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Thank You !!

I want to Thank all for their cards, prayers and thoughts during the passing of Aunt Minnie (Malvina Baughman Smart Ooms) who passed away on June 16th and also of my Dad (Lester Pound) who passed away on June 28th. I want to send a special Thank You to the Ladies of Faith for the Dinners that they prepared for both funerals and to Pastor Jeff for the Beautiful service that he did, not only for Aunt Minnie but also for Dad. Your words were a great comfort to me and also for many family members. We all know that they both are with the Lord and I am sure that there was a great big celebration for the both of them. I know that there will be a day come that we will see them both again. Again thank you to all my Faith Family for your support during those weeks.

Joyce Robinson

Daughter of Lester Pound

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you to everyone who held a part in the wonderful meal that was prepared for our family. We are so grateful for the time and love that went into it. The tables were so pretty and it was so thoughtful to remember Malvina with the quilt squares. She would have loved that. Thank you again. ~ The Family of Malvina Ooms

I would like to thank Jeff Spung for the materials that he gave me so that I could patch the roof of the bunkhouse at Vesper Hills. I would also like to thank him for the drywall repair supplies. ~ Sherri

I would like to thank John Clark for starting on the drywall repair to the bunkhouse at Vesper Hills. ~ Sherri

I would like to thank Joan Curry & our quilters for making new valances for the Lodge which is being used for a Day Habilitation Center at Vesper Hills. ~ Sherri

I would like to thank Bonnie Clark for taking up collections for material for fleece blankets for the bunkhouse at Vesper Hills and to all of those who made contributions toward those blankets and to the quilters for making the blankets. ~ Sherri

I would like to thank Cheryl Dewese for her years of service as a Sunday School Teacher for our elementary aged children. She was and is greatly appreciated and will be missed. ~ Sherri

I DO NOT WANT TO FORGET TO THANK KRISTIN AND JUSTIN. IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THEM AND WATCH THEM GROW AS THEY INTERACT WITH OUR YOUTH. OUR YOUTH HAVE EXCELLENT MENTORS IN THESE TWO YOUNG DISCIPLES. ~ Sherri

To All of you, The help you all provide are the hands & feet we desperately needed when you arrived on board to serve the hungry. Also, your donation allowed us to purchase needed items today like jelly & ramen noodles. Thanks so much! In Christ's Love, Barb

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Sunday School Notes...

I would like to welcome Stephanie Shumaker as she has agreed to teach in our Sunday School Department.

The Sunday School Class is still going Through the Bible with Les Feldick and we are in book 5. We would like to have a couple more people come and join us to help fill the room. It is nice to see Mike back in Church thanks to the ones that are willing to get up early and go pick him up. I hope that Lilly and Homer get to feeling better so they can come also. PS we all need your prayers to keep things going. Wayne Layton

Men's Group Notes...

Just to let you know that the Men's Group is still meeting on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. We are still going Through the Bible with Les Feldick. Charlie, Howard, and Joe are still working at the Food Pantry on Thursday mornings, I had to take some time off to take care of some other business but hope to be back with them soon. We do have a couple of chairs that need someone to set in them, but only if they want to learn about the Bible, have good fellowship, and have some fun doing it. By the way Charlie is still making a good cup of coffee and it is free. See you Wednesday
Wayne Layton

Of Note...

The wonderful story of Noah and the Ark will be told at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, Pa in the spring of 2012. All interested start to save your pennies for an overnight bus trip and show that will overwhelm you with a 360 degree stage, live animals and the Bible story we all grew up with. If you are interested, let your friends in the Upstreamers Sunday School class know so we can start planning for NOAH, that you will never forget. Blessings.....

Youth Notes...

The younger youth (1st thru 7th grades) Terisa, Sabrina, Phoebe Loudermilk, Blake McMullen did a wonder job on their 1st workday at Vesper Hills in June pulling weeds.

