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¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²²The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." Matthew 13: 18-23

I have appreciated attending the county fairs and also some of the community farmers' markets that are often on the weekends. I've been impressed with the wonderful produce and crops this year. As an old farm boy, I always appreciated the harvest season on the farm. After all the work of preparing and tilling the soil, planting, fertilizing, spraying... finally the harvest came where we filled the wagons full of grain. I always had a little ritual of when we finished a field's harvest I would throw a hand full of wheat, oats, or corn back onto the field to say thank you for the wonderful and bountiful harvest.

As we come upon the fall charge conference season, it is a time where we look at our church's ministry and also look at the soil we have been planting and cultivating. During our preparation and meetings for charge conference, we look back at the past year to see what we have accomplished in ministry and what we have harvested. At the same time, it is a time to look specifically as to how to till the soils for the next year. It is a time for us to plan for the best way we can share the Word/seed of the Gospel of Christ. Our *Missioninsite* demographic studies are a way to help you determine those soils and to seek the good soil where you can concentrate your ministries to best produce a harvest. Churches, pastors, and laity are to be the sowers. We need to seek the best soil and plant the seeds of God's Word.

I look forward to sharing in your planting and harvest stories!
God bless,

Jim



Three Rivers District UMW

The Three Rivers District UMW fall meeting will be held on Saturday, October 30th at Coshocton Grace UMC
422 Walnut Street, Coshocton.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Jan Walsh will be the keynote speaker.

Installation of the new officers will be in the afternoon.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Humphrey, will officiate.

In the afternoon, Rev. Humphrey & Rev. Carl Dulin will also be doing a presentation of the 2010 Mission Study, "Joy to the World! Mission in the Age of Global Christianity"

2010-2011 Charge Conference Information

This year the charge conference forms are provided on CD's. If you have difficulty with the files on the CD, please call the District Office. The forms have been posted to our website. If you have difficulty with the schedule, please try to work it out. 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!

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 S/PPR meeting with the D.S.

Please be sure the S/PPR Committee begins working on the new "CFC" (Continuing Formation of Clergy) form. There are statistics and other information that will need to be collected. Churches have also been challenged to do some work with www.missioninsite.com and be prepared to present a strategic plan and goals in reaching a specific target group or mosaic. Contact Rev. Humphrey if you need assistance.

TEXT BOOKS NEEDED:

Pastors, do you have seminary textbooks sitting around your office? Why not donate them to be used in Africa? The Liberia mission team who went to Africa in January visited the Gbarnga Theological School and they are in need of theological, biblical, and pastoral care textbooks to provide for their seminary students. In fact, old United Methodist Disciplines are very usable, for they have the UM Doctrine and Theological Task in the front part of the book. Rev. Kathy Dickriede is making preparations for a large container to be sent over to Liberia in the months ahead. If you would have some textbooks you would like to donate, contact Michael Simmons (from the Utica Church) at simmons233@gmail.com

Fall-for-All Clergy Retreat November 8-10, 2010

"REMEMBER YOUR CALL, RECAPTURE YOUR DREAM!"

Carlisle Inn, Sugar Creek

Come, relax, enjoy! Reconnect with friends, make new ones! Tell your story and hear the stories of others! Renew your understanding of our common ground! Celebrate and praise God for our diversity!

Registration begins at 2:00 pm on Monday, Nov. 8th Opening Worship at 4:00

Closing Communion at 11:30 am on Wednesday, Nov. 10th

Laugh, Listen, Linger and Live!

Download the brochure to register at:

http://www.eocumc.com/orderofelders/pdf/brochure_retreat_fall2010.pdf

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.

New Guilford UMC – (Pastor Monica Huntsman) had a July get together on a Saturday afternoon. It was an afternoon of washing cars “FREE” for anyone and everyone that went by and wanted their vehicle washed. Parishioners were to bring buckets, sponges, cloths, soap, window cleaner and towels. The event also included a picnic which they ate “on the run” while washing the cars.

Loudonville UMC – (Rev. Bob Mitchell) has a “Bike for Kids” program where they take old and new bikes and they are given to kids free of charge. A barn has been donated to give space to store these bikes. Persons in the community help refurbish the bikes. They also give away bike helmets with every bicycle.

Newcomerstown Christ, Prairie Chapel UMC’s – are now on FACEBOOK for people to connect to their church and are receiving very good response and interaction.

Newcomerstown Christ UMC – (Youth Pastor Derek Hickman) has META/Fifth Quarter Community Ministry. Meta is youth-led, youth-planned youth ministry for teens. Worship, preaching, games, prayer are followed up with fellowship time in the coffee shop. Fifth Quarter is the middle-school fellowship/fun time open to all youth in town.

Utica UMC - (Rev. Kenn Kelley) has a “Jump Start” program which is offered to students as they go through their parking lot in the morning to attend Utica elementary school (which is a new school up the hill from the church). On Monday and Friday mornings, church members offer juice, hot chocolate, snacks to kids on the way to school. Coffee is available for adults.

