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Thank You !!

Your Thoughtfulness Reflects God's Love by Helen Steiner Rice ~ When someone does a kindness, it always seems to me That's the way God up in Heaven would like us all to be... For when we bring some pleasure to another human heart, We have followed in His footsteps and we've had a little part In serving Him who loves us – for I'm very sure it's true That in serving those around us, we serve and please Him, too. Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words can say. Thank You Very Much

From: Safire Sun

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.....

Conference Notes....



The Capitol Area North District is hosting a fundraising event on **Sunday, September 25 at the Columbus Zoo**, in support of their commitment to help raise money for the **West Ohio Conference Wings of the Morning Caravan Campaign**. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and an address by **Chris Spielman, Honorary Chair** of the West Ohio Conference Wings of the Morning Campaign. To purchase tickets or for questions about the event, contact the Capitol Area North District Office or visit www.wingsofthemorningfund.org.

The Inclusive Body of Christ Persons with Disabilities Ministry Area is recruiting a team of 8 -12 persons across the conference to make a two year commitment to help congregations fully welcome and include persons with disabilities in the life of their ministries. The team will meet 4 times per year. This team will help identify best practices and resources for ministry with and by persons with disabilities. The vision of this team is to create a reality where congregations will become centers of hospitality and faith-forming relationships for persons with disabilities and their families. If you are interested in serving in this ministry area, please call David Hoffman at 614-885-5365, david@worthingtonumc.com

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New Pattern Announced for Charge Conferences

District Superintendent Barb Sholis has announced a new pattern for the charge/church conferences that local churches will participate in this fall. Barb made the announcement at the two pre-church conference briefings that were held this month.



Pastors learned at the briefings that each church/charge will conduct its own charge conference (only members of the Church Council have a vote) or church conference (all members of the congregation have a vote) in the local churches. After consulting with local church leaders, the pastor will set a date for the meeting. The pastor will then invite an ordained elder (active or retired) to preside at the business session. After the arrangements for the conference are set, the information will about the meeting will be submitted to the district office via online form or hard copy that will inform the district office about the schedule for the meeting and the elder who will be presiding.

Barb Sholis announced a two month window (**Oct. 1-Nov. 30**) for the completion of the charge conferences. *Pastors are expected to mail in the completed charge conference packets to the district office **within one week** of the charge conference gathering.*

Since Barb is in the process of making a round of visits to each church/charge in the district and conducting one to ones with the pastors during the visits, she will not be present at these charge conference gatherings.

News from United Methodist Community Ministries

Going Out into the Neighborhood

If a congregation is to be vital, most experts in church growth will say that the church must connect to its neighborhood. How is your congregation connecting?



Special Needs training for the church



As followers of Jesus, we want to make the love of Christ real in the lives of others. We want to respond to the love of Jesus within us and create relationships where all people recognize their value and worth. It may be difficult, however, to know how to best welcome persons with special needs, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Down syndrome. As a result, our congregations often seem unprepared to meet their needs. **Learn to strengthen your church's ministry to persons with special needs by attending one of our three Special Needs training workshops.** To register go to www.westohioumc.org and click on "Register for Events."

New dates of note

Aug. 26...Expanding Your Mission...through a Non-Profit, Ginghamburg; *learn the ins and outs, do's and don'ts of birthing a non-profit organization from your church.*

Sept. 19-20...Human Nature, Self-Interest and Power, MTSO; *Tex Sample will present three lectures at the Schooler Institute on Preaching.*

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Oct. 6-8...Telling Our Story, Creating Our Future, Independence, OH; *sponsored by the African American Heritage Center.*

Oct. 19-21..."Rethink Appalachia", Effective Ministry for a Changing Environment in Appalachia, Lake Junaluska; *sponsored by the United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network.*

Reynoldsburg church makes Romanian history



On August 8, 2011, history was made when the board of Calea Credintei Churches in Cluj-Napoca, Romania voted to become the first United Methodist Churches in the country's history. Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church Lead Pastor Jeff Greenway and church members were present as the Romanian churches' leaders came to this decision.

New dates of note

Oct. 1...[Festival of Sharing](#), Otterbein College.

Oct. 13-15...[Wesleyan Leadership Conference 2011](#), Nashville; aiming to help The United Methodist Church recover what it means to be Christian and Methodist in the 21st century.

Oct. 15...[Church Libraries Still Vital to Christian Life](#), Grove City; sponsored by the Buckeye Chapter of the National Church Library Association.

Mar. 12, 2012...[Holy Land Study Journey](#); lead by Pastor Stu Rammes from Friendship UMC, Cincinnati with arrangements by Educational Opportunities.

Donations Needed...

Donations are needed to reward our youth for their good deeds. These items can be new or slightly used (in excellent condition!). The youth will be 'purchasing' these items. A room at Vesper Hills has been transformed into a 'store' for this purpose. When our youth help around the church and Vesper Hills doing things, such as helping others and showing God's love for others, when / if you see this make sure to tell one of the leaders so that the young person can be rewarded with Faith Bucks & Friends of Jesus Bucks – these Bucks can then be used to purchase these items in the Faith Store.

Still Looking....



We are still needing volunteer help out at Vesper Hills – Painting, staining, carpentry and general help doing things around the property. Donations can be given in the form of Lowes gift cards for very much needed flooring for the bunk-house.

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Jail Ministry...

If you have a heart for those who need Jesus – look into helping out the Jail Ministry...



** 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>Michael & Casey Curry</i>	2 <i>Annette Wilkinson</i>	3 <i>John Clark Shannon Jeromy Zigan</i>
4 Labor Day	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 1 PM Women of	9	10

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Picnic @ Church Farm – Vesper Hills 3-9 PM				Faith – Marion Priest Hostess @ Church	<i>Pastor Sherri Cummins</i>	
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 Work Day @ Church Farm 4- 6 PM	26	27	28 <i>Doug Miller Terry Priest</i>	29	30 <i>Mary Jane Spung Dave & Sylvia Day</i>	

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3 <i>Maxine Huffman Angie Fish</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Frances Offenbaker</i>	8 <i>Gloria "Kathy" Evans Alec Norton</i>
9 <i>Dwight Evans</i>	10 <i>Chase Prior</i>	11 <i>Pastor Jeff & Tina Perry</i>	12 <i>Paige McIntire</i>	13	14 <i>Barb Packham</i>	15
16	17 <i>Lori Moore</i>	18 <i>Janell Coffman</i>	19	20 <i>Beth Prior</i>	21 <i>Darlene Priest Jim Coffman</i>	22 <i>Justin Chapman</i>
23 Work day @ Church Farm 4-6 PM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Andy & Angie Fish</i>	31				<i>Roger Ettenhofer</i>	

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