On our 2nd work day at Vesper Hills the whole youth group (1st thru 12th grades) were involved, as well as 5 adults. We had a great showing: Raymond Mertz, Samantha Miester, Angel Wayne, Chy Anderson, Kayla Win, Teresia Loudermilk, Stephanie Bonham. The youth did some cleaning in the bunkhouse as well as staining some of the woodwork and they weeded a bit.

After the work was complete we had a water-balloon battle and played some volleyball while being wet down by a squiggly sprinkler placed under the net.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP!!

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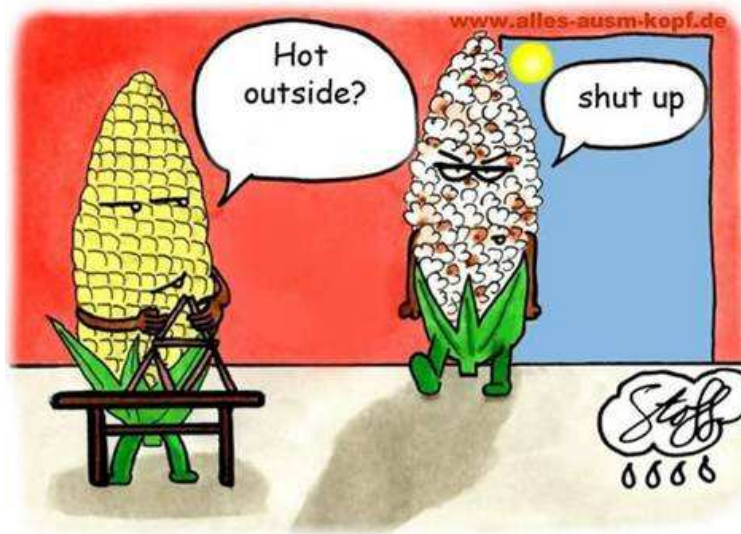
Worship Committee Notes...

With the summer months upon us, there has been little going on. In the past months we have celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

I know that many have been doing the vacation trips and we want to let you know that you have been missed but we have kept you in our prayers that you have and had a safe trip. There are several things coming up that we want to let you know about so you can mark your calendar. Vacation Bible School will be coming up soon. Also on August 6th our Church will host a Gospel concert with Safire Sun. There will be a love offering taken. The funds collected will go to the youngest member of the group to help out with Medical expenses. So if you are like most of us and enjoy Gospel music then you might want to mark you calendar for August 6th at 6:00 PM and join us here at Faith.

We would also like to Thank Paula Kirk for the many years that she has worked with the Worship Committee. Paula has resigned from the Worship Committee because of health reasons. We know she has worked many years on different committees over the years. This would be a great time for our Younger members to step up and join the Worship Committee. It is a great way to learn about our services and other functions in the Church. You will find that it is a very rewarding feeling to be able to take part in our church and the functions here. Please pray about it and we will do the same. Our meetings are always held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the library.

God Bless each and all of you
Joyce Robinson
Worship Committee Chairman



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Here a while back some 'old' bulletins were found. One of them held this poem on the back... I hope you enjoy going back through Memory Lane a little bit...

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The Lost Coin

The very heart of the Christian Gospel is the Savior's love for the individual, His concern for the well-being of every single human soul. This is the point of the parable of the lost coin. Jesus told this parable, among others, in refuting the carping criticism of the scribes and Pharisees over His friendliness with "sinners." Why, He even ate with them!

The frugal housewife, dismayed over the loss of even one coin out of the ten she had laid aside to pay her household bills, will virtually turn the house upside down in her frantic effort to find the missing money. And when at last she has found it, she will joyfully tell the whole neighborhood about it.

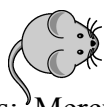
The individual *does* count with God. No matter how mean and selfish, how unlovely and unlovable, how dissolute and depraved he may be, God is not willing to give him up for lost. Our Lord is never ready to "write off" anyone, not even the most supposedly hopeless case.