Lakeland Parish UMC - (Pastor Paul Turner) has the Angel Food ministry which provides low cost boxes of food for parishioners and community members.

Coshocton Park UMC - (Rev. Jim Macdonald) has a special “Towel and Basin” ministry which provides assistance for emergency utility and other needs of persons in the community. It is supported through specific designated giving of the congregation.

Millersburg UMC and Lakeville/Bigelow UMC’s - (Rev. Tom Jones and Pastor Diane McCartney) sponsor a Disciple Bible study for inmates at the Mansfield Correctional Institute prison.



Do you have some exciting, new or innovative ministry to share? Send it to the DS or the District Office as we want to share various stories of how we ReThink Church. It's always great to share and borrow other churches' great ideas!

MISSION NEWS

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



Imagine a movement that mobilizes tens of thousands of people in 10 days. It's called 10-Fold.

10-Fold is about multiplying ministry and mobilizing passionate people to stand up and be counted for the causes they believe in.

The event will launch on October 10, 2010 and last for 10 days. Every day will focus on a different project supported through The Advance, the designated giving arm of the United Methodist Church. The goal is to gain the support of 10,000 people for each of the 10 projects.

With the support of the annual conferences and churches, 10-Fold will bring these global projects to the people through webcasts, streaming video, online chats and other media. For 10 days, these ministries will be on your doorstep.

You can provide tangible support just by registering your interest with one of these Advance projects. During the event, \$1.00 will be donated for every person that signs up as an advocate for a 10-Fold project, up to \$10,000 per project.

It's time to step out and be someone who stands for something. Be counted. Be a part of the movement. It's in your hands to multiply God's work; Turn 10 to 10,000 and make it a movement 10-Fold.

What will you do? For more information go to: <http://www.10-fold.org/?tr=y&auid=6815597>

Download the Participant's Guide at: http://www.10-fold.org/10-fold_participantsguide.pdf



PAUMCS Fall Conference in East Ohio

October 1 & 2 at Greentown UMC

3088 State St. NW in Greentown, OH (approx. 1 mile from Area Center)

"Love in Action"

Guest Speakers: Bishop and Elaine Hopkins and Rev. Vernagaye Sullivan

This event is for all UM church secretaries-paid or volunteer.

Brochures will be sent in a few days.

For more information please contact: Elizabeth Feldman at

efeldman@woosterumc.org

Three Rivers District VIM Nashville Team

Twelve persons from the Three Rivers District representing 7 different churches went to Nashville, TN from August 8-14, to help in the UMCOR efforts of repairing people's homes from the late May flooding. The team worked on a lady's home who had been devastated and gutted after the flood. Despite the 100+ degree weather every day, the team was able to get a lot accomplished: installing doors, windows, hauling drywall, insulation, installing ceiling wall, shingling a roof and building a chimney. The intergenerational team worked together wonderfully and it was a rewarding and growing experience.



COMPASS GROUPS:

All pastors are expected to participate in their assigned compass groups. The intention of the Compass groups is to help churches find ways in which we can resource one another (or if needed seek other outside resources) that will help each church in the group become stronger, healthier, and more effective in ministry of making and maturing disciples for Jesus Christ. We ask the questions of: "How can we help one another?" "What do all of us need to find assistance/expertise from outside our group?" Laity are also encouraged to participate in their respective compass group with their pastor. Three Rivers District Compass group facilitators are:

TR Group #1: Monica Huntsman (Waterford, Danville, Warsaw, Branch, Lakeville, Home, Eb & Ep, Loudonville, Hopewell, Nellie/New Guilf)

TR Group #2: Dale Thomas (Park, Canal Lewisville, Adamsville, New Calvary, Plainfield/Isleta, Peoli Charge, Conesville, Freeport, Kimbolton)

TR Group #3: Jack Dearth (S. Vernon, Jelloway, Green Valley, Salem, Howard, Wesley, Holmesville, Liberty/Beulah, Perrysville, Batemantown)

TR Group #4: Sharon Williamson/Dail Parrish (Trinway/Prospect, Otsego/Bethel, Fresno, Wolf, Orange, Tyndal, Blissfield, Smyrna, Tipp)

TR Group #5: Lori Burdette-Steele (Nashville, Killbuck, Millersburg, Moreland, Prairie Chapel, W. Lafayette, Utica, Amity, Keene)

TR Group #6: Keith Bohley/Jim Humphrey (Fredericktown, Gay St, Mulberry St, Cosh Grace, Newcomerstown Christ, Roscoe, Sunbury)

Coming Events:

September

6 Labor Day -Office closed
Consultations and Charge Conferences begin!
Schedule posted to our website:
www.3riversumc.org

October

1-2 PAUMCS Fall Conference
16 Clergy Spouse Retreat
30 UMW Fall Meeting @ Grace UMC

November

25-26 Thanksgiving - Office closed

December

2 District Clergy Christmas Party (tentative)
24-Jan 3 Christmas/New Year Holiday -
Office closed

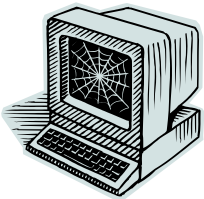
DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A WEBSITE?

