

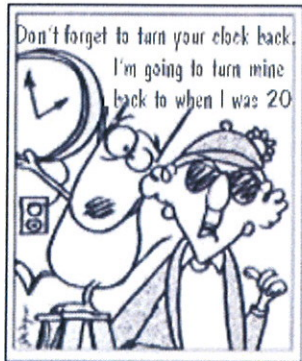
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50 Days of Prayer

Today we began our 30th day of prayer. Are you getting the emails and praying with us? You are encouraged to not only be praying but to record your prayer results. Encourage others by sharing your story.



VIM Trip to Nicaragua



Serving a meal at Loma Linda

Jack Reif, Ohio River Valley District's Volunteers in Mission Coordinator, took a team of 20 to Managua, Nicaragua October 1-9, 2011. Nineteen of the 20 group members were from various locations within the West Ohio Conference and one came from Michigan.

This team represented the sixteenth year that a Wilmington/Cincinnati/ORV United Methodist VIM team has worked in Nicaragua, and the fifteenth year that the team has supported the ministry of the Fundacion El Samaritano (FES), in Nejapa barrio of Managua.

The 2011 October team participated in a wide variety of ministries and activities including construction, Christian school visits, Worship, and ministries to hospitals and children.

Nicaragua has an autonomous Methodist Church. VIM teams in recent years have visited some of their churches, sometimes to help with building projects and other times to present Bible schools and child feeding sessions. This most recent team visited the church at Loma Linda, the largest and newest of their churches and presented a play based on the story *The Three Trees*, and provided and served a hot meal to about 75 children. Loma Linda was built several years ago using funds donated by Bethany UMC, whose pastor, Rev. Brian Straub, was a member of an all pastors VIM team.



Praying for Fruitful Practices



Please join us this week as we pray for these ORV churches:

Hilltop~Risk Taking Mission & Service
Loveland~Passionate Worship
Otterbein-Lebanon~Intentional Faith Development

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Disaster Early Response Training



Consider volunteering on a Disaster Early Response Team because so many natural disasters have taken place the last few years. Early Response Teams (ERT) provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property through tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes, etc.

In order to participate on an Early Response Team, successful completion of ERT training is required. The next training opportunity takes place on Saturday, November 19 at Georgetown UMC, 217 S. Main St., Georgetown, OH 45121. The trainers are Jim Rodgers who is the West Ohio Conference Disaster Coordinator and Roger Thatcher an Authorized ERT Trainer. Registration begins at 8:30am and the class will end at 4pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person which covers materials and background check processing. [Background Check Request Form](#). Additional information and future disaster response training events, when scheduled, can be found at www.westohioumc.org/disasterresponse.

Important 2012 Health Insurance Plan Update and Meetings

All retired and active clergy and lay persons enrolled in the current health plan, or those eligible and interested in learning more about the 2012 plan, are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming

All in all the October 2011 VIM team in Nicaragua had a very successful and fulfilling time in ministry. Plans are currently underway for two trips in 2012 ~ June 15-23 and November 3-11.
 ~ Jack Reif

To learn more about the October trip or to find out more about the ones scheduled for 2012, contact Jack Reif at 513.831.5550 or jack.reif@zoomtown.com.

United Methodist Student Day

One of the six church-wide Special Sundays, United Methodist Student Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, November 27. Annually the United Methodist Church supports many students' education through gifts to United Methodist Student Day offering. This Special Sunday provides scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.



By sharing your gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering, you will help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Please give generously to the United Methodist Student Day offering. [Free church resources](#).

regional meeting to learn about significant changes taking place next year. You will also learn about steps that local churches will need to take to implement the plan if their pastor or others are enrolled in the conference health insurance plan.



At each event, active and retired clergy under 65 years of age will meet at 9:30am. Those who are retired and over 65 years old will meet at 1pm.

Remaining dates and locations for the meetings are:

November 3 ~ Church of the Saviour UMC (Cincinnati), 513.791.3142

November 8 ~ First UMC (Bowling Green), 419.353.0682

November 9 ~ West Ohio Conference (Worthington), 800-437.0028

Senior Speaker's Bureau



Life Enriching Communities has been serving seniors in the Greater Cincinnati area for over 100 years. Recently they began a new program that you/your church may be interested in where their Senior Living experts come and present free programs that can be tailored to meet your groups' needs.

Topics include:

The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure :: "How do I personally control my own blood pressure?"

Social Media :: "I want to stay in touch with my tech savvy grandchildren, but I don't know how."

Am I living well? :: "Do you own your own home or does your home own you?"

Home Care 101 :: "I need help in my home, how do I get homecare started and not break the bank?"

Hope for the Holidays :: "Enjoy the holidays with a loved one who has dementia."

Wellness & Laughter :: "Laughter really is the best medicine!"

Contact Jennifer Wessel for more information or to schedule one of their speakers from Twin Towers or Twin Lakes Senior Living Communities. Jennifer can be reached at 513.853.2075 or jennifer.wessel@lec.org.

2012 PAUMCS Annual Conference

Each year United Methodist Church Office Professionals from across the country and sometimes the world, meet for the PAUMCS Annual Conference. A different area hosts each year. In 2009 the conference took place in Des Moines, Iowa; in 2010, Orlando, Florida and in 2011, Knoxville, Tennessee. Without exception, these events are well-run, informative and fun! Next year, 2012, you'll "Celebrate the Past and Build the Future" in Richmond, Virginia from April 12-15. Begin planning now so you won't be left out; you need not be a member to attend. Future conferences are planned for Phoenix, Arizona in 2013, April 18-21, North Carolina in 2014 and Georgia in 2015.



