



# Three Rivers Current

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*“...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

Acts 2: 47 (NIV)

I'd like to continue a few more reflections on my pilgrimage to Korea. I write this article during Memorial Weekend and preparing for the season of Pentecost.

One of the places we visited while in Seoul, was a missionary cemetery. The international cemetery was only for those who had served the Lord in missionary service. As I walked quietly around the cemetery I was impressed to see the markings of the stones (mostly Americans) who had come to Korea to share the Gospel of Christ and plant the seed of the love of God.

It was in the late 1890's when Henry Appenzeler landed on the shores of Korea from America and began preaching the Gospel.

From him and those who followed the Word of God spread to make Christianity now the leading religion in Korea. Over 35% of the population is Christian, with over 5 million believers. All this came from the witness and missionary zeal of those who gave birth to the Church in Korea. We visited churches, schools, universities, seminaries, hospitals, mission sites all established upon the mission and giving of Christian love.



When I think of the birth of the Church at Pentecost, it began with a small group of people. The Holy Spirit filled and empowered people to be in the mission and service of the Gospel. The Church was established to reach out to the entire world in service and ministry. What I saw in Korea was how the church grew in less than one century with the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are each called to be in mission and service as we serve God as ministers and missionaries. I thank God for missionaries, circuit riders, pastors and persons filled with the Holy Spirit who share the love of Christ in our churches... from Sunday School teachers, to VBS workers, to youth leaders, to Bible study teachers, to nursery workers, to personal witnesses of God's work and love in their lives.

May we all be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and revitalize our Church. From one person to many, no matter how small our church may be... may we continue to work and serve our God.

In Christ's ministry together,

**Jim**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Your Church Leadership Directories (included annually with charge conference materials) are used for mailing lists of your church leaders by BOTH the district and the conference offices.

The Local Church Report (Year-end report) is very important to complete online or send via mail. The figures on this form are used to calculate the church apportionments. If you don't turn this report in, the apportionments will be based on the previous year's figures.

If you are serving as your church delegate, you may not serve as a district delegate. Church delegates are listed in the Leadership Directory. District delegates nominated at your church/charge conference are to be listed in the Omnibus Form.

## SPECIAL THANKS!

We wish to thank Jamie Thorne of Fredericktown UMC and Forrest Ridge Photography for volunteering her time and talents! Jamie photographed all of the pastors who attended the Spring District Conference as well as the district office staff.

The photos have been made available online for viewing at [www.forrestridgephotography.com](http://www.forrestridgephotography.com)

Three Rivers District Fellowship  
Monday, June 15  
At Lakeside UMC

All clergy, delegates and families of the Three Rivers District are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

We will be in the Parlor at the Lakeside United Methodist Church  
405 Central Avenue  
from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stop by and say "hello"!

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## OFFICE HOURS

District Office is open  
Monday thru Friday.  
Office hours are  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Beginning June 19, 2009 the District Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer months.**



## FREE VBS SUPPLIES:

Cokesbury "Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours" based on Luke 10:27. Includes all supplies you'll need plus decorations! Call Jill Charlton, Jelloway UMC at 740-599-7926.



## Appointment Changes in the Three Rivers District:



We welcome the pastors coming to our district, July 1, 2009:

- **Tom Fish** to the Moreland UMC (coming from Coalburg UMC, Mahoning Valley District)
- **Paul Turner** to Lakeland Parish (new part-time local pastor from Canal District)

### FALL CHARGE CONFERENCES

At the Spring District Conference, letters and schedules for the fall charge conferences were distributed. The tentative schedule is in this newsletter. Please be sure to mark down these important dates on your calendar now for the charge conference, S/PPR meetings and clergy consultations with the district superintendent. If you have any scheduling conflicts with the tentative schedule that was distributed, you need to contact the District Office ASAP. You will receive charge conference forms and materials at Annual Conference at Lakeside. After Annual Conference, NO CHANGES can be made.

### **Retirees Enjoy Lunch with the District Superintendent**

Twenty-four retired clergy, spouses, and guests who live within the boundaries of the Three Rivers District brought a dish and gathered at the district parsonage on May 14 for food and fellowship. All enjoyed the delicious chicken sandwiches and gracious hospitality of District Superintendent Jim Humphrey.

