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Newsletter Deadline – July 10 – 8:00 a.m. EST



Calendar for June:

- 8 Global Ministries Meeting at DePauw Memorial UMC– 4:15 PM**
- 8 DCOM Meeting at DePauw Memorial UMC– 6:00PM**
- 10 NA District AA’s Luncheon– 12:30 PM- Place TBA**
- 11-14 Ichthis District Youth Event**
- 14 District Pre-Conference Briefing at Edwardsville UMC– 7:00PM**
- 18-19 CDW Cabinet**
- 24 Joint Cabinet Pre-conference Meeting CDW**
- 25-28 Annual Conference Session-Ball State**

Calendar for July:

- 1 Retiree’s Luncheon– Joe Huber’s in Starlight at noon.**
- 3 Office Closed**
- 4 Holiday**
- 6-13 Lynette on Vacation**
- 12-15 Joint Cabinet Summer Retreat CDW**
- 17-31 Charlie on Vacation**

Website: naumcdistrict.org

Extravagant Generosity

Yes, I know it’s not time for autumn stewardship campaigns. Extravagant generosity is something that fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ practice year ‘round, because our God is deeply generous to us every day. If disciples imitate their masters, we live to be like Jesus—even in his generosity—not just because of what can be accomplished through our sharing, but because God wants us to be “giving” kinds of people.

True story from one of our congregations. “Emily,” we’ll call her, and her husband are raising their three grandsons on very meager financial resources. A year ago Christmas-time, as she’s shopping in K-Mart, she met a woman from her congregation. The woman said, “I don’t usually shop here, but God led me to go to the bank, get some money, and come here to help someone.” With that, she handed Emily \$100 cash. Emily was surprised, grateful, and deeply moved by the generosity of a fellow church member.

The story is not over. A year later, this last Christmas, Emily is shopping at Kohl’s, buying on-sale games for the boys. She responds to a tap on her shoulder to be greeted by the same woman who surprised her in K-Mart a year ago. Again, “God led me to go to the bank, get some money, and come here to help someone.” And again, she handed Emily \$100 cash.

The word is that the generous woman walks closely with her Lord and that she enjoys these “giving” opportunities from the

Lord. Her discipleship has turned her into the “cheerful” giver described in 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Giving and contributing to God’s work through your local congregation is more about formation than information. It’s about the kind of people we are being “formed” to be through our love relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for studying *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Bishop Robert Schnase (Missouri Area). The five practices are: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Learn more about them at www.fivepractices.org.

You cannot live with Jesus and remain unchanged.

How is your walk with Jesus Christ touching your life and your personality? Yes, God accepts us as we are, but is not content to leave us in that condition. You cannot live and walk with Jesus Christ and remain unchanged.

Is your relationship with Jesus, your time in his Word, and your fellowship with his people bearing fruit in your life? Is your hospitality growing to be radical? Are you becoming passionate about your worship of God? Are you intentionally developing your faith? Are you taking risks to serve in Jesus’ name? Is the amazing grace you know from God flowing out of your life through extravagant generosity? This is my prayer for you, for me, and for our congregations.

Go in peace. Go with God. And be well.

Shalom, *Charlie*

District and Conference Events and Information:

Pre-Conference Briefing Set for South (formerly 'New Albany') District

The Pre Conference Briefing will be held Sunday, June 14, 7:00 p.m., at Edwardsville UMC. Meeting will last two hours details will follow at a later date.

District Breakfast At Annual Conference

Don't forget to sign up for the Columbus (Southeast) & New Albany (South) Districts breakfast during Annual Conference. Sign up will be on the AC registration form. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Hope to see you there!

“RETHINK CHURCH”

THEME OF THE FIRST SESSION OF **THE INDIANA CONFERENCE**

June 25-28, 2009 Ball State University in Muncie

What if church wasn't just a place where people spend an hour on Sundays? What if there wasn't just one door into the church but 10,000? And what if we began thinking about “church” as a verb Instead of a noun? **RETHINK CHURCH!**

Featured speakers:

The Rev. Adam Hamilton will focus on Effective church leadership, ideas for preaching and worship and strategies for reaching residents who have no church commitment.

The Rev. David Bell will give a biblical Definition to “extravagant generosity” during morning Bible studies.

Clergy and Laity Sessions, communion Worship Service Of Remembering and Resurrection , Recognition of Retirees, Volunteer In Mission Day Across Muncie, Ordination and Consecration Service, Bible Studies, Teaching Preaching, Lay Address, Mission Celebration Awards and Recognitions, Choirs, Praise Bands and Prayer. Come **RETHINK CHURCH!**

PRAYER QUOTE

“You can't build a relationship on one-way speeches. You need frequent, sustained, intimate contact between two persons, both of whom speak and both of whom listen. . . . Listening to God speak to us through His Holy Spirit is not only normal; it is essential.”—Bill Hybels

Opportunities and Items of Interest for Laity and Clergy

- **Audio Visual resources from the SIC Center** is on a free loan basis to anyone at the local church -1-800-919-8160. Your only cost is return postage
- **Audit Reports for 2008 are due** in the district office **May 1st.**

District Website: www.naumcdistrict.org

Current district information.

