

“Every Church a Mission Station -- Every Community a Mission Field”

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Footnotes from the Foothills



May 2011

From Dennis' Desk

It's Not about the Numbers . . . Actually It is about the Numbers

Have you ever said, “It’s not about the numbers” or “We don’t want just numbers”? I have. But not anymore. I have decided it is about the numbers. A pastor’s tongue-in-cheek parody helped me see the point. I heard Lovett Weems, Jr. tell the following parable about the church today.

Pastor Tim Stevens tells about going on vacation when his three children were quite young. The entire family was standing in a crowded hotel lobby in a big city when, to his surprise, he saw one of their children, a three-year old, in an elevator going skyward, her nose pressed to the glass with fright on her face. “What am I to do?” the pastor thought. “Nothing,” was his reply. After all, two out of the three children were still there. And, after all, there were many things he and his wife had not yet done with the remaining two children. Maybe they should focus more on having a deeper relationship with the two remaining children. In fact, this pastor had never really been a numbers person. He was not the kind of pastor who, if he came to the end of a vacation with fewer children than at the beginning of the vacation, would feel guilty about the negative numbers. “I’m just not into the numbers game,” the pastor insisted.

As I thought about this story, it struck me that when we end a year with two children fewer on our Sunday School roles, those are someone’s children. Or when a campus ministry adds numbers to its participants, each of those students is someone’s child. The world is full of children alone on elevators. They are the numbers we seek.

But, who’s counting? God is counting, that’s Who.

We know that we’re not reaching nearly all of the people that we could or should be, but we don’t seem to know what or how to do anything about it. What will it take to effectively reach the least, the last, and the lost in the world today?

Conventional wisdom in the last generation has resisted numerical goals and concentrated instead on improving the internal life of the church. However, it may be that we will never make the right and necessary changes needed to attract new people until we first commit ourselves to reach those people.

One of the myths of American industry is that Henry Ford invented the assembly line, which then permitted him to build a car that could be sold for \$500, an amount that large numbers of working people could afford. The reality is just the reverse. Ford determined that \$500 was the most that large numbers of people could pay for a car, and inventing the assembly line was the only way he could devise to accomplish that task.

The same sequence may be necessary in the church. It may be that we first must commit ourselves to reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people; and our very willingness to be accountable for such goals will lead us to discover what we need to do to accomplish the goals. We will then be forced to engage the people we seek to reach, to learn of their needs, and to understand the nature of their quest for God. In so doing, we will gather the information needed for worship and ministries appropriate for our changed context.

We are the Church of the Living Christ - We have a message worth telling – Our task is to take that message to those who need to know and seek Jesus - Now let’s find someone ready to listen!

Dennis

Foothills District Spring Conference The Plains UMC Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

We will be honoring our retiree, those being ordained, pastors leaving and coming to the District as well as talking about the upcoming Annual Conference. We will be approving our 2012 District budget and electing our 2012 District Officers. The WOC Book of Reports with legislation pending for the 2010 West Ohio Annual Conference will be distributed at this meeting. The Book of Reports will also be available online, after May 5, if you wish to print your own copy.

Celebrating the Smaller Church In Our District

Buchtel UMC

One of the most effective ministries at the Buchtel U.M. Church has been their visitor ministry. They attribute their increase in attendance to the fact that their past visitors have invited their friends and family to worship with them. When a visitor enters their building they are greeted with a smile, handshake, and a warm welcome. Each visitor is given a card to complete which asks for a name, phone number, address and email information. In the worship service they celebrate a "meet & greet" time and ask the congregation to cross the aisles of the church to greet other worshippers. Visitors are never pointed out so as to make them feel like they are in the spotlight during the service. When the service is over they make sure the visitor receives a jar of jelly, loaf of bread and a warm hug inviting them back. Within the next day or two they mail a card with the picture of our church on it and invite the visitor to worship with them again. They know how important this ministry is when a visitor comes back and shares with them how welcomed and comfortable they felt at the Buchtel U.M. Church.



