



WD News

September 2004

Wilmington District - The United Methodist Church - West Ohio Conference

West Ohio UMC Resident Bishop - Bruce R. Ough
District Program Coordinator - Marcia Rummel

District Superintendent - Thomas D. Hanover
Secretaries - Lorene Williams / Sherry Williams

LIVING SCULPTURES

"There's one! Nope, false alarm. It moved."

The District Staff took a field trip to Living Water Ministries office in Hamilton to see the renovation of the most recently remodeled building at 734 Sycamore, next door to the old office. Some of our staff had helped with some early clean up when Living Water Ministries acquired the property. It was at one time a crack house and center for prostitution. Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers (especially Bill Teets), it is now a beautiful office and has created space in the older building for computer labs and teen programming. But I digress.

While visiting Hamilton, Lorene wanted to see the sculptures in the downtown area. They were featured in a July 24 Cincinnati Enquirer article. They were fascinating to see. From even just a short distance the work of artist J. Seward Johnson, Jr. looked real. The detail of the artwork was fantastic. Hence, more than once as I gazed down the next block, I wasn't sure if I was seeing a sculpture or a real person standing very still.

Rita, one of our district leaders, asked me if I had ever seen any of those people who stand so still they are mistaken for statues. Being a smart aleck, I wisecracked, "Only at work."

To which she responded, "Were they male or female?" Since I'm the only male on the staff, I got her point. (Actually, I give her an A- for the comeback. Timing was excellent!)

Paul writes to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well...And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops." (2 Timothy 2:1,2,5,6)

I would hope no one would mistake a church in the Wilmington District for a stone sculpture. I would hope none of our churches are so rock solid we haven't

moved in years. The community begins to assume we are at best lazy and at worst dead.

Ministry in the 21st century calls for intensity and purpose, like an Olympic athlete competing for victory or a farmer working with passion and concentration to bring in the harvest. This is not so because it fits popular culture, but because we are called to "be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus." Grace compels us to care about others around us and to act in compassion towards them.

May the impact of your church's ministries upon your community be living and dynamic. May the grace of Christ breathe and move through you!



FESTIVAL OF SHARING

CELEBRATE (to observe a special time or day with proper activities).

Come and celebrate the special day and activities of Festival of Sharing on Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield. There will be fun, food and information! A Mission Forum with Bishop Ough and Cabinet members will be held at 1 p.m. Worship Celebration at 2 p.m.

Have questions about F.O.S., call a member of the committee: Ken Molter, Chairperson - 513-722-2541; Dick & Nancy Osborne - 937-855-3640; Valeta Doomeweerd - 937-393-5099; Marcia Rummel - 937-382-7583; Bea Faul - 513-831-6089; Tim & Jennie Gleason - 937-783-3655; Dennie & Marjorie Keyes - 937-446-2105; Jill Hakes - 513-625-4840; Gene Rathbun - 513-625-1731; Kevin & Stephanie White - 937-446-2944.

Nancy Osborne needs volunteers to work at the Wilmington District booth 9-11 a.m.; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1-3 p.m. Call her if you can help, 937-855-3640.

Come, let us celebrate together as a ministry of people of God who have made a commitment to alleviate physical and spiritual hunger, and to give shelter to the homeless. (ref. FOS handbook, pg. 3)



PERSONALS

-Congratulations to Kerry and Betsy Thrush on the July 12 birth of Nolan Zee Kerry serves The Park UMC in Maineville/Morrow area of Warren County.

-Congratulations to Rev. Suzanne Allen and husband Daryl Hams on the July 15 birth of Jacob Allen Hams. Suzanne serves as associate at Milford Trinity.

-Kenn & Melody Barton became grandparents to Alexis Ayn Jenkins on July 16. Kenn serves at Hamilton First.

-Ken Molter (Goshen) hip replacement surgery, Aug. 18. His wife Jane had shoulder surgery on July 26.

-Edna Wigal, wife of Roy (Batavia Emmanuel assoc.), had knee replacement surgery on July 22.

-Sandy Lowe, wife of Randy (Mt. Moriah), is recovering from recent surgery.

Condolences to...

-Rev. & Mrs. Thad McGehee, 2540 Elmview Dr, Lima 45806 on the death of Dory's father, Winslo Ash.

-Barbara Peterson, 5868 Westhaven Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76132, on the death of husband Rev. Edward Peterson.

-Carol Wilson (Cols South Secy), 15419 Bragg Rd, Mt. Sterling 43143 and Rev. Casey Wilson, 5242 Norwich St, Hilliard 43026 on the death of Carol's mother, Casey's grandmother.

-Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Martin, PO Box 160, Richmond Dale, OH 45673, on the death of Linda's sister.

-Ruth Drake, 5816 Skyline Dr, Cincinnati 45213, on the death of her husband Rev. Anthony Drake.

