



*"The apostles and elders met to consider this question."*

Acts 15:6

As I have been reading the book of Acts during my Bible study this season, I realized that the early church came together throughout their time to have a council or conference in Jerusalem to be inspired and to make decisions.

- Acts 1: There were nominations and elections of who would replace Judas as apostle.
- Acts 2: The Pentecost empowerment of the church.
- Acts 6: Choosing of the seven deacons to serve the mission of the distribution of food.
- Acts 15: The council at Jerusalem gathered delegates from around the area to make decisions for the early church in theology and mission.
- Throughout Acts are the mission stories of Peter, Paul, Silas, and Timothy who all returned to Jerusalem for support, direction, inspiration, and help.

Not to say that Lakeside is any Jerusalem, however I do ponder how when we gather at the lakeshore we come together as a church to fulfill our mission and be about the ministry of our church.



- We come this year for the elections of delegates to be representatives to the General Church.
- We come to be inspired and to receive that same Pentecost Spirit to empower our hearts, minds and souls through the inspiration of worship and devotional speakers.
- We come to commission and ordain those who have been called to specialized ministry.
- We come to make decisions about the business, budget and ministry of our church.
- We come to celebrate our mission and purpose as a church as we *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
- We come to be then sent out into the world and to serve.

Yes, not ALL of it is exciting... but I look forward to gathering as a collective body of our connected church to be the Body of Christ and carry out the mission of our Lord. I look forward to seeing many of you at Lakeside.

We are the Body...

*Jim*

### **All District Clergy must attend Annual Conference**

All pastors, full elders and deacons, part time and licensed, are expected to attend Annual Conference at Lakeside. If you cannot please contact the district superintendent, Rev. James Humphrey, to request permission to be excused.

**Charge Conference Packets and District Directories  
will be distributed at Annual Conference.**

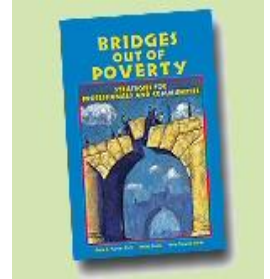


**UMCOR....  
BE THERE....  
BE HOPE...**

**Spring Storms 2011  
UMCOR Advance # 3021326**

## **BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: Overcoming Social Ranks**

Like many of you, I have the images of the devastation caused by tornadoes in Joplin MO, Alabama and Georgia fresh on my mind as well as the flooding along the Mississippi River. People are hurting. The question that I keep thinking about is, what would I do if it was me? This is when the differences in available resources, as a result of class, become quite apparent. As a person who looks toward the future, I have a plan – a “future story”. Once assured that my family is fine, as a person solidly in the middle class, I would find a hotel and call my insurance agent and begin putting my life back together. What about people in poverty, who live in the “tyranny of the moment” or in other words, who live in the “now”? People who utilize pawn shops, check cashing stores, and temporary services just to bridge themselves from one crisis to the next. These are the individuals that oftentimes grace our doors for help. My goal is to help our churches begin to look at the type of ministries we provide for people in poverty more holistically. As the UMC churches of the Three Rivers District we would like to begin to collectively rethink our “Towel and Basin” (Community Outreach) ministries. May what we do be more than financial. The hope would be that we build relationships by providing spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental needs as well. Can we identify those in our congregations who would be willing to provide support systems, serve as role models and become knowledgeable about the hidden rules of class? This is one small step that may help us become the church we are called to be. May God bless us all in this endeavor.



Want to learn more about Bridges Out of Poverty? I am available this summer for special programs, a Sunday school program or pulpit supply. If you have a need please contact me at 740-294-8198 or [tbake78@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbake78@sbcglobal.net). Terrie Baker



*On Monday, June 13, 2011 -- Hoover Auditorium 7:00 p.m.  
Terrie Baker, Mission Outreach Consultant of the Three Rivers District  
will be commissioned as a Provisional Deacon in the East Ohio Conference.*

*You are invited by Gary, her husband, and family to an  
Open House at 441 Jasmine following the service... All are welcome.*

## **2011 World Methodist Conference    Durban, South Africa** **Jesus Christ - for the Healing of the Nations**

Rev. Jim Humphrey, by request of Bishop Hopkins, will be traveling to the World Methodist Council and Conference in Durban, South Africa on July 28 and returning August 9. Please keep his health, travel mercies and the work of the conference in your prayers. May God Bless him and keep him in His care.