Conference Website: www.sicumc.org

Information about church camps, conference programs, get report forms and more.

!! New Indiana Conference Website: www.inumc.org !!

Area Website: www.inareaumc.org

Information about conference and state-wide programs, missions, appointments and more.

Subscribe to e-HUM (electronic Hoosier United Methodist).

Use the Area Website to subscribe to e-HUM and receive free regular e-mails containing news of events, programs, missions, appointments, and more. Subscribers also receive Bishop Coyner's free weekly e-Pistle (weekly devotional writings). For assistance in subscribing, please contact district office.

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• **Future dates for Clergy**

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| June 8 | DCOM meeting at DePauw Memorial UMC 5:30 PM |
| June 14 | District Pre-Conference Briefing at Edwardsville UMC 7PM |
| June 25-28 | Annual Conference Session-Ball State. |
| August 8 | NA District Softball Tournament-Silver Creek Park 8AM |
| August 16 | Clergy Picnic-Old Capitol UMC - More details coming soon. |
| August 22 | South (Formerly NA District) Cluster Training Event Place TBA |
| October 12-14 | Convocation for Pastors, Columbus, IN |
| October 24 | Lay Speakers Advanced Course- More details coming soon. |
| August 3, 2010 | Bishop Michael Coyner to lead trip to Oberammergau Passion Plan- more details to come. |

Retirees' Luncheon to be held at Joe Huber's Restaurant -Starlight, July 1st

- **Next News and Cues** will be for August / September 2009.

District and Conference Items

Remember in your prayers:

Jean Ellis, wife of Rev. Steve Ellis at the Lighthouse in the loss of her mother March 12, 2009.

Myra Walton, wife of Rev. Jason Walton at Utica in the loss of her grandfather James Ferren on March 17, 2009.

Annette Gadlage wife of Rev. Chris Gadlage at Pleasant Ridge UMC in the loss of her father Don Mosher who passed away March 18, 2009.

Calvin Pierson, husband of Wilma Pierson district treasurer, who is recovering from illness.

Jane Smith, wife of Rev. Don Smith at Wesley Chapel UMC, recovering from surgery.

Betty Huber, wife of Rev. Hollis Huber at Greenville UMC, recovering from surgery.

Nancy Matlock-Rairdon, wife of Rev. Jerry Rairdon at Silver Street UMC, recovering from surgery.

Donna Wilfong and family in the loss of her father, Donald E. Harris on March 31, 2009.

Bishop Mike and Marsha Coyner in the loss of her mother, Martha England on April 2, 2009.

Diana McCracken, pastor at Salem UMC, recovering.

Jerry Dehn, pastor at New Chapel UMC, recovering.

Baby Announcement



Jackson Levi Reichenbach was born March 22, 2009 at 4:15 a.m., weighing in at 7lbs 8.5 oz and is 21 inches long. His parents are Elizabeth and Brent Reichenbach and the proud grandmother of Rev. Deb Reichenbach, pastor at Marengo United Methodist Church

NEW ALBANY DISTRICT ADVANCED SPECIALS

I am sure most of you are aware that we have South Indiana Conference Advance Specials. Are you aware we also have New Albany District Advance Specials? Here is a listing of the New Albany District Advance Specials:

Brandons House, Floyd County

Center for Lay Ministries, Clark County

Community Services, Harrison County

Freed From Within/Prison Ministry, Harrison County

Habitat for Humanity within the bounds of the NA District

Hospuras within the bounds of the NA District

Interfaith community Council, Floyd County

John's Island

Noah's Ark, Clark County

Personal Counseling Services Inc., Clark County

WHAS Crusade for Children

If you would like to donate money to any of these NA District Advance Specials send a check to Wilma Pierson, District Treasurer. The check should be made out to the NA District UM Church with the designated Advance Special in the "for" line. By sending the money through the District Treasurer your church will get credit for the donation.

Glenda Riggs

District Chair Global Ministries

Discount Ticket Days at Holiday World will be July 3-20, 2009

Once again in 2009, the Santa Claus Trust will be offering the discount tickets to Holiday World. **The ticket cost this year is \$28.00**, Children 2 and under are free. The dates for the ticket sales will be July 3-20. New ride this year is the Pilgrims Plunge. Please make checks payable to the "Evansville District UMC". Bring or mail your check to 3 Orchard Lane, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119. Make sure to include a self-addressed envelope for us to mail your tickets to you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the New Albany District office at 1-800-919-8166 and ask for Lynette. Remember you do not have to be United Methodist to take advantage of this special offer.

