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*"At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not realize that it was Jesus." John 20: 14 NIV*

*"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and
walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him." Luke 24: 15-16 NIV*

*"Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore,
but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus." John 21: 4 NIV*

It's interesting that in the resurrection appearances of Christ, as recorded in the scriptures, persons did not recognize the Risen Lord.

Mary, perhaps because of her tears, did not see Jesus. When Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus, the men did not figure out that they were talking to the risen Christ. And then on the seashore as the disciples were fishing, they did not recognize the resurrected Lord either. In all these accounts, this was an awesome surprise to know they were in the presence of the risen Christ.

I wonder how often we do not recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our own lives. We only see our own sorrows, fears, and pain. We dwell on what has happened in the past, what once was; rather than truly seeing what could be. We so often center on our frustrations, grief, and struggles, rather than seeing the One who brings us hope. Recognizing the Risen Lord allows us to step out of those shadows and into the Light which brings us out of that darkness. When we recognize the presence of Christ we will know that God is with us, walking with us, and we will then be surprised as to the great things God can do in and through us.



I would hope that as Easter people, we SEE the power of God present in our lives, our churches, and our ministry.

I see the presence of the Risen Lord in you!

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Coshocton Community Choir

Sunday, May 1, 2011 @ 3p

Coshocton High School

Tickets: \$10 (Adults) \$5 (Students)

available at the 3 Rivers' District Office

Jim

JAPAN: UMCOR's Response

The UMC has been monitoring events following the catastrophic March 11 earthquake and tsunami—and subsequent nuclear threat. The UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with the United Church of Christ in Japan and GlobalMedic to bring immediate relief to the affected communities. The name of UMCOR's emergency appeal is [Japan Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317](#)



Relief Supplies Sustain Everyday Life

UMCOR Supply Kits help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. These kits provide vital support for the work UMCOR does throughout the world. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives. To learn more visit "[sending Relief Kits.](#)"



FLOOD BUCKETS URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to recent flooding across Ohio there is an urgent need for flood buckets. If your church has any flood buckets please notify the district office immediately. We are collecting flood buckets and health kits to take to Annual Conference; **however, buckets are also needed now.**

[What goes into a flood bucket?](#) click here or visit

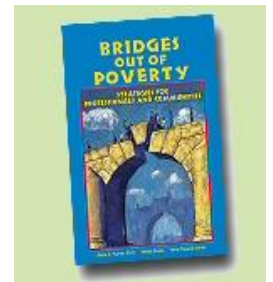
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/>

[What goes into a health kit?](#) click here or

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: Overcoming Social Ranks

Did you ever stop to think about the reality that all of us have probably been "somebodies" and "nobodies" at differing points in our lives? Personally, I had this sense when I stepped back into the classroom to be a student after years of serving in a leadership role in a family business. Whether we like it or not according to Robert Fuller in *Somebodies and Nobodies: Overcoming the Abuse of Rank* "everybody is a nobody to someone, and everybody is also a somebody to someone else." While we would like to believe as people of faith that all people are treated with equal dignity and respect, the reality is this is not the case, particularly for those individuals living in poverty. People in poverty often live with a sense of invisibility. Unfortunately in our culture, rank entitles, and it limits, a person depending upon the person's place in society; whether in poverty, middle class or wealth. It is overcoming this sense of rank through



increased sensitivity and awareness that is a main concept in *Bridges Out of Poverty*. You have the opportunity as the churches of the Three Rivers District to work together in shared ministries to reach out to individuals in poverty. The goal is to help build resources with those individuals at risk so that they are enabled to achieve economic as well as other forms of stability. Let's learn from the example set by the Good Samaritan to be the "neighbor" and take this opportunity to look at poverty differently. If you are interested in raising the level of awareness about poverty and poverty related issues in your ministries maybe I can be of assistance, please contact me at 740-294-8198 or tbake78@sbcglobal.net.

Terrie Baker, Mission Outreach Consultant

The Urban Mission Ministries JOSHUA (Journeys of Service Helping Upper Appalachia) Program is looking for Christian workgroups to join them in helping the less fortunate and elderly home owners with repairs. JOSHUA is a well established summer mission program in **Steubenville, Ohio** and is looking for a few more groups to come and be in ministry this summer. For more information or to book your groups call **William Morris**, JOSHUA Director, at **740-282-8903**.

