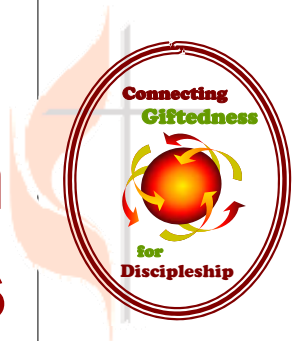




Metro News with West Ohio Views



Metro Ministries Academy 2010 Regaining Our Strategic Focus: Intentional Ministry for Intentional Results

West Ohio Conference invites you to plan now on attending the innovative opportunities of congregational leadership with the Metro Ministries Academy, April 16 and April 17 to be held at United Theological Seminary, Dayton Ohio Campus. The theme is: **“REGAINING OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS: Intentional Ministry for Intentional Results”**

Our feature speaker is the Dr. Rodney T. Smothers. Dr. Smothers is currently



serving in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church as senior pastor of St. Paul UMC, Oxon Hill, Maryland. He has served as an

Adjunct Faculty member at the Interdenominational Theological Center – Gammon Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia; where he taught in the areas of church administration, preaching and worship. He continues his academic teaching ministry as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Howard University School of Divinity where he teaches church administration, evangelism, United Methodist history and doctrine. Dr. Smothers also provides coaching, consultation, leadership development and systems alignment training to organizations and individuals.

We have a bonus for those remaining through Saturday. The Academy will present two more guest lecturers training on the topic “Resourcing and Funding Your Dream.”

We will engage you and your church teams, and those not in a team, to re-think our being the church in a world in transition. If you are reading this article today you have moved to new communication opportunities with e-mail and the internet verses the formerly predominant postal mail system. On-Line Event Registration will also be available providing an automatically generated confirmation letter with event information. CEU’s (Continuing Education Units) will also be awarded for attending the Metro Ministries Academy.

This Event Will Make A Difference....

As a member of your church you are a participant in Congregational Development. You are a leader even if only one person identifies qualities in you that are celebrated and worthy of modeling. You are a contributor to the spiritual wholeness, nurturing, witness and outreach in your community.

This is an opportunity to review systems and decide most effective leading in your community through considering the following:

March 2010

Community and Hospitality

Special points of interest:

- Metro Ministries Academy 2010
- Extension Ministry Loan Application
- DMC Grant Writing Training Dates

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**Extension
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Fund . . .**
These funds are available at a reasonable interest rate to financially qualified applicants for new construction, the purchase of land and improvements to existing real property.



Metro Ministries Academy 2010 cont.

- Strategies For Change & Transformation
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Changing Our Communication Culture
- How are we developing new leaders around us
- Systems in place to develop our next level of leadership
- New Tools For New Tasks

It is designed for us, The Church; therefore, following is a list of some of the people among many to attend:

Laity and Clergy

- Teachers
- Listeners and Learners
- Choir and Musicians
- Administrative Staff and ministry Teams
- Youth and Children
- Young Adults and Not-So-Young Adults
- Men and Women
- Those who love the Lord
- Those trying to identify where and how to serve

Mark your calendar now on April 16 & 17 to be in Dayton at the United Theological Seminary. The 2010 Metro Ministries Academy is an event you don't want to miss!

Congregational Development Extension Ministry Loan Application Process

The Connectional Ministries, Disciple Making Church Lead Team continues to serve diligently to provide resources and training as added value to the Districts of West Ohio in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

One of our more recent assignments of responsibility has been to formulate a process for our churches to access funds previously titled the "Extension Ministry Loan Fund." Pertinent to that process is to communicate to all districts and churches that West Ohio has an "Expansion Loan Fund" and encourage districts to assist in communicating the loan process.

The Disciple Making Church, Revitalization Team has been faithful in revising the forms and providing guidelines by which to access funds.

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sonable interest rate to financially qualified applicants for new construction, the purchase of land and improvements to existing real property.

