



Footlights of the Foothills District

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District Dancing

There is a fascinating story in 2 Samuel 6. King David issues orders to bring the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Abinadab to this new city, Jerusalem. The ark was previously lost in battle with the Philistines. It was now being restored to its proper place of honor.



And it was a party. In fact, the occasion was so joyous, that the scripture writer records that David danced with all of his might. David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And then every man, woman, and child in the Kingdom received bread, meat, and raisins. It sounds like Israel's version of a tax refund. This was a special event in the history of Israel and King David danced with all of his might to express his joy and devotion to God.

I'm not planning to dance at Spring Conference, Sunday, May 4, 3 pm, The Plains UMC, so you can rest easy. But it is a special event in many people's lives. Bishop Ntambo Nkulu Ntanda from the North Katanga Conference will preach and pray after attending at the Syracuse Charge in the morning.

We will introduce Dennis Mohler, our new DS, and his wife, Sue (In fact, the Mohlers are planning to arrive by 2:15 pm to greet early comers!). We will pray over Tom and Cathy as they transition to a new appointment. We will honor those who are being commissioned and those who are becoming Associate Members at annual conference. We will acknowledge those who have completed Lay Speaking training and those who have completed the course of study.

Of course, there will be the usual election of officers and approval of the 2009 budget. Sharon Hausman will report on General Conference, and Dee Stickley-Miner will talk about legislation at Annual Conference.

And there are rumors of free throw shooting contest between Hanover and Mohler to raise awareness of the *Nothing but Nets* Conference Miracle Offering in June.

Sounds like a party! And you are invited to join us – **Sunday, May 4, 3 pm The Plains UMC.**

- Tom

Love First Offering

The Conference Miracle offering will be divided 1/3 to Nothing But Nets and 2/3 to the UM Church in southeast Asia, particularly Cambodia and Viet Nam. Nothing But Nets is a partnership of Sports Illustrated, National Basketball Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the United Nations Foundation, and the United Methodist Church to eliminate malaria by purchasing and distributing chemically treated mosquito nets for children in high risk areas.

There are nearly 200 congregations in Cambodia and Viet Nam. Only \$100 per month will support a Cambodian pastor and allow the congregation's ministries to flourish. Can your church make a difference on the other side of the globe? Send your pastor and delegate to conference with a gift that expresses Love First!

VBS at Annual Conference

When: Monday, June 9th – Wednesday, June 11th, 2008

Where/When: Lakeside United Methodist Church from 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Who: Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade

Host: International Child Care - Child to Child Curriculum

Application: Check out the conference web site for a downloadable application:

www.westohioumc.org

Child Care Available at Annual Conference!

Child care is open to **Clergy & Lay Members** of Annual Conference **only**. Children must be older than 12 months to receive child care. Cost per session is \$5 for 1st child and \$3 for each additional child. ALL SESSIONS BEGIN & END at Lakeside United Methodist Church on 5th & Cedar

During the morning and afternoon sessions, activities will be provided for children older than 6 yrs old. They will include: outdoor games, crafts, supervised playground, board games, mini-classes with Rhein Center, and other fun opportunities. All children younger than 6 will be provided daycare at the church facilities only.

An application form is available on the conference web site: www.westohioumc.org

Help behind the Scenes:

Want to participate behind the scenes at Annual Conference this year? Communications is looking for volunteer video camera operators, computer operators, and other assistance for the video presentations.

- ? **Computer Booth:** Help run media presentations during Annual Conference, contact [Sue Alley](mailto:salley@wocumc.org) via e-mail (salley@wocumc.org);
- ? **Camera Operators:** Operate video cameras during Annual Conference, contact [Sue Alley](mailto:salley@wocumc.org) via e-mail or 800/437-0028 ext. 235;
- ? **Slide Creation:** Create slides in advance of Annual Conference using PowerPoint, contact [Sue Alley](mailto:salley@wocumc.org) via e-mail or 800/437-0028 ext. 235;

Local Pastors' License School, July 20-26, 2008

This year's school, offered for certified candidates, will run from July 20-26 and will once again be held Widewater Retreat Center. The cost is \$365 and the deadline for registration is July 9. Call or email the District office to get a brochure.

Coach Training

Cary Simonton is offering training for persons who would like to expand their leadership influence through coaching. Coaches invite ministry professionals to strive toward excellence in their ministry. To do so, they meet with these professionals on a regular basis to assist in the development of self-identified areas for improvement. The ability to ask the right questions, development of active listening skills and establishing accountability covenants are part of a successful coaching relationship.