Your time together in Richmond will be led by **Faithfull Journey**, a ministry of Kathy Merry and Revs. Marc Brown and John Briggs. Their service is focused on transformational congregational leadership that is biblically based, organizationally effective and spiritually nourishing. You will have the opportunity while at the conference as you hear the outstanding speakers and fellowship to participate in a hands-on mission project through Stop Hunger Now as well as take a bus tour through Richmond.

Click [here](#) to visit the PAUMC's website to download the brochure or learn more.

News from the Pews

First Friday @ First Methodist Concert

Middletown First's November concert will feature The Faux Frenchmen, a french jazz group that performs music from the 1920's and 30's in the style of Django Rhinehardt and Stephane Grappelli. Artist for the month is collage artist Jean Ann Bollinger. The free concert is from noon-1pm at First United Methodist Church, 120 S. Broad Street, Middletown. Refreshments are complimentary. For

For more information contact Mary Ellen Clinard at 513.423.4629.

Italian Dinner

A fundraiser dinner to support Cheviot UMC member, Jim Maurmeier, will be served on November 5 from noon-2pm and 5-7pm. Jim is a heart transplant recipient and a 2x cancer survivor who is facing cancer again and a bone marrow transplant. Your donations will be given to his family to help pay his medical costs. Meat and vegetarian lasagna will be served along with spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and homemade trifle. Cheviot is located at 3820 Westwood Northern Blvd, Cincinnati 45211. Delicious food, warm welcome, great cause. www.cheviotumc.org.

Faithbook: Connecting in Faith and Friendship

You are invited to join Epiphany UMC for their first ever retreat for mothers and daughters on Saturday, November 5th from 9am-3pm. There will be a catered lunch and snacks provided throughout the day. The cost is \$25 per family. The retreat is for mothers and daughters to have a fun-filled day of connecting in faith and friendship. All daughters need to be age 9, but can go up to 100. Each mother and daughter will grow closer to God and one another by looking at Biblical women whose lives teach God honoring character traits. Contact Pastor Lisa Kerwin at 513.677.9866 or lkerwin@epiphanyumc.org for more information. Epiphany is in Loveland at 6635 Loveland-Miamiville Rd.

Under One Roof: Holiday goodies and world-famous chicken and noodles!

Franklin First UMC's Annual Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, November 5 from 9am-3pm. The bazaar includes seasonal craft items, homemade noodles and baked goods of all sorts. Lunch will be served from 11:30am-1pm and will include bean soup and their world-famous chicken and noodles! Craft items include jewelry, potholder/hot pads, cross stitch, Christmas ornaments, crochet and knit items, silk floral arrangements, pillows, sofa blankets, Christmas sweatshirts, and more. The event is sponsored by the WOW (Women Outreach Workers) group. FUMC is located at 303 S. Main St, Franklin. The church is handicapped accessible. For more info call 937.746.5232 or visit the church website: www.franklinfirstumc.org.

Begin your holiday season with Hope!

You won't want to miss Hope UMC's Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, November 5 from 9am-3pm. They are offering handmade crafts and gifts, homemade baked goods and candies as well as special vendor booths. Some of the booths include Mary Kay Cosmetics, Just Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy and more. You'll receive free door prize tickets for attending and with your purchases. Lunch will be served from 11am-1:30pm. Hope is located at 3642 Shaker Rd, Franklin 45005. Proceeds benefit UMW Missions. Call the church office at 937.746.3173 for more information.

It's Turkey Dinner Time!

Get a head start on Thanksgiving and enjoy a delicious turkey dinner at a UM churches in our district: *November 5 ~ Felicity* (421 W. Walnut St in Felicity) will serve their harvest dinner of turkey with all the trimmings from 5-7pm. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Loveland (10975 S. Lebanon Rd in Loveland) includes a silent auction and UMW bake sale with their dinner which will be served from 4-7pm. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and kids under 3 eat free.

November 12 ~ Union Chapel (8284 Keister Rd in Middletown) serves up their annual turkey dinner from 4-7pm. The menu includes homemade turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad and a variety of desserts.

Planned Giving Seminar

Anderson Hills United Methodist Church is hosting a Planned Giving Seminar on Sunday, November 13 at 12:30pm. Presentations by professional panelists will include the various types of programs available, the funding of them by a number of methods including cash, stock or insurance policies and the importance of such a program to churches. The seminar includes lunch at \$5 per person. Call Anderson Hills United Methodist Church at 513.231.4172 to make your reservation.

Thank you and thank you!



Ruth Powell, mother of Rev. Terry Powell (Metamora UMC, Maumee Watershed District) passed away Friday, October 28 while in Hospice Care in Lancaster, OH. Arrangements have not been finalized. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Terry Powell at 14919 Trails End, Perrysburg 43551.

Peter Wendler, father of Rev. Melissa Steinecker, died Monday, October 17. Melissa is currently serving at St. Paul Trinity in Elmore, OH. Your words of sympathy will reach Melissa at 10679 Avenue Rd, Perrysburg 43551.

Deadline for News and Notes articles is noon on Fridays

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