Applicants are asked to obtain an application packet consisting of a copy of both the guidelines and application from their district office rather than the conference center. However, the guidelines and application forms are on the WOC Disciple Making Churches web site at www.westohioumc.org/dmc.

These documents are reasonably self-explanatory. However, if you have any questions, please contact Rev. Gwen Roberts at the WOC office groberts@wocumc.org or 614.844.6200. Inquiries will be forwarded to the Disciple Making Churches/Revitalization Team in order to provide a response in a timely manner.

How to Start a Shalom Zone Near You

Generally, the process takes a year and begins with an information meeting conducted by a representative from Communities of Shalom. This two-hour session provides an overview of the five-month Shalom Zone Training® program, and in-depth answers to specific questions about the Shalom approach to asset-based community development. A short PowerPoint presentation is available when a representative cannot be sent. Interested parties build Shalom teams consisting of congregational members, community residents, agency representatives, coalition members, partner organizations, and community leaders (about 8-15 people representing the diversity of a particular community).



When there are at least three prospective sites in a given geographical

area (a city, district, annual conference or region), applications can be submitted to the National Shalom Resource Center. Applications are available online at www.communitiesofshalom.org. Once these three

Shalom sites are endorsed by a judicatory, an initial consultation can be scheduled with the potential Shalom teams.

During the initial consultation, if there is sufficient commitment to the process of becoming a Shalom-Zone, the five training days can be scheduled (usually over a five month period, totaling 30 contact hours).

The specific issues a Shalom team will focus on will depend on the specific neighborhood needs and resources. A Community of Shalom may focus on creating affordable housing, reducing gang violence, providing job training, or planting a community garden, etc. Each team will work out their areas of focus as part of their training. Once a Shalom Plan is created and approved, your new Shalom Zone is part of the international network.

If you are interested in starting a Shalom Zone in your area, please contact Rev. Gwen Roberts, West Ohio Conference at 1-800-437-0028 or groberts@wocumc.org.

Can You Understand My Words?

By Rev. Gwen Roberts, Director of Congregational Development Metro Ministries, West Ohio Conference

Fall, one year ago, a Kaleidoscope Institute trained group of West Ohio clergy and laity facilitated selected training modules with the Connectional Ministries Executive team.

One module, presented by Karen Muntzing and I, was introduced with a humorous skit of the difficulties often encountered in communicating with other individuals. A popular book, released prior to 2009, was entitled "Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus", highlighting some of our human interaction differences. Dan Dick in his material "Equipped for Every Good Work" addressed our differences in communicating with one another.

In Junior high school, I learned to read, write and speak the French language. In Senior high school, I learned to read, write and speak Spanish. At graduate school level learned to read, write and speak Greek and some Hebrew. Later, I learned to read, write and speak Turkish. If I am upset, I can begin a sentence in English and pass through at least three of those languages before the end of the sentence. Of course, it would make a statement difficult to understand. How-

ever, we can each be communicating in English yet, not fully communicate a concept to the listeners hearing.

Kaleidoscope Institute includes in the process of inclusiveness our various communication styles such as "high or low" context speaking and listening. Psychology addresses the power dynamics as does the Kaleidoscope Institute process. As we consider how to "re-think" being the church and to be radically hospitable, we realize that communication is a primary factor in relating radically with another. Biblically, we are taught to speak in the language of the listener.

The Connectional Ministries Lead Teams with the Directors Gwen Roberts and Dee Stickley-Miner address issues of inclusiveness in strengthening congregations and issues of justice. We have a team of clergy and laity trained as facilitators to assist you in bringing communication to a new level of spiritual living. Rev. Leroy Chambliss, one of the pastors of Still Water UMC Dayton, Ohio is a person to contact.