## Up-Coming Events:

- 6/2 - 6/4 FAML P Retreat, Mt. Union  
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)  
6/25 THE EVENT....Coshocton Fairgrounds  
6/28 - 6/29 Move in and out dates for new appts  
7/15 - 7/17 UMW School of Missions, Mt. Union  
7/28 - 8/9 Rev. Humphrey @ World Conf. in S.Africa  
8/12 - 8/13 DYC at Nehemiah Missions  
8/25 3 Rivers District Clergy Fellowship



## "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



Thank You for being such a blessing in my life. Thank you for: -the phone calls, -the visits, -the meetings, -the conversations, -the hugs, -the compliments, -the complaints, -the compassion and love, -the generosity and -the years of fond memories! When I'm counting all my blessings, there's one thing I always do -- I stop and say a "Thank You, Lord" for a very special you. You're someone who'll forever be a dear and precious part of the warm and treasured memories I hold within my heart. This says it all!

Love Gail Applebee

.....thanks so much for making yesterday a special day for me....one that I will never forget. I don't think I've ever had that much attention before. My wedding day I had to share the glory with Delmar! And then when I gave birth to my two children....well, we all know who gets all the attention when there's babies involved!!! Well, my x-rays showed today that I have a fractured 5th metatarsal on my left foot. I may be retired, but I don't have time for this!!! ha. ha. ha. Thanks again for all the trouble you went to for the 1/2 hr. of roasting. See you at Annual Conference. And I will see Gail and Richard again when we go to the Pepsi 400 race in July. God is good.

Love, Barb <><

## "When the Battle's Over"

May 29 @ 7p @ Howard UMC

The Pillar of Truth Chorus  
consisting of Amish youth  
from Holmes, Wayne, Coshocton  
and Knox counties.

## Lay Leaders Retreat

*"The Transforming Path of Prayer"*  
sponsored by the Firelands District  
August 19 & 20 at Sawmill Creek Resort  
Speakers: Carol Topping and Debbie Baker  
RSVP by July 15 to Jim Westermann  
jw127@aol.com or call 440-926-9064

## 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.

**LAKESIDE HOUSING NEEDED** There is still a need for several people to secure housing during Annual Conference. If you have available space to share or a cancellation please contact 3 Rivers District office so arrangements can be made for these individuals.

### THREE RIVERS' DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

All annual conference members, delegates, clergy and their families are invited to gather for food and fun on **Monday, June 13** following the afternoon adjournment or **5:30p.m.** at the **Lakeside United Methodist Church.**

### Spouses Coffee & Brunch

Buy, Trade, or Sell  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
Wesley Lodge, 9:30am-11:30am

All clergy spouses are invited to bring your items to sell at our Lakeside brunch! Contact Elsa Court at 740-255-5160 or [elsacourt@roadrunner.com](mailto:elsacourt@roadrunner.com) for details. Proceeds benefit sellers...this is not a fundraiser.



Bishop Hopkins challenges each member of annual conference to bring an offering of \$100 for the 3Cs Mission projects. The Bishop's 3Cs Challenge offering will allow the work to continue in the initiatives identified around the world. To learn more go to [The 3 C's Resource Center](http://eocumc.com/3cs/3cs.html)  
<http://eocumc.com/3cs/3cs.html>

Pastor **Herb Bundy**, 86, who faithfully served Tyndall Church for 42 years passed away on May 1, 2011. He also ministered at the Coshocton County Justice Center and served as hospital chaplain for several years.

**Evelyn "Evie" F. Althouse**, age 77, passed away May 10, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Rev. Jay Althouse, former Superintendent of the Cambridge District of the East Ohio Conference.