This is not merely a pious theory, a pleasant fiction. God proved it in the most dramatic way. He yielded His own Son to bitter suffering and cruel death, so that every "lost coin" might be found.

His people can do no less — no less than share our Lord's concern for the wayward, the erring, the lost. These abound in our midst: the alcoholic, the drug addict, the "seeker after lust," the gambler, the greedy man, and the vast legion of "decent godless people" who live only for clothes and cars, for fun and football — all of which may be good or harmless in themselves but should never become the highest good.

All of these people without God, from skid row to suburbia, are infinitely valuable in God's sight. The premium He placed on their redemption was the sacrifice of His own Son.

And when even one of these "lost coins" is found, there is joy among God's angels, and the heavens resound with song.



Mousie Corner



Church Mouse says: Mercy is falling all over me! (snatched from another Mousie!)

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Something Fun!!!



Today, Tuesday August 2nd Gary Dewese and Clayton Priest flew with me (Charlie Rhoads) to Bedford, Pa to pick up Cathy. Clayton was Very impressed as he took numerous pictures along the way, including FUMC and the court house from 2000 ft. and the Longaberger Basket office building as we flew through the handles enroute landing at Newark-Heath airport.../cr/

Congratulations!!

Congratulations are in order to Grandparents Sue & Gene St. Clair. Their newest bundle of joy arrived July 30th at 11:19 PM Alexander Thomas weighs in at 3 pounds and 5 ounces! Congrats to Parents Terry and Andrea too!

A little Belated Congratulations to another set of Grandparents... Pastor Sherri & Dave Cummins. Little Maci Aleia Sullivan arrived May 13th weighing in at 7 pounds and 2 ounces and 21 ½ inches long! Pastor Sherri & Dave will be welcoming another little bundle of joy in a few months.... ☺

Conference Notes....

A Greeting from District Superintendent Barb Sholis



Thinking back to January when Bishop Ough first contacted me to suggest I consider the possibility of becoming a District Superintendent, I must admit this was a telephone call I was not anticipating! At the time, I was in the midst of the privilege of serving at Newark First UMC with a fine group of colleagues and a terrific congregation.

I believe that for many of us, God works in our lives with what I call a "rear view mirror" presence, one in which we are able to see most clearly God's purposes for us after-the-fact. As we begin this time of ministry together, my desire as your new District Superintendent is simply to be faithful to the spiritual work God has laid before me, while also tending to my own personal spiritual disciplines and, importantly, working to build and strengthen relationships between you and me. As we continue to seek to discern God's divine purposes for The Church and our denomination in a changing world, you and I are being called to continue this holy adventure TOGETHER! I am trusting that through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ, we will be transformed along the way.

I am looking forward to learning from you the ways your churches are living out our scriptural mandate to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." It is true! Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. God, working through you and me, continues to build what God has already put into motion.

The lives of faith to be found in our district are embodied in the many diverse and unique stories about how God is moving and you are living into the promise of new life fulfilled through Jesus. One of the things I enjoy creating are acronyms, and I offer you this one as representing what we in Capitol Area South are to be about in our missional life together:

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Cultivating Alive, Passionate Stories that Open, Unbind and Transform Hearts!

No matter the size or resources of your congregation, I truly believe that a good place for us to start will be by *Cultivating Alive, Passionate Stories that Open, Unbind, and Transform Hearts!*

I am hoping to conduct many of my one-to-one sessions with pastors in your church settings. Toward that end, I am thanking you in advance - pastors and laity alike -- for rearranging your schedules to permit me to visit as many of your 126 churches on-site as possible throughout the remainder of the summer and into the fall. Circuit riding in 2011 is quite different than it was 200 years ago. Unlike the early days of Methodism, my horse is now a GPS-guided car (aptly nicknamed 'Silver'). Nonetheless, I look forward to 'riding throughout the 'circuits' of CapSouth among the highways and byways of Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison and Pickaway counties.

