

Footnotes from the Foothills



July 2011

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From Dennis' Desk

Top 10 List of Things Every Pastor Would Love to Hear!

10. Hey, Stop that fighting! We'll all get our turn to sit in the front row!
9. Don't you just love it when we get to learn a new song on Sunday mornings?
8. Personally, I find it more enjoyable to invite others to church than go golfing.
7. You know, it's a blessing to tithe.
6. I would like to volunteer as a permanent greeter.
5. I don't care what we're paying the pastor, it's not enough.
4. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this really great seminar in the Bahamas.
3. I can't wait until next week's Bible Study!
2. We're tired of doing things the same old way, let's try something new and creative!
1. Pastor, that sermon changed my entire life!

Hey, we can always dream can't we????? Blessings for your summer.

Dennis



Celebrating the Smaller Church In Our District

The **Alfred United Methodist Church** is a very small rural church with a dedicated membership and strong community ties. As an effort to embrace the youth that have been regularly attending church services, suggestions were made to gain a more active role for them.

The first attempts were to talk with the youth in the service during the youth sermon. This was a step in the right direction, but left us still wanting more.

We then proceeded to spark their interest in a youth choir during special holiday occasions. The group was excited to participate and feel a part of the church.

The next step was to have them be acolytes for tending to the candles at the front of the church at the beginning and end of each service. We then decided to take it a step further. Using borrowed choir robes, we had them perform a variety of favorite hymns during the services. It was such a hit, and made the youth feel so special that we decided to invest in the purchase of choir robes for them. They got to select the color, fabric and style, all in an attempt to make it more their own. The first appearance in the new robes was the 2011 Easter Sunday services. The congregation was bursting with pride and joyous emotion in seeing them in their Sunday best!



Smaller Church Ideas... Connecting with Your Community

The Hagerman Christian Center in Hagerman, Idaho (average attendance of 70) celebrated teachers in their small town of 653 people with a week of blessings. On Monday, teachers and administrators received handwritten thank you notes from the church's children's ministry. On Wednesday, the youth group delivered a rose to each faculty member. On Thursday, the church hosted a banquet, complete with a drawing for 10 - \$50 gift cards and small gifts for teachers, administrators and custodians- the first time local teachers have been honored by anyone outside the school. "We are a small church with a great big heart. We believe that we are here to bring community transformation, spiritually and socially", says the pastor



T-KUP Responds to Overflow

The T-KUP Charge has secured 30 buckets to fill in response to the UMCOR call for flood buckets. If churches or individuals would like to donate items to fill one or more buckets, donations can be dropped off at Trinity UMC at 105 W. Hunter St. in Logan. Contributions will be accepted until early September, and buckets will be turned in at the Festival of Sharing. For a list of items contained in a flood bucket, see the UMCOR website, <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor> or call Trinity at 740-385-4069 and a list can be sent via e-mail.

2011 Foothills District Charge Conference Schedule

October 18
At 7:00 p.m.

Location: **New Lexington First UMC**

For: Athens First
Belpre Rockland
Frazeysburg
Logan Immanuel
Logan Trinity
New Lex First
Somerset
Tunnel
Zanesville Central Trinity
Zanesville Grace

October 25
At 7:00 p.m.

Location: **Richland UMC in Athens**

For: Churches whose average attendance is between **50-99**

October 29
At 9:00 a.m.

Location: **The Plains UMC**

For: Churches whose average attendance is **49 and under**

October 30
At 2:00 p.m.

Location: **Rolling Plains UMC in Zanesville**

For: Churches whose average attendance is **49 and under**

November 15
At 7:00 p.m.

Location: **Malta UMC**

For: Bremen
Dresden
Gallipolis Grace
Malta
Marietta Christ
Marietta Gilman
McArthur
The Plains

Central Avenue, Rolling Plains, Zanesville Coburn – Dates to be announced

LAY SPEAKING CLASSES ANNOUNCED



Fall dates for Lay Speaking classes have been set. The **BASIC class** for persons just entering into Lay Speaking will be held **October 14-15**. There will be a **BASIC Refresher class** for Local Church Lay Speakers who have not taken a class in the past 3 years. That will be held **October 15**. There will be two Advanced Lay Speaking courses offered—one on Preaching and another on Leading Small Groups. Advanced classes are for those Certified speakers who need to recertification or for Local Church Lay Speakers who wish to become Certified for the first time. The **Small Group class** will be held **October 15**. The **Preaching class** will be held over two days—**October 15 and October 22**. The first date will consist of information and instruction and a preaching assignment will be given at the conclusion of the day. Participants will return on the second date to present their sermon.

