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FUMC Plans December Mission Trip to Honduras

Athens FUMC will partner with Honduras Outreach, Inc on a mission trip to serve residents of a high poverty area of Honduras this December 4-11. Our team will be assigned to a village to assist with construction work and with Bible School. Skills required: a heart for service and a desire to expand one's horizons! Program cost will be no more than \$1,500 per person. **Commitments for the program, including a \$250 deposit, are due by October 17.** If you have questions, please contact Pete Mather at pete.mather@gmail.com or 740-517-9029. **For Sponsorship information, see page 3 of this newsletter.**

October Is Food Pantry Month

As you know, our church designates months with five Sundays as special times to support the Athens County Food Pantry (ACFP) with monetary and food donations. We continue to see a tremendous need for food by our neighbors in Athens County, and your generosity has enabled the ACFP to respond to this need. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and designate your donation to the Food Pantry. Cash can also be placed in a Second-Mile Giving envelope at offering time with Food Pantry designated as recipient. Donations of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned tuna, salmon, chicken, and fruit are always needed. Food items may be left in the collection box near the church office. Also, we are in need of large paper grocery bags. ***Special Note – Please check the expiration date on donated food as the Pantry is prohibited from using expired items.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Fall Rummage Sale October 6

Want to clean out your house and benefit the community at the same time? Our United Methodist Women will hold their Fall Rummage Sale on Wednesday, October 6, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. When you're doing your fall cleaning, don't forget to save clean, gently used items in good condition for the sale. Items may be left in Fellowship Hall after 2 p.m. on Monday, October 4, and all day on Tuesday, October 5. Proceeds will benefit local mission projects. Call Rosemary Cooley (592-4704) if you have any questions.

Thoughts Along the Way from Pastor Mary Jo

Things I've Seen Along the Way

There's always an article called "Thoughts Along the Way"
Maybe today, it should be called "Things I've Seen Along the Way"

At one point I offered the idea that one could use the evidence of an involuntary smile as the outward and visible sign of something special, something that connects with your soul, a tool of discernment. I would offer today, that it could also be an outward and visible sign that you have just received a blessing from God.

My list of **Involuntary Smiles from the Past Month:**

- people said yes when I asked them to help serve communion
- I heard that there were Athens First folk up at The Plains UMC helping with the relief ministry/work going on there
- Wesley Student Center went to The Plains UMC and scrubbed toilets Wednesday evening
- Kappa Phi is back in session and began their year with a picnic and a Love Feast
- We celebrated Joyce Lambert's 20 year call to the ministry of being Athens First's Financial Secretary
- the Church Family Life Committee does a good pot luck dinner
- everybody pitched in to make Rally Day just plain FUN
- the un-named church mouse who brought us construction equipment just for joy

I now have a new post-it note in my computer, along with the one entitled **Prayers**. It's titled **Smiles**. I want to pay attention to God's participation in my living of the days I've been given. How about you?

Honor and Blessings
Pastor Mary Jo

Dear Church Family,

Athens Ohio has a huge calling to tool people for future living through Ohio University. I would observe that Athens First may just have a similar call, providing a supportive community for people to discern God's call in their lives, tool up for it and then move into that calling. Recently Jay Hinton returned and told us about how that had been true in his life. The following is one more. Rick, God's blessings in this new adventure. You will be missed but you're not going THAT far! –Pastor Mary Jo

Moving on and Following His Call Luke 4:43 (King James Version): [This is Jesus speaking] ***“And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.”***

Friends, This Bible verse came to mind when I began thinking about writing this note to you all. It speaks to my heart in hopes you will understand why I will not be with you here at First Church on Sunday mornings. I have accepted a Call to be the Supply Pastor at Connett United Methodist Church on Connett Road in Nelsonville. This has started immediately.

I wanted to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have supported me throughout the years at FUMC. You all have prayed for me, encouraged me and led me to this current time in my life. I will still be active here as a Stephen Minister and as the facilitator of the Bob Evans Thursday morning Men's Bible Study. I will miss our community worshipping together but pray that you will continue keeping me on your prayer list.

One final thought, if I may: Please consider having many more potlucks because services at Connett UMC are done by 11:15 a.m. and I can be at FUMC by potluck time to see you all on occasion.



--God Bless all of you, Rick Seiter

Preacher Rescheduled Marcia Florkey will be preaching October 24th. She is the Executive Director of The New Path, Inc. which is related to the Ginghamburg United Methodist Church.