Coming Events:

- 5/1 – Three Rivers Spring District Conference
- 5/23 -- Elders Mission with Bishop at Blue Rose
- 6/2-6/4 -- FAMLP Retreat (refer to April N/L for info)
- 6/10 – 6/12 Youth Annual Conference
- 6/12 -- 6/16 Annual Conference (Office Closed)
- 6/16 – 6/17 New Clergy Orientation
- 6/17 - 8/26 Summer Office hours (closed Fridays)



2011 Bishop and Elder's Work Mission

The Bishop & Elders' Work Mission will be held **May 23-24** at Blue Rose Mission in Mansfield. This is a two-day event where the elders of East Ohio have the opportunity to do "hands-on" mission work with one another and with Bishop Hopkins. The cost is \$25 and the registration deadline is May 10. For registration or more information call 216-261-1688 or jan@eastshorechurch.com, or go to <http://eocumc.com/orderofelders/workmission2010.html>.



"Starting the Conversation" An End of Life Program

presented by

Jeff Gordon, M.D.

Grant Medical Center

Thursday, June 2

9-11a (Good Samaritan) for pastors & ministry staff

4:30-6:30p (Genesis Health Plex) open to the Public

For more information contact

Genesis Spiritual Care at 740-454-5859

Addicted to More Than Christ: *Ministering to the Clinically Dependent*

Friday, May 20, 2011

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Coshocton County Memorial Hospital

1460 Orange St, Coshocton

Sponsored by River View Ministerial Assoc.

.4 CEUs (4 contact hours) available

Cost: \$20.00 (by May 2) \$25:00 (May 3 - 16) No registration at door

Guest speaker: Christ Hart, with 25 years of experience in retail and long-term-care pharmacy, is past director of Pharmacist Rehabilitation Organization of Ohio, Inc. (PRO). He lectures at universities around the state on *Chemical Dependency and the Pharmacist*. He is a member of Gospel Hill Ministry in Warsaw.



Is Your Church in Need of a Website?

Does your church have limited funding and/or web expertise? The East Ohio Office of Communications is offering a workshop to **help you solve your web dilemmas**. The workshop is for those interested in creating a church website using *WordPress*. **It will be held at the EOC center on May 4th.** To register for the workshop or to acquire further information, email conference web designer Sue Zakovec at sue@eocumc.com. Register now! In order to work closely with each and every participant, seating will be limited. You can also check out our [WordPress Workshop blog](#).

Three River's District Fellowship

Annual conference members and families are invited to gather for food and fun on Monday, June 13 following the afternoon adjournment or 5p.m. at the Lakeside UMC.



Annual Conference Breakfast Updates



- **COSROW** (the Commission On Status and Role of Women) will NOT be hosting a breakfast this year at Annual Conference due to the UMW Regional School being held the same week
- **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** will be held at the Northshore Retirement Center on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 a.m. Please send RSVP to Rod Erskhine at 22827 Lake Rd #5, Rocky River, OH 44116 by May 30. Speaker will be Jim Boesch, Specialist in Men's Ministry. The cost is \$9.

All Conference Spouses

Coffee & Brunch

Buy, Trade, or Sell

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Wesley Lodge, 9:30am-11:30am

Annual Conference, Lakeside

All clergy spouses who love to craft, sew, and cook-- you are invited to bring your items to sell at our Lakeside brunch! Tables will be set up around our venue. Set-up at 8:30 a.m. Reserve space by contacting Elsa Court at 740-255-5160 or elsacourt@roadrunner.com. The proceeds will benefit the seller...this is not a fundraiser.



Bishop Hopkins is issuing the **challenge for each member of annual conference to bring an offering of \$100** for the 3Cs Mission projects. Over the past two years this challenge offering has been able to help the conference to begin work

- in Liberia with the Camphor Mission and the building of the Judy Olin Memorial House
- in Zimbabwe to build a school and at Emsizini
- in Sierra Leone and Liberia to provide medical training and health care
- in Russia to work with the Lipetsk U.M.C. at orphanages in the Black Soil District near Kursk.

The Bishop's 3Cs Mission Challenge offering will allow the work to continue. Bishop Hopkins issues this challenge to each member of annual conference (both clergy and lay) to work within their local church to bring \$100 per annual conference member. 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. Begin now to plan and implement ways to meet the bishop's challenge from your church so that together we can make a significant impact. To learn more about the Bishop's initiatives visit the following link [The 3 C's Resource Center](http://eocumc.com/3cs/3cs.html) at <http://eocumc.com/3cs/3cs.html>.