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Meeting Walter (Hospitality at its Finest)

By Rev. Julian Davies, The University Church, Toledo, OH

It must be twenty years ago, give or take a year or two, since I first met Walter. The background to our encounter looks like this: I was thirty something, happily employed at The University of Toledo as professor of chemistry, and fairly recently married to Mary Kay, who had grown up attending the United Methodist Church in the small town of Pemberville. Mary Kay had asked if I would go to church with her one Sunday, which might not sound like much of anything, but which was actually a very big deal for me. I had grown up in England as part of a family who never, never ever, had anything to do with church. If you'd asked me my thoughts about churches, I'd have politely tried to avoid the question, but if you'd pushed me hard enough, I'd have told you the truth – churches were places where people said they believed a whole host of strange and unlikely things and then failed to live out the most important parts of all that in their lives. I didn't think much of churches and certainly didn't want to be part of one. But, Mary Kay had asked me to go (and we hadn't been married so very long) so off we went one Sunday morning.

It was to Epworth United Methodist Church that we headed on that day, and when we walked through the doors I knew right away that I'd made a mistake. It didn't look like a place in which I would belong. But then, from across the room – which I later learned was called a “narthex” – came a very distinguished-looking gentleman who introduced himself to us as Walter. Walter took us off to find the coffee and, along the way, introduced us to his lovely wife, Syble. Walter took care of us, led us into the room where everything happens (the “sanctuary”), and sat with us.

After the service was over – an experience entirely foreign to me and of which I understood almost nothing – Walter lent over and said to me, “So Julian, will



I be seeing you next week?” Now, the deal I had made with Mary Kay was to go to church with her once so she didn't have to go on her own on the very first time. I had absolutely no intention of going back a second time. But Walter was so nice and had been so kind. And somehow it seemed important to him that I be there on the following Sunday. So in a moment of weakness, I said yes, I'd be back.

The next Sunday when we walked into the building, Walter rushed over to greet us like we were old friends. Not only did he remember our names, but he made a point of introducing us to the people who were milling around and made sure we met the pastor, who seemed like a nice guy.

It was a long time ago that I met Walter and I had no idea that meeting him would change everything. If it wasn't for Walter, I'd never have gone back. And that would have meant that I wouldn't have discovered that churches have classes for adults who have questions. I wouldn't have found out that churches have an entire social life of their own and I wouldn't have met the people who are now my very best friends. I wouldn't have discovered the wonderful pastors who served at that church and who spent much time and

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10 Welcoming Ideas for Any and Every Church

1 Request a **Mystery Guest Audit** sheet from Igniting Ministry (or download it from the Igniting Ministry Web site – www.ignitingministry.org) and invite people from other churches to visit your church and provide feedback about how welcome they feel. Use the results to help you see your church in a new way.



2 Do a **walk-through assessment** of your church building to see how easy it is to find your way around with signs, open doors, etc. Here are some resources to help you:

- ▶ “Take an Honest Walk: Do your church’s area and attitude say ‘welcome?’” by Jane Follmer Zekoff, director of ministry and outreach for the Wisconsin Conference, appeared in the May 2002 *Interpreter*. It offers some helpful ideas and checklists to help you see your church building through fresh eyes.
- ▶ The *Igniting Ministry Planning Handbook* Appendix includes several assessments for signage, church jargon in publications, and friendliness of church facilities.

3 **Use the phrase** “Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of The United Methodist Church.” on all your printed materials to help people connect the theme of the television messages with your congregation.

4 **Welcome guests** during Sunday announcements or joys and concerns **every week** to remind the congregation to expect and welcome newcomers.

5 Implement **two welcoming tools** in your congregation – starting this Sunday:

- ▶ **Circle of 10:** Have each member of the congregation talk to and learn the names of everyone they don’t know within 10 feet of where they are sitting.
- ▶ **Rule of 3:** Have the congregation talk only to the people they don’t know for the first three minutes after worship. That’s a prime time for newcomers to slip out without being greeted and this tool helps address that issue.

