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***“Equipping Healthy Congregations
To Make Disciples Who Make Disciples”***

January - February - March 2010
Newsletter

Please include the following information in your bulletin:

- ❖ January 8-9 **District Youth Planning Retreat – Indiana Trinity**
Postponed until March due to weather
- ❖ **January 15** **Last Day for UM Center to receive Mission Share**
- ❖ **January 28** **Administration/Forms – District Office – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
- ❖ **January 31** **Statistical Reports & Worker’s Comp Due**

- ❖ February 6 NCD Coach Training Part 1 – Brookville Evan – 10 to 3
- ❖ February 7-March 14 Sundays – Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 – 5:30 PM

- ❖ March 13 NCD Coach Training Part 2 – Brookville Evan – 10 to 3

District Dates

January

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January 12	Cont Ed Planning – Wesley Woods – 10:00 AM
January 12-13	Overnight with the Bishop – Wesley Woods
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January 19	NCD Step 5 – Homer City – 7:00 PM
January 20	NCD Step 5 – Indiana Trinity – 7:00 PM
January 21-23	WPA Congress on Evangelism
January 27	Retired Pastors Lunch – Punxsy First
January 28	CE on Administration/Forms – District Office – 9:00 – 3:00
January 30	DCOOM – Punxsy First – 8:30 AM
<i>January 31</i>	<i>Statistical Reports & Workers Comp Due</i>

February

February 5	Local Pastor's Mentoring Group – Cloe – 7:00 PM
February 6	Lay School Meeting – Homer City – 10:00 AM
February 6	NCD Coach Training – Brookville Evan – 10:00-3:00
February 7	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM
February 11	Cont Ed on Passionate Spirituality Office 9-3
February 14	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM
February 21	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM
February 28	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM

March

March 1	Superintendency – District Office – 6:30 PM
March 5-6	CLM/Licensing School
March 6	DCOOM – Punxsy First – 8:30 AM
March 7	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM
March 13	NCD Coach Training Part 2 – Brookville Evan – 10:00-3:00
March 14	Lay Ministry School – Homer City – 2:30 PM
March 30	Gathering of CLMs – District Office – 6:30 PM

District Committee Meetings

Trustees/Bldg. & Location Committee

January 18th 6:30 @ District Office

District Committee On Ordained Ministry

January 30th 8:30 AM @ Punxsy First

Superintendency Committee

March 1st 6:30 @ District Office

District Committee On Ordained Ministry

March 6th 8:30 AM @ Punxsy First

Happy New Year

To the Indiana District Families

Just a note to thank Craig and Kathy Peterson and the Ford City Church for hosting our Christmas party in 2009. Thanks goes to Marilyn Lundberg, Nancy Sheesley, Pam McConville and Gail Thompson for bringing the veggie trays. Thanks also to Evan Snyder who did an excellent job of singing and playing the piano for us. I commend his expertise on swallowing a pencil. And I want to thank Sharon Schwab and Sandi for making my job a little easier.

For your information, we sent \$133.00 plus 1 package of diapers to Life Choices in Kittanning as our mission project.

With a unanimous vote, we agreed to celebrate next years Christmas Party on Saturday afternoon, December 4, 2010. Our site will possibly be Stanton UMC or Mt. Pleasant UMC.

We are also planning a Spring Fling Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 PM. Pastor Tim Bowser has agreed to host this event at Juneau: Valley Chapel.

We have the annual picnic scheduled for Thursday, August 12, at Mack Park in Indiana. If anyone has suggestions for favors for the Christmas Party, perhaps we could create those at the picnic.

I need a contact person from the following Charge Conference Clusters:

- 1. Dubois, Grampion, Luthersburg
- 3. Blairsville, Black Lick, Brush Valley, Homer City
- 4. Punxsutawney, Juneau, Albion, Marchand
- 5. Clymer, Purchase Line, Marion Center
- 6. Brockway, Lanes Mills, Reynoldsville
- 9. Ringold, Timblin, Valier
- 10. Indiana, Creekside

Our checking account total after all the reservations were paid is \$60.00. If anyone has a suggestion for an inexpensive fundraiser, please let me know.

