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"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire..." Acts 2:3

Are we a Pentecostal Church? Sometimes the word "Pentecostal" scares us as a main-line denominational church and we wouldn't dare describe us as such. We are the more dignified, sit-on our hands, rather than hands up in the air, type of the parishioner. But sometimes I wonder if we are more of the frozen chosen, rather than the fired up Christians we are called to be. We sit in our pew, sit on our hands, and sit on the Holy Spirit and don't allow God to have the power or opportunity for the Holy Spirit to take control.



A Sunday School Teacher was taking her class to the sanctuary, he asked, "Why is it important for us to be quiet in church?" A little girl responded, "Because people are sleeping!" A little girl said the same when asked about why her church had a coffee hour after worship, "To wake people up before they have to drive home!" We are to be a church that is on fire not asleep!



The United Methodist Church has the Pentecostal Flame of the Holy Spirit as part of our logo along with the cross. The fire of Pentecost is to enliven and enthuse us to be the church God empowered us to be. I think too many churches have squelched those flames, not stirred or fired up the coals, or have gotten burned out. Too many "former Methodists" have lost that fiery passion and are more or less "just chillin".

There was a little girl who on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes that's true." The mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl, "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

Am I showing God? That is Pentecost and Pentecostal! And we are to be that Pentecostal Church, showing forth the Spirit of God into our world.

Jim

Youth Events

Youth Annual Conference – June 11-13

The Theme for the 2010 YAC is “Greater Things to Come.” Special guest artist for YAC will be [Joe Castillo](#), an inspirational sand artist. Cost for YAC will be \$36 Early Bird Registration, housing \$20 per person, per night, and Cedar Point tickets \$30 pre-sale. [Complete registration information is posted on our YAC2010 web site.](#)

CCYM 40th Anniversary Reunion

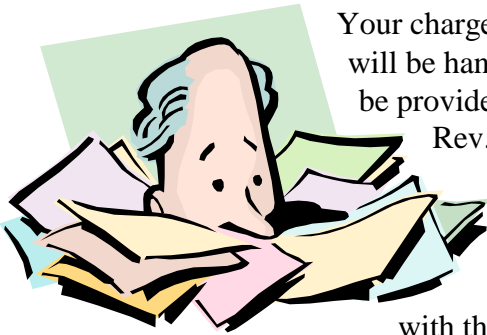
The Fortieth Anniversary Reunion of CCYM will be July 10. If you would like information on the reunion, please send your name and email or snail mail address to kpbrown@oumconline.com.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS & INFORMATION

Three Rivers District Fellowship at Annual Conference

The District Superintendency Committee is hosting the Three Rivers District Fellowship at Lakeside this year. All clergy, delegates and families are invited to attend our fellowship gathering on Monday, June 14th. from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor at the Lakeside United Methodist Church. Join us for refreshments and fellowship!

2010-2011 Charge Conference Information



Your charge conference materials, schedule, district directories and other information will be handed out at Annual Conference. This year the charge conference **forms** will be provided on CD's. We hope to have the forms posted to our website very soon.

Rev. Humphrey will be distributing the packets during Annual Conference.

When you see him be sure to stop by and pick up your packets.

Rev. Humphrey expects all paperwork in on time. All pastor & PPR paperwork is due in this office one week prior to the pastor's consultation with the D.S. Pastors will also be asked to attend the PPR meeting with the D.S.

Please check your information and your church information in the Directory. If you find an error, please let us know about it! We can't correct it if we don't know about it!

Three Rivers District Clergy & Family Outing

On Thursday evening August 26th the District Clergy (active and retired) and their families are invited to join us on a special outing and then a meal. Details will be sent via e-mail and snail mail. Please mark your calendars for August 26th! We'll see you there!





DISASTER RESPONSE

International - Haiti & Chile Emergency Relief Offerings - We encourage you to give.

Through Your United Methodist Church: Make your check payable to your local church. Write the name of the ministry and Advance code number on the check. (Haiti #418325) (Chile #3021178). Drop your gift in any United Methodist church offering plate or give your gift to your church treasurer, **so that your church and annual conference will get Advance credit.** Treasurers – mail this offering to the East Ohio Conference with your apportionment payments – be sure to mark your invoice with the Advance #.