Pastor Mary Jo met Marcia ages ago during her inner city ministry days in Dayton, Ohio. This woman was led by God to do the good work of knitting together a rural congregation with a high need inter-city congregation and allowed the Holy Spirit to do its healing work. Since those long ago days, Marcia found God calling her to New York City. She ministered through the United Methodist Boards and Agencies' arm and then back to Ohio.

Please consider this an opportunity to hear God's voice calling with a new tone. It's always good to allow oneself to be challenged and loved by the servants of the Lord. See you Sunday!

Charge Conference – October 23rd at The Plains United Methodist Church – Includes Renown Speaker on Prayer

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that all members of our Administrative Council be present.

The meeting will be led by Terry Teykl. Dennis Mohler, our District Superintendent, writes, "Terry Teykl's warm, humorous style makes him one of the most sought after speakers and seminar leaders in the country. He was a pastor for 28 years and has been full time in the prayer ministry since 1996. Terry has authored many books on prayer including: Divine Strongholds, Making Room to Pray, Pray the Price, Your Pastor Preyed

On or Prayed For, How to Pray After You've Kicked the Dog, Acts 29, Blueprint for the House of Prayer, Outside the Camp, Praying Grace, and the Presence Based Church. Terry is available to come to your area to hold an area-wide or district-wide Prayer Encounter.

"Sometimes as Christians we wind things up so tight that we break them. But prayer is God's idea. Our responsibility is to participate not produce...He makes it work." Terry Teykl.

The Spirit is moving in the Foothills District. Make sure and set these dates as Priority Events for your ministry and church.

—Blessings in Our Calling as We Work Together, Dennis"

Disaster Relief Update Thanks to all who went to The Plains UMC to help out. They concluded their emergency care on Friday, the 24th. Well DONE, good and faithful church! How good to know that you allowed yourself to BE the church!

If you are looking for ways to provide financial support:

Contributing Toward Tornado Recovery Relief Our Foothills District is busy at work collecting funds and coordinating work teams to help with the aftermath of the storms that occurred on September 16. If you would like to financially support the efforts, we will gladly accept your donations and make sure that they get to our District Office. *Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and mark it clearly in the memo that it is for Tornado Recovery.* You may designate your donation for Athens, Meigs or Perry County or make no distinction and leave it up to their discretion. Contact Sharon Fink (593-3977 ext 11) if you have any questions.

Helping sponsor the Honduras Mission Trip

From Dec 4-11 Pete Mather will lead a group of FUMC olunteers on a mission trip to Honduras, where they will work with rural villagers on needed projects in the village. We can all help! *Every FUMC member can be a mission participant by buying "stock" in the mission.* Money raised will help defray the costs for the volunteers (approximately \$1500 each). Buy your "stock" using the form below and be a mission shareholder and partner!

Yes, I/we would like to support the FUMC Honduras mission trip!

I/we want to buy _____ share(s) at \$20 per share.

My/our cash or check (payable to FUMC, with notation "for Honduras mission") is attached.

Name _____

Address _____

Administrative Council Meeting October 25, 7:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Lounge



CHRISTMAS B A Z A A R

Christmas Bazaar Set for December 4 Mark your calendars! December 4 will be here before we know it. We hope that you will set aside that Saturday to be a part of the Annual United Methodist Women's Bazaar, from 9 am - 1 p.m. The Bazaar is a great way to share fun and fellowship with members of the church and community.

We're looking for creative people this year to add new items to our bazaar so if you have a hidden talent you would like to share (soap making, candle making, rubber stamping, crafting, etc.). We are also looking for new volunteers willing to help plan the bazaar. If you can donate crafts or simply want to help in the planning of our event, please contact Lisa Dael (dael@ohio.edu) or Bonita Maze (797-2440).

These United Methodist Women's Circles Meet October 27

Miriam Circle, 9:45 a.m. - Home of Gladys Gallaway, 33 Longview Hts

Martha-Ruth Circle, 1:30 p.m. - Home of Mary Lee Sonander, 27 Elmwood Pl.

Lydia Circle, 7:30 p.m. - Home of Helen Slater, 105 Sunnyside Dr.

Thanksgiving for Use of Space A special thank you to the First United Methodist Church of Athens. Thank you for supporting the various mental health projects over the years. You have been generous with your meeting spaces and your kindness and concern. You have helped facilitate recovery, which in mental health means lives have been saved.

There are so many issues facing the community today. All are important, but we must not let mental health be overshadowed by these other issues. It is a community problem with a community solution. If the whole community, including churches, are concerned and open to helping those affected by mental illnesses, then we don't have to hide, and we can find help.