Spring District Conference: Serving Together in Ministry

- **Sunday, May 1st at Christ UMC** located at 648 Oak St., Newcomerstown, OH 43832
- **5-6p** -- Meal in the River of Life Center (Donations will be accepted for the meal which will be prepared by Christ's Kitchen volunteers to benefit the Bishop's 3-C's initiative)
- **6-6:30p** -- Honor Gail Applebee and Barb George.
- **6:30p** -- Worship and business meeting. Guest speakers Jay Althouse and Larry Hukill



Christ Kitchen Volunteers

LARGE CHURCH SEMINAR



For Lead Pastors....Leading Your Church Staff Effectively

Tuesday, May 17 -- 10:30a-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday May 18 -- 9a.m.- 3:00p

Cost: **\$150 per lead pastor** (includes meals)

Moderator: Doug Anderson

Montrose Zion UMC: Fairlawn

565 N. Cleve-Mass Rd, Akron 44333

For Lead Pastors & Staff....Building a Terrific Team

Monday, May 16-- 1:00p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17 -- 8:30a.m.- noon

Cost: **\$500 per church** for all staff (includes meals)

For more info contact Canal District at (330) 252-0299 or canaldistrictumc@neo.rr.com

Hotel Reservation Information

A block of rooms is being held at **Best Western Inn**, 160 Montrose Ave W, Akron, 44321 Phone: 330/670-0888 at a **rate of \$69.99 per night** for a 2-bed room, plus bed tax. (\$5 extra for a third person) Guest must make their own reservations and transfer the room into your name. Deadline for this rate is April 27. Use the **code word "Canal"**



Youth Mission Opportunity

Love Out Loud: Diving Deeper

Millersburg, OH

June 20-23, 2011

Visit: [Click Here to learn more](#)

<http://www.millersburgumc.org>

Visit their Facebook page & watch their video

"LOVE OUT LOUD - HOLMES COUNTY"

Save \$10 when you Sign Up a Friend for Summer Camp

Having a friend that is saved...PRICELESS.

You've started your trek down the right path. Why not bring a friend along and save some money at the same time? Here's how it works. Have a friend who has never experienced East Ohio Camps sign up for an event. Your friend fills out the discount coupon giving your name and event number that you are going to attend. When we have verified that your friend is a new camper to East Ohio Camps we will credit your account with a \$10 discount. And...if you bring a friend to camp, your name will be entered in a drawing to win an I-pod nano. Check out the website at www.EOCsummercamps.org



Youth Annual Conference

June 10-12


Save the Date:
11-11-11
EOC YOUTH EVENT

Fort Rapids Waterpark

for more info visit:
www.eocumc.com/youth

Get your passion **IGNITED** at [YAC 2011](#) and leave **ON FIRE** for Jesus! In addition to great teaching and fellowship, Brock Gill, Christian Illusionist, will take the stage; Duffy Robins will bring an inspirational message; and *Luminate* will rock the evening in worship. Pricing is same as last year. The cost of the conference with early bird pricing through May 7 is only \$38.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coshocton Community Choir 3p @ Coshocton High Spring District Conference NCT Christ Meal @ 5p	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer 	6	7
8	9 C-PAC	10 Compass Group NCT Christ	11	12 Retirees Lunch (at Rev. Jim Humphrey's)	13	14 Compass Group Tyndal
15	16 Cabinet LARGE CHURCH SEMINAR	17 Cabinet LARGE CHURCH SEMINAR	18 Cabinet LARGE CHURCH SEMINAR	19	20 Addicted to Christ Program (Cosh Hosp)	21 ROC-FEST See back page for info
22	23 Bishop and Elder's Mission at Blue Rose	24	25	26	27	28
29	30  Memorial Day (District Office Closed)	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12</i></p>			

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Happy Summer</p>			1 Cabinet	2 Cabinet End of Life Program	3	4
					FAML P Retreat	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					 <p>YAC June 10-12 @ Lakeside</p>	
12	13 5P. District Fellowship @ Lakeside UMC	14	15 9:30 a.m. Spouses Coffee & Brunch @ Wesley Lodge	16	17 District Office Closed	18
Youth AC June 10-12		2011 East Ohio Conference @ Lakeside, OH				
19	20	21	22	23 Post Conf Review	24 District Office Closed	25 "THE EVENT" Coshocton, OH
		LIVING OUT LOUD: Diving Deeper Millersburg				
26	27	28 Move Out Date	29 Move In Date	30	<i>If We Are The Body, then consider Acts 11:29 "So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea".</i>	

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ROCCFEST

May 21, 2011

Fredericktown, Ohio

Cost: FREE

Visit www.roccfest.com

for info or contact

Mike Brake at 740/398-4977