All classes will be held at Immanuel UMC in Logan, Ohio.

If you are interested in Lay Speaking Ministries, please visit the Foothills District Website at www.foothillsdistrict.org to find out how to become a Lay Speaker.

Mission Project Grant Applications for 2012

The Foothills District Application for Mission Project Grant Monies for 2012 is now available at the District office. The application will need to be mailed to the District office by October 1st to be considered by the Board of Directors. If your church or organization is need of monies to start or enhance a needed ministry in your congregation or community/area please contact the office for an application.

Please contact Brent with any questions at watson@foothillsdistrict.org or 1-888-868-1225.



*A workshop presented by the
Alzheimer's Association—Greater East Ohio Chapter*

Monday, July 11, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Coburn United Methodist Church

3618 Maple Ave.

Zanesville, OH 43701

Learn about Alzheimer's disease and what you can do today to live a brain healthy lifestyle

Register Today!

740-454-0186

Alzheimer's Association Maintain Your Brain does not guarantee individual health outcomes.

Sudan Health Clinic Now an Advance Special



The **Sudan Health Clinic** has been approved as an **Advance Special (#3021282)** by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Currently, over \$70,000 has been raised, solar panels and a refrigerator have been installed, and children are now being vaccinated for malaria, polio, measles, and DPT. Although much has been accomplished, the goal is to raise \$300,000. Learn more about this project on the website, www.sudanclinic.org. If you are interested in partnering with this effort and/or are interested in scheduling a speaker for an event, please contact Steve Walker at kayaker45@gmail.com or call at (614) 488-5692.



To help raise funds for this effort, a book about the story of the Lost Boys of Sudan, titled *Maluak's Cows*, has been published and is for sale for \$15.00. It is illustrated by Bol Aweng, one of the Lost Boys from Sudan, who fled

his country when he was six years old. All proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the Sudan Health Clinic. *Maluak's Cows* is the story of 35,000 young boys who fled their homes in Southern Sudan Between 1987 and 1989, to escape the brutality of civil war. Maluak, one of the Lost Boys, tells his story beginning with his tranquil life in his village and making clay cows, to hearing bullets and seeing bombs light up the sky around him as his village was attacked. This was the beginning of a journey that would take him many miles from his home. After years in refugee camps and struggles to make sense of an imperfect world, many of the Lost Boys have transformed their tragic past into an inspiring and hope-filled story for people all around the world.

We invite you to join this journey of hope by sharing this inspiring story and serving the medical needs of an impoverished village.

LAY MOBILIZATION INSTITUTE—AUGUST 3-6, 2011

Just as Wesley built the Methodist movement by equipping churches through its leaders and laity, so Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, Kentucky) seeks to serve the whole people of God.

The Lay Mobilization Institute is a way for congregations (leaders and laity) to learn together. The aim is to help congregations move to the next level of congregational growth and ministry. The institute is ideal for church planters, small membership churches and those focused on definite church growth through focused church depth.

Pastors and select lay members are invited to take a learning journey together to come to Asbury's campus to study with other congregations, once every six months for two years for a 4-day consultation. Nationally known speakers, coaches and consultants make up the faculty for this process. The end result—your congregation navigates a four-stage development process—Initiate, Incubate, Cultivate, Replicate—designed to activate untapped congregational potential for mission and ministry. Sign up today for the first consultation at Asbury.to/layinstitute or call 888-523-3776.

Developing Effective Leadership – Sponsored by TARRP

The Small Membership Church: A Mustard Seed, Not An Acorn

Saturday, August 6
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leipsic UMC
127 W. Main St., Leipsic

The small membership church (SMC) is a unique form of congregation, and their size determines much of what works for them. Rev. Schwab will share how evangelism works best in a SMC, how to develop and equip leadership in the SMC, how to resolve conflict in the SMC, and structuring for ministry in the SMC.

Guest speaker, The Rev. Sharon L. Schwab has a great love for small membership churches, and is a dynamic speaker whose gifts of hope and humor help people recognize new solutions. Rev. Schwab is a pastor, consultant, trainer, and an equipper for churches that make disciples who make disciples. Sharon specializes in small membership churches, rural ministry, Natural Church Development, cooperative ministries, mission and vision, the Nurture, Outreach, Witness (NOW) structure, conflict prevention

and management, and team-work ministry.

