

# Western Reserve District Newsletter

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*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He is Risen!”*

As we consider the life-giving questions of Jesus, we come at Easter to the center of the whole world's inquiry. What is it that you are looking for? What are we doing here? Where are we going? What is it that you want? What has been the central theme of your life? What is the longing that we share that beckons us to the very heart of God? Why is it that we look for that “Thing” that will bring us to true existence, drenched in joy and fully awake among the belongings that are inanimate?

We are connected as a people that yearn for life, purpose, true love, gracious faithfulness and something of eternal value. Jesus literally stands in our midst inviting the tenderhearted into a life worth living in true wonder. Christ comes among us and walks as gently as He once did on the road to Emmaus. Maybe it is to the disbelieving part of us as individuals and the church gathered, that He longs to awaken from our enchantment of ‘church life’. Our calling might not be to committee meetings and fund raisers but to rouse from our enchantment of “getting people” to save our churches. It might be to this real life of sharing the greatest news in all the universe in both word and action. As Bishop John Powell once said, “Christ is Risen, maybe its time we notify our faces!” forgiveness is offered, new life can begin, love can be empowered, grace wins, pain is eclipsed in joy and death is, in the end, vanquished. All of nature now cries out for the redemption of its bondage, but one day grace will redeem that which God has made. In Christ, the process begins here and now.

God has come to call the willing to a new life and to rise from the dead to bring us to His living. Come and invite a friend to discover and celebrate the miracle of new life, new beginnings, a clean slate and new creations in our midst (and not just for Easter Sunday).

Happy Easter!

Dave

## All Conference Clergy Spouses

Come enjoy the fellowship of clergy spouses through laughter, songs, and praise at the Coffee and Continental Breakfast during  
**Annual Conference at Lakeside, Ohio**

Wed., June 20, 2012 Wesley Lodge  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Once again, you are invited to Buy, Trade or Sell – The Market Place (“shops” will open at 9:00 a.m.) A chance to “set up shop” at our Annual Conference coffee!**

For every clergy spouse who loves to craft, sew, and cook, you are invited to bring your items to sell at our Lakeside coffee! Tables will encircle our venue so don't delay reserving space. Contact Elsa Court at [elsacourt@roadrunner.com](mailto:elsacourt@roadrunner.com) or by calling 740-255-5160. For those who reserve tables, set-up begins at 8:30 a.m. Deadline for a table reservation is June 1st.

### Move Reimbursement

If you are expecting a pastoral change this year, remember that, if you are current on Funds II, III & IV and direct bill, then you can get 50% of the move bill reimbursed subject to limitations (Pg. 3-47 of 2011 EOC Journal)

# Youth Annual Conference 2012 Registration Now Open

Shawndelle Rivera (ext 132) at 800-831-3972  
or [shawndelle@eocumc.com](mailto:shawndelle@eocumc.com)

## Spring District Conference

**When:** Saturday, April 21, 2012  
**Time:** 10:30  
**Where:** Mayfield UMC  
7747 Mayfield Rd.  
Chesterland, OH 44026

Child care is provided!  
Please call Jerri at 440/478-9532 and let her know how many and the ages.

## East Ohio Annual Conference Lakeside, OH June 18 – 21

**Please register online if you are a Pastor or a Lay Member to Annual Conference.**

**New Clergy Orientation will be held on June 21st. and 22nd.**

**For more information contact Jerri at the District Office 440/352-2083 or 440/478-9532 or by email [jerri@wrdistrict.org](mailto:jerri@wrdistrict.org)**

## East Ohio SBC 21 Lay and Clergy Consultation

Date: April 14, 2012  
Time: 8:30am-4pm  
Location: Aldersgate UMC  
4069 Eastwood Lane  
Warrensville Heights, OH 44122  
Cost: Free  
Lunch Provided

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2012

For more information contact Shawndelle Rivera at [shawndelle@eocumc.com](mailto:shawndelle@eocumc.com)

## North Bloomfield UMC

The weather has changed but Movie Nights still continues, indoors! Join us for **FREE** great family movies, **FREE** popcorn and more at North Bloomfield UMC 8840 Park Drive N. Bloomfield OH in the town park (corner of Rt 45 and Rt 87).