Thank you for being a part of the Indiana District Family

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Christmas Party Locations

- 2009 Ford City
- 2008 Indiana Grace
- 2007 Dubois Lakeside
- 2006 Punxsutawney Grace
- 2005 Indiana Trinity
- 2004 Brookville: Evan
- 2003 Dubois Lakeside
- 2002 Indiana Grace
- 2001 Dubois Lakeside
- 2000 Punxsutawney Grace

Spring Fling Locations

- 2010 Juneau Valley Chapel
- 2006 Ford City
- 2004 Gilbert's Brookville
- 2003 Gilbert's Brookville
- 2000 Gilbert's Brookville

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Indiana District School of Lay Ministries



Homer City UM Church

February 7 —March 14, 2010

Welcome to Winter!

As I send this to you, we are cleaning out from this week of snow. Trying to look on it in a positive way, the amount of snow should remind us of the amount of God's blessings. They are always more than we need.

The brochure for the school which will be starting Feb. 7th is attached. Please be aware that it is a PDF file, 4 pages long and is to be printed on legal size paper. We have some great classes and we hope to have them all filled to capacity. New this year, we are offering a beginning Lay Ministry class. This course is for those who are interested in learning about the work of the church, but not in becoming a speaker. It is a great class to get people started on the road of church ministry. Please share this entire brochure with the members of your churches. Remember that they do not have to want to become a Lay Speaker to take classes. We want anyone who wants to learn more about answering God's call in their life.

Finally, we are once again offering the help shops for leaders in the local church. Our DS is teaching the classes again. If you have new leadership or have people already in leadership who want to learn more about the committees they serve on, please pass along the information.

Blessings to you all,

Bob Penrose

Indiana District Lay Ministry School Director

The Indiana District Lay Ministry School would like to offer our prayers and support to the family of Marcus Crow and the congregation at Blairsville United Methodist Church. Marcus took the Lord's hand and went home in the early hours of Christmas Day. His loss left many of us shocked as we celebrated Christ's birth. Marcus came to the school to learn how to share his story. That story impacted those of us who had the chance to listen and talk to Marcus. After many trials and tribulations throughout his life, Marcus had found Christ as his Savior and wanted to share how that faith helped him to overcome so much. Marcus touched us all with his love for his son, his love of Christ, his love of life and his desire to make sure that anyone he came into contact with knew that Christ was at the center of his life. In this time of sadness, we rejoice that Marcus was able to celebrate Christmas with the best present that all of us look forward to, being in the presence of Christ Himself. May Marcus' goal be our goal. Let us more forward to share the love of Christ that Marcus had with all who need to hear.

In Christ's name,

The Indiana District Lay Ministry School Director and Staff

The Healthy Marriage Program Weekend Retreats



“That’s Amore” Weekend Retreat February 6th & 7th
Discover what love means to you and your spouse . . . overnight stay & all meals are free.
For more information call 814-765-2686 ext. 225 or go to healthymarriage@childaid.org.

Spring Workshops available in Clearfield & DuBois. Free on site Childcare & Dinner. For more information call 814-765-2686 ext. 225 or go to healthymarriage@childaid.org.

“Grow As A Family” Spring Classes begin February 16th on Tuesday Evenings
6:00 to 8:30 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, Clearfield. No cost to families, parents & children enjoy discussions, games, free delicious snacks and childcare for children 4 & under. For more information call 814-765-2686 ext. 228 or go to nurturing@childaid.org.

CLERGY TAX SEMINAR

Learn about the latest changes to tax law and their specific implications for clergy. Tax laws related to housing allowance, mileage reimbursement, accountable reimbursement plans and other clergy issues will be discussed.

Frederick H. Leasure, CFRE, Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation, and a recognized leader in the area of Clergy taxes will conduct the seminar on **Wednesday February 3, 2010** at **Dutilh UMC Cranberry Twp.** Check in will be at 9:30 am and the session will run from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Registration fee is \$35.00 and spouses are welcome at no extra charge. Materials and refreshments will be provided. Lunch is on your own. Continuing Education Units are available.

Register before the **January 27th deadline** by going to our website www.umfoundation.org and using the EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM or call 800-743-2128.