As I visit, I will want to listen to your stories, pray with and for you, and work hard to begin creating positive and productive relationships with each of you that will allow us to begin to move forward together in this work.

Jim, Carol and I are motivated to come along side of you for the sole purpose of helping our district grow in its effectiveness in fulfilling our stated mission-to make disciples of Jesus Christ. For those of you who are demonstrating effective ministry, our role will be to support you so that you may continue to build upon what is already in place. For those of you who recognize the need to move beyond your current level of effectiveness of your ministry, our role will be to work collegially with you through coaching and other support so that your hopes and aspirations may come to fruition. In other instances, we will need to work together to create a different vision within your congregations so that we may begin move in a different direction.

May we be diligent and kind as we proceed together and may our ministries leads us beyond the walls of our churches into the streets of our communities and our larger global community.

News from United Methodist Community Ministries

Letter to the Editor of The Dispatch by Bishop Joseph Sprague -- "Better to Light a Candle than to Curse the Darkness"

This month Beth shares a letter to the editor of *The Dispatch* by Bishop Joe Sprague about all the exciting ministries of the Hilltop Shalom Zone which is a partnership of congregations, civic groups, business leaders, and community groups on the west side of Columbus.

The next **Community Ministry Festival and Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday Sept 20 at Bethel International UMC** (1220 Bethel Rd, Columbus, OH 43220.) The theme is: **Fanning the Flame by Going Deeper.** Cost is \$7.

Beth is now on **Twitter**, and you can follow her tweets at [twitter/umcommin](https://twitter.com/umcommin).



Orientation for Pastors Newly Appointed to Congregations in the CAS District Held on July 11



Pastors attending the orientation
for newly appointed pastors

Pastors newly appointed to congregations in the CAS District attended a briefing on Monday, July 11, at Peace UMC, Pickerington. Some of the pastors present were new to the district. Others have been serving in the district, but they have been appointed to serve a different (or additional) congregation in the district. Along with basic information about ministries in the district and the operation of the district office, the pastors heard from District Superintendent Barb Sholis at the gathering.

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"Leading Beyond the Walls" Registration Now Available

This fall the CAS District will offer a significant training event for the clergy and lay leadership of the local congregations in the district.



Drawing from the leadership teaching of Senior Pastor Adam Hamilton, Ms. Debi Nixon from The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas will share principles and practical ideas that can be translated into any setting.

Modeled after Resurrection's annual Leadership Institute that more than 18,000 clergy and lay leaders have attended over the past 12 years, this "mini-institute" is bringing the same resources to the Capitol Area South District.

Below are the details about the event:

DATE: October 21-22

TIME: 5:30 pm-9:00 pm (10/21) & 8:30 am-5:00 pm (10/22)

LOCATION: Scioto Ridge UMC, 4343 Dublin Rd, Hilliard

COST: \$10.00 per person

Space is limited so, please register early

Lost Boys of Sudan Fund Raiser: Malauk's Cows



Between 1987 and 1989, 35,000 young boys fled their homes in Southern Sudan to escape the brutality of civil war. Malauk, one of the Lost Boys, tells his story beginning with his tranquil life in his village and making clay cows, to hearing bullets and seeing bombs light up the sky around him as his village was attacked. This was the beginning of a journey that would take him many miles from his home. After years in refugee camps and struggles to make sense of an imperfect world, many of the Lost Boys have transformed their tragic past into an inspiring and hope-filled story for people all around the world.

We invite you to join this journey of hope by sharing this inspiring story and serving the medical needs of an impoverished village. **The Sudan Health Clinic has recently been approved as an Advance Special (#3021282) by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.** Support and participate in this project by visiting www.sudanclinic.org. *Proceeds of the sale of this book will help fund a health clinic for the people of Southern Sudan.* If you are interested in partnering with this effort, scheduling a speaker for an event, or purchasing this book for \$15, please contact **Steve Walker** at kayaker45@gmail.com or call (614) 488-5692.

