

*Erie-Meadville District
Wednesday Bulletin
8/25/10*

PRAYER CONCERNS!!!

Jeffery Bobin's (Camb.Sprgs: First/New Richmond) family as his aunt passed away this week.

Rev. Charles A. "Chuck" Renshaw Family as he has passed away recently

Lisa Douth, (District youth co-coordinator from Union City: First), is having health issues.

Lila Bachelier and her parents (in Brookville) are both having health issues.

Retired Rev. James Schmittle, (Erie: Kingsley) is home. Pray for healing during recovery.

Hugh Crocker, (Retired full elder and former DS), is still in hospital but shows some improvement.

Cheryl Goodnough, (wife of Robert pastor at Meadville: Grace) is home but has on-going health issues.

Haitian people as they rebuild after the devastating earthquake

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING!!!

Congratulations to **Jackie Condon** (UC: Parade St/Spartanburg) who graduated this summer from the Course of Study through Duke.

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Aug 29th Super Sunday (Good-by to Rand)----Edinboro----11AM----814-734-3182

Sept 1st Clergy Appreciation Luncheon---Wesbury---Noon---814-425-3568

Sept 6th 'Ride for the Refuge'----2 locations-----8:30AM---814-456-8073

DISTRICT NEWS!!!

CLERGY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON---Wesbury---Sept 1st

Please get your reservations into Wanda by **Wed, Aug 25th** for the clergy luncheon at noon at Wesbury. There is no agenda for this luncheon, just a time of fellowship and food. Would love to see all 'clergy & spouses'!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!

1. Erie/Meadville District evening visit with **BISHOP BICKERTON** is scheduled for **Mon, Sept. 27th**. Be sure to keep this date clear. More details later.

2. **Thurs, Sept. 16th** at 6:30-9:00PM for a workshop for pastors and PPRC's on 'Caring for your Pastor' to be held at Edinboro UMC.

3. Also Church Leadership Events in Finance and Administration for Erie-Meadville District will be **Tues., Oct 19th** at Erie: Glenwood. Be sure to reserve this date. More details later.

Happy Birthday This Week!!

Aug 25 th	Elaine Hixson
Aug 25 th	Patricia Mollick
Aug 26 th	Peter DeGerlando
Aug 29 th	Rand Edwards
Aug 29 th	Leah Shettler
Aug 30 th	Christine Rogan



Don't see your day on here?

Please let us know so we can remember you in the future!!

Happy Anniversary This Week!!

Aug 28th Pat & Dan Harbison

ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT MISSION SHARES AS OF JULY 31st

6 churches have paid **100% (or more)** in full already for 2010!!!—**Elgin, Hydetown, Norrisville, Teepleville, Titusville: White Oak, Wayne Valley!!**

The following churches are right on target with at least **58% or more** paid:

Albion: Calvary	Bethany	Blooming Valley	CL: Trinity
Cranesville	Enterprise	Erie: Henderson	Erie: San Juan
Franklin Center	Geneva: Faith	Harmonsburg	Lake City: First
Linesville	Littles Corners	Lowville	McCray
Meadville: Stone	Mount Hope (GM)	NE: Park	New Ireland
New Richmond	Pleasantville	Titus: Bethel	Townville
Tryonville	UC: Parade St.	Venango	Wattsburg
W. Springfield			

Thank you for faithfully making your monthly Mission Share payments. Your faithfulness assists the Annual Conference to continue their ministries.

ALLIANCE!!!

'RIDE FOR THE REFUGE'-----Sept 6th

11th Annual 'Ride for The Refuge' coming on **Labor Day, Sept. 6th** to benefit The Refuge, an emergency homeless shelter for families with children. Riders meet at either Albion Borough Park or Shades Beach in Harborcreek to venture out on well-marked routes of varying length. Registration forms available by emailing info@euma-erie.org or calling 814-456-8073. Registration by Aug. 27th guarantees one of our prized, collectible t-shirts. Grab your friends, round up a team from your church and come join the fun!

