and anything else you can throw at me. Come on – try me – it will be fun and informative! I love a challenge and I like to dig deep, so if you have a question for me you can e-mail me at office@foothillsdistrict.org or you may also send questions by mail to PO Box 67, The Plains, OH 45780. Just let me know it's for the newsletter and I will respond as space and time permit.

Sherri L. Rogers, Office Administrator - Foothills District UMC

JOINT MINISTRIES

We have heard from several lay leaders about the need for contact information regarding churches in adjoining districts (both in East Ohio and West Ohio). If you are wanting to explore relationships and joint ministries with neighboring churches but don't know what churches/pastors are close by or how to get in touch with them then please call or email the District office. We will be glad to get that information for you! Thanks!

INFO FROM BRENT

1)Formational Prayer Seminar- January 13-16, 2009

The Sandberg Leadership Center at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio

Cost- \$475, Instructors- Terry Wardle, Lee Wetherbee, Jerrolyn Johnson

Formational Prayer (formerly known as inner healing prayer) is a ministry of the Holy Spirit, moving through a Christian caregiver, bringing the Healing Presence of Jesus Christ into the place of pain and brokenness within a wounded person.

2) West Ohio Medical Mission Team

January 14-17, 2010- Nuevo Progreso, Mexico (Cost-\$630)

For more information contact Joanne Powers jspowers@gte.net / 1-419-376-6017 or Margie Vogt mvogt@otterbein.edu /1-740-363-5223

3) Morgan County United Ministries in conjunction with World Vision (Appalachia) has a Warehouse Club where homeowners and non-profits can purchase home improvement and repair products at greatly reduced prices. The Warehouse Club makes home repairs possible without damaging your budget. There are no income restrictions for membership . A \$10

membership fee is charged for unlimited buying privileges for individual homeowners. 99% of the items are new and 1% are gently used materials. Your first visit is free! The Warehouse is located at 514 Main St, Malta, Ohio and the hours are Monday thru Saturday from 8:30-5:30 p.m.. For more information call 740-962-3400

4) The Small Membership Church: Keys to Effective Ministry (A vital workshop for pastors and laity)

Leaders- Ron & Bonnie Crandall as well as the Executive Secretary of the Rural/Urban Networks

February 22-24, 2010

Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, North Carolina, 1-828-389-8336

www.hintoncenter.org

Cost- \$125 (registration), \$135 (Shared room and meals)

5) Congress on Evangelism

January 5-8, 2010

New Orleans

Contact information to register: www.congressonevangelism.org or 1-828-454-6814

6) 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)

MT PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVENTORY

The District office is offering the following items to any church or ministry within our region. They are made available through the generosity of those who served in the Mt. Pleasant UMC which has closed. Please call the District office if interested in obtaining any of these items.

18 Long padded (seat only) pews

2 Long pews

4 Short padded (seat only) pews

4 short pews

2 Propane furnaces

2 Clocks

3 Pictures of Jesus

2 Pianos/Benches

Altar Table

3 Crosses

2 Candlesticks

Pulpit

2 Little wooden table

PA system and speakers

2 Bookcases

2 Pulpit Chairs

2 Small Organs

5 Wooden Chair

Pew Bibles

Wooden Attendance Board

Table Pulpit

2 Small table

8' folding table

25 metal folding chairs

Desk and folding chair

Communion ware

4 Bulletin Boards

2 small children's tables

12 children's folding chairs

Sweeper

Fan

3 Flower vases

2 Coat racks

Chalkboard

Piano

Cooking stove

Dehumidifier

Plant stand

6' wooden table

Yard Sale items- clothes, dishes

Hymnals

MISSION TRIPS/WORKCAMP-2010

We know that many of our district's local churches take mission trips/workcamp trips to various locations within and beyond this region. We are also aware of smaller churches or smaller youth groups who would love to have that opportunity but are in need of another church or youth group to go with. Please let us know of your 2010 plans and if you would mind us advertising your trip so that others might join you. Thanks for your willingness to serve others!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY GRANTS:

1) Intergenerational Ministry with Older Adults

Applications are available both in print form and on the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries' website- www.aging-umc.org

Submission deadline- January 15, 2010

Grant Funds are awarded in the Fall of 2010

Other contact information to receive procedures and criteria: Teri Kline- 1-877-899-2780 ext 7177 or tkline@gbod.org

2) Caregiving Ministry with Older Adults

Application available August of 2010

Applications are available both in print form and on the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries' website- www.aging-umc.org

Submission deadline- January 15, 2011

Grant Funds are awarded in the Fall of 2011

Other contact information to receive procedures and criteria: Teri Kline- 1-877-899-2780 ext 7177 or tkline@gbod.org

YEAR END REPORTING CLASS

January 7th, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the Richland UMC in Athens, Ohio

Do you want to learn the ins and outs of W-2's, 1099's, annual audits, and the new year end reports? Come join our Conference Controller and Conference Statistician as they walk you through the forms and process for your year-end reporting.

(In case of snow, there will be a make-up date on January 14th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location)

FUTURE EVENTS TO PLACE IN YOUR CALENDAR

I. Four-Part Series for Pastoral Leaders:

- 1) January 26th, 2010- Visioning with Your Church (Leader- Dennis Mohler)

Place- The Plains UMC

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

- 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- Tupper 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Camp Francis Asbury in Rio Grande- SUMMER CAMPS 2010

(Sponsored by the Foothills and Shawnee Valley District)

June 13-18- Elementary Camp (Deans- Jean Ann Myers/Tracey Burdette)

June 20-25- Junior High Camp (Deans- Gwen McGuire/Brent Watson)

June 27-July 2- Multi Age Camp (Jr-Sr High) (Deans- Perry Prosch/Brian Dunham)

July 9-11- Intro Camp (Deans- Tracey Burdette/Kandy Nuce)

July 11-16- Elementary Camp (Dean- Kimberly Thomas)

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

FELLOW WEST OHIO UNITED METHODISTS,

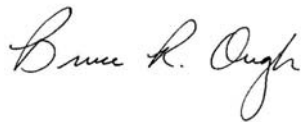
We all recognize these are difficult economic times that present challenges for our local churches. These times also present great opportunities to be the church and grow in faith and knowledge as we build upon the Rock.

The Council on Development is hosting a motivational and educational day, "[Building on the Rock during Rocky Times](#)", scheduled for March 6, 2010. I would like to personally invite you to a day which will be primarily targeted for clergy and for laity involved with financial management within the church.

In addition to hearing from keynote speakers, we will have panel discussions where best practices will be shared. We will provide ample opportunities for audience participation.

Since we have space limitations, we will accommodate the first 80 registrants. We hope you will register early for what will be an exciting day together.

Yours in Christ,



Bruce R. Ough

EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING WORKSHOP

The next in our continuing series of Excellence in Preaching workshops has been scheduled for Friday, **January 15, 2010**. Led by Dr. Richard Eslinger and Rev. Lynn Labs, "Preaching Lent and Holy Week" will consider strategies for preaching the Lenten texts that appear during the current lectionary year C. Selected texts will be examined in depth for preaching cues and potential imagery. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own ideas and preaching situations in small groups.

This workshop will meet from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 per seminary student) and includes lunch. Payment may be made by cash, check (made payable to United Theological Seminary) or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Each participant will receive 0.6 CEU.

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

TWO 2010 VIM TEAMS TO NICARAGUA

Two VIM teams are being organized for mission work in Managua, Nicaragua. The teams will continue work with Fundacion El Samaritano group that has been our ministry since 1997, as well as with the Methodist Evangelical Church of Nicaragua. The work will consist of light construction; hospital visitations to maternity, pediatric and cancer patients with gifts, friendship and prayers; Bible Schools (Nov. team); and community door to door visits. Teams also spend time at two Christian schools to meet and play with students, and other ministry sites. Worship, sightseeing and shopping time are also included.

The dates for the teams are June 26-July 4, and November 6-14, 2010. The November team will also have a sightseeing extension of 3-4 days yet to be determined. Cost for each of the teams is estimated to be \$1,200 per person.