Classes start in late May. For more info, contact Karen Gee, Admin. Assistant – 740-362-3340 or check out www.gaultleadershipcenter.org.

Camp Speakers Available for Your Church!

Camp directors and other members of the Conference Camping Team want to visit you and tell your congregation about the 2008 West Ohio Camping opportunities for elementary, middle and high school age (as well as counseling and volunteer opportunities for adults!). Speakers are available to deliver a 10-minute, dynamic presentation about WOC Camps to your congregation during your service(s). The presentation includes the new 2008 camping video, as well as a display, and brochures. They will be available for Q&A before, in-between and after services. To schedule a Camp Speaker, please contact Amy Woods at 614/781-2630 or 800-437-0028 x 204.



Volunteer Counselors Needed!!

Camp Otterbein is looking for volunteers from your Districts to serve as camp counselors for one week. These weeks are July 6-11 and July 27-Aug 1 and include events Club-O, O-tube, Outer Limits, and Outback.

Volunteer Training Days are: Sat March 29 at Coburn UMC, Sunday April 13th at Camp Otterbein, and Friday May 16th at the West Ohio Conference office in Worthington. You must attend one day of training. Please contact the camp director Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads at 740-385-5712 or Pastor Angier Sherer at adsherer@yahoo.com to confirm your attendance date. Please consider sharing your love for Christ with children and youth in this very meaningful way.

Mission Adventure

Camp Otterbein is hosting a Mission Adventure Camp in June. We are seeking mission partners for this summer. We would like to help community families with small home projects. Our groups of youth and adults will be helping in the Logan and Nelsonville area communities. We are looking for projects to last about 3 days. We are sorry, our volunteers are unable to work with windows or second stories of buildings.

Asbury Camp and

Retreat Center

2144 Tyn Rhos Rd.
Thurman, OH
45685

Elementary Camp

June 15-20, 2008

Grades: Entering 4th - 6th

Host church: Simpson Chapel UMC

Deans: Rev. Sherron Courneen
and John Fields

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Simpson Chapel UMC

P.O. Box 155

Rio Grande, OH 45674

For more information contact:

740-245-5392 (Sherron)

sherroncourneen@aol.com

614-378-8699 (John)

mudbug1981@yahoo.com

Junior High Camp

June 22-27, 2008

Grades: Entering 6th - 9th

Host church: Gallipolis Grace UMC

Deans: Kimberly Thomas and
Gwen McGuire

Cost: \$ 200

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Grace UMC

Jr. High Camp

600 2nd Ave.

Gallipolis, OH 45631

For more information contact:

740-446-4542 (Kimberly)

brlyt@aol.com

740-256-1372 (Gwen)

gwn@ohiohills.com

Multi-Age Camp

June 28- July 3, 2008

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

740-992-0930 (Brian)

bidunham@verizon.net

Intro Camp

July 11-13, 2008

Grades: Entering 2nd - 4th grade

Host church: Richland UMC-Athens

Dean: Rita Snider

Cost: \$ 100

Send Registration/Deposit check to:

Richland UMC- Athens, OH

Intro Camp

60 Pomeroy Rd.

Athens, OH 45701

For more information contact:

740-593-6847 (Rita)

snider@eurekanet.com

Spring Conference Goes Global

The Foothills District Spring Conference, Sunday, May 4, 3 pm, The Plains UMC will feature Bishop Ntambo from the North Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Bishop Ntambo and other conference leaders are in the US for General Conference and will visit partner conferences until mid summer. Bishop Ntambo will preach at the Syracuse Charge on Sunday morning to thank them for their generosity in building a church and parsonage, and providing Bibles in North Katanga in 2007.



BCCD Pre-Grant Training Opportunities

The Board of Congregational and Community Development will be offering Training Sessions in the month of April for those interested in completing a grant application for 2009 BCCD Funding. Schedule and locations are posted on the BCCD webpage under the Leadership tab at www.westohioumc.org. There are three different categories, New Church Start, Revitalization, and Hispanic. You must attend a specific location assigned for each category. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Bassett at jbassett@wocumc.org.