Indiana District Continuing Education Schedule

The time for each of these events is 9 – 2 and the cost is \$10, which includes lunch.
Contact Sandi at the District Office (Indiana.office@wpaumc) or 814-938-1742 to register.

Registration is requested so the host church will know how many will be there for lunch.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Place</u>
Thursday, Jan 28, 2010	Administration/Forms	District Office 9-3
Thursday, February 11, 2010	Passionate Spirituality	District Office 9-3
	<i>Cost for this month will be \$15 to cover the cost of the book.</i>	
March (Date TBA)	Wesley Event	To Be Announced

News on the District



Prayers for:
Family of Rev Don Joiner

Family of Marcus Crow
(Lay Speaker)

Important District Dates 2010

Remember!!



January 15, 2010 is the **final** day the
Conference Center will

RECEIVE

your Mission Share.

If you are mailing it, it must be in the
mail by **Friday, January 8, 2010.**

If you are delivering it in person, it must be at the
Conference Center by **Thursday, January 14.**

February 7 – March 14

**Lay Ministry School
Homer City 2:30**

April 18

**Spring Fling
Juneau Valley Chapel
4:00 PM**

April 25

**District Conference
Marion Center 3:00**

April 26

**Secretaries' Luncheon
Dayton 11:30**

May 12

**Retired Clergy Luncheon
Punxsy Grace 11:30**

June 10 – 13

Annual Conference

Thanks

I would like to thank each of you for your thoughtful gifts, cards and most of all your support during this past year.

As we begin another new year, I look forward to continuing on our journey making disciples together. Sharon

Follow The Pastor

Another year, and another opportunity to invite Sharon to your church.

She will be available most Sundays in 2010 to preach, attend a special function or even to teach a particular subject.

Check with Sandi at the District Office to line up your Sunday now.

And to you new pastors, you are already scheduled for her visit.



Up-Coming Events



Spring Fling – April 18th

Indiana District Charge Conference – April 25th



Secretaries' Luncheon – April 26th

Retired Pastors & Spouses Luncheon – May 12th



Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

I am cheap! There, I admitted it. But, I also am reasonable and when my wife requested a new couch last week (I haven't bought a new piece of furniture in my life), I carefully weighed the cost of the couch verses alimony...no, no, just kidding. We set out to a large furniture store right along the main road and picked out what we thought we would be happy with, but I followed my rule of not buying anything on impulse and so we went home to discuss the purchase in detail.

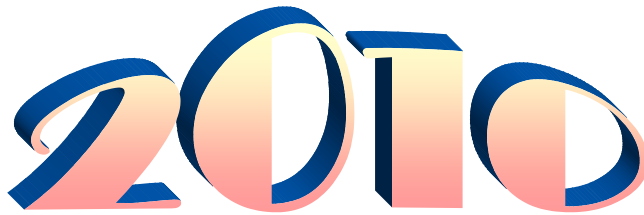
In the mean time, we heard radio advertisements for Steeple Furniture, located way off the beaten path in Rockton. They said they had a large selection with good prices and a special discount if we got out of bed early and went there on New Years day. As cheap as I am, that was a real struggle but I set the alarm and off we went bright and early Friday morning. When we got there (to the town of Rockton), I was pleasantly surprised to find clear signage directing me to the street their building was located on, and then good signage pointing to the customer door.

Inside we were greeted by Mark, a very congenial and knowledgeable salesman who asked what we were interested in and took us on a tour of the facility to show us where the couches and coffee tables were located. He answered all our questions and then, politely, left us to drool, I mean shop for what we wanted. We found the couch that was "calling our name" and got back with Mark to make the financial arrangements. The whole process was almost painless (except for the part where I had to give up money and he even made that as painless as possible!)

Once again, I find a secular example of the principles of Igniting Ministry that can easily be implemented in our churches. Well produced radio ads and billboards can help people find our facilities, especially when we are located "off the beaten track". These ads, (and websites, check out Steeples for an example) can also help people realize that we are relevant to their spiritual needs and can encourage them to "check us out" before they finalize their decisions on life's big questions.