Local Church Happenings

Maple Street UMC Lancaster Launches Free Store

The Maple Street UMC in Lancaster is opening a free store on Wednesday, July 20 with a grand opening. The free store is modeled after the Parsons Avenue Free Store at the Church for All People.



Flood Bucket Needed

The West Ohio Conference Disaster Relief Team has announced a new process in the annual conference for storage of flood bucket cleaning kits. Each district has been asked to identify drop off and storage sites around the district.

In the CAS District, the following locations have been identified and confirmed to date: **Eastview UMC, Glenwood UMC, Grove City UMC, Hilliard UMC, and Newark First.**

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Congregations are asked to prepare kits and make arrangements to drop them off at the above locations.

American Red Cross Volunteers Needed

The Volunteer Logistics Associate provides assistance and delivery services at the Red Cross Hilliard and Broad Street locations by performing essential tasks required in the support of blood drives and for the operation of the Mobile Supply department.



United Methodist Men's Retreat Scheduled for Oct. 8

The West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men is planning an event for men in congregations of the conference. The one day retreat will be held on **Saturday, October 8**, from 8:30 am to 4 pm, at the **North Broadway UMC**, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus. The guest presenter for the day will be **Gil Hanke**, General Secretary of the UM Men, Nashville. The theme for the day is "Creating a Men's Ministry for Every Man in Your Church."



Spielman Named Honorary Chair of Wings Campaign



Chris Spielman, former NFL and Ohio State football player, has agreed to serve as the honorary chair for the Wings of the Morning Caravan Campaign, led by the West Ohio Conference and supported by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

"For the people of North Katanga (in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), Wings of the Morning is the life-blood of mission, bringing medical supplies, pastors, missionaries and Bibles to the interior of the Congo," Spielman says. "Wings of the Morning also flies the injured and critically ill to hospitals in larger cities. Without this plane, a lifeline of truth and mercy may be cut off."

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‘Bold’ changes proposed for church structure

By Heather Hahn*

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Bishop John Hopkins leads the Connectional Table in processing a report on possible church restructuring. UMNS photos by Mike DuBose.

Members of the Connectional Table, meeting July 25-28, endorsed five proposals that would change The United Methodist Church’s structure and potentially it’s funding.

East Ohio Area Bishop John L. Hopkins, the Connectional Table’s chairperson, called the proposals “far-reaching.”

“What we’re trying to do is simplify the church and integrate it more,” he said. He added that the changes are intended to help the general church’s programs and resources better serve the needs of annual (regional) conferences and local churches.

The proposals are the result of the church’s Call to Action process, adopted by the denomination’s Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table in their fall 2010 meetings.

The 60-member Connectional Table coordinates the denomination’s mission, ministries and resources, and it is responsible for recommending changes in agency structures. The body voted to recommend:

- Making “necessary changes” to allow for “a just, reasonable and compassionate process” for low-performing clergy to leave the itinerancy.
- Consolidating 10 of the denomination’s 13 general agencies into five offices that will be part of a new United Methodist Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry. The center will have a 15-member board of directors, which will be accountable to a 45-member advisory board that will “represent the diversity and inclusiveness of our Church.” Under the recommendation, the consolidation will take place in two phases and be completed by 2014.
- Forming a special study task force to determine the optimal organizational structure and business model of the United Methodist Publishing House and the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits, both “fee-for-service” organizations. The task force is to make its recommendations by the end of 2013.
- Having the General Conference, the denomination’s top lawmaking assembly, authorize the board of the new United Methodist Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry to study the most effective ways to fulfill the mission of the church. Under this proposal, the board would evaluate programs and spending at all levels of the church and ultimately could direct the reallocation of up to \$60 million during the 2013-2016 quadrennium.
- Forming a task force that would conduct a denomination-wide financial analysis and initiate proposals for a more equitable and effective apportionment system across all annual conferences.

Apportionments support ministries at the annual conference and General Conference levels.

The role of General Conference in guiding the work of the church remains paramount in the new model.

