



WD News

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Wilmington District - The United Methodist Church - West Ohio Conference

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The following article launches the first of several articles by key lay persons in the Wilmington District on the Core Process. Bob Jewett, our District Lay Leader, is a member at Hamilton First and on staff at Bethany.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Faith Forming Relationships and Educational Experiences - that sure is a mouthful, but what that means for me is Disciple Bible Study. When I first signed up for Disciple I, it was an anxious moment for me - it seemed like such a time commitment, other people would find out how little I really knew about the Bible, and was I really doing the right thing.

There was a time commitment, I really didn't know that much about the Bible, but the class members were in similar situations and we encouraged one another. What I also found was that the scripture passages became more alive for me in the group setting. When I read the scriptures myself they had meaning, but when class members told about how the scriptures affected them with their particular life experiences - the scriptures took on even deeper meaning.

The educational experience of Disciple Bible Study was important for me, but the relationships with the class members encouraged me on my faith walk. If you have the opportunity to be part of a Disciple Bible Study experience, don't miss it. It is an educational experience, it is faith forming, and the relationships with class members will be some you will cherish the rest of your life.

Bob Jewett



CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

Living Water Christmas Shoppe provides Christmas for around 200 children in inner-city Hamilton. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at First UMC, Hamilton. You are invited to send a representative from your church to informational meetings on Oct. 25 & Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. at First Church to find out how your church can help.

There will be many needs; from financial support, wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, food (for lunch & breakfast) music, baby sitters, people who speak Spanish, a set-up team and clean-up team and volunteers for the day.

Donations may be made by sending a check to Living Water Ministry and marking the memo "Christmas Shoppe". Questions may be directed to Barb Callen or Jennie Armour at 513-894-9892.



PACKING FOR JESUS UPDATE

With the coming of fall, we think about putting away summer clothes and getting out the warmer clothes of winter. But what do you do if you don't have anything to put away or anything warm to put on? Unfortunately, this is the situation that many people in our world find themselves in. What hope do they have; where can they turn for help?

Master Provisions is the help that the people of the Ukraine can count on. With a shipping container of clothing, Master Provisions helps to employ workers, helps churches add to their facilities, sends students to school, and helps spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With our unused clothing, they help to clothe a small part of the world where life is oftentimes bleak. I was told a story last year in which they opened the container to a village that had nothing; as people lined up to get clothing, a small boy asked why they were doing this. They told him that they were followers of Jesus and they had come to help. The boy then ran through the village yelling, "It is because of Jesus that they have come." What a powerful witness to our faith! Don't be left out of the blessing that comes from helping others.

Join the minister's spouses as they host their second "Packing for Jesus" event at the Goshen UM Church on Saturday, February 5. We are still in need of storage space, but we are more in need of your willingness to help others in this world. Involve your church as we again "Pack for Jesus."

Cathy Hanover



PERSONALS

- Congratulations to Tom & Cathy Hanover on the Sept. 30 birth of new grandson, Elijah William Schroeder.
- Congratulations to Bob & Judy Airhart (Hunter) on the Sept. 14 birth of granddaughter, Vivienne Grace Airhart.
- Congratulations to Lupina and Able Stewart on the Oct. 10 birth of Peter Able.
- Ray Young, Milford Calvary, had a surgical procedure.
- Al Harshbarger, Perintown, is on medical leave from job.
- John P. Osborn, disability leave, is doing well following hip replacement surgery on Sept. 20.
- Paul McFarland, Okeana, spent some time in the hospital while in Florida, and has been having continued tests.

Condolences to...

- Rev. Rick Stuhmer, 9016 Co Rd P, Napoleon 43545, on the death of his father, Edwin Stuhmer.
- Rev. Bill Sherry, 20475 Schick Rd, Defiance 43512, on the death of his mother.
- Rev. Tim Keene, 1343 Slade Ave, Columbus 43235, on the death of his nephew, Phil Keene.
- Rev. John Gordon, 3802 Woodthrush Dr, Cincinnati 45251, on the death of his father.
- Revs. Michael & Mary Barthel (New Vienna/Martinsville) PO Box 99, New Vienna 45159, on Mary's father's death
- Rev Brien McGarvey, 173 S. Main St, Johnstown 43031, on the death of his mother.
- Rev. Jim Wise, 224 Gardner Ct, Washington CH 43160, on the death of his mother.
- Rev. & Mrs. Bill McOmber, 11703 Kingfisher Ln, St. Marys 45885, on the death of Dottie's mother.
- Rev. Arland King, 42024 Seneca, Pomeroy 45769, on the death of his brother.
- Rev. & Mrs. Dave Phaneuf, 2141 Washington Blvd, Belpre 45714, on the death of Bonnie's father.
- Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Clark, 135 West Circle Ave, Washington CH 43160, on the death of Pat's father.
- Rev. Duane Kemerley, 3802 Barleyton, Sylvania 43560, on the death of his mother.