Just back from Korea, Rev. Jim gave us an informal report on the vitality, sacrificial giving, and enthusiasm of the Korean Methodist Church, emphasizing that seeds planted years ago by early missionaries, UMW leaders, and mission giving is now bearing fruit, just as seeds being planted in Africa now will bear even greater fruit in the future. (Incidentally, speaking of seeds being planted, Three Rivers retiree John Capper baptized Jim Humphrey when John was serving the Winona UMC.) Jim traveled with a group of eight bishops, several district superintendents, and others as guests of the Korean church. Everywhere they went they were shown radical hospitality, and he also said that many Koreans remember with gratitude the help our country gave them during the Korean conflict.

Bill Norman reported on the East Ohio Retirees meeting he attended in North Canton last month, highlighting issues that might come up at Annual Conference and reminding everyone to get reservations in for the Retirees Banquet June 14.

Enjoying the event were Pat and John Reiter from Loudonville; Trudy and Elliott Bush from Gambier, formerly of Wisconsin; Dolores and Paul Gerycz from Newcomerstown; Joy Draper from Fredericktown who brought a house guest from the Wintersville UMC; Alice and Dick Hoover from Roscoe; Bonnie and Jim Magaw, Jerry and Phyllis Bell, Janet and Irwin Jennings, and Maurine and Jack Scott from Mount Vernon; and Ginny and Bill Norman, Nancy and Dale Sanford, and Helen and John Capper from Apple Valley.

### **MISSION INSIGHT**

The East Ohio Conference has a new resource available to local churches to help in ministry planning. MISSION INSITE is a tool to help you explore your ministry area and discover new mission opportunities. This is FREE and available to all EOC churches. Go to [www.MissionInsite.com](http://www.MissionInsite.com) and register your church. Our agency account number ID# is **A54VG**

Dirk Elliott will be coming to our district, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 10:00 a.m., to provide a training in using the mission insight and for helping churches reach their demographics in their community. Stay tuned for details of when and where.

### **School Kits are always needed**

The need is constant. The most requested supplies are school kits and health kits. Last year 148,964 health kits were sent last year. Congregations and individuals are encouraged to consider collecting kit supplies or making contributions to the UMCOR Material Resource ministry, either to assemble kits or support shipping costs. It costs an average of \$6,700 to ship a 40-foot container of goods from Sager Brown to its final destination overseas.

UMCOR offers a variety of resources that help tell the UMCOR story. Use these resources to support your church and community programs. Many are free. Most are available for you to download online at: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/resources/>

Giving to Material Resources, UMCOR Advance #901440

## **DISTRICT YOUTH**

### **Summer Youth Mission - June 21 - 24, 2009**

The Millersburg United Methodist Youth Group is making plans for our Summer Mission Project. This is our first attempt at doing a local mission project and we wish to invite your church to become involved. We are seeking youth from Holmes and surrounding county churches to join us in our project. We hope that together we can provide a value service project to our youth and residents.

We are planning a 4-day and 3-night work project that will cost youth \$150 to participate. No individuals will be paid for services and a complete expense report will be available upon request and presented to any groups or businesses that provide funding or donations. Any unused funds will be used to continue additional projects and reflected in the expenditure reports.

We are planning to offer a variety of projects that will include light construction (accessibility ramps/porches, yard & household cleaning, painting, and non-profit community service.) Youth will work with teams made up of individuals from a variety of youth groups and be assigned a crew leader from the church-provided chaperones. Each church is asked to send 1 adult per 5 youth. The youth will camp in the Sunday School rooms at Millersburg United Methodist Church.

If you know of individuals that would be willing to serve or have any questions, please contact Joe Edinger at Millersburg United Methodist Church. Cell phone – 330-231-4459 or by email at [edingers@roadrunner.com](mailto:edingers@roadrunner.com)

## 2010 District Delegates

The following persons have been elected by the district conference to attend Annual Conference 2010. Listed in order of election.

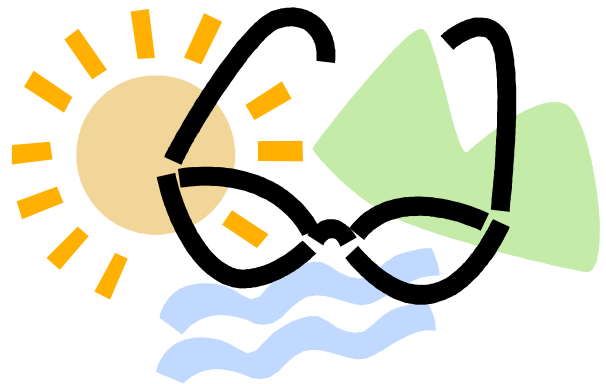
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Mary Ann Miller	57
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Pat Warner	55
Pam Hogue	55
Sharon Mozena	55
Sharon Vickers	54
Joann Payne	54
Becky Pepper	53
Bill Simmons	53
Dick Payne	52
Janice Tope	51
Michael Simmons	51
Nancy Mawer	50
Eric Miller	49
Kris Finton	46
Phil Ruhl	45