VISIT THE ALLIANCE OUTREACH MINISTRIES----Sept 14th

If you've never visited our ministries, we invite you to join us on **Tues, Sept. 14th** from 9 AM - 1 PM. We'll meet at Glenwood UMC for a continental breakfast & head out in groups to tour The Refuge, Hope House, Liberty House, Rainbow Connection Thrift Store, and visit with our Outreach workers at one of the downtown parks. We'll return to the church by noon for a delicious lunch. Reservations can be made by email to info@euma-erie.org or by calling 814-456-8073.

'BACK TO SCHOOL' ITEMS NEEDED

Although summer is still in full swing, it's time to start thinking "Back to School". The children of The Refuge & Hope House will need all the supplies that your children need to start the school year off right. We believe we have enough backpacks coming in with many of the traditional supplies, but have learned that the children will also need to provide **tissues, hand sanitizer, & paper towels**. If you can help with these additional items, please bring them to The Refuge at 1027 East 26th St. anytime. Our children (& their cash strapped parents) will love you!

WESLEY WOODS!!!

Oldies But Goodies Retreat---Sept 13-15th

Erie/Meadville UMW-Day Apart---Sept 25th

More info---www.wesleywoods.com OR 814-436-7802 OR info@wesleywoods.com

BULLETIN BOARD!!!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH/PERSONAL VAN???

Enterprise Car Sales has just received a fleet of Government vehicles to be sold. They do not expect to have them for very long. Government vehicles have received regular maintenance and are generally in very good condition. Because some of them are as old as 2002, the prices are very low. Keystone United Methodist FCU would be happy to help the Church, or pastor, who is looking for a vehicle. Please contact the credit union office at 724-776-2300.

GBHEM ANNOUNCES ONLINE CONSORTIUM WITH 13 UM THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church is pleased to introduce an Online Continuing Education Consortium in collaboration with the 13 UM Theological Schools. The vision of the consortium is to provide theologically sound, financially affordable, and easily accessible continuing

education programs to clergy and lay Christians around the world so they may grow in their theological understanding and leadership skills. The [online consortium catalogue](#) will serve as the gateway, providing a single entry point through an online catalogue and Web links to each theological school that is offering the classes. It will be open all year round so you will be able to take courses according to your schedule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a Crawford County Church that would staff the Baby Comfort Station at the Crawford County Fair on **Sat, Aug 28th**. This great ministry met the needs of 500 parents & children last year. If interested, please contact Chris Grubbs 814-337-5455 or rdg6ceg@windstream.net

NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST!!!

DISTRICT NEWS

2 SUPER SUNDAYS----Edinboro UMC, 113 High St.

Sun, Aug 29th ---Rand's birthday and Last Sunday as Edinboro's Pastor

Sun, Sept 5th ----Welcome Rev. Lisa Grant as Pastor

For more information, call 814-734-3182. All welcome!!!

TRYONVILLE/HYDETOWN U.M.C. RALLY DAY AND MUSIC BENEFIT

Sat, Sept 11th beginning at 5PM at the Tryonville UMC food, drinks, and games will be provided for kids 1 thru 100. Sit around the bonfire and listen to the outdoor music. Musical entertainment will begin at 5:30PM with a wide genre of Americana music from a variety of musicians featuring country recording artist, Jack Adams. There is no cost for this event but a donation will be collected and all of the money will go towards Jack Adams wife, Nancy, to assist in her recovery from cancer. Bring a chair and come and enjoy Gods' blessings for an evening of fun and entertainment. For more information, call Pastor Frank Weingard at 814-967-2503.

PRAISE SERVICE---Waterford: Asbury

Asbury UMC, 27 W. Second Street, is continuing their Praise Services with LIVE Christian music on the following dates: **Sat., Sept 11th - BLUES NO MORE---** **Sat, Oct 30th - LEAVING SEPTEMBER**

The Praise Service is 7 to 8:30PM with refreshments immediately following. For more information, call 814-796-6012

'ARCHITECTURE AS ART' TOUR----Downtown Erie----Sept 12th

Dr. Michael DeSanctis, PH.D, professor of fine arts at Gannon University will lead a walking tour of some of Erie's most magnificent architectural treasures including our own Erie: First UMC starting at 2PM to 5PM. Sponsored by Inter-Church Ministries and downtown pastors of Erie. For more information or to make reservations, call 814-454-2411.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF ECCO---Erie: 10th St.---Sept 12th

Sights and Sounds from the Heart of your Erie Center City Outreach, mission arm of Tenth Street UMC, 538 East 10th St. on **Sun, Sept. 12th**, 4:00-6:00PM. For more information call 814-459-3131.