Smaller Church Ideas... Connecting with Your Community

Archery is helping an aging church connect with youth. Two years ago, First Baptist Church of Tyler Mountain, WV, was a small, aging church with 25-30 attendees, all between the ages of 40 and 85. Looking for a way to reach youth, the church found Centershot Ministries, a national ministry equipping churches to teach archery and reach the community. Two years later, the eight week courses remain full with 10-20 students attending. The sessions meet once a week and while half the group shoots under careful supervision, the other half does devotionals. After an hour, the students enjoy a break with snacks, and the groups switch stations. One advantage of the program is the level of connection between adults and youth which has helped the church members interact with the students in meaningful ways.

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 watson@foothillsdistrict.org Thank You!

THANKS TO OUR 100% CHURCHES

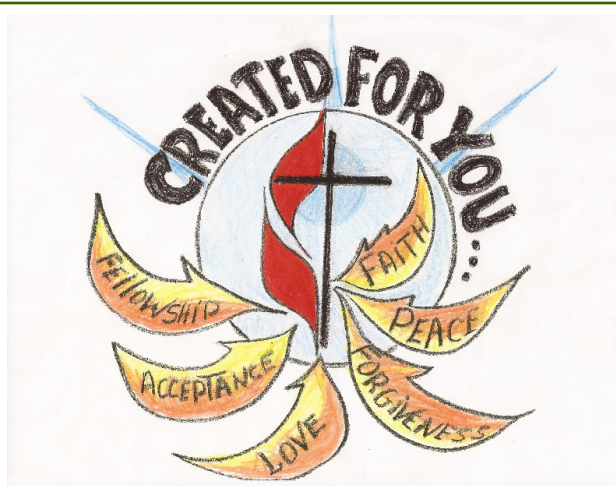
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Foothills churches that have paid 100% of their district apportionments as of the end of March. We are most grateful for your continued support so that the mission and ministry of the Foothills District might move forward. The list includes:

Bates Chapel	Hopewell Perry Co	Rock Springs
Bethany (Meigs)	Kanauga Fair Haven	Smith Chapel
Bethesda	Locust Grove	South Harvey
Buchtel	Macedonia	South Perry
Corning Bethany	Moxahala	Starr
Ebenezer Muskingum	Mt Pisgah	Syracuse Asbury
Ebenezer Vinton	Murray City	Todds
Fairview	Patriot	Union Furnace
Flatwoods	Pine Grove Fairfield Co	Union Athens
Forest Run	Pisgah	Union Hocking
Gibsonville Mt Olive	Pleasant Grove	Warren Chapel
Haydenville	Pleasant Hill Hocking	Zaleski
Hockingport	Reedsville	Zion
Hopewell Fairfield Co		

AND THE WINNER IS...

The winner of our Foothills District T-Shirt contest was the **God's Followers Sunday School Class at the Sugar Grove UMC** in Fairfield County. Mary Morris is their teacher and she related the following to us, "The class came up with a lot of ideas and this drawing is what came out of those ideas. We hope you enjoy the drawing as much as the class did creating it."

The District appreciates our young people leading the way for us and we hope you will enjoy wearing the shirt. If you would like a t-shirt then please place your order to the District office by **May 20th**. The cost will be \$5 and you can make your check payable to the Foothills District.



We will have the t-shirts available at the registration table at Lakeside for those of you who are lay delegates so that we can wear our shirts together on Tuesday of Annual Conference.

FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED

In the District's April Newsletter (you can find it on our website!) we gave you the cleaning (aka Flood) bucket instructions so that you could assemble one yourself. Ohio has recently experienced its own flooding and has utilized what buckets we had on hand. We are asking individuals, Sunday school classes, UM Women's groups, Youth groups and local churches to help us assemble 100 cleaning buckets. We will be storing them in 4 locations across our District for future flooding needs. Please bring your bucket(s) to the District office as soon as you have them completed. Thank You for making a difference in the lives of those who are facing a difficult struggle!

Zanesville Faith Scores Big!

Want to hear about some fun ministry happening in our district? Zanesville Faith UMC had their first ever Hoops of Hope event at Zanesville High School. Megan Schreiber, youth leader, and Pastor Nancy Amos have been going into the Middle School during their breakfast time once a week for about 2 months and talking about how the students can make a difference in the lives of children orphaned by the Aids epidemic in Africa.