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: 3riversumc.org

OR

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



Thanks for your patience.

Our website is now up and running at www.3riversumc.org.

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, pictures, links including links to other churches, conference, and helpful sites. We hope to feature a church, with photo, every month. Plus provide links to all of the churches in our district that have web-pages. Check it out!

COMING TO COSHOCTON AND NEWCOMERSTOWN

Women's Conference: "Extreme Makeover...Inside Edition"

led by Pam Morgan

September 25th: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Grace UMC in Coshocton.

Cost \$15.00 (includes lunch and childcare) Call 622-1302 for reservations by September 19th.

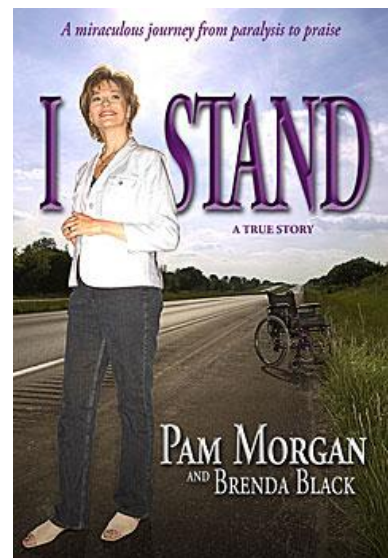
Live in Concert: Phil and Pam Morgan

September 25th: 7:00 pm at Christ UMC in Newcomerstown.

Cost: A love offering will be collected

Worship Service and Concert featuring Phil and Pam Morgan

September 26th: 11:00 am at Grace UMC



A tragic accident left her paralyzed...Only a miracle would bring her back to her feet.

Announcements

Congratulations to . . .

Colonel Gary Brown, Chaplain in the US Army as he received a Master's of Science in Strategic Studies from the US War College in July. Gary and his wife, Mary are stationed again in Germany. Gary's charge conference relationship is with the Mt. Vernon Gay Street UMC.

Rev. Everett Stoddard (Prairie Chapel UMC) who completed his Local Pastor Course of Study at Duke University this summer.

Rev. Keith Bohley (Fredericktown UMC) who just returned from a mission trip this summer to Paraguay and connected to our United Methodist mission projects there.

Our Thoughts and Prayers go to...

Family of Rev. Dean McElroy (spouse Ruth), who passed away July 12, 2010. Dean served the following churches in our district: Newcomerstown Calvary Charge, Blissfield, Orange, and retired in West Lafayette.

Rev. Larry Houck (Wesley Chapel UMC) who has gone through a series of radiation and chemotherapy for a brain cancer. He appreciates all the prayers and support.

Jerry Huntsman (spouse of Pastor Monica Huntsman, Nellie Chapel/New Guilford) had fusion spine surgery on August 17th at the Cleveland Clinic.

Gail Applebee who is now back in the district office but still recovering and doing therapy from her back surgery on July 9th.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!



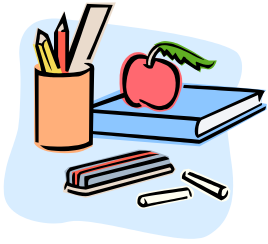
*Three Rivers District
Clergy Family Christmas Party
Thursday, December 2, 2010
6 p.m.
Dinner and
Entertainment provided*

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank you for the many cards, visits, prayers and get-well wishes I received while in the hospital, rehab, and at my home! Knowing that so many people were praying for me helped to speed up my recovery time. What a blessing you are to me!

I am now back at the office and ready to get back to work!

God bless you!
Gail Applebee



September 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Clergy Consults	2 Clergy Consults	3 Clergy Consults	4
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7	8	9	10	11 S/PPR Meet w/ D.S.
		Cabinet Retreat				
12 Jim to preach @ Roscoe	13 Chg Conf @ Prairie Chapel 7pm	14	15 Clergy Consults	16 Clergy Consults	17	18 S/PPR Meet w/ D.S.
19 Jim to preach @ Kimb.	20 Chg Conf @ Warsaw 7 pm.	21	22 Clergy Consults	23 Clergy Consults	24	25 S/PPR Meet w/ D.S.
26	27 Clergy Consults	28 Chg Conf @ Bateman- town 7 pm.	29 Chg Conf @ Danville 7 pm.	30		



October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 S/PPRC meet w/ D.S.
3	4 Chg Conf @ Isleta	5 Clergy Consults	6 dCOM	7 Chg Conf @ Holmesville 7pm	8	9 Conference UMW Annual Meeting
10	11 Clergy Consults & SPR	12	13 Clergy Consults & SPR	14	15	16 Clergy Spouse Retreat
17 Chg Conf @ Bigelow 3 pm	18	19	20	21 SPR @ Smyrna	22	23
24 Chg Conf @ Pl Grove 3 pm	25 Clergy Consults	26 SPR @ West Lafayette	27	28 Clergy Consults	29	30 TR UMW Fall mtg
31 Chg Conf @ Fresno 3 pm						

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