**Congratulations!**

## *2009 All-Ohio Youth Weekend Presented by East & West Ohio Conferences*

October 30-November 1, 2009  
At Alladin Shrine Center  
3850 Seltzer Road  
Columbus OH 43219

Watch future mailings for more details



## **Three Rivers District Fall Clergy Family Fellowship Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **3:30 p.m. – Rolling Ridge Ranch FUN for All ages!**

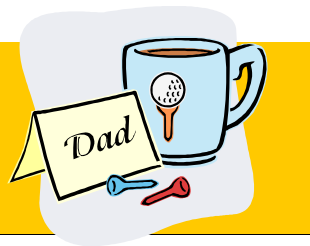
The Rolling Ridge Ranch is located between Berlin and Walnut Creek in the heart of Amish country. The ranch features over 500 animals & birds from around the world. We'll feed the animals from a guided horse-drawn wagon tour. (Cost of the wagon ride is gift from DS, as long as we have your reservation by August 12<sup>th</sup>!)

### **6:00 p.m. – Dinner at Millersburg UM Church**

Mark your calendars now for this special fun day. All active and retired clergy families are invited to come. We'll be welcoming new clergy families to the district. We will need your reservation **no later** than August 12<sup>th</sup>. A donation for the meal will be collected.



# June 2009



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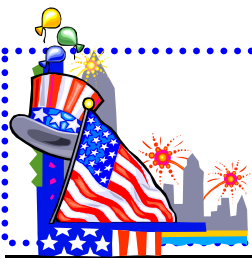
Wed

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Sat

May 31	1 Cabinet	2 Cabinet	3	4 D.S. Out	5 D.S. Out	6 D.S. Out
		Local Pastor Licensing School				
7	8	9	10	11	12 Cedar Point Day	13 YAC
14 YAC	15 Three Rivers District Fellowship	16	17	18	19 District Office closed Summer hours	20
	Annual Conference					
				New pastor orientation		
21  Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 District Office Closed Summer hours	27 D.S. out
28	29 Pastor Move-out Day	30 Pastor Move-in Day	<p>To those pastors leaving the district: Our blessings go with you! God bless! We'll miss you!</p> 		<p>To the new clergy of the Three Rivers District: WELCOME!</p> 	



# July 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 District Office Closed	4  Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10 District Office Closed	11
12 Gail's Birthday 	13	14	15	16	17 District Office Closed	18
19	20	21	22 D.S. Out		24 District Office Closed	25 Jim's Birthday 
26	27	28	29 D.S. Out		31 District Office Closed	