They shared Austin Gutwein's story about how when he heard of this problem in his church at 9 years old he wanted to do something...so he used something he loved, basketball to change the world. Austin is now 16 years old and the founder of Hoops of Hope International, a partnership with World Vision. Hoops of Hope has raised over \$2 million dollars in

the last 6 years and has put that money to use in Zambia. They have built a school, which also houses orphans, 2 medical clinics and provided clean water for countless people.

The Zanesville students grabbed hold of this with both hands. They organized a pajama day where the kids...they raised over \$200.00 that day. They had a bake sale and the ladies of the church paid \$1 to wear pj's to church took in many baked goods. The Hoops of Hope day was a success on many levels, church members came out and worked together, the church was in the schools!!! The event was held in the new Zanesville High School gymnasium. Kevin Martin, a graduate of ZHS and pro basketball player gave a signed jersey for a prize and there were signed pictures from

the OSU men's basketball coach. They partnered with the YMCA for small basketball hoops for little kids and the YMCA gave away a free family membership for one year. The community businesses provided all kinds of great door prizes.

The total raised for Hoops of Hope was \$1,400.

The church plans to "shoot" for even more involvement of the students next year. (Pun intended)

WHIZ TV, a local news station came out and interviewed Megan the day of the event. You can go online to WHIZ TV and see pictures and Megan's interview.



And Speaking of Basketball...*"Basketball is a metaphor for life."*

We believe we have an opportunity to bring much needed hopeful energy to Zambezi. Something our whole community can rally around and get excited about. We believe this can happen through basketball. High school basketball. Boys & girls high school basketball.

Rita Njobvu is our new basketball coach here in Zambezi. She is a member of the Zambia National Women's Team. The team that represents the country in international competition. She has a lot of skill and enthusiasm to bring to the job. We have student-athletes who are eager to learn and compete. We have a core of parents-boosters who want to be supportive and help promote their team.

And we also have some challenges, too. We have an outdoor court with a crumbling surface and grass growing up thru the cracks. The wooden backboards are destroyed from weather and use. The rims are rusted and also need to be replaced. With some monetary help, our volunteer labor can make our court playable.

And we need equipment, too. Basketballs, we don't have any. Uniforms, warm-ups, shoes, etc. If you know of a school/program with some surplus basketball equipment, we could certainly make very

good use of it here. Not just our players or just our high school, but our whole village of Zambezi could get energized to put our team on the court. And have something to be hopeful about.

Our basketball season here starts in May. So we are eager to begin. This is not merely a school project or a United Methodist project, but a community project. Your support would be very much appreciated by everyone here. ***"Hope is the pillar of the world." - African proverb***

from Rita Njobvu/Basketball Coach/Zambezi High School
Chuck Skala/Volunteer in Mission/United Methodist Church

**FOR
II TIMOTHY
PASTORS**

**Please RSVP to
the District office
by May 9th**

We will be holding another Pastoral seminar on the topic **"Preaching that Makes a Difference"**. It will be led by Rodney Rogers, pastor at Hamden/Wilkesville UMC in Vinton County. It will be held at the Foothills District Office on **Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

We all know how much prayer, study and thought goes into the creation of a life-giving sermon. We also are aware that we need to be constant learners when it comes to how best to communicate the good news of Christ. We hope to see you here!

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.

Foothills and Shawnee Valley District General Conference Delegates

The following lay and clergy persons are seeking election as West Ohio Conference delegates to General Conference in 2012 from our two southern districts. If we are to have representation to the General Church Body, then it is essential for us to focus on the following persons to consider for election at this year's Annual Conference.

Lay Delegates

Sherri Rogers, Hamden
Scott Dawson, Clarksburg
Roger Weaver, Crouse Chapel

Dewey Smith, River of Life
Bob Imboden, Chillicothe Trinity

Clergy Delegates

Dennis Mohler, Foothills DS

Joseph Bishman, Shawnee Valley DS

GARDENING THIS YEAR?



Is your church or ministry thinking of doing a community garden?

Do you have folks in your church who usually have lots of produce to give away?

Do you have Food Pantries in your area that could use more food because the demand has increased?