Appointments to the New Albany District

Rev. Dennis Brinkworth pastor at Bethany and Perseverance Chapel to no appointment effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Brian Dickensheets pastor at Jacob's Chapel to no appointment effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Jerry Rairdon pastor at Silver Street appointed to Old Bethel UMC effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Beverly Smith pastor at Crawford Consolidated and Pilot Knob to no appointment effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Jerry Wibert pastor at Lincoln Hills to retirement effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Jeff Landon appointed to Silver Street UMC effective 7/1/09.

Rev. Jason Walton appointed to Crawford Consolidated / Pilot Knob UMC effective 7/1/09.

REGIONAL SEMINARS ON STEWARDSHIP

Dr. David Bell will be leading Seminars on stewardship in 5 regional areas. Time and location is yet to be determined. The dates are listed below:

October 2-3 2009	North and Northwest Districts
November 20-21 2009	Northeast and East Districts
January 8-9 2010	Southwest and West Districts
January 22-23 2010	Central and Northcentral Districts
February 5-6 2010	Southeast and South (former New Albany) Districts

Training for Ministry Cluster Leaders

There are 5 regional trainings but Cluster Leaders are welcome to attend any of the 5 events. The Training events will be held from 10a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the locations will be announced soon. Dr. Doug Anderson, current interim DS for the Michiana District, will provide the training for Ministry Cluster leaders.

Saturday, July 18th	West and Southwest Districts
Saturday, August 15th	Central and Northcentral Districts
Saturday, August 22nd	South and Southeast Districts
Saturday, September 12th	East and Northeast Districts
Saturday, September 26th	North and Northeast Districts

Note: This training will include these topics (among others):

- Providing Support and Accountability for our Mission
- Doing Ministry Together for our Mission
- Helping Churches Stay Healthy for our Mission

Thank you notes:

Dear NA District AA's Sisters in Christ,
Thank-you for your calls, cards, prayers and beautiful azalea following my recent surgery. I am truly blessed to have you as my friends.

Love in Jesus,
Janice Money

Dear New Albany District and Pastors,
Thank-you for the flowers, visits and prayers during Calvin's hospitalization at the VA hospital.

Love,
Calvin and Wilma Pierson

Dear New Albany District and Clergy,
The family of James H. Ferren acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Love,
Rev. Jason and Myra Walton

New Albany District,
I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and the beautiful flowers. May God bless you.

Betty Huber

District Pastors,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to me while I was in the hospital. The grace our home and are a pleasant reminder that you care and this is really nice.

Love,
Nancy Rairdon

Dear District Church Family,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent to me during my two surgeries; one planned and one unexpected.
The flowers were a visual reminder of the prayers and support I felt coming from Rev. Wilfong and from all of the District.

Thank you.,
Jane Smith

Dear New Albany District and Pastors,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers they really cheered me up. A special thanks to Charlie and all my friends for their prayers and kindness.

Jerry Dehn

TAKE A PRUDENT APPROACH TO SWINE FLU, HYGIENE AND COMMUNION

In light of the outbreak of Swine flu disease, here are some guidelines from the General Board of Discipleship to assist congregations planning on Holy Communion at this time or for any-time.

Please consider these proactive and prudent steps.

1. Anticipate that there are a number of people who already have concerns about communicable disease and Holy Communion.
2. If Swine Flu is present where you are, issue the same advice that New York City and other municipalities are issuing. Get the word out in your congregation that if folks have a sore throat, fever or other flu symptoms, they need to stay at home.
3. Talk with physicians and other health care workers in your congregation. Let them know you intend to follow the CDC's recommendations as you lead worship and ask for any input they may have about how you and your worship leaders should do that.
4. Take this occasion, if you have not already done so, to prepare and serve Holy Communion consistent with the best epidemiological information available. (See Holy Communion and Infection Risks.) Implement these kinds of changes, asking all who handle the elements to thoroughly wash their hands first, including the celebrant and for the celebrant to administer the bread rather than having partakers tear their own piece. This hand washing can be inserted into the communion ritual before serving the elements. (See This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion for more detail.)
5. Remember that the most likely forms of transmission are by skin to skin contact. This can occur while shaking hands, hugging or passing the peace. Avoiding all forms of touch may be a counterproductive over-reaction where the Swine Flu is not spreading. In places where it is, consider encouraging people to nod their heads, or bow toward one another, or offer other signs of peace and greeting that do not require skin to skin contact.
6. Consider writing a brief article for the church newsletter or Web site encouraging the CDC recommendations as good practices for worship and daily life, especially during times and in places where flu is spreading.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SWINE FLU

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against Swine flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. – www.in.gov and www.cdc.gov

Are Your Local Church Child Protection Policies in Place?