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of these faithful servants as well as praises of celebration as we know they have gone before us to their eternal place of rest in the house of the Lord.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE BALLOT RESULTS FOR 2012 DELEGATES AT LARGE

LOCKE, Karen

HILL, John

HOGUE, Pam

SIMMONS, Bill

WARREN, Dorothy

MILLER, Mary Ann

SIMMONS, Jane

PAYNE, Joann

PAYNE, Dick

CHANEY, Chick

FRY, Janice

JOHNSON, Fern

WINKLE, Marge

SCHLARIET, Mary

SCOTT, Maxine

WILDEN, Denise

MOZENA, Sharon

REED, Phyllis

RUHL, Phil

GEORGE, Harold

SWIHART, Leroy

SPIKER, C. Leroy -1st Alt

BROWN, Karen - 2nd Alt

TOPE, Janice - 3rd Alt

## ***"We Are Called"***

**Come!  
Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and  
the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be  
light for the kingdom, to  
live in the freedom of  
the city of God!  
We are called to act  
with justice. We are  
called to love tenderly.  
We are called to  
serve one another,  
to walk humbly  
with God.\***

*\*David Haas (Micah 6:8) ©1988 GIA Publications, Inc*

## **Romans 12: 3**

***For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.***

*Keep sending pictures of ministry as we will feature them each month in the Three Rivers Current*



# ***Serving Together in Ministry***



Newcomerstown's Christ's Kids

Millersburg's Mission Team



Nashville and NCT Christ in Cuba

**Three Rivers District  
2011**



Mt. Vernon Gay St summer missions in Washington DC



## SOUTH VERNON RECEIVES SMALL CHURCH AWARD

The Town and Country Committee of the East Ohio Conference awarded **South Vernon UMC** the Small Church of the Year award for 2011, stating that "their work has been exemplary, with a large rise in attendance, including several new members, and with excellent community outreach." South Vernon, under the leadership of Rev. Robert Alexander, will receive a plaque along with a check for \$100 and membership in the East Ohio Media Center.



The committee also wants to **recognize Smyrna UMC** who was the Small Church of the Year last year, 2010. They note, "it has continued its growth and activity with their dynamic 88 year old pastor, Rev. Dalton Hinds." They will receive special recognition from EOC Communications for their continued work. It is with much appreciation for his devoted service that Three Rivers District announces the **retirement of Rev. Dalton Hinds** due to health reasons. Rev. Hinds has faithfully evangelized the Freeport and the surrounding communities these last three years.

## TRANSITIONS IN MINISTRY



Rev. Russ Ham  
(Macedonia UMC)



Rev. Jason Humble  
(Middlefield UMC Assoc)



Dan Eggan and Ken Smailes will be attending licensing school

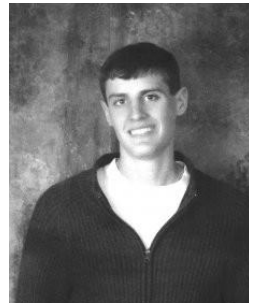


Ron Little  
Local Pastor

**Three Rivers wishes to thank these gentleman for faithful service and obedience to the calling. May God Bless them each in the new chapters of their ministries.**

## Pathways to Ministry Internship Program

James (JP) Snyder was welcomed at Garfield Memorial UMC in Pepper Pike of the North Coast District of the EOC, where he will begin a summer in ministry. JP, a junior in Construction Management at Kent State University, is exploring a call to pastoral ministry through the Pathways to Ministry Internship Program of the East Ohio Conference UMC Board of Ordained Ministry. JP is a familiar name in the Three Rivers District, the middle son of David and Joy Snyder, and the grandson of the late Rev. Ray and Anne Snyder. JP is a certified lay speaker who was honored as the youth lay speaker of the year in 2008. He has served in various ministries and outreach programs at Newcomerstown Christ under the mentoring of Pastor Derek Hickman, Rev. Russ Ham, and Rev. Steve Sparling. Garfield Memorial is one of two churches in the EOC piloting this program.



## CELEBRATIONS IN MINISTRY



**Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Dale Thomas** of Isleta/Plainfield on receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree. There will be an Open house on June 4 from 5-8p at the River Greens Golf Course Restaurant at 22749 SR 751, West Lafayette 43845, RSVP unnecessary but appreciated plainfield-isletaumc@hotmail.com or 740-545-6410 or 740-498-8896

**Congratulations to Ricky Chambers** upon his graduation from Ashland Theological Seminary. Brandon UMC will be hosting a celebration party on Saturday, June 4 at 4p.