“We really feel that General Conference sets the values of our church, not a board of directors,” Hopkins noted.

The Connectional Table took up and refined the recommendations as part of the multiyear Call to Action process, which has found that that the status quo of a shrinking and aging U.S. church is “toxic” and unsustainable.

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The suggested changes originated with the Interim Operations Team, a group of laity and clergy working with denominational leadership to implement the Call to Action recommendations.

The recommendations will be drafted into legislation for the 2012 General Conference, which has final say on whether these structural changes come to pass.

Proposed General Conference legislation from the Connectional Table and other church agencies must be completed by Sept. 1.

Illinois Area Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, the convener of the Interim Operations Team, expressed confidence that the changes will help the church promote vital congregations and address the decades of membership decline in the United States.

“I think some bold directions have been embraced,” Palmer said. “We’re looking at a much more nimble structure (i.e. as in the Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry) that creates some new possibilities of coherence and flexibility.”

Changes to clergy job guarantees

Just about every category of church leadership will be affected by the proposals. The first recommendations dealing with clergy follow on the heels of a number of church studies questioning the sustainability and effectiveness of job guarantees for ordained elders.

The denomination’s current process to dismiss incompetent clergy is unwieldy, said Washington Area Bishop John Schol, a Connectional Table member.

“When we talk about this as bishops, we all recognize that there needs to be a process,” Schol told those gathered. “This isn’t just a decision that’s made by a bishop or district superintendent that we don’t think a person is appointable, so now they are no longer appointable. ... The problem now is the process is so cumbersome and takes so much effort and eventually must be approved by all the clergy that this person might be friends with. It’s a process that just doesn’t work.”

The Connectional Table’s recommendation is conditioned on no other body in the church proposing legislation to General Conference to alter the process for dismissing ineffective pastors. If no other legislation is submitted, the Connectional Table asks that General Conference appoint a team to study and report to the 2016 General Conference a process for transitioning clergy in a way that best serves congregations, clergy and the denomination.

The Rev. Kim Cape, the top executive of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, told the Connectional Table that the 2008-2012 Commission to Study the Ministry will issue its final recommendations Aug. 12, and they are likely to include an end to “security of appointment” for elders.

Changes to general agencies

The proposed structural changes have implications for the nearly 1,400 people who work for the denomination’s 13 general agencies. The number of staff positions in the general agencies has decreased steadily, from 3,139 in 1971 to 1,384 as of 2010.

The Connectional Table’s recommendation endorses the move by the denomination’s ecumenical agency, the United Methodist Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, to become part of the Council of Bishops.

In the Connectional Table’s proposal, many of the ministries of the current agencies would be subsumed under the newly created Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry.

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The new center would have five offices.



Carol Tuthill helps present the work of the Interim Operations Team.

The first would be an office of shared services that would include the “essential functions” of the General Council of Finance and Administration, United Methodist Communications and other agencies’ communications staff members, the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, and the denomination’s information and technology support. (United Methodist News

Service is part of United Methodist Communications.)

The other proposed offices are designed with the denomination’s Four Areas of Focus in mind, according to Mary Brooke Casad, executive secretary of the Connectional Table. “An intentional effort was made to pull the functions that our agencies are currently charged with into offices that reflect the work of the Four Areas of Focus.”

The offices would comprise:

- An Office of Congregational Vitality, encompassing “the essential functions” of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship and multicultural ministries. (New Places and People)
- An Office of Leadership Excellence, encompassing much of the work currently done by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. (Developing Leaders)
- An Office of Missional Engagement, responsible for much of the work of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, including global health, missionaries, Volunteers in Mission and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. (Global Health)
- An Office of Justice and Reconciliation, encompassing the essential functions of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. (Ministry with the Poor)

How the work of United Methodist Men and the Women’s Division fits into this model is still being worked out.

If this recommendation gains General Conference approval in 2012, the plan calls for the transition to be conducted in two phases, with all agencies operating in their current structures initially and then moving to the new organizational chart over a period of about two years.