Matt McClung (e-news)

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Southeastern	Decatur, GA	(404) 377-7424	F: 404-377-8182	Paulette_West@umvim.org
Western	Lakeview Terrace, CA	(818) 333-6730		umvimwj@hotmail.com

Tennessee Flood Response

UMCOR is responding to the needs of those affected by flooding in TN. Please help provide cleaning buckets, see insert. And please give generously to **US Disaster Response, Spring Floods UMCOR Advance #901670.**



UMCOR SAGER-BROWN DEPOT, BALDWIN, LA – The Depot is always in need of volunteers for various tasks as well as supplies. With the onslaught of recent storms the number of flood buckets is running low. Please donate flood bucket to the UMCOR Sager -Brown Depot immediately. In addition to flood buckets there is a need for school kits, sewing kits, layettes, hand towel and health kits to replace those that are shipped. For specifics on assembling kits please visit the Sager Brown website at www.sagerbrown.org . **Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator, Tel. #800/334-4221.**

#901515 - UMCOR Sager Brown

RETHINK CHURCH

We want to highlight churches and ministries on our district that are “Rethinking Church”... to provide ideas and motivation for NEW ways and opportunities for ministry. From our Spring District Conference we had a “Celebration of Mission and Ministry” in a sharing of a blessed ministry that persons were excited about and wanted to celebrate. Here are just some of those written:

South Vernon UMC (Rev. Bob Alexander): an After-School program for elementary school children from next door Columbia School, including a community garden.

Mulberry Street UMC (Rev. Warren Outhwaite): “Food for Thought” – once a month, June-September, we go to an apartment complex in town and serve a picnic-style meal and play games with children and adults.

Perrysville UMC (Pastor Millissa Hartson): networking with community churches to provide free meal for community each week. This is an expansion of our once a month community meal. Church is also sponsoring two youth to church camp (providing full scholarships for both).

Keene UMC (Rev. Dairal Kaiser): “God’s Kids”-after school program, “Extending His Hands” ministry-doing minor help/repair for people in need, “Walk with Him” (Fit for Him)-group working together to get fit.

Lakeville/Bigelow UMC’s (Pastors Diane McCartney & Shirley Thorpe): Food Pantry – open two Saturdays per month. Serve an average of 10 to 12 needy families. Supported by the **Nashville UMC** also.

Mt. Hope UMC (Pastor Kenn Curren): Working together with the Amish and Mennonite Community, providing and receiving support financially & spiritually throughout the year.

Holmesville UMC (Pastor Kenn Curren): “Backpack Ministry”-Back to school program providing basic school supplies for all 170 children at Holmesville Elementary.

Killbuck UMC (Rev. Roberta Fuller): A NEW Adult Sunday School class, led by a lay person who volunteered, and it has 14 members!

West Lafayette UMC (Rev. Sue Chidley): Beautification of our Church! We have repainted rooms, started a beautiful new relocated nursery, new window coverings, and refurbished floorings. This beautification resulted in enthusiasm and volunteerism.

Pleasant Grove UMC (Pastor Dave Koch): “SWAT” Ministry- Sent With A Prayer- Money, cards, and prayers sent to needy people.

Do you have some exciting, new or innovative ministry to share? Send it to the DS or the District Office as we want to celebrate ministries that are making disciples for Jesus Christ in new and exciting ways!



MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Health Kit and Cleaning Bucket Collection

Under the guidance of our East Ohio Conference Mission Secretaries, Ed and Linda Clark, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck at annual conference from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning for the collection of Cleaning Buckets and Health Kits. With the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and the spring floods across the United States there is a great need. Go to the following website for what to include: http://www.eocumc.com/ac2010/pdf/healthkits_cleaningbuckets.pdf

Three Rivers District Cuba Mission, June 29-July 7, 2010

Please be in prayer for the 20 people going on this Cuba Mission, representing 4 churches from our district. They will be helping build a security fence around the Cuba Christian Mission Farm and Ministry Center. Three Rivers District team has committed to lay concrete for this block security wall at the cost of \$500. **If an individual or church would like to contribute to this mission, please send your gift to the Three Rivers District Office and mark your check "CUBA".** Other items that they are collecting for their trip are art supplies, cosmetics, Spanish books and Bibles, small toys, watches, pocket knives, flash lights that are chargeable or self powered, small tools, seed packets, and medical supplies (ibuprofen, Tylenol pm, multivitamins, cold medicine, Tums or Roloids).