For more information and applications, please contact VIM Coordinator/team leader Jack Reif at 513-831-5550 or e-mail jack.reif@zoomtown.com

VIM TEAMS

A number of teams are requesting help in getting more participants. These are listed below in the **TEAM** information. As a sidelight, please be sure to visit the [Future Teams List](#) of the North Central Jurisdiction. It is updated at least once a month and is for those looking for a specific team to join or a team needing more participants! Please let the [UMVIM-NCJ office](#) know if you have a team to be added to that list!

There are several new projects sites in the NCJ that are requesting volunteer teams and help. Those are listed in the **NEW PROJECTS** information below. The complete listing of all [USA](#) or [NCJ](#) projects can be found online and are updated each month.

Training opportunities are regularly offered in most NCJ conferences. UMVIM Team leadership and Early Response Team trainings are the two most popular and frequent. This list is found on the [NCJ website](#). In our **TRAINING** section below, we feature the Individual Volunteer Training opportunity coming to our jurisdiction in April.

TEAMS

Ica, Peru Mission 2010, July 29 - August 12, 2010

This Wisconsin Conference Mission trip needs 30 medical and construction volunteers. The construction team will assist bricklayers to add a second story onto COPE Methodist Green Love Church in FONAVI La Angostura in Ica. This church doubles as a school and community center. The medical team will be working in Pisco with four different churches hosting clinics. Possible Vacation Bible School option to be added to the work duties. **Estimated cost** of the mission: \$1400. A separate two day trip (at the end of the mission) to Machu Picchu can be arranged for an additional \$600. Register using the form in the Wisconsin International UMVIM [brochure](#). Team Leaders, Rev. Nancy Carmichael & [Judy Bruun](#), 262-786-4120.

Sierra Leone UMC primary schools

These schools need UMVIM teams for construction and rehabilitation needs:

1. Masori, Mile 91, Yonibana District (reconstruction)
2. Bonganema, Moyamba East District (Construction)
3. Lowoma, Kenema District (Construction)
4. Baoma, Bo District (Rehabilitation)
5. Yamandu Bo District (Construction)
6. Moyamba Junction (Construction)

Contact [Joe Wagner](#), Operation Classroom, 765.436.2805, for details on how to arrange such a team.

teachUM team to Managua, Nicaragua, June 14-23, 2010

Bob and [Regina Elgin](#) have scheduled their 2010 teachUM team. This team will work with the children's programs and preschools for the Nicaraguan Methodist Church, IGLEMEN. They will help build or do maintenance on a church building designated by the IGLEMEN Board. [Nicaragua team brochure](#).

UMVIM team to the Philippines, February 23-March 7, 2010

The project site is within the North Luzon Philippines Annual Conference. The Mission site is ASBURY COLLEGE a United Methodist institution in the town of Anda, province of Pangasinan. The town of Anda is famous for its beautiful Hundred Islands white beach resort, 150 miles north of Manila city. The mission will focus on repair and painting the interior of the school facilities. Team leader: [Rev. Noah R. Panlilio](#), 815-838-1017. Cost: \$2,100. A \$500 down payment is requested. Deadline: Dec. 30, 2009.

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BOLIVIA, Thiu Rancho Center, July 31 - Aug 15, 2010

Construction and other duties as detailed by GBGM Missionaries Ardelle and Gordon Graner whose assignment is to work in solidarity with the Bolivian Evangelical Methodist Church. Thiu Rancho center is a national church project under the IEMB, Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en Bolivia. The mission is to build the Kingdom of God, seeking transformation of individuals, human relationships, and our relationship to the creation through a full commitment to Jesus Christ.

The project was established in 1960 as a retreat center for Methodist youth and as an agricultural center. Team leader: [Carol Knodle](#), 701-232-4468, Flame of Faith UMC of West Fargo, ND. **Cost:** ~\$3300.

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Mission Discovery to CHINA, June 15-30, 2010

For those youth and young adult **leaders** in conferences, districts and local churches, interested in learning best practice methods of UMVIM team leadership. Click here for [Full details](#). Deadline: Dec. 15, 2009.