## REVISED CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	Charge Conf & Location	PPR	CLERGY
Sun.	Sept. 20	3:00 p.m.	<b>Otsego</b> /Bethel, Trinway/Prospect	Sept. 20 @ 2:00 p.m.	Sept 15 @ Dist Office
Wed.	Sept. 23	7:00 p.m.	<b>Waterford</b> , Fredericktown, Batemantown/Berlin, Salem, Green Valley	Sept 16-17 @ Waterford	Sept 16-17 @ Fredericktown
Mon	Sept. 28	7:00 p.m.	<b>Perrysville</b>	6:00 p.m. @ Perrysville	Sept 17 @ Fredericktown
Wed.	Sept. 30	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Chapel/ <b>Beulah</b>	6:00 p.m. @ Beulah	Sept 17 @ Fredericktown
Thur.	Oct. 1	7:00	<b>Howard</b> /Brinkhaven, Jelloway, Amity, Gamb. Epworth/Ebenezer, Wesley Chapel, Danville	6:00 p.m. @ Howard	Sept 24-25 @ Danville
Sun.	Oct. 4	2:00 p.m.	<b>Birmingham</b> /West Union, Irish Ridge, Kimbolton, Guernsey/Wolf	Oct 3 @ Kimbolton	Fri. Oct 2 @ Kimbolton
Wed.	Oct. 7	7:00 p.m.	<b>Nashville</b> , Millersburg, Killbuck, Mt. Hope/Holmesville, Lakeville/Bigelow, Loudonville	Mon & Tues, Oct 5 & 6 @ Millersburg	Mon. & Tues. Oct. 5 & 6 @ Millersburg
Sun.	Oct. 11	2:00 p.m.	<b>Keene</b>	2:00 p.m. @ Keene	Oct 9 @ Dist Office
Thur.	Oct. 15	7:00 p.m.	<b>Cosh Grace</b> , Cosh Park, Roscoe, Canal Lewisville, Prairie Chapel, Fresno	Sat., Oct. 10 @ Dist. Office	Thur. & Fri., Oct 8 & 9 @ District Office
Sun.	Oct. 18	2:00 p.m.	<b>South Vernon</b>	Sun., Oct 18	Oct 16 @ Dist Office
Tues.	Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.	<b>Conesville</b> /New Moscow, Nellie/New Guilford, Blissfield, Branch, Warsaw	Sat., Oct. 17 @ Dist. Office	Thur. & Fri., Oct 15 & 16 @ District Office
Sun.	Oct. 25	4:00 p.m.	<b>Mulberry</b> , Hopewell, Gay Street, Utica, Homer/Brandon/Lock	Sat., Oct. 24 @ Mulberry	Wed. & Thur., Oct. 21 & 22 @ Gay Street
Tues.	Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.	<b>Baltic</b>	Tue. Nov 3 @ 6:00 p.m.	Fri. Oct 16 @ District Office
Thur.	Nov. 5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Tippecanoe</b> , Pleasant Grove, Freeport/West Chester/Mt. Carmel, Smyrna	Tues., Oct. 27 @ Tippecanoe	Tues., Oct 27 @ Freeport
Sun.	Nov. 8	2:00 p.m.	<b>Adamsville</b>	Sun., Nov. 8 @ 1:00 p.m.	Nov. 5 @ District Office
Mon.	Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.	<b>Calvary</b> /Kings/Everals	6:00 p.m.	Sept 17 @ Fredericktown
Tues.	Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	<b>West Lafayette</b> , Plainfield/Isleta, Orange, Tyndal, Newcomerstown Christ	Sat., Nov. 7 @ District Office	Wed. & Thur., Nov. 4 & 5 @ District Office
Thur.	Nov. 12	7:00 p.m.	<b>Moreland</b>	Nov. 12 @ 6:00 p.m.	Thur., Nov. 5 @ District Office

1. SPR/PPR: Scheduled times to meet with the D.S. will be announced at a later date, unless otherwise printed on this form.
2. Charge Conference LOCATION is the church printed in **BOLD**
3. Clergy: All consult schedule times will be announced at a later time.

# FLOOD BUCKET/HEALTH KIT DRIVE

**The East Ohio Conference Mission Awareness committee is sponsoring a Flood Bucket and Health Kit Drive at Annual Conference this year.**

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck to accept donations SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY. They will then carry the buckets and kits back to their distribution center to be used wherever they are needed.

## FLOOD BUCKET

Each bucket should contain:

- 5-Gallon Bucket w/lid
- 5 Scouring Pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 Scrub Brush
- 1 Lysol Liquid Cleaner Concentrate—12 oz
- Bleach (two one quart or one 82 oz bottle)
- 50 Clothes Pins
- Disinfectant dish soap (16-28 oz bottle)
- 5 Dust Masks
- Clothes line (two 50 ft or one 100 ft)
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 18 Cleaning Towels (reusable wipes)
- 1 Insect repellent spray 6-14 oz can
- 1 Air freshener 8 or 9 oz can
- Liquid Laundry Detergent  
(two 25 oz or one 50 oz bottle)
- 24 bag roll or heavy-duty trash bags 33-45 gallon  
(remove roll from box before placing in bucket)



## HEALTH KITS

Place these items in a sealed one gallon plastic bag:

- 1 Hand Towel (15 X 25 up to 17 X 27  
no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb-large - no pocket-sized
- 1 fingernail clippers  
(no emery board or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single size only in original  
wrapper, no child-size toothbrushes)
- 1 large toothpaste
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

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***July/August Issue Deadline: June 25, 2009***



## **CONFERENCE PICTURE DIRECTORY**

### **ALL CLERGY:**

Lifetouch Church Directories is again photographing for our annual conference. WE NEED YOU to make our 2009 East Ohio UMC Conference Directory complete! This tool will help us connect names and faces and will commemorate our conference experience.

Dates and times for your professional portrait will be announced later. You will receive a complimentary conference directory and 9 wallet portraits for participating!

Your professional sitting will only take a few moments. There will be no sales on site. We look forward to seeing you!

Photography provided by Lifetouch