Does your local church have up to date Child Protection Policies? Are you in the process of updating or developing the policies regarding Sexual Harassment in the work place? Here are some website links and resources that can help your committee prepare guidelines for our local church.

South Indiana Conference Web Site:

<http://sicumc.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=232>

South Indiana Conference Link to Screening Employees Form:

<http://sicumc.org/PDF/Kroll%20Background%20Check.pdf>

Church Mutual Insurance Web Site:

http://www.churchmutual.com/index.php/choice/risk/page/Ads_abuse/lid/35

Church Mutual Screening Employees:

http://www.churchmutual.com/index.php/choice/risk/page/rm_SN_04/lid/77

Cokesbury Book Store has a DVD Safe Sanctuaries, books and resources:

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/home.aspx>

Hoosier teen creates social network

United Methodists are no longer bound by the church walls. Now they can connect globally through a new social networking feature at www.methodistnet.com. And it's all thanks to 16-year-old Tyler Best, creator of the site.

"People all over the world are using Web site social networks to connect with people they don't normally talk to on a daily basis," Best told Together in an e-mail interview.

Best said the site's purpose is not only to connect current members, but also to invite people who are exploring their faith.

At MethodistNet.com, users can create a profile, add other users as "friends" and leave messages on one another's "pages." Members can add photos, share songs, instant message and promote upcoming events at their churches.

To learn more about Methodist Net, log on to www.methodistnet.com.

A Special Note of Thanks!

For the cards and calls, for the prayers and support, for the beautiful flower arrangement at my father's funeral, we are so blessed! You eased our pain. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet.

Donna and Charlie
and The Don Harris Family

Flint Memorial Golf Scramble is Slated for June 18, 2009

Dave and Connie Nigg are the 2009 Golf Scramble Chairs. This event will be held at the Christmas Lake Golf Course located on Hwy. 245 South, Santa Claus, IN on Thursday, June 18, 2009, beginning with a shot-gun start at 1:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded. Everyone is welcome!

Following the golf scramble a meal will be served at the golf course. The registration fee is \$65.00. Money raised will go to the Santa Claus Campground For additional information please call 812-482-3476.

2009 Conference Tithing and District Apportionments

Please remember that for calendar year 2009, all congregations are asked to share 12% of their local church general fund receipts as a conference tithe plus 2% (10% for conference support and 2% for general church apportionments). For 2009, congregations have also received a district apportionment figure which represents what they are asked to share for the support of the New Albany District.

If you have questions, please contact the office at 800-919-8166 or 945-0388.

Mark Your Calendars Now

A second New Albany District Youth Event will be Ichthus. **Ichthus is June 9-13, 2009.** More information will follow on this event.

New Albany District Softball Tournament

The softball Tournament for Johns Island will be held at Sellersburg Community Park, on August 8, 2009 beginning at approximately 8:00 AM.

For more information or to register contact Ted Chalk, Pastor New Middletown UMC at 812-968-3340 (church) or 812-968-3981 (home).

WHAS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN



As a district we will be taking up an offering on Sunday, June 7, 2009 for the WHAS Crusade for Children. You may bring your money to the Grant Line UMC drop off location. Located at 4/810 Grant Line Road, New Albany between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. EDT. If you cannot take your money to the church that day, please call the church at 812-944-2661 during those hours to report the amount you will be sending. Make check payable to NA District UMC or Crusade for Children and mail to Wilma Pierson, 11155 Hwy. 135 NE, New Salisbury, IN 47161.

**COME AND SHARE
IN THE
1ST INDIANA AREA
CONVOCATION FOR PASTORS
October 12-14, 2009**

Holiday Inn Columbus, Indiana

COME and EXPLORE

"Our Mission Together"

COME AND EXPERIENCE

Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality

International Faith Development

Add this to your calendar now!

Registration and more details available soon.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the two Indiana conferences of United Methodist Women who are planning the new organization of the Indiana Conference United Methodist Women, we would like to invite you to attend our re-organization meeting October 17, 2009 at the Zionsville United Methodist Church in Zionsville, Indiana.

Harriett Olson, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division will be the guest speaker, and Bishop Michael Coyner will officiate at communion for the dedication of the new organization of United Methodist Women of Indiana.

We will have break-out sessions for the 10 new districts to elect officers, adopt by-laws and pledges to continue the 140 year legacy of the mission work of the United Methodist Women to women, children and youth throughout the world.

We hope you will put this date on you calendar and plan to be with us for this historic event in the life of our organization. Watch for Registration Forms on E-Hum as we continue with planning details.

Georgia Mitchell

Vice President, North Indiana Conference, United Methodist Women