PROJECTS

Motown Mission Experience

[Carl T. Gladstone](#). This is the United Methodist related youth work mission site in the City of Detroit. Participants live in the city for a week, serve in "economic disaster recovery" ministries while being immersed in the culture of Motown! You will stay in the historic Metropolitan UMC and work in the Cody/Rouge & Brightmoor neighborhoods of Detroit. Fee: \$250/person which includes lodging, food, project material, and program costs. Jr. and Sr. High [Register online](#).

VINA Community Dental Clinic (MEDICAL)

[Rev. Loretta M. Job](#), Deacon, First UMC Church, 400 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48116, 810-229-8561. This dental clinic has two complete dental stations, is located on church property, serves the adult population of Livingston County with basic dental care, and has a full time front office manager. We would welcome general dentists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons at anytime. [Website](#). **BRAND NEW! - not yet posted on the project list!**

The L.E.A.F. (Loving Equally All Families)

[Don Palm](#), 440-224-1176. Ecumenical Christian project - home repairs (carpentry, painting, cleaning, yard work and roofing) for homeowners or organizations that cannot afford or are unable to physically do the work themselves. 1 Week only: **July 17-24, 2010**. Cost is \$150.00/week or \$25/day per volunteer. A donation for materials is welcome. [Website](#). Youth, Adults.

SOWER (Sharing Our Witness - Enriching Relationships)

Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY project. Team Leaders: [Ralph & Carolyn Brandon](#), 740-344-5581. SOWER, an UMVIM outreach project of the West Ohio Conference UMC, constructs new housing as part of Henderson Settlement work camp program.

2010 Work Camp Schedule for S.O.W.E.R.

Week 1: May 16 - 22	Frame shell
Week 2: May 23 - 29	Roofing, interior walls, exterior doors, windows, siding
Week 3: July 11 - 17	Insulation, drywall, soffit, siding
Week 4: July 18 - 24	Drywall, paint, porch & railing
Week 5: Aug. 8 - 14	Finish interior trim, install underlayment, flooring
Week 6: Aug. 15 - 21	Install interior doors, trim, kitchen cabinets

SERVANT HEART MINISTRIES

[Ian Deane](#), Kingswood Retreat Center, MN, 952-472-3586. [Website](#). These ministries currently include Urban Servants, Mission Minnesota, Mobil Missions, and Breakaway for college students, Adults in Service, and our custom missions program. Through worship, Bible study, devotions and sharing, participants reflect, learn and connect spiritual lessons with the service they provide. Jr & Sr High, Adults

If you have a United Methodist or United Methodist-related project that needs volunteer teams, just fill out the [project form](#) and send it to the [UMVIM-NCJ office](#) !

TRAINING

Individual Volunteer training offered through the Mission Volunteer office of the General Board of Global Ministries will be coming to Camp

Kingswood, Mound, MN for the extended weekend of April 15-18, 2010. The cost is \$150.

Did you ever want to spend more time on a mission venture than the usual 1-2 weeks, but didn't think you were ready to become a full-time General Board of Global Ministries missionary? We have just the deal for you and those like you! The United Methodist Church, in partnership with churches and institutions in the U.S.A. and other countries, has identified opportunities for individual volunteers or married couples.

Living in a different culture as Individual Volunteers presents challenges that require certain attributes:

Maturity
Interpersonal relationship skills
Cross-cultural skills
Physical & emotional health
An active prayer life
Interracial experience
A great sense of humor

If you have these attributes, you are ready to be an Individual Volunteer!

The program requires that volunteers serve for 2 months or longer with host communities, complete the application forms and attend a training/orientation weekend prior to service and be in prayer about your calling.

Volunteers will be greatly rewarded by finding joy in making new friends and relationships with people of other cultures and growing in your faith and learning more about God's wonderful, beautiful world and God's people who inhabit it!

If your interest is piqued visit the [Individual Volunteer](#) website for all details.