Three Rivers District VIM to Nashville, TN

Three Rivers District is seeking to put together a **Volunteer In Mission (VIM) team** to go to Nashville, TN THIS August. Following the devastating flooding in the Nashville area, there is a need for volunteer work teams to do clean up, rebuild, and repair homes. You would need to be junior high age (14+) or older. We were looking at the dates of August 8-13, but are flexible depending on the schedule of those interested. IF you are interested, please contact the Three Rivers District Office at 3riversdist@sbcglobal.net or our District VIM Coordinator, John Hill at keenebounder@roadrunner.com

East Ohio Conference has Openings on a Conference UMVIM trip to Liberia, July 19-Aug 2, 2010

The Bishop's 3C's Mission Initiative: Churches, Clinics, & Classrooms

The primary mission site is the *Kensington School Block* construction. This could include painting walls, installing windows, or roofing. We have the opportunity to assist in the development of education in the Bulawayo Midlands District. We are positioned with our partners to help bring two distinct ethnic groups (Shona and Matabele) together around a common critical need and bring an increased United Methodist presence to the area. Estimated Cost = \$3300 covers airfare, GBGM Insurance, food & lodging, and sightseeing. Not covered: Valid US Passport, Travel visa, vaccinations, a few meals & snacks, and souvenirs, & Orientation lunch. Co-Team Leaders: Rev. Howard N. Pippin, Jr. (216-921-4075) and Rev. Russ Ham. Questions? Contact Rev. Howard N. Pippin, Jr.



Three Rivers District VIM to Haiti - February, 2011

We are presently making plans for a cooperative Three Rivers District and Southern Hills District VIM trip to Haiti in February 2011. Much is needed to be done in this area and teams are currently being sent for rebuilding. IF you are interested, please contact the Three Rivers District Office at 3riversdist@sbcglobal.net or our District VIM Coordinator, John Hill at keenebounder@roadrunner.com

Coming Events:

June

- 6/11 – 6/13 Youth Annual Conference
- 6/14 -- 6/17 Annual Conference
- 6/17 – 6/18 New Clergy Orientation
- 6/18 - 8/27 Summer Office hours in effect

July

- 7/5 Independence Day – Office closed

August

- 8/26 Clergy Family Gathering (tentative)

September

- Charge Conferences begin!

December

- 12/2 District Clergy Christmas Party (tentative)

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A WEBSITE?

Please send us a link to your church website! (or just the web address) We will have it posted to the District webpage. Then we can keep up with news and ministries in your church!

Please e-mail to: 3riversdist@sbcglobal.net

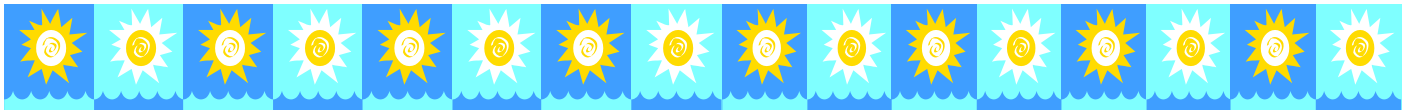
OR

"Snail-mail" to:
Three Rivers District Office UMC
415 Walnut Street
Coshocton OH 43812-1533



PLEASE BE PATIENT!

Our Three Rivers District webpage is under construction! Within the next few weeks, our website will be going through a major transformation. You'll see some new and interesting things that should be helpful to you and your ministries, a place to find forms, calendar of events, links including links to other churches, conference, and helpful sites. We hope to feature a church every month. Plus provide links to all of the churches in our district that have web-pages.