6 **Teach the congregation** this simple phrase for starting welcoming conversations: “Hi. I don’t believe we’ve had the opportunity to meet. I’m _____. And you are? I may be newer than you, but is this one of your first times at this church?” Try a welcoming role-play or drama in worship to show them how to find common ground during those welcoming conversations.

7 **Remind your congregation** of the times the national television advertising is running (Lent, Back-to-School and Advent). They are key times to do your own local advertising and have your members concentrate on inviting people to worship or special events. It’s also when they can especially be on the lookout for newcomers.

8 Watch for **WAKT (We All Know That) thinking** and phrasing in your announcements, publications and conversations. Remember that newcomers won’t know the elements you take for granted, so explain them.

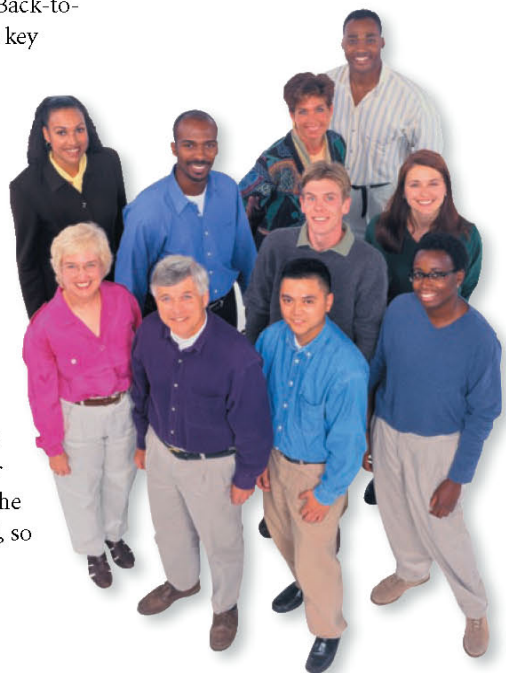
9 **Add instructions** about where to find the key liturgical elements of worship (Lord’s Prayer, Apostles’ Creed, etc.) in the hymnal. Or print them in the bulletin. (Consider calling it a “program” instead to better communicate to unchurched people.)

10 Include your worship times to your **voice mail/answering machine greeting** and to **outside signs**, so that, even if your building is closed, people can still access and use that important information.

Additional information can be found at the official Igniting Ministry Web site or by calling the Igniting Ministry offices. Or contact your local conference communicator.

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They just won't leave . . . The band members are jamming . . . folks are standing around the bar, the coffee bar that is, having one last cup, and sitting in the restaurant booths that surround our worship space engrossed in conversation. We call this community.



Meeting Walter continued...

energy in watching over me and looking after me. I would never have heard of the Walk to Emmaus and I wouldn't have encountered God on the three days that I spent hidden away with 35 other men. If it wasn't for meeting Walter, I wouldn't have become a lay speaker and a guide for persons interested in exploring their call to ministry. I wouldn't have resigned my professorship at the university and taken myself off to seminary. And today, I wouldn't be an elder in the United Methodist Church.

People often say that God has a sense of humor. I don't know about that, but I do know that when I was ready to serve a church, it was to Epworth that I was appointed, first to be the youth pastor and then, for a short time, as pastor in charge. I had walked into that church as an atheist, met Walter, and wound up as pastor in charge. Who knew?

My call led to me to begin planting a new church – The University Church – in Toledo and I remember the lesson that Walter taught me every time a new person encounters our community. The lesson is this – and while it may not be true for everyone, it was true for me and, I suspect, for many

others these days - people fall in love with the community of Christ long before they fall in love with the Christ of the community.

Not so long ago, I went to a local funeral home to visit with Syble as Walter had passed away. Syble and I talked about how important Walter had been in my life. I reminded Syble about my very first visit to church and that I could not recall the verses recited as the Scripture lesson or the topic of the sermon; that I didn't remember what music was played or if communion was served. But I remember Walter and how he looked after us when we came in as strangers and how he made sure we left as friends. I was honored to share this little tale with Walter's children and grandchildren on that day at the funeral home.