For more information contact North Bloomfield UMC at 440/685-4304.

### **Small Business Healthcare Credit Available again for 2011!**

File Form 990-T and Form 8941 to claim refundable credit by May 15, 2012. This will most often be for a church that pays healthcare premiums (usually it is for the pastor) and has Medicare and Federal withholding withheld from employees' pay (any employee). This credit is, on average, close to \$2000 and will be available only for a few years so take advantage of it, if you can.



### **Announcements of Appointments effective July 1:**

Lenore Robinson – Emmanuel UMC (MO District)  
Alelta Burkholder – Kelloggsville UMC (WR District)  
Kurt Landerholm – Mentor UMC (WR District)  
Curt Bissell – Mentor UMC (WR District)  
Mike Gibson – Mentor UMC (Retiring)

## UMW Spring Gathering

April 28th.

We will be gathering at the Painesville UMC at 10am. Registration begins at 9:30am. All United Methodist Women are invited.

### *Windsor United Methodist Church*

*Committed to the Mission of Luke 14:21*

*Is joining the Chair Corp. International Ministry for the Disabled  
Of Joni and Friends – Wheels for the World*



**We are collecting:**  
Wheelchairs  
Walkers  
Crutches and Canes



*These items will be restored and redistributed to the disabled in developing countries to fulfill their dream of mobility. Some will then be able to attend school and church for the first time in their life thanks to the gift of a wheelchair that in their country could cost more than a year's salary.*



**To coordinate a collection event or for local pick-up information please contact:  
Pat Fozo – 440-969-8529 or David Tatsch – 440-272-5338 or 440-478-2729 (cell)**

## A Note from the EDRT Team:

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, A combined Early Response Team (E.R.T.) from the Western Reserve and Southern Hills Districts were requested to respond to the town of West Union in Adams County in Southern Ohio to assist with recovery from the previous weeks Tornados. The Team assisted in debris gathering, cleaning, separating reusable goods and providing a Christian presents, support, visibility and reassurance of the United Methodist Church. The pastor, Dan Johnson, of the UMC in West Union, working with the County Emergency Operation Center, kept the Team busy with the use of the Western Reserve Districts new fully equipped disaster trailer.

The trailer was purchased and Equipped by donations from several generous District Churches mission funds and the District Mission Committee. The Team stands ready to respond to most natural disasters in the District and Conference. There have been 30 Members of the District who have been fully trained and have their UMCOR badges. We welcome any parishioners in the W/R District that are interested in disaster work to receive training and becoming members of a busy Team.

Please contact the EDRT Chairperson Dick Morse for further information. [uncledickm@att.net](mailto:uncledickm@att.net)



Picture from the East Ohio Early Response Team (ERT) which responded to the Tornado damage in Adams County, Ohio, March 7th. From left to right; Pastor, Kathy Powers, (back) Pastor, Floyd Costello, (Front) Reba Farley, (back) Dick Morse, Jerry Dickerson, (front) Linda Bragg, and (back) Pastor, Wilbur Bragg. Picture taken by, Pastor Dan Johnson.