Who should attend?

Church teams
 Part-time Local Pastors
 Full-time Local Pastors
 Student Pastors
 Residency/Provisional
 Associate Pastors
 Deacons & Elders in small membership churches

There are 0.5 CEU's available for clergy and laity.

Town and Rural Resource Programming is a consortium of clergy from East and West Ohio Conferences dedicated to providing educational opportunities and ministry enhancement programs to town and country congregations across the state of Ohio. TARRP's mission is to create workshops/ academies/ training that develop stronger leadership in town and country places, so there is more effective proclamation, nurturing, and outreach taking place, all for the transformation of the world in Jesus' name. TARRP trainings are offered to you at a greatly reduced cost, mostly pro-



vided by your apportionment dollars through grants from East and West Ohio Conferences and the General Board of Global Missions.

The cost is \$25/person or \$20 for 2 persons from same church/charge, \$15 for 3+ persons from same church/charge

Registration Deadline is July 25, 2011
 Seating limited to 80

Hotel accommodations available at the Quality Inn in Findlay or the Comfort Inn in Bluffton.

For a brochure/registration form, please contact the district office.

The West Ohio Conference and Foothills District Disaster Response Teams have been in conversation and we want to anticipate the next disaster that might come to our region. We want to find out which camps, churches or ministries have shower facilities and would be willing to house volunteers who come to help us. Please let us know if you would be willing to help by contacting Brent at the District office at 1-888-868-1225 or email at wat-

Wesleyan Leadership Conference 2011

October 13-15

General Board of Discipleship (Nashville)

Keynote Speaker- Dr Elaine Heath
Focus - New Models of Wesleyan Community

For details and registration:
www.gbod.org/wesleyanleadership

877-899-2780 (ext 1765)

or email- smanskar@gbod.org

Interested in the CLM Program?

The West Ohio Conference is willing to host the Certified Lay Ministry Program in the Foot-hills District if we have 15 interested lay persons. Please let the District Office know if you are willing to consider being one of those persons.

There are brochures in the District office we will gladly send to you or you can go to: www.westohioumc.org/CLM for more information.



Aldersgate 2011 is an excellent opportunity to be renewed and re-energized by the Holy Spirit in the United Methodist Church this summer in Dayton!

Check out the website at

www.aldersgate2011.org. Contact Jim Lambert (cell: 740.818.8437) or Brian Dunham (cell: 740.416.3683) with questions.

Across this district may we be empowered for ministry to those desperately in need!

CHANGE THE WORLD CONFERENCE AT GINGHAMSBURG

Life is too short, the mission too critical, the call too compelling to simply play church... Change the World!

The Change the World network is designed to mentor churches—regardless of size, location or resources—on how to become Missional forces locally and globally.

Join us on **October 19-21** for a 2 1/2 day kick-off conference with featured trainers: Alan Hirsch, Rudy Rasmus, Mike Slaughter as well as special breakout session presenters from Missional churches across the US.

The October kick-off will empower your church to: Define and pursue your church's unique mission call
Grow Missional Leaders who will boldly take the church into the world

Maintain the vital relationships and grow the resources necessary for mission momentum

Learn more at www.ginghamsburg.org/changetheworld or call 866-238-2930

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Prayer Concerns

David Barringer - Bates Chapel
Spring Young, wife of David Young—Rio Grande Charge
Sherry Goodwin, wife of Gene Goodwin—Northeast Cluster
Karen Corbitt—Exec. Secretary to Bishop Ough



WEST OHIO UNITED METHODIST MEN RETREAT

"Creating a Men's Ministry For Every Man In Your Church"

by Gil Hanke, General Secretary UMM Men

8:30 am -4 pm **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

at North Broadway United Methodist Church

48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214

Gifted Speakers: "Like Father, Like Son" by Rev. Dr. Mike Bowie

"POWER UP" by Rev. Don Trumbull

Contact: John Sherer, Gathering Dir. at Shererjw@aol.com 937.477.4106 cell/
937.372.2204 home

GBOD Webinar Calendar

All Webinars are at 6:30 p.m. Central Standard Time

Registration and recorded webinars- www.gbod.org/committee_resources - You will need to give your name/email.

August 4- Growing Leaders: the Nominations Committee
Serving as the voice of God to call people into ministry

Past Recorded Webinars: Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee; Handling God's Money in the Church; Administration IS Ministry (Church Council); Trustees: Stewards of Church Property

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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