-Rosemary Osborn, 736-B Cedar Ct, Lebanon 45036 and Rev John P. Osborn, 696 N SR 741, Lebanon on the death of Rosemary's husband and John's father, Rev. John F. Osborn.

-Rev. & Mrs. Henry Stringer, 248 Comerstone Ct, Westerville 43081, on the death of Suzanne's mother.

-Rev. Carol Ann Bradley, 247 Richards Rd, Columbus 43214, on the death of her mother.

OPPORTUNITIES

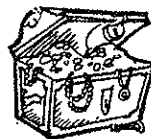
Youth Ministry Coordinator for grades 7-12. Lead growth of Christian faith, inspire and teach youth, increase participation, missions/service projects, lead/mentor adult leaders, team building. College degree or 4 yrs. Youth ministry. Resume and cover letter to: Normandy UMC, 450 W AlexBell Rd, Dayton 45459 or email gendel@normandyumc.org

Music Position New Vienna UMC needs someone to help with Sunday worship and adult choir directing. For more info, call the church office at 937-987-2800.

DS ASSIGNMENTS

-Marvin Bishop to Cozaddale

-Russ Abbott to Mt. Pisgah



PACKING FOR JESUS UPDATE

Ever wonder what happened to the 22 tons of clothing that we sent to the Ukraine in February? I asked that question of Roger, the founder of Master Provisions and the following is his reply.

"The shipment arrived in Simferopol, Ukraine to the Tabitha Ministry in mid-April. Tabitha provides jobs to over 70 people in the Crimean region in the Ukraine and they have actual shops in Sevastopol and Yalta in addition to the two main shops in Simferopol. In addition to paying workers' wages, Tabitha provides scholarships for 25 students to attend Crimean-American College and they sponsor family conferences, summer camps and a crisis-intervention hotline. They have remodeled the Simferopol Christian Church including the construction of an education wing and library and pastor's housing. All of the workers at Tabitha are grateful for your support."

What a gift to give to people who have next to nothing compared to what we have. Due to popular demand, we will again be "Packing for Jesus" at the Goshen UMC on Saturday, February 5, 2005. Start now to clean out those closets for this event! We are now looking for several people to help with storage space, whether you have space to donate or would be willing to help pay for rental space. We will have clothing drop off at least once a month once storage has been arranged. Anyone interested in helping with storage can contact Cathy Hanover via the District Office, at home, or by e-mail to chanover@voyager.net

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss your next opportunity to come and enjoy fun, fellowship, and packing as we "Pack for Jesus."

Cathy Hanover

James E. Winkler to Speak at Otterbein-Lebanon

James E. Winkler, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society, which is the international public policy and social justice agency of the UMC, will speak at Otterbein Lebanon UMC on Saturday, Nov. 6 following the All Saints Day Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 7 at the 9:45 a.m. Worship Service. To make a reservation to hear Jim Winkler, and also to enjoy the All Saints Day breakfast, call the Otterbein-Lebanon UMC office at 513-932-2020, ext. 4032. A contribution of \$5.00 per guest is requested.

GREAT DISTRICT CAMPS!

Thank you to all the directors and counselors for their hard work in planning and leading District Camp at Swoneky. Campers missing their Bible or medications, contact the district office, 937-382-7583.

2004 YOUTH MINISTRY INSTITUTE

"Seeking the Sacred" is the theme of the 2004 YMI to be held Oct. 13-16 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Interested in new ideas and help in working with the teens in your church? This is for you! Questions? Concerns? Special needs? Call Denise Gorden, 614-873-8851 or email at swajumc@aol.com Tammy Jo Reiser, tammyjo@cornerstoneyouth.net and Benji Sayre at Lebanon, benjisayre@yahoo.com are on the planning committee for this event, if you would like to contact them.

SHOUTFEST

The Christian Music Festival at Methodist Theological School in Delaware has been rescheduled for Oct. 9.

YOUTH JAM 2004

"Go Fishing" - Matthew 4:18-22

December 3-5, 2004 - Cleveland Convention Center
www.youthjamohio.com

BFB Auditioning for new Lead Singer!

BFB: Band From the Basement, a local band playing Contemporary Christian hits from artists such as: dcTalk, Mercy Me, Audio Adrenaline, Newsboys, Steven Curtis Chapman, etc, as well as some original material. Must be able to cover a variety of styles, front a band in an exciting way, and love to share their talents with others. Contact the band by email: HelloBFB@aol.com or call 513-741-3197.

MIAMI STUDENTS?

If you know of students who will be coming to Miami of Ohio's campus this fall, please send their name and contact information to lightsoncampus@hotmail.com The Campus Ministry Center offers worship, bible and book studies, disciple groups, local, national and global mission and service trips, weekly coffeehouse, computer lab, study space, and lots of fun, recreational activities. Visit our website: www.lightsoncampus.org

Brennan Manning Event sponsored by "Lights on Campus" at Miami University, Hall Auditorium, is still scheduled for Sept. 24, but the time has been changed to 8:00 p.m., tickets are not needed.