APPOINTMENTS

- Jennifer Lucas to new associate position at Faith Community, effective 1/1/05; from Perrysburg First Assoc (T).
- Benji Sayre to Groesbeck Associate (Cincinnati), effective Oct. 15; from Lebanon Associate.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Part-time Youth Director send resume to Lebanon UMC, 122 E Silver, Lebanon 45036; lumc@go-concepts.com
- Part-time Minister of Music for details email: mbarthel@cinci.rr.com or call 937-987-9475.

- Organist for 8:30 traditional and 11:00 blended services at Bethany UMC. Contact Brian Straub, 513-777-4448.
- Choir Robes - St. Mark's UMC has about 40 light blue choir robes (washable) with changeable liturgical stoles for any church who would like to have them. Contact them at 513-844-1818 or ChurchOffice@stmarksumc.net
- Candles - New Vienna is again selling jelly jar candles to benefit their building program. Call 937-987-2800.

NEW VIENNA OPEN HOUSE and CONCERT

Change of Date - New Vienna's Open House at their new worship facility, 11576 SR 28, will be held **Nov. 14**, 3-6 pm. From 6-8 pm, Mark Bishop will be performing a special concert. Everyone is invited to this celebration!

RED BIRD CRAFT SHOW

Emmanuel UMC at the corner of Amelia-Olive Branch Rd & Old SR 32, is sponsoring a Red Bird Craft Show on Nov. 20, 9-3, a light lunch will be served from 11-1 with proceeds going to Red Bird. There will be a great assortment of crafts, such as: baskets, woven placemats, rugs, jewelry, dolls, wooden toys, relishes, preserves and much more. This would be a great time to pick up some unique gifts and help the people of Red Bird, too!

ALL SAINTS DAY BREAKFAST

James E. Winkler, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society, will speak at Otterbein-Lebanon UMC on Nov. 6 following the All Saints Day Breakfast; and on Sunday, Nov. 7 at the 9:45 am Worship Service. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 513-932-2020, ext. 4032. A \$5 contribution is requested.

WOULD YOU LIKE A TASTE OF JUSTICE?

If you like coffee, tea, cocoa or chocolate bars, you can "taste justice." The United Methodist Committee on Relief started a coffee project in conjunction with other denominations to ensure sustainable wages for those who work in the fields. Our West Ohio Conference passed a resolution in June asking us to consider buying fair trade coffee. This is a mission opportunity for us and an opportunity to learn more about the unjust trade practices that keep good farmers and their families in poverty. There are free materials to help your group become informed and discuss fair trade issues.

The products can be used at church for fellowship and meeting times; they can be used as a fund raising project. Though it is called the Coffee Project, remember other items are available. For more info, visit the web: <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/hunger/coffee.cfm> or order directly: <http://store.yahoo.com/equalexchange>



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Campus Ministry Center at Miami University is developing plans for a Battle of the Bands for high school church or garage bands, coming up in April. Watch for details!

YOUTH JAM 2004

"Go Fishing" - Matthew 4:18-22
December 3-5, Cleveland Convention Center
www.youthjamohio.com

"THE PASSION"

The videotape and DVD versions of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is a "home use only" film and in order to show the film in your church you need to purchase a Public Performance License, which can be purchased from Swank Motion Pictures for \$10. Visit their website: www.swank.com/passion.html

For information about Christian Video License, or if you have other questions about copyright or fair use, call Ronda Brown at the Resource Center, 800-437-0028

WEST OHIO CREDIT UNION

The West Ohio U.M. Credit Union's field of membership has been expanded to allow lay members of UM churches within the WO Conference to join. Originally chartered in 1939 to serve the financial needs of Methodist clergy, as time passed, the Credit Union opened its membership to various groups within the UM Conference and church-affiliated organizations. For more info, contact them at 800-373-1059 or visit: www.woumcu.org



FESTIVAL OF SHARING

THANK YOU to all who so willingly gave of their time to help with the Wilmington District Festival of Sharing booth at the celebration in Springfield. Your dedication to missions and your help is deeply appreciated and very necessary.

Special thanks to Royalty Trucking Company for their continued donation of truck and driver to transport the kits. This is a vital service to the success of FOS.