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>

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT OF THE EAST OHIO CONFERENCE

Leadership Event- January 30, 2010

2-5:00 p.m. at the Roscoe UMC (475 High St) in Coshocton, Ohio

- 1 **MINISTRY WITH DIGITAL NATIVES** What makes ministry with young people today different than any other generation? Come to this workshop and find out!

Rev. Susan Brown

- 2 **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM - LOL** Local Youth Projects for your community, sharing inspiration, planning, accomplishments, and lessons learned from a highly successful youth project from Millersburg UMC

Joe Edinger

- 3 **CREATING AN ALTERNATIVE** Do you have questions or wonder how to develop a worship experience for a new generation? Pastor Laura will share about the Lakewood UMC new IMPACT service.

WORSHIP

Rev. Laura

Jaissle

4 HOPE CLINIC
OF
COSHOCOTON

A free faith-based medical clinic for the uninsured. Sharing faith, health care that considers all aspects of healing, and motivating and equipping us to share our faith where we live, work and play.

Board Members

5 INTERCHURCH
SOCIAL
SERVICES

When the economy is poor and the state makes budget cuts, requests for social services rise. How can we, as a church family, support the work of social services in our community?

Joy Harris

6 BRIDGES OUT
OF POVERTY

Find ways to help persons living in poverty . Learn ways how the church can establish a “circle” program to help families out of poverty.

Rev. Jennifer

Johnston-Baker

7 DIVORCE
CARE

Exploring Divorce Care & Divorce Care Kids, as a bridge to the hurting folks in your community. Offering a safe place for hurting people to explore the healing love of Jesus.

Linda Alderfer

8 WHEN YOU
CARE
ENOUGH...

Is your church caring enough for your members and others? Would you like to do more? Hear about several caring ministries that will help your church be a caring community,

Grace UMC

9 BUILDING
BLOCKS OF
PARENTING

including Stephen Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry. Children are a wonderful gift, too bad they don't come with more instructions on how to raise them. We all want to raise responsible, independent children and enjoy the process . Join us as we learn .

Melinda Hill

10 CHILDREN'S
SERMONS

If your church does children's times, you might find enough in this workshop to make a children's time fun, exciting, silly, and maybe even educational. After all, don't a lot of us learn best when we're having a good time?

Jeff Wherley

11 COPING WITH
CONFLICT IN
THE CHURCH

Possible ways to cope with conflict that occurs within a church. Understanding healthy conflict and unhealthy conflict. Where and when to get help. Conflict interferes with ministries of the church.

Rev. A.J.

Althouse

12 TOOLS TO
REVITALIZE

We will look at various tools that can help revitalize your church as well as tools that will help your church determine their strengths and weaknesses, and strategies to address these. How you can

- YOUR CHURCH determine the needs of the community and how to effectively reach your neighbors
Rev. Dirk Elliott
- 13 RETHINK CHURCH More than a hearty handshake and a big smile. It's more than coffee and doughnuts. Rethinking Church means opening your doors to people who want to know the love of Christ and going out to meet people right where they are and introducing them to Christ. Join us in a journey of discovery as we learn how to Rethink Church! This work-
- Kay Panovec*
- 14 DESIGNING CHURCH WEBSITES Churches who do not have websites are missing out on opening doors to reaching people. Come learn how to design a church website to reach out to a new generation.
- Courtney Schonauer*

Cost- \$5 per person and \$20 per church

QUESTIONS ??? CALL US AT: 740-622-8880 OR 877-206-4445

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

CREATIVITY CONFERENCE

**January 12-14, 2010
Orlando, FL**

God's creative spirit is within each of us, but we don't always engage it, or know the appropriate ways to use it effectively. With the help of deeply committed Christians who work in the creativity industry, we have put together a conference that can really help you learn how to nurture your creative process and funnel that creativity into serving God through the church.

The CEO of Sea World and Busch Gardens, the VP of Advertising for Disney World, Alice Bass, author of *The Creative Life* and several Disney and Universal actors and entertainers will combine with some very creative and perceptive pastors to challenge us in using that creative spirit for God's work.