OLD TIME COUNTRY & GOSPEL CONCERT---WOODCOCK UMC---Sept 12th

"THE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD BAND" Old Time Country & Gospel Concert with Morris Brown from Gerry, NY; **Sun, Sept 12th** - 6:30PM at Woodcock UMC, 23048 Gravel Run RD, Saegertown (located 3 mile south of Cambridge Springs, one block east of route 86). Free-will offering Refreshments provided.

Information----814-724-8036

HOW'S YOUR GOLF GAME? -----the BISHOP'S CUP----Sept 13th

You can help fight malaria, compete for honors or just enjoy a day on the beautiful Grove City Country Club course, 73 Country Club Rd, Grove City, on **Mon, Sept 13th** at the annual Bishop's Cup golf outing. To register call the Rev. Beth Nelson at 800-886-3382, ext. 228 or go online to www.wpaumc.org.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY---(32 weeks)---Edinboro UMC

Edinboro UMC, 113 High St, will be offering two Disciple Classes for this fall and everyone is welcome! I. Disciple One: Making Disciples Through Bible Study meeting weekly on **Wed**, 6-8:30PM, starting **Sept.15th**. II. A second generation Disciple class: Jesus in the Gospels meeting weekly on **Mon** 6-8:30PM

starting **Sept 13th**. Disciple I is for beginning Disciple students and Jesus in the Gospels is geared for Disciple graduates. **Enrollment deadline is Sept 1st**. For more information, call Pastor Ted Cole at the church office 814-734-3182.

200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION –Erie: Wesley

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Wesley UMC, 3308 South Street in Wesleyville. Several community wide events have already taken place and more are planned. On **Sun, Sept. 19th**, Roy Gearhart will portray John Wesley at the 11AM service. A Celebration Banquet will be held at 1:30PM that day at the Harborcreek Volunteer Fire Department social hall. Former pastors, District Superintendents, employees and the general public are invited to attend the worship service and the banquet. Cost for the banquet is \$14. To make your reservations or for more details, contact Cindy Tinsley at 814-898-3948 or ctinsley2@neo.rr.com

'To Save a Life' VIEWING---UC: FIRST---Sept 19th

L8O Youth Group of Union City is hosting a viewing of *To Save a Life* at UC: First UMC, 42 E. High St. on **Sun., Sept. 19th** at 6:00PM. It is open to all youth groups in our district. If you would like to bring your group, please let Lisa Doult know (814-438-2113 OR youthleader.lisa@verizon.net).

CONFERENCE NEWS

DISABILITIES RETREAT---Olmsted Manor---Sept 12-14th

The 2010 retreat at Olmsted Manor for persons with disabilities will be held **Sept 12-14**. The Revs. Alyce Weaver Dunn and Keith Dunn will lead the retreat titled *Transition: Finding your Way through Change*. The cost is \$75 but free for necessary caregivers. Send registration requests to: Rev. Carol E. Lynn, 3252 Antler Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044; phone 724-443-7394; email celynn@consolidated.net. Checks should be made out to: WPAUMC.

MOTORCYCLE RALLY---benefit Cherry Run Camp---Sept 18th

Cherry Run Motorcycle Rally will be held on **Sat, Sept 18th** to benefit Cherry Run Camp. Registration begins at 9:30AM with the ride leaving at 10:00AM. There will be two starting locations. For more information contact: Jon at 814-437-5127 jspeterson@csonline.net or Cindy at 724-962-2436 cjduffee@hotmail.com

'SOUL TENDING' WOMEN'S RETREAT---Sept 19-21

There will be a fall women's Spirituality Retreat with lecturer, Rev. Lisa Grant, at Olmsted Manor from Sept 19th to Sept 21st. To register: www.olmstedmanor.org.

ALL-IN MEN'S SPORT CONFERENCE---Harmony-Zelienople UMC---Oct 2nd

This unique sports and media venue will train and equip each man to become the husband, father that the man of God has called him to be---a man of action & love. Men age 13 and up are encouraged to participate in this high-energy conference filled with speakers, group sessions, and more at Harmony-Zelienople UMC, 123 N. Pittsburgh St on **Sat, Oct 2nd**, from 9AM to 3:30PM. For more information, go to www.teamcsi.org or call 724-453-1400.