There are three organizations you might want to talk with in order to glean from their experience and wisdom.

- Harvest of Hope
Karen Kumpf, Director
740-706-1244

- Good Earth Hunger Mission
Paul Clever, Director
1-740-594-2425
pclever2@yahoo.com
goodearthfarm@commonfriars.org

- Community Food Initiative
"Working with communities from seed to self-reliance"
94 Columbus Rd.
Athens, Ohio 45701
Ronda Clark, Director
1-740-593-5971
www.communityfoodinitiatives.org

Good Works Fast from Shelter—May 13-15

For more than 20 years, Good Works has been sponsoring an annual FAST FROM SHELTER where we "camp out" inside the city of Athens and explore the issues relevant to the church as we extend ourselves to love and care for people in poverty both locally and around the world. This year's FAST will take place in on East State Street at the property across from Applebees* from Friday night May 13 to Sunday May 15. Participants will "camp out" inside the city and gather for teaching/dialogue on issues related to caring for people who struggle with poverty and homelessness. Come and join the Good Works staff and volunteers this year as we FAST from Shelter!



The annual Fast is from shelter, not from food. You are encouraged to bring food to share. We will share meals together as we "camp out". In addition to a tent and sleeping bag, please bring a lawn chair. For more information, visit our web site at www.good-works.net and click on WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW. The Fast is listed under Events or e-mail Andrea Horsch at (andrea@good-works.net) or call her at 740-594-3333.

* parking for the FAST is on the property of Athens County Children's Services

Friday, May 13th

6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Arrival and set up
8:00 pm-10:00 pm	Welcome and sharing. Why are people poor: a Biblical and sociological view

Saturday, May 14th

9:00 am	Informal sharing, coffee and community
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Session I Why are people poor? (Part II)
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dinner (you are encouraged to bring food to share)
6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Session II The unity of the body of Christ and loving our Neighbors

Sunday, May 15th

9:00 am	Informal sharing, coffee and community, singing and scrip-
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Session III Developing Christian Community; things which have sustained us in our mission.



West Ohio Conference
United **M**ethodist **R**ural **F**ellowship
“Hope Grows!”

**A Banquet in Celebration of
 Rural and Town - Country Ministries**

**Sunday June 5 at 5:00 pm
 at North Shore (Otterbein Home)
 (right outside to the old Lakeside gate)
 Cost - \$12.50**

Sponsored by
 WO United Methodist Rural Fellowship
 WO Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors
 and TARRP

Questions - contact Rev. Kenneth Martin (pastorkenmartin@hotmail.com)

 Cut and send reservations to: Rev. Kenneth Martin, 6770 East St. SE, London, OH 43140
 (Write checks to West Ohio UMRF (\$12.50 each person))

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email. _____

Number of Reservations _____ Total enclosed _____

**Both Clergy and Laity Reservations needed by May 22
 (Seating limited to 70 so make reservations early)**

The purpose of the United Methodist Rural Fellowship is to advocate, educate, inspire, and influence the United Methodist Church around rural issues. To be a fellowship (working network) that advocates, educates, inspires, and affirms rural and small membership churches, rural communities and the entire United Methodist Church. We will be an advocacy group of United Methodist laity and clergy who are concerned with United Methodism’s responsibility within the Church Universal toward nurturing Christian concerns in town and rural churches and communities of the United States and throughout the world; we will interpret the Christian message as it applies to town and rural life; and we will be a voice for the rural church and community particularly in the support of General Conference legislation that will assist small membership and rural churches to minister effectively in their community for the Kingdom of God.

LANCASTER UM CAMP GROUND—New Book and Upcoming Reunion

Many folks living and serving in the Foothills District today will remember attending church camp at the Lancaster Methodist Camp Ground. Perhaps you recall listening to Curt and Charlotte Davis on the radio as Sunday morning services and Vespers were broadcast from the “Hilltop” every summer. Or maybe you attended several of the many special events held in Davis Auditorium throughout the years.