Again, thank you, and God bless you!

--Pete Wuscher (740-249-2148)

Margaret Stephenson Moves to the Columbus Area Long-time FUMC member, Margaret Stephenson moved from our area earlier this year to be close to her son and family. Her new address is 2229 Taylor Park Drive; Wesley Woods 210; Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Hand Sanitizers Added throughout the Building The black, hand sanitizer dispensers are located in all the restrooms and in areas where food is served. The sanitizer is foam, alcohol-free and waterless.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is Extended to Paul Bradford in the recent death of his brother.

Hospitalizations - When We Know, We Go With all the new privacy and security regulations, it's more difficult than ever to know who is in the hospital. We encourage you to be sure and let us know when you or your loved ones are hospitalized. Pastor Mary Jo encourages you to contact her directly by calling the church office (593-3977, ext 15) or at (707-0898). She checks both voice mail systems regularly, even when she is out of town.

Sermons Broadcast Live on WATH Remember, if for some reason you can't be in worship on Sunday, tune in to WATH (970) at 11 a.m. and hear that portion of our service broadcast live on the radio. Sometimes they begin the broadcast at 10:30 a.m., so be sure to tune in a little early.

Parking on Sunday Mornings Parking in the Municipal Parking Garage is free on Sundays and elevators are available. Be sure to park in one of the metered spaces. If you have an OU Parking hang tag, either faculty/staff or retired, you may park in OU Lot 39 (the lot in front of the School of Music and Seigfred).

Monday Lunch News

Monday Lunch is officially in Fall Mode – the students are back! September 20 we served 124 people, and we are expecting more each week. We are still looking for a few more volunteers who can help anywhere between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. to anywhere between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. Can you help? Please call Allene Kilgore at 592-2122 to sign up or to get more information.

Toiletry Items Benefit Monday Lunch and Good Works Please consider donating the toiletries that you receive from hotel stays. You can drop them off to a box in the hallway between the office and the Sanctuary. They will be shared by Monday Lunch guests and Good Works.

Ministering at the Appalachian Behavioral Hospital

Every October a small group from this congregation meets and shares in an informal church service on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., involving a short devotional and hymn sing. Those who have participated in the past report coming away feeling blessed having shared God's love with others in a very integral way. If you would like to help the leadership team, please contact Jed Butcher (593-5703) or Allene Kilgore (592-2122) for more information.

Adult Ministries

The View from My Window

Sharon Fink, Coordinator of Adult Ministries

If it's true that "busy hands are happy hands" then mine are jumping with joy! I've been blessed as I watch LeAnna Moyer move nicely into the role of Office Manager and have enjoyed our training time together.

I am blessed by the new adventure that taking over the financial responsibilities of our congregation is providing. It's a busy time of year in that area. I have jumped in with both feet and am happy to report that they are both on the ground, and becoming more secure with each passing step.

Fall is also a time when **Adult Ministries** is in full swing. Our Council on Adult Ministries will be meeting soon to explore together what

God is calling us to do in that area. If you have some ideas that you'd like to share, please feel free to get in touch with our Council chair, Lisa Dael, or me.

God is so good, and if I listen to what God is directing me to do, life is much better! When it comes to **Stephen Ministry** and our fall training class, God seems to be saying, "Wait until January to begin the training." With all that is going on this fall, it seems wise to pay attention to that, so we have moved the next training class to begin January 3rd. If you have been thinking about participating, you have a few extra weeks to work through that process. I do hope you will seriously consider participating!

Blessings to you all as you move through this season of autumn. May your heart find much peace and joy throughout the coming days!

Women Invited to a Spiritual Retreat Our United Methodist Women invite all women in the congregation and guests to a spiritual retreat on October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University Estates Club House, located off Rt. 682 just outside of Athens. This *Day Apart* will focus on Prayer and Music and includes lunch. **Reservations:** Please contact the church office (593-3977 or firstumc@firstumcathens.org) by October 10. Questions, please contact Barb Dingle (593-7406) or Bonita Maze (797-2440)

One Plus the Power of You – October Readings Now Available If you're interested in following the Lectionary Scriptures for Sunday's worship, the October readings are now available – visit the tray next to Pastor Mary Jo's Office and in the last window on the Church Street side of the Sanctuary. She asks that you read through the Scriptures as often as possible, preferably each day, for the week preceding its assigned Sunday. Let's see what will happen by the power of the Holy Spirit when we participate in such a discipline. Honor and Blessings to you!