Fight Like A Man

West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men Gathering, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26, featuring **Todd Braschler** and **David Adams**, Executive Secretary, General Commission on UMMen, @ Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015 For more info, Contact John Sherer, Gathering Director at Shererjw@aol.com 937.372.2204

The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

July 29-August 3, 2008 is an experience of disciplined Christian community emphasizing holistic spirituality -- nurturing body, mind, and spirit. The program is meant for all those who hunger for deep spiritual experiences, both lay and clergy persons. For more information visit www.westohioumc.org

Camp Asbury Opening Day

Friends of Asbury are planning an Opening Day Celebration, Sunday, June 1st

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Afternoon Ecumenical Worship Service

Support the ministry of camping and enjoy a day at Camp Asbury!

Contact District Lay Leader

Gaylynn Smart, Foothills District Lay Leader, has a new email address and welcomes your input about the District. Her new email is layleader@foothillsdistrict.org

Every Church a Mission Station * Every Community a Mission Field

The Lifewell @ W. Main has a very special opportunity presented by the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation. Between now and April 30th, any food money or food items donated to the Lifewell will be tabulated, and the Feinstein Foundation will be informed of the total. They in turn, will give a proportionate amount of funding to the Lifewell @ W. Main. Last year, \$1,400 was raised, and the Feinstein Foundation contributed an additional \$256. The more that is raised, the more the foundation will give to the organization. The Lifewell @ W. Main offers after school snacks and nutritious suppers 4 evenings per week, and frequently sends food home with the children for times when the center is closed. Your generous giving between now and April 30th will help maximize the funding we have to address this important issue. Donations can be delivered to the center: Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. from 4-6:30, or by calling 740-450-7650 to make an appointment, or by mailing: The Lifewell, PO Box 2154, Zanesville, Ohio 43702

On the Way

Church Camp 2008

Two Multi-Age Level (*Grades 3 thru 12*) Weeks:
July 6-11 and/or July 27 - August 1
At "Camp O"

Volunteer Counselors Needed!
Don't miss this opportunity to help



change a life!

Training provided; choose from:
Sat. April 19th 9am-3pm @ Camp Otterbein
Fri. May 16th 9am-3pm @ WO Conference Office
Sun. May 18th 2-8pm @ Camp Otterbein



For more information, contact:

campotterbein@wocumc.org

or Angie Sherer

adsherer@yahoo.com

or Joy French 740-453-8298

World Methodist Evangelism Division

has created a variety of materials you might find useful in your church. The link on our website **to order a bundle of materials** at a special price is:

<http://www.wmei.ws/forms/07%20wmei%20bookmailer-1.pdf>

The link on our website **to order individual resources** is:

<http://www.wmei.ws/trainingresources.htm>

“Chair-ity Give Away”

Stockport UMC wants to give away about 50 "preschool" chairs in good condition that were picked up at a local elementary school auction. If anyone can use all of them, or just a few, please call Dan at 1-740-559-2081.

School of Congregational Development

The General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Global Ministries developed this experience 10 years ago to equip pastors and key leaders to learn how to create disciple-making congregations. This year there are two simultaneous schools in Orlando, Florida, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 31-Aug 5, 2008. Some scholarship help is available from George Howard (goward@wocumc.org or 800.437.0028). For more info on the school, check out www.scdumc.org

Conference VIM Trip

[July 3-16, 2008 Vietnam and Cambodia](#). For more info, contact Mary Littman, 6911 Frederick Pike, Dayton OH 45414 Ph 937.454.4120 Email miamivalley@wocumc.org

Perry County Golf Benefit

Perry County Clergy are sponsoring the Hammer and Nails Golf Scramble to benefit Perry County Habitat for Humanity, Wed. Aug 6, 12 noon, at the Perry Country Club (on SR 13 between Somerset and New Lex). Cost is \$55 per person, \$210 per team which includes 18 holes cart, dinner after the scramble, prizes and all the normal joys of golf.

For more info, contact: John Kay, 100 North Maple Heights, New Lexington, Ohio 43764. 740/342-1172 or 740/438-6338, jkumpire@columbus.rr.com

NEIGHBORING 101

It is the JOY of the Good Works staff to invite YOU to join us as we discuss COMMUNITY and service to the poor. We would love for our NEIGHBORS to come and share their passions and struggles as we all seek to be better NEIGHBORS.

In the Spring of 2008, we will launch another session of Neighboring 101 with a weekly study of Amy L. Sherman's book Sharing God's Heart for the Poor. The study will begin with a lunch provided by the Good Works Timothy House. Participants are encouraged to arrive between 11:30 am and noon with the study beginning at 12:05. Books will be provided for \$3.00 to anyone who RSVPs.