You never know who might wander in through the doors of the church and what God might do with that. And that is why everyone needs to take a page out of Walter's book: greet everyone warmly, care for them, watch over them, encourage them and be their friend.

I hope to be like Walter one day.

Rev. Dr. Julian A. Davies, Founding Pastor
The University Church

www.theuniversitychurcholedo.org

“We Call This Community”

By Rev. Cheri Holdridge, Pastor of The Village Church, a new church start in Toledo, OH

“They just won't leave.” I find myself saying this most Sundays, around 12:30 p.m., long after our worship celebration has ended. My children are hungry, and this preacher is, quite honestly, ready to go out for lunch and go home for a nap. But the folks at The Village Church won't leave. The band members are jamming. Folks are standing around the bar, *the coffee bar that is*, having one last cup, and sitting in the restaurant booths

that surround our worship space engrossed in conversation. *We call this community.*

At The Village Church, one of the West Ohio Conference's newest churches, we are blessed with a sense of community.



“We Call This Community” continued

Located in an urban neighborhood, in what was Toledo’s “first suburban shopping center” built in the 1940’s, The Village Church opened our doors on October 25, 2009. Our mission is simple: FOLLOW JESUS, AND CHANGE THE WORLD. Many people are attracted to The Village’s focus on service. Before we launched worship, our most popular “preview events” were projects at local food banks or homeless shelters.

Two of our newest participants are baby Faith and her mom, Vanetta, who walk to The Village from their nearby

apartment. On a recent Sunday we hosted a baby shower for them after worship. It was another one of those Sundays that no one wanted to go home because we were having too much fun. I guess it really does “take a Village to raise a child” and this Village is happy to be a community for Vanetta and baby Faith.



“Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something!”

Malcolm’s Story

By Rev. Laura Young, New Life UMC, Columbus, OH

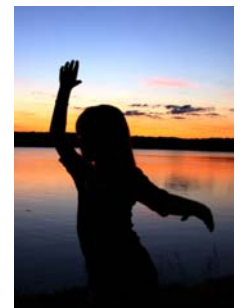
“Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something! Believe in yourself and stick to it!” This is advice to New Life UMC’s neighborhood kids from an experienced artist who is overcoming many hardships in life and began to find new life about six years ago at New Life. He told of coming from Cleveland to Columbus with no money, staying at “Faith on 8th” men’s shelter. He told us he came to New Life where he found hospitality in the form of a hot breakfast and a community led by Pastor Jennifer that embraced him. He came recently and spoke to the kids during our weekly tutoring and mentoring program, “Plugged In.” He let the children handle his portfolio; they poured over it with interest, viewing drawings of their neighborhood, our president, and ‘news pictorials’ of life – often depicting a ray of hope in the midst of despair. He held up a picture he had drawn of a church and said, “Do you know what church this is?” A rousing, “OUR CHURCH!” was shouted from ‘round the tables. At “our church,” we work hard to model success among struggle – a lesson we all need.



Malcolm J’s art is displayed in various settings around town and throughout the state. He says it’s not by luck that he experiences success by using his God-given talents and overcoming challenges, but by faith and by being in community with people in our neighborhood and beyond – and he credits New Life UMC with supporting him on this journey.

Questions about this story? Call Laura Young at 614-893-8447

Believe in yourself and stick to it!”



Community Ministries: Piggy-backing for the Kingdom

By Beth Weisbrod, Director of Community Ministries, Capitol Area Districts



Two communities, street kids and older church folk, who were previously scared of each other are now in growing and trusting relationship together.



How about if SON (Serving Our Neighbors) piggy-backs onto your ministry by providing tutoring with the kids while the adults are learning English?"