Living Water needs school supplies for the children at Jefferson Elementary, these children come from the poorest community in Butler County. The following items are needed: book bag (A very important item! It helps the children keep track of their belongings), 4 oz. bottle of glue, glue sticks, box of big crayons, box of 24 crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencils, blunt scissors, scissors, ruler, erasers, pencil erasers, paper - wide and narrow ruled, spiral notebooks, 5 subject notebooks, 2 pocket folders, dividers, notebooks, calculator, index cards, pencil bags, pencil boxes, protractor. Contact Jennie at j.armour@fuse.net or phone 513-894-9892.

CANDLES

New Vienna UMC will be selling jelly jar candles again this year as a benefit for their building program. If your church group would like to purchase these excellent candles for your fall bazaars, please call the church office 937-987-2800. They're still just \$5.00 each.

OPEN HOUSE and CONCERT

New Vienna UMC will be hosting an Open House and Concert to celebrate the completion of their new ministry and worship facility. On Oct. 24, 3:00-8:00 p.m. Mark Bishop will be performing in the evening service. All churches and individuals are invited to this celebration! Thanks for all your prayerful support in making this dream become a reality.

"The Kingdom of God and the Poor"

The third annual Institute for Evangelism will be held Oct. 10-12 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The Institute is designed to assist both clergy and lay to be genuinely motivated and equipped for a faithful, informed, and effective practice of evangelism. For more info, please visit: www.mtso.edu/programs/evanreg.pdf or contact Joon-Sik Park at jpark@mtso.edu

NEW LIFE FOR DYING CHURCHES

Dayton North District presents Dr. Rose Sims author of New Life for Dying Churches It Can Happen Anywhere on Oct. 16, 9-2, at Sidney First UMC, cost is \$5.00 each. Contact Dayton North to register, 937-227-9470.

LEIPSIC LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Edwin Zeider, president of UTS, will be presenter at the Leipsic Lecture Series "Spirituality & Leadership: Embracing the Downward Way" on Sept. 27. To register, contact Defiance District, 419-782-3101.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- Aug 30-Sep 2 - Interim Ministry Training, Conf. Office
 Aug 29-Sep 6 - District Secretary on vacation
 8 - Clermont Cluster at Milford First, 11:45;
 Conversations with DS at Milford First: Lavin,
 10; Luckey, 11; Caddell, 1; Long, 2
 9-10 - CABINET
 11 - Dist. Spouses lunch, 11 am, Waynesville
 12 - DS preaching at Deerfield;
 Ministry Excellence, 7 pm, at Ross Community
 13-15 - Ministry Matrix at Faith Community
 16-22 - Hanovers on vacation
 18 - District Leadership Team, 10-12, Deerfield
 20 - UMW Team mtg. at Williamsburg
 23 - CABINET
 25 - **Festival of Sharing**, Clark Co. Fairgrounds
 26 - DS preaching at Batavia Emmanuel;
 Charge Conferences at Hillsboro, 2:30: Lynch-
 burg, Dodsonville, Leesburg, Highland.
 4:30: Sinking Spring, Greenfield, Belfast Chg,
 Sugartree Charge, Rainsboro Charge.
 27 - DCOOM, Wilmington UMC, 9-3; Dist Superin-
 tendency, 4 pm, Olive Branch; Supervisory
 groups dinner, Wilmington UMC, 6:30 pm
 28 - District Trustees at Fayetteville, 7 pm
 30 - DS one on one with Bishop, 10 am;
 Ministry Excellence, 7:30 pm, Wilmington UMC

SPECIAL SESSION of ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The special session of West Ohio Annual Conference will be convened on Friday, Oct. 1 at the Columbus Convention Center. All clergy and lay members who were seated at the regular conference session in June are expected to be in attendance. A \$25 registration fee is required of each clergy and lay member who attends, this will cover lunch and all other expenses of the day. Registration deadline is Sept. 10. For more information, contact Laurie Clemmer at 800-437-0028.

HURRICANE CHARLEY

UMCOR workers are in Florida now, assisting the Florida Annual Conference with damage assessment and plans for long-term recovery. You can give to the Advance #982410-Hurricanes 2004. Especially needed right now are flood buckets, go to www.umcor.org kits link.

E-mail to the Crowes

Tom and Sharon Crowe are having problems receiving their emails in the Congo. If you have not been able to get through to them, they suggest you use their state side address: stcrowe1@cs.com

LAY SPEAKER TRAINING

The Basic course will be offered Oct. 2 and 16. Advance course is scheduled for Oct. 30 and Nov. 13. Contact Ed Cunningham, 513-232-9233, to register.

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