Too early to tell implications

“I think looking at how the general church can operate more efficiently and effectively is a good thing,” Erin Hawkins, the top executive of the Commission on Religion and Race, told UMNS. “I’m encouraged that we are in the conversation of how we make what we do better and more effective. I think it’s too early to tell what the implications will be.”



Neil M. Alexander discusses the Interim Operations Team’s proposal.

Still, Hopkins acknowledged that the merger of the agencies would likely lead to at least some downsizing of people whose roles at different agencies overlap. “My hunch is that most of the staff will stay where they are,” he said. “They may work in some different ways. We’re not trying to centralize all the staff. ... But we’re hoping they will be able to talk to each other better.”

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In the new model, staff with similar responsibilities across agencies would work together more effectively. The attempt “is not to squeeze (functions) into one box but to have it so the left hand and right hand are talking as one staff,” he said. “You have a closer relationship with staff that are doing the same thing.”

The Call to Action research found that there is a great sense of distance between leaders at all levels of the church and the people in the pews. Hopkins and others expressed hope that the changes would close some of that gap.

“This is a great opportunity for us,” said Jay Brim, a member of the Connectional Table and lay leader of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. Brim will lead the drafting of General Conference legislation based on the recommendations.

“The lay leaders are intending to carry this forward,” he said. “An extremely large number of conference lay leaders are General Conference delegates, and we’re asking all of them to work together to bring about this kind of positive change for the church.”

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Why Is It So Important?

Tina Perry

Several weeks ago Davion was reflecting on one of the children’s sermons. The one that seem to impact him the most was when his grandma wore her bathrobe in church. If you will recall, this was to impress upon the children and “adult” children that we all need to be ready for the Lord’s return. Of course, our children saw a lot of humor in me looking so silly. Yet, there is an impact being made on our children. Not only during the children’s message but in their Sunday school classes as well. Let me get back to my point. As Davion and I were having our “Summer Monday” he proceeded to ask me about the Lord’s return. He wanted to know if I was serious and if the Lord was going to return. I gently told him that yes indeed he will return someday and we need to be ready for that glorious day. He then told me that he was going to tell the Lord how much he missed him. Out of the mouth of babes, wow. Several weeks before that he asked me if I believed that the Lord can heal? I nearly drove off the road, but I told him yes of course. He agreed with me and explained how he learned that. In his Sunday school class they learned about healing and he knows God would heal him if he needed him to do so. This is so awesome. But these events are not the point of my article...the point is that it really is important to have the children be with someone who also hears the message at church. I don’t know how I would have reacted to Davion had I not known what he was talking about. We as grandparents lovingly bring our children to church, but wouldn’t it be awesome if we could get their parents in our pews as well. That way when these kids ask challenging questions, they can be given answers that God would want us to say. We need to think about these parents and somehow make them feel comfortable here at Faith. I know the kids would love it and so would God.

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Jail Ministry...

There are still needs for those who have a heart for ministry – Individuals who may have committed a wrong-doing need to be ministered to – the Jail Ministry helps to fill this need.

Ditty....

A Flag and a Rusty Gun

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn, round a makeshift stage as they charged on. Fifteen hundred or more they say, had come to burn a flag that day.

A boy held up the folded Flag, cursed it, and called it a dirty rag. An OLD MAN pushed through the angry crowd, with a rusty shotgun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight, he had polished each button, shiny and bright. He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace, til he and the boy stood face to face.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH; the OLD MAN said, is worth dying for and good men are dead, so you can stand on this courthouse lawn, and talk us down from dusk to dawn, but before any Flag gets burned today, this OLD MAN'S GOING TO HAVE HIS SAY!!

My father died on a foreign shore, in a war they said would end all war. But Tommy and I wasn't even full grown, before we fought in a war of our own.

And Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach, in the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach where five good men raised this Flag so high, that the ENTIRE WORLD COULD SEE IT FLY.