Recently I heard about two stories of piggy-backing for the kingdom I'd like to share with you:

Forward Piggy-Backing: Pastor Jay Moyers from **Thurman Ave UMC** told me a story of his visit with a small a furniture refinishing business on the corner near his church. For many years the employees of the business would only encounter the church at spaghetti dinners. Turns out Melvin, who runs the business, has a ministry with at-risk and homeless teenagers in the neighborhood, which meets every Saturday right in the shop! Pastor Jay asked him, "Is there any way that our congregation could help your ministry?" "Providing lunch on Saturdays would be a great help!" replied Melvin. Pastor Jay went back to his congregation to propose offering lunch once a month, but instead they got really excited and said, "We can do this every week."

In this way, they have been able to piggy back on to a ministry already started with teens in the neighborhood. The teens are now meeting for Bible study during the week and some are coming to worship on Sunday. Pastor Jay said, "Two communities, street kids and older church folk, who were previously scared of each other are now in growing and trusting relationship together. This partnership is building Kingdom community in the neighborhood!"

More information can be found by following the "DiverseCity Ministry" tab at the church website, (theAvenueHome.org).

Reverse Piggy-backing: Kim Emch is a person on fire for Jesus Christ who is a member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. She felt God calling her to full-time Christian service, reaching out to low-income kids and families in Hilliard. Being a Kingdom thinker, Kim contacted all the churches in Hilliard and twelve churches came on board this new ministry, including Scioto Ridge and Hilliard United Methodist Churches. Together they started providing summer lunches to 2000 kids first at an empty Big Bear Store (2007), then at Church of Christ (2008) and then at Hilliard UMC (2009).

The families wanted more! They asked for homework help for kids during the school year. So Kim, who is the director of Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries, knew that **Hilliard UMC** has English as a second language classes for adults twice a week in their building, with 40 kids in childcare.

Kim approached Hilliard UMC and said "How about if SON piggy-backs onto your ministry by providing tutoring with the kids while the adults are learning English?" They were welcomed with open arms and they have greatly enhanced the ESL program (numbers have doubled from last year) that Hilliard UMC already provides, turning it into a wonderful ministry for both children and adults.



Nominate a Pastor and Lay Person for outstanding Urban Ministry and Service in West Ohio: The Merrill E. Nelson—Alice Dickerson Urban Ministry Award

The Urban Ministry Award was established in memory of two dedicated urban ministry United Methodist personalities of the West Ohio Conference, the Rev. Merrill E. Nelson and Alice Dickerson, a lay person, who was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Toledo. The Urban Ministry Award was established in 1998 to acknowledge a pastor and a layperson who have given extraordinary service for the cause of Christ and the ministry of the Church in urban areas of West Ohio Conference. The following criteria establish the basis for making the selection of award recipients.

1. In what way is the ministry performing an expression of the faith and commitment the nominee has in Christ?
2. Give a description of the project (s) for which this person is being nominated.
3. Give a general description your nominee's life that exemplifies a life dedicated to urban ministry.
4. How long has this person been a member of the United Methodist Church?
5. In which local church does this per-

son hold membership and/or serve?

6. Describe some unique aspect of this person's ministry which has transformed /impacted the life/lives of an individual/group.

Please provide other personal and human interest stories that convey the commitment, ministry, and witness of this person's life in relation to urban ministry.

The awards will be presented at the Urban Network Awards Banquet on Friday evening, April 16th at 6:30 p.m., during the Metro Ministries Academy weekend. The Banquet will be held at Englewood Holiday Inn, Dayton, OH. If you wish to nominate someone for the award, the application can be located on the Metro Ministries website at www.westohioumc.org/metroministries or email Julie Bassett at jbassett@wocumc.org and request an application be sent to you. The application needs to be sent to Rev. Glen Schwerdtfeger. His contact information is at the bottom of the form. Deadline to submit the form is March 30, 2010.