Good signage to our buildings, the entry door, rest rooms, etc. can encourage visitors. Well trained greeters can ease the normal fears of attending a new church for the first time. We WILL have made sure what we advertise, is available, not only in our worship services, but in everything we offer. We can provide a welcoming experience that will encourage spiritual seekers and pilgrims to come back and "join us on the journey".

Questions or comments can be sent to Paul at clm.indiana@wpaumc.org



January 2010

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January 5-7	Cabinet	Olmsted
January 8-9	Youth Planning Retreat	Indiana Trinity
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March 13	Licensing School	
March 14	Lay Ministry School Homer City	
March 20	Licensing School	
March 21	Gathering for Lay Leaders	2:30 District Office
March 30	Gathering of CLMs	6:30 District Office

April

April 3 Licensing School
April 10 Financial Health Day on the District 9:00 – 12:00 DuBois
April 10 Licensing School
April 11 Dedication of new Building Robinson Evangelical 4:00
April 17 Licensing School
April 18 Clergy Family Spring Get together 4:00 Juneau: Valley Chapel
April 24 Meeting of Lay Ministry Team 10:00 Creekside
April 24 Licensing School
April 25 District Conference 2:30 Marion Center
April 26 Luncheon for Secretaries on the district 11:30 Dayton

May

May 1 Licensing School
May 3 District Trustees/Building & Location 6:30 Office
May 8 Licensing School
May 8 District Committee on Ministry
May 12 Luncheon for Retired Pastors 12:00 Punxsutawney Grace
May 15 Licensing School
May 16 District Council 2:30 Marion Center
May 21-22 CLM Licensing School

June

June 10 – 13 Conference
June 19 Lay Ministry meeting 10:00
June 25-27 Mt Pleasant Reunion

July

July 15 Move Inspection Due
July 25 – 27 Secretary's Retreat Olmsted

August

August 8 Rural Life Sunday
August 12 District Picnic
Swimming 2:00
CE 3:00
Local Pastors 4:00
District Lay leaders 4:00
August 20 – 22 CLM/Licensing
August 21 Lay Ministry Meeting
August 23 – 27 Licensing
August 27 – 29 CLM/Licensing
August 29 Lay Ministry School
August 30 One on ones
Trustees/Building and Location 6:30
District Superintendency 6:30
August 31 One on ones

Anniversaries



January

8) Pastor Dawn & Tom Krishart

25) Pastor Rick & Marty Butler

February

3) Pastor Ray & Coralee Beal

8) Pastor Dennis & Sue Howard

10) Pastor Horace & Faye Pollock

12) Pastor Sherry & Richard Mosley

14) Pastor Paul & Gail Thompson

29) Pastor Howard & Joyce Hess

March

5) Pastors Ron & Marjorie Lindahl



Birthdays

January

1) Pearl Wasser

2) Lura Jean Park
Pastor Joan Rousseaux

10) Patrick Logan

12) Pastor Bob Dornan

14) Pastor Jackie Bish

15) Sylvia Chamberlin

18) Ruth Shindledecker
Pastor Dennis Marshall

19) Patricia Janacek
Ben Schweinberg

20) Pastor Tom Budner

24) Pastor Dennis Howard
Pastor Gina McElwee

25) Pastor Paul Ritchey

26) Andrew Rea

28) Eli Harris

27) Noah Miller

February

1) Amanda Gilligan

4) Jim McElwee

7) Samantha Dyson

11) Robert Zilhaver, Jr.

14) Sharon Chittester

17) Pastor Ron Hipwell
Pastor Roger Cramer Sr.
Rebecca Miller
Emily Budner

22) Nathan Anderson

24) Betty May Nichol
Barbara Kimmel

25) Rachel Ricketts

26) Armand Rousseaux
Beverly Phar

27) Tina Keller

March

3) Pastor Allyn Ricketts

4) Pastor BT Gilligan

5) Pastor John Logan
Dorothy Cramer

14) Pastor Dale Livermore

18) Pastor Claude Hunsberger
Samuel Gilligan

21) Connie Doverspike

24) Lucy Stains
Laurie White

26) Pastor Ray Beal

27) Pastor Emmett Anderson

28) Linnea Shick

30) Pastor Herm Ridley
Adam White



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February



March