I got this bum leg that I still drag, fighting for this same old Flag. Now there's just one shot in this old gun, so now it's time to decide which one, which one of you will follow our lead, to stand and die for what you believe? For as sure as there is a rising sun, You'll burn yourself before this Flag burns, son.

Now the riot just never came to pass. The crowd got quiet and that can of gas, got set aside as they walked away to talk about what they heard this day.

And the boy who had called it a dirty rag, handed the OLD SOLDIER the folded Flag. So the battle of the Flag this day was won by a tired OLD SOLDIER with a rusty gun, who for one last time, had to show to some, THIS FLAG MAY FADE, BUT THE COLORS DON'T RUN.

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backpack	grades	reading
band	gym	recess
bell	history	school
books	homeroom	science
bus	homework	shoes
classroom	learning	sports
clothes	literature	study
clubs	lunch	teacher
courses	math	writing

** Notice on the calendars – There are Birthdates and Anniversaries... If I have missed any PLEASE let me know!! Thanks!!

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<p>Sunday: 9:15 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Master's Hands 4-6 PM Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Tuesday: 11:30 AM Lunch @ Stacey's 12:00 PM Noon Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>Wednesday: 9:00 AM UM Men 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Spiritual Care 6:30 PM Worship</p> <p>Thursday: 7:30 PM NA</p> <p>Saturday: 10:00 AM Quilters 12:30 PM NA</p>
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Cheryl Deweese</i>	2 Worship Committee @ 7 PM <i>Marie Bradley</i>	3 <i>Hunter Hammond Alicyn Hammond</i>	4	5 <i>Don & Iona Latham</i>	6 Safire Sun Concert @ 6:00 PM
7 Birthday Sunday Youth Car Wash	8 <i>Paul & Paula Gaulke</i>	9	10 Youth Camp-outing @ Vesper Hills	11 6 PM Women of Faith Picnic/Carry- in @ Darlene Priest's home Youth Camp- outing @ Vesper Hills <i>Jeromy Tyler Zigan</i>	12 Youth (Sr.) Canoe Trip	13 Euchre Night!! <i>Iona Latham</i>
14 12:30 Youth Meeting Youth (Jr.) going to Homestead Park	15 <i>Kris Regenhardt Robbin Alan Layne</i>	16 <i>Seanne Layton Jeff & Marsha Spung</i>	17	18 5:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM AD Council	19 <i>Dorothy Shipp Abby Wilkinson</i>	20 1-4 PM Scrap- booking 4-6 PM Monthly Dinner <i>Kevin Evans</i>
21 Youth Luncheon after Worship <i>Alice Spray Mark Kirk</i>	22	23	24 <i>Paul Huffman</i>	25	26	27 1-4 PM Open House for Richard & Dixi McMannus <i>Abigail Evans</i>
28 Youth Work Day @ Vesper Hills	29	30 <i>Connie Scurman</i>	31			

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				1 <i>Michael & Casey Curry</i>	2 <i>Annette Wilkinson</i>	3 <i>John Clark Shannon Jeromy Zigan</i>
4 Labor Day Picnic @ Church Farm – Vesper Hills 3-9 PM	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 1 PM Women of Faith – Marion Priest Hostess @ Church	9 <i>Pastor Sherri Cummins</i>	10
11 Gideon Sunday <i>Dylan “Henry” Norton</i>	12	13	14 <i>Julie Shonebarger Hal & Marjorie Carlson</i>	15 <i>Chris Miller</i>	16	17 1-4 PM Scrap- booking 4-6 PM Monthly Dinner
18 Youth Luncheon	19 <i>Mary Cunningham</i>	20 <i>Evelyn Huston Raymond Mertz Jr</i>	21	22	23 Fall Begins	24 Licking County Food Pantry Concert 1:00 - ???
25	26	27	28 <i>Doug Miller Terry Priest</i>	29	30 <i>Mary Jane Spung Dave & Sylvia Day</i>	

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