10-FOLD: A UNITED METHODIST ONLINE GLOBAL GATHERING

10 projects in 10 days. From October 10th through 19th you will be able to learn about mission projects around the world supported through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church, during an online event unlike anything you have experienced before. It's called **10-Fold**. Through live webcasts, streaming video, online chats and other media, you will see and hear about amazing projects that are changing people's lives. To get a participant's guide or learn more, go to: www.10-fold.org.

3-PHASE INTENTIONAL INTERIM TRAINING

A 3-PHASE Intentional Interim Ministry Training is being sponsored by The Phila. Area of UMC. Phase I: Oct 11-14, 2010—Phase II: 6months mentoring in your local church ---Phase III: March 21-22, 2011 at the National Christian Conference Center in Phoenixville, Pa . Contact: Dr. Jan N. Hill, Co-coordinator (800-482-1442) or email: Jan.Hill@IntentionalGrowthCenter.org.

WPA ANNUAL LAITY RETREAT---Oct 15-17th

A spiritual retreat to restore your connection with Christ, draw closer to Him, & prepare yourself for ministry is in store for you on Oct 15-17 at Antiochian village in Ligonier, Pa. To reserve your space, call Antiochian Village directly at 724-238-3677 and mention Event #674. For more information, see attached flyer.

UMW –WPA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING---Oct 23rd

This annual meeting will be held on **Sat., Oct 23rd** at the Christ UMC, 100 Lincoln St., Youngwood, Pa 15920. This will include election & installation of 2011 officers, training for district officers, and presentation for others hosted by former conference presidents. Registration begins at 9:00AM with program 9:30-3:00PM. For more information, contact Donna Burkhart at 814-427-5030 or email dlb4813@roadrunner.com.

‘LEARN TO TEACH’—‘TEACH TO LEARN’—Oakland UMC—Oct 30th

A training experience for new or experienced teachers, clergy, Christian educators who want to improve their teaching skills will be held at the Oakland UMC, 1504 Bedford St, Johnstown on **Sat, Oct 30th** from 8am to 8pm. For more information or to register, call 814-341-1894 or email tbadamy@aol.com before Oct 26th.

CLERGY CEU THROUGH MENNONITE PEACE CENTER

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) has partnered with a number of United Methodist Annual Conferences over the past twenty-five years to provide continuing education opportunities for clergy. They are offering *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process* classes. For more information, check out their website at: www.LMPeaceCenter.org or call 603-627-0507 or email: Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!!

Take advantage of the mission opportunities that are listed here.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE NEEDS HELP

A note from Tennessee Conference Disaster Response Coordinator Jason Brock:

Currently we are in transition from cleanup to rebuilding, expecting to need teams from late summer through the next 18 months to 2 years. Across 28 declared counties, we are expecting upwards of 2,400 long term recovery cases, many involving construction. We are currently putting together our team info packet, team size, age restrictions, forms, etc. for rebuild teams. However, interested churches can go ahead and make an initial inquiry to DisasterResponse@tnumc.com and we'll provide them an initial registration form to get on our calendar. We will post periodic information at <http://tnumcrelief.blogspot.com/> and will soon have an email newsletter available. Our disaster phone line is 615-695-2765. All disaster communications should be sent to our DisasterResponse@tnumc.com email address so copies of correspondence are shared among the Conference Disaster Response Team.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED!!!

These past few days have brought tragedy to some of our UMVIM team members and hosts – I ask that you cover them and their families in prayer.

1. A Hungarian Christian youth group came to the US to spend time with one of our UMC youth groups in Philadelphia. During a boating excursion - a tragic accident occurred and two of the Hungarian youth drowned.
2. There were two bombings at restaurants in Uganda a few days ago. A team from the SEJ and a team from Central PA were both at one of the restaurants.

Individuals from our Conference...

Michael Airgood ... I am in the Carpathian Mountains with a mission team and a great bunch of Ukrainian students.

[Check out Michael's blog at <http://www.michaelairgood.blogspot.com>.]