June 27 – 30


Millersburg UMC will hold the Holmes County Summer Mission Project. This is a 4 night, 3 day mission project that is housed at the Millersburg UMC. This project sends work teams into the community to complete home repairs, remodeling, and services for elderly and health impaired residents. The \$75 registration fee for this 4 night, 3 day trip will include a t-shirt, 10 meals, snacks, recreation, devotions, lodging and much more. If you have questions call Millersburg UMC at 330-674-2641

August 28

Bridges Out of Poverty Events

Epworth Center will be hosting two related but separate Bridges Out of Poverty events, from 9:00 am. – 12:00 noon. Jennifer Johnston-Baker (deacon and registered trainer) will lead an introduction targeted for people (both lay and clergy) who have not been in a Bridges event before. From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. there will be an open discussion targeted to persons who know the basics of Bridges Out of Poverty and want to plan strategies for using this information in churches throughout the conference. Persons may attend one or both of these sessions. Participant cost - \$20 per person for facilities cost and food. This covers the full day. Persons not staying for lunch are requested to provide \$10 for facilities use. Advanced registration is requested. Contact the Southern Hills District for registration and more information - office@shillsumc.com or 740-255-5691.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Cabinet	3 Cabinet	4	5
Local Pastor Licensing School May 30 - June 4 at Mt. Union College						
6	7	8	9	10	11 CCYM Cedar Point Day	12 YAC
13 YAC	14	15	16	17	18 Summer office hours begin - closed on Fridays.	19
Annual Conference June 14 - 17				New Pastor Orientation - June 17 & 18 at Lakeside		
20 FATHER'S DAY 	21	22	23	24 Cabinet Post Conf. Review	25 Office closed	26
27	28	29 PASTOR MOVE OUT DAY Cuba Mission Team leaves	30 PASTOR MOVE IN DAY			



July 2010



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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> D.S Vacation through August 4 </div>			



The theme at this year's East Ohio Annual Conference (June 13-18) at Lakeside, Ohio is Hope and Healing. Jesus spent a lot of his time in providing hope and healing and we want to do the same as a church. Pastors and lay members should have all received their pre-conference workbooks and have thoroughly read through the agenda and business items. Here are some highlights that we hope everyone is aware of and encourage all to attend:

- Sunday Evening Prayer and Praise Service – 7 p.m. in Hoover – Rev. Scott Walsh and the Conference praise band will be leading uplifting music.
- Monday Morning Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion- 9:30 a.m. – This is always such a meaningful and special opening as we gather together at conference.
- Monday afternoon 1:15 p.m. sessions for Laity (in Orchestra Hall) and for Clergy Executive Session (in Hoover)
- Monday evening **Three Rivers District Fellowship** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lakeside United Methodist Church Parlor and Courtyard. Refreshments will be served. Come and party with us!
- Monday Evening 7:30 p.m.- Honoring of Retirees and Commissioning Service for Provisional Members – From Three Rivers District **Pastor Rob Law** (Homer Charge) will be retiring and **Pastor Jason Humble** (Danville) will be commissioned!
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Morning Worship begins at 8 a.m. with uplifting worship and inspiring preachers.
- Tuesday Evening 7:30 p.m. Service of Ordination – from Three Rivers District we celebrate with **Rev. Bob Mitchell** (Loudonville) who will be ordained!
- Wednesday Day Apart will have afternoon workshops for “Hope and Healing” beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Evening Ministry Fair around Hoover Auditorium along with Ice Cream social. The annual Bishop & Cabinet vs Youth Challenge will be an exciting event. This year it's called the “Holy Healthy Hoover Relay” (you won't want to miss it!).

3C's Challenge: Bishop Hopkins is once again issuing a challenge to each member of Annual Conference (both clergy and lay) to work within their local church to bring \$100 per Annual Conference member to Annual Conference for a significant offering that will support the [Bishop's 3Cs Mission Initiative](#). This challenge is per member of Annual Conference; therefore, if your church has 2 members it would need to raise \$200 to meet the challenge, \$300 for 3 members, etc.



Your church may decide how to meet this challenge – whether it is from individual donations, a church fund raiser, etc. This would be a great way to involve children, youth and adults in a major mission initiative. Bring your gift to conference with you and it will be received on Wednesday afternoon. Checks for this purpose should be made payable to East Ohio Conference and marked for **Fund #9936**. For a church to receive credit for mission giving please have the check in an envelope with a note that identifies the church for which the special offering is to be credited.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!!

Beginning June 18th the District Office summer schedule begins.

The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

We will be closed on Fridays from June 18th through the month of August.



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