## Youth Annual Conference June 10-12

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

Fort Rapids Waterpark

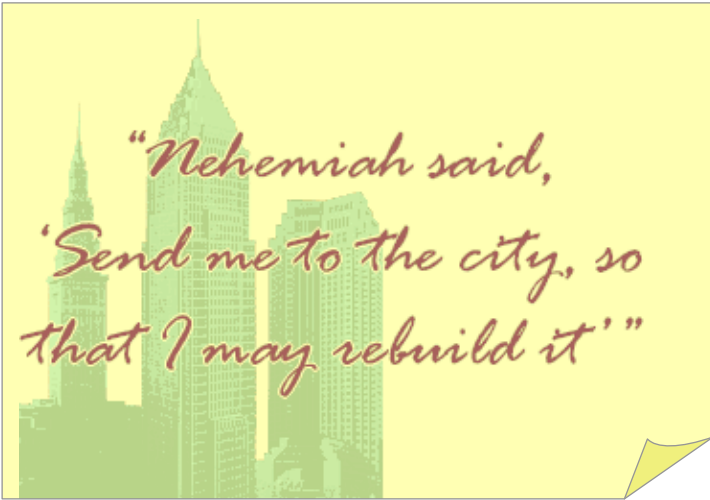
for more info visit:  
[www.eocumc.com/youth](http://www.eocumc.com/youth)

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. Registration deadline: May 31st is \$48 Registration Only, \$78 w/meals

### Nehemiah Youth Mission Trip rescheduled for August 12-14. *Rebuilding the city one life at a time, with open hearts and open minds.*

Contact [Angela Braniger](#),  
Three Rivers District Youth Coordinator,  
by email or 740-545-9024 for more information.

A program of The North Coast District of The United Methodist Church; The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland rebuilds the lives and homes of the physically and fiscally challenged of Cleveland through volunteer mission teams that improve living environments in order to sow seeds of hope for individuals and neighborhoods.



### ROSCOE UMC to host the Sunshine Choir of Brentwood, TN






The music department is pleased to announce that the Sunshine Choir will be presenting concerts Saturday evening, July 16 and also Sunday morning at both the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services on July 17th. The 110+ voice choir is comprised of students from grades 10 - 12. On Saturday afternoon, half of the choir will perform at Roscoe Village around 3p with the remainder singing in local nursing homes. Brentwood UMC is one of the largest United Methodist Churches in the country with an average attendance of 6,000. Five buses will provide transportation with 25 chaperones accompanying the group. Mr. James Wells, directs the Sunshine Choir and 3 other church choirs and the Nashville (TN) Children's Choir. You can view clips of their performances on YouTube. Contact Roscoe UMC at (740) 622-7780 for more information. Pastor Coralee Cox and Director of Music Ministry, Les Widder, cordially invites Coshocton residents and surrounding communities to come and enjoy this unique opportunity for our area. There is a great need for housing members of the choir. Again notify Roscoe UMC or contact Les Widder, [pnotunr@roadrunner.com](mailto:pnotunr@roadrunner.com) if interested. Roscoe UMC is located at 475 High St., (Historic Roscoe Village) Coshocton, OH, 43812.

# JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Cabinet	<b>2</b> Cabinet End of Life Program	<b>3</b> <b>4</b> FAMLP Retreat	
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>11</b>  YAC June 10-12 @ Lakeside	
<b>12</b> Youth AC June 10-12	<b>13</b> 5:30P District Fellowship @ Lakeside UMC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Spouses Coffee & Brunch @ Wesley Lodge	<b>16</b> <b>17</b> New Pastor Orientation		<b>18</b> District Office Closed
<b>2011 East Ohio Conference @ Lakeside, OH</b> District Office Closed all-week						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Post Conf Review	<b>24</b> District Office Closed	<b>25</b> "THE EVENT" Coshocton, OH
<b>LOVE OUT LOUD: Diving Deeper</b> Millersburg						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Move Out Date	<b>29</b> Move In Date	<b>30</b>	<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>	

# JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Available for summer pulpit supply</b>  <b>Ric Harvel</b> will be returning to the States this summer and is available for supply June 12th and all of July. Due to the restrictions on Ric's work in China, please contact the Three Rivers District office to make arrangements.</p>					1 District Office Closed	2
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				<b>Rev. Jim leaves for South Africa World Conf</b>		

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