Here are the spring dates: Thursday April 3, 10, 17 & 24; Thursday May 1, 8, 15 & 22
Lunch is provided at no cost to all participants who RSVP. Please RSVP to Andrea Horsch at 740.[594.3333](tel:594.3333) or andrea@good-works.net

Special Offerings

Have you ordered the free materials for the special offerings of Peace with Justice (May 18), World Communion Sunday (Oct 5), and UM Student Day (Nov 30)? Check out www.gbhem.org

Aids Healing Weekend May 16-18, 2008

Healing Weekends are for all persons living with HIV & AIDS, as well as their friends, partners, families and caregivers. Held at Widewater Retreat and Ministry Center, 4050 US 24 in Liberty Center, OH, a variety of workshops will be offered to help provide you with the tools you can use to "deal with" many of life's most common challenges. For a brochure or to register, visit:

www.westohioumc.org/event_detail.asp?TableName=oEvent_Calendar_EUXQLB&PKV alue=655

Southern Ohio Emmaus Community:

Fall 2008 Walks:

Women: September 25-28 Men: October 2-5

Dates for 2009:

Women: May 14-17 Men: May 21-24

Women: September 10-13 Men: October 1-4

All Walks are to be held at Camp Akita, Logan, Ohio.

Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus & Chrysalis Dates

Emmaus

Women's Walk May 1-4 Men's Walk May 15-18

Chrysalis Flights

Girls June 20-22 Boys June 27-29

Gatherings are 4th Tuesday, 7 pm at Marietta Christ UMC. For more info, check out www.midohiovalleyemmaus.org

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

The Conference and Upper Room Ministries are sponsoring the Academy, July 29-Aug 3, 2008, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein in west central Ohio. The program features Sister Dawn Mills and Robert Morris. For more info, contact Bo Chrisman, 419.782.2657 or bchrisman@adelphia.net. Or you may pick up a brochure in the district office.

Heart Spa: Where Women are Refreshed in Jesus

Nelsonville First UMC is hosting the Fourth Annual Nelsonville Women's Conference, Sat. May 3, 9 am – 3:30 pm. Cost: \$20. Day includes three spa experiences, lunch, fun and opportunities to grow closer to Jesus and friends. For more info, contact the church 740.753.1939. Space limited to 75 women.

UPCOMING DATES

May 4	Spring Conference and Pre Conference Briefing, The Plains, 3pm
May 15	June Newsletter Deadline
May 16	Clergy Leaders with Dennis Mohler, Dist Office, 10 am
May 21	Clergy Session @ Columbus Convention Center
June 9-12	Annual Conference; Laity Session June 8, 7 pm
Aug 4	New Pastor Orientation @ Dist parsonage (11335 Rosewood Lane, Athens)

Precharge Conference Briefings

August 3	3:00 p.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	Richland UMC, Athens
	6:00 p.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	Trinity UMC, Logan
August 4	6:30 p.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	Barlow, Washington Co
August 8	10:00 a.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	South Zanesville UMC
August 9	10:00 a.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	Chester UMC, Meigs Co.
Sept. 7	2:00 p.m.	Pre Charge Conference Briefing	District Office

District Finances Reported

1st Qtr. Budget through 4/8/2008

	Budget 4/8/08	Actual 4/8/08	Difference 4/8/08	Percent
Income				
Apportionments	\$ 58,844.73	\$ 42,900.00	\$ (15,944.73)	73%
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,227.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,727.00</u>	150%
Total Revenue	\$ 68,344.73	\$ 57,127.00	\$ (11,217.73)	84%
Expenses				
Salaries	\$ 26,685.69	\$ 26,019.62	\$ 666.07	98%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 693.72	\$ 615.71	\$ 78.01	89%
Pension/Ins.	\$ 11,650.95	\$ 10,336.27	\$ 1,314.68	89%
Acct. Reimburse	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 969.13	\$ 1,130.87	46%
Parsonage/Office	\$ 11,376.63	\$ 13,130.43	\$ (1,753.80)	115%
Mission Support	<u>\$ 14,724.99</u>	<u>\$ 6,638.63</u>	<u>\$ 8,086.36</u>	45%
	\$ 67,231.98	\$ 57,709.79	\$ 9,522.19	86%

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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