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**Mentor Plains UMC** has found a replacement program for the Angelfood grocery ministry that was discontinued last year. Smart Choice Foods offers several value boxes of groceries—their slogan is “If you eat, you qualify” - there are no income restrictions or order minimums. The March "Smart Box" was \$35.00 and included:

- 5 lbs chicken drums
- 2.5 lbs bonless/skinless chicken breasts
- 2 lb fully cooked meatloaf
- 2 lbs fully cooked meatballs
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 28 oz Beef patty w/gravy (family sized)
- Box of breakfast “pocket” sandwiches
- 2 lb. frozen vegetables
- 2 lbs frozen beans
- 2 lbs tator tots
- Box of mac and cheese
- Cereal
- Rice and pasta
- 1 dessert

There are other value boxes available, including Senior meals (heat and eat), steak boxes, burger boxes, pizzas boxes and soon, fruit and veggie boxes. Orders are cash-only at this time and need to be placed by the third Saturday of the month. Orders are available for pick up on the last Saturday of each month. Orders not picked up will be donated to our food pantry. For a current menu or to place an order, contact the church office M-TH 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

For more information on the following events go to the East Ohio Conference website:  
[www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com)

**Strengthening The Black Church For the Twenty-First Century SBC - April 14 - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** - Better Together as One Heart, One Soul! Aldersgate UMC, 4069 Eastwood Lane, Warrensville Hts.

**141 SOW (Sermons of Wesley) Lecture-Luncheon, April 20**, North Coast District Office, Broadway UMC

**Church Planting 101 - April 16, 12 - 8 p.m.; April 17, 8 a.m. to noon.** Hosted by: East Ohio Conference New Church Start Team. Led by Cathy Townley. Location: East Ohio Conference Office. Two day clinic is intended to introduce inquirers to new church planting. Call Jenni at 800-831-3972 ext 133 or email: [dodgej@eocumc.com](mailto:dodgej@eocumc.com)

**East Ohio United Methodist Men - Spring Gathering at "The Wilds"- Environmental Stewardship in the Church - April 28**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 14000 International Rd., Cumberland, Ohio (near Cambridge, Ohio)

**Black Theologian Day - May 14**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.- Aldersgate UMC, 4069 Eastwood Lane, Warrensville Heights.

**Modern Day Slavery in Ohio - May 19**, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wadsworth UMC, 195 Broad St., Wadsworth.

## **ORDER OF ELDERS OF EAST OHIO**

### **4TH ANNUAL BISHOP AND ELDER'S WORK MISSION!**

### ***J.O.S.H.U.A. PROJECT OF THE STEUBENVILLE URBAN MISSION May 14th and 15th, 2012***



**Questions?? Contact: Jan Yandell**

[jan@eastshorechurch.com](mailto:jan@eastshorechurch.com)

## **CHANGE THE WORLD May 19-20**

If you would like to participate, go to [umcom.org](http://umcom.org) and search for Change the World. 15 countries, 250,000 volunteers, and 3 million lives were positively influenced in 2011. United Methodists are gearing up for the third annual Change the World event to build community locally and fight malaria globally. New research from UM Communications reveals that churches that provide opportunities to help their communities are viewed much more favorably because of their active, "outside the church" approach. Change the World is a movement to connect UMs by building community locally in service projects and fighting malaria globally. Local service projects vary and include raising funds for worthy causes, feeding the hungry, planting gardens, advocating for peace and justice and more.

## **MissionInsite The Next Generation in Mission Context Analysis**

A New Ministry Planning Resource For Your Local Church - Discovering your church's ministry opportunities has never been easier. **MissionInsite** provides instant access to community information for your church via The MI System. You'll get desktop, web-based access to demographic data for a variety of geographic levels. **Free** - When you log-in to The MI System at [www.missioninsite.com](http://www.missioninsite.com) a number of resources will be available. For more info. contact Jenni Dodge at 800-831-3972 ext. 133.

Thursday, April 19, 2012  
Deepening Your Effectiveness

*Restructuring the Local Church for Life Transformation*  
Church of the Lakes UMC ~ Canton, OH  
[www.deepeningyoueffectiveness.org](http://www.deepeningyoueffectiveness.org)