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Nominee's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Lay or Clergy _____

Person(s) making nomination _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

DEADLINE March 30, 2010

Send to: The Reverend Glenn E. Schwerdtfeger
1480 Zettler Rd.
Columbus, OH 43227
pastorglenn@midohio.twcba.com

**NOTE: AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE URBAN NETWORK 7PM FRIDAY,
APRIL 16, 2010 DURING THE METRO MINISTRIES ACADEMY BANQUET.**



Disciple Making Churches Grants (DMC Grants)

To Qualify for a grant application, a representative from each church or group must attend one of the pre-application workshops. The Grant writer is strongly encouraged to attend.

Each workshop is designed to provide a clear understanding of the mission and vision of the West Ohio Conference Disciple Making Churches Team, and the criteria used to evaluate grant applications.

To register, contact Julie Bassett at the West Ohio Conference at jbassett@wocumc.org or 800-437-0028 at least 2 days prior to the workshop you plan to attend. Please indicate the date, location and specific workshop you plan to attend.

2011 FUNDING APPLICATIONS TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
March 22, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Lunch on your own) Jeff & Roger	Revitalization	Lancaster First UMC 163 E. Wheeling St. Lancaster, OH 43130 Church (740) 653-3330
March 23, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Lunch on your own) Jeff, Claudia, Lori	Revitalization & New Church Start	Church of the Saviour UMC 8005 Pfeiffer Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242 Church (513) 791-3142
April 20, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p. m. (Lunch is on your own) Gwen & Claudia	Revitalization	Wash. Court House Grace UMC 301 E. Market St. Wash. Court House, OH 43160 Church (740) 335-0460
April 22, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Lunch is on your own) Gwen & Wendy	Revitalization	St. Andrew's UMC 120 W. Sandusky St. Findlay, OH 45840 Church (419) 422-4845
May 3, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Lunch is on your own) Gwen, Wendy, Marcus	Revitalization & New Church Start	West Ohio Conference 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085 (800) 437-0028 (614) 844-6200



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Calendar of Events

- MARCH 2010 – **43rd National Black Methodist for Church Renewal Annual Meeting** March 24-26 – Theme: Achieving Excellence in Ministry: Equipping the Saints for Ministry
 The Wyndham Jacksonville, Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, FL
www.bmcrumc.org
- **Disciple Making Churches (DMC) Grant Writing Training**
March 22—Lancaster First UMC, Lancaster, OH
- **Disciple Making Churches (DMC) Grant Writing Training**
March 23—Church of the Saviour UMC, Cincinnati, OH
- APRIL 2010 – **Metro Ministries Academy**—April 16th and 17th
 Regaining Our Strategic Focus: Intentional Ministry for Intentional Results
 Contact: Gwen Roberts at groberts@wocumc.org
- **Disciple Making Churches (DMC) Grant Writing Training**
April 20—Grace UMC, Washington Court House, OH
- **Disciple Making Churches (DMC) Grant Writing Training**
April 22—St. Andrew's UMC, Findlay, OH
- May 2010 – **Disciple Making Churches (DMC) Grant Writing Training**
May 3—West Ohio Conference, Worthington, OH
- SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2010 – **Connect to the Community**
 Theme: Let Us Rethink: Be the Church in Community

“LET GOD ARISE”

Cantata for Easter Time



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Join us as we remember and celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ, his ministry, death and resurrection during the Easter season.

This is beautiful music, and it will be performed by a dedicated ensemble of members from Gaines UMC and others from the community.

*Sincerely,
 Rev. Curnell Graham, Pastor
 Gaines United Methodist Church*

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday
 St. Paul UMC
 8221 Miami Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 4:00 PM



Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Holy Week
 Gaines UMC
 5707 Madison Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 7:00 PM



Sunday, April 11, 2010

North Broadway UMC
 48 East North Broadway
 Columbus, Ohio
 4:00 PM

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