

News from the Foothills

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FROM DENNIS' DESK



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

INFO FROM BRENT

1) Richland UMC in Athens has a 15 foot oak pew that is padded (maroon) for any church that might be interested.

The padding may be removed if it does not fit your color scheme.

Please contact the church office at 740-593-8541 if you are interested.

2) 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.**

3) GOOD WORKS INTERNSHIPS

At Good Works, we are seeking summer and year-long interns who are interested in joining us as we extend ourselves in love towards at-risk children, widows, citizens with disabilities and people without homes here in rural Appalachia. These are paid experiences where interns are involved in a variety of what goes on here.

You can also visit our website (www.good-works.net) and click on “internships” to see more details.

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!

March 4 (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.- Canaanville UMC – Athens County

March 7 (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m.- Centenary UMC - Gallia County

March 9 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.- Rocksprings UMC – Meigs County

March 14 (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m.- Hamden UMC – Vinton County

March 25 (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.- Logan Immanuel UMC – Hocking County

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.- Frazeysburg 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.

HAITI HEALTH KITS

The semi truck delivered health kits collected by the West Ohio Annual Conference to Sager Brown. The truck was full and had 29,990 health kits along with bulk supplies for additional health kits. In addition to these kits, Rick Barnett delivered 934 health kits from Williams and Defiance Counties to the Midwest Distribution Center in Illinois. Total value of health kits delivered from West Ohio Conference is \$371,088.

The Foothills District collected 1165 kits as part of the above total. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

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!

FUTURE EVENTS TO PLACE IN YOUR CALENDAR

I. Four-Part Series for Pastoral Leaders:

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.

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*****

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The West Ohio Conference offers three different scholarship opportunities for undergraduates attending institutions of higher learning. I hope you'll share these funding resources with undergraduates in your congregation.

Student Leadership Scholarships are awarded to students from your United Methodist congregation who have shown leadership ability in church, school, and community, and have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Merit Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement. Recipients must have a 3.0 GPA minimum, demonstrate leadership, financial need, or special preparation for ministry or other service, or a combination of these factors.

The **Ethnic Minority Scholarship** is available to an incoming freshman of ethnic origin who plans to attend any United Methodist college or university and has a 2.5 GPA minimum and financial need.

Students applying for any of these scholarships must meet the following basic criteria plus any specific requirements of the individual scholarship.

- *An active member of the United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to applying*
- *A citizen or permanent resident of the United States*
- *Attending or planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning fulltime*

These scholarships are awarded by **Connectional Ministries: Next Generations Leadership**, from the connectional giving of our local churches and the General Board of Higher Education Student Day Offering.

Please visit www.westohioumc.org/scholarships for details about each scholarship and to begin the application process. Applications are due April 1, 2010, so please act quickly!

Jill Moore

Director of Camps & Next Generations Leadership | West Ohio Conference

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jmoore@wocumc.org | www.westohioumc.org

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.

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

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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