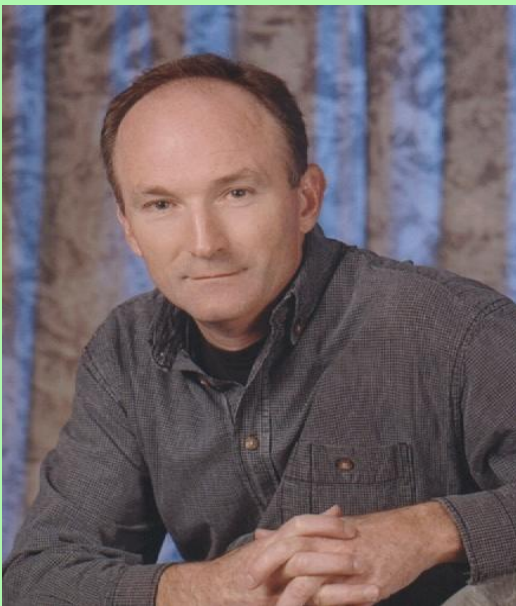
Are you growing world-changing disciples or just filling seats in the sanctuary?  
Join Dan Glover & Claudia Lavy for a full day workshop where you will discover:

- A new understanding of the principles of discipleship
- The primary facts about the 6 stages of spiritual development
- Practical ways to apply the principles through a discipleship pathway

Help the people in your congregation move out of the pews and forward  
on the most exciting adventure of their lives!

The Church has one job - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The **Deepening Your Effectiveness Foundational Workshop** will change your understanding of how people develop from unchurched to fully committed followers of Jesus, and how you can help them move toward spiritual maturity. You will discover the principles of discipleship, the primary facts about the 6 stages of spiritual development, and how to apply them in practical ways through the use of a discipleship pathway - a template that can be used in any church of any size in any denomination to structure your ministries for life transformation. Help the people in your congregation move out of their comfort zones and forward on the most exciting adventure of their lives! Registration information is available from Church of the Lakes or the Tuscarawas District office . Just \$10 a person, including lunch.

Dan Glover



Claudia Lavy



## !!Happy Birthday!!

### April

11 – Bige Combs  
13 – Hazel Partington  
18 – Loren Gisselbeck  
25 – Allen Frantz

### May

7 – Patti Baker  
13 – Aletta Burkholder  
19 – David Partington

## !!Happy Anniversary!!

### April

19 – Tadd and MaryBeth Butler  
22 – Henry & Darlene Woodruff

### May

8 – Dave & Angie Scavuzzo  
11 – Tal & Vicki Lewis  
29 – John & Wendy Benigas

## District Youth 2012 Calendar

**Sunday May 6, 2012 District Spring Event at  
New Leaf UMC 2:00-5:00 PM**

Join in for our annual picnic & elections for the coming year. Main dish will be provided. Groups please bring side-dishes and drinks to share. We'll eat promptly at 2:00. Please RSVP to [pastortal@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:pastortal@neohio.twcbc.com)

Elections: If you are running for an office your application is due to Tal Lewis by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available upon request at [pastortal@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:pastortal@neohio.twcbc.com) – we will be electing DYC Officers & CCYM Representatives.

**Sunday May 20, 2012 4:00 DYC Meeting at  
Orwell UMC**

**June 15-17, 2012 YAC 2012 / District Caucus**

## *Royal Family Kids Camp is launching at Willoughby Hills UMC*

[www.rfkc.org](http://www.rfkc.org)

*See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 18:10 NSV

Maybe you have had a heart for abused and neglected children but didn't know where to begin to help one of our countries growing needs. ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP brings God's love to children whom life has failed, children who know what it feels like to be despised. We will provide a week -long residential camp for children in our community who are the victims of abuse and neglect.

### HOW CAN I HELP!

Churches in our WR District, that are willing to sponsor a child with a full or partial scholarship to camp have that opportunity. Some churches might even want to help with school supplies, or even send a person to training in order to help staff the 2012 camp for these special kids. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our UM Connection to work again.

### WE NEED TO NETWORK!

Please provide us with NAMES of personal contacts at local businesses, clubs, organizations, and social groups. We, the Royal Family team, would be glad to make the call or to present this ministry to anyone who will listen.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP THESE CHILDREN!** For more information please contact Pastor Hazel Partington at the Willoughby Hills UMC @ 440/585-9462.