Educational Opportunities for Adults at Athens First

Sunday Mornings

Trinity Class to Conducting Study on *Christianity and Islam* - The class meets in the 1st Floor Lounge at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

Women of Faith Class Studies *New Testament Women of Faith* - The class meets in the Library at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

Friends of Jesus Sunday School Class Offered for Adults with Disabilities The classes are held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in **Room 6**.

The Seekers' Class meets in the Student Lounge on the 2nd Floor at 9:30.

Weekly Studies on the Lectionary Text

The Men's Prayer Group - Bob Evans Breakfast and Bible Study Meets Thursdays at 7 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant with facilitator, Rick Seiter.

FOCUS (aka The Brown Bag Study Group), meets Thursdays in Fellowship Hall from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Bring your lunch, if you'd like.

For more information about the groups and classes offered for adults at Athens First, please visit this page on our web site:
www.firstumcathens.org/adultopps

The Plains United Methodist Church to Offer *Christian Believer Bible Study* Starting Wednesday, November 3, 2010, Pastor Joel Harbarger will begin leading a long-term study called "Christian Believer" at The Plains UMC. This is a 30-week study that is patterned after Disciple Bible Study. Each week, we will be asked to focus on a certain theological concept and study the biblical underpinnings for it and read the wisdom of the ages from the ancient to modern Christian writers. We will gather weekly for a video and discussion. It will be a fantastic study to engage with and grow together as people of faith! For more information, please contact the church at 797-4163.

Sunday Scripture Texts As Pastor Mary Jo prepares the worship services and her sermons each week, she will select the Scripture readings from these passages. We offer these to you as you prepare for your worship experience:

Oct. 3 Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 10 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 17 Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 24 Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



The Next Spire Deadline is October 28 If you have news for the November issue, please be sure to get it to the church by Thursday, October 28.

Prayer Chain If you have prayer requests, please call 593-7471 or 593-6853 to have your request placed on the church's Prayer Chain.

Copies of Newsletter Available at the Church A few copies are printed each month and are in the literature racks in the Narthex and by the Chapel entrance. It is always available to read from our web site.

Have You Visited the Church's Web Site Lately? It's an easy way to keep up with what's happening at FUMC. We try to make sure we have new pages in the photo album shortly after events occur. Wesley Student Center has an extensive site under "Campus" - you can get a taste of what their ministry is all about. A copy of the current newsletter is always available to read, in addition to the weekly calendar of events. Lots more, too. Want your long-distance family and friends to know more about where you worship? Give them the address, too. Here it is: <http://www.firstumcathens.org>



Sunday school has begun! We had a lot of fun on Rally Day, with a visit from Habitat for Humanity representative Danny Moats, decorating house cookies for snack, making new mission money collection banks, and singing with Mrs. Morris, our children's choir director.

The first Fall unit for the pre-schoolers through 4th graders will focus on Noah and the Ark. We encourage everyone with school age kids to come and be a part of the Sunday school program.

The Tweens and Youth are also meeting each Sunday morning. And don't forget, there are several options for adults, as well. The Trinity class, Seekers' Class, and Women's Study group all meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Call the church office for more detailed information on the offerings this fall or visit this link: www.firstumcathens.org/adultopps.

Sunday school isn't just for children. I want to encourage people of all ages to join one of these groups and experience spiritual growth and new or renewed friendships. Please consider setting aside forty-five minutes on your Sunday morning to be stretched and challenged, to have fun and to draw closer to God.

We also want to thank everyone in the congregation for your continued support of our "Noisy Bucket" offerings. I know the children have fun collecting your gifts, and it is such a positive thing for them to be involved in giving in this way. The September 19th offering \$274.20 will be divided between Habitat for Humanity and the relief efforts for folks affected by the tornado in the Plains.

Please keep praying for our Sunday school program and for the ministry to the

--Laura Dalton, Sunday School Superintendent

Holy Hands Puppeteers NEEDED – Rehearsals Begin October 3rd Come one, come all! The Holy Hands puppet ministry is ready to begin a new and exciting year! Rehearsals begin **October 3rd from 12:30 - 1:15** in the fellowship hall. Members can be in grades 3 and up! Contact Kamile Geist at geistk@ohio.edu OR 740-707-6267 if you have questions. See you then!