Additional Volunteer Teams from WPA...

- Late Aug (about 10 days) – Paraguay – Leader, David Stains (clementof@hotmail.com) – \$1500-\$1800
- Sept 23-Oct 9 – Nyadire, Zimbabwe – Leader, Drew Harvey (drewharvey@verizon.net) – approx cost (dependent on airfare) \$2500

FIRST “OFFICIAL” WPA VIM TEAM TO HAITI IS NOW FORMING

“Official” means the WPA team is connecting formally with UMCOR designated projects and will meet very particular specifications. UMCOR has set up a process that will provide an ongoing stream of money for wages and supplies. This VIM trip will cost participants **\$1750**, a portion of which will go to UMCOR for supplies and wages. UMCOR will match those funds.

This team will be made up of 10 volunteers, including the two leaders. We're hoping to include one person who speaks French, a registered nurse or EMT, and volunteers who want to work with children, medical situations or construction (which may still include a good deal of rubble removal).

Dates for this VIM trip: Nov 29 – Dec 6.

Team leaders: Jim Bickford and Diane Miller.

Call or email with your questions: Jim Bickford (814-266-6838, jimbic@atlanticbb.net) or Diane Miller 814-498-2308, diane.miller@wpaumc.org).

VOLUNTEER OPTIONS NOT TOO FAR FROM HOME

There are volunteer opportunities with the following regional ministries which you might consider

- **The Erie United Methodist Alliance** –814-456-8073 or www.euma-erie.org
- **Ramp Bulding** – I have a number of inquiries from individuals and churches in need of handicap ramps. If you've got a team that is willing to build a ramp for someone in need, please let me know.

For out of state opportunities ...

- **New York** – the Gowanda and Silver Creek area near Buffalo – working on recovery from last year's severe flooding. Contact Tri-County Disaster Recovery ... 716-254-1783.
- **West Virginia** – The Oak Hill UMC (South of Charleston, north of Beckley, off Route 19) runs an area-wide community rebuilding/rehab project. You can reach Tom Clark (W VA VIM Coordinator for details at tomclark@oakhillumcgroup.com or 304-469-4126.
- **Tennessee** ... For the 42 counties declared to be a disaster area in the Memphis and TN Conferences, FEMA is currently working on inspections related to 22,000 households, which would include minor, major, or total destruction. Initial inquiries should be sent to DisasterResponse@tnumc.com. Once they've received that contact, they will email instructions and an electronic registration form. Teams and individuals should be prepared to be flexible as UMCOR and other organizations set up recovery efforts for this disaster.
Check out the blogspot for the Tennessee UMC: <http://tnumcrelief.blogspot.com/>
- **Indiana** Conf Disaster Recovery (recovery from past floods) ... 219-447-3583 ... Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery ... check their web site: <http://www.larri.info/>
- **Ohio** ... Cleveland (Nehemiah Mission); Canton (Calvary Mission); Steubenville (Epworth and Urban Mission); Mansfield (Blue Rose Mission) ... each of these has a web site for contact info.

If you plan to do a missions trip, please let Diane Miller, Mission/VIM Coordinator, 140 Boone's Way; Kennerdell, PA 16374; 724-714-2178 (cell); diane.miller@wpaumc.org

HOLY LAND/ISRAEL TENTATIVE TRIP--2011

Tentative dates for the 2011 trip: Oct 9-22. Tentative Cost: \$3000. Leader: Tina Whitehead. Continuing education credits are available for pastors – as is continuing education funding. I will also provide a receipt for deduction of the costs of this ministry/mission trip for the IRS. Diane Miller, Mission/VIM Coordinator, Phone: 724-714-2178 (cell)---email: Diane.Miller@wpaumc.org

MISSISSIPPI FLOODING—help needed

Teams are needed throughout the state for debris removal, flood cleanup and construction. **Hot line for info and offers/needs in the Mississippi Conference: 1-866-647-7486**

CHILE EARTHQUAKE OUTREACH

CHILE: UMCOR RESPONDS TO 8.8 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE

Please send your contribution and mark Chile Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021178 on the memo line. Mail your check to the Conference Center (1204 Freedom Road, PO Box 5002, Cranberry Township PA 16066-0002).

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE!!

(See attached Calendar)