In *Sanctuary: Another Perspective on the Lancaster Camp Ground*, local author, Cheryl Brimmer Wymer, recounts growing up at the campground and recalls the influence of the Holy Spirit on the camp through the late 1950’s and 1960’s. *Sanctuary* also includes a brief history of the founding of the first one hundred years of the Lancaster Methodist Camp Ground. A current aerial view of the grounds and many old photographs are interspersed throughout the book.

Sanctuary will be available during the West Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside across the street from Hoover Auditorium at the northeast corner. You may also purchase a copy at the Lancaster Camp Ground at lancastercampground@yahoo.com, online at lulu.com or call Cheryl Wymer at 740-243-3065. All profits from the sale of *Sanctuary* will benefit the Davis Auditorium Preservation Project.

If you are ever in Lancaster, why not drive through the campground? It is still one of the best kept secrets of Fairfield County!

REUNION

There will be a “Camp Ground Kids” reunion for former residents of the Lancaster Methodist Camp Ground from the 1950-60’s. We will meet in the Activity Building on Saturday, July 16 from noon until ??? with a potluck dinner around 4:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar and help us spread the word.

It All Started on a Wednesday!

It All Started on a Wednesday is a true, inspirational story written by Emily Wymer Pinney, daughter of Pastor Paul and Cheryl Wymer. Emily humorously recounts the events of her eighteen-day hospitalization in 2008; and gratefully recalls the touch of God that has transformed her life. A great encouragement for all ages, this book is available at lulu.com or by calling 740-243-3065.

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.

May 26- Good-bye and Hello: when the Pastor Changes

The way a congregation handles this transition determines future ministry. Both committees and individuals have a significant role to play.

June 23- Making Disciples in the Summertime

Plan for building deeper faith during relaxed schedules, VBS, trips and picnics

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

NEED A BREAK? LEAVE FOR LEADERS

October 24-28, 2011

General Board of Discipleship/Turner Center for Church Leadership (Nashville)

This is an opportunity for some time apart to read, pray, write, pray, think and pray. It is a self-directed continuing education program for church leaders. You set the agenda. They help you achieve your goal. You are also given access to the Vanderbilt Divinity School Library and faculty as well as GBOD staff members.

For more information: call Steve Manskar at 1-877-899-2780 (ext 1765) or email him at smanskar@gbod.org

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting for Mexico

God's Spirit has connected Mexico and Ohio in powerful ways. Hundreds of mission teams from our congregations and campus ministries have travelled to Mexico to serve God's children and be blessed by the depth of faith, joy and resilience that shines brightly in each community. Members of our annual conference session voted to enter into a covenant partnership with the Oriental Conference of the Methodist Church in Mexico. The Rev. Lupina Stewart was sent from Mexico to West Ohio to empower us to be in ministry with Hispanic brothers and sisters living in our midst. Through these relationships, transformation has taken root. Lives have been saved. Communities transformed. Faith multiplied.



Even as God's miracles have been unfolding throughout Mexico and Ohio, wars between drug cartels and Mexican authorities have given rise to violence, death and fear. This reality is played out in our media. As we hear the stories we wonder if it is safe to be in mission in Mexico. Some have decided not to go. Other teams have continued to respond to God's call to go and serve in Mexico. Team members come back giving witness to the palpable faith of the people and the incredible hospitality extended through fellowship, accompaniment and prayer.

Mexican violence is much like our own violence. It pervades *certain* areas and is not present everywhere. There are places that are unsafe, and the church in Mexico does not send Volunteer in Mission teams into those areas. There are, however, Mexican churches and pastors serving in those areas seeking to bring about transformation through the love of Jesus Christ. You are invited to join leaders of West Ohio and Mexico to pray and fast that violence will end. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reminds us that with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26).

Select a day between Easter and Ascension and join others in lifting our petitions to God. Post your prayer on our interactive [blog](#) so that others can be nourished through your faith.

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who minister every day in the areas most deeply affected by the violence. Ask God to send the power of His Spirit to transform lives and communities so that old people can walk with canes and children play in the streets (Zechariah 8:5).
- Pray for people who are addicted to drugs in the United States. 70% of illegal drugs used in the US come from Mexico. We help fuel the violence in Mexico. Pray that leaders will arise who can bring the redemptive message of God's love to people who are addicted. Pray that the church in the United States will find powerful ways to make a difference in the lives of people affected by drugs.
- Ask God what you can do to make a difference. How is God calling you? Are you called to lead a

team to the Orphanage in Piedras Negras? Are you called to provide medical care in Nuevo Progreso? Are you called to continue to pray for the church and its leaders in Mexico? Are you called to support the vital ministries that make the love of Jesus real? Are you called to minister to people who are addicted in your own community? Ask and act in faith.