Are You Interested in Being an Acolyte? Have You Been Serving As An Acolyte? Then you'll want to remain after church on **October 3rd** for training and pizza. Acolytes are much more than just "candle lighters." They play an important part in *every* worship service, and if you've never done this and would like to ... or if you've done it in the past and want to continue, now's the time. We want everyone to gather, new and experienced, to learn more about serving as an acolyte and all that is involved, and we'll feed you. Pastor Mary Jo, Meg Van Patten and Wendy Merb-Brown will lead you through the training process. We'll be finished in less than an hour.

Growing Tree October News

What a great first month of school! It is so fun to become acquainted with the children by engaging them in conversation, observing them explore and investigate the classroom and guiding them as they reach out socially and begin to find their places at Growing Tree.

We always look forward to October at Growing Tree. Two major events are scheduled and we can't wait! First, we'll be taking our annual field trip to Mrs. Calentine's farm. We'll be seeing assorted critters, riding a horse and enjoying a picnic snack together. Second, we'll have our Costume Party Day at the end of the month. We'll all be



wearing costumes to school (even Mrs. Bigger!), having a costume parade, weather permitting, and enjoying special party games and snacks. YIPPEE!

Thank you, again, for your generous support of the Growing Tree SHARE Fund. We have been able to supply partial scholarships to all families who applied for assistance. You may continue to contribute to the fund throughout the year as God leads.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year and thank you for your continuing support and prayers for Growing Tree Preschool.

-Cathy Bigger, Director of Growing Tree Preschool

Youth News

www.firstumcathens.org/youth

Fourth Sunday Events Planned for Youth Group

Everyone seemed to have a great time at the first of these events that was held on September 26th here at Athens First. Fifteen from this congregation joined with others from Central and The Plains UM churches for games, some "break out" time to hang out, small get-to-know-you conversations, and a sharing time by Anthony Livoti, our new Youth Director. You'll want to mark your calendars for these next events. Each is held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

October 24 - Central UMC
 November 28- TPUMC
 December 19 - Winter Party at Athens First
 January 23rd - Central UMC
 February 27th - TPUMC
 March 27th - Athens First
 April 24th - Easter NO YOUTH GROUP |
 May 22nd - Central UMC

Fifth Quarter Events: Youth are invited to come to The Plains United Methodist Church following all AHS home football games. The next 5th quarter is October 8th.

Fall Youth Retreat will be held on October 15-16 starting at 4 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m. at The Plains United Methodist Church (TPUMC). Have you ever heard the word "Sabbath" before? It's Hebrew, and it goes back a long way. Maybe it doesn't sound so exciting, but it isn't supposed to be. We're going to take a look at what it means to retreat, to get away; to rest. That's what a retreat is all about, and that's what Sabbath is about, too. So take a day away from busy schedules, ridiculous job and school demands, and take some time to worship the Lord in the quietness of your own hearts. And, there will be a high ropes course involved. Learn that resting also means learning to have fun when you need to as well. Cost is \$75 and includes room, food, and the high ropes course.

Want to keep up with what's happening with our youth? Then join their Facebook page!

This link should take you there: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=129023730443340>

Or, if you're already a member of Facebook, do a search for **Athens First UMC Youth** and you should find it!

Choir Rehearsals – Fall Is a Great Time to Get on Board The **Adult Handbell Choir** and our vocal **Chancel Choir** rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Under the direction of Kevin Dael, the **Handbell Choir** rehearses from 6 to 7 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Music Room and usually performs once a month in the 10:30 service during the academic year. No experience necessary. Under the direction of Peter Jarjisian, the **Chancel Choir** rehearsals in Room 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and performs weekly in the 10:30 service during the academic year, with a few exceptions. *Child care is provided during both of these rehearsals.* The **Children's Choir** is open to all children grades K-6. Directed by Stephanie Morris, they rehearse in the Chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin September 26,

If you play a low brass instrument, consider our Low Brass Ensemble. Under the direction of Bob Smith, this group's rehearsal schedule is tied to the performance schedule, which is once every 4 – 6 weeks. The first rehearsal is scheduled for **October 17, 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony.** The first performance will be October 24th. Please contact Bob if you would like more information (593-3151).