This conference also includes a *Day at Disney*, done with reflective meetings throughout the day.

Join us at St. Luke's UMC in Orlando for a fun but intellectual, informational and inspirational experience!

Visit our website for [details](#) and [registration](#) or to download the brochure.

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](#)

Leadership Nexus
7103 S Columbia Pl
Tulsa, OK 74136
(918) 477-7549

**CHURCHWIDE APPEAL FOR PHILIPPINES
DISASTERS**

The Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table, meeting in Lake Junaluska, N.C., in early November made an urgent appeal to the people of The United Methodist Church to ease the suffering of our sisters and brothers in the Philippines. Recent flooding and subsequent landslides have claimed lives and caused great suffering. The death toll exceeds 1,000 because of four successive typhoons and the related health issues that followed. With more than 9 million persons affected, an estimated 1.3 million persons are displaced while the economic and agricultural impact is still being assessed.

The **Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters** will provide humanitarian relief and support the ministries and congregations of The United Methodist Church in the Philippines. We hope you will designate a Sunday to give your congregation an opportunity to participate in this churchwide appeal. Please direct gifts made through local churches to the conference treasurer's office, marked **Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters, No.**

818-002-PHP. Your conference treasurer will forward contributions to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). You may also donate online at UMCapeal.org.

A bulletin insert may be downloaded at UMCapeal.org/bulletin.

Our United Methodist brothers and sisters desperately need our support. More than 200,000 United Methodists in 1,372 local churches in the Philippines pray that we will stand beside them through these storms.

In Christ,

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, President - The Council of Bishops

Bishop John Hopkins, Chairperson - The Connectional Table

SCIENCE AND FAITH TO BE EXPLORED IN 2010 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

WILMORE, KY (October 8, 2009) – Ministers are met by questions that may seem a galaxy away from what their training prepared them to expect.

“Can scientists and the Bible both lead us to understand the origins of the cosmos?”

“Can our genetic makeup predispose us to conditions such as depression or alcoholism?”

“How important to the mission of the gospel is acknowledging the beauty of creation and caring for its goodness?”

Asbury Theological Seminary is bringing together a team of scientists, pastors and theologians to help ministers with biblical responses to issues of science and faith. Through this team effort called Q3, pastors, youth workers, counselors, educators and others in full-time ministry will profit from online resources and conference workshops.

The Q3 ministers' conference, "Ministry Celebrates the Wonders of God's World," is March 9-11, 2010, at the Asbury Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky campus. Registration is open.

Conference participants will discuss topics including creation and evolution, God's providence in the world, and lessons that can be learned for ministry from the historical relationship between science and faith. Dr. Owen Gingrich, Harvard University professor emeritus of astronomy and the history of science, will be keynote speaker.

"Q3 will aid ministers in leading the people they serve to a deeper knowledge of God as Creator and the world as God's good creation," said Q3 Director Dr. Michael Pasquarello III, Asbury Seminary Granger E. and Anna A. Fisher professor of preaching. "Ministers can find help in Q3 for evangelistic outreach to people with scientific professions or aptitudes, and pastors to young adults can learn ways to guide those who sense God's call to prepare for scientific vocations.

"Science can help us," added Pasquarello, who has studied issues of science and faith for 30 years. "It doesn't provide all the answers, but it can provide a more up-to-date framework that will give us more knowledge of the creation to work with, that will contribute to making our theology fresh and real for us and those whom we serve. And we can say, 'Yes, the world is open to God's work and presence.'"

Q3, funded by a grant from the Templeton Foundation's Science for Ministry Initiative, is named after the "Questions" it will address on a schedule across the next "3" years. In 2011, Q3 will turn its focus to the nature of human beings as creatures wonderfully and carefully made in God's image and, in 2012, to the nature of the church as the new creation of God and visible sign of God's presence in the world.

Registration is \$49 per person before February 1, or \$99 after February 1. For groups of five or more and Asbury Seminary students, registration is \$49 per person. For information and to register, visit aburyseminary.edu/q3, call 877-776-3646 or e-mail ginny.proctor@asburyseminary.edu.

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