Next FOS meeting Oct. 25, 10 am, district office.

HEALING WEEKEND

The WO Conference AIDS Ministry Committee is hosting a Healing Weekend in Columbus, Dec. 10-12. The goals for the weekend are to create a family affair, a spiritual atmosphere, educate, and create opportunities for friendship. For more info, call Patrick, 216-741-6836 M-F 11 am to 8 pm or email: Healing1204@aol.com

COKEsbury OPEN HOUSE

Columbus Cokesbury will hold their 2004 Open House Nov. 19 & 20, save at least 25% on most in-stock items.

HURRICANES

Jeanne, Ivan, Charley and Frances have left Florida, the Gulf Coast and many islands in the Caribbean reeling. United Methodist Committee on Relief is responding in Florida, Haiti, Cuba, and other affected areas. To insure continuing rapid and long-term response in the hurricane season, please give generously to UMCOR's **Hurricanes 2004, Advance #982410.**

UMCOR needs Flood Buckets! Help replenish the supply at the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot. Flood buckets are filled with cleaning supplies that people use to clean their homes after floods and hurricanes. For assembly and shipping instructions, visit: <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/kits.cfm> You may also give a financial donation to purchase cleaning supplies that the Depot staff and volunteers will use to assemble flood buckets. Give to **Material Resource Ministry, Advance #901440.**

VIM - NICARAGUA

Our Wilmington District Volunteer in Mission team will depart for its projects in Nicaragua, Nov. 6 and return the 14th. We ask for your continued prayers as the team travels and performs its work.



U.M. WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

The 31st Annual Celebration of W.O. United Methodist Women will be held at Villa Milano in Columbus on Nov. 13, 10-3. They will be celebrating 135 years in Mission. Guest speaker is Sue C. Johnson, Executive Secretary of Leadership Education, Women's Division, e Board of Global Ministries. There will be a Special Celebration Offering with a suggested gift of \$1.35 per member (a penny per year). Also, bring donations for Worthington Children's Home (books, games, small toiletries, posters, decorative pillows, etc. for ages 10-18 mostly boys).

NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah Leadership Institute now coming to the greater Dayton area. Have you been thinking about participating in Nehemiah? Now is the time to secure a place in the next group. Contact George Howard at goward@wocumc.org or 800-437-0028 for more information on this extraordinary personal skills training program.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30 pm, Mason
- 2 - VOTE!
- 3 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Williamsburg
- 4 - Conference Initiative Enlistment, Milford First, 1 Charge Conferences at Goshen, 7:30: Goshen, Branch Hill, Edenton/Second Creek, Butlerville, Cozaddale
- 5 - Legal Forum at MTSO, 9-4
- 6 - District Leadership Team, 10-12, Milford First
- 7 - C C's at Hamilton Grace, 2:30: Hamilton Grace Ham. Park Ave, Ham. First, Seven Mile/Somerville, McGonigle/Dartown; 4:30: Oxford, Ham. Lindenwald, Okeana, St. Charles, Ross
- 8 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Mt. Nebo
- 9 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Marshall
- 10 - C C's at New Vienna, 7:30: New Vienna/Martinsville, Hillsboro, Wilmington, Blanchester, Westboro, Sabina, Greenfield
- 11 - Supervisory Dinner, Wilmington UMC, 6:00 pm
- 13 - Conference UMW Annual Day, Villa Milano Spouses luncheon, Eastgate; Advance LS
- 14 - C C's at Bethany, 2:30: Bethany, Mason, Deerfield, Faith Community; 4:30: St. Mark's, Cornerstone, Maineville
- 15 - Otterbein Corporate Board
- 16 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Milford Trinity
- 17 - Cincinnati & Wilmington Youth Workers Mtg. Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Hillsboro

- 18 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Waynesville
- 22 - UMW work on Scroll; DS mtg. at Hillsboro
- 23 - CABINET
- 25-26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office closed
- 30 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Union Plains



Clergy Christmas Party, December 3, at Faith Community.

CHARGE CONFERENCES

If you have already had your Charge Conference, have you sent in your completed forms?

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Wilmington District is joining with other districts for a Special Offering this fall in support of the emerging Hispanic Ministries in West Ohio. For more information on these ministries, you can check: www.columbussouthumc.org

So far, we have received money in support of these ministries from two district churches!

THANKSGIVING

We cannot really give thanks unless within our hearts we deeply feel that undeserved blessings have been bestowed upon us.

Our great sin is our carefree assumption that we deserve what God gives us and that we are free to do with it what we please.

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