District Information Available on the Internet There are lots of things going on in our Foothills District. You can find the web site at: <http://www.foothillsdistrict.org>

Calendar Information Available 24/7 Remember, if you need to check on dates and times of church events, that information is available on our web site (www.firstumcathens.org/calendar) and also on the automated portion of our phone system (extension 3) - *available seven days a week, 24 hours*



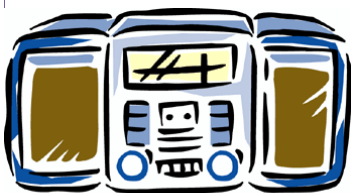
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 27,434.98 Expenses for August
 12,244.80 Net gain for August
 \$ 31,642.98 Net gain for the year

Second Mile Giving Funds Reported through September 29, 2010

Food Pantry – Goal \$2,000 – received \$2,151 – **Goal Reached & Exceeded!**
 Habitat for Humanity – Goal \$3,500 – received \$793.60
 Hope and Possibilities – Goal \$1,500 – received \$615 (plus \$381 from Easter offering)
 PET Project – Goal \$2,000 – nothing received yet

It’s exciting that we have exceeded the goal set for the Food Pantry! Please keep our other funds in mind as you seek ways to provide support beyond our operating budget through these funds.

Event to Benefit Storm Recovery A benefit event titled “**The Rock to Rebuild**” will be taking place at the Athens County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 23rd. Gates will open at 10:00 A.M., with many bands and local acoustic artists performing throughout the day. All proceeds from this event will be going to The Athens Red Cross to assist with efforts in rebuilding our local communities that were impacted by the recent storms. There will be a volunteer/organizational meeting taking place this Sunday, September 26th from 2:00– 4:00 at the South Side Park on Richland Avenue to help get this event under way and to ensure it is successful. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated; you may contact LeAnna Moyer at leanna.moyer@yahoo.com for more details.



**RADIO
 MINISTRY**

Sponsoring Our Radio Ministry The weekly broadcast of our 10:30 worship service through WATH provides an opportunity for those who cannot leave their homes to join us for worship every Sunday. If you would like to help sponsor this ministry, we welcome your contributions. A full sponsorship is \$150, and full or partial sponsorship are always welcomed.

Yes, I/we want to participate.
 Amount \$ _____
 Memorial/Dedication (optional) _____

 Name(s) _____

West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Our Connection to the World

This comes to us through "News.Net" an email publication by the West Ohio Conference Communications Division:

SE Ohio Community Works Together After Tornado



The people of **The Plains**, a small town near Athens and part of the Foothills District of the West Ohio Conference, continue cleanup efforts after Thursday's tornado left homes damaged and injured people within this SE Ohio community. At least 55 homes were destroyed and hundreds more damaged.

"Everybody is helping each other and taking care of needs without regard to economic status or neighborhood," said Dennis Mohler, Foothills District Superintendent. ([read more of Rev. Mohler's daily assessment](#))

The Plains United Methodist Church (pastor Joel Harbarger) continues to provide free meals and water to those in need as the community comes together after the storm.

Jim Rodgers and the **UM Disaster Response Team** are assessing the damage and making decisions on what areas need assistance. Along with the outreach efforts of The Plains United Methodist Church, community members and students of Ohio University in nearby Athens have come out to help friends and neighbors in need.

[Community Pulls Together After Tornado](#)

Alert: Upper Room not involved with movie

A movie titled "**I AM**," which is scheduled for release this fall, currently is being promoted to churches in North America by its production company, "Upper Room Multimedia." [The Upper Room](#), a division of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, released a statement that it wants churches to know it is in no way affiliated with the California-based production company. The Upper Room Ministries is a Nashville-based ministry.

The dark side of chocolate



Did you know that much of the chocolate we eat today has been produced through child labor, and in some cases, slavery? This Halloween, you can make a difference in the lives of children around the world by hosting a screening of the new documentary, '[The Dark Side of Chocolate](#).' You can also teach your children, neighbors, friends, and congregation about the importance of buying Fair Trade Chocolate with a [Reverse Trick-or-Treat](#) kit! [\[more information\]](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson.....	Steve Sloan (6/12)
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	Carlyn Rickey (6/11)
Sunday School Superintendent	Laura Dalton [w/o Ad.C. vote] (6/13)
Church Family Life Coordinator	Channing Olbers (6/11)
Council on Adult Ministries.....	Lisa Dael (6/12)
Council on Children’s Ministries.....	Carrie Saunders (6/11)
Council on Youth Ministries.....	Meg Van Patten (6/12)
Higher Ed & Campus Ministry (CHECM) Chairperson.....	Jan Slattery (6/11)
Lay Leader	Cliff Houk (6/11)
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Cliff Houk (6/11)
Finance Committee Chairperson.....	Wendy Merb-Brown (6/13)
Trustee Chairperson.....	(Elected by Trustees) Dick Gail (6/11)
Scout Representative.....	Keith Boger (6/13)
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson.....	Leisa Ostermann (6/11)
Global Missions Committee Chairperson.....	Marcia Ruhling (6/12)
Local Missions Committee Chairperson.....	Bill Wooddell (6/13)
Warm Welcome Ministry Representatives	Cared for by Office Manager
Church Treasurer	Gary Pfeiffer (6/12)
President, United Methodist Women.....	(Elected by UMW) Bonita Maze
President, Wesley Student Center (Young Adult Representative)	Elected by WSC)
Youth Representative.....	(Elected by the Youth)