## What's Happening in the WR District Churches?

**West Farmington UMC** – Is having a Spaghetti Dinner on the fourth Sunday of every month. All proceeds go to purchase fire department needs.

**Cherry Valley UMC** – Swiss Steak Dinner, First Thursday of each month. 4pm-6pm. \$7

**Madison Chapel** – VBS, Sunday, July 8th – Thursday, July 12th. Contact the Church for more info. 440/428-3981  
Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 8th 10am. Contact the Church for more info. 440/428-3981

**Kinsman** – Chicken & Biscuit Dinners; Wednesdays – April 18th & May 16th

**West Farmington** – collecting old magazines to send to our soldiers serving in Afganastan.

**Thompson** – Campership Auction, Saturday, April 14th. Doors open at 5pm.

**Mentor** – VBS, June 18-22; Annual Church Rummage Sale –Saturday, April 21st, 9am-3pm.

**Shoregate** – Easter Egg hunt, April 7th from 2-3:30pm., Rummage Sale, May 5th.

## Summer Camp Bulletin Inserts Available

Looking for a great way to get the word out to your congregation about what our East Ohio Conference Summer Camp Program has to offer? Great for a Camping Sunday! Contact the Camps Office at 1-800-831-3972 ext. 108 or [camp@eocumc.com](mailto:camp@eocumc.com) and let us know how many you need. Summer camp is the ideal setting for children and youth to search for who they are as individuals, who they are as part of a Christian community, and who they are as a follower of Jesus Christ. For more information, contact your local church, call the East Ohio Conference Camping Office or visit us on the web at [www.EOCsummercamps.org](http://www.EOCsummercamps.org).

## Preview Days and Open Houses for Summer Camp

Tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for 2012?  
Join us on the following dates.

Camp Aldersgate: Sunday April 15, 2012, 2-4 p.m.

Camp Wanake: Sunday May 6, 2012 from 2-6 p.m., Saturday May 19, 2012 from 2-6 p.m. -- Wanake Ranch Grand Opening & Pony Rides

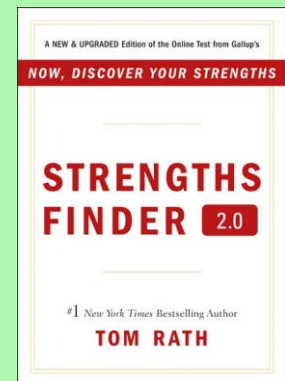
Rev. Gary W. Jones  
Director of Camp &  
Retreat Ministries  
330-499-3972 x 120  
[gary@eocumc.com](mailto:gary@eocumc.com)



## Ministry by Strengths Training Workshop

**Presenters:** Chip Freed & ([chip@garfieldchurch.org](mailto:chip@garfieldchurch.org)) Terry McHugh ([terry@garfieldchurch.org](mailto:terry@garfieldchurch.org))

*Ministry by Strengths* is an 8-12 week small group study based on Gallup's *Strengthsfinder 2.0* online assessment, and is designed to help unleash people for ministry as they discover more about how God has uniquely gifted them.



### Ministry by Strengths Training Events Offered at GMUMC

- **WHO IT'S FOR:** This one-day training event is for pastors, church staff, and laity
- **DATE:** Friday, May 18, 2012, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. *Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 1, 2012.*
- **COST:** \$35/person (individual registration); \$30 per person for groups of 4 or more from a church or ministry (includes lunch and hospitality throughout the day).
- *Strengthsfinders 2.0 is required for the workshop. Participants can purchase the book through Garfield Memorial Church for \$15 or purchase from another source. Details will be provided to registrants.*
- **HOW TO REGISTER:** Register by going to [www.garfieldchurch.org](http://www.garfieldchurch.org) or contact [information@garfieldchurch.org](mailto:information@garfieldchurch.org)

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