On June 2, 2011, we will be breaking the fast with an Ascension Fiesta. We will celebrate God's great commission. Plan to come. We will worship, eat, sing, celebrate communion and commit to action. Details will be on our [website](#) and [blog](#). You can contact [Lupina Stewart](#) or [Dee Stickley-Miner](#) to find out more about this celebration.

Believe in the Power of God's Spirit to change and transform! Together, we can make a difference!
If one suffers we all suffer. Togetherness is strength! Togetherness is courage!
With God, all things are possible!

Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner
 Director of Connectional Mission and Justice
 West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church
 On behalf of the Oriental Partnership Team and Hispanic Ministries

We have great news about the Mexico Medical Clinic.....

1. Our clinic in Mexico is now aligned with Manos Juntas, the medical ministry of the Oriental Conference. They are licensed by the Mexican Health Department, and we will now be working directly with them. The location of the clinic will now be at Iglesia El Buen Pastor in Francisco Madera Colonia of Nuevo Progreso.
2. In addition to the 6 medical clinics which we will provide each year, the Manos Juntas will provide a doctor once a week to provide follow up care to patients. They will also handle all referrals made by our teams.
3. In partnership with OhioHealth and Manos Juntas, West Ohio will be helping to train community based health care workers who can educate community members on proper diabetes prevention and other critical health care matters. **The dates of the clinics are: May 19-22, 2011; August 4-7, 2011; October 6-9, 2011; November 10-13, 2011; January 12-15, 2012. We need medical doctors, nurses and pharmacists for our teams. Any assistance you can give would be great.**
4. This mission is also seeking financial support for the cost of medications. As in Ohio, patients in Mexico often do not have money to purchase needed medications. As a result, our teams provide medications at no charge to patients. The average cost per patient is \$20.
 Thank you for your assistance and support in developing this area.

The link to the Medical Mission Teams webpage is: www.westohioumc.org/medicalteams where you can download a PDF copy of the brochure with registration for those interested in joining a team.

Buying Organs—and Speakers

If you or your parish has a Hammond Organ (Models: A-100, 101, 102, 105, 122; BC, BV, B-2, B-3; CV, C2, C3 or RT-3), Leslie Speaker Cabinets working or NOT I would be interested in them. In addition to Hammond Organs, I also buy: Hand bells/Chimes Vintage Tube Audio and Theatre Speakers. I am based out of Columbus, Ohio, will arrange for pick-up and pay cash at pick-up. If you have any of these items, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jared Hurst - 614-332-5536

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Prayer Concerns

David Barringer
Spring Young



Medical Personnel Needed

The West Ohio Conference first aid station is seeking individuals with emergency medical training, first aid training, or nursing to stand in case of an emergency during the business sessions at this year's West Ohio Annual Conference. Duties may include evaluating patients need for further care or referral to local hospital, taking patient's blood pressure, to band-aid application. Please contact John Wade at 419-905-6013 or email to medic_503@yahoo.com. Remember the more volunteers we have - the less time any one volunteer will have to give up. Thank You in advance for your help.

Native American Ministries Sunday— May 8, 2011

Native American Ministries Sunday is just days away. Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ's church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations become stronger and communities are transformed.



“I want to be the best minister I can be,” said the Rev. Chebon Kernell, a Native American seminary scholarship recipient. “The best way to do this is through theological education. My hope is for my children to know who they are as Native people, to hold core values and to know it's OK for them to be what God created them to be.”

In today's economy, your contributions are critical to The United Methodist Church, honoring its commitment to ministries that support Native Americans.

Call (888) 346-3862 today to order envelopes and other resources so your congregation can participate in this churchwide offering. They will be sent at no cost to your church! Find more at umcgiving.org/specialsundays.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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