COMMITTEE ON STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS

Chair: Leisa Ostermann	Staff Representative: Mary Jo Yeakel
6/11	6/12
Dick Gaskell	Cindy Boger
Leisa Ostermann	Ken Edwards
Tanyah Stone	Grace Swart

6/13
Al Squibb
Dave Liggitt

By Virtue of Office Member: Cliff Houk, Lay Member of Annual Conference
 Ex-Officio without vote: Cliff Houk, Lay Leader

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP Chair: Mary Jo Yeakel

6/11	6/12	6/13
Sky Cone	Marcia Ruhling	Erin Thompson
Loring Lovett	Cindy Boger	Max Evans
Carrie Saunders	_____	Jan Miller-Fox

By virtue of office: Cliff Houk, Lay Leader

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Chair: Dick Gail (Elected by Trustees) Staff Rep: Mary Jo Yeakel, Sharon Fink

6/11	6/12	6/13
Debbie Edwards	Gary Pfeiffer	Deb Murray
Martha Sloan	Jack Bigger	Janice Huwe
Pete Good	Dick Gail	Ouisie Grim

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Chair: Wendy Merb-Brown Staff Rep.: Sharon Fink, Mary Jo Yeakel

Ex-Officio:

Church Treasurer	Gary Pfeiffer	
Lay Leader	Cliff Houk	
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Representative, U.M.W.....	Barb Dingle	
Administrative Council Chairperson	Steve Sloan	
Annual Conference Member(s).....	Cliff Houk	
Auditors.....	Basil Theodoras(6/11)	_____ (6/12) _____ (6/13)
	6/11	6/12
	Shawn Ostermann	Jean Witkowski
	Aline Paxton	Sherrie Bossart
	Kim Mather	Greg Van Patten
		Dan Smith
		Rollie Swart
		Wendy Merb-Brown

CHURCH FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair: Channing Olbers Representative: Mary Jo Yeakel

Kappa Phi Rep: Vicki Butcher (as needed)

Ex-Officio: Bobbi Bradford & _____ (Christmas/Easter Giving Projects)

	6/11	6/12	6/13
	Channing Olbers	Matthew Morris	_____
	_____	Anderson/DeGraw Family	_____

YOUTH: Caroline Van Patten, Cristina DeGraw, Anna King, Delany Murray, Elisa Bergmeier [1 year]

WSC: _____, _____ [1 year]

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Ex-Officio: Sunday School Superintendent..... Laura Dalton [w/o vote on Ad.C.]

Resource Coordinator	Carlyn Rickey	
Library Representative.....	Helen Slater, Betty Ranck	
Hospitality	Vicki Butcher	
Children’s Choir Director	Stephanie Morris	
Puppet Ministry Director	Kamile Geist	
Growing Tree Representative	Cathy Bigger	

	6/11	6/12	6/13
	Laura Dalton	Cathy Lee	Heather Laughlin
	Kim Mather	June Safranek	Erin Eckelberry
	Carrie Saunders	_____	John Hitchcock

COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES Chair, Meg Van Patten Staff Rep: TBA

Youth	Parents	Adult Workers
Nathan Rickey (6/12) MdRep	Kevin Dael	Chris Hitchcock
Danny Pagan (6/12) MdRep	Loring Lovett	Michelle Goodman
Hannah Rickey (6/11) SrRep		Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads
Emily Brown (6/11) SrRep		Jason Rhoads

COUNCIL ON ADULT MINISTRIES Chair, Lisa Dael Staff Rep: Sharon Fink

	6/11	6/12	6/13
	Erin Eckelberry	Lisa Dael	Linda Fife
	Marcia Ruhling	_____	Lara Pickett

HIGHER ED & CAMPUS MINISTRY (CHECM)

Chair: Jan Slattery Staff Representative: Rick Seiter, Interim WSC Director

	6/11	6/12	6/13
	Jan Slattery	Mike Bila	Jeff Slattery
	Fred Harner	Jan Miller-Fox	_____

GLOBAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE Chair: Marcia Ruhling Staff Rep: Mary Jo Yeakel, Pastor
 6/11 6/12 6/13
 Bob Woodworth Bonita Maze Ken Edwards
 Karen Woodworth David Maze Pete Mather
 Sky Cone Marcia Ruhling

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 6/11 6/12 6/13
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 Cheryl Dowler David Maze
 Jed Butcher Susan Phillips Bill Wooddell

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Habitat–Jean Marie Cackowski-Campbell

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 Cheryl Dowler, David & Bonita Maze, Marilyn Martin, Erin Thompson, Ian Boyd

VISITATION COMMITTEE Chair**: Barb Taylor
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BEREAVEMENT HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE Coordinator**: Helen Slater & Kathleen Evans
 Members: Jan Tucker, Jan Slattery, Keith & Cindy Boger, Marilyn Moore, Marilyn Martin, Kathy Evans, Rosemary Cooley, Joyce Lambert, and all other members of our congregation.

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

ALTAR GUILD Co-Chairpersons:** Marcia Ruhling
 6/11 6/12 6/13
 Helen Slater Carlyn Rickey Marcia Ruhling
 Tracy Miles Betty Ranck Chase Van Patten
 Bonita Maze Susan Phillips Dave Dabelko

LITURGICAL ARTS Chairperson:** Lorraine Myers
 Lorraine Myers Eula Kasler Mary Day
 Judy Billups Barb Dingle Mindy King
 Kathleen Evans Marty Gail

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SOUND TEAM Chairperson:** Brandon Saunders
 Lisa Dael

LAY READER COORDINATOR:** 8:45 Stevie Wooddell (6/11)

GREETER COORDINATOR:** 8:45 Stevie Wooddell (6/11) 10:30 Beth Lovett (6/13)

USHER CO-CAPTAINS:** 10:30 am Rollie Swart (lead) (6/11) and Al Squibb (back-up) (6/11)

ACOLYTE COORDINATORS: 10:30 Meg Van Patten & Wendy Merb-Brown

COOKIE COORDINATOR SUNDAY AM: Office Manager

***chair not member of Administrative Council)*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Home	27	28	29	30	1 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	2 6:00 PM AA
3 World Communion Sunday 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM CHECM 2:30 PM Korean Worship	4 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 2:00 PM Rummage Sale Prep 6:00 PM Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM Troop 71	5 9:00 AM Rummage Sale Prep 12:00 PM AA 9:00 PM Greek Life Bible Study CCC	6 7:30 AM Rummage Sale 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:10 PM WSC Fellowship	7 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM AA 12:10 PM - FOCUS 5:30 PM Kappa Phi Degree of Pine 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Disciple OT	8 Parents Weekend 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	9 6:00 PM AA
10 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Korean Worship	11 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 7:00 PM Troop 71	12 12:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Widow/Widower Support Group 6:30 PM Council Child Ministries 9:00 PM Greek Life Bible Study CCC	13 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service 7:10 PM WSC Fellowship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM AA 12:10 PM - FOCUS 6:00 PM AA 5:30 PM Kappa Phi 7:00 PM Disciple OT	15 OU Homecoming Weekend 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	16 6:00 PM AA
17 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Korean Worship	18 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 6:00 PM Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM Troop 71	19 12:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 PM Greek Life Bible Study CCC	20 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service 7:10 PM WSC Fellowship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	21 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM AA 12:10 PM - FOCUS 1:00 PM All Staff Meeting 6:00 PM AA 5:30 PM Kappa Phi 7:00 PM Board of Trustees 7:00 PM Disciple OT	22 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	23 9 a.m. – Charge Conference at The Plains UM Church 6:00 PM AA
24 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Korean Worship 4:30 PM Korean Bible Study	25 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 7:00 PM Troop 71 7:30 PM Administrative Council	26 Circle Meetings 12:00 PM AA 7:00 PM SPRC 9:00 PM Greek Life Bible Study CCC	27 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service 7:10 PM WSC Fellowship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28 Spire Deadline 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM AA 12:10 PM - FOCUS 5:30 PM Kappa Phi Fall Festival 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Disciple OT	29 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	30 6:00 PM AA
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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship 8:45 and 10:30

Sunday School Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Broadcast on WATH Sundays 11-11:30 a.m.

Child Care Provided During 10:30 Service

Free Parking in the City Parking Garage on Sundays